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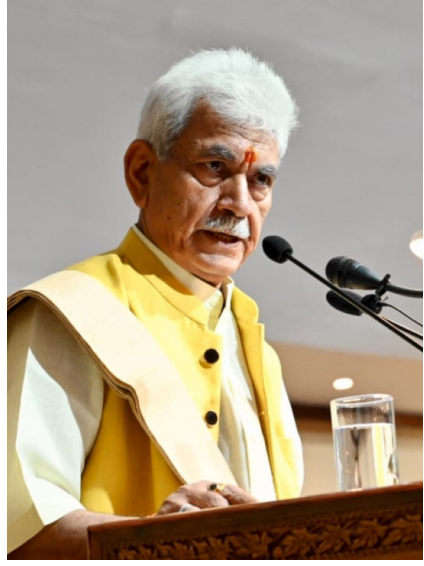
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Youth Power is Key for Overall Progress : LG Sinha

LG addresses Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program at IUST

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 24: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora. Yuva Connect is a flagship initiative under Viksit Bharat-Yuva Connect Program launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the transformative platform for youth engagement which aims to bridge the gap between young citizens and policymakers while empowering youth to become active stakeholders in nation-building. He said the initiative is a step toward fostering structured youth engagement



and building a stronger link between young citizens and policymakers. "Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program aims to create a platform where youth can share ideas, engage in policy dialogues and be inspired to contribute actively to India's development journey towards Viksit Bharat. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had outlined four main objectives for Youth Connect: Engage, Encourage, Enable and Inspire. Leveraging the MY Bharat platform, the program emphasizes fostering dialogue, participatory governance, and leadership development among India's youth, thereby preparing them to contribute effectively to the country's growth and development journey towards 2047.

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CM Takes Serious Note of Misbranded Machine-Made Carpets

Stresses on protection of Kashmiri Handmade Carpets

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 24: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today took a serious note of counterfeit machine-made carpets passed off as authentic Kashmiri hand-knotted products and gave instructions to Industries & Commerce department to take strong action against showrooms and retail outlets which are selling machine-made carpets under the label of Kashmir handmade carpets. CM observed that these fakes would damage the globally renowned brand of Kashmiri hand-made carpets and adversely affect the artisan families who depend on this craft for their livelihood. A delegation of Carpet Export Promotion Council, Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Meeras Carpet Weavers Cooperative, Kashmir Carpet Cluster Development Organization & Kashmir Carpet Manufacturers Association met the Chief Minister at Civil Secretariat Srinagar calling for prohibiting sale of machine-made carpets in all handicrafts-registered showrooms and stronger enforcement mechanisms. They also raised the issue of some unscrupulous traders making use of fake GI label on machine-made carpets. They called



for preserving this craft, Kashmir's identity and livelihood of artisans. A delegation from Manigam, Ganderbal called on Chief Minister requesting for safeguarding parcel of land in their area for future Institutional use. A delegation of HR agency voiced their grievance regarding their pending emoluments with J&K Housing Board. A delegation of Dental surgeons submitted their demand for creation and filing up of posts of dental surgeons. MLA Sopore, MLA Trehgam also met the

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3.5 lakh undertake Amarnath Yatra since July 3

HT News Desk / KNO

SRINAGAR, JUL 24: The annual Amarnath Yatra continued on Thursday with around 9,000 pilgrims paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine, nestled in Himalayas, in Kashmir. Officials said that with this, the cumulative figure of devotees who have undertaken the pilgrimage since its commencement on July 3 has reached 3.52 lakh. "A total of 9,482 pilgrims performed darshan at the sacred cave on Thursday. Among them were 6,805 men, 2,130 women, 137 children, 73 sadhus, 3 sadhvis, 4 transgender persons, and 330 security personnel," they added.

While the footfall at the shrine remained good, the number of pilgrims departing from Jammu—the starting point for most yatis—has shown a consistent downward trend over the past few days. From 7,908 pilgrims on July 18, the number dropped to 6,365 on July 19, 4,388 on July 20, 3,791 on July 21, 3,536 on July 22, 2,837 on July 23, and 3,500 on Thursday.

"Even though there is a slight decline in pilgrim turnout from Jammu, the overall yatra is proceeding without disruptions. All necessary facilities including shelter, food, medical assistance, and route security are fully operational," an official said. Of these, the first escorted convoy of 45 vehicles carrying

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CETA Blueprint to Strengthen Bilateral Ties Between UK, India : PM Modi

HT News Desk / KNO

NEW DELHI, JUL 24: Terming the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between India and the United Kingdom as historic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that this agreement is more than just an economic partnership; it is also a blueprint for shared prosperity. Addressing an official function in United Kingdom after signing the agree-

ment, PM Modi, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "This agreement will unlock new opportunities for India's agricultural produce and processed food industry and would also pave the way for enhanced market access in the UK for Indian textiles, footwear, gems and jewellery, seafood, and engineering goods. Above all, this agreement will be especially beneficial for India's youth, farmers, fishermen, and the MSME sector."



He said, "Due to this agreement UK-made products such as medical devices and aerospace components will become more accessible and affordable for Indian consumers and industries." "Alongside the trade agreement, a consensus has also been reached on the Double Contribution Convention. This will inject new momentum into the service sectors of both countries, particularly in technology and finance. It

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Over 39,000 forest right claims rejected in J&K since 2020: Gol

HT News Desk / KNO

SRINAGAR, JUL 24: The Government of India (GoI) on Thursday informed the Parliament that out of 46,090 claims filed under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) in Jammu & Kashmir till May 31, 2025, only 6,020 titles have been granted, while 39,924 claims, over 86 per cent have been rejected.

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Gol committed to ensure peace, stability in J&K: Jitendra

LoP meets MoS, discusses security, developmental projects

United News of India

JAMMU, JUL 24: Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the J&K Assembly, Sunil Sharma, met Union Minister of State in the

Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh, in New Delhi on Wednesday. He, in this meeting, focused on the security situation in the region and the progress of key

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India-UK trade pact likely to boost Kashmir's handicrafts, artisan exports

HT News Desk / KNO

SRINAGAR, JUL 24: While the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade

Agreement (CETA) does not mention Kashmir specifically, stakeholders in the region's traditional handicraft sector believe the deal could bring new global opportunities, especially with the zero-duty access on 99 percent of Indian exports, including labour-intensive sectors like textiles, leather, footwear and handicrafts. Signed in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, details accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveal that the agreement is hailed as a major step in economic integration. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, as per KNO, stressed that the pact would empower artisans, women-led enterprises and MSMEs, which form a vital part of India's export ecosystem. Stakeholders believe this could positively impact Kashmir's traditional sectors as well. Globally renowned crafts such as Pashmina shawls, Sozni embroidery, Papier-mache, walnut wood carving and Kani weaving are likely to benefit from easier access to the UK market, reduced export costs

and expanded demand. Local entrepreneurs and exporters see the development as a positive step. Abdul Rashid Wani, a carpet exporter from Srinagar, said that if properly implemented, this agreement can be a turning point for Kashmir's artisan community. He said the UK has always had a demand for handmade Kashmiri products. "With zero duty, our pricing becomes competitive," he said. Officials believe the agreement opens new avenues for 'Kashmiri

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Azad pitches for early statehood restoration

United News of India

JAMMU, JUL 24: Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairperson Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday expressed his firm belief that statehood would be restored in Jammu and Kashmir and said that the sooner it is done, the better it would be.

He asserted that statehood is an absolute necessity for the development and progress of the region.

Azad also played down speculation about him being nominated for the Vice-President's post and asked the media and people to stop resorting to such rumours. "I am thankful to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister for promising that statehood will be restored in Jammu and Kashmir. I firmly believe that they will return the statehood. But the sooner it is done, the better it will be," Azad told reporters during a visit to Jammu's Reasi district.

Responding to a question, Azad said, "For the development, progress and the overall betterment of the region, statehood is absolutely necessary. This is not a matter of Hindu or Muslim, or of Kashmir or Jammu; it concerns every party, religion, and community. Statehood is essential for all political parties, whether the BJP, National Conference or PDP." He said the statehood restoration should happen at the earliest. "When I was a minister, I

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CS DISCUSSES KEY HIGHWAY PROJECTS WITH NHA CHIEF

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 24: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today held a meeting with the Chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHA), Santosh Kumar Yadav, to review the status and expedite the implementation of critical highway infrastructure projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NHA Chairperson, who called on the Chief Secretary at the Civil Secretariat, was accompanied by the Regional Officer, NHA Jammu, and other senior officials.

The deliberations focused on both ongoing projects and newly sanctioned road infrastructure initiatives aimed at enhancing all-weather connectivity, supporting regional development, and strengthening the strategic road network in the UT.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underlined the immense importance of

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CS Reviews Compliance Reduction Progress

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 24: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress on compliance reduction and deregulation reforms recommended by the national Task Force headed by the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

Senior officers present at the meeting included Principal Secretary, Power Development Department; Commissioner Secretary, Forest; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development

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AN APPEAL TO MAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

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Youth Key.....

The program is designed to inspire young minds to engage actively in civic and national issues. It creates structured opportunities for youth to share their ideas, participate in policy dialogues, and articulate their perspectives on matters of national importance," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor encouraged the youth of J&K to lead India's development journey and provide innovative solutions to the nation's pressing challenges.

"Youth will create a brighter future of J&K and ensure long-lasting peace and prosperity. In this 21st century, despite constant change and challenges, it is our youth— our most valuable asset—who possesses the power to drive the socio-economic revolution. Jammu and Kashmir, brimming with infinite possibilities, is empowering its aspiring youth with abundant resources and opportunities," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Move ahead with the resolve of Nation-First. Adopt the Hon'ble Prime Minister's "Panch Pran" resolution. Qualities like Initiative, Leadership, Self-Confidence, Persistence, Imagination and Courage to learn from failure will guide you on the path of Viksit Bharat's journey, the Lieutenant Governor told the youth.

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor and faculty members of IUST for implementing progressive reforms in the last few years which contributed to transform J&K's higher education sector and also inspiring the higher educational institutions across the country. This is the right time IUST should work on establishing a semiconductor lab, he said.

"We can achieve the resolution of Viksit Bharat only when J&K is Viksit, when our districts are Viksit, and most importantly our Universities are Viksit and play an important role in our economic growth. I am proud that the IUST is working with this resolve in true letter and spirit," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Paying tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Lieutenant Governor urged the youth to dedicate themselves fully to building a brighter future for India and an inclusive society, as envisioned by Sardar Patel.

The Lieutenant Governor also reiterated his resolve to combat the drug menace, taking a firm pledge to make every university in Jammu and Kashmir drug-free.

He emphasized that only drug-free campuses can contribute to nation-building, a goal achievable through a few key initiatives.

The anti-drug drive must begin at the admission level, encouraging every student to take an oath to stay away from drugs. Every university should establish a 'Say No To Drugs Student Committee', supervised by faculty members, which will serve as an Early Warning Mechanism.

Universities must create a confidential reporting system and provide needy students with assured access to support via helplines like Tele-Manas. In addition to counselling and support systems, drug de-addiction content should be incorporated into the academic curriculum, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the winners of pre-events including Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, Debate Competitions, and extended his best wishes for the upcoming main event on August 12th. This significant day will see the formal launch of the "Viksit Bharat - Yuva Connect Program" by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who will simultaneously engage with students and faculty across 1,339 universities.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor administered Viksit Bharat Shapath, a collective pledge affirming their commitment to the nation's progress. He also released the University's publication and IUST's institutional development plan for achieving academic excellence and making the university future ready.

Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST presented a special presentation on how the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 is being integrated into the university's Institutional Development Plan (IDP), covering administrative, academic, research, and outreach activities down to the department and center levels.

Yuva Samvad, an open dialogue session among the students was also held, focusing on civic responsibilities, national development, and current issues, followed by the screening of the "Sardar @150" video, a visual tribute to the life and legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Shri Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Shri Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama; Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Abdul Wahid,

Registrar, IUST; senior officials, HoDs, faculty members and students were present.

CM Omar.....

Chief Minister to discuss issues concerning their constituencies.

Another delegation of Private Schools' Association raised several issues concerning private schools before the Chief Minister such as establishment of the State School Standards Authority (SSSA), bringing ease and expediting issuance of NOCs by departments to private schools, requirement of having 10 years lease-deed for schools operating in rented accommodations, ensuring that students get minimum number of working days in an academic calendar, representation to private schools' bodies in various Government committees on education and other matters of concern.

On the issue of delay in granting of NOCs by various departments to private schools and delay in delivery of services, the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah elaborated that in the PSGA meeting held yesterday, all Administrative Secretaries were directed to conduct monthly review meetings to assess the implementation of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) and stressed on strict enforcement of timelines for delivery of services to the general public.

It may be recalled that Chief Minister yesterday chaired a high-level review meeting on implementation of Public Services Guarantee Act in which CM emphasized that PSGA framework is meant to eliminate arbitrary and tardy decision-making and to deliver timely services to the public such as revenue records, certificates, licenses, utility connections etc. He instructed departments to strictly adhere to defined timelines and ensure that penalties are imposed on defaulting officers.

CETA Blueprint.....

will enhance the ease of doing business, reduce operational costs, and boost confidence of doing business. Additionally, the UK economy will benefit from access to skilled Indian talent," PM Modi added.

"These agreements will boost bilateral investment and generate new employment opportunities in both countries. Moreover, these agreements between two vibrant democracies and major global economies, will also contribute to strengthening global stability and shared prosperity," he said.

VISION 2035 WILL SERVE AS ROAD-MAP FOR STRONG, TRUSTED, AND AMBITIOUS PARTNERSHIP

"To infuse new momentum and energy into our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership over the next decade, Vision 2035 is being launched. This will serve as a roadmap for a strong, trusted, and ambitious partnership in the areas of technology, defence, climate, education, and people-to-people connectivity," PM Modi said.

"A Defence Industrial Roadmap has been developed to deepen our collaboration in defence and security. We will also work to further strengthen our Technology Security Initiative," he said, adding, "It is our commitment that, from AI to Critical Minerals, Semiconductors to Cyber Security, we shall create the future together."

