



PM flags off Katra-Srinagar Train, Dedicates USBRL Project to Nation

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KATRA (J&K), JUNE 6 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday dedicated the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project to the nation by flagging off the Vande Bharat train to Srinagar from Katra railway station in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi was accompanied by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

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PM hoists Tricolor at iconic Chenab rail bridge, message to Pakistan

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KATRA, (J&K), JUNE 6 Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in celebration and at the same time a message to Pakistan, hoisted the Tricolor on the iconic Chenab rail bridge, 64 km from Pakistan border, describing it a moment of immense national pride and testament to India's growing capability to build futuristic infrast

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Direct Jammu-Srinagar train to commence in Sep: Vaishnaw

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JAMMU, JUNE 5 Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said direct train service between Jammu and Srinagar would commence in September this year.

Speaking to reporters at Katra on his arrival a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's



visit to flag off Katra-Srinagar

PM Modi announces additional aid for families hit by cross-border shelling

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KATRA (J&K), JUNE 6 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced additional financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh each for families whose houses were severely damaged due to cross-border shelling from Pakistan. Addressing a public gathering

here, the Prime Minister stated that households suffering severe damage due to cross-border firing will now receive Rs 2 lakh, while those with partially damaged homes will be granted Rs 1 lakh. This assistance is in addition to the support already provided earlier by the government, an

official statement said.

He emphasised the government's commitment to the well-being of those affected, noting that families who lost loved ones in the shelling have already received appointment letters for government aid.

Recognising the hardship

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Pahalgam Attack Pak Design to Hurt Kashmir's Economy, But we Foiled it: PM Modi

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KATRA, JUNE 6 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Pakistan engineered Pahalgam terror attack to hurt Kashmir's economy and brotherhood in the country, but its evil designs failed and Indian Armed Forces hit the neighbouring country deep inside.

"Pakistan attacked both humanity and Kashmiriyat in Pahalgam. Its intention was to incite riots in India and disrupt the livelihoods of hardworking Kashmiris. By attacking tourists, Pakistan aimed to damage the region's economy and peace," Modi said while addressing a massive gathering.

Recalling the start of Operation Sindoor exactly a month back when the Indian Armed Forces targetted the terrorist dens in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir, Modi said Pakistan will forever remember its shameful defeat.

"Today is June 6. Coincidentally, exactly one month ago on this very night, devastation was unleashed on Pakistan's terrorists. From now on, whenever Pakistan hears the name Operation Sindoor, it will be reminded of its shameful defeat," said the Prime Minister.

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NEWS BRIEF

Lieutenant Governor Greets People on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, has greeted the people on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha, which will be celebrated on Saturday, June 07, 2025.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "Eid Mubarak! Heartiest greetings and good wishes to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

Eid embodies the spirit of sacrifice and forgiveness. Let us reiterate our resolve to strengthen

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CM Omar Abdullah extends Eid-ul-Azha greetings

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, wishing them peace, well-being and prosperity.

In his message on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha, the Chief Minister said the holy occasion imbibes in us the spirit of making honesty, truthfulness and selflessness a way of life.

He added that the festival

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Divisional Commissioner Kashmir greets people on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today extended his heartiest greetings to the people of valley on the auspicious occasion of Eid ul Adha festival.

Div Com said that Eid-ul-Adha encapsulates the message of sharing happiness & joy, and promotes spirit of equality and brotherhood among the people.

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J&K witnessing fastest pace of infra growth under Modi Govt: Amit Shah

Says UT's development now
moves faster than ever before

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SRINAGAR, JUN 06: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir is now witnessing the fastest pace of infrastructure growth under the Narendra Modi-led government.

"Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir was given the least priority in development. Under Modi government, it is witnessing rapid development. Today, Modi ji dedicated the world's highest railway arch bridge 'Chenab Rail Bridge' to the public. This reflects our commitment

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With Kashmir Connected by Train, CM Omar Abdullah Hails Railway Link as a Historic Milestone

Train connectivity will transform tourism, boost trade, improve mobility: CM

■ HT NEWS DESK

KATRA, JUNE 06: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today hailed the rail-link of Kashmir with the rest of the country as a "historic accomplishment," stating that the development will boost tourism, trade and bring comfort in the daily lives of people of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Minister was addressing a large gathering at Katra during the inauguration of the Chenab and Anji



Bridges and at the flagging off ceremony of the Vande Bharat Train to Kashmir by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This marks Kashmir's first all-weather railway connectivity with the rest of India.

Also present on the occasion were Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh and other dignitaries.

"The benefits to Jammu & Kashmir will be substantial. Tourism will receive a major boost, and the daily lives of our residents will improve,"

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PM Modi fulfilled dream of national integration envisioned by Sardar Patel, Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee: LG Sinha

PM, his policies, speedy implementation and industrialization brought UT to focal point of growth

■ HT NEWS DESK

KATRA, JUN 06: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the dream of a truly united India— from Kashmir to Kanyakumari — is no longer a mere slogan, but a lived reality, thanks to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has dedicated the Kashmir rail project to the nation.



Addressing a gathering here after PM Modi inaugurated Chenab Bridge, Anji Bridge and flagged off train to Kashmir, LG Sinha, according to the news agency— said, "By flagging off the Vande Bharat trains and dedicating the Kashmir rail project to the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has physically and emotionally united the two ends of the nation — fulfilling the long-cherished dream of national integration envisioned by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee."

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Rana participates in regional Power Ministers' conference Pushes for strengthening of transmission infra, cyber security

■ HT NEWS DESK

CHANDIGARH, MAY 06: Jammu & Kashmir Cabinet Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana today participated in the Regional Power Ministers' Conference, 2025, of Northern States/UTs held here in Chandigarh.

The conference provided a platform for deliberation on critical power sector issues affecting the region including resource adequacy, transmission capacity and cyber security.

During the conference,



Javed Rana sought firm and assured power supply to Jammu and Kashmir from the Government of India

during winters at reasonable prices. He highlighted the challenges facing the state due to its geographical

location and the seasonal variation in power demand. He also stressed the importance of strengthening the transmission infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir.

Javed Rana urged for upgradation of Kishenpur-Moga transmission line and completion of the 400 KVA Grid Station at Siot to ensure reliable power supply to the region.

Furthermore, Rana emphasized the need for promoting sustainable

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ACB files chargesheet in illegal appointment of 82 persons in Municipal Committee Sumbal

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 6 (UNI) J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau presented a chargesheet in the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Baramulla for the illegal appointment of 82 persons in Municipal committee (MC) Sumbal Bandipora during 2009-2010.

The chargesheet was submitted on Thursday against Ghulam Ahmad Wani alias Gulzar, then President of MC Sumbal, Abdul Rashid Shah, then In-Charge Executive Officer, and 82 beneficiaries. The case originated from a complaint received by the then Vigilance Organization Kashmir (VOK), now ACB J&K, regarding large-scale fraudulent appointments in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Kashmir. A probe by VOK revealed that during 2009-2010, President and In-charge Executive Officer MC Sumbal, in league with accused beneficiaries by abuse of their official position and in gross violation of the

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PM

The PM flagged off Vande Bharat in line with his commitment to boost rail infrastructure and connectivity in the region.

The 272 km-long USBRL project, built with around Rs 43,780 crore includes 36 tunnels (spanning 119 km) and 943 bridges. The project establishes all-weather, seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country aiming to transform regional mobility and driving socio-economic integration.

This is the first visit of the Prime Minister to J&K during ongoing Operation Sindoor and post April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians, including 25 tourists and a local were killed.

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

The work on the 46 km Sangaldan-Reasi section was also completed in June last year, leaving a 17- km stretch between Reasi and Katra that was also completed in February-March this year. That led to the start of trial runs, including that of Vande Bharat.

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FLAG

structure in the most challenging terrains. Chenab bridge in Jammu region, 64 km from the Line of Control and not far from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK), is of great strategic importance to India and in case of any future conflict with Pakistan, will serve as an important route for transporting Defence equipment. It is a critical infrastructure project that enhances India's strategic posture, promotes economic development and improves connectivity in the region.

In a post on X the Prime Minister said "The Tricolor flies high over the Chenab Rail Bridge ! It's a feeling of immense pride that this bridge seamlessly blends ambition with execution, reflecting India's growing capability to build futuristic infrastructure in the most challenging terrains."

The Bridge has significant implications for India-Pakistan relations and regional stability. It symbolizes national integration and contributes to political stability by improving living standards in the region.

It enhances India's logistical and military capabilities in the region, particularly along the borders with China and Pakistan and facilitates rapid deployment and sustained supply lines in Jammu and Kashmir, strengthening India's defensive and deterrent capabilities.

It provides all-weather rail connectivity between Kashmir and the rest of India, reduces travel time and increases access to the region. It will boost the region's industrial and agricultural sectors, promoting economic growth and development.

The bridge connects remote mountainous terrain and bypassing landslide-prone roads, improves access to Kashmir Valley and enhances strategic connectivity across the Pir Panjal range.

PAHALGAM

Modi inaugurated the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project by flagging off the first Vande Bharat Express to Srinagar from Katra railway station, marking a historic milestone in Jammu and Kashmir's development.

Calling it a "symbol of a new, empowered J&K," the Prime Minister said the USBRL project represents India's growing strength and unity. "Today's event is not just the launch of a train; it's a grand celebration of India's willpower and unity. With the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi, the Kashmir Valley is now linked to the rest of India through the rail network," Modi said.

Modi said whether it's the Chenab Bridge or the Anji Bridge, both will become means of prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chenab Bridge is even taller than the Eiffel Tower, and it will draw many visitors to Kashmir, becoming a major tourist attraction in itself. The Anji Bridge, too, is a remarkable feat of engineering. Both these bridges are not just made of bricks, cement, or steel—they are a living testament to India's strength and determination on the challenging terrain of the Pir Panjal mountains.

He said today the dream of lakhs of people of Jammu and Kashmir has been fulfilled. "All the good work has been left for me. It is the good fortune of our government that this project gained momentum during our tenure, and we completed it," Modi said.

Speaking on the occasion, Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha said, "Now Kashmir to Kanyakumari is not just a slogan. By inaugurating the project, the Prime Minister has connected the two ends of the country".

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said rail connectivity will not only help the people of Jammu and Kashmir but also help in transporting fruits and other items to the rest of the country.

Abdullah also thanked former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee for granting the project of "national importance" and increasing its budget.

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FAMILIES

aced by over 2,000 families impacted by the shelling, PM Modi reaffirmed the government's solidarity with the victims, saying, "Their pain is the nation's pain."

Stating that the government recognises border residents as the nation's frontline protectors, Modi said, "Over the past decade, unprecedented efforts have been made to strengthen development and security in border districts".

Highlighting key initiatives, Modi said that approximately 10,000 new bunkers have been constructed, which played a critical role in safeguarding lives during the aftermath of Operation Sindoor. He also announced the formation of two new border battalions for the Jammu and Kashmir division, further enhancing security operations in the region.

Additionally, he said two dedicated women battalions have also been successfully established, reinforcing defence capabilities and empowering women in the armed forces.

Emphasising the significant infrastructure development taking place in India's international border regions, particularly in challenging terrains, the Prime Minister announced that hundreds of crores are being invested to improve connectivity and security.

"The Kathua-Jammu Highway is being upgraded into a six-lane expressway, while the Akhnoor-Poonch Highway is undergoing widening to facilitate smoother travel. Under the Vibrant Village Programme, development initiatives in border villages have been accelerated, ensuring better living conditions and opportunities for residents," the Prime Minister said.

He mentioned that 400 villages in Jammu and Kashmir, previously lacking all-weather connectivity, are now being linked with 1,800 km of newly constructed roads. He announced allocation of over Rs 4,200 crore for these infrastructure projects, reinforcing economic growth and regional development in border areas.

Earlier, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 46,000 crore at Katra.

ASHWINI

train, Ashwini said that work on Jammu Railway station is on.

"The work is expected to be completed by September. With the availability of platform 5 and 6, Vande Bharat trains will run between Jammu and Srinagar directly," he added.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political will led to the completion of the Udhampur-Baramulla-Srinagar Railway link

(USBRL) project, which would connect Kashmir with the rest of the country.

Vaishnav said the 1.3-km highest railway bridge in the world over the Chenab River forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch from Katra to Banihal.

EIDGAH

authorities once again did not grant permission for holding the Eid congregation at the Eidgah Srinagar, in keeping with the longstanding Islamic tradition and the collective religious sentiment of the people," the statement issued by the religious body said.

Anjuman announced that the Eid-ul-Adha congregation will be held at the historic Jamia Masjid Srinagar tomorrow at 9:30 am.

Prior to the congregational prayers, Mir-waiz Umar Farooq will deliver the Eid sermon from 8:30 am, in which he will speak on the philosophy and spirit of Eid and Qurbani (sacrifice).

Auqaf has urged all worshippers to attend the Eid prayers at Jama Masjid in large numbers.

Earlier this year, Eid-ul-Fitr prayers were not allowed at the historical Jamia Masjid and Eidgah at the old city Srinagar. Since abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, Eid prayers have not been allowed at the Eidgah for fear of law and order problems.

CM

the Chief Minister said.

He highlighted the difficulties faced by people during inclement weather when highway closures lead to exorbitant airfares.

"With this railway line operational, that hardship will be alleviated to a great extent, offering affordable and reliable transportation," he noted.

Speaking about the economic benefits, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of better market access for the region's horticultural produce.

"Our apples, cherries, and other fruit will now find faster and more easy access to markets across the country and even globally. This will provide a significant economic benefit to our growers and traders," he said.

Lauding Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the Chief Minister said that the successful completion of this critical infrastructure project stands as a testament to the Centre's commitment to the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Under PM Modi's stewardship, yet another critical infrastructure project in Jammu & Kashmir has been completed. We are also witnessing rapid progress on other vital initiatives — the Jammu Ring Road, the Srinagar Ring Road, the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, the four-laning of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway, and the expansion of both the Jammu and Srinagar airports and the railway network," he said.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that with the Prime Minister's continued support, Jammu and Kashmir will soon regain its status as a full-fledged state.

"Today marks yet another momentous occasion. With your leadership and support, we look forward to Jammu & Kashmir regaining its status as a full-fledged state," he said.

Reflecting on his personal tryst with key milestones in J&K's rail history, Omar Abdullah recalled his presence at the inauguration of the Anantnag Railway Station, the Banihal Railway Tunnel, and his government's final event at the same venue with PM Modi in 2014.

"You may call it fate, or perhaps destiny, but I have always had the good fortune of being present at key milestones in Jammu and Kashmir's railway journey," he said.

He also recalled that the dream of connecting Kashmir via railway dates back to colonial times.

"Even during British rule, plans were envisioned — such as the proposed Uri and Jhelum railway lines — but they remained unfulfilled. What the British could not achieve, you have made a reality. You have connected Kashmir with the rest of India and, through it, to the wider world. This is a historic accomplishment," he said.

Paying tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he credited him for being the first to recognize the rail-network to Kashmir as a project of national importance.

