



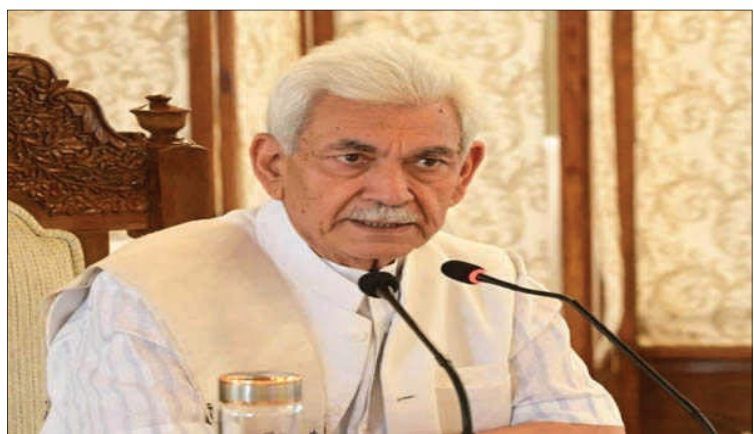
Seamless Coordination, Synergy Among all Stakeholders Must for Successful Amarnath Yatra : LG Manoj Sinha

Chairs comprehensive security review meeting, directs officers to ensure foolproof security

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials to review the security arrangements for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The meeting was attended by Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps; Shri S.J.M Gillani, Special Director General (Coordination), PHQ; Shri Pankaj Thakur, Joint Director IB; Shri Nitish Kumar, ADGP CID J&K; Shri Rajesh Kumar, ADG CRPF; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO SABS and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Shri Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shri VK



Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; senior officials of Police, Army, CAPFs and Intelligence Agencies.

The Lieutenant Governor took a comprehensive review of the security

apparatus and measures deployed by the security agencies to ensure safety of the pilgrims.

He directed for seamless coordination among the Civil Administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine

Board, J&K Police, Army, Security Forces, and all the other crucial stakeholders to ensure a peaceful and successful holy pilgrimage.

The Lieutenant Governor reviewed the working of the security grid and various significant steps being taken by Army, CAPFs and J&K Police to ensure foolproof security for the Yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the contingency plan, deployment of Police and security personnel, preparedness and response mechanism of line departments and emphasized on better coordination among all stakeholders involved in yatra management.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal

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First Hand Redressal of Grievances Held During CM's RAABITA Programme

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today held a public outreach programme at his Raabita office in Srinagar, where he listened to a wide range of issues and demands raised by individuals and delegations from across Jammu and Kashmir.

Director of IIT Jammu, Manoj S. Gaur, called for support to the Venture Fund created by IIT Jammu aimed at promoting socio-economic development in the region.

A delegation of the Kashmiri Language Union raised concerns regarding the promotion of the Kashmiri language, urging greater institutional support for its development.

A delegation of Revenue Officers submitted a memorandum seeking the reorganization of the Revenue Department and its wings across various departments, with demand for better conditions and structured career pro-



gression for Revenue cadre officers.

Similarly, a delegation from Industrial Estate Pampore, led by its president, flagged several issues pertaining to the functioning and development of the estate.

A deputation from the J&K OBC Resident Welfare Forum highlighted various concerns of the OBC community in Jammu & Kashmir.

Representatives from the Bharat CSR Network met the Chief Minister to discuss potential tourism promotion initiatives.

A delegation from Animal Rescue

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Severe heatwave continues; MeT issues 'Orange, Yellow' alert

Light rains bring respite in evening hours; 'except for June 17

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13 (UNI) Temperatures across Kashmir are expected to come down slightly by a few degrees from Saturday onwards, offering some relief from the prevailing heatwave.

However, the temperatures may remain a few degrees above the seasonal average, according to an independent weather observer, Kashmir Weather.

He said the forecast up to June 15 indicates predominantly dry weather conditions across most parts of the region, although a few isolated areas may experience thundershowers.

Between June 16 and 17, the weather is likely to remain mostly dry, with a possibility of a rain spell or thundershower activity in some areas, particularly in the Jammu region, which has been witnessing intense heat in recent weeks.

From June 18 to 19, dry weather is again expected to dominate, although a brief shower cannot be ruled out in one or two locations.

Meanwhile, dry and hot weather conditions persisted across the Kashmir Valley on Friday, although there was a slight dip in temperatures compared to the previous day.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 32.4°C, which is 4.4°C above normal. This comes a day after the summer capital registered a scorching 34.2°C on Thursday — an increase by 6.2°C above normal.

MeT said that Qazigund in south Kashmir registered 32.8°C, 6.1°C above average for this time of the year.

The health resort of Pahalgam recorded 28.2°C, which is 4.5°C above normal, while the border district of Kupwara touched 31.9°C, exceeding the average by 3.7°C.

Even the hill station of Gulmarg, usually known for mild summer weather, recorded 23.0°C up by 4.2°C.

Kashmir also witnessed warm Thursday nights, with the minimum temperatures staying 2-5°C above normal in most parts

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Israel's Attack on Iran Unjustified: CM Omar Abdullah

'It will have direct impact on us'

HT NEWS DESK/KNO

SRINAGAR, JUN 13: Terming Israel's attack on Iran as "unjustified" Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that escalation between the two countries will have direct impact on people in the sub-continent. Talking to the reporters here, Omar, as per the news agency—, said that "the attack will have a direct impact on our fuel prices, stock market, flights to ply to the west and more than that it will have an impact on sentiments of the people."



According to Omar, Israel did not give any reason for this strike. "Israel has waged war on a country by calling it a pre-emptive attack. Israel did the same thing that Russia did in Ukraine. It will be unfortunate if the world remains silent on the issue," he said.

"The attack on Iran is not justified like the way

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CBI Registers Case Against Officials of DC Office Srinagar, Brokers in 2014 Multi-Crore Flood Relief Scam

Prepared fake, fraudulent lists of 1503 flood affected shopkeepers, misappropriated 7 crore, 51 lakhs

HT NEWS DESK/KNO

SRINAGAR, JUN 13: Anti-corruption branch of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against officials of Deputy Commissioner's Office in Srinagar, Revenue officials and brokers in post flood 2014 relief distribution multi crore scam.

An official while sharing the details with the news agency—said, "Upon the receipt of reliable information, a discreet verification was conducted to ascertain the veracity of allegations against the accused. The allegations were found based on facts. Thereafter, a Joint Surprise Check (JSC)



was conducted in Accounts Section of Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar on 06.03.2025 and a formal verification was conducted by CBI-ACB Srinagar."

"The verification revealed that Accounts Section in the Office of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar and subordinate Tehsil Offices in District Sri-

nagar have deposited unspent flood relief money in Additional Treasury Tankipora Srinagar vide TV. No. 12, dated:- 19.09.2019 under Major-Account Head 8443-00, 800-Other-Deposit," he said.

"A few official communications from DC Office Srinagar mentioned varying figures of deposited amount Rs. 42.00 crores, Rs. 32.14 crores & Rs. 31.54 crores. Further investigation revealed that a U.O.No. 1912-13/R/DCS/NCRF/Traders/2015, dated 03.07.2015 issued by DC Srinagar directed Bazar Committees/Associations to conduct necessary verification

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Kashmiri politicians slam World's silence on Israel's attack on Iran

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13 (UNI) Top Kashmiri politicians, including Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, two former CMs, a Member Parliament and a separatist leader on Friday strongly criticized the "silence" of global powers over Israel's attack on Iran, calling it a dangerous display of "double standards"

CM Omar said that there was no justification for the



attack on Iran.

"Israel went ahead on their own, calling it a pre-emptive attack, and waged war on a country. If the global powers remains silent on this, it will be truly unfor-

tunate. What Israel has done is very similar to what Russia did to Ukraine," Omar told reporters in Srinagar.

Omar pointed out the hypocrisy in international

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5-Year term of DDCs to End on Feb 24, 2026

Panchayats, BDCs non-existent since January 2024

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

SRINAGAR, JUN 13: The five-year tenure of the district development councils in J&K will come to an end on February 24, 2026, while the two other tiers of Panchayati Raj system—Halqa Panchayats and Block Development Councils—have been non-existent for one-and-a-half years now.

Officials told news agency—that existing DDCs would complete their five-year term in February next year.

"Since they were formally constituted by the Department of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development on February 25, 2021, they would complete their term on February 24, 2026," they said, adding that they can be dissolved even before completing their

five year term on the grounds of holding simultaneous polls for all tiers of Panchayati Raj system.

Legally speaking, the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 states that District Development Councils (DDCs) have a five-year term. However, if the government decides to hold common elections for all levels of the Panchayat system at the same time, the term of the DDCs may end earlier to match the tenure of other two-tiers.

The Panchayats and BDCs have been non-existent since January 10, 2024 as Jammu & Kashmir government is yet to hold elections to elect representatives for these bodies.

Officials' sources told KNO that the

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SASCI to give huge push to key infrastructure development in J&K: Chief Secretary

UT eligible to secure thousands of crores as interest-free loan under this scheme

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: In a significant move aimed at accelerating the developmental momentum and catalysing key sectoral reforms, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the adoption and implementation of Government of India's transformative scheme, Special



Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI). Launched by the Government of India in 2021-22 for States and made applicable to J&K UT from the current financial year. SASCI offers a unique opportunity for states and UTs to ramp up their capital expenditure through 50-year interest-free loans, thereby enabling them to invest in critical infra

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Amarnath Yatra - 2025

Div Com, IGP Jammu review arrangements at Yatri Niwas-Bhagwati Nagar

HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, JUNE 13: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti today visited Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar- the Amarnath Ji Yatra Jammu base camp and took stock of facilities and arrangements being put in place for the comfortable stay of the pilgrims.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu along with Senior officials from CRPF, JK Police, Civil administration and HoDs took a round of the Yatri Niwas complex and assessed the pace and quality of ongoing works.

Chairing a meeting afterwards, the Divisional Commissioner and Inspector General of Police conducted a thorough review of the arrangements made by the concerned departments. They issued necessary instructions for effective implementation of their respective action plans envisaging augmentation of civic amenities, security set up and improved services by using digital technology.

The Chief Engineer Public works



department was asked to complete the construction of sentry posts as per the recommendation of the CRPF, besides installing langar sheds and german hangers inside the Yatri Niwas.

Commissioner JMC Devansh Yadav was asked to deploy adequate sanitation staff and toilets at key spots and start desiltation of the canal.

Director Information, Nitish Rajora was asked to explore the possibility of installing Speakers in the halls of the complex, besides a Public Address System for dissemi-

nation of information and advisories among the pilgrims.

The Inspector General of Police emphasized to encourage the pilgrims to undertake the journey with official Convoy and adhere to the Yatra cutoff timings. He called for using print, electronic and social media for informing the pilgrims about the cutoff timing and other advisories.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the JPDCL Jammu to expedite the illumination work in and around the Yatri Niwas and make available sufficient number of Gen-

erators to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the Yatra. The JKRTC was asked to keep a close watch on the fitness of private vehicles to be used in Yatra Convoy.

The Health Department was asked to maintain sufficient stock of medicines, medical equipment, besides adequate number of ambulances and medical staff at the Yatra Base camp and other key locations.

The Fire and Emergency services department was asked to conduct fire drills and install a sufficient number of fire extinguishers and CCTV cameras at the langar sites and around the complex.

The Divisional Commissioner directed all the concerned officials to complete the works by June 20, including establishment of the control room with deployment of representatives and field staff from all concerned line departments. The Inspector General of Police emphasized to encourage the pilgrims to undertake the journey with official Convoy and adhere to the Yatra cutoff timings. He called for using print, electronic and social media for informing the pilgrims about the cutoff timing and other advisories.

Reasi Admin finalises arrangements for launch of 15-Day "Dharti Aaba Abhiyan"

HT NEWS DESK

REASI, JUNE 13: The District Administration Reasi has finalized arrangements to launch a 15-day Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan from June 15 to June 30, 2025.

The campaign will begin with a district level launch event at Mahore on June 15 and soon after span across 44 selected tribal villages including 7 in Chassana Block, 5 in Mahore Block, 5 in Thuroo Block, 5 in Jij Bagli Block, 16 in Thakrakote Block, 3 in Pouni Block and 1 each in Bhomag, Reasi and Arnas Blocks.

In this regard, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev Singh Samyali chaired a meeting to finalize the preparations.

The campaign will feature delivery of services related to Aadhaar enrollment, issuance of Ayushman Bharat card, caste and domicile certificates and saturation of a host of other social welfare schemes.

To promote livelihood, the tribal community would be provided benefits of agriculture and allied sector schemes, access to drinking water supply through Har Ghar Nal Se Jal scheme, Electricity connections under Power sector schemes, besides offering health services, skill development training, pro-

vision of ration under food security schemes, creation of public assets under Rural Development Department schemes, benefits under forest right Act and other tribal welfare programs.

The Block Development Officers (BDOs) will serve as campaign nodal officers and shoulder the responsibility of planning, organizing and documenting each event—including uploading of photographs and videos on the dedicated portal.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mahore was directed to make adequate arrangements for proper seating, uninterrupted power supply and provision for safe drinking water at the District Level Launch event.

Banking institutions were instructed to facilitate the opening of accounts for eligible individuals on the spot to facilitate direct benefit transfer under the schemes. The CMO Reasi was tasked with ensuring full coverage under health schemes, while agriculture and allied departments will raise awareness and facilitate registration under their respective initiatives.

All District Heads of Departments were instructed to ensure active participation from block and field-level officers to make certain that no tribal household or eligible beneficiary was denied the rightful entitlements.

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Secretary to Lieutenant Governor gave an overview of the Yatra arrangements and key measures taken to further enhance the facilities and services for pilgrims and smooth conduct of Yatra.

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Kashmir raised issues regarding the welfare and rescue of animals, requesting institutional support and awareness for their cause.

Candidates appointed under SRO-120 of 2018 called for resolution of pending compassionate appointment cases, while another delegation being considered under the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (2022) also highlighted similar concerns regarding pendency in compassionate appointments.

A deputation of "Voice of Weekly Newspapers" from Kashmir brought to light issues faced by weekly newspaper publishers in the region.

Besides these, numerous individuals and other delegations met the Chief Minister and apprised him of their grievances and demands.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured them that their genuine issues would be addressed on priority.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and other senior officials were also present during the programme.

ATTACK

Russia's attack on Ukraine was wrong," he said.

Earlier, Israel said early on Friday that it struck Iran while Iranian media said explosions were heard in Tehran. Israel has also declared a state of emergency in anticipation of a missile and drone strike by Tehran.

Meanwhile, Omar termed the plane crash in Ahmedabad as unfortunate, hoping that the reasons behind the incident will be brought to the public and such incidents will not occur again. He also expressed sympathies with the families of victims.

Pertinently, 241 people were killed while only one person survived after Air India's flight to London crashed in Ahmedabad—(KNO)

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in respect of non-insured flood affected shopkeeper/trader/business units with turnover below Rs. 10.00 lakhs and thereafter submit the lists supported by an affidavit of such genuine shopkeepers/traders to concerned Tehsil Office for flood relief. But in a case of Tehsil Central Shalteng two separate applications have been submitted in respect of 1503 purported shopkeepers/traders by alleged Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar vide No. 03/AFSA, dated 11.11.2018 and No. 106/FEC, dated 05.11.18 without affidavits and necessary verification in contravention of the said U.O," the official said, adding, "The Officers/Officials in DC Office Srinagar and Tehsil Office Central Shalteng Srinagar have conspired & connived with alleged members of alleged Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and alleged members of

alleged Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar, brokers Tariq Ahmad Malik, Tariq Ahmad Shaikh, purported shopkeepers/traders most of whom belong to a single household and other persons in preparation of a fake list of fictitious flood affected shopkeepers/traders that was submitted to DC Office Srinagar vide No. 811/TCSS/2018, dated 16.11.2018. During verification both Al-Falah Shopkeepers Association and Flood Affected Coordination Committee Srinagar were found fictitious & non-existing."

SHOPKEEPERS, TRADERS MOVE COURT "The verification revealed that 401 shopkeepers/traders of tehsil North Srinagar filed a writ petition titled Mohammad Ibrahim Moti & Ors. vide WP No. 1802/2021, CM 5983/2021 in J&K High Court Srinagar on 09.09.2021 for payment of flood relief to them. On the very next day on 10.09.2021, the honorable J&K High Court Srinagar passed an order that "This petition is disposed of in accordance with a previous judgment dated 22.11.2017, in OWP No. 1916/2017, titled as Ghulam Mohammad Rather & Ors. V/s DC Sgr. as the petitioners' case is deemed identical. The respondents are directed to consider the petitioners' claim based on the rules occupying the field, and make a decision within four weeks of receiving a certified copy of this order," the official said.

He said, "Taking a cue of the Court Order dated 10.09.2021 in WP No. 1802/2021, with mala fide intentions, 24 persons out of above said 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders of Tehsil Central Shalteng Srinagar filed a WP No. 786/2022 titled as Waheed Ahmad Lone & Ors. V/s DC Srinagar & Ors. in High Court J&K Srinagar on 18.04.2022 seeking flood relief from the Govt. under non-insured and below 10.00 lakhs turnover category. Meanwhile, the remaining 1479 (out of 1503) purported claimants also filed a separate WP No. 86/2024, titled as Jan Mohammad Dar & Ors. V/s DC Srinagar & Ors. in High Court J&K Srinagar."

