



Terrorism an Epidemic Destined to Perish: Rajnath Singh 'Operation Sindoor' biggest action taken against terrorism in Indian history

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DEHRADUN, JUN 10: Branding terrorism as an epidemic destined to perish, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday termed "Operation Sindoor" as the biggest action taken against terrorism in Indian history.

Addressing a dialogue on the topic 'National Security & Terrorism', here Singh, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "In the last 11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government has transformed India's security apparatus by changing the attitude and the way of action towards every issue related to national security, and the world witnessed this shift during Operation Sindoor."

Pertinently, "Operation Sindoor" was launched against terrorists sitting in Pakistan in retaliation against the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead. On May 6, Indian



armed forces launched a massive counter offensive by targeting nine terrorist camps deep inside Pakistan and PoK, which was followed by skirmishes that continued till May 10. Hostilities ended after Pakistan DGMO called his Indian counterpart and asked for a ceasefire.

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India ready to strike deep in Pakistan if provoked by terrorist acts: EAM Jaishankar to Politico

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BRUSSELS/NEW DELHI, JUNE 10 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is visiting Belgium, has said in an interview to Politico that India is not going to live with terrorism emanating from Pakistan anymore, and that New Delhi stands ready to strike deep in Pakistan if provoked by terrorist attacks.

"It [Pakistan] is a country very steeped in its use of terrorism as an instrument of state policy. That is the whole issue," Jaishankar told Politico during a visit to Brussels.

Asked if the conditions that led to the outbreak

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J&K, First Among All States /UTs, To Get Sanction Under PMGSY-IV

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan for sanctioning 316 road projects in J&K UT, at an estimated cost of Rs.4224 Cr under Batch-I of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV).

J&K is the first among all States /UTs which got sanction under PMGSY-IV. The biggest ever package sanctioned for J&K under PMGSY will provide connectivity to 390 number of eligible habitations with population more than 250 souls.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the approved 1781 KMs road length will provide a major boost to rural road connectivity and usher in a new era of prosperity in far-flung areas. The Lieutenant Governor has posted on X:

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Connectivity vital for sustainable development: CM's Advisor at Katra

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KATRA, JUN 10: Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Chief Minister, on Tuesday said connectivity is crucial for sustainable development. He added that the Vande Bharat train is all set to boost both tourism and regional connectivity.

Talking to reporters here, Wani, as reported by the news

agency—said the train services recently flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not only give a boost to tourism, but also enhance the connectivity as well.

"The connectivity is pivotal for sustainable development. Thus, the train services will prove fruitful to the people here. Those who were not able to

PM Modi completes 11 years in office, says happy to see people's resolve about making India stronger

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NEW DELHI, JUN 10: Asserting that last 11 years of his government have marked significant changes in the defence sector, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that it's gladdening to see how the people of India have come together with the



resolve of making India stronger. PM Modi, wrote on X: "The last 11 years have marked significant changes in our defence sector, with a clear focus on both modernisation and becoming self reliant when it comes to defence production. It is gladdening to see how the people of India have

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NEWS BRIEF

Militant Hideout Busted in Rajouri; Cache of Arms Recovered

RAJOURI, JUNE 10, : Security forces on Tuesday uncovered a militant hideout in the remote village of Darra Barachara in the Thanamandi area of Rajouri district and recovered a cache of arms and supplies, officials said.

The joint operation, carried out by the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police, led to the seizure of 10 Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGLs), a damaged ammunition box, a blanket, plastic tarpaulin, medical supplies, utensils, and other daily-use items.

Officials said the recovery

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'Airlines Exploit People When Roads Close, Train Will End That': Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10, : National Conference (NC) President Dr Farooq Abdullah expressed delight over the newly-inaugurated train service to Kashmir, describing it as a significant step that will ease the lives of locals, improve connectivity, and boost multiple sectors, including tourism and horticulture. Speaking to reporters before boarding the inaugural train to Katra, Abdullah,

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Only action can ease suffering of LoC dwellers: CPI (M)

URI, JUN 10: CPI(M) MLA from Kugam, along with senior party leaders called on the central government to end hollow slogans and deliver immediate security measures for residents living under constant threat of cross-border shelling.

Speaking with the reporters at Uri, Kulgam MLA, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami as per the news agency—stressed that the time for hollow assurances is over, but a real help for border residents.

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JK Cabinet Sub-Committee on reservation drafts its report

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 10 (UNI) The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet Sub-Committee formed last year to look into grievances against the current reservation policy in the Union Territory has drafted its report, which will be placed before the Cabinet when it meets.

The announcement was made by J&K Minister Sakina Itoo, who headed the Cabinet Sub-committee.

She said the report has been drafted within the stipulated time-frame of 6 months.

"The Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted to examine the issue of reservations has drafted its

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CS for giving solar power push to energy sector through PM Surya Ghar Yojana scheme

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high level meeting to review the progress achieved under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSMBY), a flagship initiative aimed at promoting solar energy through rooftop installations for the households and solarization of government buildings across the country.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD); Prin-



cipal Secretary, Finance; Managing Directors of JPDCL and KPDCI; Deputy Commissioners; CEO JAKEDA; Chief Engineers of

KPDCL/JPDCL and other senior officials. Taking stock of the rooftop solar installations across the

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Heatwave grips J&K as temp settles above normal Jammu sees season's hottest day at 44.4°C, Sgr seethes at 33.5°C

■ HT NEWS DESK/KNO

JAMMU, JUN 10: Jammu and Kashmir is reeling under an intense heatwave, with temperatures soaring significantly above normal, the Meteorological data revealed on Tuesday.

The blistering conditions have disrupted daily life, prompting authorities to issue advisories for residents to stay hydrated and avoid direct sun exposure.

As per officials, the record-breaking temperatures were



recorded across Jammu region, with maximum temperatures in key areas of the region high-

lighting the severity of the heat wave.

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Centuries-Old Tradition of Welcoming Yatris Must Continue: Mehbooba Mufti

■ HT NEWS DESK/KNT

PAHALGAM, JUNE 10, : Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said that ensuring the safety of Amarnath Yatris is not just a matter for the police or paramilitary forces but a collective responsibility of the people of Kashmir, particularly those living along the pilgrimage route. Speaking at a meeting in the picturesque Pahalgam resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, Mufti interacted



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THE ENDURING ECHO: CRAFTING A LEGACY THAT LASTS



Life moves relentlessly forward: we grow, we age, and eventually, we all pass on. Yet, while our physical presence fades, something deeper remains. What truly endures is not fame, wealth, or recognition, but the quiet power of our character and the warmth of our compassion. It's the lives we touch with a kind word, the smiles we spark with our presence, the strength we offer to someone in need, or the respect we give freely to others. These acts—supporting a struggling friend, preserving someone's dignity, sharing love without expectation—may not earn loud applause or immediate reward. The world may seem silent, offering no fanfare for your goodness. But do not mistake this silence for insignificance. Every selfless deed, every moment of integrity, is etched into the fabric of existence. The world, in its silent wisdom, registers these contributions, weaving them into the tapestry of humanity. This silent recognition fuels a profound inner strength. When you act from compassion and integrity, you align with something greater than yourself, cultivating a quiet respect for your own path that needs no external praise. It's a deeply empowering feeling, knowing your actions ripple outward, shaping a better world. Keep planting those seeds of kindness. Keep building that legacy of quiet impact. You are, profoundly and undeniably, making the world a better place.



With heartfelt gratitude,
Dr Altaf Bukhari, MD, FNB
Consultant, Cardiac Anesth.,
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of war last month were still in place, he said: "If you call the commitment to terrorism a source of tension, absolutely, it is."

Asked to clarify about reports of Indian fighter jets downed by Pakistan, Jaishankar didn't deny the destruction of Indian Air Force planes, but said the appropriate authorities would communicate on the matter when ready.

He stated that India's fighter planes and missiles had inflicted far more extensive damage on the Pakistani Air Force than vice versa, forcing Pakistan to sue for peace.

"As far I'm concerned, how effective the Rafale was or frankly, how effective other systems were — to me the proof of the pudding are the destroyed and disabled airfields on the Pakistani side," he said.

"The fighting stopped on the 10th for one reason and one reason only, which was that on the 10th morning we hit these eight Pakistani, the main eight Pakistani airfields, and disabled them."

"And don't take my word for it, these are images which are available in Google. You can look at those runways and those hangars which have taken the hit," Jaishankar added.

Jaishankar asserted that Pakistan was training "thousands" of terrorists "in the open" and "unleashing" them on India.

"We are not going to live with it. So our message to them is that if you continue to do the kind of barbaric acts which they did in April, then there is going to be retribution, and that retribution will be against the terrorist organisations and the terrorist leadership."

"And we don't care where they are. If they are deep in Pakistan, we will go deep into Pakistan," he added.

RAJNATH

Terming the Pahalgam incident was an attack on the social unity of the country, the Defence Minister said, "India took a big & strong action against terrorism and its perpetrators by destroying terror bases & related infrastructure in Pakistan & PoK."

He said, "The abrogation of Article 370 heralded an era of peace and progress in J&K. Our neighbors could not tolerate this, and executed the terror attack in Pahalgam. Despite Pakistan's best efforts, it has not been able to stop development in Kashmir. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway link is a shining example of the Government's relentless pursuit of progress in J&K. Soon, PoK will join us and say 'I, too, am Bharat'," he added. Singh asserted that while the Indian Armed Forces have given a befitting reply to terrorists, it is imperative to prevent terror incidents such as the one in Pahalgam in future.

He emphasised on the need to be alert not just at the level of governments, but also at the public level. He described terrorism as a distorted moral reasoning, the biggest curse on humanity, a major threat to peaceful co-existence & democracy, and an obstacle in the path of progress. The fight against terrorism is not just a question of security, it is a battle to protect the basic values of humanity, he added.

He stressed that the terrorism cannot be left to die a natural death as its existence will continue to challenge collective peace, development and prosperity. He underscored the urgent need for a permanent solution to terrorism.

TERRORISTS ARE NOT FIGHTERS WITH A CAUSE "Terrorists are not fighters with a cause. No religious, ideological or political reason can justify terrorism. No human objective can ever be achieved through bloodshed and violence. India and Pakistan attained independence at the same time, but today, India has been recognised as the Mother of Democracy, while Pakistan has emerged as the Father of Global Terrorism," he said, adding, "Pakistan has always given shelter to terrorists, trained them on its soil and helped them. It always tries to justify this menace. It is important that we eliminate these terrorists and their entire infrastructure."

Singh urged the international community to stop foreign funding to Pakistan, saying that a large part of this financial aid is spent on terrorism. "Funding Pakistan means funding the infrastructure of terrorism. Pakistan is a nursery of terrorism. It should not be nourished," he added.

EXPRESSES SHOCK OVER UNSC DECISION TO NAME PAK AS VICE-CHAIR OF COUNTER-TERRORISM The Defence Minister expressed shock at the recent decision by the United Nations Security Council to name Pakistan as the Vice-Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Panel, especially when the panel was formed after the 9/11 terror attacks. "Pakistan had sheltered the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks. Its land has been used as a refuge for global terrorist organisations. There, terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar roam around openly, and senior officers of Pakistan Army attend the funerals of terrorists. Now, the same country is expected to lead the global community against terrorism. This raises serious questions on the intentions and policies of the international system," he said.

Singh called upon the global community and organisations such as the United Nations

to think on issues like terrorism more seriously, stating that "Only when we are free from terrorism, will we be able to move towards the goal of global peace, progress and prosperity." He added that the common people of Pakistan are of the same view, but the rulers there have put the country on the path of destruction.

ADVISES PAK TO SEEK INDIA'S HELP TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM

The Defence Minister advised Pakistan to seek India's help if it is unable to take action against terrorism on its soil. He stated that the Indian Armed Forces are capable of taking effective action against terrorism on either side of the border, which was witnessed by Pakistan itself during Operation Sindoor. Calling Pakistan stubborn, he termed it necessary for the whole world to put strategic, diplomatic and economic pressure on Islamabad to deal with terrorism emanating from its soil.

DEFENCE SECTOR HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF STRONGEST PILLARS OF AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Highlighting the strategy adopted by the Government to deal with terrorism and strengthen national security, The Defence Minister said the defence sector has emerged as one of the strongest pillars of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and the weapons/platforms used during Operation Sindoor were Made-in-India. "Today, India is not only protecting its borders, but is also creating a system which is making us strategically, economically and technically strong. Earlier, we were completely dependent on foreign defence equipment, but today India is rapidly becoming Aatmanirbhar in defence," he said.

He listed out the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the defence sector, including increasing the defence budget from Rs 2.53 lakh crore in Financial Year (FY) 2013-14 to Rs 6.22 lakh crore in FY 2024-25; reserving 75% of the budget for capital procurement from domestic companies and the issuance of a total of 10 Positive Indigenisation Lists, comprising over 5,500 items. "Today, Indian Armed Forces use state-of-the-art weapons, missiles, tanks and other systems/platforms manufactured within the country. Our indigenous missiles such as Agni, Prithvi & BrahMos stand ready to give a befitting reply to the enemy. We also have the strength to build aircraft carriers such as INS Vikrant," he added.

Singh underlined that the Government's persistent efforts are bearing fruit as the annual defence production, which was around Rs 40,000 crore in 2014, has crossed the record figure of Rs 1.30 lakh crore today, and defence exports, which were Rs 686 crore in 14, has skyrocketed to Rs 23,622 crore in FY 2024-25, adding that Made-in-India defence products are being exported to nearly 100 countries. "We have set a target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore defence production this year and Rs three lakh crore by 2029. Our defence exports should reach Rs 30,000 crore this year and Rs 50,000 crore by 2029," he said.

ASKS PEOPLE TO BECOME SOCIAL SOLDIERS BY IDENTIFYING LIES

He highlighted the growing use of information warfare in the 21st century, urging the people to become social soldiers by identifying lies, stopping rumours, and spreading awareness in the society. "While data and information are the biggest power, it is also the biggest challenge. During Operation Sindoor, Pakistan conspired to break the morale of our soldiers and citizens through fake videos, manipulated news and posts. Even though military actions have been stopped, information warfare is still going on. If people share false news without thinking, they unknowingly become a weapon of the enemy. It is time that all citizens become social soldiers. The Government is working on cyber security at its level, but every citizen needs to be a 'first responder'," he said.

He also exhorted the media that, in today's times, 'being most correct' must be accorded priority than 'being ahead'. "Instead of being 'verified', being 'viral' has become the standard of journalism. There is a need to avoid this," he added.

Singh termed the media as a "watchdog" when the issue of national security is not only concerned with borders, but is now a challenge in cyber and social sectors. "Journalism is not just a profession but a national duty. It informs while keeping us alert and vigilant towards the security of the country. A free and healthy journalism is a stabilising force that makes the society alert, unites it and spreads consciousness," he said—

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PM

come together with the resolve of making India stronger."

PM Modi shared a thread from a government's citizen engagement platform, which highlighted the changes in different areas as the Prime Minister completed 11 years in office on Tuesday.

The thread on the social media said, "In just 11 years under Modi's visionary leadership, India has revolutionised its defence capabilities, deepened strategic global partnerships, and achieved historic milestones in space exploration."

"Guided by his (PM Modi's) resolve for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the nation has embraced self-reliant innovation and expanded its influence in trade and technology," it added.

"India's Rise in 11 Years: Power, Partnerships, and Progress," it said, putting out the government's initiatives and subsequent changes in different fields.

India's defence exports have soared to Rs 23,622 crore in 2024-25 from Rs 1,940 crore in 2014-15, the post said, noting the country also unveiled its first indigenous aircraft carrier in INS Vikrant.