"This progress owes much to the vision of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, who declared this railway line a project of national importance. Since then, the project has seen consistent progress and budgetary prioritization," he said.

Reaffirming his government's commitment to development, the Chief Minister reiterated his resolve to fulfill the vision of a prosperous region.

"Our government remains committed to the vision of 'Viksit Jammu Kashmir, Viksit Bharat' — a developed Jammu & Kashmir, a developed India — and we are determined to realize this goal for the people of our region."

Concluding his remarks, the Chief Minister extended his gratitude to the Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

"On this historic day, on behalf of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, I extend my

heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to you, Hon'ble Prime Minister. Thank you for your unwavering support and for helping turn decades-old dreams into reality."

SHAH

to Jammu and Kashmir's progress," Shah wrote on X.

He added, "This steel arch bridge built on the Chenab River is a living symbol of India's engineering capability in the field of infrastructure."

In another post, he wrote, "Congratulations to our sisters and brothers in J&K on the inauguration of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project by PM Shri @narendramodiji today. It will serve as a new artery of growth, making the progress of the region unstoppable. The two Vande Bharat trains flagged off today will instill more power in the region's syncretic culture by boosting religious tourism to Vaishno Devi, while the new health and road projects worth 2,400 crore will further elevate living standards to a new height."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated several key railway and road infrastructure projects to the nation during his visit, including the Chenab Rail Bridge, the Anji Khad Bridge, and the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL). The USBRL project is 272 km long and has been completed at a cost of over Rs 11,000 crore.

Officials said the Chenab Bridge is the tallest railway bridge in the world, standing at 359 metres above the riverbed. The Anji Khad Bridge is India's first cable-stayed railway bridge. These projects are part of a fully integrated all-weather railway route linking the Kashmir Valley with the rest of India.

Modi also laid the foundation stone for new road projects worth 1,952 crore. These include the widening of the Rafiabad-Kupwara section of NH-701 and the construction of the Shopian bypass on NH-444. Two flyovers were also inaugurated in Srinagar—one at Sangrama Junction (NH-1) and another at Bemina Junction (NH-44)—to help reduce traffic pressure.

In the health sector, the foundation stone was laid for the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence at Katra. The Rs 350 crore facility will be the first medical college in Reasi district—(KNO)

ACB

standing government rules, made 82 illegal appointments of various persons to different posts on the regular pay scale.

The ACB probe found that their salary was drawn by Shah, who also attested service particulars of these 82 illegal appointees.

Verification conducted revealed that these 82 accused beneficiaries were illegally & fraudulently appointed without following due process of law, the ACB said.

Finally on the culmination of verification, an FIR was registered at Police Station VOK (Now ACB Baramulla), against officers of MC Sumbal Bandipora & 82 illegal appointees, and investigations were set into motion.

The investigation further found that the recruitment was made without any transparent recruitment process, without the issuance of any advertisements for wider circulation, and the majority of posts against which accused beneficiaries were appointed do not figure in the schedules given under the Recruitment Rules 2008.

The ACB said investigations conducted also revealed that the majority of the appointments were made on recommendations of the then Speaker J&K Assembly, then MLA Sonawari, as well as Municipal council resolution, which again were not authorized forums as per rules to intervene in the recruitment process.

Accordingly, the sanction for launching prosecution against an service public servant, Rashid Shah, a resident of Papachan, Bandipora, was accorded by the Government. Shah was also prematurely retired from government service; however was reinstated by the High Court order.

On culmination of investigations, the chargesheet against the then President, MC Sumbal; the then I/C Executive Officer, MC Sumbal and 82 illegal appointees was produced in the Court for commission of offences as defined under section 5(1), (d) r/w 5(2) of Jammu & Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat, 2006, and under Section 120-B, 201 RPE was presented before special Judge Anti-corruption court Baramulla for judicial determination.

RANA

energy in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the potential for small hydro projects in the UT and the importance of green corridor connectivity with Ladakh for solar energy evacuation.

The Minister underlined the imperative of ensuring cyber security in the power sector, recognizing the critical importance of protecting the UT's power infrastructure from potential threats.

Javed Rana assured that the Jammu and Kashmir government, led by Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, is committed towards col-

laborating with all stakeholders to ensure a reliable, sustainable and secure power supply to the people of the region.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity for the JK Minister to engage with his counterparts from other northern states and UTs, as well as officials from the Ministry of Power, to discuss crucial issues and explore solutions to the challenges facing the power sector in J&K.

LG GREETS

the foundations of unity, harmony and brotherhood in the society and work with love and compassion to ensure the well-being of all.

May this festival spread peace and bring prosperity to all".

CM GREETS

commemorates the timeless example of absolute faith and unwavering obedience set by Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his devoted son Prophet Ismail (AS).

"Eid-ul-Azha is not only a celebration of faith but also a reminder of the profound sacrifice and complete submission to the will of Almighty. The unwavering trust shown by Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and the willing obedience of Prophet Ismail (AS) teach us the essence of selflessness, devotion and steadfastness in the face of trials," Omar Abdullah said.

He expressed hope that this auspicious occasion will further strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, mutual brotherhood, amity and tranquility across the region.

The Chief Minister also prayed for sustained peace, harmony and progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

DIV COM

He prayed for good health to the people, and communal harmony, peace and prosperity in the region.

Srinagar, June 6 (KNS): In a significant relief for salaried employees, Jammu and Kashmir Bank said it has resolved recent concerns regarding temporary drops in credit scores by rescheduling EMI deduction dates to align with salary credits.

J&K Bank Managing Director and CEO, Amitava Chatterjee, confirmed the move, saying the issue arose due to a timing mismatch—salaries were being credited early in the month, while loan EMIs were scheduled toward the end. This gap led to temporary defaults in some cases, adversely affecting CIBIL scores.

"We have now changed the EMI dates to match the salary credit timing. This ensures that employees have enough money in their accounts when EMIs are deducted," Chatterjee told Kashmir News Service (KNS). "CIBIL scores will no longer be affected. This was a one-time issue, and it has been resolved."

He admitted the issue could have been addressed earlier but assured that corrective measures have now been fully implemented. "We understand the concerns of our employees. What's important is that the right action has been taken now," he said.

In the meantime, various employees union delegations led by Aijaz Ahmad Khan, President JKEJCC, met with the top officials of the bank yesterday and discussed the issue of double deductions of EMIs with them. Authorities assured the visiting delegations that the bank understands their issues and that appropriate measures are being taken to help the government employees overcome liquidity problems that have arisen due to the preponement of their EMIs.

Chatterjee also expressed optimism about the upcoming Amarnath Yatra, saying it is expected to boost tourism and help restore economic confidence in the region. (KNS)

Mehbooba Mufti Extends Eid

Al-Adha Greetings, Urges PM to

Release Detained Youth

Srinagar, June 6 : Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti, extended heartfelt greetings to the people of the region and the nation on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha, emphasizing the festival's values of sacrifice, compassion, and unity. In a press statement issued on Friday, Mufti called for reflection on the teachings of Eid Al-Adha, inspired by Prophet Ibrahim's (AS) spirit of devotion and selflessness. She urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen bonds of brotherhood and work towards peace and harmony amidst ongoing challenges in the region. Highlighting the need for justice.



A Greener Tomorrow Begins Today: J&K Schools Unite to "Beat Plastic Pollution"

From Classrooms to Clean Streams: SED Leads the Way in Environmental Awakening and plastic-Free Schools"DESK

HT NEWS DESK

Ganderbal, JUNE 06: In a profound celebration of environmental responsibility, the School Education Department (SED), Jammu and Kashmir, observed World Environment Day 2025 with resounding enthusiasm and heartfelt commitment across all districts of the Union Territory. The theme for this year, "Beat Plastic Pollution," became a rallying call for students, teachers, and communities to rise in defense of the Earth.

The main event was held at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Ganderbal, where Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK), Dr. G.N. Itoo led the proceedings as Chief Guest. He was joined by Additional Secretary, SED, Mr. G.N. Bhat, who attended as Guest of Honour. In his inspiring address, Dr. Itoo emphasized that the real change begins at home. When families, schools, and communities commit to giving up plastic, only then we can truly protect our planet for future generations."

Dr. Itoo announced that all the



schools to be declared plastic-free zones. He also called for rejuvenation of eco-clubs, expanding their work beyond school boundaries to encompass nearby water bodies and tourist areas, making environmental care an integral part of student's daily experience. The event was also attended by Chief Education Officer Ganderbal, Oneel Kumar Bhat, Deputy CEO Ganderbal, Rumysa Sangeen and several other officials from the Education Department, all of whom appreciated the efforts of concerned schools in organizing such a meaningful programme. Beyond these

flagship events, World Environment Day 2025 was celebrated across the entire Kashmir Division in all schools through a diverse array of activities. These included solemn pledges, engaging quizzes, extensive tree plantation drives, crucial cleanliness campaigns, informative awareness rallies, insightful seminars and talks, stimulating debates, invigorating nature walks and marathons, and creative painting and slogan writing competitions, all aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the environment among the student community.

DC Srinagar visits Hazratbal, oversees arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06:- Ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Friday visited Hazratbal Shrine to take stock of arrangements made by various Departments with regard to celebration of the festivities of Eid-ul-Azha.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by senior Officers of District Administration, Police, other Departments and Administrator Waqf Board.

Reviewing the arrangements on spot, the DC directed the concerned Officers to ensure all facilities for the devotees expected to offer Eid prayers at the Shrine espe-



cially on account of water supply, electricity, healthcare, cleanliness and illumination in and around the shrine, besides proper

transportation, parking facility, deployment of fire tenders and establishing emergency control rooms. The DC also took stock

of the arrangements being made by the Waqf Administration at the Shrine for the people on Eid-ul-Azha.

The DC enjoined upon the Traffic Police Department to make fool-proof traffic plan for devotees and also directed SMC officials to ensure proper sanitation in and around the Shrine premises and repair all street lights before Eid-ul-Azha.

The DC further stressed the Officers to maintain close coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the Eid-ul-Azha, the religious festival at Hazratbal Shrine.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner has directed the all concerned authorities to ensure such arrangements at all other places across the City particularly at prominent Masjids and Shrines.

Rana extends Eid-ul-Adha greetings

HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, JUNE 06: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, has extended his warmest greetings to the people of Jammu & Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

In his message, the Minister said, "May the blessed festival bring peace, prosperity and joy to us all. On this occasion, let us come together to celebrate the true spirit of sacrifice and compassion that defines Eid-ul-Adha."

The Minister prayed for well-being and happiness of all citizens and expressed hope that the festival will foster a deep sense of social harmony and brotherhood among the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Rana urged everyone to embody the true message of Eid-ul-Adha by helping the needy and underprivileged, spreading love, kindness and generosity. Rana urged everyone to embody the true message of Eid-ul-Adha by helping the needy and underprivileged, spreading love, kindness and generosity.

Sakeena Itoo greets people on auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo has extended her heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

In her greetings, Minister Sakeena said that Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, is not only a celebration of faith and devotion but also a time to reaffirm our commitment to compassion, humility, and unity. She added that Eid is a day that commemorates the unparalleled obedience and submission of Prophet Ibrahim (A.S) to the will of Almighty Allah, a lesson that inspires us to lead lives of sincerity, selflessness and service to humanity. "As we gather in prayer and offer our Qurbani (sacrifice), let us also remember the values this festival upholds — caring for the underprivileged, sharing our blessings, and strengthening the bonds of community and kinship. It is a time to embrace those in need with empathy and ensure that no one is left behind in our collective celebration", Sakeena said.

The Minister also called upon all to celebrate this Eid with a renewed sense of responsibility towards each other and with prayers for peace, prosperity, and harmony in our region and across the world. She also prayed for everyone contributing towards building a more inclusive, enlightened and resilient Jammu & Kashmir.

NC calls for thorough investigation into death of Kashmiri Youth in Delhi

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 05 (KNS): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar Thursday expressed deep concern over the mysterious death of a Kashmiri youth, Zubair Ahmed Bhat, in Delhi. In a statement released from the party headquarters, Dar urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to intervene personally and ensure a fair and transparent investigation into the incident. He emphasized the need for a thorough and impartial inquiry to ascertain the circumstances surrounding Bhat's death. "The family of the deceased deserves answers, and it is the responsibility of the authorities to ensure that justice is served," Imran stated.

PDF President Hakeem Yaseen extends Eid-ul-Azha greetings, calls for unity, compassion

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 06: People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former Minister Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen on Friday extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the Muslim Ummah on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, wishing peace, prosperity, and communal harmony across the region.

In his message, Hakeem Yaseen said Eid-ul-Azha is a festival of great spiritual significance that symbolizes sacrifice, compassion, and selflessness. He urged the people to uphold these timeless values and share the joy of the festival with those in need. "Eid-ul-Azha is not just a ritual, it is a powerful reminder of the need to rise above personal interests for



the greater good. Let us dedicate this Eid to promoting brotherhood, helping the underprivileged, and healing the divides in our society," he said. Hakeem Yaseen emphasized that the true essence of Eid lies in empathy, unity, and service to humanity. He appealed to the people to remember the poor, orphans, and victims of conflict during the celebrations, and to extend support to them in every possible way. "This is a time to reach out to our neighbors, strengthen social bonds, and stand together as one

resilient community," he added. The PDF President also expressed hope that the sacred occasion would inspire political and social leaders to rise above partisan considerations and work together for a peaceful and developed Jammu and Kashmir. He said the region has suffered for far too long and deserves lasting peace, inclusive governance, and meaningful socio-economic progress. "As we bow our heads in prayer and offer sacrifice, let us also renew our resolve to build a just, equitable, and prosperous future for all," Hakeem Yaseen said, while praying for an end to violence, economic hardships, and the suffering of common people. He called upon the administration to ensure adequate arrangements for smooth and safe Eid celebrations, including availability.

Mirwaiz Condemns Zubair Bhat's Death, Raises Alarm Over Kashmiri Safety Across India

Calls for Prisoner Release on Eid as good will Gesture

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 6, 2025: Addressing the Friday congregation at the historic Jama Masjid Srinagar, Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr. Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq strongly condemned the tragic and inhuman killing of 30-year-old Zubair Bhat of Ali Kadal, Srinagar, who was working in New Delhi. Terming the incident as deeply disturbing and unacceptable, Mirwaiz said that Zubair's custodial-like death — allegedly at the hands of Delhi police as claimed by his family — has brought back haunting memories of such deaths and raised serious concerns regarding the safety and security of Kashmiris residing or working in different parts of India.

Mirwaiz said that the killing has sent shockwaves through the community and added to the prevailing fear and anxiety among the thousands of Kashmiri students, professionals, traders, and labourers living outside Jammu & Kashmir. "After the

recent Pahalgam incident, Kashmiris across the country are increasingly facing hostility. And now, an innocent young trader has been killed in cold blood. How long will this go on?" Mirwaiz asked.