"The Hon'ble High Court issued order directing respondents to consider the claim of petitioners in terms of communication dated 26.03.2024 provided they are eligible. Both these WPs were clubbed by the Hon'ble High Court," the official said.

SHOPKEEPERS ALSO BECOME PART OF LARGER CONSPIRACY

"The verification established that although subject 1503 petitioners before the honorable High Court do exist physically and have active bank accounts in respective branches, projecting themselves as flood affected shopkeepers/traders they also became a part of the larger conspiracy by colluding with unknown officers/officials of DC Office Sgr. Tehsil Office Central Shalteng, brokers Tariq Ahmad Malik, Tariq Ahmad Sheikh & other persons and provided to them their name, other particulars & bank accounts for receiving wrongful gain, without any eligibility and entitlement. The verification prima facie established that the Officers/Officials in DC Office Srinagar conspired with brokers & other persons and pursued their criminal play by way of feeding/submitted fabricated, false & fictitious information of verification/re-verification of subject 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders to the Court of law and Govt Officers/Offices of Principal Secretary to Govt. Finance Deptt, Director General (Budget) Finance Depart-

ment, Jammu & Kashmir Srinagar, and Accounts Officer with Finance Department, Jammu & Kashmir Srinagar/Jammu through series of official communications with intention to cause wrongful loss to the Govt and wrongful gain to themselves. And upon the basis of said fabricated, false and fictitious feedback/reportage of verification/re-verification in respect of subject 1503 petitioners, these Officers/Officials of DC Office Sgr. and Tehsil Office Central Shalteng in conspiracy with pseudo beneficiaries & others have by way of inducement secured/managed revalidation/authorization/release of Rs. 13.79 crores from Finance Department vide letter No. FD-BDGTOD- 3/5/2023-03-F.D. dated 27.09.2024 to be disbursed amongst the petitioners/alleged beneficiaries," the official said.

He said, "A separate revalidation/ authorization/ release of Rs. 12.00 lakhs was also secured in favour of said 24 petitioners. Therefore, Rs. 50,000 under the guise of flood relief was disbursed in favour of subject 1503 fictitious shopkeepers/traders by way of crediting the amount in respective bank accounts of alleged beneficiaries."

ADVOCATE PART OF SCAM

"Moreover, the verification revealed that Advocate Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, who was pleading for 24 petitioners in WP titled as Waheed Ahmad Lone & Ors. was a part of this whole conspiracy as his as many as eight close family members happen to be the petitioners/alleged beneficiaries amongst 24 petitioners," the official said, adding, "During verification it was prima facie established that unknown officers/officials of DC Office Srinagar & Tehsil Office Central Shalteng abused their official position and connived with brokers namely Tariq Ahmad Malik S/o Ghulam Mohammad Malik R/o Lane No. 04, Firdous Abad Bata-maloo Sgr., Tariq Ahmad Sheikh @ Kabali S/o Ghulam Nabi Sheikh R/o Mustafa Abad Zainakote HMT Sgr, and other persons including alleged beneficiaries in commission of offenses under section 420, 120-B r/w 420 RPC and section 5(1)d r/w section 5 (2) of J&K P.C Act Samvat 2006 (Ad-1949) section 61 r/w section BNS 318 and section 13 (1) (a) r/w 13 (2) of PC Act 1988 (amended by J&K Re-organization Act-2019) for preparation of fake & fraudulent lists of 1503 purported flood affected shopkeepers/traders in Tehsil Central Shalteng Srinagar and subsequent wrongful disbursement of government relief funds amongst them, thereby causing wrongful gain to themselves and wrongful loss/misappropriation of Rs. 7,51,50,000 (Seven crores, Fifty lakhs and Fifty Thousand) to the State Exchequer."

The above stated facts have necessitated a thorough investigation into this matter for looking into the modus operandi of all the persons involved in larger conspiracy so hatched for causing huge monetary loss to the state exchequer disbursed in favour of subject 1503 fictitious shopkeepers/traders by way of crediting the amount in respective bank accounts of alleged beneficiaries—(KNO)

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government is yet to decide on timing of holding local bodies' polls in the Union Territory.

Official sources told KNO that the government is yet to decide on the timing of local bodies' polls in the Union Territory.

"The government has not yet made up its mind on when to hold the polls. It is expected that a decision on conducting local bodies elections will be taken only after the Amarnath Yatra," they said, adding that the ECI is also expected to decide the timing of by-polls in Budgam and Nagrota segments in August-September this year.—(KNO)

TEMP

of the valley. According to official data, the lowest minimum temperature in Kashmir was recorded at Pahalgam at 11.8°C.

POLITICIANS

responses. "You raise your voice against Russia, launch campaigns. But when Israel attacks Iran, America, Europe, and others remain silent. If it is wrong for one country to attack another, it should be wrong also when Israel attacks Iran," he said.

The Chief Minister said the Middle East conflict will, of course, escalate, and it will have an immediate impact on the people in the country. "It (Iran- Israel conflict) will, of course, escalate and will have an immediate impact on us. It has an impact on our fuel prices. It has an impact on our stock market. It has an impact on the flights that have to fly to the West. But more than that it has an impact on the sentiment of people," Omar said. Israel on Friday launched a major attack on Iran, including nuclear sites, and killing several top figures. The attack triggered condemnation from several Kashmiri politicians.

National Conference president and former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah strongly condemned the Israeli attack on Iran, calling it condemnable and reprehensible.

"This attack undermines Iran's sovereignty and security and is a blatant violation of international laws and principles," Abdullah said.

The veteran leader said that Israel is breaking all records of "oppression and brutality" in Palestine.

He also criticized the United Nations, stating that it has become a silent spectator of Israeli aggression and barbarism, and for the past one year and eight months, it has only issued statements regarding the continued bombings.

Former CM and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said that Israel's attack on Iran is yet another "brazen act by a state that appears to have gone rogue".

"The silence of the global community particularly Western powers led by the United States is both alarming and telling. This silence amounts to tacit approval," Mehbooba said in a post on X.

"In the case of India-Pakistan tensions, the U.S. never fails to assert that its intervention has been crucial in preventing escalation. Yet when it comes to Israel's relentless bombardment of Gaza or its latest strike on Iran, that same urgency is conspicuously missing," she said.

"These glaring double standards endanger global peace and stability. Equally disturbing is the deafening silence of the so-called Muslim countries, who remain shamelessly non-existent in the face of such grave injustice.

Their inaction is not just disappointing, it's a betrayal of the very causes they claim to stand for," Mehbooba said.

NC leader and MP Srinagar Ruhullah Mehdi said that Israel has now bombed Palestine, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon, and Iran, and still plays the victim.

"This rogue Zionist regime isn't defending itself; it's behaving like a colonial thug. Attacking sovereign nations at will doesn't make you powerful, it makes you a terrorist state," he said in a post on X.

"Iran, like any sovereign nation, now has every right to defend itself and take full, punishing revenge. The Zionist regime should pay for its crimes in Gaza, for its bloodlust, for its massacres," MP added.

Kashmir chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference Chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said that Israel has become a "rogue state and a huge threat to world peace."

"This is highly condemnable. While perpetuating genocide on hapless Palestinians and getting away with it, Israel is now putting the whole of Middle East in peril. It has become a rogue state and a huge threat to world peace," Mirwaiz said. "It is the moral duty of the UN and all world nations to put pressure on Israel to stop the genocide and war in Gaza and prevent Israel from targeting other nations. People of Jammu and Kashmir stand with Palestinians and Iranians against Israeli aggression on them, the Hurriyat chief said.

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structure and usher in systemic reforms across ten identified sectors.

The meeting was attended by Administrative heads of all the major departments along with other senior officers. The Chief Secretary termed the scheme a catalyst for sustainable development and infrastructure consolidation across the UT. He remarked that the window of opportunity is now with SASCI providing us a chance to reimagine and rebuild Jammu and Kashmir with resilience, transparency and innovations, he asserted.

Dulloo reiterated that alignment with the SASCI scheme is not only fiscally prudent but strategically vital for addressing the long-standing infrastructure gaps across key sectors. He directed the departments to adopt a mission-mode approach and submit their proposals to the Finance Department for seeking necessary approvals from Central Government. He directed all the departments to immediately identify the ongoing and time-bound projects that can be completed within the current financial year. He also stressed on identifying the iconic tourism related infrastructure to be raised under this scheme as this is one of the goals set under it. Emphasising added attention to sectors that have remained infrastructure-deficient, Dulloo specifically emphasized the Mining, Urban Development and Transport as focus areas. These sectors not only hold vast untapped potential but also require urgent capital infusion to bridge critical infrastructure gaps found in these vital sectors, he noted. Further underlining the fiscal accountability and transparency, the Chief Secretary directed that all the 122 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) should be transitioned to the Single Nodal Agency - SPARSH platform by November 2025, aligning with the sunset deadline set by the Ministry of Finance.



Sakeena Itoo calls for timely disbursement of payments under social welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries Directs JK Bank to do away with PAN, Form 16 requirements for low income group

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to discuss various issues arising during the release of benefits under various flagship social welfare schemes like Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Ladli Beti, Marriage Assistance, Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) and others through Jammu and Kashmir Bank.

The meeting was attended by Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Secretary in Social Welfare department, Director Finance Social Welfare department, senior representatives of Jammu and Kashmir Bank and other concerned officers.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Minister Sakeena emphasized on the facilitation of common people, especially those belonging to down-trodden communities and low income group. She called upon the officers for timely disbursement of payments under various schemes to eli-



gible beneficiaries in strict adherence to eligibility norms. "Social welfare is not just

about disbursement, it is about dignity, inclusion and empowerment of people, especially

those in need. Every eligible citizen must feel the impact of these welfare schemes in their

daily lives and we must work towards complete saturation with accountability at every level", Minister Sakeena stated.

The Minister directed the officers to streamline the process of disbursement of payments to beneficiaries and sort out the issues related to Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiaries. She also called upon the JK Bank representatives to do away with procedures like PAN or Form 16 requirements for these beneficiaries as they belong to lower income group.

Minister Sakeena further asked the Social Welfare

department to revisit the MoU held with J&K Bank by the department for implementation of Ladli Beti scheme and update some conditions in it for the facilitation of beneficiaries.

While reviewing some other issues related to smooth saturation of social sector schemes, the Minister emphasized on the importance of transparent mechanism, highlighting that delays and duplications should be completely avoided during disbursement of payments to beneficiaries.

Divisional Commissioner reviews arrangements for arrival of Hajj pilgrims

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 12: Secretary in Agriculture Production Department and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), Sandeep Kumar, today said that successful implementation of HADP will play a pivotal role in transforming Jammu and Kashmir's agriculture and allied sectors into a sustainable and vibrant Rs 1 lakh crore agri-economy.

Chairing a review meeting held at the Directorate of Agriculture, Lal Mandi, Srinagar, Sandeep Kumar emphasised the importance of output-based monitoring and real-time prog-



ress tracking to maximise the impact and efficiency. The review meeting focused on 13 major HADP projects.

Director Agriculture Jammu, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu, Director Horticulture Kashmir, Director Animal Husbandry (Jammu/Kashmir), Director

Sheep Husbandry (Jammu/Kashmir), representatives from SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir, Directors of Sericulture, CAD, Fisheries and other allied sectors besides concerned PGMs and technical teams attended the meeting while officers from outside the station joined the meeting virtually.

The Mission Director stressed the need for robust and measurable outcome tracking over 92,000 units already established at the grassroots level under HADP schemes. He also underlined that output-led project governance, efficient inter-departmental coordination, and strategic bottleneck resolution are vital for achieving the goals of HADP. Sandeep Kumar called for stronger last-mile delivery, data-driven monitoring systems and greater accountability in implementation. He reaffirmed the government's commitment towards empowering the farmers, improving productivity and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities through HADP.

Review meeting on facilitation of Trademark Registration for MSMEs through IPFCs held

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: A review meeting on the facilitation of Intellectual Property (IP) registrations for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of Kashmir region was held today at the Branch MSME Development & Facilitation Office (DFO), Srinagar.

The meeting convened by Assistant Director- MSME, Saheel Alaqband was attended by officials and members of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kashmir.

During the meeting, Iqbal Jan from the PHD Chamber informed that a significant number of MSMEs have been facilitated for trademark registration through IPFC. He

shared that a total of 138 applications were received directly and also routed through Br MSME DFO Srinagar office in Kashmir region for IP registrations, out of which 48 registrations for trademarks have been done successfully, while rest applications are under process and few have been objected.

Assistant Director MSME highlighted that through Intellectual Property Facilitation Centres (IPFCs) created under MSME Innovative Scheme of Ministry of MSME, MSMEs are required to pay only the official registration fee, while no charges are levied by IP attorneys on MSMEs, even in cases where multiple objections arise. This has provided significant relief to

MSMEs, particularly those in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Additionally, he emphasized that the registration fee also is reimbursable under the MSME Innovative scheme, and advised the official of PHD Chamber to inform all applicants to apply online for reimbursement through the prescribed portal who have successfully attained the trademark registration. Additionally, he emphasized that the registration fee also is reimbursable under the MSME Innovative scheme, and advised the official of PHD Chamber to inform all applicants to apply online for reimbursement through the prescribed portal who have successfully attained.

Shreya Singhal assumes charge as Chief Executive Officer, J&K ERA

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Shreya Singhal today assumed the charge as Chief Executive Officer, J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency, a specialised agency established by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to implement and oversee execution of all externally funded projects within the Union Territory.

Immediately after formally taking over the charge, Singhal convened an introductory meeting with senior officials of the agency, during which she had a comprehensive overview of the organization's operational framework.

The senior officers provided insights into broader parameters of the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project, which is currently being executed by J&KERA across the Union Territory. Shreya Singhal was informed that, till date, 200 out of the total of 213 sub-projects initiated under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project have been successfully completed, while work on the remaining sub-projects is actively progressing. The Chief Executive Officer expressed hope that the officers and other staff will continue to work with same zeal and enthusiasm, ensuring positive change in the infrastructure development in J&K.

DLSA Srinagar conducts comprehensive inspection of Central Jail Srinagar, Legal Aid Clinics

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, under the guidance of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge/Chairman DLSA Srinagar, conducted an inspection of Central Jail Srinagar and the Prison Legal Aid Clinic on Friday.

The primary objective of the visit was to assess the living conditions of the inmates and review the overall functioning of the jail and legal aid mechanisms in place.

The inspection was carried out by Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, accompanied by Sajad Ur Rehman, Secretary DLSA Srinagar, officials and Legal Aid Defence Counsels of DLSA Srinagar.

During the inspection, the team visited various key sec-

tions of the jail including the Legal Aid Clinic, Welfare Block, Vocational Training Centre, Computer Training Centre, Music and Fine Arts Centre, Calligraphy Centre, Jail Hospital, Kitchen Area, Women's Block, and the dedicated Women-Centric Tailoring Centre.

The team paid special attention to the Medical Centre, with a particular focus on the de-addiction facilities available to the inmates.

The inspection was also joined by Sheikh Zulfikar Azad, Senior Superintendent, Central Jail Srinagar; Deputy Superintendent; medical officers; and prison staff. Together, they visited all the barracks and interacted directly with the inmates, including women prisoners, to obtain first-hand insights into their concerns and the quality of services provided.

Tasleem Arief and the team attentively listened to the

grievances and feedback shared by the inmates, reaffirming the commitment of DLSA Srinagar to safeguard the rights and dignity of prisoners. The interaction provided a crucial platform for inmates to voice their needs and ensured transparency and responsiveness in the justice delivery system within custodial institutions.

In addition, Chairman DLSA Srinagar also interacted with Para Legal Volunteers posted at the Prison Legal Aid Clinic. He reviewed their functioning and emphasized the importance of their role in ensuring continuous access to justice for inmates. He encouraged the PLVs to remain proactive, compassionate and vigilant in addressing the legal needs of the prison population.

In addition to the jail inspection, Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, along with Secretary DLSA

DC Ganderbal reviews Medical preparedness for SANJY-2025

HT NEWS DESK

GANDERBAL, JUNE 13: In view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today convened a meeting here at DC Office, Ganderbal to review the medical preparedness in the district.

During the meeting, Chief Medical Officer briefed the chair about the status of healthcare arrangements being put in place along the yatra route. This included the deployment of medical staff, availability of medicines, ambulances, oxygen booths, and accommodation infrastructure for medical personnel.

It was informed that adequate Base Hospitals, Medical Aid Camps, and Emergency Aid Centres have been established at identified locations, which are equipped with essential medical equipment, medicines, and trained medical and paramedical staff to ensure timely and efficient healthcare services during the Yatra period.

DC stressed the importance of ensur-



ing complete readiness of all healthcare services well before the commencement of the Yatra. He emphasized the need for robust coordination among all medical teams deployed along the route to facilitate seamless medical care to the pilgrims.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; Chief Medical Officer, Block Medical Officer Kangan, and other concerned officials of the Health department.

DC Kupwara reviews preparation for 'International Yoga Day'

HT NEWS DESK

KUPWARA, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Friday chaired a meeting of concerned officers at D.C Office here to review the preparations for celebration of 'International Day of Yoga' being observed on June 21.

