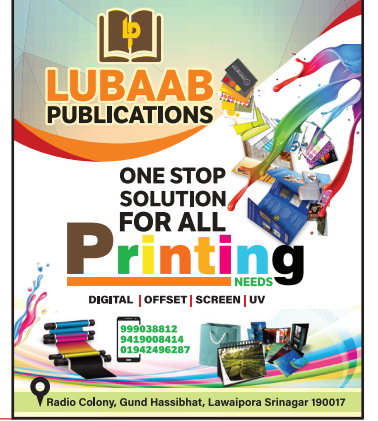


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Till Aug 5 About 900 Indian Laws Were Not Applicable to J&K

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**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Asserting that a total of 890 Indian laws were not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir till August 5, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said abrogation of Article 370 paved way for bringing the region at par with the rest of the country.

Addressing North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities here, LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observ-

er (KNO) said, "Article 370 was nullified by the Indian Parliament in 2019 and later the Supreme Court also supported it. Now all the laws are applicable in J&K and Dalits, Adivasis, and women have got their equal rights."

LG Sinha said, "We have taken three major initiatives in J&K to ensure ease of justice to the members of armed forces and committed to provide legal aid to the tribal community. J&K Legal Services Authorities must ensure that all possible legal aid reaches the army personnel, tribal community, deprived



and vulnerable sections of society on time so that their lives become easier and their rights granted by the Constitution are protected."

"Constitution of India guarantees justice, social, economic and political and one of the facets of providing justice is access to justice to all the citizens and it is to be ensured that justice reaches to the poorest of poor, who deserves it the most," he added.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted key structural reforms taken in

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## LG Addresses North Zone Legal Services Meet in Srinagar

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**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals: Bridging the Gaps" organised by National Legal Services Authority, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and J&K Legal Services Authority, at Srinagar.

The event was graced by Judge Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman National Legal Services Authority, Shri Justice Surya Kant; Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal; Chief Justice High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, Shri Justice Arun Palli; Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah; Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman

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## Kargil Vijay Diwas Observed in Drass With Ceremonies, Tributes

Officials, youth, families pay homage to soldiers at Kargil War Memorial

HT News Desk / KNO

**DRASS (LADAKH), JUL 26:** On the occasion of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, a padyatra and several commemorative events were held in Drass to mark the day India concluded Operation Vijay in 1999.

The events, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), were organised by Mera Yuva Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth led a 1.5-kilometre padyatra from Himabass Public High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbet. More than 1,000 participants took part in the march, including youth volunteers, serving and retired Armed Forces personnel, family members of soldiers who lost their lives in the war, and local residents.

The ministers, accompanied by 100 youth volunteers, later visited the Kargil War Memorial in Drass, where Sanjay Seth laid a wreath in memory of those who

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### Kargil Bravehearts Will Keep Inspiring: PM Modi

United News of India

**NEW DELHI, JULY 26:** On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the brave soldiers who laid down their

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### Kargil Diwas Symbol of Forces' Resolve: Rajnath

United News of India

**NEW DELHI, JULY 26:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that supreme sacrifice of our soldiers during Kargil war is a timeless reminder of the unwavering resolve of our armed forces

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## Ensure Justice, Legal Aid for Forces & Tribals: CM Omar

CM addresses North Zone Regional Conference of NALSA at SKICC

HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today delivered the keynote address at the North Zone Regional Conference of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel & Tribals" held at SKICC Srinagar.

This constitutionally significant conference focuses on advancing the rights and entitlements of defence personnel and tribal communities—two segments of society that, in the Chief Minister's words, "one defends the Constitution with unflinching resolve" and the other has "long waited for its full embrace."

Addressing the audience at SKICC, CM said that this Regional Conference was of great significance to deliberate and collectively reflect on the foundational promise of our Republic for realization of justice—social, economic, and political which is enshrined in the preamble and concretised in Article 39A of our Constitution, which enjoins the State to ensure that access to justice is not curtailed by economic or other disabilities.



Paying tribute to the service and sacrifices of defence personnel, many of whom hail from Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister emphasized the need for swift, compassionate legal redressal for those serving in inhospitable terrains under difficult circumstances. He highlighted the systemic legal barriers faced by defence personnel in matters such as pension disputes and service-related grievances owing to their geographic remoteness, and the distinct constraints of military life.

CM commended the J&K State Legal Services Authority for its initiative in amending its legal aid rules to expressly include serving and retired defence personnel. CM said that establishment

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## Google Executives call on CM Omar Abdullah

HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** A team of senior executives from Google met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and offered to be part of the journey of digitisation through AI and empowering people of the Jammu and Kashmir through technology.

The Google team comprised of leadership executives Ashish Watal - Country Director, Sanjay Dewan - Head State Governments sector, Pankaj Shukla - Head Technology & AI from Google Cloud.

Google team termed the meeting as productive saying that they were keen on exploring initiatives in Education, Health, Tourism, Startups and Skill Development to create impactful and scalable AI solutions for the J&K.