He urged the Government of India and the UT administration to fulfill their constitutional responsibility and ensure the safety, security, and dignity of all Kashmiri citizens, especially those outside the region. "The silence and inaction only embolden those targeting Kashmiris," he warned.

Mirwaiz also made a heartfelt appeal to civil rights organisations, writers, intellectuals, and conscientious citizens of India to raise their voice against the growing onslaught on Kashmiris and to stand up in solidarity with the victims of such brutality.

Referring to the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha, Mirwaiz expressed sorrow that for thousands of families in J&K, the festival brings no joy. "

Deptt of Urology at Superspeciality Hospital, GMC Srinagar achieves historic quadruple milestone

Solidifies its position as a premier urology center in North India

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: In a testament to the department's commitment to excellence in academics, research, and patient care Department of Urology at Superspeciality Hospital, GMC Srinagar, has achieved a historic quadruple milestone, solidifying its position as a premier urology center in North India.

The department's academic triumph is marked by the graduation of its inaugural batch of MCh Urology specialists. Under the guidance of Prof. Syed Sajjad Nazir, the

program has set new standards in surgical training, establishing the department as a center of excellence in urology education.

The team's national glory is evident in their double honors at Urolithicon 2023, Kolkata, showcasing their academic and clinical expertise. This achievement brings national recognition to J&K and highlights the department's capabilities.

The department's surgical excellence is demonstrated by Prof. Nazir's live demonstration of Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery (RIRS) at AIIMS Bathinda, where they secured 3rd prize at NZUSICON's 360° Urolithiasis conference. This achievement

showcases the department's innovative approach to urology.

The clinical revolution achieved by the department is the successful revival of live related kidney transplants, with the first case performed under Ayushman Bharat coverage. This milestone makes advanced care accessible to all, further solidifying the department's position as a leader in urology.

The leadership team, headed by Prof. Iffat Hassan, Principal & Dean, include M Ashraf Hakak, Administrator, GMC Srinagar; Prof. Syed Sajjad Nazir, HoD Urology & Renal Transplantation and Dr.

Rubina Shaheeb, Medical Superintendent. The active support of the deptt of anesthesiology & critical care made the successful surgical interventions possible smoothly.

These achievements establish the department as a leading urology training center, a hub for innovative surgeries, a destination for kidney transplantation, and a champion of accessible healthcare under Ayushman Bharat. The Urology Department at GMC Srinagar has set a new standard in healthcare, and their accomplishments are a testament to their dedication and expertise.



Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: Mini Marathon, Kho-Kho mark twin sporting triumphs in Tangmarg

MLA Farooq Ahmad Shah flags-off Mini Marathon, presides over Kho-Kho competition

HT NEWS DESK

BARAMULLA, JUNE 06: In a vibrant display of youth energy and community commitment against drug abuse, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Zones Tangmarg and Kunzer today jointly organized two impactful events — a Mini Marathon for sub-division Tangmarg and a Girls Kho-Kho competition at playfield Kunzer, under the banner of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA). Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Farooq Ahmad Shah flagged-off the Mini Marathon from Hospital Crossing, Tangmarg, and later pre-

sided over the Kho-Kho competition. The marathon concluded at Higher Secondary School (HSS) Chandilora, with 310 boys participating enthusiastically, carrying forward the message of a drug-free and disciplined lifestyle. Mini Marathon was attended by SDM Gulmarg, DYSSO Baramulla, and other officers and officials from various departments. Top performers were felicitated with appreciation certificates by the MLA during the award ceremony, who praised the youth for their proactive participation. Later in the day, focus shifted to



YSS Zone Kunzer, where a Girls Kho-Kho competition was held at playfield Kunzer under the same campaign. The event witnessed participation

from over 300 girls, with teams demonstrating skill, agility, and sportsmanship. The Kho-Kho event was presided

over by MLA Farooq Ahmad Shah. In a special gesture, local cricketer national-level player Mir Khushboo from Mamoosa Kunzer and other national level athletes from the previous year were felicitated with appreciation certificates, celebrating their achievements and encouraging their peers. Speaking on both occasions, MLA stated, "We are witnessing the power of youth and sports as a weapon against drug addiction. Events like these bring purpose, discipline, and hope to our younger generation. I deeply appreciate the efforts of the

Youth Services and Sports for mobilizing such positive energies across Baramulla district under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan." These back-to-back events highlight the unwavering commitment of the Youth Services and Sports, Baramulla, in fostering awareness, fitness, and community resilience through inclusive sporting events. The Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan continues across all zones of Baramulla, aiming to eliminate the menace of drug abuse by empowering youth through education and sports.

IUST and Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing Celebrate World Environment Day

HT NEWS DESK

Awantipora, June 5: The Department of Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), in collaboration with the Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing (DEERS), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, organized the World Environment Day 2025 celebrations at Nund Reshi Auditorium, Islamic University of Science and Technology. The event commenced with guard of Honour by the contingent of Forest Protection Force followed by ceremonial tree planting and interaction of the Chief Guest Shri



Suresh Gupta with winners of the painting competition. The event commenced with Isband Ceremony, followed by 'Mission LIFE' pledge led by Dr. Asifa Baba, Dean of Students, IUST, where participants committed to adopting environmentally conscious habits and encouraging others to do the same. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director,

Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, while formally welcoming the guests, emphasized that government efforts can only succeed when communities actively participate in environmental protection. The Islamic University of Science & Technology was represented by Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academics, and Prof. Abdul Wahid Maqdoomi, Registrar, IUST. Prof. Moon highlighted the vital role of academic institutions in addressing plastic pollution. He highlighted the IUSTs initiatives in achieving green economy in the campus through establishment of a solar park, water harvesting structures use of waste water for irrigation and other initiatives.

J&K Students Association Extends Warm Greetings on Eid-ul-Azha

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, JUNE 06: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association on Friday extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and across the country on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, praying for peace, unity, and prosperity in the region. In a statement, Nasir Khuehami, National Convenor of the Association, said that Eid-ul-Azha holds profound spiritual and moral significance. It commemorates the unwavering faith, obedience, and sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (AS), and serves as a powerful reminder of the values of devotion, submission to the will of Allah, compassion, and sharing with those in need. He emphasized that the festival is not only a time of celebration but also a moment of reflection on our

responsibilities towards the less privileged, especially orphans, the poor, and the marginalized. "Eid-ul-Azha urges us to go beyond rituals and embrace the spirit of sacrifice in our daily lives, by putting others before ourselves, standing for truth, and supporting those in need," he said. Khuehami urged the people to celebrate Eid with modesty and humility, in line with Islamic teachings that discourage extravagance and wastefulness. "As we offer our sacrifices, let us also sacrifice hatred, ego, and indifference. Let this Eid be an occasion to spread kindness, compassion, and social harmony," he added. He stressed that festivals like Eid-ul-Azha play a vital role in strengthening the pluralistic and inclusive fabric of India,

promoting a spirit of communal harmony, brotherhood, and peaceful coexistence. "Our collective progress, especially in a diverse region like Jammu and Kashmir, depends on sustained peace, inclusive development, and mutual understanding among communities," he noted. He also highlighted the need to focus on the aspirations of the youth and to create an environment of opportunity, unity, and hope. "May this Eid-ul-Azha bring renewed strength to overcome our challenges and help us build a society based on justice, dignity, and shared prosperity." He prayed for the well-being of all and hoped that this sacred festival would inspire people to live with greater empathy, gratitude, and moral courage.

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ مجھے اپنی بیٹی انسا جان دختر الطاف احمد لون کی تاریخ پیدائش سرٹفکٹ 24-12-2023 بلاک آف پہلا سے نکالنے کی ضرورت ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر بلاک آف پہلا کے دفتر میں پیش کرے بعد از معاد کوئی ضرورت نہیں ہوگا

المستھر

الطاف احمد لون والد انشاء جان ساکن لدرو پہلگام

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے کہ میری دوکان لیسن بنام Kashmir Handloom Handicraft Phalamgam کہیں گم ہو گئی ہے اب اسکی ڈبلکٹ کاپی نکالنے کی ضرورت ہے جس کو کوئی ضرورت ہو تو سات یوم کے اندر اندر منجملہ سمیر ہیدی لوم سرٹیکر کے دفتر میں پیش کرے بعد از معاد کوئی ضرورت نہیں ہوگا

المستھر

محمد لطیف ساء

ساکن مٹن انت ناگ کشمیر

PUBLIC NOTICE

I HAVE LOST MY NAME PLATE OF MY VEHICLE BEARING REGISTRATION NUMBER JK01Q7855. NOW I WANT ITS DUPLICATE. ANYBODY HAVING ANY OBJECTION MAY CONTACT ARTO SRINAGAR WITHIN THE PERIOD OF 7 DAYS
NAME : RIYAZ AHMAD DAR
S/O GHULAM AHMAD DAR
R/O MALLPORA KHYWAN SRINAGAR.

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

از دفتر نایب تحصیلدار پہلگام

درخواست منجانب نثار احمد چوہان ولد غلام محمد چوہان ساکن لاری پور پہلگام بغرض حصول ST سرٹفکٹ اشتہار بمراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹفکٹ دفتر ہرائین پیش کی ہے رپٹ کے مطابق سائل دھڑا اکا پاندہ ہے افراد کمبہ بزیل افراد پر متمل ہے

غلام محمد چوہان ولد قاسم چوہان 57 مزدوری 6000
نیلیم جان زوید غلام محمد 50 گھر کام
نثار احمد پسر 17 زیر تعلیم

اسکے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کمبہ مین موجود ہیں ہے اور کمبہ کی کل آمدنی 5000 تک ہے زیر کاروائی سرٹفکٹ اجراء کرنے میں کسی کو کوئی ضرورت ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر اندر دفتر ہرائین پیش کرے

نایب تحصیلدار

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے بنگلی بل زیر نمبر 0209020006019 جوئی محمد بٹ کے نام پر درج کی اب تبدیل کر کے باوید احمد بٹ ولد محمد علی محمد بٹ کے نام پر درج کرنی مطلوب ہے کسی کو کوئی ضرورت ہو تو سات یوم کے اندر اندر pdd سب ڈوجن عسکرام کے دفتر میں پیش کرے

المستھر

جاوید احمد بٹ ولد مرحوم علی محمد بٹ
ساکن لاری پور ارتگواڈ پہلگام

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص عام کو اطلاع دی جاتی ہے بنگلی بل زیر نمبر 0209020006034 جو غلام حسن راتھر کے نام پر درج کی اب تبدیل کر کے ساید بیگم زوید غلام حسن راتھر ساکن لاری پور ارتگواڈ پہلگام کے نام پر درج کرنی مطلوب ہے کسی کو کوئی ضرورت ہو تو سات یوم کے اندر اندر pdd سب ڈوجن عسکرام کے دفتر میں پیش کرے

المستھر

ساجہ بیگم زوجہ غلام حسن راتھر ساکن لاری پور ارتگواڈ پہلگام

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Qazi Khurshied 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION KULGAM

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
Fresh e-NIT No: 05 /IDK/2025-26

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor U.T. of J&K, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) "on Percentage rate basis" from registered Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following emergent works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money (Amt. in Rs)	Class of Contract	Cost of tender Document	Time of Completion	MH of Account	Tender Receiving authority
01	Checking of leakages by way of RCC Jacketing on I/S and const. of Breast wall on R/S at RD 4700 mts of main Banimullah canal	1.184	2368/-	DEE	200/-	20 days	2702 (M&R)	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam
02	Checking of leakage by way of bed treatment and plastering at RD 6300 -RD 7350 mts at spots of main Banimullah canal	2.50	5000/-	DEE	200/-	25 days	2702 (M&R)	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam
03	Const. of lining wall at RD 560 mts of main Banimullah canal	1.997	3994/-	DEE	200/-	20 days	2711(M&R)	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam

Position of funds : Budgetary provision

Position of AA : Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Anantnag's ACCORD OF

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL NO:09-DB & 07-DB OF 2025 Dated:14-05-2025

The bidding document and other details can be downloaded from the website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.gov.in As per the Schedule of dates given below:

i	Publishing date of NIT	04-06-2025
ii	Download start date	05-06-2025 From 4.30 PM
iii	Bid submission start date	05-06-2025 From 4.30 PM
iv	Bid submission end date	11-06-2025 upto 04.00PM
v	Bid opening date	12-06-2025 at 2.00 PM

- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of tender document as specified in the table above and pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for six months after the opening of the bid. Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam on 10-06-2025 at 11:00 AM . If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like Earnest Money in the form of CDR/FDR/treasury challan (MH-0702) GSTIN /Registration card duly renewed/Additional performance security and the successful bidder i.e L1 must submit the valid CDR/FDR/ Treasury Receipt /Additional performance security, (in original) in the office of tender receiving authority after opening and declaration of successful bidder. Further the bidder must upload the contact details viz valid Phone No/ email ID.
- The date of CDR/FDR should be between the start of bid and bid submission end date. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

DIKP-2295 /25
Send Date: Jun 6 2025
PUB Date: June 07 ,2025

Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division Kulgam



Fisheries deptt Anantnag organises awareness workshop on PMFME scheme at Shangus

MLA Riyaz Khan emphasizes government's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship in the fisheries & allied sectors"

■ HT NEWS DESK

ANANTNAG, JUNE 06: To inform and empower local entrepreneurs, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and small-scale food processors about the wide-ranging benefits of the PMFME scheme, Department of Fisheries Anantnag today organized an awareness workshop under the Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme here.

Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Shangus Anantnag East, Riyaz Khan, graced the occasion as chief guest. In his address, he emphasized the government's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship in the fisheries and allied sectors. "With focused initiatives in areas such as fish processing, bakery production, pickle making, and fruit and vegetable processing, we aim to create sustainable employment avenues for the youth and



rural communities," he stated. The workshop witnessed an encouraging response, with over 100 participants registering on the spot. Many expressed keen interest in setting up or upgrading

their micro food processing units under the scheme. PMFME offers a 35% credit-linked capital subsidy (up to Rs.10 lakh) for individual enterprises, and up to Rs.3 crore for com-

mon infrastructure projects by SHGs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and cooperatives. The scheme also provides crucial support in the form of Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, bank loan facilitation, branding, packaging and marketing assistance. Deputy Director Fisheries Anantnag, Shabir Ahmad Shabir highlighted the department's ongoing efforts and schemes operational in the district. He provided insights into annual fish production statistics, number of private fish farms supported by the department, and the upcoming schedule for similar awareness and capacity-building programs. Horticulture Development Officer Shangus, Peerzada Farhat on the occasion spoke about the schemes including High Density Apple Cultivation etc. Likewise representatives from the line departments spoke about their schemes during the programme

Satish Sharma extends Eid-ul-Adha greetings to J&K people

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 06: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, has extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha.

The Minister said that Eid-ul-Adha is a celebration of deep spiritual significance, symbolizing unwavering faith, sacrifice and the spirit of giving. He noted that the festival serves as a powerful reminder of the values of compassion, solidarity and collective responsibility.