"In the field of education as well, both our countries are writing a new chapter together. Six universities from the UK are opening campuses in India. Just last week, the University of Southampton inaugurated its campus in Gurugram, India," he said.

THANKS PM STAMMER, HIS GOVT FOR CONDEMNING PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Starmer and his government for their strong condemnation of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians dead, PM Modi said, "We are united in our view that there can be no place for double standards in the fight against terrorism. We also agree that forces with extremist ideologies must not be allowed to misuse democratic freedoms. Those who misuse democratic freedoms to undermine democracy itself must be held to account."

He said, "On the matter of extradition of economic offenders as well, our agencies will continue to work together in close coordination and cooperation."

TODAY'S ERA DEMANDS DEVELOPMENT, NOT EXPANSIONISM

"We have continued to share our perspectives on peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and the situation in West Asia. We support early restoration of peace and stability. Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries is essential. Today's era demands development, not expansionism," PM Modi said.

LAST MONTH'S TRAGIC ACCIDENT UNFORTUNATE

Referring to the plane crash of England bound Air India flight near Ahmedabad last month, PM Modi said, "Last month, in the tragic accident that took place in Ahmedabad, several of those who lost their lives were our brothers and sisters from the UK. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families."

"The people of Indian origin living in the UK serve as a living bridge in our relationship. They did not just bring curry from India, but also creativity, commitment, and character. Their contribution is not limited to the UK's thriving economy — it is equally visible in the country's culture, sports, and public service," he added.

FOR BOTH OF US CRICKET NOT JUST A GAME BUT A PASSION

"I would be remiss not to mention cricket when India and the UK are coming together, especially during a Test series. For both of us cricket is not just a game but a passion. And also, a great metaphor for our partnership. There may be a swing and a miss at times. But we always play with a straight bat. We are committed to building a high scoring solid partnership.

The agreements concluded today, along with our Vision 2035, are milestones that carry forward this very spirit."

3.5 lakh undertake.....

832 yatrīs left for the Baltal base camp, while the second convoy of 95 vehicles carrying 2,668 yatrīs left the Pahalgam base camp, officials said.

This year's Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to conclude on August 9. (KNO)

Over 39,000.....

The figures were presented in a written reply by Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Durga Das Uikey, in response to a question raised in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. The FRA, enacted in 2006, provides legal recognition of land rights to forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

According to the data, Jammu & Kashmir has received 33,233 individual claims and 12,857 community claims under the FRA. Of these, only 429 individual and 5,591 community titles have been distributed. A total of 32,727 individual claims and 7,197 community claims have been rejected.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), which is the nodal authority for FRA implementation, stated that enforcement lies primarily with the States and Union Territories. The Ministry added that it regularly issues directions and guidelines to ensure proper implementation of the Act and has also advised district collectors to dispose of pending claims in a time-bound manner.

In response to concerns about evictions and delays in recognising forest rights, the Ministry reiterated that the Act includes safeguards. Section 4(5) of the FRA states that no forest-dwelling tribal or other traditional forest dweller shall be evicted from their land until the claims process is completed.

To facilitate implementation, the Ministry has provided funding under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) to set up dedicated FRA cells in states and districts. These are intended to expedite the verification and approval of claims, support digitisation efforts, and help in mapping forest areas through the proposed FRA Atlas. (KNO)

Gol committed.....

developmental initiatives. During the discussion, LoP Sunil Sharma, expressed satisfaction over the smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra, a statement reads.

Highlighting the significance of infrastructure and economic projects in J&K, Sharma and Dr. Singh reviewed the ongoing implementation of central schemes, including the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), Jal Jeevan Mission, and the expansion of road and rail networks.

Dr. Singh assured full central support in accelerating project timelines without any administrative bottlenecks hampering progress.

The meeting also focussed on youth engagement and employment generation. Sunil Sharma advocated for increased central investment in skill development and startup programmes for local talent.

In response, Dr. Singh mentioned initiatives under the Digital India and Skill India missions, designed to empower the youth of J&K with training and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Termining the meeting fruitful, Sunil Sharma stated, "Today's interaction was constructive and focussed on both security concerns and long-term development goals for Jammu and Kashmir". I'm confident that our collective efforts will lead to a stronger, more prosperous region, Sunil said.

Dr. Jitendra Singh called the meeting a positive exchange in the spirit of J&K's

peace, progress and prosperity. He emphasized the Centre's commitment to ensuring peace, stability, and inclusive development in J&K.

India-UK.....

women entrepreneurs and youth-led startups', many of whom are engaged in craft, fashion and design. The Ministry of Commerce has indicated that efforts will be made to link regional industries with global value chains under the new framework.

Traders and exporters say the deal could help address the already existing slowdown in Kashmir's export sector, particularly as machine-made alternatives increasingly threaten traditional handmade products.

Notably, with Kashmir's artisan economy already supporting thousands of families, stakeholders hope CETA will not only drive economic benefits but also aid in the preservation of craft traditions, making them more viable in the global marketplace—(KNO)

Azad pitches.....

had recommended the conversion of three Union Territories into states, and all the three were granted statehood. But, for the first time, I saw my own state being turned into a Union Territory. That was an unfortunate event."

Replying to another query, he said that Article 370 and statehood are two different things. "Our immediate demand is for the restoration of statehood. I have already spoken extensively in Parliament about Article 370. You and the entire media have heard it." He reiterated his earlier statement that statehood can be reinstated only if Prime Minister Narendra Modi brings a bill in Parliament or the Supreme Court reviews the matter and gives a verdict.

On speculation of him being elevated to the post of Vice-President, Azad said that these are all just assumptions. "Look, there are several good things that are unique to Jammu and Kashmir, which is why it is called the Paradise on Earth. But there are also a lot of rumours being peddled here. I request people and the media — please stop spreading them." Azad pointed out that there are important works to be done in Jammu and Kashmir. "It needs to have its statehood back, development works should be carried out, unemployment needs to be eliminated. Finding solutions to these issues should be the priority," he said.

He suggested that the media and people focus on constructive things so that Jammu and Kashmir can progress. "Who even has the time to keep spreading rumours? Here, one day someone is made something, and the next day it is someone else. This goes on," he said.

CS discusses.....

these vital road links for a region like J&K, which remains heavily dependent on external supply chains due to its geographically sensitive and climatically challenging terrain.

He emphasized that uninterrupted road connectivity is essential for ensuring the smooth movement of essential commodities, especially during the harsh winter months when weather-related disruptions frequently impact mobility.

Special attention was drawn to the NH-44 stretch between Banihal and Ramban, where the Chief Secretary stressed the need for timely completion of tunnels and viaducts to mitigate disruptions caused by adverse weather. Highlighting the strategic and economic relevance of the region, Dulloo noted that J&K's key sectors tourism, horticulture, and agriculture are closely tied to robust road infrastructure.

The Chief Secretary also called for accelerated implementation of flagship projects including the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway Corridor, Tunnel construction on the Jammu Ring Road, and Enhancing pace of work on the Srinagar Ring Road. He further impressed upon NHAI to take up the development of service roads along the Domel-Udhampur and Qazigund-Srinagar stretches of NH-44 on priority.

Reiterating the critical need for improved connectivity to remote and border areas, Dulloo advocated for the expeditious execution of key tunnel projects such as Sadhna Pass Tunnel for all-weather access to

Gurez Valley, Singhpora-Vailoo Tunnel, and Sudhmahadev Tunnel on NH-244 to establish a dependable alternate highway to the Kashmir Valley, especially benefiting the remote districts of Doda and Kishtwar.

The Chief Secretary also sought active support from NHAI in fast-tracking the approval of DPRs (Detailed Project Reports) for a number of strategic road projects that are vital to the region's development and economic growth.

These includes Development of the Fourth Tawi Bridge, Upgradation of the Satwari-Suchetgarh (Old Jammu-Sialkot) Road to NH standards, Construction of Phase-II of the Jammu Ring Road, Expansion of the Chenani-Nashri Tunnel, Upgradation of the Samba-Mansar-Udhampur Road, Development of the Kathua-Bhasoli-Bani-Bhaderwah-Doda corridor, Bhaderwah-Chamba Road, Phase-III of the Srinagar Ring Road besides others.

The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to enhance inter-agency coordination and ensure time-bound execution of all highway development works, with a shared vision of building a more connected, resilient, and economically vibrant Jammu and Kashmir.

CS Reviews.....

Department; Secretary, Law and Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu, among others.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took stock of priority reform areas flagged by the Task Force and assessed both the completed compliances and those returned with observations. He emphasized the urgent need to upload the evidentiary proof of compliance across all priority areas without further delay.

Highlighting the broader vision behind these reforms, Dulloo noted that such efforts are critical to enhance the ease of doing business in Jammu and Kashmir. He called for mission-mode implementation of the required regulatory changes. He directed the Industries & Commerce Department to ensure that all necessary documentation is completed and report submitted to him about the same.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, informed the meeting that 434 reform points across various departments had been successfully implemented. Of these, 09 reform points relating to a few departments had been returned by the Task Force with observations.

He assured that as the nodal department, Industries & Commerce is actively working to address these gaps, particularly the nine high-priority areas and will ensure compliance uploads in the coming days.

Director, Industries Jammu, Arun Kumar Manhas, elaborated on the specific areas identified for improvement. These included simplification and digitization of the Change of Land Use (CLU) process, rationalization of minimum road width requirements for different industrial setups in rural areas, amendment of building regulations to minimize land loss in industrial plots, lifting prohibitions on women working in certain hazardous sectors, review of working hour limits under factory laws, removal of business hour restrictions for commercial establishments.

These measures, he noted, will significantly enhance the industrial ecosystem and contribute to a more business-friendly environment in the Union Territory.

It is pertinent to mention that the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), launched by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), is a flagship initiative of the Government of India. It aimed at simplifying the business regulations and creating an enabling regulatory environment across the states and UTs.

Since its inception in 2015, BRAP has seen six successful editions. The current edition BRAP 2024, along with BRAP+ and RCB+ is the seventh iteration, with a target completion date of March 15, 2025.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that all departments must treat compliance reduction and regulatory simplification as top governance priorities, as these reforms will directly impact economic growth, investor confidence and the employment landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.



DC Kulgam Launches 'Classes of Joy' to Bridge Learning Gaps

■ **Farooq Rather**

KULGAM JULY 24: District Administration in collaboration with Pratham Foundation and School Education Department today launched the #ClassesOfJoy initiative to bridge the learning gaps in foundational literacy and numeracy of kids in primary and middle schools. DC Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan said that the initiative follows the TaRL Teaching at Right Level Approach.

Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) is designed to improve foundational literacy and numeracy skills among primary school children, particularly in low-resource settings. It focuses on tailoring instruction to students' actual learning levels rather than their age or grade.

Key Features:
Assessment-Driven: Begins

with a simple, rapid assessment to gauge students' current reading and math abilities.

Grouping by Level: Students are grouped based on their learning levels (e.g., beginner, letter recognition, word reading) rather than grade for targeted instruction.

Focused Activities: Uses engaging, activity-based teaching methods to build foundational skills, emphasizing daily practice and interaction.

Short-Term Interventions: Typically implemented in dedicated learning camps (20-40 days) or within regular school hours, with 1-2 hours daily.

Teacher Training: Equips teachers and volunteers with training to deliver level-appropriate instruction effectively.

Continuous Monitoring: Regular assessments track progress, allowing regrouping and adjustment of teaching



strategies.

All the 458 primary and middle schools of Kulgam dis-

trict are being covered. The capacity building and training of around 2300 teachers was

started from today with first batch of around 460 teachers. The Teaching Learning mate-

rial is also being provided to all the teachers. The schools will undergo the programme for 100 days and then reassessment will be done and next round will be again done for another 100 days.

The training programme which was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) who was the Chief Guest on the occasion will continue for seven (7) days and each day 300 Teachers will be trained.

Addressing the Teachers on the occasion DC said, "you have to make the class rooms sources of joy and let every student bloom to their fullest potential".

The idea of rolling out 100 days Teaching at Right Level (TaRL) for all (458) Primary and Middle Schools in phase-1 is a learning improvement initiative to enhance the Literacy and Numeracy skills in English and

Maths at elementary level the DC elaborated.

Under the initiative the baseline assessment will be done of all students of classes 3-5 using the assessment tools for reading, arithmetic and cognitive skills.

All the 2100 teachers of elementary classes will be trained for the TaRL interventions through intensive capacity building programs and will be equipped with tools required.

Earlier the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kulgam Mohd Shabir in his welcome address paid gratitude to District Administration for providing a platform for teachers capacity building training program through Pratham Foundation.

The others who spoke on the occasion include Pratham Head Irfan Wani, ADC Viqar Giri and vote of thanks was presented by Dy CEO Kulgam.

Awareness Programme on Income Tax Held at Sopore Dak Bungalow

■ **Khan Jahangeer**

SOPORE, JULY 24: An awareness programme on income tax was organised by the Income Tax Department Srinagar at Dak Bungalow Sopore on Thursday, aimed at sensitising people about the importance of timely tax payment and procedures involved.

Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Srinagar, Sh. Vikram Sahay, was the chief guest on the occasion. Other senior officers present included Sh. Farhat Khan, Commissioner of Income Tax Appeals Srinagar, Dr. Ruveda Salam, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax Srinagar, Sh. Shakil Ahmad Ganie, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax Circle Srinagar, Sh. Vimal



Madan, Income Tax Officer, Sh. Gulzar Ahmad Malik, Income Tax Officer, Sh. Moin Siddiqui, and Sh. Abhineet Jhorar, Income Tax Officer.

ADCSopore S.A. Raina, Traders Federation Sopore President Haji Mohd Ashraf Ganie, and several other dignitaries also attended the programme. Addressing the gathering, the officers stressed the importance of paying income tax on time, explaining the simple procedures for filing and highlighting the consequences of delays.

They said such awareness programmes will continue in the future to ensure people remain informed and compliant. (JKNS)

SLA-SCERT, DIET Sopore Launch Final Phase of Induction Training for Newly Promoted Headmasters at GHSS Sopore

■ **Khan Jahangeer**

SOPORE, JULY 24: The Inaugural Ceremony of the 3rd and final phase of the Induction Training Program for Newly Promoted Headmasters was held today at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Sopore.