It said, "This is the story of India's rise as a confident, decisive, and respected global leader driven by PM Modi's bold vision and unwavering commitment to a stronger Bharat."

India's missile power has its precision and reach elevated, it said, mentioning Brahmos extended range version, which was successfully test-fired from Su-30 MKI, among others.

The thread also highlighted India's robust ties with other countries, noting the inking of its "historic" trade deal with the UK and comprehensive economic power agreement with the UAE.

Highlighting India's commitment to global peace, it said the country stands as a leading force in UN peacekeeping, with over 2.9 lakh troops deployed across 50 missions worldwide.

During the pandemic, India also provided two lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses to UN peacekeepers, supporting health and safety on the frontlines of peace, it added—

HEAT WAVE

According to the news agency—, Jammu recorded the hottest day of the season 44.4°C, which is 5.6°C above normal, while Banihal recorded 33.6°C, which is 5.2°C above normal.

Similarly, Batote recorded 33.3°C, which is 5.5°C above normal. Bhaderwah's maximum temperature settled at 33.4°C, which was 3.6°C above normal, and Katra recorded at 40.6°C, which was 4.9°C above normal.

Moreover, Kashmir division also witnessed the above normal temperature on Tues day with Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recording 33.5°C, which was 535°C above normal.

Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded 7.3°C above normal temperatures, while Pahalgam's maximum temperature settled at 29.2°C.

In Kokernag, the mercury settled at 32.2°C, while in Kupwara and Gulmarg, a maximum temperature of 31.6°C and 23.0°C was recorded, respectively, on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the heat wave is expected to continue for the next four days.

Local authorities urged residents to take precautions, including staying indoors during peak heat hours in the afternoon, drinking plenty of water and avoiding strenuous outdoor activities—(KNO)

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districts, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for time-bound implementation. He directed the DISCOMs, JPDCL and KPDCL, to ensure that the vendors complete installations in the shortest possible time.

Dulloo impressed upon the Deputy Commissioners to personally monitor the progress on rooftop solar projects in their respective districts and ensure timely completion, enabling the consumers to experience minimal delays. He also reviewed the status of applications and installations district-wise and sought a strategy from each DC to fast-track execution.

To maintain quality and efficiency, he instructed the senior officers of JPDCL and KPDCL to undertake field visits to inspect the ongoing installations. He stressed the importance of institutional leadership while encouraging the DISCOM employees to set an example by adopting rooftop solar systems themselves. The Chief Secretary also directed that Common Service Centre (CSC) operators be empanelled to facilitate the consumer registrations at the grassroots level, ensuring ease of access for the rural and remote households.

Reviewing the solarization of government buildings, another critical component of the PMSMBY, the Chief Secretary described it as a prestigious initiative that must be executed with utmost seriousness. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to verify the functionality of each installed rooftop system and submit building-wise status reports by June 30, after coordinating with the JAKEDA for the requisite data.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, stressed

the need to involve the local contractors in solarisation drive by registering them as vendors and incentivising their participation. He underlined that the scheme's momentum hinges on the proactive involvement of local players, both from a developmental and entrepreneurial standpoint besides ensuring its completion on time.

Principal Secretary, PDD, Rajesh Prasad, highlighted that consumer response to the scheme has been overwhelming in recent months, with a significant uptick in applications. He noted that the focus must now shift to enhance the vendor capacity and on-ground execution, for which the department is actively engaging empanelled vendors. Providing an update on the implementation status, MD JPDCL, Choudhary Yasin, reported that 6,121 Solar Rooftop Systems (SRTs) with a combined capacity of 22.51 MW have already been installed across the UT. So far, 12,206 consumers under JPDCL and 8,108 under JPDCL have selected their vendors, while 802 (JPDCL) and 690 (KPDCL) consumers have completed payments also.

He added that the cumulative application load received stands at approximately 78.51 MW (JPDCL) and 103.35 MW (KPDCL), indicating the strong public interest and demand.

Similarly, MD, KPDCL, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, informed the meeting that aggressive Information, Education & Communication (IEC) campaigns have been launched to promote adoption. He highlighted the terrain-related challenges in the Valley, especially on steep tin rooftops and the need for vendors to scale up their material procurement and manpower to meet demand.

Providing a detailed overview of the government building solarization component, CEO, JAKEDA, PN Dhar, shared that a total of 70 MW capacity will be achieved through Capex mode and an additional 175 MW under RESCO mode, covering 22,494 government buildings in the UT.

Under Capex mode, 5,220 buildings (43.40 MW) have already been taken up, with work orders issued for 3,403 more buildings, expected to add another 34.39 MW into the power system of the UT. Under RESCO mode, 1,500 buildings (35 MW) will be completed by NHPC and 8,000 buildings (175 MW) by JAKEDA itself, the meeting was informed.

The meeting reaffirmed the government's commitment to green energy and urged all stakeholders to make coordinated efforts to ensure the timely and high-quality implementation of this transformative scheme without any fail.

MEHBOOBA

ple of Kashmir, particularly those living along the pilgrimage route.

Speaking at a meeting in the picturesque Pahalgam resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, Mufti interacted with party workers and stakeholders ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra, which is scheduled to begin next month. She emphasized the need for a people-led approach to safeguarding the yatra.

"The real responsibility of protecting the yatra lies with you—the locals. More than the government forces, it is the people of Kashmir, especially from areas like Pahalgam, who must ensure their safety," Mehbooba told participants at the gathering.

She said she had specially invited PDP workers from regions situated along the yatra route and urged them to actively support the peaceful conduct of the pilgrimage.

"We have always welcomed the Amarnath Yatra with open arms, and that tradition must not only continue but also grow stronger," she said. "It is only by ensuring the pilgrimage goes smoothly that confidence can return, and with that, tourism will revive."

Referring to the deadly April 22 attack in Pahalgam, which disrupted the region's tourism prospects, Mehbooba said that thousands of locals, including ponywallas, hoteliers, cab drivers, and shopkeepers, have been pushed into financial distress. Many, she added, are burdened by loans taken from banks to sustain their livelihoods. She appealed to both the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, and the newly formed elected government to take urgent measures to help revive the local economy. [KNT]

REPORT

report within the stipulated timeframe of 6 months. The report will be placed before the Cabinet when it meets," Itoo said in a post on X. Last year in March, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha amended the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004, which enhanced the reservation from 43 percent to 70 percent in government jobs. The jump was because the Special Tribe (ST) status was given to the Pahari community. The policy met with protests. Later, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah formed the Sub-Committee to examine the contentious policy. The committee was given six months.

HIDEOUT

points to the possibility that militants had been using the site as a temporary shelter. However, no arrests were made during the operation.

The police said that the search operation was part of ongoing efforts by security agencies to eliminate militant infrastructure in the Pir Panjal region. [KNT]

DR FAROOQ

flanked by senior party leaders, said the launch of this train service marks a transformative moment for the Valley. "Today is a big day for us. This rail connection will provide immense relief to the people, and I feel fortunate to be traveling on it myself," he said.

The former Chief Minister underlined the challenges faced by residents due to the frequent closures of the Jammu-Srinagar highway. "Whenever the highway gets blocked due to weather or landslides, airfares shoot up and become unaffordable for common people. This train will end that exploitation," he noted.

Highlighting its economic potential, Dr Abdullah said the rail route would help Kashmiri horticulturists by ensuring quicker transportation of fruits and other perishable items to outside markets. "This will make a huge difference to our growers who suffer losses because of delays in transport," he remarked.

He also pointed out that tourists would greatly benefit from the improved accessibility to the Valley. "With faster, cheaper, and safer travel now possible, more people will be encouraged to visit Kashmir," he added.

Farooq Abdullah's remarks came as he joined the first official journey of the train, which was recently flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country through the railway network for the first time. [KNT]

CPIM

"We will tell the government—no promises, no slogans, no talks," he said. "The people living near the borders are living a life of misery. They don't need speeches. They need protection, respect and swift action," he said.

The Kulgam legislator added that the security isn't a privilege here, but a basic necessity. Referring to the destruction in border areas including Uri, Poonch and other areas, the CPI (M) leader said it is high time the government acts with compassion and responsibility. "We have come not just to share the sorrow but to raise your voice in Parliament. We will not let the suffering of border residents be reduced to mere headlines." Notably, the delegation comprised six Members of Parliament including senior leader and former Kerala Minister M.A. Baby, Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya from Bengal, and veteran comrade Amra Ram were on a visit to border areas. The delegation demanded that the Government of India build secure bunkers in all vulnerable areas—so that civilians can be shielded from shelling.

The CPI (M) leadership reiterated its commitment to stand with the oppressed and ensure that the government is held accountable for the lives and safety of people residing along the LoC—Notably, the delegation comprised six Members of Parliament including senior leader and former Kerala Minister M.A. Baby, Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya from Bengal, and veteran comrade Amra Ram were on a visit to border areas. The delegation demanded that the Government of India build secure bunkers in all vulnerable areas—so that civilians can be shielded from shelling.

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Haji-2025 Concludes: 1st batch of 178 pilgrims to return on June 17

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SRINAGAR, JUN 10: As the annual Hajj pilgrimage 2025 concludes, the first batch of pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir is all set to return on June 17, officials said.

Executive Officer J&K Haj Committee, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, while speaking to news agency—, said the initial flight will bring back 178 pilgrims, marking the beginning of the return phase for the 3,606 pilgrims from the region who performed the pilgrimage this year. "Everything has gone smoothly, and we did not witness any major incidents due to the heatwave or other causes, unlike last year," he said. Dr Qureshi, however, confirmed that a Kashmir-based female pilgrim, who was already unwell, passed away during the pilgrimage. "She was taken to Arafat in Ambulance to complete Waqoof-e-Arafat (Main farz of Haj) and later admitted again in Saudi National Hospital located in Mina where she died on 12th Dhul Hijjah," he added.

Reflecting on the overall arrangements, Dr. Qureshi said, "This year's Hajj went better than expected. The facilities provided, especially during sacred sites, were much improved compared to last year."



DC Srinagar chairs maiden DLIC meeting on Mission YUVA; 10 Youth venture projects approved

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: The first meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on Mission YUVA was Tuesday held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to approve the proposed venture projects.

The DLIC meeting was convened to evaluate and approve venture project applications submitted through Small Business Development Units (SBDUs).

During the meeting, a total of 10 cases, verified by SBDU, were placed before the committee for consideration and all were approved for financial assistance and handholding support under the Mission YUVA initiative. The committee conducted detailed scrutiny of each application to verify eligibility, assess business viability and the socio-economic background of the applicants.

Speaking on the occasion, DC highlighted the importance of promoting self-employment among local youth, particularly those from underprivileged and marginalized sections of society.

He directed all line departments



to work in a mission mode to ensure timely disbursement of financial support, continuous monitoring and proper mentoring to ensure the sustainability of the ventures. He also instructed the stakeholders to properly study and scrutinize the DPRs tailored fit to achieve the objectives under the initiatives. DC further emphasized enhanced outreach and awareness to ensure wider participation under the scheme. He stressed the importance of Mission YUVA in fostering entrepreneurship among youth and called for pro-active coordinated efforts to achieve the mission's objectives in a time-bound manner. Additional District Develop-

ment Commissioner, Rifat Aftab; General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar; Chief Planning Officer, Deputy Director Employment, SDM East, SDM West, District Statistics and Evaluation Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, DDM NABARD, Lead District Manager and District Nodal Officer, JKEDI besides other concerned attended the meeting. DC further emphasized enhanced outreach and awareness to ensure wider participation under the scheme. He stressed the importance of Mission YUVA in fostering entrepreneurship among youth and called for pro-active coordinated efforts to achieve the mission's objectives.

Secretary RDD reviews draft 'J&K Rural Building Bye Laws, 2025' 'Framework will transform rural planning through structured regulation'

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today chaired a crucial meeting to discuss the draft of the 'Jammu and Kashmir Building Permission (Rural Areas) Procedure, 2025', a first-of-its-kind framework designed to regulate the building activities across the rural areas governed by Halqa Panchayats.

The meeting was attended by Director RDD Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Director RDD Jammu, Mumtaz Ali, Director Panchayati Raj Sham Lal, Director Finance, Umar Khan, Joint Direc-

tor Planning, Kamal Kumar Sharma, Superintending Engineer REW Kashmir, Aamir Ali, Superintending Engineer REW Jammu, Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Tahir Ahmad Magray and others.

The Secretary emphasised that the new procedure has been anchored in a robust legal framework drawn from the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 and the Rules of 1996.

"Section 12 (2) (iv) of the Panchayati Raj Act empowers Halqa Panchayats to regulate the buildings, shops and entertainment houses while as Rules 155 and 156 require mandatory approvals for construction, reconstruction or alterations."

The Secretary said that this



framework brings a long-awaited legal and procedural clarity to the rural construction. "It ensures accountability and offers a citizen-friendly mechanism that truly empowers the grassroots," he added. The new procedure applies to all Halqa Panchayat areas across

Jammu and Kashmir, excluding areas under Municipal Corporation/ Council/ Committee, Tourism Development Authority or other empowered authorities. It will come into force upon official notification by the government. The framework covers all types of construction activities including new constructions, extensions, alterations, reconstructions, changes in building use and reconstruction due to fire, collapse or demolition.

The Secretary emphasised that citizen convenience should remain paramount while maintaining regulatory standards.

During the deliberations, the Secretary directed the officials to expedite work on the Online

Building Permit System (OBPS) to ensure applications are processed digitally, transparently and efficiently. He stressed the importance of maintaining detailed records of all permissions granted besides creating a robust monitoring mechanism to track compliance.

Aijaz Asad said, once notified, all officials will adhere to the 30-day cycle for processing applications, 15 days for internal review, 10 days for decision-making and 5 days for communicating outcomes. "This framework is not merely regulatory, it is transformational. It restores people's trust, strengthens Panchayati Raj and brings a structured, rule-based approach to rural development,"

IGNOU to Conduct Term End Examination for 38,000 Students at 35 Centres in Kashmir & Ladakh

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 10: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will commence its Term End Examination (TEE) for June 2025 from 12th June 2025. The examination will be conducted across 35 centres in Kashmir and Ladakh for about 38,000 students enrolled in various academic programmes. The exams will be held in two sessions.

To accommodate the students in remote areas, IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar has set up additional examination centres at Government Degree Colleges in Gurez, Uri, Sogam, Qazigund, Dooru, Thindim Kreeri, Langate, and Handwara. Furthermore, an examination centre has also been set up at the Central Jail for inmates. Hall tickets for eligible students who applied for the TEE June 2025 have already been issued and are available online on Samarth portal. Students are advised to adhere to the rules and guidelines issued by the university for appearing in the examinations.