He urged the people to mark the occasion by extending kindness to the needy, fostering unity among communities and promoting peace and harmony in society. "Let this Eid strengthen our resolve to build a more inclusive, progressive, and vibrant Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

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IUST Champions Resilient Infrastructure Education

■ HT NEWS DESK

Awantipora, June 6, 2025: In a significant stride towards fostering community resilience and educational outreach, the Department of Civil Engineering at the Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora, hosted a program on Role of Civil Engineering in Resilient Infrastructure at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Lethpora, Pulwama. The program aimed to enlighten young minds about the pivotal role of civil engineering in constructing safe and sustainable built environments, especially pertinent for disaster-vulnerable regions like the Kashmir Valley. The IUST expert team delved into cutting-edge civil engineering innovations aimed at mitigating the devastating effects of natural calamities such as earthquakes, floods, and landslides—hazards that the Kashmir region frequently faces due to its distinct topography and seismic activity. Different segments of the program.

RBI Surprises with 50 bps Rate Cut, Shifts Stance to Neutral; Signals Pause Ahead

■ HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday cut the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.5%, surpassing market expectations of a 25 bps cut. The central bank also announced a significant 100 bps reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR), to be lowered gradually from 4% to 3% starting September 6, 2025. The RBI's decision reflects a strategy to frontload monetary easing in the face of persistent global growth uncertainties and sluggish domestic momentum. This dual move—the aggressive rate cut and liquidity-boosting CRR reduction—clearly signals the central bank's intent to stimulate growth before headwinds intensify. Alongside the cuts, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) changed its policy stance from "accommodative" to "neutral", suggesting limited scope for further rate cuts unless incoming data indicates severe growth weakness. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das clarified that any further easing would depend on evolving economic conditions, effectively raising the bar for subsequent action. Despite the frontloaded easing, economists believe the RBI may now enter a prolonged pause phase, with the policy rate likely to remain unchanged through the rest of 2025. Although there is still theoretical space for an additional 25-50 bps cut, the probability of further reductions appears low unless macroeconomic conditions deteriorate markedly. The CRR cut is expected to infuse around 2.5 trillion of durable liquidity into the banking system, enhancing banks' lending capacities and reducing short-term funding costs. The RBI has

DC Bandipora reviews implementation of DAJGUA in tribal villages

■ HT NEWS DESK

BANDIPORA, JUNE 06: To review the progress under the Dharti Aaba Janatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri convened a review meeting in the Mini Secretariat Bandipora on Monday. The meeting focused on the implementation status, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), and conducting gap analysis in 31 notified tribal villages of the district.

On the occasion, DC underscored the need for timely and result-oriented actions to ensure that the objectives of the Abhiyan are met effectively. Qadri emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination for addressing



developmental gaps in tribal villages. He urged the concerned officers to ensure accurate data collection and proactive planning for the preparation of village-specific DPRs.

Speaking on the occasion, DC assured that the district administration is committed to upliftment and inclusive development of tribal communities through focused initiatives under the DAJGUA framework.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Bandipora, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, District Programme Officer Bandipora, Chief Medical Officer, Assistant Director CAPD, and Executive Engineers from R&B, PHE, PDD, and PMGSY Bandipora.

JKCCC Chairman Ghulam Jeelani Purza Extends Warm Eid-ul-Adha Greetings To The People of J&K

■ HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, 06 Jun, 2025: Jammu and Kashmir Contractors Coordination Committee (JKCCC) Chairman, Ghulam Jeelani Purza, has extended heartfelt Eid-ul-Adha greetings to the entire Muslim Ummah, especially to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In his special message, Jeelani Purza prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people and urged everyone to reflect on the true spirit of Eid—sacrifice, compassion and care for one another.

"Eid-ul-Adha is a time of deep reflection and devotion. Let us remember the values of unity, patience and generosity that this holy festival teaches us. May this Eid bring happiness to every home, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and guide us towards a better, more compassionate society," he said. He particularly acknowledged the contributions of the contractors' community across J&K, saying that despite challenges, they continue to



work with dedication in building and improving public infrastructure.

"Our contractors are the backbone of grassroots development. On this blessed occasion, I extend my best wishes to every member of this hard-working community and urge them to continue their services with integrity, unity and a sense of social responsibility."

He also appealed to all, especially contractors, to uphold the spirit of sharing—reaching out to the needy and to pray for lasting peace, progress and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

JKCCC Chairman Ghulam Jeelani Purza concluded his

message by expressing hope that this sacred occasion becomes a source of renewed faith, collective strength, and brighter days ahead for all. In his special message, Jeelani Purza prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people and urged everyone to reflect on the true spirit of Eid—sacrifice, compassion and care for one another.

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Distt Shopian kicks-off Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan with team formation, orientation programme



■ HT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, JUNE 06: As part of the nationwide Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, district administration Shopian initiated the team formation process for the upcoming awareness and benefit saturation camps scheduled from June 15 to June 30, 2025.

A district-level orientation programme was convened today under the chairmanship of Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian. The programme aimed to sensitise the teams constituted at district, block and

GP/Village levels about the objectives and Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) of the campaign.

During the session, field teams were briefed on conducting baseline surveys to identify critical gaps in service delivery and promote evidence-based planning. Emphasis was placed on achieving saturation of key welfare schemes including Aadhaar enrolment, Ayushman Bharat, PM-KISAN, and PMAY-G for tribal communities.

Among others, the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Shopian, and Block Development Officer Keller were present and actively participated in the orientation proceedings.

Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: Social Welfare Office Budgam organises week-long sports activities

■ HT NEWS DESK

BUDGAM, JUNE 06: In a significant effort aimed to combat the menace of drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among youth, Social Welfare office Budgam successfully organised a week-long series of sports and wellness activities under the banner of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

The programme commenced with great enthusiasm through a Mara-

thon/Run against Drugs, where scores of students, youth, and civil society members participated to spread the message of saying 'No to Drugs and Yes to Life,' witnessing encouraging participation.

On the second day, momentum continued with a variety of sports tournaments including volleyball, cricket, kabaddi, and several traditional and recreational games. These activities were aimed at channelising the energy of youth towards positive, healthy engagements while raising



awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse. The third day was dedicated to Yoga and Meditation sessions, conducted in collaboration with the Youth Services & Sports Office and School Education department. Participants, especially school and college students actively took part in practicing various asanas and breathing exercises, reinforcing the importance of mental well-being in the fight against addiction. The week-long campaign culminated with a vibrant Cycle Marathon

and Paidal March against Drugs, which saw impressive participation from across the district. The concluding event sent out a strong and united message against drug abuse, underlining the community's commitment to building a healthier, drug-free society.

This programme under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan marked yet another step forward in the district's ongoing fight against substance abuse, promoting health, fitness, and social responsibility among the youth.





EDITORIAL

June 6 a red letter day in history of Jammu & Kashmir

June 6, 2025 would go down as a red letter day in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir especially, Kashmir valley since the Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually flagged off the Vande Bharat express from Katra to Srinagar and vice-versa. As a result of this the long cherished dream of rail connectivity of Kashmir division with Jammu division has become a reality. Now the people of the valley would travel to Jammu and other parts of the country without any disruption.

Even though the Vande Bharat express would chug between Srinagar and Katra for the time being it can be expected that after some time direct trains would run from Delhi to Srinagar and vice-versa. Once that happens there would be a total transformation of connectivity between the union capital and Srinagar. For the time being the people of Kashmir have heaved a sigh of relief since the frequent closure of Srinagar-Jammu national highway during the winter meant that they would not be able to reach the other parts of the country.

The closure of Srinagar-Jammu national highway proved to be a windfall for the airlines operating their services to Srinagar from different parts of the country. Not only this during the peak of tourist season these airlines would virtually burn the pockets of common masses by charging hefty amounts on account of air tickets. Since the option of travelling by train from different parts of the country to Srinagar was not available the tourists had to board a plane in order to reach Srinagar.

Since the rail transport is fast and cheap the people are bound to benefit and they can reach any part of the country at a nominal price. For some time the people would have to bear since there is no direct train between New Delhi and Srinagar but hopefully this problem too would be solved soon. There is an old saying that well begun is half done and the same fits the bill when it comes to rail connectivity between Kashmir and Jammu.

It is the responsibility of the people to make the rail service a success and they should make optimum use of this revolutionary step. The chugging of trains between Srinagar and Katra would force the different airlines to bring the rate of the air tickets from different parts of the country at a normal level. This would mean that there would be no black marketing of the air tickets with the people being the ultimate beneficiaries.

My Best Wishes on Eid-Ul-Azha



BY MOOL RAJ

First of all, I would like to convey my best wishes on the eve of Eid Ul Azha to my Muslim Colleagues at Govt Higher Secondary School Khellani Doda, my newly friend from Kashmir Mr Asif Amin Padder working as a Admission Manger in CT University Punjab India (Kashmir), their relatives and all the Muslim Community through out the length and breadth of the World.

There are two key Eid's (Celebration Festivals) in Islam: Eid-ul-Fitr, which signifies the completion of the Holy Month of Ramadan; and Eid-ul-Adha, the greater Eid, which follows the completion of the annual Hajj pilgrimage, at the time of Qurbani (sacrifice).

Although Eid-ul-Adha has no direct relation to the Hajj Pilgrimage, it is but a day after the completion of Hajj and therefore has significance in time.

The day of Eid-ul-Adha falls on the tenth day in the final (twelfth) month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar; Dhu-al-Hijjah. The day that celebrations fall on is dependent on a legitimate sighting of the moon, following the completion of the annual Holy Pilgrimage of Hajj - which is an obligation for all Muslim's who fit specific criteria, one of the important Five Pillars of Islam.

The celebration of Eid-ul-Adha is to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah SWT and his readiness to sacrifice his son, Ismail. At the very point of sacrifice, Allah SWT replaced Ismail with a ram, which was to be slaughtered in place of his son. This command from Allah SWT was a test of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness and commitment to obey his Lord's command, without question. Therefore, Eid-ul-Adha means the festival of sacrifice.

Depending on the country, the celebrations of Eid-ul-Adha can last anywhere between two and four days. The act of Qurbani (sacrifice) is carried out following the Eid Salaah (Eid Prayers), which are performed in congregation at the nearest Mosque on the morning of Eid.

The act of Qurbani consists of slaughtering an animal as a sacrifice to mark this occasion in remembrance of Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice for Allah SWT. This is also known as Udhiya. The days of animal sacrifice total three days, from the 10th to the 12th of Dhu-al-Hijjah.

The sacrificial animal must be a sheep, lamb, goat, cow, bull or a camel; the sheep, lamb or goat consist of one Qurbani share, whereas a bull, cow or camel consist of seven shares per animal. The animal must be in good health and over a certain age in order to be

slaughtered, in a "halal" friendly, Islamic way.

The Qurbani meat can then divided into three equal portions per share; one-third is for you and your family, one-third is for friends, and the final third is to be donated to those in need.

Traditionally, the day is spent celebrating with family, friends and loved ones, often wearing new or

mance of Hajj. Although the celebration is slated for the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijja, it is carried forward to the following three days. However, the difference of time by a day or two in moon sighting from different locations on the planet, which is the basis of lunar months, actually sets the dates for celebrations of both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha. This is what actually



best attire and the giving of gifts.

Donate your Qurbani with Muslim Aid this year and ensure your contribution goes to those who are most in need. From all at Muslim Aid, a blessed Eid Mubarak to you all. We are a faith-based British international charity that provides help to people who are victims of natural disasters or conflict or suffering from poverty, hunger, disease, homelessness, injustice, deprivation or lack of skills and economic opportunities.

Eid-ul-Adha, the second of the two great festivals of the Muslim Ummah, is primarily a festival of sacrifice. But this festival assumes a unique spiritual significance with the performance of hajj scheduled for the 10th day of the twelfth and final month of Dhu al-Hijja on the Islamic calendar. Hajj performed in Makkah is mandatory for all the devout Muslims who are physically, mentally and financially capable of doing so. Sacrifice of animal is integral to the perfor-

explains celebration of the two great festivals on different dates.

Now, all great festivals are generally marked by mammoth congregations. Hajj is certainly one such congregation. Even the prayer offered to the Almighty Allah brings together thousands and, in some select Eidgahs of Bangladesh, tens of thousands of followers of Islam. If Eid-ul-Fitr is preceded by the practice of a month-long siyam or self-abnegation, Eid-ul-Adha transcends this lesson to yet another humanitarian and spiritual cause. The core theme ingrained in these two religious obligations is of course unreserved and total submission to Allah, the benevolent. This sacrificial ritual is incorporated into Islam from the unrivalled example of prophet Ibrahim's willingness to make the supreme sacrifice. At the command of Allah the merciful, Prophet Ibrahim was about to sacrifice his son Ismail as a complete surrender to the supreme being's will. It was, however, the ultimate test not only the prophet but also his son were put to by the Almighty. Both came out of the test in flying colours as they responded unhesitatingly to the call of duty to Allah.

In today's mundane world, no one is asked to sacrifice his son. Then where does lie the significance of the sacrifice? It is in the purity of mind that remains steadfast against all distractions and seductions. One has to offer to Allah what one holds dearest to his bosom. This also is a lesson in renunciation for the sake of complete surrender to the creator. Through this, man seeks a union with the omnipotent being. To do so one has to come clean on any mundane consideration like prophet Ibrahim and prove total submission to God's will.

Sadly, the spirit is woefully missing now. Most people are more eager for the feast than going by the religious edict. When it comes to sacrifice of animals, some take it as an opportunity for flaunting wealth by way of procuring the prized bull or ox for slaughter. Theirs is no sacrifice and it is not accepted by Allah. Apart from this clear religious message, Eid-ul-Adha's socio-economic implications are also very significant. Through sharing and distributing sacrificial meat with relatives and among the poor, the well-to-do in society can also perform a duty towards society. The money spent on the sacrificial animal also contributes to the economy by way of fostering cattle rearing by poor farmers and developing cattle farms in both rural and peri-urban areas.

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Celebration of Eid ul Adha-2025



Sahil Manzoor

Eid ul Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, is celebrated with great fervour and devotion on the 10th of Zil Hajj every year, according to the Islamic calendar. This sacred month holds immense significance as it is during Zil Hajj that Hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam, is performed by millions of Muslims in Makkah.

Eid ul Adha commemorates the profound story of faith and obedience of Prophet Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) and his son Hazrat Ismail (AS). According to the Holy Quran, Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) saw in a dream that Allah commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son. Initially, he hesitated, thinking it might be just a dream, but when the vision recurred for several nights, he realized it was



a divine command and decided to submit to Allah's will.

As he prepared to carry out this act of supreme obedience, the devil tried to dissuade him. In response, Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) pelted stones at him, an act that is symbolically reenacted by pilgrims during Hajj at the ritual of Ramy al-Jamarat.

When Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) was about to sacrifice his son, Allah, in His mercy, sent Angel Jibraeel Amin (AS) with a ram from Paradise to be sacrificed instead. This miraculous event marked the triumph of faith, submission, and devotion.