The event marked the commencement of a crucial capacity-building initiative aimed at equipping newly promoted school heads with the necessary skills, orientation, and understanding of their evolving leadership roles.

The ceremony was jointly chaired by Mr. Syed Shabir Ahmad (JKAS), Joint Director, SCERT JK Kashmir Division, and Mr. Hakeem Tanvir Ahmad, Joint Director, School Education Department (SED) North Kashmir. The program is being conduct-

ed by the School Leadership Academy, SCERT-JK Kashmir Division, in collaboration with DIET Sopore, and hosts participants from the North Kashmir districts of Baramulla, Bandipora, and Kupwara.

In his keynote address, Mr. Syed Shabir Ahmad emphasized the importance of such training programs, stating that "It is essential to orient the newly promoted Headmasters to the dynamics and challenges of the leadership role they are about to take on."

He stressed that the transition from a teacher to a leader requires both administrative insight and pedagogical vision.

Mr. Hakeem Tanvir Ahmad, in his remarks, underlined the collaborative role of school heads in ensuring effective schooling and improving student learning outcomes.



He appreciated the structured efforts being undertaken under the banner of the School Leadership Academy and encouraged the participants to fully engage with the program to enhance their professional competencies.

Earlier, Mr. Ashok Kumar Raina, Principal DIET Sopore, formally welcomed the participants and dignitaries, and highlighted the significance of the program in building leadership capacity across the school system in the region.

The ongoing training program represents a continuing commitment of the School Education Department and SCERT-JK to build strong instructional leadership at the school level and enhance the quality of education delivery across the Union Territory. (JKNS)

DC Kulgam reviews PM Surya Ghar- Muft Bijli Yojana

■ **Farooq Rather**

KULGAM, JULY 24: Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the implementation of PM Surya Ghar - Muft Bijli in the district.

The scheme aims to increase share of solar roof top capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity and reducing the monthly billing with significant financial contribution from the government. Executive Engineer



KPDCL Kulgam while giving the power point presenta-

tion apprised the chair that around 2300 applications

have been received for registration in the district.

The DC emphasized on the division wise mass outreach campaign to sensitize public about the scheme. He also directed the KPDCL officials to ensure timely installation of the roof top solar plants and release of subsidies to beneficiaries.

The meeting was attended by ACR Reyaz Ahmad Shah, CPO Malik Suheel, Tehsildars, XEN KPDCL, LDM, JKEDA, All AEE's, AE's, JE's of KPDCL and RDD officials participated in the meeting.

CEO Ganderbal Inspects Schools in Tullamulla Zone

■ **HT News Desk**

GANDERBAL, JUL 24: As a part of continuing its ongoing Academic Inspection to the Educational Institutions in District Ganderbal, the Worthy Chief Education Officer (CEO) Ganderbal, Shri Oneel Kumar Bhat along with SO Planning, Mr Farooq Sahab today visited the following Educational Institutions of Zone Tullamulla to review the academic and infra-structural status of the institution.

1. MS Wahidpora
2. MS Repora
3. MS Larson
4. MS Watalbagh



During the visit, the CEO interacted with the heads of institutions, teachers, and students. He emphasized the importance of maintaining quality education, punctuality, and discipline in schools. Special focus was laid on ensuring effective classroom teaching, implementation of daily lesson plans.

The visit aimed at assessing the overall functionality of the schools, reviewing the punctuality of the teaching staff, and ensuring adherence to academic standards. The visit reflects the department's commitment to strengthening the educational ecosystem in the district and ensuring quality education at the grassroots level.

Apple Growers in J&K Hail Tariff Safeguards in India-UK Free Trade Pact

■ **HT News Desk**

SRINAGAR, JULY 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Fruits and Vegetables Processing and Integrated Cold Chain Association (JKPICCA) has lauded the Government of India's move to safeguard tariff protections on apple imports under the newly signed India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), calling it a critical victory for domestic apple growers.

The decision, aimed at maintaining import duties on apples despite the broader trade liberalization under the FTA, has been welcomed by fruit growers across apple-producing regions such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

In a recent meeting held in Srinagar, JKPICCA representatives raised their concerns directly with Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.



They emphasized the need for protection, noting that Indian apple farmers face considerable disadvantages due to small landholdings, traditional farming practices, and relatively high production costs.

"Indian apple growers cannot compete on equal footing with high-efficiency farms in developed countries unless fair safeguards are in place," said a JKPICCA spokesperson. "This tariff protection ensures a level playing

field and directly supports the livelihoods of lakhs of farmers who depend on apple cultivation."

Highlighting the cultural and economic value of traditional farming, the association also welcomed the symbolic recognition

of "Traditional farming knowledge receives patent protection" in the spirit of the trade agreement.

The association urged the government to maintain this "farmer-first" approach in all current and future trade negotiations, especially in sectors critical to employment and economic resilience in hill and tribal regions.

"We commend the Hon'ble Minister's sensitivity to this issue and his responsiveness to the voices of the farming community," the statement read. "JKPICCA remains dedicated to collaborating with the government to enhance the productivity and global competitiveness of Indian horticulture."

The move is expected to provide much-needed relief to the domestic apple industry, which has long been wary of cheap imports affecting market prices.

HT EDITORIAL

Doctors need to be compassionate towards patients & attendants

Over the past few days a couple of unfortunate incidents have taken place in which two people lost their lives in hospitals in Srinagar and Pulwama districts. While one patient died at the Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital in Srinagar the second one died at District Hospital Pulwama. The SMHS hospital incident created waves since the attendant of the patient slapped a doctor who was posted at the hospital at the time when the patient was brought there.

The attendant of the patient alleged that the doctors at the hospital behaved in an irresponsible manner and it was due to this reason that his dear one lost his life. On their part the doctors said that the attendant resorted to high-handedness and beat their colleague for no fault of his. The medicos at the hospital also engaged in a scuffle with media persons and there was total chaos inside the hospital premises.

Due to this scuffle many media persons boycotted the presser addressed by the doctors with regards to the incident. There is no denying the fact that the doctors posted at hospitals and health centres in the government sector are under tremendous stress; but at the same time they need to be compassionate towards the patients and their attendants. The patients and their attendants look upon the doctors as messiahs and treat them as next to God as and when they enter any hospital in any part of the world.

There was a time when medicine was considered to be a noble profession but with the passage of time the situation has changed. There is a need for collaboration from the medicos, patients and their attendants. Once things move in a proper manner there would be less unfortunate incidents and as such precious lives would be saved. This would also mean that there would be few incidents involving manhandling of doctors and media inside the premises of the different hospitals.

At the same time the management of a hospital needs to act in a more professional manner once a patient having complications is brought to the hospital. A senior doctor should be entrusted with the responsibility of treating such a patient and the juniors should not be allowed to call the shots. Since the junior doctors more so the PG students don't have the requisite exposure and experience they tend to lose their cool as and when an attendant of a patient confronts them.

Shia Community Needs Investment in Education, Development, and Peace



Syed Karar Hashmi

"The Shia community, particularly its youth, necessitates investment in education, development, and peace,

rather than endless infighting among a few individuals over trivial issues in Kashmir," emphasizes Syed Karar Hashmi, a prominent socio-political activist and student at Hawza-Ilmia Qom.

Agha Syed Karar Hashmi stressed that perpetual internal disputes among a handful of individuals over peripheral matters hinder the community's progress, squandering its potential. "When we focus on internal squabbles over issues irrelevant to our next generation's well-being, we distract ourselves from what truly mat-

ters," he notes. "Youth must reject this distraction and demand a shift in focus towards building a future defined by knowledge, growth, and stability."

In a statement to the press, Hashmi defines a true leader as one who channels resources and energy into creating opportunities for youth, ensuring their future is marked by progress and peace, not internal conflicts. "It's time to prioritize the real needs of our community, such as quality education for youth, poverty alleviation programs, development, progress, and peace,"

he urges.

Hashmi calls upon all stakeholders to transcend factionalism and unite behind tangible initiatives that empower young people and foster genuine community development. "The future belongs to our young people, not to petty disputes," he asserts. "We must focus on concrete actions that uplift and empower the next generation, building a brighter future for our community."

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Assault on Doctors in Kashmir Sparks Call for Accountability



Er Ishfaq Khalid

In the quiet corners of hospitals and clinics, doctors stand as silent warriors fighting not for fame but for life itself. Every patient they treat, every life they touch, carries the imprint of their selfless dedication. They often sacrifice their comfort, family time, and rest to tend to strangers in need. Their hearts bear the weight of countless sorrows, yet they remain steady, offering hope where there was despair and light in the darkest of moments. Doctors may not wear capes, but they wield compassion with unmatched grace. They are not just healers of the body, but guardians of dignity, faith, and humanity. In every pulse they revive, in every pain they soothe, they remind us that courage and kindness can still change the world.

Doctors in Kashmir are the real heroes.

Doctors in Kashmir are more than healthcare providers they are lifelines amid turmoil, resilience amid uncertainty. In a land where silence often speaks louder than words, these doctors choose to speak through compassion, healing wounds both seen and unseen. Day after day, they work under strained resources, political unrest, curfews, and emotional fatigue. Yet, they show up—undaunted. Whether it's during harsh winters, strikes, or amidst sounds of unrest outside hospital walls, the doctor's duty in Kashmir remains unwavering. They miss their joys so others may find relief. They stand between life and death, not just as professionals, but as protectors of hope in a place that has long craved peace. Their stethoscope is not just a tool it's a symbol of service, sacrifice, and silent courage. In Kashmir, being a doctor is not just a profession it is an act of defiance against despair, and a daily pledge to humanity.

In the valleys of Kashmir, where doctors' brave curfews, crises, and chaos to save lives, their reward should be respect, not rage. The recent assaults on doctors are not just physical attacks; they are blows to the soul of our healthcare system. A punch in a hospital ward, a threat hurled in a corridor, a doctor humiliated on duty. These are not isolated acts; they are signs of a society forgetting who stands between life and death. Doctors in Kashmir don't just treat wounds; they hold together the fragile thread of hope in a land too used to loss. To raise a hand against them is to strike at compassion itself. If we fail to protect those who protect us, we invite a future where healing becomes a casualty. Every time a doctor is slapped, threatened, or humiliated, it silences the spirit of service and sows fear in the heart of healing. How can we expect them to serve without hesitation when their safety is at risk within the very walls meant to protect life? These are not just incidents; they are warnings. If a society raises its hand against those who save lives, what hope remains for the sick, the poor, the dying?

Doctors are accountable too:

Let us celebrate those who serve with honor, but also hold accountable those who forget that medicine is not just a profession; it is a moral responsibility. While the majority of doctors in Kashmir serve with unmatched dedication under extreme conditions, it is deeply unfortunate that a few stray from the sacred oath they once took. When a doctor neglects duty, be it through absenteeism, negligence, or indifference, it is not just a breach of professionalism; it is a betrayal of public trust. In a region already burdened by conflict, limited infrastructure, and emotional trauma, even a single act of irresponsibility can cost a life. A missed patient, a delayed response, or a lack of empathy can have consequences far greater than we can measure. The white coat is not just a uniform; it is a promise to place humanity above comfort, service above self. Doctors who forget this weaken the very foundation of our healthcare system. Let us celebrate those who serve with honor, but also hold accountable those who forget that medicine is not just a profession; it is a moral responsibility. Wearing a white coat is not just a privilege it's a solemn duty. Society places its

trust in doctors not merely for their knowledge, but for their compassion, presence, and integrity. While we rightly defend our doctors from abuse and violence, we must also recognize that accountability is not optional; it is essential. A doctor who is absent during duty hours, dismissive toward patients, or careless in conduct fails not just an individual, but the very fabric of public faith. In places like Kashmir, where healthcare is already under strain, even small lapses can have life-altering consequences. Just as we demand respect and safety for our doctors, we must also expect discipline, empathy, and a deep sense of purpose from them. The power to heal comes with the responsibility to show up—with heart, with humility, and with honor. Because when doctors uphold their duty, they don't just treat illness, they restore trust, dignity, and life itself. Medical ethics demand that doctors uphold principles of duty, punctuality, empathy, and patient confidentiality. They are expected to be available during their assigned hours, provide quality care without discrimination, and respond to emergencies with urgency. The people of Kashmir, especially in rural and conflict-affected zones, depend heavily on government hospitals and primary health centers, where a doctor's presence can mean the difference between life and death. This makes every hour, every decision, and every act of service from a doctor in Kashmir not only vital but sacred.

When doctors show empathy, listen with patience, and fulfill their duties faithfully, they not only heal bodies but earn trust, and that trust can prevent misunderstandings, frustrations, and even violent incidents. On the other hand, neglect, absenteeism, or dismissive behavior, though rare, can add to people's anger and lead to unfortunate acts that no one deserves, especially not those who dedicate their lives to healing. To reduce such assaults in the future, we must build a two-way relationship of trust, respect, and accountability where patients value doctors, and doctors honor their duty to every human life, regardless of status or condition.

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Kerala's Police Singam (A Salute to Deliverance)



Sidharth P K

When the social order meets with challenges some have right-ful solutions to make the problem a great turnover of happiness. One such personality who hails from Kerala's own police department, Sub inspector Roy N S Sukumaran has paved such a way to be different cop at all. He uses his experience in policing to make the lives of so many ordinary citizens of Kerala adaptable and also to change the society from its malice. Police force is very much required to deal



with the issues and also to restore the smooth order of the day.

Sub Inspector Roy of Muttom, sees his service not just as a provide but also to ensure the rightful

dimity of each common folk. He makes it an efficient point to realize that Kerala especially the city is free and fair from crime. The duty of this officer is always

applauded and very much initiative to the just-manner of society. A society becomes a model to every concerns of change, adaptability and the progress as long as it's citizens are safe from the practice of crime. In India crime-rate is categorized in different layers according many parameters. There are crimes against the state, crimes against woman, crimes against children (POCSO) and so forth. Each criminal activity is debarred using the yardstick of the law.

As the Kerala police takes major initiative to address the issue of crime and its prevalence, let the society be ready to see hope and a good day-ahead. With Inspector Roy in his uniform makes the pledge to do rightful manner to every deprived life in Kerala.