On the occasion, DC impressed upon all the officers to work in coordination for smooth and successful celebration of the International Day of Yoga. She directed the line departments to make all necessary arrangements well in advance at the sites where mega yoga sessions will be held to commemorate the day. The meeting was informed that the main function will be held at Government Degree College Boys Kupwara where a large number of people are expected to participate in the event.



Besides, mega events will also be held in Government Degree Colleges, Schools, Arogya Mandirs, Amrit Sarovars and tourist locations across the district for celebration of 'International Day of Yoga'.

DC directed the stakeholder departments to work in a coordinated manner to ensure all the necessary arrangements well in time for suc-

cessful conduct of the Yoga events. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mufti Fareed-ud-Din; ADC Handwara, Javaid Naseem Masoodi; ASP Kupwara, ASP Handwara, Principals of GDCs, ACD, CEO, District Officer Ayush, EO MC Kupwara, besides Officers from LBDDA, YS&S, BSNL and other concerned officials.

ADDCC Shopian reviews Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan rollout program Abhiyan to start from June 15 in Kathohalan & Pehlipora villages of Keller

HT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, JUNE 13: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDCC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone today chaired a meeting of officers to review the preparations for the rollout of National level tribal development program of Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan starting from June, 15. The program shall be inaugurated on June, 15 in Kathohalan village of the Keller area and will be attended by different departments who will set up stalls for scheme aware-



ness, on-spot registrations and enrollment under schemes meant for tribal development and welfare. ADDCC reviewed department wise action plans of all departments and asked for putting up arrangements well in advance for the impactful and result oriented program. The abhi-

yaan shall run from June 15 to 22 in Kathohalan village and from June 23 to 30 in Pehlipora village of Keller block. The focus of the abhiyan shall be the cent percent coverage and saturation of at least 25 interventions across 17 Ministries of the Government. On-spot demonstra-

tion of best practices, enrollment for various services and spot service delivery along with awareness of government programs meant for tribal empowerment shall be held. The meeting was attended by various district and block officers assigned with the responsibilities.

Principal Secretary SWD chairs introductory cum review meeting

Calls for seamless implementation of Central, UT-level schemes, enhanced beneficiary coverage

HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 13: Principal Secretary, Social Welfare, Anil Kumar Singh, today chaired an introductory-cum-review meeting at the Civil Secretariat, here.

The Principal Secretary undertook a comprehensive, sector-wise review of the implementation of all Centrally Sponsored and Union Territory-level schemes, including flagship programmes. The officers presented detailed updates on the status of various schemes through PowerPoint Presentations.

Anil Kumar emphasized the need for robust implementation of all schemes and stressed

ensuring wide coverage of eligible beneficiaries. He specifically reviewed the physical and financial progress on the department across the Union Territory.

Key schemes reviewed during the meeting included Mission Poshan, Saksham Anganwadi 2.0, Mission Vatsalya, Mission Shakti, Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS), Ladli Beti, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Marriage Assistance Schemes, and various welfare initiatives for tribal communities, women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

The Principal Secretary directed for timely disposal of pensions, loan assistance and scholarships to the intended



beneficiaries. He also called for closely monitoring the recruitment process to ensure timely filling of vacancies critical to the effective implementation of programmes.

Anil Kumar stressed the need for seamless functioning of Saksham Anganwadi Centres, Vatsalya Sadans, shelter homes, juvenile homes, Child Care Institutions (CCIs), One Stop Centres for Women and other welfare facilities across the UT. He asked for accelerating the completion of infrastructure development and expedite work on all ongoing departmental projects in all the districts. The meeting further discussed measures to strengthen child development, improve nutrition and support the welfare of marginalized sections of society, including specially-abled individuals, widows, senior citizens and members of reserved categories.

The Principal also took stock of the effectiveness of legal framework aimed at promoting social justice and protecting the vulnerable groups. Key legislations reviewed included the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. The meeting was attended by the DG Women and Child Development, Secretary Social Welfare Department, Directors of Social Welfare Kashmir and Jammu, Director Finance, MD Mission Shakti, Commissioner for Disabilities and other senior officers of the department.

PDF President Hakeem Yaseen Slams Global Silence on Israeli Strikes Against Iran, Cites Western Double Standards

HT NEWS DESK/KNS

Srinagar, June 13 (KNS) : People's Democratic Front (PDF) President and former Minister Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen on Friday condemned the international community's silence over Israel's recent military strikes on Iran, drawing sharp comparisons with the global response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In a strongly-worded statement issued from Srinagar, Yaseen questioned the glaring inconsistency in the way Western powers react to conflicts based on geopolitical interests. He said while nations like the United States and European Union had been quick to unite and denounce Russia for its military action in Ukraine, they have remained conspicuously quiet over Israel's aggression toward Iran.

"The same international community that stood united against Russia's actions in Ukraine is now mute when Israel carries out military operations against Iran. This silence exposes a dangerous double standard," Yaseen said. He said the comparison between the two conflicts is not only valid but revealing of how selective global diplomacy has become. "When it comes to Israel, there is silence; when it's Russia, there is outrage. This



hypocrisy cannot be ignored," he added. The PDF President warned that such selective outrage erodes the moral authority of international institutions and undermines the global commitment to justice, peace, and sovereignty.

"If the world continues to pick and choose where international law should apply, it risks further destabilizing already volatile regions and alienating populations that are directly impacted by conflict," he said. Hakeem Yaseen urged the United Nations Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and leading international human rights bodies to break their silence and take a principled stand against all forms of aggression, regardless of the country

involved. He further stated that global peace cannot be sustained through biased approaches that ignore the suffering of certain nations while amplifying the plight of others based on strategic convenience.

"True justice means being consistent. If aggression is wrong in Ukraine, it is equally wrong in Iran. There can be no two sets of rules," Yaseen asserted. The PDF President called on civil society, peace advocates, and international media to hold world powers accountable for their inaction and demand an end to this growing culture of geopolitical selectiveness. The PDF President warned that such selective outrage erodes the moral authority of international institutions and undermines the global commitment to justice, peace, and sovereignty. "If the world continues to pick and choose where international law should apply, it risks further destabilizing already volatile regions and alienating populations that are directly impacted by conflict," he said. Hakeem Yaseen urged the United Nations Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and leading international human rights bodies to break their silence and take a principled stand against all forms of aggression, regardless of the country involved.

Aga Syed Hassan Condemns Israeli Strikes on Iran, Calls It a Violation of International Law

HT NEWS DESK

Budgam, June 13, KNT: President of Anjuman-e-Sharie Shian, Aga Syed Hassan Al-Moosavi Al-Safavi, on Friday strongly condemned the Israeli airstrikes on Iran, terming them a blatant violation of international law and diplomatic norms.

Leading a protest against the Israeli assault, Aga Syed Hassan said the attack reflects Israel's growing aggression and disregard for global codes of conduct. Speaking to reporters during the protest, the prominent religious leader said that Iran was targeted solely for its vocal and principled support to the people of Gaza and Palestine, who continue to suffer under occupation and bombardment. He added that Israel has now "crossed all limits" by launching direct military attacks on Iranian territory.



"The Israeli strikes on Iran are unjust, provocative, and an open challenge to the international community. It is not just an assault on one country but an assault on justice, law, and the shared values of humanity," Aga Syed Hassan said.

He warned that such aggressive actions could plunge the entire region into a wider war, endangering global peace and security. He called upon the United Nations, OIC, and other international human rights organizations to intervene immediately and

take concrete steps to de-escalate tensions.

Aga Syed Hassan also highlighted the need for the world community to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the long-pending issue of Palestine. He said ignoring the root cause, Israel's continued occupation and oppression, will only lead to more bloodshed and instability. "Peace in the Middle East will remain elusive unless justice is ensured for the people of Palestine. The global silence on the Gaza massacre is as dangerous as the aggression itself," he said.

Aga Syed Hassan concluded by urging all conscientious nations and civil society groups across the globe to raise their voices against what he described as "Israeli arrogance backed by impunity" and work collectively for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. [KNT]

J&K Police Detains Motorcyclist for Reckless Driving in Lal Bazar

HT NEWS DESK



Srinagar June 13: Srinagar Police have detained a motorcyclist for reckless and dangerous driving in the Lal Bazar area, following a viral Facebook video that drew public attention to the incident near GD Goenka School, Omer Colony. The rider, identified as Khalid Manzoor Bhat, son of Manzoor Ahmed Bhat and a resident of Sikhbagh, Lal Bazar, was apprehended by Police Station Lal Bazar. He was found riding without a helmet and in a manner deemed hazardous to public safety.

Police have seized the motorcycle and legal proceedings against the individual have been initiated. Jammu and Kashmir Police urge citizens to report instances of unsafe driving and reiterate their commitment to maintaining road safety through strict enforcement of traffic laws and prompt action against violators.

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE HANDWARA

Case No: 130/2024
CNR No: JKW060002752024
D.O: 30.01.2024
Date of Order: 29.05.2025

In the case of: Syed Akhter Hussain Geelani S/o Syed Mehboob Geelani R/o Monabal Tehsil Qalamabad District Kupwara (Complainant) Through, Adv. Syed Jahangeer Zaffar Geelani V/S Aqib Gul Hajam S/o Gh. Mohammad Hajam R/o Najar Mohallah Khaipora Tehsil Qaziabad District Kupwara

(Accused)

Through, Nemo, In the matter of:
Complaint under Section 138 of N.L. Act
Coram: Manzoor Hussain
J.O Code: JK00180
PROCLAMATION U/S 82 Cr.P.C AGAINST THE ACCUSED NAMED ABOVE.

1. WHEREAS, the proceedings in the above titled complaint are pending against you in this court in which despite issuance of arrest warrant repeatedly, you did not cause your appearance.

2. WHEREAS, it has been reported by the executing agency that you are intentionally absconding from the process of law to avoid your appearance in the case during the proceedings.

3. WHEREAS, keeping in view your conduct, this court has declared you as proclaimed offender in view of section 82 of Cr.P.C.

4. Therefore, proclamation is hereby made to require you to appear before this court in the above titled proceedings on 30.06.2025 at 10:30 am.

Issued under my hand and seal of this court today on this the 29th day of May 2025.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Handwara

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Mr Syed Vajhat Kirmani.....Father/Guardian of Syed Imadul Islam. R/O Magam, Kralpora Budgam....do hereby solemnly declare that the correct particulars of my ward are as: Name: Syed Imadul Islam Fathers Name: Syed Vajhat Kirmani Mothers Name: Shameema Begum- DOB: 05/10/2012 Address: Kralpora Magam, Budgam 193411 Furthermore, in case someone has any doubt or complain regarding the same may approach within weeks' time from the publication of this notice, and in case of any fraudulent data or impersonation I shall be personally responsible.

Syed Vajhat Kirmani
Cell No: 7006521267

PUBLIC NOTICE

Parentage of my son Binyamin Bin Mudasar who is studying at DPS School in class 1"A" under Roll No. 8, has been wrongly mentioned as Mudasar Shahidee instead of Mohd. Mudasar Shahidee. Now the rectification is to be incorporated in the school records. Objections, if any, can be submitted in the office of principal of aforementioned school within a period of 7 days after that no objection will be entertained.

Mohd Mudasar Shahidee
F/o: Binyamin Bin Mudasar
R/o: Qamarwari Srinagar

حکومت جموں و کشمیر محکمہ انٹیل ہسبنڈری آفس سرائنٹ ناگ

شرعی امر ناتھ یا تاز کے دوران محکمہ کی طرف سے مختلف پڑاؤ پر لگتے جانے والے تھیلوں کو ملازمین اور دوانی و ضروری سامان پہنچانے کیلئے کچھ گھوڑوں کی ضرورت ہے۔ اسلئے خواہش مند حضرات سے گزارش ہے کہ انٹیل ہسبنڈری آفس کے دفتر سے جلد از جلد رابطہ کریں

درخواست وصول کرنے کی آخری تاریخ 20 جون 2025 ہے گورنمنٹ کے مقرر کردہ ریٹ کے مطابق ہی درخواست پر نمونہ ہونی

چیف انٹیل ہسبنڈری آفس سرائنٹ ناگ
DIPK-2495/25
Send Dated:-13/06/2025

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF HORTICULTURE OFFICER, SRINAGAR

DASTI QUOTATION

Subject:- Dasti Quotation for Earthing up /Ridging of Apple Rootstock bank at Walnut Fruit Plant Nursery, Zawoora for the year 2025-26.
Ref:- Non-Availability No. GEM-GARPTS/11062025/IC918NBZAUZL Dated 11-06-2025

| S.No | Nature Of Job | Quantity | Time period |
|------|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Earthing up of Mother Rootstock Ridges (Apple) | 2 times (6Ha Land) | June to ending August 2025 |

1.The rates offered should be inclusive of applicable taxes under law, If Any.

2.The quotations should be submitted along with 5% of bid amount in the form of CDR in favour of Chief Horticulture officer, Srinagar.

3.The quotations should reach to this office within 07 days i.e by or before 19-06-2025 at 2:00 PM. The received quotations shall be opened on the same day i.e 19-06-2026 by the Constituted purchase committee of this office at 3:00 PM in presence of the quotations, if they prefer to be present.

4.The L1 bidder has to start the work within one day after opening the bid.

5.If the L1 bidder fails to start the work within the stipulated time frame, his CDR will be forfeited.

6.If L1 bidder failed to start work, the committee may select L2 or L3 bidder depending upon the bid amount offered by them and negotiations thereof.

7.The committee reserve the right to accept or reject the bid offer depending upon the amount of bid and other circumstances.

DIPK-2472/25
Send Dated:-13/06/2025
Pub:- 14-06-25

Sd/-
Chief Horticulture Officer
Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is being informed that ,Mr Manzoor Ahmad Lone R/O Laripora Pahalgam is going to apply for birth certificate for her daughter namely Urfee jan under MC Pahalgam her Dob is 11/05/2003 if anyone have queries plz bing it in the office of MC pahalgam with in 7 days

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is being informed that ,Mr Manzoor Ahmad Lone R/O Laripora Pahalgam is going to apply for birth certificate for her daughter namely Bilkees Akhter under MC Pahalgam her Dob is 05/01/2000 if anyone have queries plz bing it in the office of MC pahalgam with in 7 days

PUBLIC NOTICE

Its being informs that my name in my bank ac no 0122040150002870jk bank pahalgam is wrongly mentioned as Shabir Ahmad Chohan but the actual name as par Aadher is Shabir Ahmad Gojar Chohan/O Abdul Ka-reem Gojar Chohan R/O Lehandajan pahalgam I m going to update it in mu bamk account .if anyone gave queries they may contact jk bank pahalgam within 7 days

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am Ghulam Ahmad Dar S/o Abdul Salam Dar wants to transfer electricity supply connection to Muzaffar Ahmad Dar S/o Late Ghulam Ahmad Dar with consumer ID: 0206050001063, installation No : NAL2/244, Resident of Arifeen Colony Narbal. If any one has any objection regarding this, they will invoke Assistant executive engineer Division Narbal within the time period of seven days. After completion of said period, No objection will be accepted.

Muzaffar Ahmad Dar
S/o: Late, Ghulam Ahmad Dar
R/o: Arifeen Colony Narbal

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gulzar Ahmad S/o Ab Saim Sofi, R/o Dharmhugh Kralpora, Tehsil Baghati Kanipora, Budgam, have lost the front number plate of my Hyundai Eon (JK03C-7804) on 08-06-2025 while traveling from Kralpora to Budgam.

I am applying for a duplicate. If anyone has any objection, kindly inform the concerned department within 7 days from the date of this notice. No claim will be entertained thereafter.

Gulzar Ahmad S/o Ab Saim Sofi, R/o Dharmhugh Kralpora, Tehsil Baghati Kanipora,

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

Preparatory meeting for International Day of Yoga-2025 held at Shopian

HT NEWS DESK

SHOPIAN, JUNE 13: In connection with the forthcoming International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, a preparatory meeting was today convened under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz at the Mini-Secretariat Shopian. At the outset, ADC reviewed the proposed activities and arrangements being made for the grand celebration of International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025 across the district. He laid emphasis on ensuring wide public participation, particularly involving school and college students, employees, security personnel, sports associations, NGOs and local yoga enthusiasts. He said that a grand yoga event will be held at Mini-Secretariat Shopian, and reviewed the preparations for conduct of Yoga events at higher and school education institutions, Ayush Health & Wellness Centres and other places.



ADC underlined that the International Day of Yoga is a significant initiative aimed at promoting physical and mental well-being. He stressed inter-departmental synergy and timely completion of all

arrangements to ensure a well-organized and enthusiastic observance of the day. He directed all officers to work in close coordination and make the Yoga Day celebrations a grand success across the

district. The meeting was attended by officers of Health, Ayush, Youth Services & Sports, education, GDC Shopian and Zainapora, Information, Police and other departments. At the outset, ADC reviewed the proposed activities and arrangements being made for the grand celebration of International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025 across the district. He laid emphasis on ensuring wide public participation, particularly involving school and college students, employees, security personnel, sports associations, NGOs and local yoga enthusiasts. He said that a grand yoga event will be held at Mini-Secretariat Shopian, and reviewed the preparations for conduct of Yoga events at higher and school education institutions, Ayush Health & Wellness Centres and other places. ADC underlined that the International Day of Yoga is a significant initiative aimed at promoting physical and mental well-being. He stressed inter-departmental synergy and timely completion of all arrangements to ensure a well-organized and enthusiastic observance of the day.