Muslims across the globe celebrate Eid ul Adha in remembrance

of this noble event. The day begins with Ghusl (ritual purification) and special Eid prayers held at Masjids and Eidgahs. The central ritual is the Qurbani (sacrifice) of animals such as sheep, goats, or camels, following the Sunnah of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS). The meat is then distributed into three parts: one for the family, one for relatives and friends, and one for the poor and needy.

Beyond the rituals, Eid ul Adha is a time of unity, sharing, and compassion. Muslims greet one another with "Eid Mubarak", wishing for peace, blessings, and happiness. Families come together, share meals, and offer prayers for the well-being of all.

This festival not only strengthens the spiritual bond with Allah but also teaches lessons of sacrifice, generosity, and the importance of putting divine will above all.

May this Eid bring peace, prosperity, and unity to the entire Muslim Ummah.

Eid Mubarak!

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POEM



Poet : Daag Dehelvi
Translation : Shahid ShamShad

*Tumhare khat mai naya ik salaam kis ka tha?
Na tha wou raaqeb tou aakhir wou naam kis ka tha?
Whose new greetings I found in your draft letter?*

*In fact, not a rival so whose name I can deter!
That murder aftermath, I am under investigation and everyone!*

*Who else did it Or whose act is this?
"Will be loyal, fulfil everything and I admit it"
Don't you remember whose words are these?
Not that "Merciless" In my heart but the pain is still*

*Whose residence was that and who is the resident now?
Neither any security tightening nor a grand welcome of a churchman
So whose preparedness was there in the assembly?*

*The whole assembly remained eager after listening!
Tell me whose deficient discussion was there?
The Era is gone, so now to whom I can say?
That the notion of my heart kept your dawns and dusks....*

Compulsion to Educate: Why We Share More Than Needed



Mukhtar Ahmad Qureshi

Have you ever found yourself halfway through giving someone advice only to realize they never even asked for it? If you are nodding your head, you are not alone. I have done it. We have all done it. There is something deeply human about wanting to share what we know especially when we feel we have experience or insight that could help someone. But here's the twist often, our "expert advice" is not always welcomed or even needed. So why do we do it? Why cannot we hold back our inner consultant, coach, or life guru? Let's dig into the psychology, emotion and subtle social cues behind this common habit.

■ The feel good factor, it is nice to feel useful

Let's be honest offering advice feels good. There's a small dopamine rush when we think we have solved someone's problem. That sense of usefulness, of being someone who "knows stuff," gives us a boost in self-worth.

In personal conversations, especially with friends and family, we often believe that sharing our experience is the most loving thing we can do. A friend says he is struggling at work and before he even finishes her sentence, we are already offering five tips, three resources and a YouTube video. It comes from a good place yes. But sometimes, people just want to be heard. They want empathy not instructions. That's a big difference. And often our eagerness to help turns the focus away from their story and centers it on our solution.

■ Our expertise feels like a responsibility

There is also this sense of duty that kicks in when we have experience in a certain area. Let's say you are a teacher and someone casually mentions how hard it is to home school their kids. Immediately, your brain says, "This is my moment. I know this" It is like sitting on a goldmine of knowledge and watching someone dig with a plastic spoon you just have to step in. You feel responsible

not to let them make the "mistakes" you made or have already learned from. In a way, it is a sign of compassion but here is the catch. We sometimes assume that our solution is universal. That what worked for us will work for everyone. But life does not operate on copy paste commands. Context matters and timing matters even more.

■ Unconscious ego, the hidden need to be right



Now let's be real there is a shadow side to giving advice. Sometimes we offer our insights not just to help but to subtly show we know better. And no it is not always conscious. You may have caught yourself correcting someone mid sentence or explaining a concept they already understand. That is not help that is ego dressed up as assistance. We want to feel smarter more experienced more "in control."

This urge gets stronger in spaces like social media, WhatsApp groups and office meetings. A simple post about someone's parenting choices, diet plan or career shift suddenly becomes a magnet for unsolicited guidance. And if we are honest some of it is just people looking to feel important. The more confident we are in a subject the more likely we are to jump in even if nobody invited us to. And unfortunately this can come across as arrogant, patronizing or even controlling.

■ Cultural and family conditioning

Many of us grow up in environments where giving advice is a sign of love and authority. Our elders advise us constantly, sometimes without understanding the full situation. In

return, we grow up believing that if we care we must say something. This conditioning becomes hardwired into our communication style. Whether we are at the dinner table in a classroom or chatting with a neighbour there is a tendency to shift into expert mode. Especially in cultures where elders or professionals are highly respected offering advice feels almost like a rite of passage. But what we forget is that the world is changing. The younger generation is more emotionally aware more inclined towards personal

manage it

If you have made it this far chances are you are self-aware enough to want to do better. So here are a few things I try to remember. Pause before you speak. Ask yourself. Did they ask for my advice or do they just need someone to listen?

Offer empathy first. Sometimes saying "I hear you" or "That must be tough" is more powerful than any suggestion. Ask permission. "Would you like my thoughts on this?" that one question can change the whole conversation dynamic. Be okay with silence. Not every gap needs to be filled with your voice. Listen to listen not to respond.

■ Advice is beautiful when it is timed right

Giving advice is not a bad thing. In fact, it is often an act of love. But like all things, it requires sensitivity timing and respect. Our expertise may come from a place of experience but wisdom lies in knowing when to speak and when to simply be there. Sometimes the best way to "help" is to just sit beside someone in their moment of struggle and say, "I am here." Because often that is all they really needed.

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Poems The Song Bird of India

Oh the heat,
Oh the tender flower
The gentle voice
O'er my horizon
And the wimping clouds
That bless the morn
I woke with you
And the voice out and voice in
As the rain is floppy
Time falls in your music
And the beat of dreams,
As I feel you
My song bird, come down
To my heart
Be my companion
At times of distress.

I am Wonderful

I am wonderful,
Like the star
That shoots o'er
Some fancy clouds.
I am splendid,
Like the flowing sea
That wish to be with
The ocean and silence.
I am unique,
In every sense
In every movement of my time
And my verse is my sleep.

By :-Sidharth P K
Kochi

It Is Not Time to Look for Excuses



Aijaz Rather

Na sangarish, Na takleef, to kha khaak maza ha, aise jeene ma. Bade bade be toofan tham jate ha, agar aag lagi ha seene ma.

In every season of life—whether personal, professional, or societal—there come moments when we face obstacles that test our patience, values, and determination. It is in those moments that many are tempted to look for excuses. Excuses are easy. They allow us to shift the blame, avoid discomfort, and stay stagnant. But if we want progress, growth, and real results, then we must come to terms with a hard truth: this is not the time to look for excuses. This is the time to act.

Excuses are, by nature, a form of retreat. They are mental justifications we offer ourselves to avoid accepting full responsibility for our actions—or inactions. We say things like, "I would have done it, but I didn't have enough time," or "It wasn't my fault," or "The conditions weren't right." But progress has never come from perfect conditions. It has come from imperfect people making bold choices in less-than-

ideal circumstances.

When we default to excuses, we surrender control. We give power to the obstacle, the limitation, or the failure. We tell ourselves that something outside of us dictates our outcomes. But the truth is, success often begins where excuses end. When we stop pointing fingers and start asking, "What can I do differently?" or "How can I grow from this?" we take back our power.

This mindset is especially critical in today's world. We live in times that demand responsibility, resilience, and leadership. From climate change to economic challenges, from health crises to social inequality, there is no shortage of problems that need solving. Yet far too often, instead of working together to find solutions, we hear the same tired justifications: "It's not my job," "Someone else will fix it," or "That's just the way things are."

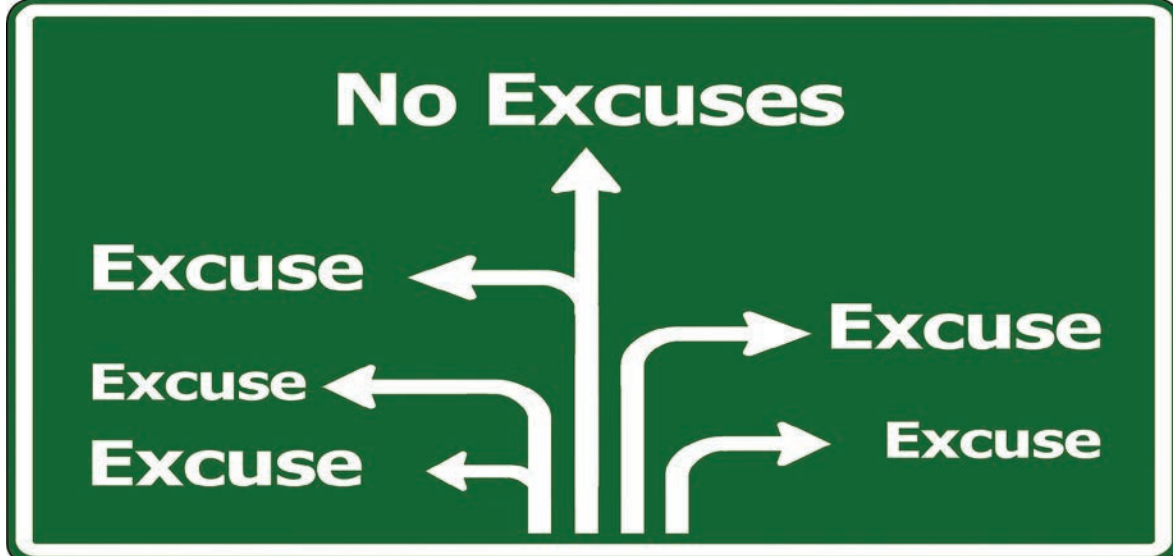
No. That mindset is no longer acceptable. It is not the time to hide behind bureaucracy or blame the system. It is the time to take initiative—to step up, even when it is difficult or unpopular. If not now, then when?

In our personal lives, the same principle applies. Whether it's a dream we've postponed, a habit we've tried and failed to change, or a relationship we've neglected, we must ask ourselves: are we being honest, or are we looking for excuses? It is far easier to say,

"I don't have the talent," than to admit, "I haven't put in the work." But talent without discipline is

have enough time," say, "I will make time." Instead of thinking, "This problem is too big for me,"

ity seriously—people who lead without titles, serve without recognition, and act without



meaningless, and excuses never built anything worth keeping.

Great individuals and great societies are not defined by the number of times they avoided failure. They are defined by their willingness to confront failure and keep moving. Look at any story of success—behind every achievement is a story of persistence, grit, and responsibility. These are people who had every reason to quit, every justification to stop, and every excuse at their disposal—but they chose not to use them.

We must choose the same. It's time to replace excuses with action. Instead of saying, "I didn't

ask, "What small step can I take today?" This shift in mindset doesn't just help us accomplish more—it shapes our character.

There is also an important difference between excuses and legitimate challenges. Life is not always fair, and some face more obstacles than others. But even in the face of injustice or adversity, we can still choose how we respond. Making excuses is passive. Taking responsibility is powerful. It doesn't mean everything is your fault, but it does mean your future is your responsibility.

As a society, we need more people who take that responsibility

needing permission. We need people who say, "If it needs to be done, I will start," instead of waiting for perfect conditions or someone else to go first.

In education, business, sports, politics, and family life, this principle holds true. The people who rise, who grow, who achieve, are not those who never fail—they are those who refuse to hide behind failure. They learn from it. They move forward.

So, the next time you're tempted to offer an excuse, stop and reflect. Ask yourself: What would happen if, instead of explaining why I can't, I looked for how I could? What would change in

your life, your community, or even your country, if more people chose accountability over avoidance?

Excuses delay progress. They protect our pride but undermine our potential. They make us feel safe in the moment but leave us stuck in the long run.

The truth is simple: this is not the time to look for excuses. This is the time to be bold, to take ownership, and to build a better future with whatever resources, energy, and courage we have.

No more waiting. No more blaming. No more explaining why not. It is time to bagged the goal. I can conclude this script by these lines ;

Ausulu pa jaha aanch aaye, Takrana zaroori ha.
Agar zinda ho aap, zinda nazr aana zaroori ha
khasoosh karne walu ki kabi har nahi hote.
Lehru sa darkar, aun ka koie paar nahi hota.
Karm hi tumhara kal hoga, karm agar sachha hoga.
Karm he nashfal hoga, her aik sangart ka nashfal hoga.
Aaj nahi to kal hoga.
Manzilu sa keh do, mushkile aur bade sub ki.
hum aun ma sa nahi, jo apne raste badal dale.

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Deputy Commissioner chairs District Health Society meeting at Poonch

HT NEWS DESK

POONCH, JUNE 6: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting of the District Health Society to review the performance of health-care institutions and discuss strategies for strengthening health infrastructure and service delivery. The meeting took stock of the sanctioned strength, staff availability, and existing vacancies at the District Hospital and associated health facilities. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized strict adherence to the dress code and duty rosters by all medical staff, calling for greater accountability and professionalism. He stressed the need for effective implementation of healthcare interventions aimed at

reducing infant mortality and maternal deaths—highlighting these as critical focus areas. The DC proposed setting up dialysis units in Mendhar and Surankote to decongest the District Hospital and ensure timely, life-saving treatment in remote areas. “This step will reduce the number of referrals to the District Hospital and facilities outside the district,” he noted. The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Superintendent, District Education Planning Officer, Block Medical Officers, Executive Engineers from PDD and PWD, Assistant Director CAPD and other senior officials and health staff. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting of the District



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ADC reviews progress of Mission YUVA in Sub Division Bhaderwah

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BHADERWAH, JUNE 6: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal assessed the progress of Mission YUVA in Sub Division Bhaderwah at a meeting held today in his office chamber. The ADC interacted with the officers of stakeholder departments and YUVA Doots to get first-hand insights into the current status of beneficiary identification, application approvals and disbursement of benefits. He emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts and proactive outreach to encourage a maximum number of youth for availing the self-employment opportunities under the scheme. He also highlighted the need to address gaps in awareness at the grassroots level and encouraged field functionaries to engage with potential beneficiaries more effectively. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Director Planning, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Prano, Branch Manager J&K Bank (Main Branch Bhaderwah) and representatives from the Employment Office and YUVA Doots.

Vande Bharat Train accorded warm welcome at Sangaldan Station

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RAMBAN, JUNE 6: The inaugural Vande Bharat train to Kashmir was today warmly received at Sangaldan Railway Station- one of the key stop point on the prestigious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL).

The District Administration Ramban led by Deputy Commissioner Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary and DIG DKR Range Shridhar Patil welcomed the train amidst patriotic cel-



ebrations. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the train from Katra to Srinagar, formally inaugurating long-

awaited rail connectivity to Kashmir. SSP Kulbir Singh and SDM Gool Imtiaz Ahmed and several other officers were present for the historic

occasion. The USBRL project, often described as an engineering marvel, finally bridges the geographical divide, connecting the Kashmir Valley to the national railway network. The arrival of the Vande Bharat at Sangaldan marks a transformative moment for the region's development and accessibility. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the train from Katra to Srinagar, formally inaugurating long-awaited rail connectivity to Kashmir.