Molvi Imran Reza Ansari Meets LG Manoj Sinha Over Muharram Arrangements

Ubaid Mehdi



Srinagar, 10th June 2025: Today, President of the All Jammu & Kashmir Shia Association and General Secretary of J&K Peoples Conference, Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, met Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha to discuss critical arrangements ahead of the upcoming Muharram observances. While last two year's decision to allow the 8th Muharram procession in Srinagar marked a shift in approach, the focus of the meeting remained firmly on ensuring practical preparedness, administrative coordination, and safe religious conduct across the Valley this year. A key demand placed during the meeting was the revival of the traditional 10th Muharram procession route from Abi Guzar to Zadibal, which holds historic and religious importance for the Shia community. Molvi Ansari strongly recommended the establishment of dedicated war rooms in each of the key districts Srinagar, Budgam, Bandipora, Pulwama, and Baramulla along with the appointment of a district-level coordinator to monitor and manage Muharram-related arrangements in real time. He also urged the release of special funds to respective Deputy Commissioners to enable timely execution of essential works without bureaucratic delay. Additional issues raised included the need for urgent road and wooden bridge repairs along procession routes especially Dal area, permission for short-term tendering to carry out last-minute infrastructural works, and resolution of a decade-old compensation case related to a dangerous structure at Alamgari Bazaar. He also brought attention to CAPD supply shortages particularly rice and sugar used for preparing Niyaz, as well as persistent water scarcity in Zadibal, Bagwanpora and Dal localities. A water tanker deployment blueprint was requested for all the three areas to avoid service breakdowns during peak days. Molvi Ansari also proposed that only small ambulances be deployed during processions to prevent crowd disruption, and called for advance placement of essential medicines and availability of doctors in all Shia dominated areas to ensure timely medical response, smart bus transport for mourners on key Muharram days,

SSP Commends SPO Irfan Hajam for Exemplary Bravery and Dedication to Duty

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 10, KNT: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Dr. G.V. Sundeeep Chakravathy (IPS), formally felicitated Special Police Officer (SPO) Irfan Hajam for his outstanding act of bravery in rescuing a woman from drowning in the Jhelum River on June 5, 2025.

The commendation ceremony, held at the District Police Headquarters in Srinagar, was also attended by SP Headquarters Umar Shah and DySP Headquarters Ms. Syed Sleet Shah.

SPO Hajam, who serves as the driver to SDPO MR Gunj, demonstrated extraordinary presence of mind and courage when he leapt into the Jhelum near Khankah-e-Moula to save a woman attempting suicide. Without regard for



his own safety, he swiftly acted to pull the woman from the river, ultimately bringing her to safety and helping avert a tragic outcome.

Recognizing his selfless act, SSP Srinagar praised Hajam's prompt response and fearless service, calling it a true reflection of the police force's commitment to public safety and human dignity. "Such acts of heroism are a testament to

the values we uphold in Srinagar Police. SPO Hajam's conduct exemplifies what it means to serve the community with integrity, courage, and compassion," SSP Chakravathy said.

He also expressed hope that the dedication shown by SPO Hajam would inspire other personnel to carry out their duties with similar resolve and humanity. [KNT]

GMC Srinagar conducts Fire Fighting Mock Drill to enhance emergency preparedness

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: To enhance emergency preparedness and response among the staff, ensuring a safe environment for patients, visitors and employees, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, in collaboration with the Fire & Emergency department, today organized a comprehensive fire fighting mock drill at the institution.

The mock drill witnessed active participation from various stakeholders, including the Principal/Dean, Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan; Administrator Associated Hospitals, M Ashraf Hakak; Chief Accounts Officer and staff members from sanitation, security, mechanical, and electrical departments of GMC and associated hospitals.

During the drill, participants were trained on fire safety procedures, usage of fire extinguishers, and

evacuation protocols. The exercise also provided an opportunity for the staff to familiarize themselves with the firefighting equipment and emergency response systems installed in the institution. Prof. Dr. Iffat emphasized the importance of fire safety and emergency preparedness.

M Ashraf Hakak appreciated the efforts of the Fire & Emergency department for conducting the mock drill. The mock drill was conducted in a realistic and safe manner, with the Fire & Emergency department providing expert guidance and support. The exercise concluded with a debriefing session, where the participants discussed the key takeaways and areas for improvement.

GMC Srinagar remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its patients, visitors, and staff. Regular training exercises and drills like this help the institution to stay prepared and respond effectively in case of any emergency.

DC Srinagar finalizes arrangements for celebration of Parkash Purab of Guru Hargobind Sahib

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: In order to review the arrangements for the celebration of Parkash Purab marking the birth anniversary of Guru Hargobind Singh Ji being celebrated on June 12, 2025, a meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex here.

During the meeting, arrangements were finalized for seamless celebrations of the Parkash Purab particularly at Gurdwara Chattipadshi Rainawari where a large number of people are expected to participate in the occasion with religious devotion.

At the outset, DC took a detailed appraisal about the arrangements to be made by different departments for smooth celebrations of the Parkash Purab in the district. On the occasion, DC directed the officers to ensure fool



proof arrangements by their respective departments to facilitate the devotees of Sikh community to celebrate religious festival with full color. He instructed for ensuring hassle-free traffic and parking arrangements and uninterrupted supply of power and water.

DC directed the SMC authorities to ensure proper sanitation measures, besides adequate measures to tackle dog menace around the Gurdwara Chatti Padshahi Rainawari.

DC also instructed concerned officers to make adequate numbers of buses available so that devotees may not face inconvenience while travelling to Chatti Padshahi.

Similarly, Officers of Health, Food Safety, Fire & Emergency and other departments were directed to ensure all requisite measures at Gurdwara Chatti Padshahi Rainawari for the devotees on the day.

Earlier, members of the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee who were present in the meeting briefed the DC about the requirements for the occasion.

District Development Council Poonch discusses planning for FY 2025-26, reviews progress of ongoing works

HT NEWS DESK

POONCH, JUNE 10: A meeting of the District Development Council (DDC) Poonch was today convened here in the Conference Hall, Dak Bungalow with DDC Chairperson Tazeem Akhter in the chair. The meeting reviewed the physical and financial progress under the last year's Capex budget and initiated discussions on plan formulation for the upcoming financial year 2025-26. Additional District Development Commissioner Pankaj Magotra, who also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council, welcomed the participants and set the tone for focused and outcome-oriented deliberations.

Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Rafi delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the achievements under the Capex Budget 2024-25. He also outlined the preliminary framework and sectoral priorities proposed for the 2025-26 financial plan, seeking suggestions and inputs from the Council Members. The DDC Members raised demands of respective constituencies and highlighted issues pertaining to the Jal Jeevan Mission, ground water availability, Rural Development works, school education infrastructure, and power supply. Emphasis was laid on addressing implementation bottlenecks, ensuring timely project execution, and improving inter-departmental coordination.



The District heads of line departments provided updates on the status of works, implementation timelines and responded to the department specific issues raised by the council members. It was decided that the council shall reconvene after 20 days to review updates and progress on the issues and decisions discussed in the meeting. The Chairperson underscored the importance of aligning departmental functioning with grassroots level priorities and stressed the need for collective efforts to achieve inclusive and efficient development outcomes across the district. The meeting was attended by DDC Vice Chairperson Mohammad Ash-

faq and DDC Members Riyaz Bashir Naz (Loran), Shah Nawaz Choudhary (Surankote-A), Ch Abdul Ghani (Poonch), Wajid Bashir (Mendhar-B), Riyaz Ahmed (Bulfiyaz), and Mian Farooq Baji (Mendhar-A). They gave valuable suggestions for enhancing the effectiveness of development interventions across the district. The meeting concluded with a consensus to adopt a collaborative and accountable approach for strengthening the district's development landscape in the coming financial year. The meeting concluded with a consensus to adopt a collaborative and accountable approach for strengthening the district's development landscape in the coming financial year.

DC Kishtwar rolls out activity plan for Dharti Aaba Gramin Utkarsh Abhiyan

HT NEWS DESK

KISHTWAR, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan today rolled out the activity plan for effective implementation of 15 day Dharti Aaba Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in the district. Addressing a press conference, the DC informed that the Dharti Aaba Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a nationwide benefit saturation and awareness campaign, is scheduled to be held from June 15 to June 30, 2025. "The campaign aims to ensure 100% coverage of individual entitlements for tribal communities at the grassroots level. The campaign will



be held in 19 tribal villages across the district, including the remotest habitations" he added. The DC informed that the Abhiyan will be conducted at Sub-Divi-

sion, Block, and Tehsil levels, ensuring wide outreach and localized implementation. He stated that inter-departmental coordination will be ensured to bridge critical service delivery gaps and achieve saturation of centrally sponsored welfare schemes. The flagship schemes to be covered under the Abhiyan include Aadhaar enrollment, PM Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Vishwakarma Scheme, MUDRA Yojana, Stand-Up India, Ayushman Bharat Card distribution, Caste Certificate issuance, PM-KISAN, Ladli Beti Scheme, HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Programme), and others, he informed further.

CUKashmir's Mathematics Deptt and VIT-Pune hold workshop on 'Mathematical Modelling'

HT NEWS DESK

Ganderbal, June 10: Department of Mathematics, School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir), and VIT, Pune, jointly organized a two-day national level online workshop on "Empowering Research Innovations through Mathematical Modelling" from June-9-10, 2025. The workshop received a huge response with more than 800 registrations from Indian academia. The workshop's objective was to inculcate the importance of "Mathematical Modelling" for research and innovations among faculty members, researchers, students and the stakeholders concerned. In his inaugural address, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, highlighted that the CUKashmir has been implementing NEP-2020 in more pragmatic and innovative

ways. "The varsity faculty has been consistently working with the desirable attributes of NEP-2020 as well as Design Thinking, and Pragmatic Thinking to develop the completely winning personality of students that is Academically Excellent, Physically Fit, Intellectually Sharp, Mentally Alert, and Spiritually Elevated", he said. He highlighted the importance of Mathematics in reducing an abstract inspiration to connections between quantifiable and measurable entities, thereby making it possible to take the shape of a concrete innovation. Further, he added that STEM integration, in educational terms, is a teaching approach that combines the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics into a single learning experience. Prof. M Yousuf - Dean, School of Physical and Chemical Sciences,

Prof. Rajesh Jalnekar- Director, VIT, Pune, were present during the inaugural programme and shared their thoughts. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. Haribhau R. Bhapkar, Head, Deptt of Mathematics and workshop convener, emphasized on the vision of the Department of Mathematics for achieving the excellence in research, innovations and other activities which supports designing the multidisciplinary and holistic persona of the students. He added that the Department had been organizing workshops on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation Boot Camps, and Vedic Maths workshop to cultivate holistic and multidisciplinary growth. Further, he explained the "importance of Mathematical Modelling for saving the lives of people during the COVID-19 pandemic, Second World War and such types of disasters."

ازدفتر نایب تحصیلدار پھلگام

درخواست منجانبہ سارا احمد چوہان ولد غلام محمد چوہان ساکن لاری پور پھلگام
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتہار ہمارا آگاہی ہر خاص و عام
سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر حرا میں پیش کی ہے
رپوٹ کے مطابق سائل دھڑ کا باشندہ ہے
افراد مکہ بڑیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

غلام محمد چوہان ولد قاسم چوہان 57 مردوری 6000
بیکم جان رو چہ غلام محمد 50 گھر کام

سارا احمد پسر 17 زیر تعلیم

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ساکن لاری پورا رنگواڈ پھلگام

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لون کی تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفکیٹ 24/12/2023
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الطاف احمد لون والد انشاء جان ساکن لدرو
پھلگام

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the birth certificate bearing number B/2024-1/05297/0093 D.O.B 16-02-2018 issued to Mujtaba showkat D/O Showkat ahamd Naikoo has been canceled Issued by BDO Manzgam. The said birth certificate is hereby declared null and void. Any use of the canceled certificate will be considered invalid. All authorities and individuals are requested to take note of this cancellation. Showkat ahamd Naikoo F/O Mujtaba showkat R/O KBPORA

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is hereby informed to general public that I UMAR ASHRAF DAR have lost passport in during traveling Jammu to Srinagar under passport number: V1688665. Now I want to apply for its duplicate passport in passport office Srinagar./Baramulla If anybody having any objection shall contact passport office Srinagar/ Baramulla within 07 days .After that no objection shall be entertained UMAR ASHRAF DAR S/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF DAR M/O MISRA BEGUM R/O MAIDANI CHUGAL TEHSIL HANDWARA DIST KUPWARA PASSPORT NUMBER V1688665

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is being informed that By mistake My DOB in my school record is wrongly mentioned as 13/11/1976 The actual DOB as per my aadhar card is 19/02/1979 NOW I want apply for ts correction f anyone have queries they may report to concern authority within 7 days Mohd Afzal Lone C/O Abdul Rahman Lone R/O pahalgam Ph 6006813699

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عہدہ قبول نہیں ہوگا

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الطاف احمد لون والد انشاء جان ساکن لدرو
پھلگام

اطلاع عام

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Kashmir Handloom Handicraft Phalamgam کہن
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کرے بعد از معاد کوئی عہدہ قبول نہ ہوگا

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محمد لطیف سہ
ساکن مٹن انت ناگ کشمیر

ازدفتر بلاک ڈیولپمنٹ آفیسر کرا الگنڈ قاضی آباد

مضمون: درخواست: محمد رمضان خاچہ والد مریم خاچہ عبدالجبار ساکن ولرامہ
تحصیل لنگیٹ ڈسٹرکٹ پھواڈہ
برادر علی سہ تاریخ وفات تاریخ سرٹیفکیٹ باپت والد

اطلاع باپت خاص و عام
معاملہ مندر بہ عنوان الصد کے نسبت درخواست سائل / سائل کی تاریخ وفات
سرٹیفکیٹ مطابق رکاز خاچہ عبدالجبار تاریخ وفات 01-05-1995 ہے لہذا
اگر کسی بھی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ دفتر حرا میں اپنا
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نذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

تحریر الصد: بلاک ڈیولپمنٹ آفیسر کرا الگنڈ قاضی آباد

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Qazi Khurshid Ahmad, son of Late Munshi Ali Mohammad, resident of House No. 35, New Colony Nigeen, Hazratbal, Srinagar, hereby declare that I intend to correct the name of my late father as recorded in the death certificate issued on 03/02/2025 by the Office of the Registrar, Births and Deaths, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, bearing Registration No. 37411. The name is currently recorded as "Ali Mohammad Munshi", which is incorrect. The correct name is "Munshi Ali Mohammad", as reflected in his official documents such as the Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, and other records. The correction pertains solely to the proper placement of the title - changing it from a suffix to a prefix. Any person having any objection to the proposed correction may contact me at +91 6006319106 within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Mohd Afzal Lone C/O Abdul Rahman Lone R/O pahalgam Ph 6006813699

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my dob has been incorrectly mentioned on his Adhar card, 275489020352 as 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

Govt Of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SHADIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. MIDSh/ Ts/ 04OF 2025-26 Dated: 05/06/2025

On behalf of the Hon'ble LG of JK UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora, invites tenders by e-tendering mode on percentage rate basis from experienced and reputed mechanical licensed registered contractors/ workshop holders for Annual Mechanical Framework Contract of irrigation/dewatering schemes of Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' - Tender fee, Earnest Money Deposit, fulfillment of pre-qualification criteria and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Particulars of the work	Qty.	Name of Division	Cost of document/ tender fee (In ₹)	Earnest money (In ₹)	Bid Validity	Duration of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.	Annual Mechanical Framework Contract of irrigation/ dewatering schemes of Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora	As per requirement	Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora	500.00	48000.00	180 days	Up to 31 st March 2026

Head of account: M.H. 2701, 2702, 2711

Key Dates of the Tender
1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 05/06/2025 (1500 Hrs).
2. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 05/06/2025 (1500 Hrs) to 25/06/2025 (1500 Hrs).
3. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
4. The bids received shall be opened online on 26/06/2025 (1400 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora.
5. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security as specified in column 5&6 of the table above. The bid security must be pledged in favour Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora. Bid security shall be in form of CDR/FDR/ Irrevocable Bank Guarantee of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for 300 days after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of Treasury challan in favour of Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Division Shadipora.
6. Only the firms having sound experience in executing various types of mechanical maintenance and repair works (including repairs of pumps) with Government departments/ reputed private organizations, PSUs, etc. can participate in the tendering process. Copy of relevant proof shall be uploaded.
7. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of technical bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

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Send Dated:-10/06/2025
Pub:- 11-06-25

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mech. Irri. Division Shadipora

Distt Shopian gears up for Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan- Awareness, Benefit Saturation camps

DC appeals for public participation ahead of nationwide launch on June-15

HT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, JUNE 10: In line with the Government of India's upcoming campaign under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, District Administration Shopian is preparing to roll out 'Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan' awareness and benefit saturation camps from June 15 to June 30, 2025. These camps will be held in two tribal-dominated villages Kathohallan (15th June to 22nd June, 2025) and Pahlipora (23th June to 30th June, 2025) in Block Keller of the district, to ensure last-mile delivery of government schemes and bridge critical socio-economic and development gaps. Though the official launch is scheduled for June 15, 2025, across 549 tribal districts and 207 PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group) dominated districts in India, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta during a press briefing, urged the people of Shopian to actively



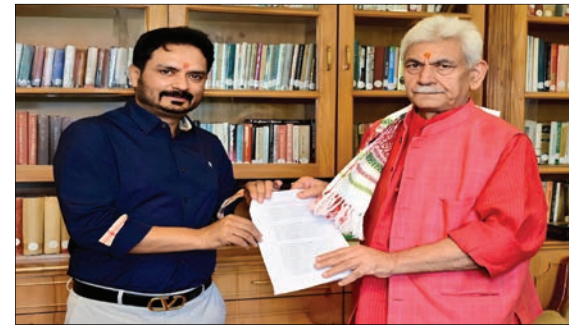
participate in the forthcoming camps. "These camps are aimed to fulfill the gaps in service delivery by identifying eligible beneficiaries and covering them on the

spot. I appeal to the public to come forward, participate wholeheartedly, and ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left behind," DC Said.