Andrabi chairs Professionals Meet at Anantnag

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar | J&K | BJP National Executive Member, Minister of State & Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi chaired the meeting with the Community of Professionals at Anantnag in connection with the celebration of "Eleven Years of Excellence of Shri Narendra Modi Ji Led Government". This important & fruitful interactive session was organised by BJP District Anantnag. Senior party leaders were present on the occasion. Dr Andrabi thanked the professionals from different walks of life for their appreciation of the schemes and programmes of Narendra Modi led government which resulted in a huge transformation of our society at the grassroots throughout the country. In her address, BJP National Executive Member said that now India was recognised globally for many specializations. "Boost to innovation and technology reshaped India's destiny. India is the new global hub of start ups, mobile manufacturing, auto industry, defense equipment, pharma industry and many more", said Dr Andrabi. She said that past eleven years of the government at the Centre has not only established the record of being corruption and scam free but also is known for very bold decisions in the interest of the nation. "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas has ensured holistic growth and development of the nation. Inclusivity and transparency are the characteristics on which this government made India a global economic and political power", said Darakhshan.

Police takes cognizance against traffic violators in Ganderbal

HT NEWS DESK

Ganderbal, June 13: Police in Ganderbal have observed with serious concern that certain individuals are plying vehicles without valid registration plate numbers, which is a clear violation of Motor Vehicle Rules and poses a significant threat to public safety and security. In view of this, Police have seized many vehicles and initiated strict legal action against the violators and we assure that such violations will be dealt with firmly under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and other applicable laws in future too. Vehicle owners and Drivers are therefore advised to ensure that their vehicles display proper, valid, and visible Registration Plates at all times. Non-compliance will lead to seizure of their vehicles and legal proceedings against the violators. Moreover, SSP Ganderbal Shri Khalil Ahmad Poswal-JKPS has warned all Stunt Bikers to refrain from performing stunts and has directed the field formations to take stringent action against the violators. We request general public to cooperate with the J&K Police in maintaining law and order and report any such violations to the nearest Police Station or on the Police helpline No. ERSS Dial 112.

SMC Bids Farewell to Commissioner Dr. Owais, Hails His Remarkable Tenure

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Srinagar, June 13 – The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) today gave a warm farewell to its Commissioner, Dr. Owais Ahmed (IAS), marking the end of a successful and impactful tenure. Dr. Owais is credited with driving major improvements in urban development, including better waste management, city beautification, public amenities, and efficient urban planning. His leadership brought visible changes to Srinagar's civic landscape and raised the bar for municipal governance. SMC officials expressed their sincere gratitude for his dedication, professionalism, and vision. "His work has left a strong foundation that will guide our future," the Corporation said in a statement. The SMC extended its best wishes to Dr. Owais Ahmed for his next chapter in public service, acknowledging his lasting contributions to the city of Srinagar. SMC officials expressed their sincere gratitude for his dedication, professionalism, and vision. "His work has left a strong foundation that will guide our future," the Corporation said in a statement.

DDC Kulgam reviews District CAPEX Budget 2025-26 Directs focus on developing tangible assets, timely execution.

Farooq Rather.

Kulgam June 13: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) on Friday chaired a meeting to review the progress of District CAPEX Budget 2024-25 and preparations for the formulation of District CAPEX budget 2025-26. During the meeting, DDC reviewed sector wise financial and physical progress under District CAPEX Budget 2024-25 including PWD, Irrigation and Flood Control, Education, Health, Social Welfare, RDD, DYSSO, UDD, PHE, PDD and Agriculture allied departments.



DDC took a detailed stock of the progress of ongoing works, plan expenditure incurred during 2024-25, ongoing works and preparation of the works plan for 2025-26. DDC directed the concerned departments to ensure timely completion of estimation and plan process. Among others, the meeting was attended by ADC Vihar Ahmed Giri, PO ICDS, CPO Zahid Sajad, SDM D.H Pora, ACR, ACD, CMO, CAO, Executive Engineers of different wings, AEE's, BDO's, BMO's and other concerned. Among others, the meeting was attended by ADC Vihar Ahmed Giri, PO ICDS, CPO Zahid Sajad, SDM D.H Pora, ACR, ACD, CMO, CAO, Executive Engineers of different wings, AEE's, BDO's.

Sonamarg Authorities Issue Safety, Cleanliness Advisory Amid Rising Tourist Rush and Heatwave

HT NEWS DESK

Sonamarg, June 13, : Amid soaring temperatures and a growing influx of tourists, the Sonamarg Development Authority has issued a comprehensive advisory urging visitors to prioritise safety and environmental responsibility while enjoying the scenic destination. The advisory comes in the wake of increasing incidents where tourists, including children, have been seen entering the River Sindh, particularly between Gagangir and Fish Point, to cool off during the heatwave. Authorities have warned that these waters are dangerous due to strong currents and concealed hazards, and have strongly advised against bathing or wading into any rivers, streams, or waterfalls in the area. Parents have been especially urged to keep a strict watch on their children. To prevent tragedies, local tourism operators, including ponywallas and guides, have been instructed to caution visitors about the risks. Warning signs have also been installed at vulnerable loca-



tions to deter unsafe behaviour near water bodies. In addition to safety concerns, the Sonamarg Development Authority has expressed alarm over increasing littering and the irresponsible setting up of camps near riverbanks. Such actions, they warn, threaten the fragile ecosystem of the area and mar its natural charm. Visitors and campers have been directed not to pitch tents close to the River Sindh and to dispose of their waste only in the designated dustbins placed throughout the area. Open dumping of garbage has been strictly discouraged. The Sonamarg Development Authority has

appealed for collective responsibility from all tourists and service providers to help maintain the cleanliness, serenity, and safety of Sonamarg. In addition to safety concerns, the Sonamarg Development Authority has expressed alarm over increasing littering and the irresponsible setting up of camps near riverbanks. Such actions, they warn, threaten the fragile ecosystem of the area and mar its natural charm. Visitors and campers have been directed not to pitch tents close to the River Sindh and to dispose of their waste only in the designated dustbins placed throughout the area.

Fisheries department baramulla Takes Major initiative in Baramulla district

HT NEWS DESK

Sopore, 13 June: Five lakh Carp and Schizothorax seed stocked at Wular Lake and other adjoining water bodies by team of Fisheries Department Baramulla in presence of Assistant Director Fisheries Baramulla Showkat Ahmed. Also seed stocked at Pattan, Sopore (Jhelum) Baramulla, Rafiabab, Ladoora (Puhroo Nallah), Jahama, Ningli, Watlabghat (Wular Lake) and other important points. More than 20 varieties of Fishes in wular lake including Trout, carp and other varieties. Many HADF Schemes of also given to youths and around 100 private units already given to the youths for fishery purpose and more will be given too. Assistant Director Baramullah Fisheries Showkat Ahmed. Speaking to media the Concerned officer said that today my team of Sopore and adjoining areas visited most areas of watlab and Peripheries and the most important feature of the visit was to do stocking of fishing seeds of carp trout and other varieties across various points of Baramulla. He said that every year this exercise is being done and atleast 5 lakh fish seed is being dumped in wular and other points of Jhelum and water bodies and the most important feature is to lower our fishermen community



who are solely dependant on the wular. More than 10 thousand of families are Directly or indirectly dependant on wular and its adjoining water bodies and our sole motive is to empower them and such drives will take place in the future also. He added that there are HADF schemes and we continuously give awareness programme to the youths and the farmers and we are hopeful this will benefit them in the larger interest and we also send these farmers to the tours and they benefit from it. The local fisherman community were happy and said that this departments is very vital for us and we are happy today they came here and also took us in this initiative and we are hope that the coming season will benefit all fisherman community on the larger scale.

BJP's Call to Remove Urdu from Exams Sparks Outrage in J&K, Critics Say Move Aims to Alienate Kashmiris, Erode Cultural Identity

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Srinagar, June 13, KNT: A storm of criticism has erupted across Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape after the BJP's Leader of Opposition in the Assembly demanded the removal of Urdu as a qualifying subject in Naib Tehsildar recruitment exams, a move widely seen as an attempt to marginalise a large section of the region's population and undermine its cultural foundations. Prominent People's Democratic

Party (PDP) youth leader and legislator Waheed Parra was quick to condemn the demand, calling it a "divisive step" with far-reaching consequences. "BJP's LoP demands removing Urdu from Naib Tehsildar exams – a move that risks erasing J&K's rich archive and cultural legacy," Parra tweeted. "Urdu is more than a language, it's a key part of the region's heritage. Undermining it divides communities and rewrites memory." Political observers and civil society members see the demand as part of

a larger ideological campaign by the BJP to dilute Jammu and Kashmir's distinctive linguistic and cultural identity in favour of its majoritarian narrative. "The repeated targeting of Urdu, a language that bridges regions, religions, and generations – is a calculated attempt to alienate Muslims and redefine identity in purely communal terms," said Dr. Altaf Hussain, a political analyst based in Srinagar. "This is not about exams; this is about exclusion." Urdu has held the status of the official

language in J&K since the late 19th century and remains a crucial part of administrative, legal, and literary life. For decades, it has served as a linguistic link between Kashmir, Jammu, Ladakh, and even parts of Punjab and Himachal, transcending regional boundaries. "Urdu is the soul of Jammu and Kashmir. Attacking it is like attacking our very identity," said National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi. "This is not a language issue. It's an identity issue – and a dangerous precedent." The demand to eliminate Urdu from

eligibility criteria for a key administrative post like Naib Tehsildar has also drawn sharp reactions from within Jammu itself, where Urdu is widely used in legal and revenue documents. "First came the dilution of Article 370, then land laws were changed, domicile policies were rewritten, and now the language, what's left?" asked CPIM leader M.Y. Tarigami. "This dangerous trend will only deepen mistrust and polarisation." Even voices outside mainstream politics have raised concerns about

the implications of such demands on social cohesion and linguistic justice. "Languages are repositories of memory and culture," said Prof. Riyaz Punjabi, a noted linguist. "To suppress a language is to silence a people." Political parties, student groups, and writers' associations have begun mobilising to resist what they call a "linguistic cleansing." Several youth groups have announced campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of Urdu and the need to protect regional heritage from political interference.

EDITORIAL

Re-launch no smoking campaign afresh across UT

Some years back the administration launched a campaign against the people smoking at public places. As a part of this campaign a fine was imposed against the people puffing cigarettes at public places like schools, bus stands, hospitals and others. Stern instructions were issued to the people dealing with the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products not to sell the same near the schools and hospitals. For some time the campaign was carried out with full vigour and vitality.

With the passage of time the campaign lost its steam and as on date the people at helm seem to be least interested in making the campaign successful yet again. People could be seen puffing cigarettes at public places and in case anybody objects to the same the smoker replies back that nobody on earth can stop him from smoking. At the same time the people involved with the trade of cigarettes and other tobacco sell their products at the places that were supposed to be made free from the same.

These people could be seen selling the products at restricted areas like the schools and hospitals. Directions had been issued that no cigarette or tobacco product should be sold within 100 metres of any educational institution. Having a cursory look one can easily observe that cigarette and tobacco sellers are busy in selling products quite close to the educational institutions and the hospitals. There is nobody who can stop them from selling their products and it seems that the law enforcing agencies are in deep slumber.

The worst part of this whole story is that there are people who could be seen puffing cigarettes in the premises of the hospitals located across the Kashmir valley. This is highly irresponsible and action under law needs to be taken against such smokers. In this regard the administrations of the different hospitals have to be proactive and they need to act against the violators of law of their own first. Once they fail to do so then the law enforcing agencies can chip in and do their job.

Since the smokers belong to this society they need to be responsible towards the other people. First of all they should quit smoking since it impacts their health and also others who come in contact with them. In case they don't want to say goodbye to smoking then they should smoke at a place where there is no harm to the others and their health.

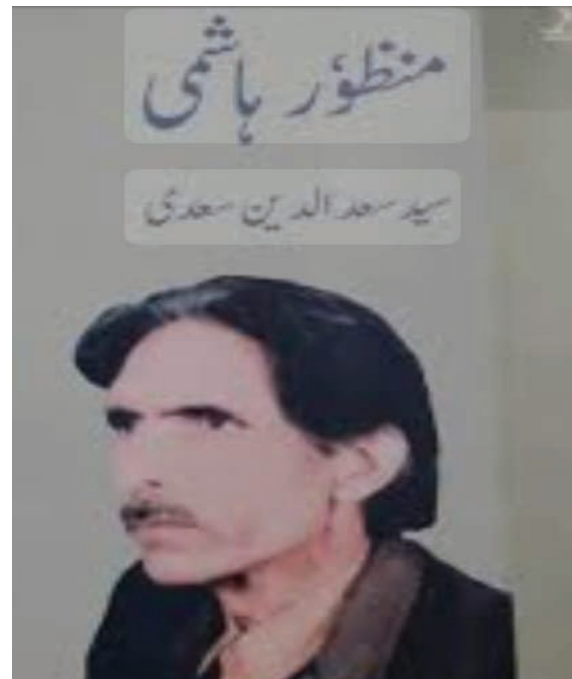
SYED MANZUR HASHMI: AN EPITOME OF SIMPLICITY ; A LUMINARY OF LETTERS AND THOUGHTS PAR EXCELLENCE...

A Tribute From Editor of Headlines Today, Jahangir Bukhari...

Over the Horizons of literary and intellectual traditions of J&K few names resonate with the quiet dignity and enduring influence of Syed Manzur Hashmi. Remembering Hashmi sahib, marks not merely the end of a personal journey, but the conclusion of an era that he so gracefully represented, Yes indeed an end to an era of refined scholarship, ethical steadfastness, and deep cultural sensitivity.

Born with a natural affinity for language and literature, Syed Manzur Hashmi emerged as a towering figure whose contributions transcended mere academic boundaries. His writings, deeply rooted in classical traditions, bore the freshness of modern reflection. Whether it was poetry, prose, criticism, or essays, his pen moved with a rare balance of depth and elegance reflecting both erudition and accessibility.

At a time when the world around him was increasingly yielding to haste and superficiality, Hashmi Sahib remained committed to the purity of thought and precision of expression. His works reflected his inner world one of discipline, contemplation, and unwavering adherence to principles. He believed that literature was not just a creative pursuit but a moral responsibility, one that demanded sincerity, honesty, and service to society. Beyond his written contributions, Syed Manzur



Hashmi was a teacher, mentor, and guide to many. Although I haven't got an opportunity to interact with him, however among his taughts is my father Syed Sad ud din Saidi who has been highly inspired

by his beloved teacher. Hashmi sahibs humility and approachability endeared him to students, scholars, and readers alike. He carried the weight of his vast knowledge lightly, always encouraging younger generations to explore, question, and contribute.

His command over languages particularly Kashmiri, Urdu and Persian allowed him to draw from a rich reservoir of classical sources while engaging with contemporary debates. His essays often displayed a remarkable blend of historical awareness and modern sensibility, addressing the complex interplay between tradition and modernity, faith and reason, culture and identity. Syed Manzur Hashmi left behind an irreplaceable void in the cultural and literary landscape of J&K. Yet, his legacy continues to live in his published works, in the lives he shaped, and in the intellectual rigor he embodied. As readers, writers, scholars, and admirers, we remain indebted to his lifelong commitment to the preservation and enrichment of our literary heritage.

In remembering Syed Manzur Hashmi, we not only mourn the loss of an exceptional human being but also celebrate a life devoted to the pursuit of truth, beauty, and wisdom. His memory will continue to inspire generations to come.

"Indeed, to Allah we belong, and to Him we shall return."(Qur'an 2:156)

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: LET THEM SOAR



BY : ANEEQAH HIDAYAT

Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH), once said, "The best of you are those who are best to their women." Similarly, Hazrat Imam Ali (RA) wisely remarked, "Be respectful to women, for they are the mothers of mankind." These words reflect the significance of women empowerment as a sign of social freedom. Women are the beautiful and glorious creations of Almighty Allah. Defining their strength and voice fosters the identity of an entire nation. Women's voices declare, "I know my worth, I embrace my power." Women empowerment means enabling them to make their own decisions for personal development. It entails elevating women's status through education, respect, awareness, and training.

Developing leadership, providing equal opportunities, eradicating violence, and offering education and training are the principles that empower women. They are not just women; they are mothers, daughters, and devoted wives. They nurture, and they are the building blocks of a nation. Being mothers, women play an essential role. As American journalist Gloria Steinem put it, "A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men." Women share responsibilities in society. Their names define them, and their voices give them strength. Let's put a smile on their faces and encourage their growth and rise. In Islam, figures like Hazrat Aisha (RA), the zealous wife of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Hazrat Maryam (AS), the icon of modesty, and Hazrat Khadijah (RA), a woman full of honesty, have taught us invaluable lessons about the status of women and leading a happy life. Hazrat Fatima-al-Zahra, the daughter of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), taught the lessons of modesty. During a time when people in Makkah buried their daughters alive, the birth of Hazrat Fatima



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Zahra (RA) firmly established the value of women in Islamic society. Women empowerment symbol-

izes females. Women are obedient wives and mothers. They have the perfect right to freedom and the liberty to choose their husbands. They are entitled to achieve the position of a mother. Give them respect, love, and empathy, for they are the ones who nurture you. They are the ones who exhibit strength through their sorrows. Never underestimate women, as they are the ones who shine with golden grace. They never let anyone cry. Women are the true architects of society; let them soar. They are the women of today, women of strength and love. Women empowerment is their vision, a vision of confidence and communication. It is their ultimate story and right of inspiration that defines their name as women.