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From Packaging to Pollution: Tracing the Life Cycle of Plastic



By Tyima Bilal

Once known as "Paradise on Earth", Kashmir is now silently suffering under the weight of a modern menace, plastic pollution. Plastic, once hailed as a miracle of modern invention, is now at the center of one of the world's most pressing environmental and health crises. From the moment it is manufactured to the time it pollutes our land, water, and bodies, plastic follows a long and damaging life cycle. What begins as a convenience in packaging silently transforms into a global threat, affecting wildlife, contaminating ecosystems, and even endangering human health.

This article traces the life cycle of plastic, from its packaging phase to its final polluting form, with a particular lens on how this crisis is unfolding in the fragile and ecologically sensitive region of Kashmir.

Stage 1: Manufacturing, The Beginning of the Problem

Plastic is made from non-renewable fossil fuels, mainly crude oil and natural gas. These are processed into polymers through chemical reactions, giving birth to various types of plastic such as polyethylene, polypropylene, and PVC.

Once manufactured in industrial regions, plastic goods enter Kashmir through markets, packaging industries, tourism, and consumer products. Although Kashmir is not a plastic-manufacturing hub, it is deeply affected by its overuse and poor disposal. From polythene bags to mineral water bottles and food wrappers, plastic has invaded every household and shop in the valley. According to studies, the plastic industry accounts for nearly 3.4% of global carbon emissions. The initial environmental cost is already steep before plastic even reaches consumers.



Stage 2: Consumption, The Illusion of Convenience

Once produced, plastic is molded into thousands of products, from food wrappers and shopping bags to water bottles and electronic casings. The widespread use of plastic is driven by its durability, flexibility, light weight, and low cost. However, nearly 50% of all plastic produced is designed for single-use, items meant to be discarded minutes after use. These include:

- Straws
- Cutlery
- Packaging materials
- Shampoo sachets
- Food containers

The culture of convenience has overtaken the traditional, eco-friendly habits of the region, such as using cloth bags, copper vessels, and biodegradable items.

Stage 3: Disposal, A Struggling Waste

Management System

One of the major challenges in Kashmir is the lack of efficient waste disposal and recycling systems:

- Open dumping of plastic waste is common on roadsides, riverbanks, and public places.
- Burning of plastic in open fields releases toxic fumes that pollute the air and contribute to respiratory problems.
- Plastic clogs drains and worsens flooding during rainy seasons.
- Dal Lake and Jhelum River are increasingly polluted by floating plastic waste.

Municipalities and local bodies often lack infrastructure and funding to manage the growing load of non-biodegradable waste.

Stage 4: Environmental & Health

Impacts, Paradise Under Threat

1. Marine and Freshwater Pollution
 - Dal Lake, Wular Lake, and River Jhelum are heavily polluted by single-use plastics.
 - Aquatic life such as fish, waterfowl, and native plant species are at risk.
 - Tourists contribute significantly by leaving behind plastic waste in places like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Sonamarg.
2. Soil and Agriculture
 - Microplastics from degraded plastic bags and wrappers seep into the soil, reducing fertility and affecting crop health.
 - Farmers often find plastic mixed in the manure and irrigation sources.
3. Health Hazards

- Burning plastic releases dioxins, furans, and other carcinogens, leading to respiratory diseases, skin allergies, and even cancer.
- Microplastics have been found in Kashmir's drinking water sources, posing long-term health threats.
- Food contaminated with plastic particles is becoming a silent killer.

Stage 5: The Need for Urgent Action Policy Measures

Though polythene bags are officially banned in J&K, enforcement is weak. Stricter penalties and public cooperation are essential for meaningful change.

Community Involvement

Locals, students, and NGOs must be encouraged to participate in clean-up drives, awareness campaigns, and waste segregation at the source.

Tourism and Responsibility

Tourism is a backbone of Kashmir's economy, but it must become eco-conscious. Authorities should provide biodegradable alternatives and set up proper waste collection points at tourist sites.

Traditional Wisdom

Reviving old practices like cotton bags, clay pots, woven baskets can help reduce plastic dependency.

Conclusion: A Silent Threat to Paradise

From packaging to pollution, plastic has crept into every corner of Kashmiri life. Its impact on the environment, water bodies, wildlife, and human health is no longer hidden, it is visible, dangerous, and growing.

If action is not taken today, Kashmir may lose the very beauty it is known for. But if awareness spreads, policies are enforced, and people come together, Kashmir can once again become a symbol of harmony between humans and nature.

"Plastic suffocates what poetry once described, save Kashmir before her silence becomes the loudest cry."

Court's warning and a mirror of society



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

"Love Jihad" — a term that is neither defined in Indian law nor recognized in the Constitution, but is still being heard on political platforms, TV debates and on the streets. Now this debate has reached Haryana as well, and even the courts.

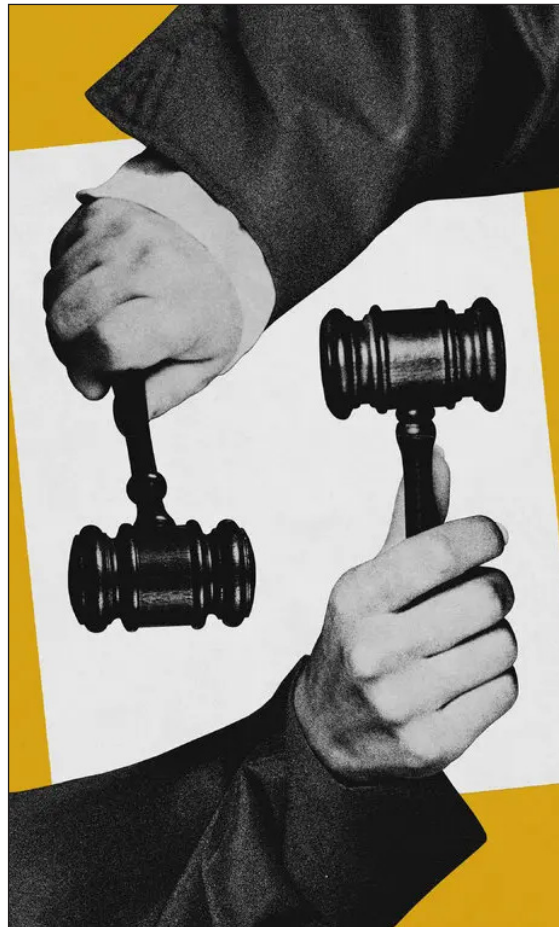
Recently, in a famous case in Haryana, the court clearly said - "A movement called Love Jihad is going on in Haryana, although this word is not recognized in any legal document." This one comment showed us the mirror that how we are running after a concept whose roots are less in reality and more deeply connected in politics.

The court said that a kind of emotional movement has started in the society in the name of "Love Jihad", in which entire communities are put in the dock on the basis of mere allegations, ignoring facts and evidence.

This comment came in a case where a woman had accused a Muslim man of having sex with her on the pretext of marrying her. The case was extremely sensitive because the woman was a minor, and the man was also accused of forcing her to convert to Islam.

But after analysing the entire testimony and facts, the court found that there was a huge difference between the allegations and the reality. The court also made it clear that turning the possibility of a breakup or betrayal in a relationship into a religious conspiracy is not only against the principles of justice but is also harmful to social harmony.

The term was originally propagated by some right-wing organisations, claiming that Muslim youths were systematically luring Hindu girls into love traps and converting them. However, till now neither any National Investigation Agency (NIA) nor any court has been able to prove the term. It is merely a product of an emotional, religious and communal fear, which has no



constitutional basis. Nevertheless, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and some other states have enacted special laws based on this term, which criminalise conversion in the name of marriage. But these laws are also criticised as they have often been used to target love marriages and inter-religious relationships. Look at the irony of society - on one hand we talk about love marriage, secularism, freedom, on the other hand, when a boy and a girl from different religions fall in love, they are looked at with suspicion. Is it right to look at love through the lens of religion? Is every Muslim boy who falls in love with a Hindu

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girl doing "jihad"?

Have we become so intolerant that now even love has become a slave of caste, religion and sect?

Words like "love jihad" are fodder for the media and weapons for politicians. Debates on TV channels remain heated on this issue, but no one questions what is the legal status of this word.

On political platforms, this is exploited as an issue of "Hindu identity".

The public is scared that their daughters-in-law and daughters are being targeted, and religion is in danger.

While the truth is that in most cases such relationships are consensual - and even if there is cheating, it should be seen as a personal crime, not a religious war.

We have to understand that looking at any love or relationship from a religious perspective is against our democracy, constitution and social fabric.

India is a country where Meera loved Krishna, Heer Ranjha, Salim Anarkali, Characters like Amar Akbar Anthony lived tolerance.

If today's society thinks that the love between people of two religions is a "conspiracy", then it is the downfall of humanity.

This comment of the Haryana court is commendable because this is a decision based on facts and not emotions.

When the entire society is engulfed in propaganda and rumours, this prudent approach of the courts protects democracy.

This is what the judge said - "The truth must be weighed, not prejudiced"

This is not just a legal directive, it is a social warning. In states like Haryana, where casteism, honour killings and women's insecurity are already rampant - propagating terms like "love jihad" will further divide society.

We have to decide - Do we want to create a society that is afraid of love, Or one where love is understood?

Do we want to deprive a woman of her freedom by considering her our "racial property"?

Or do you want to learn to respect her wishes like a free citizen?

"Love Jihad" is a political term, not a constitutional fact.

The Haryana court has exposed this myth and warned us -

That personal matters like relationships, love, marriage should not be made the front of a religious war. If there is fraud in a relationship - the solution lies in the law.

But if every love is covered with the glasses of religion,

Then neither love nor trust will remain in society -

Only the roots of hatred, fear and intolerance will become deeper.

In love there are no questions, no prejudices, no sects - there are just two people who choose each other.

Don't judge them in terms of religion, understand them in terms of humanity.

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HT Exclusive Interview

Violence Against Doctors Is Unacceptable; It Is Not JUST LAWLESSNESS; IT IS A SOCIAL BREAK-DOWN: DR M Y TAK, PRESIDENT DAK

In the backdrop of back-to-back incidents of assault on doctors in Jammu and Srinagar, tensions have escalated within the healthcare community of Jammu and Kashmir. The medical fraternity is shaken; not just by the violence itself, but by the growing sense of impunity surrounding such attacks.

To understand the gravity of the situation and the path forward, BASHARAT KHAN spoke exclusively with Dr M Y Tak, President Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK). In a measured yet deeply concerned tone, Dr Tak spoke candidly about the crisis of trust, the overburdened healthcare system, and the need for systemic reforms.

Q: How do you view the recent incidents where doctors were assaulted in GMC Jammu and SMHS Srinagar?

Dr M Y Tak: These incidents are not just disturbing; they are deeply demoralising. What we're seeing is not a momentary lapse or emotional outburst; it is a sign of something much more serious. A doctor being attacked while on duty, in a hospital, by the very people he or she is trying to help, is not just lawlessness; it's a breakdown of civil society itself.

Doctors are increasingly being seen as soft targets when expectations are not met. This shift from trust to confrontation is extremely dangerous.

Q: In your view, what is fuelling this erosion of trust between patients and doctors?

Dr M Y Tak: Several things are at play. First, our healthcare infrastructure is overloaded. Most doctors, especially residents, work long and gruelling hours of 24 to 36 hours straight, often with little rest or food. That is not sustainable for anyone.

Second, there is a communication gap. What may appear to a patient's attendant as neglect might actually be a limitation of resources or time. People are emotionally charged, and in that state, misunderstandings escalate quickly.

But no matter the frustration, assaulting a doctor is never justifiable. We have systems in place, hospital administrations, grievance redressal platforms, legal mechanisms. A civil society handles disputes through lawful means, not violence.

Q: Could you elaborate on the specific incidents that have stirred public and professional concern?

Dr M Y Tak: In Jammu, a female doctor was allegedly struck in her abdomen.



That's a line that should never be crossed. And then in SMHS Srinagar, a young doctor was assaulted on duty. What is worse is that video footage shows nearly a dozen people around the attacker; not one of them tried to stop him.

Later, the attacker casually said it was a 'mistake'. But what does that mean for the doctor who was attacked, or for others watching in silence? The inaction of bystanders is just as concerning.

Q: Some argue that doctors too must be held accountable. What's your take on that?

Dr M Y Tak: We're not above accountability. Let me be clear; there may be genuine grievances, even instances of negligence. But there are procedures for that. Patients and families can file formal complaints. There are oversight bodies, there are legal avenues.

However, turning to violence and breaking hospital equipment, threatening doctors, physically assaulting someone on duty; that is not acceptable in any society. We cannot allow mob behaviour to creep into our hospitals.

I will also add that administrative overreach happens too. Doctors have told us they have faced punitive action for minor, unintentional errors. That kind of uneven treatment only adds to the mental stress we are already under.

Q: After the SMHS incident, junior doctors staged a strike. Was that the right call?

Dr M Y Tak: Yes, and let's clarify; only junior doctors went on strike, and emergency services remained fully operational. It wasn't about disrupting healthcare; it was a symbolic cry for safety.

These young doctors weren't asking for favours: they were asking a very basic question: Are we safe at our workplace? When this question remains unanswered despite repeated incidents, silence starts to feel like surrender. And that is what they were resisting.

Q: What role do you think civil society and the media should play in such situations?

Dr M Y Tak: A vital one. Civil society must reject all forms of violence; no matter the trigger. People must remember that doctors are their own children, neighbours, and kin. Treating them like adversaries will only harm public health in the long run.

As for the media, I believe responsible journalism is essential. Report the facts, yes. Raise questions: absolutely. But please don't sensationalise or run half-verified stories. It fuels anger without context and creates unnecessary panic.

Q: What steps should the government and police be taking right now?

Dr M Y Tak: Strong, immediate, and transparent action. First, law enforcement must ensure that those who assault healthcare workers are booked under relevant laws without delay. Second, we urgently need a robust hospital security framework across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has already laid down guidelines for protecting medical professionals. These should not remain on paper; they must be implemented in letter and spirit.

Every day, we get calls and messages from doctors who are stressed, frightened, and unsure whether they will return home safely from work. That fear is real; and it is growing.