Gupta emphasized that the camps will serve as a single-window platform for the saturation of benefits across critical sectors, including Aadhaar services, PM-JAY / Ayushman Bharat health cards, Jan Dhan Yojana/ Bank account openings, Agriculture & allied welfare schemes, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (drinking water supply), Electricity connections, Health services & mobilisation, Education gap reduction, Skill development and training, Food security (ration and nutrition schemes), RDD schemes, Youth Services & Sports, Forest rights and other support initiatives. All concerned departments have been instructed to prepare baseline data while designated officers will be present during the camps to resolve issues on the spot. This initiative forms part of a larger national effort to honor tribal heritage and empower tribal communities, ensuring they receive the full benefits of government development and welfare schemes.

Dr Abhijeet Jasrotia, BJP Spokesperson called on Lieutenant Governor

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Srinagar, June 10: Dr Abhijeet Jasrotia, BJP Spokesperson called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today. Shri Jasrotia expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for various progressive initiatives taken by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board under his Chairmanship, including the upcoming Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Medical Institute of Excellence at Katra. He discussed various issues with regards to the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and the positive impact of the train service to Kashmir Valley. He also raised the issue of Naib Tehsildar aspirants from Jammu Division and requested the Lieutenant Governor to make the Working Knowledge of Urdu language non-mandatory for Naib Tehsildar examination.

Mirwaiz Expresses Condolences on the Demise of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani and others

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Srinagar June 10:-Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, Dr. Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq, has expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani, the father of Moulana Bashir Ahmad Nadwi — renowned social activist and the founder of the welfare organisation Athrout. Mirwaiz visited the bereaved family at their residence in Nawakadal to offer his condolences. Paying rich tribute to the deceased, he described his passing as a significant loss for the entire locality. He noted that Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani had a long and deep association with the Mirwaiz family, and his death is personally felt with pain and grief. Extending heartfelt sympathy to Moulana Bashir Ahmad Nadwi and other members of the Wani family, Mirwaiz prayed for the departed soul's maghfirah (forgiveness) and a high place in Jannat, and for sabr (patience) and strength to the grieving family. Mirwaiz also expressed grief over the demise of Abdul Rehman Gujri, the elderly maternal uncle of young journalist and founder-editor of the daily Srinagar Jung, Mr. Bilal Bashir Bhat. Offering condolences to the deceased's sons, Mr. Fayaz Ahmad and Mr. Merajuddin Gujri, as well as to Mr. Bilal Bashir Bhat, the Mirwaiz prayed to Almighty Allah for the deceased's maghfirah and eternal peace. In a separate message, the Mirwaiz also expressed sorrow over the demise of Darrah Sampat, wife of the late Sampat Prakash, a courageous and prominent trade union leader. He extended his sympathies to the bereaved family at this hour of grief.

Police arrests 4 gamblers in Sopore

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Srinagar: June 10: Acting tough against social crimes, Police have arrested 4 gamblers in Sopore and seized stake money from their possession. Acting on a specific input regarding gambling activities at Doabgah Rafiabab, a police team of PS Sopore raided the specific location and arrested four gamblers identified as Ghulam Hassan Ganie son of Mohammad Sultan, Firdous Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Ramzan, Mushtaq Ahmad Malla son of Abdul Aziz and Mohammad Amer Mir son of Mohammad Abdullah, all residents of Doabgah Rafiabab. Stake money of 13,120 and playing cards were recovered from their possession. A case under relevant provisions of law has been registered at Police Station Sopore and investigation has been initiated.

DC Pulwama chairs DLIC meeting under Mission Yuva Empowerment of local youth, entrepreneurs our priority: Dr. Basharat

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PULWAMA, JUNE 10: To review and approve applications submitted under the Mission YUVA scheme by SBDU and assess the progress of applications being forwarded by BHDs, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under Mission YUVA at the Administrative Complex Pulwama. During the meeting, a total of 11 cases, verified by SBDU, were placed before the committee for consideration, and were approved for financial assistance and handholding support under Mission YUVA by the DLIC. The committee conducted detailed scrutiny of each application based on eligibility, business viability and the socio-economic background of the applicants.



Addressing the meeting, DC emphasized the importance of promoting self-employment opportunities among local youth, especially those from under privileged and marginalized sections of society.

He directed all concerned departments to ensure timely disbursement of financial support, continuous monitoring and proper mentoring to ensure the long-term sustainability of the approved ventures. He further stressed the need for enhanced outreach and awareness activities to encourage broader participation under the scheme. "Strengthen youth-led entrepreneurship and support sustainable livelihood creation through coordinated and effective implementation of Mission YUVA in the district," said DC. The meeting witnessed the participation of key officials including the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama (Nodal Officer Mission Yuva); Lead Bank Manager, Pulwama; General Manager, DIC, Pulwama; Assistant Director Employment, Pulwama; District Nodal Officer, JKEDI; District Development Manager, NABARD; DSWO Pulwama and other concerned officers.

DC Bandipora reviews DAJGUA implementation for tribal development

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BANDIPORA, JUNE 10: In order to ensure the smooth implementation of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, convened a comprehensive review meeting on Tuesday at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat Bandipora. The meeting focused on the implementation status, awareness generation, and preparation for the benefit saturation camps to be held from 15th to 30th June in 31 identified tribal villages across the district. On the occasion, DC emphasized proactive and coordinated efforts by all departments to ensure the effective delivery of schemes and saturation of eligible beneficiaries under various government programs. During the meeting, Qadri reiterated the district administration's commitment to the inclusive development and upliftment of tribal communities,



as envisioned under the DAJGUA initiative. The meeting also reviewed preparations for the upcoming 15-day awareness campaign scheduled from June 15 to 30. This campaign aims to educate tribal communities about various government schemes and ensure saturation of benefits to all eligible beneficiaries. DC said that the campaign will be formally launched on June 15 at Higher Secondary

School Aragam, where all concerned officers will participate and ensure empowerment of tribal communities through this ambitious program. Among others, the meeting was attended by Programme Officer, ICDS Yaar Ali Khan; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, CMO, CHO, CAO, CAHO, AD FCS & CA, Lead Bank Manager, Block Development Officers, and other concerned officers.

Arrangements finalized for smooth conduct of Urs Haji Murad Bukhari (RA)

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BARAMULLA, JUNE 10: In a bid to ensure the seamless and spiritually enriching observance of the annual Urs of Hazrat Haji Murad Bukhari (RA), Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baramulla, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi chaired a meeting at Kreeri to finalize arrangements for the upcoming event. ADC emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination to facilitate smooth conduct of the Urs. He directed all concerned officials to remain proactive and ensure timely execution of their responsibilities, keeping in mind the large number of devotees expected to attend. Detailed discussions were held around essential services such as traffic regulation, security deployment, health care, sanitation, and power supply. The ADC

stressed the need for clear traffic flow plans, functional medical aid stations, uninterrupted electricity, and enhanced cleanliness measures around the shrine and congregation areas. Officers were instructed to ensure the comfort and safety of devotees at all stages. Special attention will be given to crowd management and emergency response systems, with adequate deployment of police personnel, medical teams, and fire services. Drinking water and sanitation facilities will be made readily available throughout the duration of the event. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Tehsildar, Block Development Officer, Block Medical Officer along with officers from the Police, PHE, PDD, R&B, Fire and Emergency Services, and other concerned departments.

Month-long Entrepreneurship and Skill development Program under RAMP concludes at ITI Pampore

PULWAMA, JUNE 10: Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP), organized under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme by the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Pulwama, concluded today with a valedictory ceremony

at the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Pampore. Speakers at the event praised the initiative, highlighting the crucial role of skill development and entrepreneurship in empowering the youth and driving sustainable economic growth. They urged the trainees to use the knowledge and skills.

PM Surya Ghar—Muft Bijli Yojana lights homes in frontier Kupwara district Citizens express satisfaction as solar power transforms their lives

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KUPWARA, JUNE 10: In the remote and often challenging terrains of the far flung border district Kupwara, a quiet revolution is underway—one that doesn't arrive with noise or fanfare but with rays of sunlight, captured and transformed into power. Thanks to the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, hundreds of homes in this once energy-starved region now shine brightly with solar-powered electricity. The scheme, launched to promote

clean energy and reduce electricity costs for households, has made a noticeable impact in this district. Through government subsidies and the installation of rooftop solar panels, many families have benefited under the scheme. For Ghulam Mohiddin Peer, a resident of village Drugmulla, the transformation has been life-changing. "Earlier, my electricity bill used to be huge but now it has reduced drastically," said Peer adding, "The scheme provides a good subsidy component and I have also got the subsidy." Another resident, Haji Farooq Ahmad Malik while



appreciating the benefits of the scheme said "I have installed a 3 kv project at home, besides, we have installed the solar system in the local masjid also." Kupwara, due to its remote location and harsh weather conditions, often faces electricity shortages and erratic supply during winter season. However, under this centrally sponsored scheme, households are provided support for panel installation besides also for maintenance and training, enabling locals to manage their systems efficiently. AEE KPDCI Kupwara, while highlighting the features and benefits of

the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, appealed the people to come forward to take benefit of free electricity under the scheme. Kupwara, due to its remote location and harsh weather conditions, often faces electricity shortages and erratic supply during winter season. However, under this centrally sponsored scheme, households are provided support for panel installation besides also for maintenance and training, enabling locals to manage their systems efficiently. AEE KPDCI Kupwara, while highlighting the features and benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana,

EDITORIAL

Reduce weight of bags for school going children

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has touched upon various contours of the education sector in the country. All the important as well as not so important components of the education scenario were touched under this policy. This includes the weight of the school bags being carried by the school going children under the various age groups. Specifications were spelled out in this regard so that there is no confusion among the different stakeholders.

For some time there was some difference vis-a-vis the weight of the school bags and the children heaved a sigh of relief. The children were not burdened with the school bags and for the first time it was felt that there is somebody in the government who is concerned about the development of the school children. Experts in the field of health have been stressing on the point that no burden should be placed on the brittle shoulders of the young children.

The joy for the children turned out to be short lived since most of the schools in the private sector have resorted to the old practice of extra weight of the school bags. As on date most of the schools put unnecessary burden on the children by prescribing more books for them. This results in a situation where in the bags are packed to the hilt and the children struggle to carry the bags to school from their homes and vice-versa.

In most of the cases the shoulders of the school going children are pressed to the hilt and they droop. As a result of this there is very less physical development of the school going children and their mental as well as social development also receives a hit. In such a scenario the children are not able to develop properly and they also remain inactive in sports as well as extra-curricular activities. This casts a negative impact on the overall personality of children and they are not able to compete at different levels.

It is imperative that the policy makers in the field of education ensure that the NEP is implemented in letter and spirit across the country. All the components of the policy including the weight of the school bags for the children of different age groups need to be put into practice. This would ensure that justice is meted out to the children and they are no more pushed to the hilt when it comes to receiving education.

Bhaderwah Lavender: The Fragrant Jewel of Jammu and Kashmir



BY MOOL RAJ

Nestled in the picturesque valley of Bhaderwah, often referred to as "Mini Kashmir," lies one of India's most beautiful and aromatic treasures—Bhaderwah lavender. This region in the Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir is not just known for its breathtaking landscapes but also for its vibrant lavender fields that bloom every year, transforming the valley into a sea of purple.

The Rise of Lavender Cultivation in Bhaderwah

Lavender farming in Bhaderwah has seen significant growth in recent years, thanks to the efforts of local farmers, the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), and the CSIR's Aroma Mission. The region's cool climate and rich soil have proven ideal for lavender cultivation, leading to a booming industry that supports local economies and contributes to sustainable agriculture.

The cultivation of lavender in Bhaderwah began as an experimental venture, but it quickly gained popularity among the farmers due to the high demand for lavender oil and other related products. Today, Bhaderwah is recognized as the Lavender Capital of India, with vast stretches of land dedicated to this aromatic herb.

Lavender oil extracted from these fields is highly valued in the cosmetics, aromatherapy, and pharmaceutical industries, making it a lucrative crop for the local farmers. This shift towards lavender farming has not only provided a steady income to the farmers but also attracted attention from across the country, putting Bhaderwah on the map as a key player in India's lavender industry.

The Bhaderwah Lavender Festival

To celebrate the success of lavender farming and to promote tourism in the region, the Bhaderwah Lavender Festival is held annually, usually in June, when the lavender fields are in full bloom. This festival has become a significant event in Jammu and Kashmir's cultural calendar, drawing visitors from all over the country and beyond.

The Lavender Festival is a sensory delight, offering visitors the opportunity to walk through the endless fields of lavender, breathe in the soothing fragrance, and witness the vibrant purple landscape against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayan mountains. The festival is not just about visual and olfactory pleasures; it also serves as a platform to showcase the various uses of lavender in products like oils, soaps, perfumes, and culinary delights.

During the festival, local artisans and farmers set up stalls to display and sell their lavender-based products, providing a direct market for their goods and helping to boost the local economy. Workshops on lavender farming, essential oil extraction, and the therapeutic uses of lavender are also organized, offering insights into the entire process from cultivation to end products.

One of the highlights of the festival is the guided tours of the lavender fields, where experts explain the intricacies of lavender farming and the benefits of this versatile herb. The festival also features cultural performances, traditional music, and local cuisine, giving visitors a taste of the rich cultural heritage of Bhaderwah.



Lavender Tourism: A Blooming Industry

The Bhaderwah Lavender Festival has significantly contributed to the rise of lavender tourism in the region. The festival attracts nature lovers, photographers, botanists, and travelers seeking a unique experience in the lap of nature. The influx of tourists during the lavender bloom season has led to the development of homestays, eco-resorts, and other tourism-related businesses, providing additional income sources for the local population.

Lavender tourism in Bhaderwah is not just about the festival. The region offers year-round attractions, including trekking in the nearby mountains, exploring ancient temples, and experiencing the local culture and hospitality. However, the lavender fields remain the star attraction, with their beauty and fragrance leaving a lasting impression on every visitor.

The Future of Bhaderwah Lavender

The success of lavender farming in Bhaderwah has inspired other regions in Jammu and Kashmir to explore the cultivation of aromatic plants. The government's support and initiatives like the Aroma Mission are expected to further boost lavender cultivation, making it an integral part of the region's agricultural landscape.