Gender equality is a human right for both males and females. It is necessary for achieving comprehensive and sustainable development.

Government Policies to Promote Women Empowerment

The government of India has taken various steps to empower women in every field, encompassing social, cultural, educational, and economic aspects, such as the "Beti Bachhao, Beti Padhao" scheme and the "Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)" to ensure women's social security.

While the government provides training institutions for women, there is room for improvement to help women identify their potential. They are the pride of the nation.

To empower women, the following laws should be upheld:

- Dowry Prohibition Act
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act
- Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act

Let's spread fragrance and empower women. Avoid gender-based violence. Provide women with peace and security, information, education, and communication because they stand beside you in your shadow. Supporting women's rights is the responsibility of every individual. Let them define their potential, spread positivity, and empower women.

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Life's Highest Calling is to Awaken And be Free, Not the Relentless Pursuit of Control, Conquest, or Dominance.



BY Jasmine Fatima

The world today is marked by violence, chaos, confusion, and relentless competition—both at the individual level and collectively. This state of turmoil is not a recent development; history is replete with examples of nations vying for resources, power, and dominance. Likewise, ideologies, philosophies, and belief systems have long been in constant contention, each striving to assert its superiority over the others.

Our beautiful planet—once whole, radiant, and in perfect harmony—has been scarred by manmade boundaries, carved out in the name of dominance and driven by greed, ego, and the insatiable thirst for control and power. In dividing the land, we have also divided ourselves, losing sight of the eternal truth: that all life flows from the same source, and in essence, we are one.

In our blind pursuit of material wealth, fame, and power, we—both individually and collectively—have inflicted untold suffering, cruelty, and sorrow upon our fellow human beings. Across time, Governments and institutions have used fear as a tool to divide and control, deepening the illusion of separation and distancing humanity ever further from truth, compassion, and unity.



In our unawakened state, we have allowed

ourselves to be swept away by the ceaseless current of misinformation—much of it flowing through the media and social networks. In our haste, we react impulsively, without the stillness or inner clarity to pause, reflect, and discern truth from illusion.

Driven by fear and rooted in insecurity, we have drifted away from our divine essence. In a world that fears authenticity and celebrates pretense, we have been compelled to wear masks—concealing our truth to survive. In doing so, we have dimmed our light, shrinking our soul's expression to fit into a society where freedom of thought is seen as a threat and the voice of the awakened heart is silenced.

Today, love and compassion have taken a back seat, replaced by hatred and violence. We

seem more intent on outdoing one another in displays of aggression, often glorifying cruelty—sometimes in the name of religion, sometimes race. Throughout history, nations have romanticized martyrdom, using it to justify and even encourage the sacrifice of countless human lives.

Yet, even amidst this darkness, the light of truth calls us home. It invites us to awaken—to remember our shared essence, to reclaim compassion, and to heal the wounds we have caused, within ourselves and the world. In unity lies our redemption; in love, our return to wholeness.

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ATM OF RELATIONSHIPS: When Love Becomes Just a Transaction



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In the last century, the bicycle bell, the evening meeting place, or the peepal in the courtyard were the heartbeat of relationships. If someone knocked twice on the door, it meant - make tea, we are going to chat. Today the door rings less, the mobile rings more. And many times the mobile is not in the hand, but lying on the dining table and plays the notification - "Package out for delivery." Our daily routines have become so app-based that even relationships have started to feel like an 'on-demand service'. Mom is remembered only when the 'ghar ka achar' runs out; brother's name scrolls through the phone-book only when a connection is needed to avoid a traffic challan; college friends ping only when they need a reference letter. "Interest" has vanished in broad daylight, and we haven't even filed a missing person report; why?

Because our needs are being met comfortably.

Conflict between need and interest
Needs are not bad. Water, food, safety, support—these are all basic truths. The problem begins when the entire definition of relationships becomes based on needs. Love, respect, shared laughter, unnecessary messages—these are all considered 'luxury items'. The result? Communication dries up, excitement fades, and the relationship becomes a shadow of itself.

The answer to "How are you?" was once meant to maintain a relationship; now it seems like a scripted customer care question. Enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement shrink one by one. Interest is like a top-up—if not topped up on time, the service stops. But we often forget about it and then wonder why the network is not working.

Four bitter side-effects of modernity

1. Digital bridges and emotional distance

We are 'connected' but not 'close'. The irony is that we cannot even look into each other's eyes while video-calling because the camera is right next to the screen.

2. No investment of time, trend of outsourcing

Birthday cake, anniversary gift, medicine for mother's knee—all booked in 'App Seconds'. Personal labour replaced by 'processed care'; favours replaced by 'tracking ID'.

3. The pressure of personal branding

Relationships are now a collage of photo-friendly moments. There is less laughter in reality, more 'story' in the social feed. Every meeting is a potential post—and if the post does not garner likes, then the 'content value' of friendship is also underestimated.

4. The noise of consumerism

Marketing taught us that satisfaction can be bought. As a result, we started demanding a return-on-investment from relationships: "I sent grandma a winter jacket, but didn't even get a video call in return." As if affection was a cash-back scheme.

Sociological perspective

Sociologists say that from the industrial revolution to the IT revolution, as the trend from joint family to nuclear family increased, responsibilities got divided but the support system also got disintegrated. Now every unit is running on its own, so "survival" became the top priority. Interest is added at the end as a 'non-essential amenity',

if there is energy and time left.

Impact on mental health

Humans are social creatures—this lesson is taught in fourth grade textbooks, but in the glitz of society, it is often forgotten that emotional relationships are like oxygen. Constant "functional" relationships (where there is only transaction) increase depression, stress, and loneliness. In the language of the stock market, the "emotional dividend" starts falling, and the human 'investor' slowly becomes frustrated.

Five practical tips to keep interest alive

1. The importance of physical appearance

Meet at least once a month without any 'reason'. Digital meetings are useful, but 'unplugged' togetherness tastes different.

2. Small seeds of remembrance

Print old photos and put them on the fridge, send handwritten notes. Touch is always deeper than screen.

3. Create shared rituals

Be it the Sunday afternoon khichdi or moon-gazing on every full moon - a small ritual is a recurring deposit of the relationship.

4. Digital Detox Slots

Whenever you are with family or friends, put your phone in do not

disturb mode. If two out of five meetings happen like this, the battery of interest remains charged.

5. Exchange of words

"I am proud of you", "I remembered you today", "Let's listen to old songs"—such sentences give bonus points. The issue need not be heavy; the sentiment should be light but sincere.

truth through satire

Imagine if relationships had a 'user agreement':

"I, So-and-so, agree that I will keep you in mind for my own benefit only; will unsubscribe if I lose interest; and will email customer support if I complain."

It may sound ridiculous, but in practice this is what we often do! If we get angry, we 'block'; if we laugh, we 'react'; if we feel sad, we 'mute'. As if they are not humans, but notifications - which can be slid aside.

Conclusion: Rebirth of interest

Relationships are like the soil of a field—water it for a week and the seeds will grow; otherwise it will become barren. The pace of modernity does not spare us even for a handful of time, but some seeds are needed in that handful.

The next time you dial a loved one's number, think—Am I just asking for help? If yes, add a simple message

before the call—"I missed your laugh." Such a small statement may change the entire tenor of the conversation.

In the shop of relationships, interest is not the price, but the currency. If it runs out, then even the most expensive gift cannot be bought. So invest a little in interest today; the returns will definitely be inflation-proof—love, affection, and that unspoken smile that is felt even on this side of the screen.

There is a saying—"Home is where the heart is." But the heart stays where there is interest. Fulfill the needs, but do not let them become the 'break-up letter' of love. Remember, interest is the real charger of relationships; otherwise the connection starts showing 'no-service'—and then, even after increasing the data pack, the signal will not come.

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Poshnar Dudipora Handwara: A Hidden Gem with Immense Tourism Potential



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Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of Kupwara district in north Kashmir, Poshnar Dudipora Handwara stands as an untapped treasure trove of natural beauty and ecological richness. With its tranquil environment, diverse natural attractions, and agricultural significance, this village has all the makings of a premier tourist destination.

Poshnar is accessible via two routes: one through the Handwara-Rajwar-Dudipora Road, and the other via the Kupwara-Vilgam-Kukroosa Road. Blessed with a freshwater dam, meandering through its serene surroundings, it is offering breathtaking views and a soothing atmosphere. The dam not only supports local agriculture but also enhances the village's potential for eco-tourism, water-based recreation, and angling activities.

Surrounding the dam are vast meadows, ideal for picnics,



nature walks, and adventure tourism. These open expanses, flanked by lush green forests, form a perfect setting for trekking, camping, birdwatching, and photography, especially during spring and summer when the region blooms with wildflowers and native plant life.

Adding to its uniqueness, Poshnar is home to the district's

largest sheep farm, a center of livestock excellence. This farm is renowned for producing world-class sheep breeds, particularly prized for their high-quality wool and meat. The presence of this facility not only supports the local economy but can also become an educational and agro-tourism attraction for visitors interested in sustainable

farming and animal husbandry.

The development of Poshnar as a tourist resort can usher in a new era of eco-tourism and rural employment. Carefully planned infrastructure - such as eco-cottages, trekking trails, and local handicraft centers - can offer visitors an authentic Kashmiri experience while ensuring the preservation of the region's fragile ecology. Involving the local community in tourism development can lead to inclusive growth. With proper training in hospitality and local entrepreneurship, residents can benefit from homestays, guided tours, and sales of traditional crafts and organic produce.

To realize Poshnar's full tourism potential, concerted efforts are required from the government, tourism department, and private stakeholders. Initiatives like road connectivity upgrades being completely in shambles, marketing campaigns, and infrastructure development will play a pivotal role in turning this hidden gem into a vibrant tourist hub.

Poshnar Dudipora Handwara is more than just a beautiful village - it is a symbol of Kashmir's untapped rural charm and ecological wealth. With sustainable planning and community participation, this idyllic spot can shine as a model of rural tourism, offering visitors a rare blend of nature, tradition, and tranquility.

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Self-Reliant India: The Path to Viksit Bharat 2047



By Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Viksit Bharat 2047 is the government's vision to transform the country into a self-reliant and prosperous economy by 2047. Viksit Bharat 2047 is indeed a visionary plan by the Indian government to transform the country into a self-reliant and prosperous economy by 2047, marking the 100th year of India's independence. This initiative focuses on sustainable development, economic growth, and improving the quality of life for all citizens. Viksit Bharat means 'Developed India'. Viksit Bharat 2047 is the government's vision to drive the mission of making India a completely developed nation by its 100th anniversary of independence in 2047. The vision is based on four pillars: Youth, Poor, Women and Farmers.

In 2013, the BJP gave the slogan 'acche din aane wale hai', and now, after 11 years, we can say that 'acche din aye hai'. PM Narendra Modi, marking 11 years of his leadership, affirmed that India has emerged as the fastest-growing major economy and a key global voice on critical issues such as climate action and digital innovation. Reflecting on the journey, he has emphasized that a strong

focus on good governance, social justice, and inclusive development has driven the government. Our PM aims to deepen public understanding of India's development story and inspire greater citizen participation as the country moves forward with its vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047. India has progressed from 11th step to the 4th major economy under PM Modi's leadership. India is at a turning point in its history.

In the last 11 years, there has been an effective government, it is decisive, brought in economic discipline; it's a government formed with people's participation. It's a government of transparency. PM Modi gave India a clear vision, a strong erection, and an unwavering commitment to public welfare and nation-first governance. Reflecting on the achievements, PM has clearly stated that the past decade has seen rapid changes across diverse sectors, driven by the guiding philosophy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. Viksit Bharat's primary goal is to transform India into a developed nation by 2047 through inclusive economic participation for all citizens. It aims to take India's economy to \$30 trillion within just two decades. From economic growth to social upliftment, BJP Government focus has been all-round and inclusive and India today is not only the fastest-growing major economy but also a key voice in the global arena, particularly on issues like climate action and digital innovation. India has been transformed on

many fronts and is ready for take-off. There has been a massive expansion in social and economic infrastructure through policies and schemes in past years. The last decade has witnessed a phenomenal demonstration of our capabilities to transform India. Programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janashadhi Pariyojana, and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi have uplifted millions, placing the welfare of people with low incomes at the centre of governance.

There is no doubt that zero Poverty in Viksit Bharat 2047 is achievable through a multi-dimensional approach towards empowering the underprivileged and promoting inclusive development. About Rs. 630 crores has been disbursed as the first instalment for the chosen PMSHRI schools, and 12 institutions have been announced as Institutions of Eminence. PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) has provided more than 2.5 crore houses, while SBM Gramin and its Phase II have enhanced sanitation through large-scale toilet construction and women-led waste management. The PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and Digital Mission are strengthening public healthcare and digital connectivity, with thousands of health centres and millions of registered health accounts. The country's robust defence capabilities are attested by the induction of indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopters and the pioneering

Agnipath scheme, which modernises the armed forces with young, high-tech soldiers. The 11 years of the PM Modi-led government will be written in golden letters because it ushered in changes with wider ramifications on polity, society and economics, and laid the foundations of Viksit Bharat. The abrogation of Article 370, that gave the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir its special status; outlawing Triple Talaq, and passage of the Waqf (amendment) Bill are the illustrations of the government's bold decisions.

PM Modi has given a "responsive and responsible government to reform, perform and transform". One would have observed that in the last 11 years, there has not been a single allegation of corruption against the Modi government. As India celebrates 11 transformative years of governance, this moment signifies more than just a milestone - it marks the nation's inspiring journey towards building a Viksit Bharat. Under the leadership of PM Modi, the Amrit Kaal of a developed India is progressing with a focus on service, good governance, and welfare for the poor. One must not forget that during the COVID-19 crisis, India led the world as a pharma hub and also ensured free vaccination for over 220 crore doses within the country. Digital health services like e-Sanjeevani conducted over 37 crore teleconsultations. Free COVID treatment and vaccines saved countless lives. Schemes like PM SVANidhi and Stand-Up India empowered small vendors

and entrepreneurs, while over 55 crore Jan Dhan accounts and 77 crore Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries are testimony to a government working for every Indian. June 21 is now celebrated worldwide as International Yoga Day, an enduring symbol of India's cultural resurgence. As India's ruling party celebrates more than a decade in power, the diverging narratives reflect the country's complex political landscape. The Prime Minister's vision is to actively involve the youth of the country in formulation of national plans, priorities and goals. In line with this vision, 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' initiative will provide a platform to the youth of the country to contribute ideas to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. One must remember that it is very important to channelize the innovative ideas of youth into nation-building by inviting them to ideate and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. As India works towards realizing the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, it is clear that the future holds immense promise and potential for growth and development. With collective effort and determination, India can achieve its goal of becoming a self-reliant and prosperous nation by 2047 as the journey to Viksit Bharat 2047 is a testament to India's resilience and determination, and its success will depend on the active participation of all its citizens.

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Doda administration gears up for Int'l Day of Yoga 2025

DC chairs meeting to finalise preparations

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DODA, JUNE 13: A comprehensive preparatory meeting for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 was today held here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex. The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh aimed at finalizing arrangements for the grand event scheduled on June 21. The meeting decided to host the main celebration at famous Gatha Park, Baderwah, with parallel events to be organized at all Government

Degree Colleges, prominent tourist destinations, vibrant villages and near Amrit Sarovars across the district. In addition to yoga sessions, the event will feature cultural events, painting competitions and fun activities for children to make sure wider community engagement. Youth Services & Sports and Education departments were instructed to mobilize maximum student participation. The DDC highlighted the need to encourage mass participation by involving school children, youth, PRIs, SHGs and civil society members. In line with the national theme of



"Harit Yoga," the DDC directed departments to incorporate plantation drives and eco-friendly practices into the celebration schedule. The District Ayush Officer presented a detailed overview of activities and informed that 13 yoga instructors—five from the Department of Youth Services & Sports and eight from the Ayush Department—have been nominated for the events. Mega yoga sessions are planned at picturesque locations like Lal Draman and Nagni, along with marathons and wellness activities. The Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda was asked to direct BDOs to make adequate arrangements in their respective blocks. The Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Baderwah was instructed to establish the stage and infrastructure at the main venue on time. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baderwah was tasked with coordinating with the Army for participation and ensuring free public entry at the venue. The ARTO was directed to manage traffic flow, while the BDO Baderwah was asked to maintain the road stretch leading to the site. Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner directed the BDO Baderwah and the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Baderwah to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene at the main venue before and during the celebration. The Executive Officer was also instructed to arrange a water tanker for supply of clean drinking water for the participants attending the Yoga Day event.