Q: What message would you like to give to the public and your fellow medical professionals?

Dr M Y Tak: To the public: please don't turn hospitals into battlegrounds. If you break the doctor-patient bond, it is not the doctor who loses; it is the entire healthcare system.

And to my fellow doctors: let us not lose our sense of purpose. Let us stay calm, be empathetic, and continue to communicate better with our patients. Compassion and clarity are as vital as any prescription.

At DAK, we remain committed to defending the dignity of every doctor in the Valley. But more than that, we're committed to building a society where doctors and patients work as allies; not adversaries.

Ways To Keep Your Nails Fresh During the Monsoon Rains



Shahnaz Husain

Does your nail turn brittle in the monsoon season?

The rainy season brings increased humidity and dampness, creating an ideal environment for fungal infections and brittle nails.

Nail fungal infections, such as onychomycosis, are characterised by discoloration, thickening, and brittleness of nails.

Due to moisture, nails can become softer and may grow irregularly, increasing the risk of nails growing into the surrounding skin. This can lead to pain, redness, and inflammation.

Taking care of your nails during the monsoon may be a little tricky, but it is extremely vital to prevent them from becoming weak, brittle, or infected due to the increased moisture and humidity.

Choose from a range of hand creams, cuticle oil/creams/oils to moisturize them regularly to make them strong, shiny and healthy.

Use a good quality cuticle oil or a hydrating hand cream to keep your nails and cuticles moisturized. Massage the moisturizer into your nails and cuticles every night before bed.

I will recommend putting coconut oil around the cuticles daily to moisturize your nails for strong, long, healthy nails.

Try to keep your nails dry with extra care, especially your toes. You may opt for open shoes/sandals/chappals as if you are wearing closed footwear all the days long then fungus/bacteria may thrive in your feet due to moist and damp environment which can result in dead skin cells and bacteria, ultimately affecting your toes.

You need to be very careful while picking a nail polish. While wearing nail polish does not harm your healthy nails.

Typical nail polish is filled with toxic chemicals such as Paraben, diethyl phthalates, dibutyl phthalate which cause nail brittleness, dryness, and thinning and are bad for the skin surrounding it. Always prefer water-based polishes, which don't last as long but are the safest option out there.

Try your level best to choose natural and chemical-free nail paints that are eco-friendly and cruelty-free. Avoid eating with hands that have paint on its nails as bits of the nail paint can chip and fall into the food, which will eventually go inside your body and cause harm.

Pick a nail colour remover that contains vitamin A, C and E to treat conditions that adversely affect nails and cuticles.

The cuticle (skin surrounding the nail) should be kept soft and smooth. Otherwise, it sticks to the nail and gets dragged as the nail grows.

Avoid wearing leather, plastic or canvas shoes. Do not wear the same shoes every day. It is better to have an alternate pair of shoes. Wash your footwear regularly. Desist from sitting in wet footwear and socks all through the day. Try to wear waterproof footwear to allow air circulation. Your nail health is important during the

rainy season. Refrain from growing your toenails long. Wash and clean dirt from under the nails as also the edges.

Cut your toenails short to avoid any chances of accumulating dirt and other infections. Try to spray deodorants/talcum/anti-fungal powder in between toe nails regularly at least once in a day to prevent infection.

During the hot and humid season, we go for light, serene, pastel colours for our clothes. The same goes for the nails too. We can select colours that are icy, "cool" and trendy. The way to protect the nails and keep them looking good is to give them regular care. There is no point wearing a glamorous outfit if the feet and toe nails show neglect and lack of care. Chipped nails and chipped nail polish can really spoil the entire effect.

Protection of nails is so important, especially during the Monsoons, when fungal infection can set in. Detergents can also lead to itchy and rashy conditions. Wear rubber gloves for your washing chores, like cleaning with harsh chemicals, gardening, or doing anything that involves hot, soapy water dirtying your hand, always wear rubber, vinyl, nitrile, or plastic gloves - some of which have a cotton liner. It not only protects your polish but keeps anything harsh or drying in your cleaning solutions off your hand.

Massage a cream after your washing tasks, working it into the skin. This takes only a few minutes. Massage cream on the nails and the skin around the nails.

Regular handwashing or use of hand sanitizer can dry out the skin and nail bed quickly, so try to moisturize after every wash, if possible. Coconut oil is excellent for rubbing into your nails and cuticles.

It is advised to wash the hands with lukewarm water to help keep the hands and nails soft and smooth.

Keep a travel-size hand cream enriched with fruit extracts or cuticle oil bottle at every sink in your home.

Apply warm almond oil, soften cuticles and push them back gently with a cotton bud. Use a cotton bud to clean beneath the nails too. Avoid cutting cuticles and using metal instruments. Apply almond oil or olive oil on the nails and hands. Apply nail varnish, using smooth strokes, from the base of the nails to the tip. First, apply one coat of colour on all the nails. Wait for it to dry and then apply the second coat of colour.

As far as nail colours are concerned, pink is ideal for hot and humid weather. Shimmer is very much in, so go for silver shimmer for the day and gold for the night. Lately, dark colours have been in, like bright blue or green, but I feel that subtle colours are more suitable for monsoon hot weather. You can also go for icy colours like pink or mauve. Or, go for shades of brown, like coffee, bronze, copper, or sea shell and then add on glitter.

For a gala evening, go for gold or silver varnish, or try one of those colours with glittering stars. These come in many different colours, with gold or silver stars. As part of nail design, nail varnish can be applied in unusual colours like green, blue or purple. Or, use different colours for each nail.

Nail art has become a specialized field now a days. In the past, simple ways of nail art were followed, but now it is a highly creative field.

The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India

DR. TASADUK HUSSAIN ITOO

MEDICO, EDUCATOR AND MEDICAL WRITER

HT SUCCESS STORY

Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo is a distinguished medical professional from Kashmir, India known for his exceptional clinical skills, medical writing and leadership. He is affiliated with several prestigious organizations, including the American College of Physicians (USA), Royal College of Physicians of London, and Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

Dr. Itoo is also an Academic Life Member of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) and a Fellow of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). His expertise in diabetes care and advocacy has earned him recognition globally.

Through his writings, Dr. Itoo has raised awareness about various health issues, promoting education and prevention. His columns have been widely read and appreciated, offering valuable insights on healthcare, social issues, and personal development. His literary pursuits have cemented his legacy as a multifaceted personality, leaving an indelible mark on the literary and medical worlds.

Dr. Itoo's contributions to healthcare, medical education, and public health awareness have earned him recognition

and respect in the medical community. His commitment to creative expression and ability to connect with readers through his writing have made him a respected and admired figure in both fields.

He has received numerous awards for his contributions, including the IDF Fellowship Award, Global Recognition Award 2024, National Literature Award 2025, Indian Achievers Award 2025, Best Social Writer Award 2022, Best Columnist Award 2021 and Top Educator Award 2017. These accolades reflect his dedication to his work and his impact on the medical community.

As a medical writer, Dr. Itoo has published numerous articles, essays, and columns in leading publications. His writing style makes complex medical concepts accessible to a broad audience, educating and informing readers about various health topics.

Dr. Itoo's achievements demonstrate his commitment to excellence in medicine and literature. He continues to inspire patients, students, and peers through his work, leaving a lasting impact on the medical community.

Dr. Itoo's success story serves as an inspiration to aspiring medical professionals, demonstrating that hard work, deter-



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mination, and a passion for making a difference can lead to remarkable achievements and a lasting impact on the world. His leadership qualities and ability to implement effective solutions have inspired others toward excellence.

DC Srinagar chairs meeting of Revenue officers; reviews tehsil wise progress on key revenue matters

Directs officers to perform duties with due diligence, ensuring better services to people in a time bound manner

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SRINAGAR, JULY 25: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, today chaired a meeting of senior Revenue Officers here at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office to assess the tehsil-wise progress on key revenue matters.

The meeting focused on improving the functioning of the district's Revenue department, provision of revenue services to citizens in a time bound manner besides ensuring timely disposal of litigation cases and efforts to strengthen the infrastructure of the Revenue department to improve service delivery. He also reviewed the progress in implementation of PMAY-Urban (2.0) in the district.

At the outset, DC emphasized timely resolution of pending court cases, upgrading departmental infrastructure to

enhance efficiency and service delivery at the grassroots level. He stressed speedy verification of cases under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 to ensure housing for all eligible beneficiaries.

While reviewing the Tehsil wise appraisal of the progress made with regard to clearance of pending litigation cases before High Court of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh, DC emphasized timely filing of factual reports/ replies by respective Tehsildars ensuring fast track disposal of the cases.

DC also emphasized improved coordination between Tehsil offices and the ARA for timely legal compliance.

On the occasion, DC also took a detailed review of the ongoing efforts undertaken to develop and strengthen the infrastructure of Revenue offices in the district. He was given tehsil wise appraisal about the land identi-



fied at the suitable locations for construction of Revenue offices at SDM and tehsil levels to facilitate general public and revenue officials as well.

DC directed the ACR, SDMs

and Tehsildars to visit the proposed sites to expedite construction processes of the Revenue office complexes. He asked them to monitor the progress periodically to ensure quality

& timely completion of the works, keeping in view the limited working season.

DC added that the purpose of upgrading infrastructure for Revenue offices is also aimed

to enhance overall performance of the Revenue department in the district and provide a better office atmosphere for officials working there.

During the meeting, DC also reviewed the progress on verification of cases being done by Revenue officers under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 in the district.

He asked the officers to ensure expeditious verification of the cases by strictly adhering to the laid guidelines. He emphasized the need for maintaining transparency and accuracy in beneficiary selection under the scheme so that benefit reaches the deserving population.

DC also directed the Revenue officers to perform duties with due diligence and added zeal ensuring better services to the people in a time bound manner. He called upon them to make all out efforts to main-

tain precise and up-to-date land records in respective jurisdictions to ensure efficient land administration for Government purposes.

He also asked the Revenue officers to actively monitor the process of revenue related activities in respective jurisdictions and activate their field staff to keep proper check and vigil on any kind of encroachments on state land and Kah-chari land across the district. He said that the working approach of the Revenue officials must lead in making a positive contribution to the society.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur, all Tehsildars and Assistant Revenue Attorney (ARA) with DC and other concerned.

DLSA Sgr holds awareness programme

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SRINAGAR, JULY 24: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar in collaboration with School Education department, Srinagar, conducted an awareness programme on 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, drug abuse, DV Act and Free Legal Aid Services' at Govt. Hr. Sec. School Nishat Srinagar, focusing on key legal and social issues affecting children and families. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, and supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

The event covered vital topics such as Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, drug abuse, Domestic Violence Act and the availability of Free Legal Aid Services. Session on the POCSO Act and Drug abuse was conducted by Jahan Ara (Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel)



Srinagar who sensitized the students about the legal protection available to minors and the harmful impact of substance abuse. Real life examples and preventive strategies were also shared to help students safeguard themselves and others.

Sadiya Sidiq (Asstt. Legal Aid Defence Counsel) Srinagar addressed the gathering on the domestic violence act and informed students and staff about the importance of identifying and reporting abuse in families and in communities. She also explained the provisions and procedure for accessing Free Legal Aid, especially for marginalized and vulnerable sections of society.

The programme aimed to create awareness among school children, equip them with legal knowledge and promote a safer, drug free and just society.

DC Ganderbal Reviews Arrangements for Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Qamar-Ud-Din Bukhari (RA)

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GANDERBAL, JULY 24: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today convened a meeting of district officers to review and finalize the necessary arrangements for the upcoming Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Qamar-Ud-Din Bukhari (RA), to be held at Reshipora Saloora, Ganderbal.

Representatives of Qamaria Auqaf Trust informed during the meeting that the week-long Urs Mubarak will commence from the 6th of Safar as per the Islamic calendar. The main congregation is expected to witness a significant gathering of devotees at the revered shrine of Hazrat Qamar-Ud-Din Bukhari

(RA) in Reshipora Saloora. A detailed discussion was held regarding the various arrangements required for the smooth and successful conduct of the religious event.

The meeting finalized comprehensive plans related to uninterrupted power supply, safe drinking water, Medicare facilities, fire safety, transport and parking, sanitation, security, and traffic regulation.

The DC directed all concerned departments to ensure that all arrangements are put in place well before the commencement of the Urs to provide a smooth, safe, and comfortable experience for the devotees.

The Fire & Emergency Ser-



vices Department was instructed to deploy fire tender at the venue, while the Health Department was asked to station an ambulance with adequate emergency medicines and medical staff.

The Municipal Council Ganderbal was directed to maintain cleanliness at and around the shrine premises, including the

approach roads.

To ensure safety and order during the large gatherings, the Police and Traffic Departments were tasked with maintaining security and managing traffic regulations effectively. The ARTO was asked to ensure proper transport and parking arrangements for the convenience of the devotees.

The Executive Engineer KPDCL was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the Urs days and to keep a generator set ready as backup.

DC assured the Representatives of Qamaria Auqaf Trust that the district administration is committed to ensuring that all necessary facilities are in place to facilitate a peaceful and spiritually enriching experience for the devotees participating in the Urs Mubarak.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Syed Fahim Behaki; ACD, ACP, Executive Engineer KPDCL, ARTO, Tehsildar Ganderbal, CMO and other concerned officers.

DC GANDERBAL CHAIRS DLSCC MEETING

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GANDERBAL, JULY 24: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Screening Cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) to review and process cases related to SRO-43 and relief for victims of terror-related incidents in the district.

The meeting, held in the V.C Room of the DC Office, reviewed several cases and inputs were obtained from the Police Department, Field Functionaries, CRPF, BSF, and Army.

The DC reviewed claims submitted by the Next of Kin (NoKs) of civilians killed in terror-related incidents under SRO-43 provisions. He emphasized the need for careful scrutiny and coordination among all

stakeholders to ensure timely justice and relief to the affected families.

Underscoring the importance of a transparent and expeditious process, the DC directed the Committee to consider all reports and recommendations from concerned departments while maintaining a humanitarian approach in the decision-making process.

After comprehensive deliberation, the Committee decided to forward several cases to higher authorities for consideration of certain relaxations as per the norms.