Devotional Vibes Soar High at Vomedh Bhajan Sandhya at Mata Kheer Bhawani Tulmulla

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Srinagar/June, 6A spiritually enriching Bhajan Sandhya was organized at the sacred precincts of Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, Tulmulla on the evening of June 2, 2025. The event was jointly hosted by the Relief Organisation, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Lan-

guages, and Vomedh as part of the annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela celebrations. The evening began with a spellbinding performance of “Hanzey”, a devotional musical narrative beautifully rendered by Vomedh Rangmanch, which set the tone for a deeply immersive devotional experience. Soulful singing performances by renowned Kashmiri

artists Shanti Lal Sidh, Pallavi Koul, Nirmala Koul, and Rajesh Khar captivated the audience and added to the sanctity of the occasion. The serene ambience of the temple complex was elevated by the heartfelt bhajans and Kashmiri devotional renditions. The event was gracefully hosted by Supriya Pandita, whose warm anchoring and spiritual

fervor kept the audience engaged throughout the evening. Rohit Bhat, Director of Vomedh, delivered the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the devotees, organizers, and performing artists. The temple grounds witnessed a jam-packed gathering of devotees, many of whom expressed a strong desire to see this Bhajan Sandhya evolve into.

Legal Metrology Department conducts special inspection drive ahead of Eid-ul-Adha

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JAMMU, JUNE 06: Legal Metrology Department conducted a special inspection drive across the Union Territory today to check the rates of consumer goods and thwart unfair practices on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha. During the drive, 1778 inspections were carried out in different parts of the UT. The teams inspected mutton shops, grocery stores, bakeries and retail outlets. The focus was on checking short weightment,

overcharging, use of non-standard weights and measures and violations related to packaged commodities. The inspections led to the booking of 107 challans, and recovery of a penalty of 3.5 lakh from the erring traders. The drives were conducted both independently by Legal Metrology officers and in coordination with other departments, as special squads were constituted by the district administrations to monitor markets and prevent consumer exploitation during the festive period.

The department has appealed to the public to remain vigilant. “Any violation observed, especially short weightment or overpricing should be immediately reported to the nearest Legal Metrology Office. Citizens can also reach out through the department's actively managed social media handles for quick redressal or to lodging complaints vizX (Twitter): @jk_lmd; Facebook: @legalmetrologyjk; Instagram: @lmd_jk and YouTube: @jk_lmd,” it said.

World Environment Day 2025 DLSA conducts Plantation, cleanliness drive at Methalan-Bindraban-Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JUNE 06: To mark the World Environment Day 2025, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kishtwar, under the supervision and guidance of its secretary Slahuddin Ahmed and in accordance with the monthly activity calendar of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), organized a Plantation and Cleanliness Drive here in Methalan-Bindraban area. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Forest Department to promote environmental sustainability, legal awareness and active community participation. The drive was coordinated by Assistant LADCs Sanveer Singh, Sandeep Kumar, Farhat Nabi and Afshana Malik along with the staff of the authority. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic involvement from Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and officials from the Forest Department.

BDO Office Trigam celebrates World Environment Day with plantation, cleanliness drives

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KISHTWAR, JUNE 06: In line with the directives of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan and under the close supervision of Assistant Commissioner Development, Kaiser Ahmed Bhawani, the Block Development Office Trigam, led by BDO Roopesh Sharma organized a series of impactful activities to commemorate World Environment Day 2025. The day was marked by a cleanliness, anti-polythene and plantation drive across various key locations in CD Block Trigam. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from office staff and local residents, reinforcing a collective commitment to environmental conservation and plastic waste reduction. Recognizing the theme of World Environ-



ment Day 2025 and the urgency to address mounting ecological challenges, the BDO office conducted extensive cleanliness-cum-sanitation drives at several vital water bodies including Water Point Lachil, Water Body Point Wasnoti and two waterfalls near Galigadh Park. The volunteers removed plastic waste, weeds, and other debris from in and around these water bodies, including the Amrit Sarovar at Galigadh, contributing significantly to the upkeep of local natural resources. In addition, a plantation drive was organized at Galigadh Park, where saplings were planted to enhance green cover and promote biodiversity. Local shopkeepers, businessmen and residents were sensitized about the importance of proper waste disposal. Emphasis was laid on the use of dustbins and sustainable waste management practices.

Yoga's Role in Drug De-Addiction 2nd Awareness Session held at GGHS Bhaderwah

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BHADERWAH, JUNE 6: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the second awareness session on “Yoga's Role in Drug De-Addiction” was today organized at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Bhaderwah. Around 200 students actively participated in the yoga session, which was conducted by Yoga Therapist Nidhi Padha and Yoga Instructor Faizan UI Haq. The experts educated the students about the benefits of yoga for physical and mental well-being. The event was meticulously coordinated by Medical Officer Dr. Manjit Singh from the AYUSH Department in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Department. This session also formed a part of the Prelude to International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 under the campaign YOGA UNPLUGGED, aiming at sensitizing youth about the transformative power of yoga.

GDC Ramkote conducts cleanliness drive to mark World Environment Week

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RAMKOTE, JUNE 06: To promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices, the NSS Unit of Government Degree College Ramkote today organized a cleanliness drive as a part of a series of activities planned by the college to observe World Environment Week. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, college staff and faculty members under the inspiring guidance of the college Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul. The cleanliness drive was carried out on and around the college campus. The volunteers cleaned classrooms, corridors, gardens and surrounding areas. They removed litter, weeded out unwanted growth and planted saplings to enhance the greenery of the campus. The event concluded with a solemn pledge by all participants to uphold cleanliness and adopt eco-friendly habits in their daily lives.

Regional Manager SBI RBO-5 reviews functioning RSETI Ramban

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RAMBAN, JUNE 6: Regional Manager, Regional Business Office-5 (RBO-5) Ravinder Singh today visited the SBI RSETI campus in Ramban. He was warmly welcomed by the RSETI team led by Director S. Harvinder Singh. During the visit, the Regional Manager conducted a detailed inspection of the campus, with a special focus on damages caused by recent flash floods. He assessed the current condition of the infrastructure and reviewed the ongoing restoration efforts. The status of the land allotted by District Administration Ramban for the permanent RSETI campus was also examined. After reviewing the progress and pending formalities, the Regional Manager assured the RSETI team that he would personally take up the matter with the concerned authorities to expedite resolution of land-related issues. He also discussed the future roadmap for RSETI Ramban, particularly regarding skill development training programs proposed for encouraging entrepreneurship and self-employment in the district.

Market inspection drive conducted in Bhaderwah

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BHADERWAH, JUNE 6: A comprehensive market checking drive was conducted in Bhaderwah town on Friday to check quality of consumer goods and foil unfair trade practices on the eve of Eid-UI Azha. A team led Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal inspected several marketplaces and commercial establishments across the town. Officials checked the hygiene standards, food quality and pricing of items. Mutton, poultry and fruit vendors were instructed to maintain cleanliness and follow food safety regulations to prevent any health hazards during the festive season.





KVIC disburses margin money subsidy of Rs 300 crore to 8794 beneficiaries.

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Srinagar:KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar made the disbursement through virtual mode from Central Office in Mumbai. Chairman KVIC said, "Strong step towards self-reliance and self-sufficiency under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India disbursed margin money subsidy of Rs 300 crore to 8794 beneficiaries across the country through virtual mode program organized on Tuesday under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). This disbursement was made against loan sanction of about Rs 884 crore. The event was held at KVIC Central Office, Irla Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai, where in KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar released the subsidy to the beneficiaries through virtual mode. KVIC CEOs Ms. Roop Rashi along with other senior officers of the Central Office were present on the occasion.

On the occasion of the disbursement program, Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar opined, "Under the visionary leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, PMEGP scheme has presently created a strong and effective base of self-employment in India. Khadi and



Village Industries is not just a product today, but it is the essence of vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. This scheme has not only provided employment to lakhs of youth, but has also connected them with the power of entrepreneurship." All the six zones of the country actively participated in this disbursement program. In total 2445 projects were approved for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry of South Zone, for which subsidy of Rs 80.26

crore was disbursed. In the Central Zone, subsidy of Rs 91.13 crore was disbursed for 2366 projects of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand. A subsidy of Rs 62.68 crore was provided to a total of 2167 projects in Eastern India for Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Andaman Nicobar and Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura in the Northeast. A subsidy of Rs 41.80 crore was given for 1320 projects of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,

Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, and Rajasthan in the Northern region. At the same time, 496 projects in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Goa of the Western region received a subsidy of Rs 24.12 crore. In this way, it proved to be a comprehensive and effective campaign to empower self-employment in urban and rural areas across the country. Since its beginning till the financial year 2024-25, the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has become a pillar of entrepreneurship and self-reliance in rural and urban India. A total of 10,18,185 micro enterprises have been established under the scheme so far, for which the Government of India has sanctioned a loan of Rs 73,348.39 crore. In return, margin money subsidy of Rs 27,166.07 crore has been provided to the beneficiaries. So far, more than 90,04,541 people across the country have got direct and indirect employment through this scheme, which makes it one of the most effective self-employment schemes.

Sajad Lone extends warm Eid-ul-Azha greetings to the people

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Srinagar, June 06 (KNS): Peoples Conference President and MLA Handwara Sajad Gani Lone extended his heartfelt greetings and warm felicitations to the people of Kashmir and the entire Muslim Ummah on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. In his message, Lone reflected on the deep spiritual significance of Eid-ul-Azha, a sacred commemoration of Prophet Ibrahim's (AS) supreme act of devotion and submission to the will of Allah. He described the festival as a powerful reminder of the enduring values of faith, sacrifice and obedience.

"Eid-ul-Azha is not just a celebration," he said, "but a profound spiritual journey

that inspires us to embody the principles of selflessness, compassion, and brotherhood." Calling for collective reflection and empathy, Lone urged people to remember those facing hardship and to extend generosity and support to uplift the marginalized. "As we mark this holy occasion, let us open our hearts to the less fortunate and work together to build a more compassionate and equitable society," he remarked. Addressing the people of the Valley in particular, Lone expressed hope that Eid would bring tranquility and prosperity to every home.

"May this blessed festival deepen the bonds of unity among all communities and pave the way for an era of harmony and progress in our beloved region," he concluded. (KNS)

Rather greets people on Eid-ul-Azha.

Opportunity to seek blissful breeze of Allah's mercy

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Srinagar, July 6 (KNS): Senior NC leader and Speaker Legislative Assembly Ab Rahim Rather has greeted people of Jammu and Kashmir especially muslim ummah on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. In his Eid greetings message, Rather while felicitating people on the auspicious religious festival of Eid ul Azha, has said that this occasion imbibes the sacred values of obedience, sacrifice and compassion as exhibited by the Prophet Ibrahim (a.s) and his son Hazrat Ismail (a.s) to honour the will of Almighty Allah. He said Eid ul-Adha ('Festival of Sacrifice') is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar adding that the special occasion also teaches to remember the lesser privileged,

destitute and downtrodden sections of the society and to share joy with them. Highlighting the spirit of sacrifice and selflessness that is epitomized by Eid-ul-Azha, senior NC leader has asked the people especially muslim ummah to expose themselves to the blissful breeze of Allah's mercy on this auspicious occasion, for attaining spiritual enlightenment. Rather has prayed that the auspicious occasion may prove as harbinger of lasting peace and prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir. "Eid-lu-Azha symbolizes standing for truth, justice, and sacrifice" Rather maintained while wishing a very happy and peaceful Eid ul Azha to the muslim ummah. He has prayed that "may our transgressions are forgiven on this Day and may the sufferings of all around the globe ease on this occasion.

Altaf Bukhari greets people on the auspicious occasion of Eid al-Adha

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Srinagar, June 6 (KNS): Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari has extended greetings to the people, especially the Muslim community, on the joyous occasion of Eid al-Adha. He urges everyone to generously share their happiness and blessings with those who are less fortunate and in need. Also, the Apni Party President requested that people pray for J&K's peace and prosper-

ity on this revered occasion.

In his message, Altaf Bukhari said, "I extend my heartfelt greetings to all on this revered occasion of Eid al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, which honors the unwavering devotion of Prophet Ibrahim (Huzrat Abraham) to Almighty Allah. This day holds profound significance as it also marks the culmination of the sacred Hajj pilgrimage."

He prayed, "May this auspicious day and its celebrations bring peace, harmony, communal brotherhood,

and prosperity to our region and its people."

He appealed to people to pray for the well-being of Jammu and Kashmir and its people, on this auspicious occasion.

He said, "I request people to pray for the peace, harmony, and prosperity of our region, on this auspicious occasion. Also, I humbly request that you extend your support to the underprivileged members of society and share the festive celebrations with them on this auspicious occasion." (KNS)

Workshop Promotes PMFME Scheme to Empower Food Entrepreneurs in Anantnag.

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Anantnag: June 6: An awareness workshop under the Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme—also known as the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative—was held at Shangus Block in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, drawing a strong response from local entrepreneurs and food processors. Organised by the District Nodal Agency, led by the Deputy Director Fisheries Anantnag Shabir Ahmad, in collaboration with allied departments, the event aimed to inform and motivate Self-Help Groups (SHGs), small-scale processors, and aspiring food entrepreneurs about the benefits of the PMFME scheme launched in June 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The event witnessed on-the-spot registration of over 100 participants, many of whom expressed interest in establishing or upgrading their food processing units. The PMFME scheme offers substantial financial assistance, including a 35% credit-linked subsidy up to 10 lakh for individual enterprises, and up to 3 crore for shared infrastructure projects by SHGs,



Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and cooperatives



Participants were also informed about the scheme's broader support ecosystem,

which includes help with Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, bank loan facilitation, branding, packaging, and marketing support.

This was the second of five such awareness camps planned across the district. The focus areas under ODOP for Anantnag include fish processing, bakery products, pickle production, and fruit and vegetable processing. Officials stated that similar programs would be held in other blocks to expand outreach and encourage wider participation.

The workshop was also attended by the Hon'ble MLA from Anantnag East (Shangus) constituency, who lauded the initiative for its potential to strengthen local entrepreneurship and generate employment.

So far, over 50 micro food enterprises have been established in the district with credit linkage amounting to more than 3 crore. In the Shangus constituency alone, more than 10 enterprises have been set up with credit support exceeding 65 lakh.

Officials emphasised that the PMFME scheme is pivotal in formalising and empowering the unorganised micro food processing sector, ultimately contributing to the economic upliftment of the region.

Eid ul Adha Greetings from Private Schools' Association J&K

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Srinagar, June 6, 2025 The President, Private Schools Association Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) G N Var extends Eid ul Adha greetings to all members, educators, and the community. He further said that "May this auspicious occasion bring us closer to our loved ones, inspire us to embody the values of sacrifice and compassion, and fill our hearts with gratitude and joy." Other Office-Bearers Vice-President, General Secretary, Chief Organiser, President (Womens' Wing), Vice-President (Jammu Province), Divisional Organisers, and District Presidents of PSAJK in their statement wish all a joyous Eid ul Adha, filled with love, peace, and happiness. They further said, "May the spirit of sacrifice and devotion guide us all. We pray for peace, prosperity, and harmony in our region and beyond."