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DC reviews preparedness for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai today reviewed the district's preparedness for the implementation of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan at a meeting held here today. The campaign scheduled to be held from June 15 to June 30, 2025 aims to promote inclusive and sustainable development in tribal regions. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, PO Poshan Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umesh Shan, Chief Planning Officer Mohd Iqbal and other concerned officers. Speaking at the meeting, the DC underlined the significance of the campaign in reaching every eligible beneficiary across the district.



She directed the line departments to increase reach out to targeted areas and instructed the officers to ensure saturation of all schemes across 17 line departments, with a focus on active community participation to achieve the intended outcomes of the campaign. The DC urged the officers to work in coordination and ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out during the course of the campaign.

Reasi Administration hosts training programme on e-Office 2.0

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REASI, JUNE 13: In a progressive move towards fostering digital governance and enhancing administrative efficiency, the District Administration Reasi, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik today organized an Orientation-cum-Training Programme on the implementation of e-Office 2.0. The session was conducted at the DC Office Complex and was attended by nominated Master Trainers and help-desk officials from different departments. Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev



Singh Samyal chaired the training session. The training programme marks a pivotal step in the district's transition towards a more transparent, efficient and paperless

administrative ecosystem. The initiative aims to equip government employees at the Tehsil and Block levels with the skills and knowledge required to effectively operate the e-Office plat-

form. Participants received comprehensive hands-on training on the features and functionalities of e-Office 2.0. The session covered key aspects such as document workflow management, on-boarding procedures, digital file processing, system navigation and resolution of common operational queries. The ADDC emphasized the administration's commitment to digital transformation and the importance of officials becoming proficient with the new system. The program was conducted by technical experts from NIC and the Information Technology Department.

Forest Fire control measures discussed at Poonch

DC stresses timely response, coordination

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POONCH, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting today to review the district's preparedness for Forest fire control and management. The meeting was attended by functionaries of Forest Department, Disaster Management, Fire & Emergency Services and representatives from other stakeholder departments. Discussions focused on current preparedness, response mechanisms and long-term mitigation strategies. The DFO Territorial briefed the meeting on the prevention and control measures already in place. It was informed that 17 Forest Fire Control Rooms, comprising officials from Forest Territorial and other departments, have been established across the district to ensure swift response. Detection of forest fires is being assisted through real time SMS alerts



from the Forest Survey of India's Fire Alert System. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed on round the clock functioning of the Forest Fire Control Rooms to facilitate immediate intervention. He emphasized that timely action, coordinated efforts and active community involvement are crucial to minimizing damage to forests, biodiversity and public safety. All departments were instructed to work in close

coordination to ensure effective control measures and minimize potential losses due to forest fires. Discussions focused on current preparedness, response mechanisms and long-term mitigation strategies. The DFO Territorial briefed the meeting on the prevention and control measures already in place. It was informed that 17 Forest Fire Control Rooms, comprising officials from Forest Territorial and other departments.

GDC Vijaypur hosts special lecture on "Fundamental Rights and Duties"

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SAMBA, JUNE 13: As a part of the series of events being organized under the banner of "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" and to mark the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a special lecture on "Fundamental Rights and Duties" was organized by NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College Vijaypur. Prof. Sonia Devi briefed the students about fundamental rights and duties guaranteed to all the citizens of India. She stated that fundamental rights are enforced by the courts, subject to certain conditions. "These rights guarantee social justice. Article 12 to 35 in

part III of the Indian Constitution deals with fundamental rights; while Article 51 A enshrined in part IV A of the constitution deals with fundamental duties" she informed the students. Principal of the College, Dr. (Prof.) Ashu Vashisht advised the students to have a clear understanding of their rights and duties as a citizen of India. She further said that fundamental duties are moral obligations of all citizens to help promote a spirit of patriotism and uphold India's unity. The event was coordinated by Dr. Arti Sharma (HOD Environmental Science), Dr. Manoj Heer (HOD Dogri), Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (HOD English and NSS PO) and Dr. Nain Singh.

Road safety enforcement drive conducted in Rajouri; violators booked

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RAJOURI, JUNE 13: The Motor Vehicle Department Rajouri conducted an intensive road checking drive here at Panja Chowk and adjoining areas. The enforcement drive was carried out in the wee hours by MVI, Rahul Singh and other officials of under the supervision of ARTO Rajesh Gupta. During the drive, 100 vehicles were

checked of which 17 were e-challaned for different violations, with an expected penalty amounting to Rs. 42,000 (Forty-two thousand only). In addition, 6 e-Autos found being operated without valid driving licences were seized on the spot. The Drive was conducted in line with the directions of Transport Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

Mohammad Alyas Khan takes over as DC Ramban

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RAMBAN, JUNE 13: Mohammad Alyas Khan today formally took over as the new Deputy Commissioner of Ramban, succeeding Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary (IAS), who handed over responsibilities to the former here at the DC Office Complex. On his arrival, the new Deputy Commissioner was warmly welcomed by district officers led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak. Senior officers from line departments were also present. Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various sections of the DC Office Complex and interacted with officers and staff.

4-Day Training on digitization of Jamabandis commences at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, JUNE 13: A four-day hands-on training on the Digitization of Jamabandis was inaugurated today by Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone. The training is being imparted to Junior Assistants, Patwaris and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) of the district by 10 trained Master Trainers through Web-HALRIS Portal. This initiative is a part of the broader Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) and is expected to significantly enhance efficiency, transparency and accessibility in revenue record management. The ACR encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the training to improve and update their skills. The training sessions are aimed at ensuring 100% digitization of Jamabandis in a time-bound and efficient manner.

Arrangements for celebration of International Yoga day discussed in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai today convened a meeting of officers of line departments to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements for the smooth celebration of International Yoga day here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur. Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, PO Poshan, Subash Dogra, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umesh Shan, Chief Planning Officer, Mohd Iqbal and other officers attended the meeting. Threadbare discussions were held to finalize various arrangements related to the venue of event, participants, stage, refreshment, publicity, parking, security and other necessary requirements. The DC directed the concerned departments to start the execution of respective responsibilities well in advance. She called for inter-departmental coordination and stressed on ensuring mass participation to make the event a grand success.

R&R Commissioner reviews progress of development works in Jammu Migrant Camps

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JAMMU, JUNE 13: Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Dr. Arvind Karwani today reviewed the progress of ongoing development works in the Jammu migrant camps and took stock of the day to day issues being faced by the residents here at a meeting. Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Vijay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Kailash Devi, Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Sanjeev Kumar and senior officers from the line departments and Relief organization attended the meeting. After detailed deliberations, the Jal Shakti Department was asked to expedite the construction of borewells in the Nagrota and Jagti migrant camps to augment the

water supply and also redress the complaints of some residents related to shortage. The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Department apprised about the progress of ongoing works across migrant camps at Jagti, Nagrota, Muthi - Buta Nagar and Purkhoo. He apprised that Kandoli - Jagti connecting road is in the process of work allotment, which will soon address the concern of residents of Jagti and Nagrota camps. The Relief Commissioner asked the PW(R&B) department to expedite submission of the detailed project report on renovation of works at all migrant camps to facilitate the required projection of additional funds for the current financial year. The Jammu Municipal Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of the

inmates of Jagti regarding quality of sanitation work and if required, deploy additional manpower to further improve day to day sanitation facility viz. collection, transportation and disposal of garbage and refuse in the migrant camps. The Department of Floriculture assured that a proposal will be furnished within a fortnight for development of open spaces and undertake maintenance of existing parks in the camp areas. Likewise, the Department of Youth Services & Sports was asked to prepare a proposal for the maintenance of open spaces/playgrounds, besides organizing physical education activities and promoting Scouts and Guides activities in the migrant camps. The Health Department was asked to organize special health camps at the migrant camps on monthly

basis and also deploy specialist doctors on rotation basis in Nagrota, Purkhoo and Muthi/Butanagar camps on weekly basis. The UEED was asked to examine the requirement of planning, designing and construction of works of sewerage and drainage in all the migrant camps and deal with issues of public health to protect the inhabitants of migrant camps from the adverse environmental factors. The JAKEDA was asked to explore installation and maintenance of solar lights and promotion/implementation of schemes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India in the migrant camps. The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati was asked to promote skill development programmes to enhance employability and support rural entrepreneurship.

J&K Students Association Writes to EAM Jaishankar, Seeks Urgent Evacuation of Kashmiri Students Amid Iran-Israel Escalation

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Srinagar JUNE 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association has written to the Union Minister for External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, seeking urgent intervention for the evacuation of hundreds of Kashmiri students stranded in Iran amid the escalating conflict between Iran and Israel.

In a detailed letter, the Association expressed grave concern over the rapidly deteriorating security situation following Israeli airstrikes on Iran's nuclear infrastructure and the subsequent retaliatory missile and drone attacks by Iran. It stated that the region now stands on the brink of a full-scale war, leaving students from Jammu and Kashmir terrified and vulnerable.

The volatile environment has left thousands of Indian students, the majority from the Kashmir Valley, exposed to immediate and serious danger. These students had traveled to Iran to pursue professional education, particularly MBBS degrees, attracted by the country's affordable academic infrastructure. Now, they find themselves caught in the midst of a conflict zone, fearing for their lives.



National Convenor of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said that several students are enrolled in universities located near military installations and strategic sites, placing them at heightened risk. Many have reported hearing airstrike sirens, experiencing tremors, and observing increased military activity in their vicinity. Some are even based in cities where airstrikes have already occurred. The situation, he added, has deteriorated rapidly since last night, leaving students frightened and helpless. Despite repeated attempts to reach out to the Indian Embassy in Tehran, students have received little clarity or reassurance.

Families back home, especially in Kashmir, are extremely distressed and have been making desperate appeals for their children's safety, he said.

"Many students have told us, 'We are very scared. Our parents back home are extremely worried.' We are receiving a growing number of distress calls from families who are in tears, pleading for their children to be brought back safely. Every passing minute without information is unbearable for them," Khuehami said.

He urged the External Affairs Minister to take swift and proactive action. The Association called for the immediate

establishment of direct communication channels between the Indian Embassy in Tehran and the students, along with the regular dissemination of verified safety advisories and emergency protocols.

The Association also stressed the need for a comprehensive evacuation plan to be prepared and kept ready. If the situation continues to escalate or critical infrastructure is targeted, timely evacuation could mean the difference between life and death. The government must remain prepared to act swiftly and decisively to ensure the safe return of Indian citizens. The Association appealed to the Ministry to coordinate closely with the Iranian government and relevant international agencies to ensure the protection and, if needed, the safe passage of Indian students. Describing the situation as a humanitarian emergency, the Association emphasized that any delay in action could put lives further at risk and deepen the anguish of thousands of families.

"The students from Jammu and Kashmir currently in Iran are our collective responsibility. Their safety and timely return must be treated as a national priority," Khuehami added.

GDC Ramgarh hosts preamble reading session

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SAMBA, JUNE 13: Government Degree College Ramgarh organized a preamble reading session under the aegis of "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhiman." The programme aimed to celebrate the adoption of the Indian Constitution and imbibe the democratic values among the students enshrined in the constitution.

The central highlight of the event was the collective reading of the Preamble, which served as a reaffirmation of the core constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Students and faculty participated actively, reflecting their commitment to upholding the ideals enshrined in the Constitution.

Swarnkar Sangh Jammu West Urges Public Awareness Ahead of Shop Closures regarding the Summer Vacation

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JAMMU, June 13, 2025 - The Swarnkar Sangh Jammu West held a press conference today to inform the public about upcoming shop closures and advise customers to plan their purchases accordingly. The press conference was led by Mr. Lovekesh Gondi, Additional General Secretary of Swarnkar Sangh Jammu Province, alongside Mr. Raj Kumar, Senior Vice President Jammu West, and Mr. Vimal Verma, Cashier.

The main objective of the press conference was to raise awareness among customers regarding the Summer Vacation of jewelry shops. The Sangh urged the public to complete any necessary purchases either before June 18th or after June 22nd, as shops will remain closed during this period. The emphasis was on customer convenience and preparedness.

We understand the importance of jewelry in the lives of our customers, especially during this time of year when many auspicious events and celebrations take place," stated Mr. Lovekesh Gondi during the press briefing. "Our aim in holding this press conference well in advance is to empower our patrons with timely information, allowing them ample opportunity to complete their purchases without any inconvenience. We value our customers and their trust immensely. Mr. Lovekesh Gondi has appealed to all the shopkeepers in Jammu to keep their shops closed from the 18th to the 22nd and enjoy this vacation with their families, making these holidays a success.

Two Killed, One Injured as Car Overtakes on Jammu-Udhampur Highway

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Udhampur, June 13, KNT: At least two persons lost their lives while another sustained injuries in a tragic road accident that occurred near Prince Dhaba on the Jammu-Udhampur National Highway in Udhampur district on Friday.

According to officials, the mishap took place when a Swift car bearing registration number JK21K-9427, traveling from Jammu towards Udhampur, lost control and overturned near the popular roadside eatery. The impact of the crash proved fatal for two occupants of the vehicle. The deceased were identified as 40-year-old Sunil Verma, son of Faqir Chand, and Ashik Kumar - both residents of RS Pura. Another occupant, Sham Singh Rajput, aged 35 and also a resident of RS Pura, sustained injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he is currently undergoing treatment.

Preliminary reports suggest that overspeeding may have been the cause of the accident, though authorities have yet to confirm the exact reason pending further investigation.

Patwari Caught Red-Handed Taking Bribe in Rajouri, Arrested by ACB

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Rajouri, June 13, KNT: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday caught a revenue official red-handed while accepting a bribe in Rajouri district. The accused, Muhammad Jameel, a Patwari, was arrested on the spot after he allegedly demanded and received Rs 5,000 from a citizen in exchange for providing attested copies of revenue records. According to an official statement, the complainant had applied online on April 26, 2025, to obtain Khasra Girdawari records of his land in Village Dhara, but the concerned Patwari allegedly refused to process the request without a bribe. Refusing to succumb to the demand, the complainant approached the ACB and lodged a formal complaint. Following this, the Bureau conducted a discreet verification, which confirmed the bribe demand by the Patwari.

DC Baramulla chairs meeting to finalize Muharram arrangements

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BARAMULLA, JUNE 13: In order to review and finalize arrangements for the approaching Muharram observance across the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting at the DC Office, here.

The meeting focused on ensuring adequate facilities and services for the smooth holding of Muharram processions.

Key areas of discussion included traffic regulation, procession routes, supply of firewood and additional ration, sanitation and cleanliness of congregation areas, repairing of approach roads, uninterrupted power and drinking water



supply, availability of medical facilities, functioning of street lights, deployment of security personnel, placement of mobile toilets and provision of water tankers. DC directed all departments to ensure timely and coordinated action. He emphasized uninterrupted electricity during procession timings, proper sanitation, and close engagement with com-

munity representatives to ensure the peaceful observance of Muharram.

ADC Sopore, ADC Baramulla, ASP Baramulla, SDMs of Pattan and Gulmarg, SE JKPDC, officers from various line departments, and public representatives attended the meeting and provided inputs to strengthen ground-level arrangements.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Poonch administration plans to develop Solar Villages

HT NEWS DESK/KNS

POONCH, JUNE 13: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today chaired a review meeting to assess the status of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district. The meeting focused on evaluating the progress of the scheme, identifying bottlenecks and devising strategies to ensure timely implementation. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to launch a mass awareness campaign to educate the general public about the scheme's benefits and simplify the registration process to maximize public participation. Highlighting the importance of coordinated efforts, the DC instructed the power department, banks and vendors to work

in close synergy to resolve any technical, financial or procedural issues being faced by the applicants. He emphasized that timely approvals, hassle free processing and handholding of beneficiaries are crucial for the success of the scheme. The Deputy Commissioner directed the stakeholders to continue to work with dedication to achieve 100% coverage under the scheme, contributing towards the broader goal of promoting clean, affordable and sustainable energy. The meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer JPDCL, ADDC, Executive Engineer JPDCL, AEEs, JEs, AEE STD, JEs & Technicians, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Lead District Manager J&K Bank, I/c Draba Grid Station with JEs &

Technician staff, I/c Grid Chandak and all empanelled vendors of Surya Ghar Yojana for District Poonch. Later, Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of the District Level implementation Committee for the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana to discuss the selection of villages to be developed as Solar Villages. The Committee recommended the villages as per the set parameters and the meeting decided to roll out the final list after completion of the due procedure. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of the Solar Villages initiative in promoting clean energy, reducing dependence on conventional power sources, and bringing long term socio economic.

Ongoing Muharram Preparations in Srinagar: AJKSA Holds Key Meeting at Imam Bargah Zadibal

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Srinagar, 13th June 25: On the directions of All Jammu & Kashmir Shia Association (AJKSA) President Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, a coordination meeting was held at Imam Bargah Zadibal, Srinagar, to further streamline the preparations for the upcoming month of Muharram.

The meeting was chaired by District President Haji Firdaus Mirza, along with Youth Coordinator Srinagar Arshed Sultan and a 5-member AJKSA team. It witnessed the participation of local NGOs, Sabeel Gha (refresh-

ment stall) organisers, and Blood Donation Camp coordinators from across the district. The session began with a condolence prayer for the recent tragic loss of top scientists and army commanders martyred in Israeli strikes, with deep solidarity expressed for the victims and their families. Participants discussed various logistical and community service arrangements for Muharram, including the deployment of medical teams, installation of sabel points, traffic and crowd management, and emergency support. Several constructive suggestions were shared by the stakeholders, which will now be for-

mally submitted to AJKSA President Molvi Imran Ansari for review and final decision. This meeting is part of the ongoing AJKSA mohalla-level outreach that has been actively taking place in different areas of Srinagar for the past three weeks, aimed at ensuring that all religious, civic, and security measures are well-coordinated ahead of Muharram. The All J&K Shia Association remains committed to facilitating a peaceful, organized, and spiritually enriching Muharram for the Shia community, in coordination with all stakeholders.