The meeting was attended by SSP Ganderbal, Khalil Poswal, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, senior officers from the CRPF, BSF, Army, and concerned Tehsildars.

DC Shopian chairs monthly NCORD meeting, calls for public involvement in the destruction of wild bhung

Illicit crop cultivation on 27 Kanals of land destroyed in the month of July

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SHOPIAN, JULY 24: The District Level Narco Coordination (NCORD) committee meeting was held today at Mini-Secretariat Shopian under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta.

On the occasion, department wise action taken reports were assessed by DC with focus on creating deterrence against the drug and substance abuse.

Departments including Revenue, Police, Drug Controller, Panchayats, Health, Social Welfare and others submitted monthly progress and line of

activities against the ongoing fight against drugs. It was appraised that strict enforcement is being done against the illicit crop cultivation and crops grown on 27 kanal of land have been destroyed till date in the month of July.

Directions were issued to strengthen the fight against drug abuse by involving local communities in hotspot areas for destruction of wild bhung.

DC also emphasized the importance of keeping strict vigil on educational institutions across the district viz a viz COTPA enforcement.

For enhancing counseling and awareness among the pub-



lic, a new phase of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities shall be rolled out panchayat wise across the

district to raise awareness about drug abuse, he added.

SSP Shopian, Anayati Ali on the occasion highlighted certain

cogent measures being taken by the police authorities to tackle and deter the drug peddling.

Various other issues including continuous inspections of pharmacies including VET clinics, Drug Free Panchayats, intensifying Bhung and Illicit crop cultivation destruction drives, enforcement of COTPA, functioning of Addiction Treatment Facility, role of local communities and public was discussed and future action plan devised.

ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; Principal GDC Shopian, Prof (Dr.), Shafiq Ahmad along with ACR, ACP, Tehsildars, concerned district officers and other officials attended the meeting.

DC B'la discusses upgradation of Gulmarg's Winter Sports infra

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BARAMULLA, JULY 24: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting at the DC Office Complex here to review proposals for upgrading Gulmarg Ski Resort into a fully equipped, internationally competitive winter sports destination.

The meeting focused on improving key infrastructure and operational capacities, including safety systems, emergency response, slope enhancements, and snowmaking technology to extend the ski season.

Officers from the concerned departments presented various inputs aimed at enhancing visitor experience and aligning facilities with international standards.

During the meeting, Managing Director, J&K Cable Car Corporation, Syed Qamar Sajad, presented a proposal outlining specific interventions such as avalanche mitigation systems, air ambulance services, weather monitoring



equipment, and FIS-compliant trail development.

DC issued directions for time-bound planning, inter-departmental coordination, and strict adherence to safety and environmental norms. He also emphasized the importance of establishing a streamlined administrative structure to ensure efficient and accountable implementation of proposed measures.

Managing Director Cable Car Corporation J&K, Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Assistant Director Tourism, Tehsildar Tangmarg, Divisional Forest Officer Tangmarg, and other concerned officers were present during the meeting.

Balwant Thakur leaves for England to Explore Natrang's International Network

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JAMMU JULY 24: Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, internationally acclaimed theatre director, former cultural diplomat and the founder of Natrang left today for England on a significant 25-day tour aimed at expanding the international footprint of Natrang's pioneering theatre work. This visit will involve engagements with premier universities and leading theatre institutions across the United Kingdom to explore collaborations, performance opportunities, and avenues for cultural and academic exchange.

The visit is part of a larger vision to strengthen Natrang's global presence and bring its vibrant theatrical productions to a wider audience. During the tour, Balwant Thakur will be visiting eminent institutions including the Royal Shakespeare Company and birth place of Shakespeare in Stratford-Upon-Avon, West End Theatre, Globe Theatre, Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA), Tara Theatre, London, London International School of Performing Arts, Nehru Centre (London), Birmingham Repertory Theatre, and the Birmingham Hippodrome, among others.

On 8th August, 2025 he will visit Lyceum Theatre, London where world's most popular theatre show 'The Lion King' is running as West End's longest running show. The show's technical review is aimed at exploring possibilities of evolving Indian mythology based spectacles of much bigger scale than 'Lion King' back in India.

A major focus of this tour will also be reviving interest in staging Natrang's most celebrated Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' in London. The play was previously shortlisted for the prestigious London International Theatre Festival but could not be staged due to the organisers' request to reduce the number of performers—an artistic compromise Balwant Thakur chose not to make. With renewed efforts and deeper dialogues planned during this visit, hopes are high for a breakthrough that respects the original artistic integrity of the production.

Balwant Thakur is no stranger to the UK cultural scene. In 2016, he directed and presented a spectacular series titled 'Celebrating Diversity' in London. These performances, held under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Festival, were staged at the British Parliament, Nehru Centre (London), Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, and Trafalgar Square, where nearly 50,000 spectators witnessed the grand spectacle. The production received overwhelming appreciation, and even today, there is strong demand for its revival.

Globally acknowledged for evolving a new dramaturgy rooted in Indian ethos while embracing modern sensibilities, Balwant Thakur has become a sought-after voice in international theatre circles. His recent innovations in applied theatre—extending theatrical methodologies into non-arts domains such as management, medicine, and technology—have created waves. These theatre-led interventions have been successfully conducted at institutions like IIMs, IITs, and AIIMS, demonstrating the transformative potential of theatre in leadership, communication, and creativity training.

Balwant Thakur started visiting the U.K. in 2001 when he presented his theatre research paper at the prestigious University of Oxford at an international conference. During his UK visit, Balwant Thakur will also engage with academicians, researchers, and theatre professionals interested in his pioneering work and methodologies. Workshops, discussions, and exploratory meetings are scheduled with the aim of building new partnerships and expanding the pedagogical impact of his theatre practices.

This landmark visit underscores Natrang's continuing mission to take the richness of Indian theatre to the world stage, while also inviting global influences that can enrich its ever-evolving creative journey.

Principal Secretary APD reviews achievements under HADP, CAPEX, CSSs for 2025-26

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SRINAGAR, JULY 24: Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, today convened a meeting of Directors, Joint Directors, Provincial Heads, Scheme heads and other concerned officers of the Agriculture and allied departments to assess the physical and financial achievements under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), CAPEX and CSSs for the financial year 2025-26.



The meeting had detailed discussion on implementation of projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP). Different Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the department of agriculture and allied department came under discussion.

Addressing the meeting, Shailendra Kumar highlighted the importance of expeditious and judicious expenditure of funds under different projects of HADP and CAPEX and CSSs.

The Principal Secretary asked the officers that funds allocated under HADP projects, different components of centrally sponsored schemes must be expended in a time bound manner. He reiterated the importance of maintaining the highest level of transparency and accountability during all the expenditures.

Current Clinical Challenges In Overweight And Obesity Management



Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo

As major contributors to poor health outcomes, overweight and obesity plague the modern world. Obesity is associated with an increased risk for common illnesses, including type 2 diabetes, hypertension, degenerative joint disease, sleep apnea, cancer, including other diseases.

Persons with obesity also suffer from stigma, in large part because obesity has erroneously been viewed as being brought on primarily by a person's own unhealthy behaviour.

Fortunately, advances in our understanding of the pathophysiology of obesity are helping to counter some of that stigma and are also ushering in novel pharmacologic, surgical, and behavioural interventions.

Recently, I attended a CME on current clinical challenges in weight and obesity management organized by American College of Physicians (USA), of which I happen to be an honorary

member. I acknowledge the panel discussion of expert physicians and jot down some important minutes from the educational activity.

Firstly, obesity is a complex condition resulting primarily from an interaction of genes and the environment. It is heritable, so persons who have family members with overweight or obesity are at greater risk for it themselves and preventive interventions are important.

Obesity is a chronic condition, and clinicians and patients must manage it as they do other chronic conditions. For example, we do not discontinue hypertension management when a patient reaches a target blood pressure; similarly, we should not discontinue obesity management when a patient achieves a target weight. As with many chronic diseases, obesity can progress, and additional or different treatment strategies may be needed over time.

Second, effective obesity care demands a multidisciplinary approach. Care should be tailored to individual patients and may require involvement of primary care physicians, medical subspecialists, surgeons, dietitians, and behavioural and psychiatric health professionals.

The intensity of initial treatment should be guided by the severity of obesity and the presence of comorbidities. Given the prevalence of obesity, all disciplines should devote more attention to preventing and managing it in clinical education and training

than is currently the case.

Third, patients with overweight and obesity suffer from stigma. Physicians and other clinicians must approach discussions of healthy body size with patients without judgment and must avoid blaming and shaming patients. It is also important not to reflexively attribute a patient's presenting symptoms to their weight without thoughtful consideration of other causes.

Because of stigma, patients may avoid seeking care altogether, putting them at risk for suboptimal management of not only obesity but also associated comorbidities. When discussing obesity with patients, we need to recognize its complex pathophysiology rather than using language that implies that obesity is a condition that patients bring on themselves.

Fourth, we need better measures of overweight and obesity. Body mass index (BMI) is currently used to signal suboptimal body size and eligibility and health care coverage for various treatments. Unfortunately, BMI is an imperfect measure of body composition that differs with ethnicity, sex, body frame, and muscle mass.

Fifth, modification of diet and exercise alone is unlikely to result in long-term benefit. Fewer than 50% of patients who participate in evidence-based, intensive, multicomponent lifestyle interventions lose 5% or more of body weight, and clinicians must recognize that the most effective diet is one that a patient can sustain while limiting

calories. As effective pharmacologic and surgical therapies advance, lifestyle modification should be viewed as one component among multiple interventions and as essential in preventing overweight and obesity.

Finally, choosing the best treatment strategy should involve shared decision making between patients and their clinicians. Patients should receive information about the anticipated benefits and harms of all options—pharmacologic, surgical, and behavioural—for which they are eligible.

Pharmacologic therapies are rapidly expanding and currently include bupropion-naltrexone, orlistat, phentermine-topiramate, liraglutide, and semaglutide. Surgical options include sleeve gastrectomy, gastric bypass, and an increasing array of less invasive endoscopic procedures.

CONCLUSION

As we are entering an age of increasingly effective therapeutic options for treating overweight and obesity—better understanding of the pathophysiology of this complex condition will not only enable the development of new preventive and therapeutic strategies but will also help alleviate weight stigma and bias.

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Legal Metrology Unit Shopian conducts market checking

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SHOPIAN, JULY 24: To curb the reported malpractice of certain local bread makers (nanwayis) and other traders selling traditional bread by short weight and using unverified weights and measures, Legal Metrology Unit, Shopian today conducted early morning inspection in Kiloora, Kravoora and Muradpora villages of the district.

Inspection of nanwayis, milk sellers and other traders selling edible items was conducted, during which 08 erring traders were booked for violation of various provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and rules.

In the current month, Legal Metrology Unit Shopian has conducted numerous inspections and booked traders for violation of Legal Metrology Act and realized a fine of Rs.80000 from erring traders.

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of SHAYESTA GANI & BASIT GANI SHAH S/O ABDUL GANI SHAH R/O KAKOTHAL Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his / her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of KAKOTHAL of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the SHAH community having annual income 344000// the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1...ABDUL GANI SHAH father 60 years FARMER
- 2...RAFEEQ BEGAM Mother 55 years Housewife
- 3... NAZIR AHMAD SHAH Brother 27 years Labour
- 4...BILAL AHMAD SHAH Brother 25 years Labour
- 5...PARVEENA BANO sister 24 years student
- 6...BASIT GANI SHAH Brother 20 years //
- 7...SHAYESTA GANI self 18 years //

If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of MOHAMMAD SALIQ SHEIKH S/O MUSHTAQ AHMAD SHEIKH R/O KREERI Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 28/09/2022 and event has been shown to be occurred at CHC KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection. If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of ATIQA BEGUM D/O ABDUL RAHIM WAZA R/O FRASHTAR Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 01/01/1968 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection .

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The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of AYRA DAWOOD D/O DAWOOD AHMAD LONE R/O NAID KHAIE Tehsil HAJAN Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 28/12/2022 and event has been shown to be occurred at SDH KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of INSHA IMTIYAZ D/O IMTIYAZ AHMAD BHAT R/O BURZAWACHAN Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his /her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of BURZAWACHAN of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the BHAT community having annual income 320000 // the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1...IMTIYAZ AHMAD BHAT father 40 years Labour
- 2...SHAHEENA BEGAM Mother 39 years Housewife
- 3... INSHA IMTIYAZ self 18 years student
- 4...KAISER IMTIYAZ Brother 15 years //
- 5...SAHIL IMTIYAZ Brother 12 years //
- 6...ZANAIB IMTIYAZ Sister 11 years //
- 7...HASHIM IMTIYAZ Brother 8 years //

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of SUHAIL MANZOOR BHAT S/O MANZOOR AHMAD BHAT R/O BURZAWACHAN Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his / her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

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- 1...MANZOOR AHMAD BHAT father 50 years Numberdar
- 2...HABLA BEGAM Mother 48 years Housewife
- 3... MUBEENA MANZOOR Sister 29 years student
- 4...SAHIR MANZOOR Brother 29 years //
- 5...SUHAIL MANZOOR self 22 years //

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri
(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

My name wrongly mentioned in my Aadhar card as Neelofar Mustaq instead of Neelofar Masooda.Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/ She may contact concerned Authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

NEELOFAR MASOODA W/O MUSHTAQ AHMAD WANI R/O NOORBAGH BARAMULLA

Public Notice

My Name has been wrongly written in my Adhaar Card As Shahid Ahmad S/O Fayaz Ahmad Dar while my actual Name is Shahid Fayaz Dar S/O Fayaz Ahmad Dar According my School Records .Now I want to correct it.

if anyone have any objection in this regard He/She claim this with concerned authority within a period of 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Name :Shahid Fayaz Dar D/O ; Fayaz Ahmad Dar R/O:Tengpora Bahipora Srinagar Adhaar no. 7896-4033-1324

Public Notice

I have lost my date of Birth (DOB) certificate bearing DOB 12/05/1998 issued by POLICE STATION KREERI at somewhere Now i am applying for its duplicate if anybody having any objection in this regard he /she may file his /her objection in the office of POLICE STATION KREERI within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

SITARA BEGUM M/O MUZAFFAR AHMAD SHAH W/O GH NABI SHAH* R/O WATERGAM

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR/ ASSISTANT COLLECTOR 1st CLASS, BUDGAM

Auction Notice

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that, in pursuance of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Court of Munsiff/Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Chadoora order dated 13-02-2024 in the matter titled Roohi and Others vs. Bilal Ahmad Sofi, the following immovable property shall be put to public auction:

Particulars of the Property:
Land Measuring: 07 Marlas and 10 Sarsai (i.e., 7.5 Marlas)
Survey No.: 427/106 Min
Location: Village Nagradkhah, Tehsil and District Budgam
Date of Auction: 30-07-2025 Time: 11: 30 a.m
Venue: Panchayat Ghar Nagrad Khah, Budgam.