DC Bandipora extends Eid-ul-Adha greetings to people

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BANDIPORA, JUNE 06: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, has extended heartfelt greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, a festival symbolizing sacrifice, compassion, and devotion. In his message, DC said that Eid-ul-Adha reminds us of the values of selflessness, empathy, and sharing. "May this sacred occasion bring peace, prosperity, and harmony to all," he said.

Wishing everyone a joyful and blessed Eid, Qadri emphasized the importance of unity and caring for one another, especially the less fortunate. He prayed for peace, development, and collective well-being across Jammu and Kashmir. He urged people to support the underprivileged and celebrate Eid with a spirit of unity and generosity.

JKPICCA President Bashir Ahmad Naik Extends Warm Eid al-Adha Greetings to Muslim Community

MUSHTAQ ULISLAM

SRINAGAR, June 06: Bashir Ahmad Naik, President of The Jammu and Kashmir Fruits and Vegetables Processing and Integrated Cold Chain Association (JKPICCA), extended heartfelt Eid al-Adha greetings to Muslims across Jammu and Kashmir and beyond.



In his statement, Naik conveyed his warm wishes, praying for peace, prosperity, and harmony for all. "Eid al-Adha is a festival of sacrifice, unity, and compassion. It reminds us of the values of selflessness and devotion, which are vital to building a just and caring society," he said.

Naik emphasized the importance of community spirit during the festival and called on citizens to uphold the essence of Eid by supporting the less fortunate and standing together in brotherhood. As a key figure in Kashmir's horticulture and cold chain sector, Naik also highlighted the role of the agriculture and food processing community in ensuring uninterrupted food supply and preservation during the festive season. "Our farmers, processors, and supply chain workers are the backbone of our society, especially during such important times," he noted.

The JKPICCA president concluded by wishing everyone a joyful and safe Eid, filled with blessings and the spirit of togetherness.

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Assam floods: CM visits relief camps as 19 districts affected

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Guwahati, June 6

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday visited a flood relief camp in Hailakandi district in southern Assam, where hundreds of displaced residents are currently sheltered, as the state grapples with one of its worst flood spells in recent years.

His visit comes at a time when relentless rainfall and overflowing rivers have impacted more than 5.6 lakh people across 19 districts. During the inspection, Sarma said the state government has mobilized fully equipped medical teams to address health emergencies at various camps.

"We are providing all necessary facilities," the Chief Minister said in a post on social media, underlining the government's commitment to ensuring proper care for flood-hit families.

Apart from Hailakandi, Sarma also reviewed updates from other severely affected relief camps in Kalinagar and Panchgram. He directed officials to step up relief distribution, sanitation measures,



and security to prevent any secondary disaster.

Though floodwaters have begun to recede in certain areas like Morigaon, 117 villages there remain submerged, according to the latest update from the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA).

The situation remains grim in regions like Sribhumi and North Sribhumi's Baatgram, where several homes and commercial establishments have been inundated, and infrastructure damage is widespread.

Umeed portal to monitor Waqf properties launched

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 6

New Delhi, June 6 (UNI) Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday launched the UMEED Central Portal — a groundbreaking digital initiative aimed at ensuring real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties across India.

UMEED (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development) aims to streamline Waqf property management to ensure fair usage, particularly for the benefit of poor Muslims, women, and children.

To ensure accountability, the portal will create a digital inventory with geo-tagging of all Waqf properties, online grievance redressal system for better responsiveness, transparent leasing and usage tracking, integration with GIS mapping and other e-Governance tools, public access to verified records and reports among others. Union MoS George Kurian who was also present on the occasion here called the launch a "historic step," asserting that the system will prevent misuse and ensure properties serve their original charitable purposes, said a statement here.

With Assembly polls nearing, Amit Shah to visit TN on June 8

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Chennai, June 6

BJP poll strategist and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be visiting Tamil Nadu on June 8, Sunday and is expected to hold key deliberations with the BJP leaders on devising the strategy for the crucial Assembly elections which is about less than 10 months away.

Mr Amit Shah will be landing in Madurai where he was expected to meet the State BJP leaders and core committee members, besides the alliance party leaders, including its key partner the main Opposition, besides including ouster AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam and AMMK led by TTV Dhinakaran — both opposing the DMK — in the NDA. During his earlier visit he announced the revival of alliance with the AIADMK by addressing a press conference and exuded confidence of the AIADMK, heading the NDA, forming the



next government in 2026 in the State. During his current visit, he was also expected to focus on discussions on bringing in its past allies, including the PMK to the NDA fold and retaining the sulking DMDK of later actor-politician Vijayakanth in the alliance, besides including ouster AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam and AMMK led by TTV Dhinakaran — both opposing the DMK — in the NDA.

DMDK has been keeping its options open on its alliance strategy after it was denied Rajya Sabha seat by AIADMK as promised during 2024 Lok Sabha polls, a point which

was denied by AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami himself saying no such commitment was given. DMDK General Secretary Premalatha Vijayakanth said her party poll strategy and alliance will be announced in January 2026 after the DMDK's meet in Cuddalore, while keeping her options open, though the allies of the ruling DMK had openly stated that they were willing to accommodate the DMDK as part of the alliance and that Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin would take a final call.

They key issue before the BJP is to get back a now 'divided' PMK to its fold to strengthen the alliance as it has a considerable Vanniyar support and vote base in the Northern districts. However, this seems to be the bone of contention within the top leaders of the PMK leading to simmering differences and war of words between the Party Founder.

Russia air defence systems intercepted 174 Ukrainian drones, says Defence Ministry

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Moscow, June 6

Russian air defence systems intercepted and shot down 174 Ukrainian drones on Thursday night, the Russian Defence Ministry claimed on Friday. "During the past night from 20:00 Moscow time (17:00 GMT) on June 5 to (04:20 Moscow time) on June 6, air defence systems duty intercepted and destroyed 174 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles of the aircraft type over the territories of the Bryansk, Rostov, Saratov, Voronezh, Kaluga, Kursk, Oryol, Ryazan, Tula, Belgorod, Tambov,



Moscow regions and the Republic of Crimea," the ministry said in a statement. Ten drones were shot down while approaching Moscow, according to the capital's mayor. Authorities temporarily closed three airports in the Moscow area for safety, but they have since reopened, according to

Bloomberg. Additionally, the air defence systems destroyed three Ukrainian Neptune-MD guided missiles over the Black Sea, the statement read. Russian Air Force also destroyed two Ukrainian drones headed for the country's Tula region, leaving three people injured, according to Dmitry Milyayev, reports Sputnik.

"This past night, air defence units of the Russian Defence Ministry destroyed two Ukrainian aircraft-type unmanned aerial vehicles that attacked the Tula Region. As a result of the enemy attack, three people were injured," Milyayev wrote on Telegram.

Telangana Govt to build Indiramma houses in urban areas using G+3 model: Ponguleti

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Hyderabad, June 6

The Telangana government is now extending its flagship Indiramma Housing Scheme to urban areas, aiming to provide dignified housing for the urban poor without disrupting their livelihoods, said State Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy.

Speaking after a review meeting on the housing scheme held on Friday, the Minister said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth

Reddy, the construction of Indiramma houses in rural areas has reached a crucial phase, and the government has now shifted focus towards urban regions.

"In cities like Hyderabad, the poor prefer to stay where they live and work. When houses are built far from their workplaces, they hesitate to relocate due to livelihood concerns. In the past, 42,000 houses were built far from the city, but only 19,000 people moved in. A recent survey revealed that only 13,000 are currently residing in those houses," the Minister explained.

To address this issue, the government has decided to construct G+3 model apartments directly in slum areas, ensuring that beneficiaries can continue their livelihoods uninterrupted. As part of the first phase, 16 slums in Hyderabad have been identified. Similar initiatives will be launched in other urban centers including Warangal, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, and Karimnagar. In a significant move towards uplifting tribal communities, Minister Ponguleti announced that 22,016 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned specifically for tribals

SC issues notice to Haryana on woman lawyer's plea alleging police assault

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 6

The Supreme Court on Friday issued a notice to the state of Haryana in response to a plea filed by a woman lawyer, who has accused officials of the Gurugram Police of subjecting her to sexual and physical assault. A bench comprising justices PK Mishra and Justice AG Masih sought a response from Haryana Police within four weeks. The plea seeks an independent investigation into a First Information Report (FIR) allegedly filed by the police as retaliation against the petitioner.

"Issue notice returnable in four



weeks," the court ordered. The petitioner, a practising advocate and an executive member of the Tis Hazari Bar Association, has approached the apex court requesting the transfer or clubbing of three FIRs, two lodged by her and one filed against her stemming from an incident that reportedly occurred on May 21, 2025, at Sector 50 police

station in Gurugram. In her petition, the advocate has also sought disciplinary action against the police officials involved and urged the court to direct the investigation to be transferred to an independent agency such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the Delhi Police. According to the petition, the advocate had accompanied a client to the police station in connection with a matrimonial issue. She alleges that when her client attempted to file a complaint against his wife, police officers obstructed the process. She further claims that she was assaulted by both male and female officers, subjected to illegal detention.

Inflation eases as RBI cuts repo rate to 5.5%, signals cautious optimism

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Mumbai June 6

Mumbai, June 6 (UNI) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday lowered its inflation forecast for the financial year 2025-26 to 3.7 per cent, down from the earlier projection of 4 per cent, reflecting the positive impact of easing global commodity prices. This represents one of the most optimistic inflation outlooks in recent years. Alongside this revision, the RBI

reduced its key policy rate by 50 basis points to 5.5 per cent, aiming to support economic growth while keeping inflation in check. Governor Sanjay Malhotra noted that assuming normal monsoon conditions, inflation is expected to remain moderate throughout the year, with quarterly estimates ranging from 2.9 per cent in June to 4.4 per cent by March. April's retail inflation eased to 3.16 per cent, the lowest in nearly six years,

driven by abundant food supplies and steady core inflation. The RBI highlighted record wheat and pulses production during the Rabi season, coupled with an anticipated above-average monsoon, as factors likely to sustain food availability and moderate prices. Malhotra emphasized that inflation expectations, especially in rural areas, are trending downward, supported by forecasts of stable crude oil prices and other key commodities.

Afghanistan signs four MOUs with global aid bodies to support repatriation of displaced families

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Kabul, June 6

The Afghan Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation has signed four memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with leading aid agencies to support returnees and internally displaced families, the ministry announced in a statement. The agreements, worth approximately 1.1 million U.S. dollars in total,

will benefit 18,360 returnees and displaced individuals, as well as 3,665 families from the local community, the statement said on Thursday. Under the MoUs, aid agencies will provide cash assistance, distribute food and educational supplies, and create job opportunities in the provinces of western Badghis, Herat, Farah, northern Balkh, and eastern Nangarhar.

In May, the Ministry of Commerce

and Industry signed five MoUs of 2.5 million dollars with five aid agencies to improve people's livelihoods in eight provinces.

The Afghan interim government continues to urge both local groups and international organisations to invest in the country to help address economic challenges and create employment opportunities, as the war ravaged country is attempting to stand back up on its feet.

Japan space confirms lunar landing failure after loss of communication

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Tokyo, June 6

Tokyo-based space startup ispace has officially confirmed the failure of its lunar landing mission, after losing communication with its lander during descent in the early hours of Friday.

In a press conference held shortly after 9:00 a.m. Japan time, ispace announced the mission's conclusion after determining that communication recovery with the lander was no longer feasible.

The lander, launched in January from Florida, successfully entered lunar orbit and began its descent from an altitude of 100 kilometers at around



3:00 a.m. on Friday. It was scheduled to make a soft landing at 4:17 a.m. on a flat region near

Mare Frigoris, also known as the "Sea of Cold" in the Moon's northern hemisphere.

However, by 4:30 a.m., the company reported it had not established communication with the lander and began investigating the situation. The team concluded that the mission had not succeeded in achieving a soft landing.

The second attempt followed the company's failure in 2023, when a misjudgment in altitude led to a crash. The lander, launched in January from Florida, successfully entered lunar orbit and began its descent from an altitude of 100 kilometers at around 3:00 a.m. on Friday.

Trump-Musk feud: Tesla boss alleges US prez part of infamous Epstein Files

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Washington, June 6

The Donald Trump and Elon Musk bromance seems to have all but ended now with the world's richest man alleging that the US President's name figures in the classified Epstein files.

Musk's nuclear escalation of his feud with Donald Trump came after duo traded blows for days over the US head of state's flagship domestic policy proposal, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB), which the world's richest man had earlier branded a "disgusting abomination."

On Thursday, the SpaceX CEO

dropped a dirty bomb on the US President and wrote on X: "Time to drop the really big bomb: @realDonaldTrump is in the Epstein files. That is the real reason they have not been made public. Have a nice day, DJT!" The Epstein files refers to the vast array of classified files and documents, related to the convicted billionaire sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, with whom Trump was friends with decades ago.

While Epstein was sentenced to 18 months in prison, the US courts had ruled that Trump was not in on his former friend's criminal life.

The feud between the two global titans had been turning increas-



ingly sour, owing to Musk's own disdain for the bill, which Trump

fully justified as being a very big necessity for the US.

The US President had earlier expressed his disappointment over Musk's remarks, saying it may just be the end of their "great relationship."

Attacking his former 'First Buddy', Trump earlier wrote on social media "Elon knew the inner workings of this bill better than anyone... and he only developed a problem when he found out I would cut the EV (electric vehicle) mandate... And it really is unfair."

Musk rebuked the allegations, saying he had no clue as to what was going on, and it was passed without his knowledge. Trump offered a relatively muted

response, saying "I don't mind Elon turning against me, but he should have done so months ago."

Following the drama, Musk — once the brand ambassador for Trump administration — began calling for his impeachment, and threatened to decommission the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft that returned NASA astronauts from the International Space Station, after Trump claimed he would terminate subsidies on the private space agency.

However, he later backtracked on the decision after an X user encouraged the parties to "Cool off and take a step back for a couple days." Trump said he won't be doing so.





Usman: A Miracle. A Heartbeat of Hope

This write-up is being produced here by Headlines Today to contribute our bit in highlighting the noble cause being rendered by this NGO in general and Dr Syed Altaf Bukhari in Particular Editor...

Srinagar :-What challenges did Usman, born in 2021 with Tetralogy of Fallot, face in his fight for life?

How did his family, led by Ashraf, a laborer stretched thin, navigate the crushing weight of medical costs and setbacks like low white blood cell counts and a syndrome affecting growth and cognition?

How did Hope & Health intervene, arranging care at Sri Satya Sai Palwal Haryana and Amrita Hospital in Kochi, covering travel, food, and surgery?

Why was the decision for high-risk surgery pivotal, and how did Usman's recovery transform him into a thriving, witty schoolboy by 2025?