Cow Electrocuted in Handwara: Residents Blame PDD Negligence, Demand Action

DR.AB QAYOOM

Handwara, Jun, 13: In a tragic incident on Thursday morning in Khunbal A Ward No. 1 of Handwara has left a local family devastated after their cow died of electrocution near a roadside transformer. The incident has sparked widespread anger among local residents, who have blamed the Power Development Department (PDD) for negligence and demanded immediate corrective measures. According to Wali Mohammad Sheikh, the owner of the cow and a daily wage labourer, the mishap occurred around 9 AM while he had taken his cow out for grazing. Shortly after, he was informed that a cow had been electrocuted near a transformer in the locality. On reaching the spot, he was heartbroken to find it was his own animal. "The transformer has been installed on the ground for years without any safety base or fencing. It poses a constant danger to both human lives and livestock. We have informed the PDD about this several times, but no one paid heed to our concerns," Wali Mohammad alleged. Holding back tears, he add-



ed, "This cow was not just an animal - it was the sole source of livelihood for my family. We survived on the income from selling its milk. Now, I don't know how I'll feed my children." Upon receiving information about the incident, police and PDD officials arrived at the scene and removed the electrocuted animal. Preliminary inquiries were conducted, but no immediate relief or formal explanation was provided to the affected family. When

approached for comment, the PDD's Executive Engineer declined to respond, citing an ongoing meeting. Meanwhile, local residents expressed strong resentment over what they described as persistent official apathy. "This transformer has been a hazard for years. Despite repeated complaints, no safety measures were put in place. Today it's a cow, tomorrow it could be a human being," a resident said angrily. In its defence, Concern PDD inspec-

tor claimed that the land on which the transformer is installed is disputed as per revenue records and is owned by a migrant Pandit family. "We have repeatedly requested the locals to arrange a few square feet of alternative land so that the 250 KV transformer can be shifted and properly secured, but unfortunately, there was no cooperation," a PDD employee stated. The incident has reignited local demands for immediate relocation of unsafe transformers in the area and a resolution of land disputes hindering infrastructure safety upgrades. Civil society members and local leaders have urged authorities to prevent such tragedies by securing public utility installations and addressing long-pending grievances. "Safety cannot be compromised over procedural disputes. The administration must intervene, resolve the issue, and ensure that such fatal accidents don't happen again," said a local activist. As the affected family mourns the loss of their animal and livelihood, the incident serves as a grim reminder of the cost of administrative negligence and unresolved local disputes in vulnerable rural areas.

PM holds review meeting at the AI plane crash site, meets sole survivor

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In the wake of the tragic Air India plane crash in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a high-level meeting with top officials to review investigation and relief efforts.

Modi, who reached here early morning, has been closely monitoring the situation constantly since the accident left 241 passengers dead and several injured. The Prime Minister met emergency response teams and officials at the disaster site, and extended his condolences to the families of those who lost loved ones. He was accompanied by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Nair, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and several senior officials, conducting a thorough assessment.

Modi expressed his deep sorrow over the tragic plane crash, emphasising



that the entire nation is in shock. He said that the incident has left everyone devastated.

On social media platform X, Modi shared several messages, stating, "The plane crash in Ahmedabad has left us all in shock. The sudden and heartbreaking loss of so many lives is beyond words. My heartfelt condolences go out to all the grieving families. We share their pain, and the emptiness created will be felt for many years. Om Shanti."

He added, "Today, I visited the site of the accident in Ahmedabad. The scene was tragic. I met officials and teams working tire-

lessly since the incident. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones in this unimaginable tragedy."

Modi, after inspecting the scene, had proceeded to the hospital to meet the injured and check on their condition. The Prime Minister also met Ramesh Vishwas, the only survivor of the crash, and inquired about his health. He also checked on the well-being of other injured individuals.

The tragedy occurred on Thursday afternoon when the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner went down just two minutes after takeoff. The aircraft was carrying 242

passengers, including 12 crew members. Among the deceased was former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

The passengers included 169 Indian citizens, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese, and one Canadian. Ramesh Vishwas, a British citizen of Indian origin, is the sole survivor and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Besides those onboard, at least 24 people, including four medical students, were killed on the ground, as the plane crashed into the hostel building of the B J Medical College in Meghaninagar area of Ahmedabad. Air India has set up a dedicated passenger hotline number, 1800 5691 444, to provide more information.

Home Minister Amit Shah who visited the site last evening to review the situation has asked for a probe into the incident. A high-level committee has already been set up to oversee the inquiry.

KTR slams Congress govt for crippling farm & education in Telangana

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Hyderabad, June 13

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, accusing it of gross negligence towards agriculture and education sectors.

In a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), KTR alleged that the Congress government has failed to show any commitment to the farming community or the state's education system. He said that even as the monsoon season begins, there is no clarity or preparedness regarding the implementation of the farm-



er assurance schemes. KTR criticised the government's inaction on several fronts, including what he termed as a "meagre loan waiver," the absence of farmer assur-

ance and pending insurance dues, and the stalling of key agricultural projects.

He expressed concern that agriculture, which he described as having become a "festival" during the BRS's decade-long rule, is now facing severe setbacks under the Congress regime in just over a year.

Highlighting the plight of the education sector, KTR said that despite schools reopening, the government continues to display a negligent attitude. He lamented that the robust welfare gurukul system, which flourished under BRS with the establishment of over a thousand residential schools, is now struggling due to a lack of proper support and planning.

Indian embassy issues safety advisory for citizens in Israel amid rising tensions

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Tel Aviv/New Delhi, June 13

Due to the ongoing security situation in Israel, the Indian Embassy on Friday released an advisory for all Indian nationals currently living in or traveling to the country.

The embassy has urged everyone to remain alert, follow the safety guidelines issued by local Israeli authorities, and stay informed through the Home Front Command website (oref.org.il/eng).

The advisory emphasises the importance of minimising travel, exercising caution, and staying near designated safety shelters. Indian citizens are encouraged to maintain contact with the embassy and prioritize their safety at all times.

The embassy of India in Israel through a post on X said, "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the



safety protocols as advised by the Israeli authorities and home front command (oref.org.il/eng).

It further urged the Indian nationals to, "exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters".

In strikes termed Operation Rising Lion, many Israeli fighter jets launched aerial assaults in Iran on

Friday, pounding multiple high-value nuclear and military targets. Chief among them was Iran's key uranium enrichment site at Natanz. Iranian state television later confirmed the death of Maj Gen Hossein Salami, chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in what it called "a direct assassination by Zionist forces."

Israel targets Iran's nuclear sites and military commanders in major attack

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Tehran/Jerusalem, June 13

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Friday that Israel has launched a "preemptive strike" on Iran.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement that its jets have completed the first-stage attack, notably strikes on dozens of military targets, including nuclear targets in different areas of Iran. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a video address that the goal of the ongoing operation is "to strike Iran's nuclear infrastructure, Iran's ballistic missile factories, and Iran's military capabilities," and will continue "for as many days as it takes." Iran's IRIB



state TV reported explosions in areas of the capital of Tehran and counties of Natanz, Khondab and Khorramabad. Multiple casualties, including women and children, were reported in a residential building in Tehran, according to the state TV. Both Israel and Iran closed their airspace following the attack. Israel has declared

a nationwide state of emergency. Chief of Iran's General Staff Maj. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri was killed as a result of Israeli attacks on Iran, Iranian state television reported. The Israel Defence Forces said in a statement Friday that the Israeli Air Force had struck dozens of targets in Iran linked to the country's nuclear program and military targets. Ebrahim Rezaei, spokesman for the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, said Iran will not leave Israel's attack on Tehran unanswered. Ynet reported that Israel is preparing for powerful strikes also from Yemen, Lebanon and Syria.

Bangladesh national polls possible in Feb, CA Yunus and BNP reach agreement

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Dhaka, June 13

Dhaka, June 13 (UNI) Bangladesh Chief Advisor Mohammad Yunus and BNP chairman Tarique Rahman have agreed that general elections could take place a week before Ramadan in the second week of February, provided all preparations were completed by then.

The preparations include sufficient progress in electoral reforms and the July Uprising trials.

The BNP chairman, who met the CA in the Dorchester Hotel in London,



reportedly expressed satisfaction with the decision, putting both parties on the same page after the BNP came to loggerheads with the interim government over its decision to hold elections in April next year, which they called unfeasible. The interim government appointed

National Security Advisor Khalilur Rahman, briefing media about the meeting between Rahman and Yunus, said it was held in a cordial environment. "Tarique Rahman proposed to the chief advisor that the national election be held before next year's Rama-

dan. The party's chairperson, Begum Khaleda Zia, also believes that holding the election during that time would be good," Khalilur said, reports Daily Star. "The chief advisor said that he has already announced that the election will be held in the first half of April next year. If all preparations are completed, the election could be organised in the week before Ramadan in 2026. However, sufficient progress in reforms and judicial matters will need to be achieved within that time-frame."

Russia blames IAEA's 'anti-Iran hysteria' for Israel-Iran conflict, holds West accountable for tensions

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Moscow, June 13

Criticising the Israeli strikes against Iran, Russia has put the onus of the whole incident on the International Atomic Energy Agency's 'paranoia' over Iran's nuclear program, stating that the West should now realise the results of provoking anti-Iran sentiments in the IAEA.

As per Russian state-media TASS, the country's Foreign Ministry, criticising the West said it hope that Western nations, "which provoked anti-Iran hysteria in the IAEA Board

of Governors and once again pushed through an opportunistic resolution to please their political preferences and phobias that did not receive universal support, will realise the disastrous effects of their course and the extent of their guilt for the tragedy."

Accusing Jerusalem of making a deliberate choice towards further escalation of tensions, it said "Responsibility for all the consequences of this provocation will rest on the Israeli leadership."

Stating that it is carefully monitoring the IAEA's actions - which it also held

accountable for the Israeli attack, it said "The agency's staff, along with Iranian citizens, have also come under Israeli fire."

"We expect the IAEA director general to make balanced and objective assessments of what is happening, including a thorough analysis of the likely radiation consequences of the attacks on nuclear facilities," it noted. Russia had expressed concern over the escalating tensions between Tel Aviv and Tehran, and has said that it is monitoring the developments very carefully.

UN General Assembly adopts resolution demanding immediate Gaza ceasefire

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
United Nations, June 13

The General Assembly, at an Emergency Special Session, adopted a resolution on Thursday that demands an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and immediate access to humanitarian assistance at scale.

The resolution demands "an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire, to be respected by all parties."

It strongly condemns any use of starvation of civilians as a method of warfare and the unlawful denial of humanitarian access. It stresses the obligation not to deprive civilians in the Gaza Strip of objects indispensable to their survival, including by wilfully impeding relief supplies and



access. The resolution stresses that an occupying power is obliged under international law to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches all the population in need. It demands the immediate and permanent facilitation of full, rapid, safe and unhindered entry of humanitarian assistance at scale to and throughout the Gaza Strip and its delivery to all Palestin-

ian civilians. The resolution demands that Israel, as the occupying power, immediately end the blockade, open all border crossings and ensure that aid reaches the Palestinian civilian population throughout the Gaza Strip immediately and at scale.

It stresses the need for accountability in order to ensure Israel's respect of international law obligations and, in this regard, calls on all UN member states to individually and collectively take all measures necessary to ensure compliance by Israel with its obligations. The resolution was adopted with 149 votes in favour, 12 votes against, and 19 abstentions. Apart from Israel and the United States, the following 10 countries voted against the draft resolution:

Trump issues ultimatum to Iran: Either reach a deal or continue facing slaughter

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
Washington/Tel Aviv/Tehran, June 13

In the aftermath of Israel's most recent strikes on Iran's nuclear facility in Natanz, US President Donald Trump said that all Iranian 'hardliners' who refused to reach a deal with Washington are now dead, issuing an ultimatum to Tehran, telling them to either reach a deal or continue facing 'the slaughter.'

Taking to his social media platform Truth Social, Trump wrote "I gave Iran chance after chance to make a deal. I told them, in the strongest

terms, 'just do it,' but no matter how hard they tried, how close they got, they just could not get it done."

"Certain Iranian hardliners spoke barely, but they did not know what was about to happen. They are all dead now, and it will only get worse," he added, issuing an ominous warning, reports Jerusalem Post.

Urging Tehran to reach a nuclear deal with the US if it wants to avoid further casualties, he wrote there was time still "to make this slaughter and the next come to an end...Iran must make a deal, before there is nothing left." Shortly after the success of the



IDF's 'Operation Rising Lion' earlier today, where Tel Aviv destroyed facilities, and killed several members of Iranian government's top brass, which included both chief nuclear scientists and military generals, Trump said that US will come to Israel's defence, if the need arises.

In an interview with Fox News, the POTUS emphasised that Iran cannot have a nuclear bomb whatsoever, and reaching a deal with Washington was in its best interests, hoping to get Tehran and Washington back on the negotiating table. "Iran cannot have a nuclear bomb and we are

hoping to get back to the negotiating table. We will see. There are several people in leadership that will not be coming back," Fox News reporter Jennifer Griffin quoted Trump as saying in a post on X. "Tonight, Israel took unilateral action against Iran. We are not involved in strikes against Iran and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a statement. "President Trump and the administration have taken all necessary steps to protect our forces and remain in close contact with our regional partners."

From Sacrifice to Storage: How Kashmir Keeps Eid Meat Safe

90% Kashmiris practice basic hygiene, but only 50% know safe storage, according to a 2023 study



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On Eid al-Adha, the valleys and towns of Kashmir come alive with the sacred spirit of sacrifice. Eid, known locally as Bakr Eid or Baed Eid, is not just a celebration of faith, but also of generosity, community, and shared meals. In almost every home, meat flows in abundance — distributed among relatives, the needy and stored for future consumption. However, with such a massive scale of animal sacrifice in a short span, a critical question arises: how do we preserve this precious meat safely, efficiently, and without waste? Faith, Food, and Responsibility.

The Eid Meat Rush: A Delicate Challenge
Each year, thousands of animals are sacrificed across Kashmir during Eid, often within a span of 24–48 hours. That's a logistical and environmental challenge. Refrigerators and freezers overflow. Power cuts are frequent. Awareness around proper meat handling, hygiene, and long-term storage remains inconsistent. Meat, especially red meat like mutton and beef, is highly perishable. Rich in protein and moisture, it's a perfect breeding ground for bacteria if not handled properly. The result? Spoilage, foodborne illnesses, and tragic wastage of what was meant to be a sacred offering. In a time when food wastage and overconsumption are global issues, Islamic teachings on meat preservation during Eid serve as a beautiful balance of spiritual intent and practical action.

The Quran and Hadith not only instruct Muslims how to sacrifice, but also how to handle, store, and share the meat with dignity. The core values are: Gratitude for Allah's blessing, Careful distribution for social equity, hygienic and respectful handling, and avoidance of waste.

A hadith on the division of sacrificial meat narrated by Salman bin Amir Ad-Dabbi (RA): "The Prophet (SAW) said, Eat of it (sacrificial meat), and feed the needy and store some. (Sahih al-Bukhari, Book 68, Hadith 480). This hadith explicitly allows meat preservation — storing meat for personal use is permissible and encouraged, as long as one also shares. Surah Al-An'am (6:141) — On Avoiding Waste (Israf) "And do not waste (resources), for Allah does not love the wasters (Surah Al-An'am 6:141). This verse is a principle for meat preservation — Islam encourages avoiding spoilage, hoarding, or careless disposal.

Before the First Cut: Hygiene Starts at Slaughter



Everything begins at the moment of sacrifice. Healthy Animal: Ensure the animal is visibly healthy. Slaughtering sick animals risks not only spoilage but also disease transmission (zoonoses). Clean tools: Knives, cutting boards, and even the person performing the sacrifice must be clean. Wash tools with hot water and disinfectant. Blood drainage: Proper bleeding is essential. Blood speeds up spoilage and attracts bacteria.

Cooling and Sorting: Time Is Temperature
One of the biggest mistakes is rushing meat into the refrigerator or freezer while it's still warm. This traps heat, creating condensation that invites bacterial growth. Best Practice: Spread meat in thin layers. Let it rest for 4–6 hours in a shaded, cool place. Avoid stacking. Airflow is crucial. Then comes sorting — a critical, often overlooked step. Separate meat into: Daily-use portions (for the next 3–5 days). Long-term portions (for freezing). Organ meats (to be consumed within 24 hours). Scientific Insight: Bacterial growth doubles every 20 minutes at room temperature. Keeping meat within the 4°C "safe zone" of refrigeration is vital.