Interested individuals/entities are invited to participate in the auction proceedings. The property shall be auctioned on "as-is-where-is" basis, and the highest bid shall be subject to approval by the competent authority.

Terms & Conditions:

1. The auction shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Hon'ble Court directions.
 2. Bidders must carry valid identity proof.
 3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), if any, shall be announced on spot before commencement of auction.
 4. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the bid amount within the stipulated period as per rules.
 5. The registration fees or other miscellaneous charges shall be borne by the successful bidder.
 6. The Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam, reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction without assigning any reason.
- For any further clarification or inspection of records, interested parties may contact the office of the undersigned during working hours.

No: CC/Bud/025/230 | Dated: 22-07-2025

Sd/- Tehsildar Budgam

DIPK: 4205/25

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DEMARICATION FOREST DIVISION KASHMIR SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE | e-NIT NO: 05of 2025-26 | DATED: 22-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -

S.No.	Name of Work	Scheme	Advt. Cost	Bid Security (EMD)	Class	T.D Cost	Time
1.	Construction of 39 No. Demarcation Boundary Pillars as per approved design along the Forest Demarcation line [Mainline B.Psonly] as per the map/Tafseel- i-burjiyaat (Description of boundary pillar) in Forest " Sitharan Brass" falling in Pir-Panjol Forest Division Budgam.	C A M P A (ongoing)	2,490	Rs.4981.00	"D"	200.00	25 days
2.	Construction of 40 No. Demarcation Boundary Pillars as per approved design along the Forest Demarcation line [ChaklineB.Psonly] as per the map/Tafseel- i-burjiyaat (Description of boundary pillar) in Forest " Buthoo Panar"—of Bandipora Forest Division Chitternar	C A M P A (ongoing)	2,539	Rs.5078.00	"D"	200.00	25 days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

S.No. Particulars Remarks

- a. Scheme CAMP A(ongoing)
- b. Position of Funds Budgeted
- c. Position of AA/Ts Accorded vide No: 1.PCCF/CCF/S&D/F-108/154-57, Dated: 18-07-2024

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: -www.jktenders.gov.in.

Publishing Date: 22-07-2025

Download Start Date: 23-07-2025 from 01:00 PM

Bid submission Start Date: 23-07-2025 from 01:00 PM

Bid submission End Date: 04-08-2025 upto 06:00 PM

Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online: 05-08-2025 at 03:00 PM (In the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Demarcation Division Kashmir at Sheikhbagh Srinagar).

Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online: To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: https://jktenders.gov.in.
2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD (CDR) for requisite amount pledged to Divisional Forest Officer, Demarcation Forest Division Kashmir Srinagar.
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
4. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid shall be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e., Bid security in shape of (EMD in form of CDR), Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/ duly renewed for the current year 2025-26, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Affidavit cum undertaking.
6. As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.

No. Dem/NIT/2025-26/29-34

Dated: - 22-07-2025

Sd/- (SHOWKAT AHMAD KUTHOO) SFS Divisional Forest Officer, Demarcation Forest Division, Kashmir Srinagar

DIPK: 4201/25 | Dated: 24-07-2025

Government of Jammu and Kashmir (UT)

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam

Public Advertisement Notice

Subject: Temporary Engagement of Chartered Accountant/ Professional Expert for DPR Formulation under Mission YUVA for a period of 3 months.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the temporary engagement of a Chartered Accountant (CA) or Professional Expert with experience in the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under Mission YUVA for a period of three (03) months. The engagement is aimed at augmenting the capacity of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and Business Help Desks (BHDs) in processing applications from aspiring entrepreneurs.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Educational Qualification: Chartered Accountant or financial professional with expertise in DPR preparation.
- Experience: Preferably 5 to 10 years of relevant experience in DPR formulation, project finance, or related fields.

Honorarium:

- ₹40,000 (Rupees Forty Thousand Only) per month

Terms of Reference (ToR):

1. Ensure zero pendency in DPR/Quotation Performa preparation for applications submitted to SBDUs.
2. Complete at least 10 DPRs/Quotation Proformas per day to meet the processing targets.
3. Prepare all documents in consultation with SBDU/BHD officials, training them simultaneously in DPR formulation.
4. Ensure effective use of DPR Generator Manual, AI-based DPR tools, and Mission YUVA Portal for sustainable implementation.
5. Build capacity of SBDU/BHD officials by familiarizing them with DPR tools and formats over the engagement period.

Additional Terms as per DLIC Direction:

- 40 marks shall be earmarked for interview performance.
- On-spot live demonstration of DPR/Quotation Performa preparation will be conducted during the selection process to assess practical expertise and suitability for assignment.

Selection Procedure:

A committee of the district officers will interview the applicant and final selection will be executed on the basis of the following parameters.

S.No.	Parameter	Maximum Points	Criteria
01	Qualified CA with Active ICAI Membership	20	Production of certificate from recognized institute.
02	Relevant Years of Experience	40	A) 1-2 years: 15 points B) 2-4 years: 30 points C) 4-6 years: 40 points
03	Interview	40	Based on performance in the interview
Total		100	

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are required to submit their detailed resume/CV along with self-attested copies of qualifications and experience certificates in the Office of District Employment and Counselling Centre Kulgam by or before three days from the publication of the notice.

For further details, contact: decckulgam@gmail.com

Note: The engagement shall be purely temporary in nature, and shall not confer any right for permanent absorption in the government services.

Sd/- District Development Commissioner (Nodal Officer, Mission YUVA) Kulgam

DIPK: 4181/25 | Dated: 24-07-2025

Div Com, IGP review arrangements for Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2025

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, JULY 24: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar alongside Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti, on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for smooth and secure conduct of Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2025.

The meeting was attended by DIG Traffic, Deputy Commissioner Kishitwar, SSP Kishitwar, MD JPDCL, Secretary Culture, officials from Tourism, Transport, Health and other line departments.

The Divisional Commissioner and IGP took a detailed appraisal of the arrangements made for the annual yatra by the

civil and police administration as an elaborate PowerPoint presentation was given by the Deputy Commissioner and SSP Kishitwar.

Reviewing the preparations, the Div Com inquired about the civic amenities put in place for the pilgrims en-route to the holy Pilgrimage. Point wise discussion was held on accommodation capacity at places designated for night halts including Darmshaals, homestays and guesthouses. He took feedback on arrangements for power, water supply, medical facilities, illumination, mobile connectivity and sanitation arrangements en-route from Kishitwar to Gulabgarh to the holy shrine.

The Divisional Commis-



sioner directed for installing sufficient numbers of mobile toilets along the route. He further asked the administration to ensure the pilgrims don't digress from the designated route to the holy shrine.

Strict directions were issued for adhering to the cut off timings for crossing the specific location of the pilgrimage route. The District Administration was asked to give wide publicity to the cut off timings and the Dos and Don'ts for pilgrims.

The IGP Jammu, while reviewing the security arrangements, directed for movement of the pilgrims under proper regulation and with full security. He suggested for mini-convoys of vehicles of the pilgrims and restricting any kind of movement after the cut-off timings.

Directions were also issued for a robust queue management system, CCTV camera coverage at the Shrine and at vulnerable spots along the route.

Further stress was laid on ensuring Fire and Emergency services and wide publicity of the annual holy yatra through print, electronic media and hoardings by the Tourism Department.

CEO Doda Holds Meeting to Finalize 79th Independence Day Arrangements

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

DODA, JULY 24: In preparation for the 79th Independence Day celebrations, the Chief Education Officer Doda today convened a comprehensive meeting with Heads of Institutions (HOIs) from both Government and Private schools falling within the municipal townships in the district.

The session was aimed at finalizing all necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth, dignified and deeply patriotic observance of the national event.

Also present during the meeting were District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jaffer Haider Sheikh, along with officials from the DYSSO Office, who assured their full cooperation for the successful and coordinated conduct of the celebrations.

The CEO issued detailed instructions to all HOIs. A key directive mandates that each school—government or private—must prepare and present one

cultural or patriotic performance. These presentations will be subject to a rigorous screening process conducted by a district-level evaluation committee.

To ensure seamless execution, institutions were directed to arrange essential materials such as National Flags, flagstuffs, cotton cords and other ceremonial items well in advance.

In addition, schools and offices were instructed to properly decorate and illuminate their premises to reflect the festive spirit of Independence Day. Institutions must also ensure the safe storage and timely uploading of high-quality videos documenting various celebratory activities.

The meeting concluded with a collective call for unity, coordination and active participation from all stakeholders to celebrate the 79th Independence Day with unparalleled enthusiasm, discipline and national pride across the Doda district.

DC reviews progress under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in Samba District

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SAMBA, JULY 24: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Samba Rajesh Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress achieved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in the district. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Rakesh Khajuria presented a detailed overview of the progress achieved across various sectors under the HADP. He highlighted the key interventions being made to promote agricultural sustainability and rural development.

The DDC reviewed and discussed the list of feasible beneficiaries who had applied through the HADP portal for availing Agriculture and allied Departments schemes. A total of 268 beneficiaries have been approved under various components of the programme in the district, the meeting was told.

The DDC emphasized the need for inter-



departmental coordination and community involvement to ensure timely implementation of the schemes and tangible results on the ground. He urged all stakeholders to work collectively towards the shared goal of transforming the agricultural landscape of Samba district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Samba Champa Devi Thakur, GM DIC, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Fisheries and other members of the committee.

DC Reasi reviews arrangements for Independence Day Celebrations 2025

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

REASI, JULY 24: To finalise the arrangements for the smooth and successful celebration of Independence Day 2025, a meeting of district officers from various departments was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by heads of the line departments and focused on ensuring the seamless execution of the upcoming national event. It was decided that the main function will be held at General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium. The celebration will begin with the unfurling of the National Flag by the chief guest, followed by a ceremonial march past by contingents from the District Police, CRPF, NCC and students from various schools.

After detailed discussions, the Deputy Commissioner issued directives regarding seating arrangements, barricading, security, traffic management, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, transport, distribution of prizes, illumination of government buildings, first aid, PAS (Public Address System), fire tenders and other logistical aspects.

She instructed all officers to ensure that all nec-



essary arrangements are put in place well in time to facilitate smooth and spirited celebrations.

In addition to the parade, school children will present cultural programmes showcasing the rich heritage of the state and the country. Various committees have been constituted to oversee the arrangements and coordinate efforts across departments.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the importance of illuminating all government and heritage buildings to enhance the festive atmosphere. She directed all officers to finalise preparations promptly. Additionally, she instructed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) to convene meetings and make similar arrangements for Independence Day celebrations in their respective sub-divisions.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, SSP IRP 1st Battalion Anita Sharma, ADC Rakesh Kumar, Addl. SP Ifthikar Ahmed, CPO Narinder Kumar, ACD, XENS of JPDCL and Jal Shakti, Tehsildars of Reasi and Bhomag, DIO (Info) and SDMs who joined the meeting virtually.

DC Doda reviews functioning of Revenue Department

Stresses timely digitization, transparent service delivery

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

DODA, JULY 24: To assess the functioning of the Revenue Department, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh today chaired a review meeting here in his office.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), ADC Bhardwah, Assistant Commissioner Reve-

nue (ACR) a, Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) of Gandoh and Assar, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and other senior officials of the Revenue Department.

The deliberations included a detailed review of the status of digitization of land records, eviction of encroachments on the state land, updation of Jamabandis and Girdawaris, implementation of Svamitva Scheme,

revenue court case management, progress under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and implementation of online revenue services. The status of ongoing infrastructure works at various Tehsil headquarters and Niabats were also reviewed in detail. Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars from across the district presented their respective progress reports and outlined field-level

challenges affecting timely completion of assigned tasks. Highlighting the pivotal role of revenue officers in governance, the DC emphasized that maintaining updated and error-free revenue records is crucial for effective administration. He noted that delays or discrepancies in land records not only obstruct development projects but also cause undue hardship to

the general public. The DC instructed all revenue officers and officials to work in mission mode for the timely resolution of pending cases and ensure seamless coordination with line departments. He also urged officers to expedite the implementation of digital platforms to improve transparency, accountability and public convenience.

CEO Doda Reviews 79th Independence Day Celebration Plans with HOIs

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

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DC Poonch Reviews Road Restoration After Rainfall, Landslides

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

POONCH, JULY 24: In the wake of recent heavy rainfall and resulting landslides, Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today convened a meeting to assess the condition of roads in the district and review ongoing restoration measures.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik; Executive Engineers from all subdivisions, along with Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) and Junior Engineers (JEs).



The concerned officers apprised

the Deputy Commissioner of the current condition of roads in their respective jurisdictions, particularly highlighting the areas affected by landslides and flash floods.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Engineers of BRO, PWD, PMGSY to closely monitor their respective areas and ensure immediate restoration of road connectivity for safe public movement and avert any inconvenience. He emphasized the need for swift and coordinated efforts to address the damage caused by recent weather conditions.

Tea plantation drive launched in Billawar – a first for J&K UT

Agriculture Department Kathua rolls out green initiative

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, JUL 24: The Agriculture Department Kathua has launched the first-ever tea plantation drive in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Billawar. As part of this new initiative, over 20,000 tea saplings are being planted in the area.