As the demand for natural and organic products continues to rise globally, Bhaderwah lavender is poised to become a major player in the international market. The local farmers, with their dedication and expertise, are set to take Bhaderwah lavender to new heights, ensuring that this fragrant jewel continues to shine brightly in the years to come.

The Bhaderwah Lavender Festival will undoubtedly play a crucial role in this journey, attracting more visitors, creating awareness, and celebrating the beauty and benefits of this remarkable herb. Whether you are a lover of nature, a fan of aromatherapy, or simply someone seeking a peaceful retreat, a visit to Bhaderwah during the lavender season is an experience that will stay with you forever.

Through its close collaboration with local farmers

and dedication to quality, Hamiast will continue to be a key contributor to the lavender industry, empowering farmers and bringing the unique essence of Bhaderwah lavender to the world.

Hamiast: Empowering Farmers and Showcasing Lavender's Potential

Hamiast, a brand dedicated to promoting and preserving the unique cultural and agricultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir, has been playing a crucial role in the lavender revolution of Bhaderwah. By working closely with local farmers, Hamiast not only helps them adopt sustainable farming practices but also ensures that their products reach a wider audience.

Hamiast offers a range of unique blends of green teas infused with the delicate aroma of lavender, providing a soothing and refreshing beverage experience. These lavender green teas are crafted with care, combining the best of traditional tea-making with the calming effects of lavender, making them a favorite among tea connoisseurs and wellness enthusiasts alike.

In addition to teas, Hamiast also sells pure lavender buds, which can be used in a variety of ways—from culinary applications to home décor and personal care products. The brand's commitment to quality ensures that every product is made from the finest lavender grown in the pristine fields of Bhaderwah.

Recognizing the growing demand for natural and organic ingredients, Hamiast also provides bulk lavender to business customers for various purposes. Whether it's for use in cosmetics, aromatherapy, or even as a natural ingredient in food products, Hamiast's lavender is prized for its purity and potency. By offering this service, Hamiast helps businesses incorporate the essence of Bhaderwah lavender into their products, spreading its fragrance far beyond the borders of the valley.

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Adulteration: Poison Mixed in Conscience, Not in Mouth



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On hearing the word adulteration, images of fake milk, peanuts mixed with stones, colour in tea leaves and dust in spices flash in the mind. But these images are not limited to the stomach. The biggest adulteration that is happening today is in our thinking, conscience and system. Along with every product sold in the market, our sensibilities, honesty and morality are also slowly getting polluted. And the funny thing is – we have accepted this adulteration as so common that now when the real thing comes in front of us, we start getting suspicious.

Finding stones in peanuts is no longer a surprise. Pebbles in lentils, colour in peas, powder in salt and wax in ghee – all these have now become permanent members of life. From shopkeepers to big brands, everyone is involved in the blind race for profits. Everyone wants more profit at less cost, and the easiest way to do this is adulteration. Adulteration in intention, cheating in profit, and sacrifice of customer's health.

From the streets of the village to the noise of the city, everywhere is

the same sad story. The red chillies in the pickle shine, but in reality it is the colour used to dye clothes. The foam in the milk is not the freshness of the dairy but the magic of detergent. And the greenery seen on the vegetables is not the result of nature but of chemicals. What we eat is not poisoning our body but slowly poisoning our soul.

There was a time when milk, ghee or grains would come from someone's house and would be accepted blindly. Today, even the sweets brought by relatives need to be checked – lest they are adulterated. In the market, "purity" is now just a branding tool, it has nothing to do with reality. Writing "100% pure" does not make things pure, but the consumer's eyes are blindfolded to such an extent that he does not even think.

Lead content in children's toffees, lime in flour, synthetic colours in turmeric – these are not just health issues, these are signs of moral degradation of the society. And the sad thing is that not only shopkeepers or companies are responsible for this adulteration, but also our tolerant society which remains silent despite knowing everything. Which lives with the mentality of "it's okay", and dies slowly.

Adulteration is not limited to just food and drink. Adulteration of emotions, adulteration of selfishness in relationships, adulteration of pretense in prayers and the most dan-



gerous – adulteration of ideologies in politics. Earlier people lived and died for ideas, now ideas come in 'packages'. Nowadays both 'secular' and 'nationalist' can be sold in the same advertisement – just the advertisement should be right. Who is speaking the truth and who is lying – this is now decided by the troll army, not logic and wisdom.

Sometimes it seems that adulteration has become our identity. Adulteration of promises in election manifestos, adulteration of news in newspapers, adulteration of facts on social media – a world of adulteration is surrounding us from every side. And when someone speaks the truth, he is either called 'anti-national' or having a 'paid'

agenda. This is the real tragedy.

On the other hand, the hunger for profiteering is also not stopping. The businessman knows that if he adds 5% stones to peanuts, he will earn lakhs of rupees at the end of the year. Companies know that if they add a little powdered colour, customers will find it "fresh". And even after knowing all this, the consumer is helpless – because there are few options and the truth is expensive.

The government runs 'food inspection campaigns' from time to time. Some samples are tested, some licenses are cancelled. But the real question is – is there no adulteration in this system? Are these campaigns just a sham? After all, how do those

powerful companies, whose products are proven to be adulterated, still continue to sell them so freely?

The writer who speaks on adulteration is also a part of the system which compromises many times. If a reporter wants to do a story against an adulterating businessman, his editor thinks of advertising. If a doctor raises his voice against fake medicines, the pharmaceutical companies blacklist him. And the common public? It has been cheated so many times that it no longer has the power to resist.

In this adulterated environment, there are some people who are working honestly. Those who do organic farming in their fields, those who make sweets without adulteration, those who do not mix water in milk. But their struggle is very difficult. Consumers abandon them calling them expensive, and the government entangles them in rules instead of supporting them. In such a situation, speaking the truth and selling correctly have both become a kind of 'revolution'.

To stop adulteration that has penetrated deep into the society, not just stringent laws but a cultural movement is needed. We have to teach children that truth is the biggest business. We have to be vigilant as consumers, ask questions, investigate, and most importantly – not compromise our conscience.

A time will come when the adulterator will be afraid to taste even

the sweets made at his own home. When the society will reach such a moral level that the one selling lies will not be able to stand in the market. But that time will come only when we all understand our responsibility. Otherwise today there is a stone in the peanut, tomorrow it will be in the soul too.

Those who think that adulteration is just a consumer problem are thinking very narrowly. This crisis is a crisis of our nation's credibility. If we are selling fake products to our own citizens, then what will we give to the world? The talk of "Make in India" is hollow as long as 'Adulteration in India' prevails.

Ultimately this fight is not about the taste of food, but about the truth of life. Because today's adulterated food items not only spoil health, they make the entire society sick. A stone not only pierces the peanuts but also pierces relationships and trust. And if we do not wake up even now, then we will only hand over a plate of tasty poison to the next generation.

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Deal of Awards: Sentiments Being Sold in The Literary Market



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Literature is the call of the soul. It is the fruit of the creator's sadhana - an expression of penance, sacrifice and compassion. But today, when we look around, we find that this sadhana is now being sold at the shop of "contribution amount" and "nomination fee". Awards are no longer an acknowledgement of sadhana, but an auction of money. In such a situation, it is natural to raise the question - will the value of literature really be decided by bank transactions now?

A market running in the name of literature

Nowadays, messages come on social media, WhatsApp and mail in the name of literary events - "Get nominated for just 1000, get prize for 2500." Some so-called organizations and individuals lure literature lovers by spreading a web of awards adorned with big words like 'national', 'international', 'glory', 'gem'. The truth is that not awards but honours are being auctioned. Most of the organizers of these events mislead people by resorting to similar websites, names of fake international organizations and social media promotion. They arrange a trophy, certificate and sometimes an online ceremony for a fixed fee, which is only a means of self-praise, not real recognition.

Brokerage for donations or prizes?

There is often a clever trick behind these events - it is given a moral cover by calling it "support amount" or "press release expenses". The award should be given to a seeker for his contribution, not by looking at his pocket. When a writer creates a work with his hard work, he pours a part of his time, life and sensitivity into it. And then some people come - give money, take the award - isn't this an insult to the soul of literature? Here literature has become a product and the writer a consumer. The terms of the award are not decided on their creative criteria, but on UPI payment and confirmation of screenshots.

Merchants of language degradation

Through such events, not only is literature

being cheated, but a systematic degradation is being spread in the name of Hindi and other Indian languages. The honour which was once a symbol of national pride has now become a commodity that can be obtained by buying tickets. This is an attack on linguistic culture, which needs an organised boycott. Many fake international awards are being run within India under the guise of foreign names. These events have only one objective - to earn money under the guise of name and exploit literary seriousness.

Let literature remain a pursuit, don't make it a deal



A true writer does not write for awards, but for the society. He does not run after awards, awards run after his devotion. Today, there is a need to expose such deceit that is making literature just a "selfie event". People who give "guarantee of awards" are actually the killers of the soul of literature. Such awards not only reduce literary dignity, but also give a wrong inspiration to young writers - that marketing and payment of the work is more important than the creation. Make the society aware, boycott it. Now the time has come that we boycott such events, socially expose those who sell awards for money, expose their names in social media and magazines, spread awareness among true writers and readers, keep literature as an expression of the soul, do not let it be auctioned.

How to spot a fake rewards scam?

Be cautious if nomination fee or contribution is demanded before getting the award. Events which do not have any reputed

institution behind them, only have Facebook page or Google form - they are suspicious. If any "international" award is being organized only in small cities of India, then investigation is necessary. If there is no transparency of the founder or jury on the website, then it is a red flag.

Literature did not sell, it survived

We are not saying that awards should not be given - rather awards should be an acknowledgement of the sadhana of ascetic writers, not a receipt for a UPI payment. If we want to save the dignity of language, we will have to get rid of such fake institutions. Literature is not a room of kajal where

anyone can come, apply kajal and go away. It is sadhana, it is service, it is a struggle. The artificial light that is being created in the world of literature is actually a darkness - far from the soul, close to money. Only true writers and readers can together eradicate this darkness. If we want to keep the soul of literature alive, then it is important that we raise our voice against such fake awards. This will not only protect the reputation of writing, but will also teach the coming generations that not awards, but creativity and sensitivity are the real capital of literature.

We are entering an era of literature where the biodata of awards has become more important than the soul. What is needed is patience, discretion and analysis that strengthens the true creator from within. In such an environment, the silence of true writers will be a crime. Only if they reject these fake platforms, will it be possible to restore values. This is not just a boycott, it is the beginning

of a cultural renaissance - where the resonance of ideas will be important, not awards. This is the time to save the practice of literature. If we do not speak today, then perhaps tomorrow the language, with the help of which we are writing this article, will not survive.

➤ **Literature today is not a sadhana, but is becoming a market for bargaining. Fake organizations are distributing 'national' and 'international' awards for ₹1000-₹2500. This is not only the murder of literature, but also of language. Honor is being sold in the name of "contribution amount", and the sadhana of true litterateurs is being neglected. Now the time has come—boycott these events, expose them, and save literature from market impurity. Awards should be the dignity of creation, not an award for digital payment! If any award can be bought with 'contribution amount', then it is not an award, but a market spectacle. Literature is the language of the soul, not a crowd of trophies. Not only Hindi, but the soul of literature is being injured by the imitation of fake events. Now the time has come to take literature out of the "selfie event" and bring it back to the platform of true sadhana.**

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Fungus is not only an Enemy of Crops, it is also Dangerous for Human life



Vijay Garg

According to a science journal, fungus can be a dangerous weapon of agricultural terrorism. A fungus called fugegium graminium affects the growth of various grains. This also reduces yield. After infecting it is spread with fungus crop matures. Fugegium graminium is known to survive and infect new plants in small grain plants stem and of the following tissues, residues. It produces mycotoxins that are consumed by harmful. In the past, the American intelligence agency FBI arrested Yunking Jiang, a researcher Chinese research scientist at the University of Michigan who brought dangerous biological fungus Fugegium graminium to the US. Well fungus produces a variety of diseases such as head blight, root rot and seedling blight. Most of its species are mridafungus. While fugegium graminium fungus spreads head blight disease in wheat, paddy, maize, and barley. This mainly produces vomitoxin substance which contaminates grains. The toxic substance derived from it wastes billions of dollars of crop every year and reduces yield. Significantly, the FBI had sent back to China from Detroit airport after Golmol replied about the red plant substance that Chinese research scientist Gian's Bwifrand Liu received in his bag last year in July. According to Liu, her plan was to use this material for research at the Michigan University lab. He then pulled this dangerous fungus to the Michigan University lab by hiding it through his girlfriend Gian. Liu used to work in this lab earlier. She is currently working in Chinese University. The FBI director has said it as a serious case that China is doing infiltrating sex in U.S. institutions so as to neutralize the populace through the food security mechanism. Unauthorized imports of this strain lead to more aggressive or pesticide-resistant variants. Due to this control measures are less effective. This dangerous fungus is also found in India. As reported by the U.S. National Library of Medicine 2022, the wheat crop in North India saw symptoms of head blast several times. However every time he got control over it. Climate change is the key reason behind it being active here. It is considered as a L threat to wheat crop. The comprehensive disease- survey conducted in Himachal and Tamil Nadu in ICAR's 2021 had revealed about this fungus. This caused the problem of head blight or stand in wheat grain. Not only this, a survey conducted by Karnataka Krishi Viji in the Rabi season between 2021 and 2022 saw the problem of head blite in Karnataka. Actually in the US the smuggling incident of fugegium graminium by Chinese scientist has questioned global agricultural security, warning has also given that soil, seeds and crops can also become weapons of terrorism. Fugegium graminium fungus can also plant grains that can lead to the death of humans and cattle. Being extremely subtle, it does not easily fall into the grip and expands itself through air, soil, and seeds. Symptoms are such as cropped diseases at the beginning of it. In humans it is too late as long as it is discovered.

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Rayees Wani: The Math of Dreams A Mission Beyond Numbers



Wani Arfat

When destiny chooses its messengers, it does not always crown kings or elevate scholars groomed in gold-plated academies. Sometimes, it reaches into the unseen corners of a forgotten village and places its torch in the hands of a silent warrior—one whose only weapon is sincerity, and whose only battlefield is ignorance. One such warrior is Rayees Wani—a young, impassioned visionary from the secluded village of Lurgam in Tral, Kashmir.

Rayees Wani is not merely a teacher. He is a spark in the storm, a flame in the wilderness, a silent revolution thundering through the landscape of despair. In a world where education is increasingly reserved for the privileged, where fees mount like walls around the fortress of knowledge, and where ambition often withers in the shadow of poverty—Rayees Wani stands as a lighthouse for the forgotten.

He began with nothing. No investors. No platforms. No institutional backing. Just a mobile phone in hand, a whiteboard behind him, and a heart ablaze with the desire to teach. His room became his campus. His soul became his syllabus. And YouTube—

once just a digital playground—transformed into his university of the underserved.

Every video he uploads is not just a tutorial—it is a tear wiped away from a struggling student's cheek. Every explanation he gives is not just a lesson—it is a whisper of hope to a father breaking under the weight of unpaid bills. Every word he speaks does not merely clarify concepts—it awakens minds, restores belief, and revives dreams.

He does not teach for recognition. He teaches because silence is no longer an option. Because the child who stares longingly at the gates of a tuition center deserves better. Because education is not charity—it is justice. It is not luxury—it is life. And he teaches because no one else would.