Refrigeration and Freezing: The Modern Pillars

Refrigeration (0–4°C): Store meat for up to 3–5 days. Keep it in clean, lidded containers — not open plates. Avoid overcrowding; it reduces cooling efficiency. Freezing (-18°C and below): Extends shelf life for 3–6 months. Use airtight bags to prevent "freezer burn". Label everything with date and portion size. Combo method: Freeze in small quantities, ideally enough for one meal. This avoids thawing large chunks repeatedly, which ruins both taste and safety.

Beyond the Fridge: Traditional Methods Reimagined

In areas with erratic electricity, traditional preservation still has its place.

Sun-drying slice meat into long, thin strips. Marinate with salt, turmeric, chili, garlic, and vinegar. Hang under a mosquito-net canopy in dry, shaded areas. Ready in 3–5 days, depending on weather. Modern twist: Use a solar drying box (a DIY model with mesh trays inside a reflective wooden box). It improves hygiene and speeds up drying.

Pickling in Oil and Spices: Partially fry meat in mustard oil. Add generous amounts of turmeric, garlic, and dry ginger. Store in sterilised glass jars, topped with more hot oil. It lasts several weeks outside refrigeration. These methods are time-tested, and studies confirm that salt, acid, and drying effectively inhibit bacterial growth and lipid oxidation, extending shelf life without compromising safety.

Clean Meat, Clean Hands, Clean Home
Preserving meat safely is not just about temperature; it's about total hygiene. Hand-washing: Use soap and hot water before and after handling meat. Sanitising surfaces: Regularly disinfect cutting boards, knives, and countertops. Cross-contamination: Never mix raw meat with cooked items or vegetables. Kashmiri reality check: A study in Srinagar found that while 90% of households practice some hygiene, only half are aware of proper disposal methods or safe meat handling beyond storage (Ayman et al., 2023).

6. Eco-Conscious Disposal

With so much meat comes a lot of waste — bones, fat, offal. Improper disposal is not just unhygienic, it's a public health threat.

Dos: Use municipal bins if available. Compost non-meat waste if space allows. Consider a separate pit for the burial of inedible parts.

Don'ts: Dump waste in rivers, drains, or open fields. Leave it exposed to animals.

Educating the masses: The Role of mosques and media: Information is power. During Friday sermons leading up to Eid, imams can educate communities about meat handling, safe preservation, and ethical disposal.

Community Freezer Banks: A Practical Solution

Not everyone has the capacity to store 10–20 kg of meat at home. One solution gaining traction is the idea of community freezer banks. Groups of 10–15 households pool funds to rent or buy a large deep freezer. A designated caretaker manages access. Cuts waste and ensures long-term supply for all members.

Final thoughts: Preserving the blessing: Eid al-Adha is a festival of faith, sacrifice, and sustenance. But to truly honour the qurbani, we must respect the meat we receive not just by cooking it deliciously, but by storing it safely, sharing it wisely, and wasting none of it. By blending traditional Kashmiri wisdom with scientific knowledge, every household from the modest village home to the modern Srinagar flat can become a model of hygiene, efficiency, and responsibility this Eid. Let this year not just be about what we sacrifice — but how well we preserve.

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Avoid Picnics on Weekends, Holidays, Ensure Safety at All Times: Edu Dpt Issues Fresh Guidelines to Schools

Event Managers, Health Checks, Weather Alerts Among Dozens of Safety Measures Ordered by Govt

HT NEWS DESK/JKNS

Srinagar, Jun 13 (JKNS): The Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department has directed schools to avoid picnics and excursions scheduled on weekends or public holidays to avoid overcrowding and potential risks at popular tourist spots.

In a circular issued by the Government of J&K, school education department a copy of which assessed by news agency JKNS reads, Picnics and Excursions being the vital component of the students curriculum needs to be conducted keeping in view the required Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and advisories. In order to ensure students safety and well-being during such visits, the following Guidelines are Impressed upon all the HoDs and Hols of the School Education Department, Days of visits, picnics and Excursions on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays be avoided keeping In view the overcrowding at picnic spots/Tourists destination to avert any untoward incident.

Event Management, the concerned Hols shall designate a senior official as Event Manager to oversee the departure, travel, movement of students at picnic spots/ Tourist destinations & their safe arrival. He shall also be responsible to keep liaise with the other departments as and when required, it reads.

Circular reads, the concerned Directorate of Tourism shall be contacted two (02) weeks prior to picnics and excursions so that necessary assistance shall be provided. School Trip Safety Checklist, before embarking on the trip. Hols/School Management should have a comprehensive school trip safety checklist such as, Emergency Contact Information, teachers shall ensure that they have emergency contact Information of every student. This should be easily accessible throughout the trip. First Aid Kit, the School Management shall arrange First Aid Kits during the travel and at the picnic spots. In the event of any health issues the local/nearest Health centre be contacted, it reads. Health check-up, prior to the departure from the school the health of the students should be monitored to avoid any health related issues during the visits. Headcount of the students should be done before departure and while transitioning from one location to another, it reads. Pre-Trip Briefing, before the trip, the itinerary, behavioral expectations, and

safety precautions should be explained to the students. Duty, teachers must keep the picnic on track from boarding to returning back. The Hols/School Management, should restrict the students from visiting any vulnerable areas/spots especially to rivers, lakes, ponds and streams to avert any mishaps at the picnic spots. Escort teachers should ensure that students move to only safer spaces and avoid unsafe activities, circular reads. Transport management, for vehicle booking, the concerned ARTO should be contacted to provide the authorized transport facilities with good conditioned vehicles and escort driver having valid driving license for conveyance of the students, it reads. Grant of permission, for picnics and excursions within the district, the concerned Chief Education Officer shall be the Competent Authority for granting permissions who shall also maintain the schedules of the picnics/excursions fortnightly with an intimation to the respective directorate, it reads.

For visiting the picnic spots outside the district, the concerned Director School Education shall be the Competent Authority for granting permissions. The Directorate(s) of School Education shall also maintain the schedules of the picnics/excursions fortnightly, it reads. Weather advisories, prior to the picnics/excursions, the weather advisories issued by Meteorology Department must be followed. The Hols/School Management should avoid picnics/excursions on harsh weather days, circular reads. Emergency Contact, the school management should keep contact details of parents for quicker communication in case of an emergency, circular reads. Earlier on May 28, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced that Education Minister has been directed to encourage schools and colleges to organize excursions and picnics at major destinations like Gulmarg and Pahalgam both to signal calm and to re-establish public trust. Earlier On April 15, the Jammu and Kashmir government imposed a complete ban on picnics by schools and colleges on weekends and holidays in the Union Territory after two students were killed and 21 injured after their college bus turned turtle in Kupwara.

Education Minister Sakeena Itoo also ordered installation of CCTV cameras and fire safety tools in college and school buses, besides other measures, to enhance student safety. (JKNS)

Kupwara Gets Its First Private MRI Centre in Handwara



DR. AB QAYOOM

Kupwara, June 13 In A significant boost to the healthcare infrastructure of Kupwara district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ayushi Sudan on Wednesday inaugurated the region's first private Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) centre at Handwara. The newly established Global Diagnostic and Imaging Centre, located on Bypass Road, marks a vital milestone in bringing advanced diagnostic services closer to residents of Handwara and adjoining areas including Rajwar, Ramhall, Mawar, Kralgund, Langate, Kandi, Pharoo, Qaziabad, and other parts of the district. The facility is equipped with a state-

of-the-art 1.5 Tesla MRI machine, along with other modern imaging and diagnostic services. Until now, patients requiring advanced radiological tests had to travel to Baramulla or Srinagar, often facing delays in treatment and additional financial strain. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, DC Ayushi Sudan described the establishment of the centre as a "crucial step in improving healthcare accessibility in the district." While noting that a government-run MRI facility would have been ideal, she emphasized that the availability of such private services locally would ease the difficulties faced by patients and their families. "This facility will help reduce patient referrals outside the district and ensure timely diagnosis and medical care. I urge the management to strictly comply with government-notified rates so that healthcare remains affordable for all," the DC added. The inaugural event saw participation from the hosts of the MRI centre, local doctors, civil society members, and residents, all of whom welcomed the development as a much-needed addition to the district's healthcare resources. With the opening of this private MRI centre, Kupwara district takes another promising step towards strengthening its diagnostic infrastructure and addressing the long-pending healthcare demands of its population.

DH Bandipora brings advanced Surgical Care Closer to Home, conducts first Laparoscopic Appendectomy.

HT NEWS DESK

Bandipora: In a landmark achievement for the District Hospital Bandipora, the first-ever laparoscopic appendectomy was successfully performed, marking a significant milestone in the hospital's surgical capabilities. The procedure was carried out by Dr. Bashir Ahmad Cheechak, Consultant Surgeon, with support from



Dr. Iqbal, Consultant Anaesthesia, and Mr. Mehmood ul Rehman, O.T. Technician and other theatre staff also played a crucial role in the smooth execution of the surgery. Dr. Masrat Iqbal Wani, Medical Superintendent DH Bandipora, appreciated the entire surgical team for their dedication and professionalism. He termed the successful operation a step forward in improving advanced healthcare

services in the district. "This achievement reflects our commitment to providing quality and minimally invasive surgical care to the people of Bandipora," Dr. Wani said. The introduction of laparoscopic procedures at the hospital is expected to benefit patients with reduced recovery time, minimal scarring, and fewer complications.

BADC Demands Judicial Probe After Pregnant Woman's Death in Poonch

HT NEWS DESK

Jammu, 13/June/2025: The Jammu & Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK_BADC), a registered organization dedicated to the welfare of border residents and tribal communities across Jammu and Kashmir, expressed deep shock and anguish over the tragic death of a pregnant woman, allegedly due to medical negligence of medical staff of District Hospital Poonch last week.

The unfortunate demise of the lady has once again exposed the alarming state of healthcare infrastructure in the border district Poonch and its adjoining rural and hilly areas. Such incidents are not isolated but represent a systemic failure that has persisted for far too



long, leaving the people of this region vulnerable and neglected, the organization alleged. Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, the Chairman and former Vice Chancellor strongly demands a time-bound judicial probe into the circumstances that led to this loss of life. He stated "Only an independent, court-monitored investigation can bring out the facts, ensure transparency, and deliver justice to the affected family. We firmly believe that no innocent

person should be punished, but those whose negligence or dereliction of duty resulted in this tragedy must be held accountable under the law".

The BADC Chairman asserted that the people of Poonch deserve clarity, accountability, and above all, respect for their right to life and quality of healthcare. He also raised serious concerns about the dismal state of medical facilities across Poonch district, especially in its blocks and tehsils. He pointed out that the border district suffers from acute shortages of qualified doctors, specialist staff, functioning medical equipment, and emergency response systems. Despite repeated pleas over the years, healthcare delivery remains far below acceptable standards.

India's Covid tally surge to 7,131 cases; one death in past 24 hrs

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 13

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) India's active virus case load has risen to 7,131 as of 8 am on Friday, according to the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry.

One death was registered during the period, bringing the cumulative death toll to 78 since the beginning of the year.

The recent uptick in cases is attributed to emerging sub-variants of the Omicron lineage, including JN.1, NB.1.8.1, LF.7, and XF.6. These variants are characterized by increased transmissibility but tend to cause milder clinical symptoms. Currently classified by the World Health Organization as "Variants Under Monitoring," health experts emphasise that ongoing surveillance and adherence to preventive measures are vital to curbing potential escalation.

DG Youth Services & Sports Chairs Maiden Meeting with DYSSOs

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, June 13: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) J&K took a significant step today toward revitalizing youth engagement in sports and recreational activities, with Director General Anuradha Gupta chairing her maiden meeting with District Youth Services and Sports Officers (DYSSOs) of the Kashmir division. The meeting, held in the office chamber of the DG YSS here, focused on ensuring holistic youth development through active participation in sports, curbing rising screen addiction, and addressing the growing drug menace among young boys and girls. DG Anuradha Gupta emphasized that no school-going child should remain unattended when



it comes to sports and physical activities. She urged the field staff of the Department to encourage students to participate in games of their choice, highlighting the crucial role of physical activity in today's digital age. "With increasing screen time and concerning trends of substance

abuse, sports provide a healthy and productive outlet for our youth," she said. The DG conducted a detailed review of sports infrastructure across all Kashmir districts and discussed the popularity of various sports in different districts. Recognizing the efforts of her predecessors, she

commended their work in shaping the YSS Department's mandate and called for continued progress in upgrading facilities to meet modern demands. In a move toward inclusive development, Gupta issued guidelines for organizing feasible sports activities for people with special needs. "Harmonious development means ensuring that everyone, including the differently-abled and elderly, gets opportunities to participate in recreational and sports activities," she stated. Acknowledging the importance of publicity, the DG praised the Department's Media & Publicity wing and thanked local sports editors for their consistent support in highlighting YSS initiatives.

Sports passion overwhelms Chowgan Ground Kishtwar amid inauguration of Inter-Zonal District Tournament

HT NEWS DESK

KISHTWAR, JUNE 13: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) Kishtwar today declared open the much-anticipated Inter Zonal District Level Tournament for U/14 and U/17 Boys and Girls amid a vibrant inaugural ceremony held here on the historic Chowgan Grounds. The tournament would feature competitions across multiple sports disciplines. Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal inaugurated the tournament as the Chief Guest amid cheers from hundreds of participating student-athletes, officials and spectators. The inaugural event was held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jaffer Haider Sheikh. A well-coordinated march past by teams from different zones of the district marked the ceremonial start, followed by National Anthem, oath-taking ceremony led by young athletes, pledging commitment to sportsmanship and fair play.



The atmosphere was charged with patriotic fervor and youthful energy as cultural performances and motivational addresses inspired the gathering. In his address, ADDC Pawan Kotwal emphasized the role of sports in holistic development of youth stating, "Sports events not only promote physical fitness and discipline but also foster unity and cultural exchange among students from all corners of the district. The administration is

committed to strengthening sports infrastructure and opportunities for our youth." The Inter-Zonal Tournament features a wide array of sports including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, among others, with both boys and girls participating in U/14 and U/17 age categories. Matches and events are scheduled to take place across various venues including GHSS Boys, ITI Indoor Stadium and Chowgan Ground for a full week.

Police organizes Cricket Tournament under Civic Action Programme to Foster Police-Public bonding

HT NEWS DESK

Baramulla, June 13: As part of its ongoing Civic Action Programme, Police in Baramulla organized a district-level Cricket Tournament to promote youth engagement and strengthen police-public relations. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from ten teams representing all five sub-divisions of District Baramulla. The grand finale of the tournament was held at Tangmarg cricket ground, where sub division Tangmarg triumphed over sub division Uri, securing victory by 37 runs in an exciting and well-contested match. SSP Baramulla Shri Gurinderpal Singh-IPS graced



the occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed trophies and prizes among the winners, runners-up, and other participants. The event also saw the

presence of SP (Ops) Shri Feroz Yahya, SDO Tangmarg, and all SHOs of sub division Tangmarg, highlighting the strong support and active involvement of the district police leadership. The tournament was aimed at encouraging the youth to engage in constructive activities, showcase their sporting talent and spread awareness against drug abuse. The initiative also served as a platform to foster unity, teamwork, and positive interaction between the police and the community. A large gathering of local residents witnessed the final match and appreciated the efforts of J&K Police in creating such meaningful opportunities for youth development. Many attendees expressed hope for similar initiatives in the future.

RPL: It's just awesome how you can learn the game together: Delhi Redz coach Tomasi Cama

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 13

Delhi Redz head coach and New Zealand rugby legend Tomasi Cama is soaking in every moment of his time in India as the inaugural GMR Rugby Premier League (RPL) season is set to get underway. With a diverse roster of international athletes under his wing, Cama said the experience has been both enriching and demanding in the best possible way. This is not his first experience in India, having previously visited the country when he was part of the All Blacks Sevens squad that won the gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

Named World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year and New Zealand Sevens Player of the Year in 2012, Cama brings an elite pedigree to the Delhi Redz setup. The all-time leading points scorer for the All Blacks Sevens (and second in the list of Sevens World Series history for overall points), Cama is now part of a league that is expected to shape the next generation of rugby players in India. Sharing his experience in the country so far, Cama light-heartedly said, "It's been good. The weather's awesome here, quite different from New Zealand. The hotel's been great, and the food's been awesome."

JU's Directorate Of Sports In League With RR Organises Sports Camp At Bhadarwah

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Bhaderwah, June 13: In order to give filip to the local talent and further channelise the sportsmanship in Chenab Valley region, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu in league with 4RR based at Bhadarwah organised a Sports Camp in the premises of Campus of Jammu University here today. The event was inaugurated by Colonel Yogesh Chouhan, Commanding Officer 4RR, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Major Kavinder of 4RR was the Guest of Honour on this occasion. While addressing the enthusiasts, Chief Guest Col. Yogesh Chouhan emphasised the role of youth in nation-building. He asked the students to adopt discipline, physical fitness and a sense of responsibility towards society drawing parallels between sportsmanship and patriotic values. He lauded the spirit of collaboration between the Indian Army and academia in nurturing young minds and building stronger communities in the region. "The camp aims to promote a culture of physical well-being, teamwork and leadership among the youth of the region. Over the next ten days, a wide range of activities including adventure sports, athletic competitions, co-curricular events and leadership-building exercises will be held," he explained adding, "This initiative is a testimony to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment towards youth engagement and constructive community outreach under Operation Sadbhavna".

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