The plantation drive was formally inaugurated by MLA Billawar, Satish Sharma, in the presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Billawar Vinay Khosla, Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Jatinder Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer Billawar Indu Sharma, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Ravi Sharma, District SMS Sanjay Gupta and Sanjay Sharma, officers from allied departments, Ex-PRIs members and a large gathering of

locals.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Satish Sharma lauded the efforts of the Agriculture Department for initiating such an innovative step in the hilly terrain of Billawar. He observed that the region's climate and soil conditions—particularly across the Shivalik range—closely resemble those of Palampur, a region renowned for tea cultivation. The saplings for the drive, he informed, have been sourced from Palampur.

Sharma appreciated the UT Administration and the Government of India for extending support to developmental initiatives in remote and rural belts. He called for greater community involvement and said, "If this pilot proves successful, more such plantation drives will be taken up across the



region." He also highlighted the relevance of the green initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0", encouraging every citizen to plant trees in memory and honour of motherhood.

ADC Vinay Khosla, in his address, termed the initiative as a path-breaking move towards self-

reliant rural communities. He urged the youth and farming community to become active stakeholders in such projects and emphasized the government's ongoing commitment to rural transformation under the Mission Yuva campaign. CAO Jatinder Kumar appreciated MLA Satish Sharma for

supporting the tea plantation initiative. He also briefed the gathering on several farmer-centric interventions being undertaken under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

SDAO Ravi Sharma reiterated the department's round-the-clock support to the farming community and urged farmers to stay informed and avail benefits of various departmental schemes and technical services.

On the sidelines of the programme, agricultural machinery was distributed among beneficiaries under HADP. These included 2 tractors, 1 thresher, 1 power tiller, 2 brush cutters and 1 reaper-cum-binder—aimed at promoting farm mechanization and productivity.

DC Baramulla Chairs GDA BOCA Meet, Reviews Key Issues

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BARAMULLA, JULY 24: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting of the Building Operations Controlling Authority (BOCA) of GDA at the DC Office Complex, Baramulla to review key agenda points related to planning and construction activities under the jurisdiction of the Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA). CEO GDA presented agenda points in front of committee and threadbare deliberation

were held on all issues, and members put their views on issues.

The meeting focused on thorough deliberation of 13 agenda points, which include scrutiny of building permission applications, evaluation of zoning compliance, discussion on constructions in restricted areas, and enforcement of building bylaws as per the Master Plan.

During the meeting, DC Baramulla underlined the importance of maintaining transparency, preventing unau-



thorized constructions, and streamlining the permission process. He directed all department heads to ensure inter-departmental coordination for timely and lawful disposal of all applications and make sure the implementation of master plan in letter and spirit.

Officers from the concerned departments present in the meeting provided inputs on technical, legal, and environmental aspects. Each case was assessed on merit, with emphasis on ensuring that all proposed constructions align with

approved planning guidelines and ensure the construction to be focused by following building bye laws.

Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, Superintendent Engineers R&B, Sub Divisional Magistrates Gulmarg, Divisional Forest Officer Tangmarg, Ecology & Environment Head, and others were present in the meeting. Chief Town planner Kashmir and Director Ecology and Environment Kashmir also joined the meeting through virtual mode.

Nasir Khuehami Calls on DC Srinagar Akshay Labroo, Raises Student Concerns

■ HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JUL 24: A delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA), led by its National Convenor Nasir Khuehami, called on Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo (IAS), today and raised several pressing concerns related to the student community, particularly those pursuing education within the Union Territory.

During the meeting, Khuehami provided a detailed overview of JKSA's role as one of the most active and credible student bodies, working both across India and internationally to represent and support students from Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the association's continued efforts in advocating for student rights, facilitating scholarships, providing emergency aid, extending logistical support during crises, and assisting students in distress across various states. He also spoke about the association's coordination with government institutions to address student-related issues.

Khuehami brought to the Deputy Commissioner's attention the challenges faced by students, including inadequate accommodation facilities for those coming to Srinagar from remote districts and the Gujar Bakerwal hostel facilities. He also emphasized the lack of proper student facilitation centres, the



urgent need for mental health support, and the importance of structured career guidance for youth facing academic stress and uncertainty.

He underlined the significance of administrative support and institutional coordination in effectively addressing these issues and ensuring a safe, inclusive, and supportive academic environment. He conveyed JKSA's willingness to collaborate with the district administration to bridge existing gaps and act as a communication channel between students and the government.

DC Srinagar Akshay Labroo gave a patient and empathetic hearing to the concerns raised and assured that all issues would be looked into seriously and addressed on merit. He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to taking all necessary steps for the welfare and empowerment of the student community.

Appreciating the work being done by JKSA, the Deputy Commissioner commended the association's proactive role in supporting students, especially during emergencies and challenging times. He expressed interest in engaging further with JKSA and exploring avenues for collaboration to address student-related concerns more effectively.

Khuehami thanked the Deputy Commissioner for his positive response and proactive approach, expressing hope that continued cooperation would result in concrete measures and long-term benefits for students across Jammu and Kashmir.

Food Safety Department Conducts Market Inspection in Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 24: In a concerted effort to safeguard public health and ensure food hygiene standards, the Food Safety Department Kulgam conducted extensive inspections across various markets in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Thursday.

According to officials, the inspection drive was spearheaded by the Assistant Commissioner of Food (ACF) Kulgam, Syed Nighat, who along with a team of officials visited multiple shops and commercial outlets to assess the quality and safety of food

items being sold to consumers.

During the inspection, a large quantity of rotten vegetables, spoiled fruits, and expired food products were discovered and subsequently destroyed on the spot to prevent their sale and distribution. An official from the department said, "The drive was aimed at identifying and eliminating unsafe food items from the market. Vendors found violating food safety norms were issued warnings and advised to comply with hygienic practices."

He further added, "People who suspect that they are being sold substandard or expired items can



report to our office. It's a collective responsibility to keep our markets

clean and free from unhygienic and unscrupulous practices."

The inspection drive was welcomed by the local population, many of whom appreciated the proactive steps taken by the authorities to ensure food safety. Locals expressed hope that such drives would continue on a regular basis to deter negligent or dishonest vendors. The Food Safety Department reiterated its commitment to conducting regular and surprise inspections and warned that strict action, including penalties and legal proceedings, would be initiated against those found violating food safety laws.

DC Kulgam Visits MC Office Kulgam

Reviews Town Hall Renovation, Instructs for ensuring timely completion

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 24: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS), today visited the Municipal Council (MC) office to inspect the ongoing renovation work of the Town Hall Kulgam.

The DC took a detailed review of the work progress and emphasized timely completion of the project.

He directed the executing agency to maintain quality standards and ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated timeframe to ben-



efit the public at large.

Accompanying the DC during the visit were Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmed Giri, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Riyaz Ahmad

Shah, Executive Engineer Shabir Ahmad Tak, District Manager SICOP Abdul Hameed Shah, Chief Executive Officer MC Kulgam, Irfan Ahmad Wani and other officers.

Ashok Koul chairs organizational meeting in Pulwama

■ HT News Desk

PULWAMA, JULY 24: Jammu & Kashmir BJP General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul chaired a key meeting of District Office Bearers at the party office in Pulwama, aiming to review ongoing organizational activities and discuss future strategies to strengthen the party's grassroots presence.

Present during the meeting were State Secretary Wani Mudasir, Spokesperson Altaf Thakur, Social Media Incharge Sajad Raina, and District President Er. Syed Showkat Gayoor Andrabi, among other senior functionaries.

During his address, Ashok Koul emphasized the importance of dedicated ground-level work and the need for effective communication with the public regarding the BJP's policies and welfare initiatives. He called upon the cadre to

remain connected with the people, especially the youth, and to actively address local issues with sincerity and commitment.

Koul reviewed the district's organizational structure, recent outreach programs, and booth-level preparations, urging office bearers to strengthen their presence in every panchayat and urban ward.

District President Er. Syed Showkat Gayoor Andrabi briefed the General Secretary on recent developments and ongoing party activities in Pulwama. He assured full commitment of the district team towards furthering the party's objectives in the region.

The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to boost organizational effectiveness, public outreach, and proactive engagement at all levels in Pulwama district.

District Administration Kupwara Bids Farewell to Outgoing DFO Anurag Arya

■ HT News Desk

KUPWARA, JULY 24: The District Administration Kupwara today organized a warm farewell function in honor of Mr. Anurag Arya, Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer, on his transfer from the post of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Kamraj. The event was held at the DC Office Complex Kupwara and was attended by senior officers and officials of the administration.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan, praised Mr. Arya for his dedicated service

especially his efforts in resolving various administrative issues for completion of different developmental projects in the Kamraj division of the district. During his tenure, Mr. Arya was instrumental in initiating several afforestation drives, streamlining forest management practices, and promoting environmental awareness among local communities.

While speaking at the event, Anurag Arya expressed his gratitude to the District Administration, colleagues, and residents of Kupwara for their cooperation and



support. He highlighted his enriching experience working in the

district and reaffirmed his commitment to environmental service in his new posting.

Various officers from administration spoke and appreciated the efforts and cooperation of the outgoing DFO. ADDC Kupwara, ADC Kupwara, ADC Handwara, GM-DIC, ACD, ACR, CEO, CMO, CPO, besides, senior district officers attended the farewell function.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the presentation of a memento and shawl as a token of appreciation for Mr. Arya's remarkable service.

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Takes Charge as Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Bandipora

PLEDGES TO PRIORITIZE PATIENT CARE, TRANSPARENCY, AND HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

■ HT News Desk

BANDIPORA, JULY 24: In a significant development for the healthcare sector in North Kashmir, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad officially assumed charge today as the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Bandipora.

A seasoned healthcare professional with a strong background in both clinical practice and hospital administration, Dr. Ahmad was warmly welcomed by hospital staff, senior doctors, and key administrative officials during a brief induction ceremony held at the hospital premises.

In his first address after taking over the reins, Dr. Ahmad underscored his commitment to patient-centric care, transparent governance, and the strengthening of medical infra-



structure. He expressed a clear vision to enhance the quality and accessibility of healthcare services in Bandipora and its adjoining areas. "My focus will remain on ensuring

efficient hospital functioning, timely patient care, and continued improvement in healthcare delivery. District Hospital Bandipora must become a model of excellence in public health," Dr. Ahmad stated.

District Hospital Bandipora, one of the leading health institutions in North Kashmir, plays a vital role in delivering critical health services to thousands of residents. With Dr. Ahmad at the helm, the hospital is expected to see renewed focus on service delivery, staff coordination, and infrastructure development.

The appointment of Dr. Ahmad has been widely welcomed by the local community and healthcare professionals, who expressed hope for positive reforms and elevated standards of care under his leadership.

242 Cases Under Mission YUVA approved in Kupwara

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KUPWARA, JULY 24: The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Kupwara today met under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan during which 242 cases under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) were approved.

The objective was to review and approve applications submitted by young aspiring entrepreneurs under the Mission YUVA scheme, which aims to provide financial assistance and capacity-building support to youth for starting their own businesses.

Officers from the concerned departments presented a detailed review of the applications. After careful scrutiny and discussions, the Committee approved 242 eligible cases for further financial support and guidance.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of Mission YUVA in empowering local youth and helping them build sustainable livelihoods. She emphasized the need for holding awareness camps to attract more youth towards self employment so that they can earn their livelihood.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Kupwara Mufti Fareed ud din; Assistant Director Employment, Arshid Qadir Bhat; officers from DIC, Social Welfare, JKEDI and other concerned officials.

Arco United Wins, United Elegant FC Crowned KSL Champions

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JULY 25: The 15th and final league-stage clash of the Khyber Cement Kashmir Super League, powered by Athwas Hyundai and JK Sports Council, delivered yet another electrifying encounter as Arco United FC edged past United Elegant FC 1-0 at the Synthetic Turf FTRC Ground. A decisive strike by Sahil Khurshid sealed the win for Arco United FC in what was a display of resilience, passion, and tactical brilliance.

Despite the result, United Elegant FC were officially crowned League Winners of the Khyber Cement Kashmir Super League, having maintained an exceptional run throughout the season.

The match exemplified the spirit of the league — fast-paced action, high emotions — as football enthusiasts gathered to witness a finale worthy of its billing.

Award Winners:
Khyber Cement Game Changer Award — Nadeem Ali
Khyber Cement Player of the Match — Sahil Khurshid
Athwas Golden Moment Award — Shoaib Haneef
Events Emporio X Factor Excellence Award — Tajamul Islam



The post-match felicitation ceremony was attended by dignitaries including Ms. Nuzhat Gul, Secretary JK Sports Council; Mr. Qaisat Jamshed, MLA Lolab; Mr. Showkat Hussain Ganai, MLA Zainapora; Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo, MLA Chanapora; Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Dar, International Footballer; Mr. Kaiser Bhat, Downtown Heroes FC; and Mr. Javaid Ahmad, representing Khyber Cement. Their presence reflected the

growing convergence of public leadership, sport, and corporate commitment in shaping Kashmir's sporting identity.

As the principal sponsor, Khyber Cement continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing local talent, not just through this league but by actively supporting multiple sporting platforms across the Valley. Guided by its core philosophy "Dil Se Banao", Khyber Cement believes in building more than infrastructure — it

builds futures, stories, and opportunities.

By investing in sports as a channel for youth development, Khyber Cement is reaffirming its position as a brand that doesn't just operate in Kashmir, but belongs to it — heart, soul, and purpose.

The Khyber Cement Kashmir Super League stands as a testament to how sport can unite communities, inspire dreams, and carve a brighter path for the next generation of athletes in the region.

10th Pencak Silat Championship Concludes in Awantipora

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PULWAMA, JUL 24: The 10th district pencak silat championship 2025-2026 concluded at Hajahad public higher secondary school Awantipora. The two-day event was organised by the district pulwama pencak silat association and witnessed participation from over 375 boys and girls across all age groups.

Shah Younis, a 25-year-old martial arts player from Namalabampore who fought in the under 85 kg category, won a gold medal.

Shah Younis, a resident of Namalabampore has participated in various championships and won 15 nationals in the mix Martial arts, pencak silat, thang ta, Arnis, Mix boxing, kick boxing, Thai boxing, and other games federation of India two times in Thang ta and Thai boxing, and secured bronze medal in all India inter University pencak silat twice and secured bronze medal.

The organizing committee congratulated all medal winners, runner up, coaches, and participants for their commendable performance and sportsmanship.



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