Rayees Wani's mission is colossal in its simplicity: to ensure that no student is denied education due to poverty. He has rewritten the rules—not with ink, but with action. He has challenged the deeply entrenched system that equates learning with affordability. He has proved that you don't need skyscrapers to build futures; sometimes, a smartphone and a sense of purpose are enough.

His YouTube channel is not just a collection of videos—it is a revolution in pixels. Each lecture echoes through the valleys and alleys of rural India, reaching those whose dreams once remained caged behind the bars of economic hardship. He has created a sanctuary for knowledge, where everyone is welcome, and no one is priced out.

To the boy in a torn uniform who walks



five kilometers to school... To the girl who studies by candlelight after finishing chores... To the parents who skip meals to buy a second-hand textbook... Rayees Wani is not just a name. He is hope personified. He is the bridge between struggle and suc-

cess.

His journey is not just about mathematics—it is about meaning. It is not about fame—it is about faith. He believes that when one child learns, a generation rises. And when a generation rises, a nation awakens. This is no ordinary teacher; this is an architect of dreams.

For those who ask, "What can one person do?"—Rayees is the answer. He is the proof that one soul, armed with truth and resilience, can transform shadows into light, silence into speech, and despair into a symphony of progress.

He has shown the world that revolutions do not always begin with banners or bullets. Sometimes, they begin with a whiteboard and a question: "How can I help?"

His story is an anthem for the voiceless, a battle cry for the dreamers, and a blueprint for every young person who thinks, "I am too small to make a difference."

Now imagine a future where every community has a Rayees Wani—where every village has a selfless mentor, where every child finds a hand that lifts them beyond limitations. That is not a fantasy. That is a possibility. A possibility we can create together.

The time has come to recognize that this is not merely a YouTube channel; it is a national treasure, a classroom without borders. By subscribing, sharing, and spreading this initiative, we are not just clicking buttons—we are igniting candles of change. We are investing in a future where talent is

no longer shackled by tuition fees.

Let every student who feels unseen know that someone is fighting for them. Let every struggling parent know that their child's dreams are being nurtured. Let every young person realize that greatness does not come from privilege—it rises from purpose.

Rayees Wani has lit the first flame. The question is—will we carry it forward?

Let us amplify his voice until it becomes a roar across the nation. Let us turn every phone into a window of learning. Let us ensure that no child is left behind—not because they lacked ability, but because they lacked access.

Rayees Wani is not just a name. He is a phenomenon. A revolution. A movement. A miracle in motion.

This is not just the story of Rayees Wani. This is a call to the conscience of the world. A reminder that revolutions are not born in parlaments—they are born in forgotten rooms, in unheard voices, in quiet sacrifices.

If one man from a remote village in Kashmir can educate a nation with nothing but a heart full of fire—what is stopping the rest of us?

The world does not need more celebrities. It needs more Rayees Wani. Let us not just admire him—let us become him. In every classroom. In every village. In every soul that dares to believe...

(Note: Mohammad Arfat Wani, a passionate writer, social activist, and medical student, hails from Kuchmulla Tral. His email address is wania6817@gmail.com)

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the critical need to promote self-employment opportunities for local youth, particularly those from underprivileged and marginalized communities. She urged all stakeholder departments to ensure prompt release of financial assistance, regular monitoring and comprehensive mentoring to guarantee long-term success and sustainability of the approved projects.

DC Samba reviews IEC activities under Dharti Aaba Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

HT NEWS DESK

SAMBA, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to review and streamline Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities under the ambitious Dharti Aaba Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, being conducted from June 15 to June 30, 2025 in the district.

The Dharti Aaba Abhiyan is a nationwide initiative focused on the holistic development of tribal communities through awareness and saturation of flagship schemes.

In Samba district, the campaign will focus on two strategically selected villages of Rakh Barotian in Vijaypur Block being covered from June 15-22, 2025 and Bari Brahmana Village from June 23-30, 2025. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the critical importance of effective coordination among the line departments to ensure 100% saturation of key interventions.

The Programme Officer, ICDS (POSHAN) has been designated as the District Level Nodal Officer for the smooth conduct of the campaign.

The campaign encompasses a wide spectrum of developmental interventions including Pucca houses for homeless under PMAY-Gramin, water supply through Jal Jeevan Mission, road connectivity under PMGSY and electrification



under RDSS.

The Health and wellness initiatives include deployment of mobile medical units, issuance of Ayushman Cards, establishment of Anganwadi centers and provision of health services through AYUSH.

The program also envisages promotion of education and skill development through construction of hostels under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and skill development programs, digital initiatives. The economic empowerment measures

include LPG connections, PM Kisan benefits, technical and financial support for livestock development, fisheries development and saturation of financial inclusion schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the departments to set up stalls at campaign venues to provide door-step services and awareness, maintain comprehensive records and photography, ensure geo-tagged documentation for portal uploading and submit saturation certificates upon program completion.

"The campaign aims to bridge the last-mile connectivity gap in service delivery, ensuring that every eligible tribal family receives entitled benefits directly at their doorstep" he stressed.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Committee (ADDC) Champa Devi Thakur, PO ICDS, CPO, SDM Vijaypur and district heads of various line departments. The Deputy Commissioner asked the departments to set up stalls at campaign venues to provide door-step services and awareness, maintain comprehensive records and photography, ensure geo-tagged documentation for portal uploading and submit saturation certificates upon program completion.

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Road Woes Deepen Across Kashmir, No Sign of Macadamisation Work Yet

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 10, KNT: With summer already underway, locals across the Kashmir Valley are expressing growing anger and frustration over the dismal condition of roads, as the government fails to kickstart the annual macadamisation and repair work traditionally carried out during this season.

From Kupwara to Anantnag and Bandipora to Pulwama, people in almost every district are complaining about potholed roads, dusty stretches, and broken pavements, with no machinery or road crews in sight.

"This is the season when we used to see blacktopping work in full swing. But this year, it's all silence. Not a single patch has been repaired," said Ghulam Nabi, a shopkeeper from Baramulla. "We have just four workable months left, and still, no action."

In Budgam, commuters say the roads have become nearly undrivable, resembling craters more than highways. "We are not driving on roads anymore. These are ditches stitched together," a teacher told the news agency Kashmir News Trust. "Even ambulances struggle to pass through. Is this the development we were promised?"

Locals blame the administration for turning a blind eye to basic infrastructure needs. "It seems the authorities are in deep slumber. Every year they claim macadamisation will be done in time, and every year the promises vanish into thin air." In Srinagar's outskirts and peripheral areas, the situation is equally grim. Roads that were damaged during the winter remain untouched, with no signs of tendering, labor, or machinery. People have been demanding immediate intervention from higher authorities and transparency regarding the delay in the annual road restoration process. [KNT]

SIDCO MD Transferred, Will Now Serve as Settlement Commissioner

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 10, The Jammu and Kashmir government has transferred Shri Inder Jeet (JKAS), who was serving as Managing Director of SIDCO and also held additional charge as MD SICOP.

According to an official order issued by Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, M. Raju (IAS), Inder Jeet has now been posted as Commissioner, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Commissioner), Jammu and Kashmir.

The transfer has been made "in the interest of administration," and the posting takes effect immediately. The position was lying vacant prior to this appointment.

Horticulture Department organises Workshop on PMFME Scheme at Padder

HT NEWS DESK

KISHTWAR, JUNE 10: The Department of Horticulture organized a one-day workshop and awareness camp at Padder to generate public awareness about the benefits and procedure of availing the benefits of the PMFME scheme.

The program witnessed the participation of more than 53 individuals, including farmers, members of Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The event was held under the guidance of Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO) and District Nodal Officer for the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, Sajid Mustafa.

Notably, four farmers have already registered on the official portal for various food processing units, reflecting growing interest and proactive engagement with the scheme.

The District Nodal Officer interacted with the participants and highlighted the multiple opportunities available under the PMFME initiative, including financial assistance and capacity-building support. He also emphasized that both the Central and UT Governments are offering subsidies up to 35% to support farmers, SHGs, and unemployed youth under various schemes.

District Resource Person, PMFME Mohammad Yaqoob explained the procedure for availing the benefits of scheme, detailing steps such as the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), registration on the Udyam portal and acquiring FSSAI certification—the essential requirements for micro food enterprises.

Horticulture Development Officer Padder Neeraj Kumar shared insights on the Indian food processing industry with a special focus on the opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. He underlined the immense potential of the PMFME scheme in promoting food processing and value addition in the Padder block.

The workshop concluded with a Q&A session, where participants clarified their queries and expressed interest in availing the benefits of the scheme. Horticulture Development Officer Padder Neeraj Kumar shared insights on the Indian food processing industry with a special focus on the opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. He underlined the immense potential of the PMFME scheme in promoting food processing and value addition in the Padder block.

DC Poonch reviews functioning of revenue department

HT NEWS DESK

POONCH, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today reviewed the functioning of the revenue department here at a meeting, focusing on land management, digital governance and public Services delivery.

The DC emphasized the timely recreation of Mussavies, stressing their importance to ensure updated and accurate land records. The status of the Land Bank was reviewed, with directions to all Tehsils to update Google Sheets to support transparency and developmental planning.

The Deputy Commissioner directed Tehsildars to fully transition to the

e-Office platform to streamline office functioning and improve administrative efficiency. He also reviewed the status of revenue services under the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA), urging strict compliance to timelines and accountability for any delays.

Grievances redressal through the JK Samadhan portal was also discussed, with instructions for timely and effective disposal of public complaints.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed to expedite the process of freezing Jamabandis as per guidelines to ensure the integrity of land records. A review of the Central Record Room was also conducted, with emphasis on proper inventory management and systematic maintenance of land documents.

Court Slams Delay in Appointment of Advocate General, Stays Takeover of Reasi Temple

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 10, KNT: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has expressed serious concern over the prolonged vacancy in the post of Advocate General for the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh, observing that the absence of this statutory position has rendered a key legal provision ineffective. Justice Rahul Bharti, while hearing a petition filed by the Nav Durga Jhaleri Mata Trust, questioned how long the UTs could function without an Advocate General. The post has remained unfilled since October 2024 after former Advocate General DC Raina stepped down following the formation of the National Conference-led government. Reports suggest the delay stems from a standoff between the Lieutenant

Governor's office and the new administration headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The court emphasized that in the absence of an Advocate General, Section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which enables civil suits for the better management of religious and charitable trusts, has become defunct. "The office of Advocate General is in vacancy... leaving a live provision a dead letter of law," Justice Bharti observed. The remarks came during proceedings in a case where the temple trust challenged the administration's decision to hand over management of the Nav Durga Jhaleri Mata Shrine in Reasi to the Shiv Khori Shrine Board. The government's move was made pending the enactment of a law to govern religious institutions in the Union Territory.

3-day Historic Sudhmahadev Mela commences amid religious fervor, gaiety

HT NEWS DESK

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 10: The historic three-day Sudhmahadev mela commenced today amid religious fervor and gaiety.

Thousands of devotees from within and outside the UT visited the holy Sudhmahadev temple on the first day to seek the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Member Legislative Assembly Chennai Balwant Singh Mankotia was the chief guest, who formally inaugurated the mela in the presence of Member Legislative Assembly Ramnagar, Sunil Bhardwaj, DDC

member Chenani, Usha Devi, DDC member Ghordi Rakesh Chander Sharma, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chenani, Dr Ranjeet Singh Kotwal and Mela Officer, Pankaj Singh, Jagatguru Shankracharya Swami Adokshjanand Dev Tirath Ji Maharaj and other officers of the civil and police administration alongside the general public.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest congratulated the people and emphasized that such melas depict rich culture and religious heritage, help strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and communal harmony among the people. "These melas bring people of different religions, races and regions closer, fostering

harmony among all sections of society,

Mankotia reiterated. He also appreciated the fool-proof arrangements made by the District Administration Udhampur for the religious event.

The District Administration has made elaborate arrangements, with provision of uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water, sanitation, medical facilities, and security measures for the smooth conduct of the mela.

The government departments have set up stalls to educate the public about the numerous UT and centrally sponsored schemes aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of the people.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan VC SKUAST-Jammu chairs Outreach Programme at Dathpath Kishtwar

HT NEWS DESK

KISHTWAR, JUNE 10: An extensive outreach programme under the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was successfully conducted today here at Dathpath with Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. B.N. Tripathi as the chief guest.

The programme, organized by Head of the local Krishi Vigyan Kendra Dr. Narinder Paul, witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 500 farmers.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the pivotal role of sustainable agriculture and government initiatives in uplifting rural livelihood. He encouraged farmers to adopt modern farming practices and avail the benefits of the centrally sponsored agriculture and allied sector schemes. Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu Dr. Amrith Vaid provided an overview of the KVK's outreach efforts and highlighted the need



for capacity building among farmers through such programmes. He reiterated the University's commitment to the holistic development of the farming community in remote areas like Kishtwar. The event also witnessed the active participation of key academic figures, including Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture; Dr. Sudhakar Dwedi, Dean, Students Welfare; Dr. Anil Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension; Dr. Vijay Sharma, Deputy Director Extension

and Dr. Vinod Gupta, Professor & Head, Division of Extension, who shared their expert insights on topics ranging from crop diversification and organic farming to student engagement and farmer education. Dr. Kushal Chandel, Chief Agriculture Officer also spoke on the occasion.

As part of the programme, high-quality seeds were distributed among the farmers, while detailed awareness sessions were held on the government schemes related to agriculture, horticulture, irrigation and farmers' welfare.

Amarnath Ji Yatra -2025: DC Kathua inspects civic, other facilities in Lakhanpur

HT NEWS DESK

KATHUA, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Lakhanpur corridor to assess and finalize preparations for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

The Yatra, scheduled to commence on July 3, 2025, is expected to witness thousands of pilgrims entering Lakhanpur on daily basis. "Our aim is to transform Lakhanpur into a multi facility hub. We've set up 36 lodgement centres, 6 RFID registration counters, adequate number of clean lavatories and entertainment zones to serve the yatriis," the DC said, adding the enhancements align with best practices adopted in previous years to streamline pilgrim management and comfort.

Accompanied by ASP Rahul Charak, ADC Vishaveet Singh, CPO Ranjit Thakur and other District and Sectoral Officers, the DC inspected the reception points, lodgement centres, registration kiosks and sanitation facilities including toilet complexes. He asked the stakeholder departments to ensure timely setting up of waterproof pandals, medical and help desks, control rooms, and cold drinking water stations.

The DC stressed on making toilet complexes and additional facilities fully functional prior to the arrival of the first batch of yatriis.

The Executive Engineer PWD was asked to expedite the repair and renovation of the Lakhanpur corridor—emphasizing timeline completion with all facilities. He urged the stakeholder departments to collaborate proactively to provide a seamless, hassle-free pilgrimage experience to visiting devotees.



India 4th largest economy due to Modi's leadership: Joshi

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Bengaluru, June 10

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday attributed India's emergence as the world's fourth-largest economy to the political stability and decisive leadership provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the last 11 years. Speaking at a press conference here to mark the completion of 11 years of Modi-led government at the Centre, Joshi said, "From taking nearly 60 years to reach a \$2 trillion economy, India's economy today has crossed \$4 trillion under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. This is a result of policy continuity, political stability, and strong governance." Joshi said the transformation is visible across sectors — from defence reforms and digital inclusion to social welfare and internal security. He cited figures from the World Bank and Indian government agencies to assert that over 26 crore people have come out of multidimensional poverty since 2014. "This is not a claim made by us.



These are government and World Bank figures," Joshi emphasised, adding that the Opposition cannot dispute these facts. He said the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) — pending for over three decades — was a symbol of decisive governance. "Coordination among the three defence services is now a reality. Earlier governments only spoke of reform; we implemented it," Joshi remarked. He also pointed to major defence exports worth 25,000 crore including BrahMos missiles and INS Vikrant as examples of India's growing self-reliance.