What does this story reveal about the role of community support in saving a child's life? Usman's journey, from a fragile infant to a vibrant child, was fueled by his family's love and Hope & Health's unwavering support. Baby Usman

In a sun-scorched village, where dust clung to every step, Usman's father, a laborer named Ashraf, toiled from dawn to dusk. His calloused hands carried the weight of feeding his wife and four daughters, each day's earnings turning into their evening meal. When Usman, their only son, was born in 2021,

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■ The Struggle

The family's journey became a maze of hospital visits and fading hope. A local pediatric cardiologist, seeing Usman's struggle, referred them to Hope & Health, dedicated



to helping children with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD). In late 2021, we sent Usman to Sri Satya Sai Palwal Haryana for advanced care. There, doctors confirmed the heart defect but uncovered another hurdle: Usman's white blood cell count was dangerously low, ruling out surgery. The family was sent home with instructions to wait and monitor, but months passed with no improvement. Usman grew weaker, his small body rejecting feeds, his laughter rare. Ashraf and his wife felt the weight of time, their son slipping further from reach.

■ Hope & Health

Yet, hope flickered. Hope & Health, undeterred, arranged for Usman to be transferred

to Amrita Hospital in Kochi after another 6 months of struggle. There, a new diagnosis was added to the family's burden: a syndrome stunting Usman's growth and cognitive development, casting a shadow over his future. The medical team placed a PDA stent to boost his oxygen levels, a temporary lifeline, but his blood counts refused to improve. Eight months later, Usman's condition deteriorated further, his breaths shallow, his energy fading. Surgery was now the only option, but it carried grave risks—infection, or even loss of life, loomed large. Ashraf and his wife faced an agonizing choice. Could they risk their son's life for a chance at saving it?

■ Treatment

In a quiet hospital room, with love as their anchor, they chose to fight. The Amrita Hospital team, moved by Usman's spirit and the family's courage, agreed to take the risk. The surgery was grueling, each moment a test of endurance for the doctors and the family waiting with hope. Hours stretched into eternity, but Usman's heart, patched and strengthened, began to beat with new vigor. Recovery was slow, fraught with tension, but Usman, the fighter, pulled through. Discharged home, he carried a fragile but growing spark of life.

■ The Reward

Years later, in 2025, a call from Ashraf brought tears of joy to the Hope & Health team. Usman, now a "big boy," was running through the village, his laughter echoing. Enrolled in school, he surprised everyone with his wit and intelligence, defying the syndrome's grim predictions. The boy who once struggled to breathe was now a beacon of possibility, his bright eyes a testament to what love, resilience, and community can achieve. Usman's five-year odyssey—from a fragile infant to a thriving child—was no simple miracle. It was forged by his parents' unwavering love, the dedication of doctors who refused to give up, and the support of Hope & Health, which shouldered the costs of travel, food, surgery and above all never gave up.

■ Call to Action

■ Usman's story is a call to action.

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Hormonal imbalance, sedentary lifestyle fuel rise in PCOD cases in J&K: Gynaecologists

Calls for timely intervention, lifestyle changes to manage symptoms, prevent complications

■ HT News Network/KNO

Srinagar, J: Health experts in Jammu and Kashmir have expressed concern over the increasing prevalence of Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) among women, attributing the trend primarily to hormonal imbalances and sedentary lifestyles. Gynaecologists say the condition, though serious, is manageable with timely medical attention and healthy lifestyle choices.

Dr Barjashta Bahar, a gynaecologist at the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir (DHSC), speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said PCOD arises when ovaries secrete excessive androgens—male hormones—which leads to the development of multiple cysts on the ovaries.

"These cysts are actually immature follicles that fail to release eggs, resulting in disrupted ovulation," she explained.

Dr Bahar outlined a range of contributing factors, including hormon-



al imbalance, insulin resistance, obesity, poor diet, lack of physical activity, and genetic predisposition. She warned that PCOD, if left unmanaged, could result in complications such as infertility, irregular menstrual cycles, unexplained weight gain, acne, excessive hair growth, and even mental health issues like anxiety and depression.

Dr Rukhsana Akhter, another gynaecologist, highlighted the long-term health risks associated with PCOD. "Women with PCOD are at higher

risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and even endometrial cancer if the condition is not diagnosed and addressed early," she said.

She said regular physical activity, a balanced diet rich in whole grains, lean proteins, and vegetables—and low in sugar and processed foods—can help regulate hormones and improve insulin sensitivity.

Dr Rukhsana stressed the importance of stress management and timely monitoring to avoid complications.

Medical treatment options, such as hormonal therapy and insulin-sensitising medications, can also play a crucial role in regulating menstrual cycles and reducing other symptoms associated with PCOD.

"PCOD is not a life sentence," the doctors agreed. "With awareness, early diagnosis, and a commitment to healthier habits, women can successfully manage the condition and lead a normal life."—(KNO)

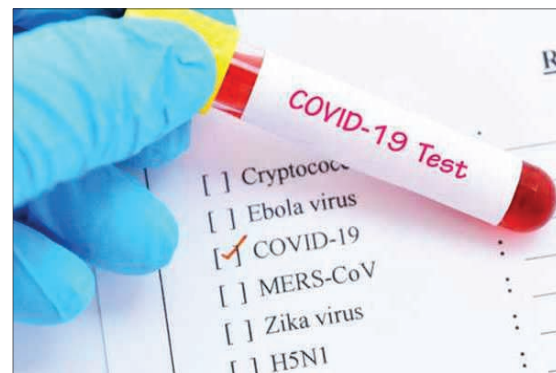
India's active Covid-19 cases near 6,000 as Kerala, Gujarat lead uptick

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Mumbai, June 6

India is witnessing a slow uptick in Covid-19 cases, with active infections being reported from nearly every state, except Arunachal Pradesh. As of 8 am on June 6, the total number of active infections across the country has reached 5,862, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Four deaths have been reported in the last 24 hours against seven fatalities a previous day.

Kerala continues to report the highest daily caseload as it recorded 192 new infections in the past 24 hours, taking its active case tally to 1,679. Two Covid-related deaths were also reported from the state on June 5.

Following Kerala, Gujarat has emerged as the sec-



ond-most affected state in terms of daily new cases, reporting 107 new infections during the same period while its current active caseload stands at 615.

The national capital Delhi reported 30 new cases, with the city having recorded seven deaths related to Covid-19 since January 1, 2025. What could be a matter of concern to the authorities, states including Delhi,

Maharashtra, and Gujarat have crossed the 500 active cases mark.

Health authorities have urged citizens to re-adopt basic preventive measures such as masking in crowded places, maintaining hand hygiene, and staying home if symptomatic. Hospitals and district health centres have been directed to ensure that oxygen beds and ICU facilities are prepared, particularly for patients

with comorbidities.

Globally, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a rise in COVID-19 test positivity rates to 11% across 73 countries, mirroring peaks last seen in July 2024. The increase is driven by new emerging variants, including NB.1.8.1, particularly affecting the Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, and Western Pacific regions. Health authorities have urged citizens to re-adopt basic preventive measures such as masking in crowded places, maintaining hand hygiene, and staying home if symptomatic. Hospitals and district health centres have been directed to ensure that oxygen beds and ICU facilities are prepared, particularly for patients with comorbidities.

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■ HT NEWS DESK

ANANTNAG, JUNE 06: To strengthen the fight against substance abuse among youth, Youth Services & Sports (YSS) Anantnag, in collaboration with the Education department Anantnag, organized a series of activities today across various educational institutions in Anantnag district under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

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on selected focus days to ensure ongoing public outreach and engagement under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan. To strengthen the fight against substance abuse among youth, Youth Services & Sports (YSS) Anantnag, in collaboration with the Education department Anantnag, organized a series of activities today across various educational institutions in Anantnag district under

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EU redirects 335 billion Euros of Covid relief money to defence projects

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Brussels, June 6

The European Union will redirect 335 billion euros from the Resilience and Recovery Facility (RRF), which was established for COVID relief, to defence projects, after receiving permission from the European Commission. According to Politico, the Commission, while declaring the amount to be eligible for defence expenditure, said that countries have until August 2026 to meet the certain agreed targets in order to receive the funds.

On Wednesday, the body told countries that defence projects under common EU plans such as the satellite communication programmes were now eligible.

The European Commission has called for lawmakers and governments to include in the European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) regulations - a provision to make it possible for countries to use the recovery money - to make contributions to the defence fund.

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help the Recovery Facility to deliver additional important benefits from common European priorities, including in the areas of security and defense," Economy Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis told reporters, listing a large number of ways in which countries can redesign their plans. This move signals a significant shift in Europe's priorities since the pandemic, as the Russia-Ukraine war has both greatly impacted the European economy, as well as led to most of the EU stand with Ukraine and become increasingly hostile towards Russia, necessitat-

ing its need for greater defence spending to ensure it security, as well as the advancement of its weapons and arms industry. The idea behind the initiative is, that if a country diverts RRF-backed money to make contributions to the EU's target plans, then it can easily secure the required funds.

When asked how defense investments can contribute to the RRF's green and digital goals, Dombrovskis said the current rules provide no specific treatment for defence-related measures. However, there is no clear consensus on the issue, as several countries which include Spain and

Italy - the top beneficiaries of the funds - have asked for the postponement of the 2026 deadline.

Additionally, the EU executive has also rejected the idea, meaning that a deal has to be reached between countries and then ratified by 20 parliaments, a process that would not only add considerable time to the initiative, but could outright stall it for a very long and uncertain time. The European Commission has called for lawmakers and governments to include in the European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) regulations - a provision to make it possible for countries to use the recovery money - to make contributions to the defence fund.

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Bengaluru stampede: RCB announces Rs 10 lakh aid to family of each deceased

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Bengaluru, June 6

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on Thursday announced financial support of Rs 10 lakh each to the families of the eleven deceased in the tragic stampede that occurred during the team's celebratory gathering in the city. In an official statement, the franchise said the unfortunate incident has caused "a lot of anguish and pain to the RCB family."

Expressing solidarity with the grieving families and those injured, RCB said: "As a mark of respect and a gesture of solidarity, RCB has announced a financial support of Rs 10 lakh to each of the eleven families

of the deceased." The statement also announced the establishment of a special relief initiative called 'RCB Cares' which aims to support fans injured in the tragedy. "Our fans will always remain at the heart of everything that we do. We remain united in grief," the franchise said.

The tragic incident occurred on Wednesday (rpt) Wednesday during a massive public turnout to celebrate RCB's recent IPL triumph, resulting in a deadly stampede that claimed 11 lives and left several others injured.

RCB's gesture follows widespread calls for accountability and support from across the cricketing and political spectrum. Further investigation



into the circumstances leading to the stampede is on a bittersweet blend of jubilation and sorrow swept across Bengaluru on Wednesday as Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) returned home with their maiden IPL title, even as a tragic stampede



outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium earlier in the day claimed 11 lives. The stampede occurred outside the stadium prior to the event, leaving 11 dead and 33 injured, chief minister Siddaramiah said. While no reference was made to the

incident during the felicitation or fan interaction, it is believed the players were unaware of the unfolding tragedy at the time.

Thousands of jubilant fans had gathered near the gates of the stadium since early morning, hoping to catch a glimpse of their favourite players and the trophy. The situation spiralled out of control when the surging crowd overwhelmed entry points, triggering a deadly stampede.

"Thirty-three people have been injured, with 47 reported to have sustained varying levels of trauma initially. Some were discharged after treatment," the Chief Minister stated, adding that all injured individuals would receive free medical care. The city had erupted in celebration

as the newly-crowned champions were felicitated by the Karnataka government at the Vidhana Soudha. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah received the squad and presented mementoes to key players including Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar, both instrumental in RCB's historic six-run win over Punjab Kings in the IPL final in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.

Even as the rains briefly interrupted the event, players were slowly escorted out and made their way to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, where tens of thousands of fans had gathered to witness the long-awaited trophy celebration. Inside a packed stadium, RCB players took centre stage atop the gallery, proudly flaunting the golden IPL trophy.

DYSS Kishtwar organises Thang Ta competition as part of Inter-Zonal Girls tournament

HT NEWS DESK

KISHTWAR, JUNE 06: The Department of Youth Services & Sports (YS&S) today hosted a spectacular series of Thang Ta Girls competitions here at Government Higher Secondary School (Boys) Kishtwar, as part of the ongoing Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament. The girl contestants, representing different zones of the district, demonstrated remarkable skills of martial art.

Each challenger displayed electrifying moves, tactical brilliance and unwavering sportspersonship. Enthusiastic participation and the roar of encouragement from the audience created



an inspiring atmosphere, turning the event into a celebration of tradition and talent. The initiative aimed to empower girls through indigenous martial arts, promoting physical fitness, confidence and competi-

tive spirit. It also reflects the department's unwavering commitment to gender equity in sports and the preservation of cultural heritage through traditional disciplines like Thang Ta. The Department of Youth Services & Sports

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South Africa batters dominate opening day in Zimbabwe warm-up

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Arundel (England), June 6

Ahead of the all-important ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia at Lord's in a week, the South Africa players hit the ground running in a warm-up fixture against Zimbabwe here.

Even as the two African sides feature in the practice game, the South African minds were focussed on the Australian challenge ahead. Speaking on the tussle to follow this contest, opening batter Aiden Markram outlined the Proteas' mindset for the World Test Championship Final.

"I think it's the collective decision for each guy to bring their best skill. It's going to be a tough game," Markram told ICC Digital.

"It's a Test match, of course, against Australia and a Dukes ball, Lord's, all those sorts of things, but ultimately,

the guys have a skillset that have got them here, got them selected, throughout the cycle performed as well, doing those skills," he said.

"So it's about backing that, our best skill versus their (Australia's) best skill, and we'll see where it lands us at the end of the day," Markram said. The first day of the encounter was washed out, but the Proteas got much-needed game practice on Wednesday. The South Africa batters got a good workout after the side opted to bat in the warm-up clash.

Despite losing Aiden Markram for 13 early in the day, the Proteas batting unit picked it up as half-centuries from Ryan Rickelton, skipper Temba Bavuma, and in-form Tristan Stubbs led them to a formidable total of 313/2, following which they declared their innings.

Rickelton (62 off 93), Bavuma (58 off 85) and Stubbs (58 off 120) displayed

their class with the bat, with a variety of shots catching eyes as the Proteas aim to go all-out to secure their first ICC trophy since 1998.

There were suggestions that the Proteas had zeroed in on Wiaan Mulder as their No. 3 batter, with the player walking out after Markram's loss early in the innings. He added 26 runs during his resolute knock at the crease.

As several batters opted to retire hurt not out, as many as nine South Africa batters got an opportunity to feature in the first innings. Walking in at six & seven respectively were Tony de Zorzi and David Bedingham, who contributed with 28 and 23 in Arundel.

Following South Africa's declaration at 313/2, Zimbabwe's time with the bat got off to a shaky start with Kagiso Rabada getting rid of Brian Bennett for 15.

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