ED attaches Rs 100 crore worth properties in MUDA scam

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Bengaluru, Jun 10



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday provisionally attached 92 immovable properties valued at approximately 100 crore in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam, a case linked to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others. The agency stated the attachment was carried out under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. This is the second major seizure in the ongoing investigation, taking the total value of attached assets in the case to 400 crore, which includes 160 MUDA sites worth around 300 crore previously attached. According to the ED, the latest set of properties are held in the names of housing cooperative societies and individuals.

Sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies: Nityanand Rai

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 10

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said on Tuesday that the sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies across the world and therefore it must be decisively defeated. Speaking at the 23rd NSG International Seminar here, he said that terrorism has become the most serious threat to global peace, development, and human rights. "It is our experience that to completely defeat terrorism, we need more than just military action. Global cooperation is essential. Countries must come together, share intelligence, and expose the motives and mechanisms of terrorists to dismantle their networks effectively," Rai said. Highlighting the cross-border nature of terrorism, the Minister noted that it is not confined to the geographical boundaries of any one nation. "The challenge is national, regional, and global. Anyone who does not oppose terrorism is also a party to it," he warned. Rai further asserted that terrorism should be recognised as a universal threat, regardless of where it strikes — be it India, Israel, the United States, or Europe.



"If the global community truly wishes to defeat terrorism, it must identify and confront all its manifestations without bias or exception," he added. Reaffirming India's unwavering commitment to the global fight against terrorism, Rai said, "India, as a responsible democratic nation and is fully committed to cooperating in global anti-terrorism efforts — whether under the framework of the United Nations, through bilateral engagements, or other international initiatives." "India has always been a strong partner in the fight against terrorism and will continue to play this role with full determination," he added. Describing the National Security Guard (NSG) as a strong pillar of

national and internal security, Rai said the organisation has made the country proud on numerous occasions — whether in combating terrorism, handling plane hijackings, or assisting citizens during natural calamities.

He further added that they have faced every challenge with unwavering determination.

On the occasion, Memorandum of Understanding between NSG and state police forces was signed and the annual magazine of the organisation titled Bombshell was also released.

Present on the occasion were Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Director General of NSG Brighu Srinivasan and Director, Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka.

The two-day seminar will serve as a multi-domain platform for global and national experts to deliberate on evolving counter-terrorism challenges and cooperative responses. This year's seminar is centred around the vision 'Forging Collaboration and Innovation to Counter Terror Threats and Address the Complexities of Modern Terrorism.'

Initially, Union Home Minister Amit Shah was supposed to be the chief guest of the event but due to some urgent commitments, he could not attend.

Maoist Bharat Bandh: High alert on Telangana-Chhattisgarh border

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Hyderabad, June 10

Security forces have been put on a high alert along the borders of Telangana-Chhattisgarh following 'Bharat bandh' called by Maoists on Tuesday. A cordon and search operation is being conducted in Venkatapuram and Vajedu mandals of Naxalite-affected Mulugu district and also in district of Bhadrachalam-Kothagudem in Telangana. The police have issued a warning to people not to cooperate with the Maoists.

Security forces are conducting a massive combing operation following intelligence inputs that Maoists may carry out attacks. CPI (Maoist) Party Central Committee spokesperson Abhay called for 'Bharat Bandh' condemning the killing of the party's central committee general secretary Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basavaraju in an encounter in Chhattisgarh on May 21. The Maoist party has declared May 21 as a "dark day" in the history of the Indian revolutionary movement. The party decided to conduct memo-

rial meetings in honour of the slain Maoists from June 11 to August 3 across the country to condemn the encounter and protest against 'Operation Kagaz'.

Five Left parties earlier in a joint appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urged him to put an immediate halt to the 'extra-judicial' killings in the region around Chhattisgarh under Operation Kagaz. They also urged the Centre to respond to the Maoist declaration of unilateral ceasefire and initiate a dialogue to resolve all issues.

Odisha will be among five best states in Country by 2036: CM Majhi

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Bhubaneswar, June 10

Odisha, now a model for the entire country in good governance, will definitely be among the five best states in India by 2036, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said. "We will make Odisha a \$500 billion economy," Majhi said, adding that by 2036, it will emerge as a prosperous state, and by 2047, it will play a significant role in building a developed India as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the media on the eve of the successful completion of one year in governance in Odisha, the Chief Minister claimed, "We have achieved many successes in one year." Stating that it has been "One year, many successes," Majhi said that one year has passed since the formation of his government and in just two days, a full year will have elapsed. The Chief Minister said that in this short period, they have been able to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the four and a half crore people of the state.

"The biggest proof of this is that in just a few days, the general public has called the new government a 'people's government' and the Chief



Minister a 'people's Chief Minister,' he added. Majhi further said that with the blessings of Lord Jagannath, they have been able to fulfill all major promises and credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his guidance, stating that he has stood by them in all their endeavors. "With his inspiration, all our programs have reached the pinnacle of success," Majhi said. He added that on June 20, Modi will visit Odisha for the sixth time and will inspire them to continue serving the people of the state. Majhi said that last year, on the evening of June 12, the first cabinet meeting began with four important decisions: the launch of Subhadra Yojana,

an additional Rs. 800 for the purchase of paddy per quintal besides the MSP, opening all four gates of the Sri Jagannath Temple, and the creation of a corpus fund of Rs. 500 crore for the temple's development. He claimed that in the last 12 months, they have fulfilled almost all major commitments and made Odisha the top state in the country in creating 17 lakh "Lakshpati Didis."

The Chief Minister pointed out that a record allocation of Rs. 37,838 crore has been made in the agriculture sector along with the introduction of the Samrudh Krishi Yojana. He also highlighted the establishment of Godavarish Mishra Adarsh Vidyalaya in the education sector, the implementation of the new education policy, the launch of Sishu Batika for the first time in the country, the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the health sector, a record allocation of Rs. 65,102 crore for infrastructure, and an allocation of Rs. 68,881 crore for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as major achievements of his government. The Chief Minister said the most notable achievement of the government is providing good governance and fighting corruption.

NATO secy-gen urges 5% increase in defence to counter Russian threats

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
London/Moscow, June 10

Urging for a 5% hike in NATO's defence expenditure, the body's secretary general Mark Rutte claims that Russia seeks to attack NATO nations by 2030. During his visit to London, Rutte asked all 32 NATO member states to agree to his demand for a big hike in military spending at a summit in the Netherlands this month, reports Arab News. Speaking at the Chatham House think tank, Rutte said Russia is outpacing the far bigger NATO in producing ammunition, and the alliance must take a "quantum leap" in collective defence. In recent months, the



NATO secretary general has repeatedly called countries such as Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran, hostile countries, and alleged threats emanating from them, thus urging increased militarisation of the multilateral body. "Wishful thinking will not keep us safe," Rutte said. "We cannot dream away the danger. Hope is not a

strategy. So, NATO has to become a stronger, fairer and more lethal alliance." As such, Rutte proposed a target of 3.5% of economic output on military spending and another 1.5% on "defence-related expenditure" such as roads, bridges, airfields and sea ports. He said he is confident the alliance will agree to the target at its summit in The

Hague on June 24-25.

According to Moscow, there have been unprecedented attempts by NATO members to contain "Russia aggression", which the Kremlin has rebuked.

Calling the charges baseless and terming it another piece of Western propaganda against Russia, the Kremlin said that it is open to dialogue with NATO members but only on an equal footing, urging the West to abandon its increased militarisation, reports Sputnik. Calling the charges baseless and terming it another piece of Western propaganda against Russia, the Kremlin said that it is open to dialogue with NATO members but only on an equal footing.

Indian FS Misri in UAE, meets leading expert on countering extremism Ali Al Nuaimi

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 10

Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, who is visiting the UAE, today met with Ali Al Nuaimi, a leading expert on countering extremism and a prominent advocate of global peace, during which they reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. During his meeting with Ali Al Nuaimi, who is Chairman of the Defense Affairs, Interior & Foreign Affairs Committee, of the UAE, the two sides also discussed parliamentary cooperation. FS Misri also called on Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the Min-

ister of Tolerance Office of the UAE. In posts on X, the Indian Embassy in the UAE posted on the meetings. "Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri met HE @DrAlnoaimi, Chairman of Defense Affairs, Interior & Foreign Affairs Committee, Federal National Council" Reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms & manifestations. "They also discussed India-UAE Parliamentary cooperation." On his meeting with the Minister of Tolerance, the Embassy posted: "Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri called on HH Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan today. "He conveyed

gratitude for the warm reception of the All-party delegation by HH and the UAE. They highlighted the shared ethos of harmony & tolerance of India and the UAE." The meeting between the FS and Ali Al Nuaimi is significant, as the latter is a leading international expert on Extremism and Education, with more than thirty years of academic and professional achievements in Government, Non-Government, and Private sectors within the United Arab Emirates and abroad. Ali Nuaimi is currently serving as the Chairman of the International Steering Board of Hedayah, The International Center of Excellence for Countering Extremism.

Mamata clarifies OBC policy in Assembly as BJP stages walkout

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Kolkata, June 10

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday told the state Assembly that backwardness alone determines inclusion in the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category, dismissing allegations of a religious bias in the process. She criticised a social media campaign spreading "misinformation", asserting that religion has no role in OBC classification. Banerjee informed the House that a government-appointed commission is currently surveying 50 new subsections for potential inclusion. So far, 49 groups have been added under OBC-A and 91 under OBC-B. She explained that the OBC-A category com-

prises more disadvantaged communities, while relatively better-off groups fall under OBC-B.

The chief minister's remarks followed the tabling of the annual report of the West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes for 2024-25. She emphasised that all additions were based on thorough field studies and the commission's recommendations. Addressing the recent controversy, Banerjee said, a Calcutta High Court directive led to the removal of several communities from the OBC list, creating uncertainty for job seekers in the state. She stated that her government has appealed the verdict in the Supreme Court, where the matter remains sub judice.



"The Calcutta High Court gave a directive regarding OBCs. Several OBCs were removed from the list. Job seekers in Bengal found themselves in trouble. We have appealed to

the Supreme Court against the verdict of the Calcutta High Court. That case is currently under judicial consideration," she said. In response to the court ruling, the state cabinet on June 2 approved a revised OBC list. The Department of Backward Class Welfare presented an updated draft reducing the earlier list of 66 communities to 64 and adding 76 new ones to resolve legal challenges. Meanwhile, BJP legislators, led by Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, walked out of the Assembly, accusing the chief minister of making misleading claims. They protested outside the Assembly gate, asserting that Banerjee's statements were inaccurate and that the Speaker denied Adhikari

the opportunity to respond — prompting their demonstration.

"Without any agenda and prior intimation to the House, the West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee went to the House and gave a wrongful statement regarding the OBC reservation. This she did because the assembly polls are knocking the door and she is doing appeasement politics. She made a statement in favour of her votebank," leader of the opposition, Suwendu Adhikari said. "We raised our voices strongly in front of the Speaker and the chief minister but he refused to listen and adjourned the House within minutes. This is unethical, violation of judiciary and humiliation of the opposition," Adhikari added.



Breast Cancer in Women: Advancements in Treatment



Dr. Rajkumar Singh

Breast cancer originates in the cells of the breast, most commonly in: a. Milk ducts (ductal carcinoma) – most common type. b. Milk-producing lobules (lobular carcinoma), and c. Less commonly, in other tissues of the breast. It can invade nearby tissues and spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body through the lymphatic system or bloodstream. While the exact cause of breast cancer is not always known, several risk factors have been identified: a. Genetic and Hormonal: Family history of breast cancer. Inherited mutations (e.g., BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes). Early menstruation (before age 12) or late menopause and hormone replacement therapy (HRT) after menopause. b. Lifestyle and Environmental: Obesity. Alcohol consumption. Lack of physical activity. Radiation exposure (especially during adolescence), and smoking (linked more recently to breast cancer risk). Reproductive History: First pregnancy after age 30. Not having children, and not breastfeeding. c. Symptoms: Breast cancer may not show symptoms in its early stages. As it progresses, common signs include: Lump in the breast or underarm (often painless). Change in breast size or shape. Dimpling or puckering of the skin (like an orange peel). Nipple changes – discharge (possibly bloody), inversion, or pain. Redness, swelling, or thickening of the breast skin, and persistent pain in the breast or nipple.

There are several helpful guide on diet and precautions for suffering patients with or recovering from breast cancer, during or after

treatment like chemotherapy, radiation, or surgery. A nutritious diet can support your immune system, reduce inflammation, help manage treatment side effects, and improve recovery. Recommended Foods Include: a. Fruits & Vegetables (Colourful Variety). Rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and fiber, and broccoli, spinach, kale, carrots, tomatoes, blueberries, apples. b. Whole Grains: Brown rice, oats, whole wheat, barley – help regulate blood sugar and improve digestion. c. Healthy Proteins: Lean meats (chicken, turkey), eggs. Plant proteins: lentils, chickpeas, beans, tofu, nuts, and fish (especially omega-3 rich fish like salmon or sardines). d. Healthy Fats: Olive oil, flaxseeds, walnuts, avocados, and Omega-3 fatty acids help reduce inflammation. Plenty of Water: Stay hydrated, especially during chemo/radiation. f. Foods to Limit or Avoid: Processed meats (sausages, bacon, etc.). Excess sugar and sugary drinks. Alcohol – especially post-diagnosis, it's best to avoid. Fried and fatty foods, and high-sodium processed snacks. g. Precautions During Breast Cancer: Include: a. Lifestyle: Avoid smoking completely. Limit alcohol or stop entirely. Maintain a healthy weight – obesity is linked with cancer recurrence. Gentle exercise (as advised by your doctor) helps energy, mood, and immunity. b. During Treatment: Eat small frequent meals if appetite is poor. Manage nausea with bland, easy-to-digest foods like toast, bananas, or rice, and take doctor-approved supplements only if needed – don't self-medicate. c. Emotional Health: Mental health support is just as important – consider joining a support group or talking with a therapist. Yoga, meditation, and breathing exercises can reduce anxiety and improve sleep. d. Medical Monitoring: Regular follow-ups, mammograms, and blood tests as advised, and be vigilant about any new symptoms like unusual pain, fatigue, or swelling.

Advancements in the treatment
A latest overview of the latest advance-

ments in breast cancer treatment combining modern science, precision medicine, and supportive care include: a. Targeted Therapy: Targeted therapies attack specific genes or proteins that help cancer grow, unlike che-



motherapy which affects all rapidly dividing cells. Key Types: HER2-targeted drugs (e.g., Trastuzumab/Herceptin, Epratuzumab); For HER2-positive breast cancer. CDK4/6 inhibitors (e.g., Carbocyclic, Ribociclib); For hormone receptor-positive breast cancers. PI3K inhibitors: Target PI3K mutations in some breast cancers, and PARP inhibitors (e.g., Olaparib); For patients with BRCA1/BRCA2 mutations. b. Immunotherapy: Immunotherapy helps the body's immune system fight cancer more effectively. Recently approved for triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC), and drugs like Atorolimumab and Pembrolizumab show promise when used with chemotherapy. c. Precision (Personalized) Medicine: Doctors now test tumors for genetic mutations and molecular features, then choose treatments based on the indi-

vidual profile. Genomic assays like Oncotype DX and MammaPrint help predict risk and decide if chemo is needed, and custom drug combinations are now being designed based on the cancer's gene expression. d. Advanced Radiation Techniques: Intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) – given during surgery, reduces exposure to healthy tissue, and Proton beam therapy – a more precise form of radiation, useful for complex or recurrent cases. Hormonal Therapy Improvements: For estrogen-receptor-positive (ER+) cancers: Aromatase inhibitors (Letrozole, Anastrozole). Selective estrogen receptor degraders (SERDs) – newer oral versions are being developed, and tailored duration of therapy (some need 5 years, others benefit from 10 years). f. Supportive Therapies & Quality of Life: Better anti-nausea meds, pain management, and fatigue care, and integrative treatments like acupuncture, yoga, and nutritional support being studied alongside standard treatment. g. Ongoing Clinical Trials: Many new treatments are in clinical trials, including mRNA vaccines for preventing recurrence. CRISPR gene-editing approaches, and new antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) that deliver chemo directly into cancer cells.

■ **Treatment status in India**

Breast cancer remains a significant health challenge in India, characterized by rising incidence rates, late-stage diagnoses, and disparities in access to advanced treatments. a. Current Landscape: Incidence and Mortality: As of 2024, breast cancer accounts for approximately 1 in 4 cancer cases among Indian women, with an incidence rate of 27 per 100,000 women. Despite being treatable, late detection contributes to around 90,000 deaths annually. Age Shift: There is a concerning trend of younger women, particularly in their 30s and 40s, being diagnosed

with breast cancer, underscoring the need for early screening initiatives. Advancements in Treatment: Targeted Therapies: The introduction of antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), such as Trastuzumab deruxtecan, has revolutionized treatment for HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer patients in India. AstraZeneca launched this therapy in January 2024, offering new hope for improved outcomes. Immunotherapy: Emerging immunotherapies, including checkpoint inhibitors, are being integrated into treatment protocols, particularly for advanced cases, enhancing the body's immune response against cancer cells. c. Challenges: Economic Burden: The financial impact of breast cancer is substantial, with the economic burden projected to rise from \$8 billion in 2021 to nearly \$14 billion by 2030. This increase reflects both direct treatment costs and indirect expenses, such as productivity losses. Healthcare Disparities: Access to quality care varies significantly across regions. For instance, 5-year survival rates range from 31% to 54% for diagnoses between 1990 and 2000, improving to 64.3% from 2008 to 2012. These figures highlight the disparities in healthcare infrastructure and the need for equitable treatment access. d. Government Initiatives: The Indian government has launched several programs aimed at cancer prevention and treatment, focusing on early detection and affordable care. Efforts include establishing screening camps and enhancing public awareness to reduce the cancer burden.

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AYUSH Department Ramban Organizes Successful Health Camp as Prelude to International Day of Yoga 2025

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Ramban, June 10: In the run-up to the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, the AYUSH Health & Wellness Centre, Chuchatar, organized a highly successful Awareness cum Medical Aid Camp at Bari-Sadre Bagh today. The initiative, conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, aimed to promote holistic healthcare through Ayurveda and Yoga, aligning with the district's wellness objectives. The camp, supervised by Senior Medical Officer AYUSH, Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger, provided free health check-ups, distribution of AYUSH medicines, and screen-



ing for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). A special session on preventing latent tuberculosis through Ayurveda was conducted, educating attendees on tradi-

tional remedies and preventive care. Over 250 beneficiaries availed themselves of the free medical services, reflecting strong community participation.

District Nodal Officer AYUSH, Dr. Suresh Sharma, emphasized the camp's role in advancing the principles of Ayurveda and Yoga ahead of IDY 2025. Dr. Zarger, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the importance of preventive healthcare, Ayurveda's role in daily wellness, and the transformative benefits of Yoga. He encouraged residents to actively participate in the upcoming International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21, underscoring its impact on physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The event received widespread appreciation from the local community, with special recognition for Jr. Pharmacist Sanjeet Singh for his efficient coordination in medicine distribution.

ADC leads anti-drug awareness campaign at Peer Kho Temple



HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, JUNE 10: District Administration Jammu today organised a comprehensive "Nasha Mukti" awareness programme at Peer Kho Temple as part of the ongoing Nasha Mukti Jammu initiative to combat drug menace in the region. Additional Deputy Commissioner Ansuya Jamwal, who was the Chief Guest at the event, highlighted the administration's sustained efforts at grassroots level towards eradication of drug menace. "We have been conducting focused sessions at panchayat and ward levels," ADC stated adding "We must not

assume drug abuse affects only others. It can enter our homes unnoticed. Before it reaches our doorstep, we must act, spread awareness and take precautions." Earlier, the programme commenced with a theme based song presented by the artists from the Department of Information & Public Relations. The DIPR artists presented a compelling folk act that resonated with the audience, urging them to remain vigilant and protect the youth from falling prey to drug addiction. Additionally, a street play was performed by artists of DIPR on the theme of drug awareness. SHO Police Station Pacca Danga, Rakesh Jamwal,

along with senior officials from Education, Health, Social Welfare, District Red Cross Society participated in the event. The gathering witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, parents, community leaders and government officials. Participants took a collective pledge to spread the message of drug refusal and maintain community-level vigilance against the drug menace. Concluding the programme, the ADC emphasised that combating drug abuse is a community battle requiring everyone's active participation. She called for unity and proactive action to protect the youth and ensure a drug-free society.

Anti-Drug IEC campaign events held across Doda to promote drug-free society

HT NEWS DESK

DODA, JUNE 10: A series of impactful IEC (Information, Education & Communication) campaign events were organised today across Baderwah, Changa, Chilly Pingal, Jakyas, Thatthri, Ghat and other blocks of District Doda. The awareness drives were organized under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and supervision of the District Social Welfare Officer and Nodal Officer IEC Campaign Tariq Qazi. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from educational institutions, youth clubs, and community stakeholders. A wide range of awareness activities were conducted, including rallies, nukkad natak (street plays), slogan-writing and poster-making competitions, and motivational talks. The event also featured Youth-led sessions wherein the younger generation was encouraged to become ambassadors of change. At Panchayat Chanser of Changa Block, the campaign featured vibrant skits, slogan presentations, and interactive sessions in the presence of PRI members, students, and civil society members, encouraging open dialogue on the issue of substance abuse. A special awareness event was held at Government Higher Secondary School Ghat, featuring counseling sessions by health officials, interactive group discussions with students, and participation from PRI members, teachers, and social workers. The event emphasized the role of schools and families in early intervention and support for at-risk youth. Participants across all blocks took a solemn pledge to fight against drug abuse by supporting preventive efforts in their communities.

India's Covid cases near 7K; 3 deaths in 24 hrs, including Jharkhand's first

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 10

India's active Covid-19 cases have risen to 6,815 with 324 fresh infections as on 8 am across the country since the previous day on Tuesday, according to the Union Health Ministry. Regarding fatalities, the total death toll from Covid-19 in India for the year 2025 stands at 68, with three new deaths reported on Tuesday during the period. This included one death from Jharkhand, a first from the state this year. The Covid tally showed Karnataka has recorded the highest number of new cases, with 136, followed by Gujarat (129), Kerala (96), Madhya Pradesh (9), Haryana (8), Maharashtra (6), Odisha (5), Chhattisgarh (3), Jharkhand (2), and Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Manipur, each reporting 1 case, as per the latest bulletin reports. States such as Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh (UT), Jammu and Kashmir (UT), Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Tripura did not report any new cases in the past 24 hours. Additionally, since January 2025, 7,644 patients have been discharged, with 783 of them being discharged until June 10. However, Covid-19 data from West Bengal is still pending. Among those died in the past 24 hours, were 90-year-old woman from Delhi who died from comorbidities, a 44-year-old



man in Jharkhand with multiple health conditions, and a 79-year-old man from Kerala who passed away due to complications from Covid-19. Maharashtra has recorded the highest number of deaths (18), followed by Kerala (16), Karnataka (9), and Delhi (8), among other states. Underlying comorbidities were a significant factor almost all the fatalities, including heart and kidney diseases and respiratory conditions. In terms of case numbers, Kerala has surpassed 2,000 active cases, while Gujarat has crossed the 1,000 mark. Health officials attribute the rise to highly transmissible Covid-19 variants, such as NB.1.81 and LF.7, which are affecting coastal regions. Kerala, with 2,053 active cases, has also seen a rise in cases due to the JN.1 variant, which, while not causing severe symptoms, has led to fatal complications in some cases.

Pulwama continues its IEC campaign under Nasha Mukti J&K Abhiyan

Panchayat-level awareness drives engage communities in united fight against drug menace

HT NEWS DESK

PULWAMA, JUNE 10: As part of the ongoing Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign under the Nasha Mukti Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, district administration Pulwama today organised a series of impactful awareness programmes at various panchayats across all blocks of the district. The events witnessed active participation from officials of key departments including Health, Education, Social Welfare, and Rural Development, Police while representatives from Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Panchayats, civil society members, students, and youth also attended the event enthusiastically. During these events, resource persons sensitised participants about the devastating physical, psychological and socio-economic consequences of substance abuse. Medical experts highlighted the early warning signs of addiction and stressed the importance of timely intervention through the network of rehabilitation

centers. Special emphasis was laid on the crucial role of families in prevention through open communication and emotional support. Participants were also encouraged to act as ambassadors of change within their villages, promoting a drug-free lifestyle and spreading awareness among the communities. To strengthen the outreach, a wide range of IEC materials including posters, pamphlets, and booklets were also distributed among the attendees. Besides, a collective pledge was also taken by participants, affirming their commitment to fostering a drug-free environment in their respective localities. The IEC campaign under Nasha Mukti J&K Abhiyan will continue with similar activities planned across both rural and urban areas and educational institutes in the coming weeks, with the aim of ensuring that every household is made aware of the menace and that affected individuals are guided towards timely help and rehabilitation.



YSS Fosters Young Sports Talent with Thrilling District & Zonal Competitions

U-14 & U-17 Football, Handball, Cricket & More Witness Enthusiastic Participation Across Multiple Districts

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Srinagar June 10:

Srinagar June 10: Youth Services and Sports Department's (YSS) ongoing District Level Football Competitions for Under-17 Boys in Kupwara witnessed another day of intense action as young athletes competed fiercely for a place in the district team, which will represent Kupwara at the Inter-District Provincial Level. The day's proceedings were formally inaugurated by the Headmaster of BHS Natnusa, along with the Activity Incharge from the office of DYSSO Kupwara and other senior officials. The competitions are being held in line with the approved Activity Calendar for the year 2025-26. The matches featured high-octane encounters, with young footballers displaying exceptional skill, deter-

mination, and sportsmanship. The event not only highlighted the raw talent in the district but also underscored the growing enthusiasm for sports among Kupwara's youth. Meanwhile the Department Successfully Concludes Inter-Zonal Volleyball, Kabaddi & Kho-Kho Competitions in Budgam. The Inter-Zonal District Level competitions for boys in Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Kho-Kho were organised with participation of many enthusiastic student players. These events are being organised under the guidance of DG Youth Services and Sports J&K. Teams from all 12 sports zones of the district participated with great enthusiasm, exhibiting excellent sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Simultaneously the District Youth



Services and Sports Office Anantnag successfully concluded the District Level Inter-Zonal Handball Tournament for Boys and Girls in the U-14 age group at Higher Secondary School, Wanpoh. The event was

supervised by officials appointed by the Directorate of Youth Services & Sports J&K. In the Boys' section, six sports zones participated, with Zone Anantnag emerging as the winner and Zone

Srigufwara securing the runner-up position. A total of 72 boys showcased commendable performances. Simultaneously, the Girls' tournament saw Zone Srigufwara clinching the winner's title, while Zone Bijbehara finished as runner-up, with 60 girls participating. Additionally, ZPEO Achabal organized the Run for Unity and Unity Pledge events at High School Brinty and MS Shelpora, witnessing participation from 150 students. These initiatives aimed at fostering national unity and peace. YSS also successfully inaugurated its Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament for Under-14 Boys at BHSS Pampore, featuring Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Kabaddi. The event was inaugurated by the Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Pampore in the presence of

Departmental officials. A large number of boys from the Government and private educational institutions participated enthusiastically, reflecting the zone's commitment to nurturing sporting excellence. In central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, YSS conducted U-14 Cricket Selection Trials in Kangan Zone. A total of 56 young cricketers from various schools showcased their skills, aiming to secure a spot in the District Level Inter-Zone Cricket Competition. Departmental selectors meticulously assessed the players, ensuring the formation of a competitive team. Similarly the Department of Youth Services and Sports has launched a series of zonal-level sports activities to engage young athletes across different age groups.

SPECTRUM KING'S PAMPORE TRIUMPHS IN THRILLING AT HASSANPORA PREMIER LEAGUE

HT NEWS DESK

Pampore, - In a nail-biting encounter, Spectrum King's Cricket Club, Pampore emerged victorious against Royal Friends Cricket Club in a highly anticipated cricket match at Hassanpora Premier League. The winning team displayed exceptional skill and determination, piling up a mammoth score of 204 runs. The win proved to be a historic win in an electrifying atmosphere which will always stay afresh in the memory lanes of cricket. The team owners, Gowhar Bhat & Sarfaraz Rashid deserves special accolades for his unwavering support



and vision. His leadership and commitment to the team have played a pivotal role in their success, and his trust in the team's potential has been a driving force behind their achievements. The team's outstanding performance was a testament to the exceptional coaching of Ex-Ranji player Asif Jeelani, who has

been instrumental in grooming the team and taking it to great heights. Under his guidance, the team has consistently demonstrated remarkable improvement, and this win is a shining example of their hard work and dedication. Spectrum King Cricket Club Pampore's journey has been truly appreciable. Formed with

a group of young, talented local boys from Pampore and Pulwama. The team has risen to prominence with the active support of Coach Asif Jeelani and Secretary Sarfaraz Rashid Bhat defeating a strong team like Royal Friends Cricket Clubs a remarkable achievement, and it speaks volumes about the team's spirit and potential. This victory is not just a win for the team, but also a proud moment for Pampore's cricketing community. Spectrum King's Pampore has brought new name and fame to Pampore's cricketing horizons, and we look forward to seeing the team continue to excel in the future.

Mbappe's 50th goal helps France to clinch third place

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Stuttgart, June 10

France clinched the bronze medal in the UEFA Nations League after defeating hosts Germany 2-0 in the third-place play-off here on Sunday, with Kylian Mbappé scoring his 50th international goal to headline a resilient performance by Les Bleus. Amid a vibrant atmosphere at the Mercedes-Benz Arena, Julian Nagelsmann's Germany started aggressively, threatening early through Nick Woltemade and Niclas Fullkrug. However, France goalkeeper Mike Maignan produced a fine save in the 2nd minute, and Lucas Digne heroically cleared Fullkrug's effort off the line three minutes later. Florian Wirtz then rattled the post in the 37th minute as Die Mannschaft dominated the opening stages. But the breakthrough came for France just before the break. In the 45th minute, Mbappé drifted inside from the left and curled a stunning strike beyond Marc-André ter Stegen, bringing



up his half-century of international goals. The Paris Saint-Germain forward is now just one goal behind Thierry Henry, France's second all-time leading scorer. Germany's momentum faltered in

the second half, and France seized control. Marcus Thuram struck the woodwork on 59 minutes, and Mbappé forced Ter Stegen into a remarkable save with an acrobatic volley in the 79th minute. Les Bleus finally sealed victory in the 84th minute when a defensive mix-up allowed Mbappé to race through. Rather than shoot, he unselfishly squared the ball for substitute Michael Olise, who tapped in his first international goal to settle the tie. Coach Didier Deschamps praised the composure and maturity shown by his young squad, saying the result was "a performance full of promise" ahead of their World Cup qualifying campaign. France will next face Ukraine on September 5 in Group D of the European qualifiers for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, while Germany take on Slovakia a day earlier in Group A. Both nations will now turn their focus to the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers as the European campaigns resume in September.

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