The team informed the CM that focus

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## You guard our borders, we will guard your homes: Justice Surya Kant

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**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** In a landmark step fusing poetic symbolism with legal reform, Justice Surya Kant, Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), launched the 'Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana 2025' in Srinagar on Saturday.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) correspondent, the scheme is designed to provide proactive and accessible legal assistance to families of armed forces personnel serving in remote and conflict-prone areas of the country.

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## President Murmu Salutes Soldiers on Kargil Vijay Diwas

United News of India

**NEW DELHI, JULY 26:** On the occasion of Kargil

Vijay Diwas today, President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes to the bravehearts of the 1999 Kargil War, describing the day as a symbol of extraordinary valour, unwavering courage and supreme sacrifice of the Indian soldiers who fought to protect the nation's sovereignty.

"On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. This day symbolises the extraordinary valour, courage, and steadfast

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## Govt Orders Probe Into GMC Srinagar Incident

Baseer ul Haq Appointed Enquiry Officer

HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** On the directions of Ministers for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, Enquiry Officer has been appointed

to probe the recent incident at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar on July 23.

As per the order issued by, Health and Medical Education department, Mission Director, National Health Mis-

sion J&K, Baseer ul Haq Chaudhary has been appointed as the Enquiry Officer to conduct a comprehensive examination of the facts and circumstances related to the incident.

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## CS Reviews Implementation Of PM Surya Ghar Yojana

Fixes A Target Of 1000-2000 RTS Installations For Each DISCOM

HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chaired a high-level meeting to review the implementation status of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana across J&K.

The meeting saw detailed deliberations on the progress of rooftop solar installations being carried out under the flagship scheme aimed at promoting clean energy and easing electricity expenses for households.

The meeting besides Principal Secretary, PDD and Secretary, S&T Department was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Deputy Commissioners; MD's of JPDCL/KPDCL; CEO, JAKEDA; Chief Engineers of JPDCL/KPDCL and representatives from NHPC and other implementation agencies.

While taking stock of the current implementation, the Chief Secretary expressed concern over the slow pace of installations and called for immedi-

ate acceleration of efforts on the ground. He underscored the need for setting monthly targets, directing JPDCL and KPDCL to ensure at least 2,000 and 1,000 installations per month respectively without fail.

Dulloo also instructed the power distribution companies to prioritize commissioning of the already installed systems to enable the beneficiaries to start availing the benefits at the earliest. He remarked that the delays in activating installed units defeat the

very purpose of this scheme.

Emphasizing the importance of awareness among the public, the Chief Secretary urged the Power Development Department (PDD) to launch an aggressive Information, Education & Communication (IEC) campaign. He said that concerted efforts must be made to mobilize registered applicants, encouraging them of the long-term benefits of adopting this beneficiary oriented scheme.

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## AN APPEAL TO MAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

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He said, "The justice system has been deeply rooted in the soul of India and played a pivotal role in the nation's progress. In our culture, the court is not merely an office of justice but a sacred temple of justice, dedicated to ensuring equal justice and access to the legal system for all, without discrimination."

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The event also witnessed the launch of various initiatives including Defence Personnel Case Management System; Special Samvad Legal Units for tribal communities; Legal Services support centres at Rajya Sainik Boards of all states and UTs and Zila Sainik Welfare Boards across the Districts of UT of J&K and Ladakh; Unveiling of Logo and Tribal kiosks at Leh airport; Mobile medical camp for tribal population of Ladakh.

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lost their lives during the conflict. In a social media post, he said the stories of the soldiers would continue to guide future generations.

Families of soldiers who lost their lives in the 1999 war also gathered at Lamochen Viewpoint to pay their respects. The solemn gathering included recollections from family members and served as a community platform to remember those who did not return.

Speaking during the events in Drass, Mandaviya urged the youth of the country to commit themselves to national service. He said, "We have always been victorious. Being victorious is our nature." He added that the padyatra was meant to send a message to the youth across the country to take responsibility towards the nation seriously.

Seth, who joined Mandaviya and LAHDC Kargil Chairman Mohammad Jaffer Akhoun during the march, addressed those gathered and reflected on the events of 1999. "The country remembers the actions taken by Pakistan on May 6, 1999, and the response given by Indian soldiers," he said. "India had responded through surgical strikes, air strikes, and operations such as Sindoor." The minister said the Kargil conflict area, including Drass, was at the centre of military operations and that the Indian Army had reclaimed the occupied positions through determined action. "The country stands with the soldiers currently stationed at the borders, and recognises the continued role they play in protecting the country," he added.

Earlier in the day, local administration officials, students, youth groups, and civil society members gathered for the official programmes, which included tributes, flag hoisting, and a remembrance ceremony.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) also marked the occasion by releasing a video tribute showcasing scenes from the war and a collection titled "The War Diary in Photographs."

Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 to commemorate the end of the Kargil War in 1999. The war lasted for more than two months and concluded with India regaining control of strategic heights that had been occupied by Pakistani soldiers.

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lives in the 1999 Kargil War, calling the day a reminder of the unparalleled courage and indomitable spirit of India's heroes who defended the nation's honour at the highest altitudes.

"Heartfelt greetings to the countrymen on Kargil Vijay Diwas. This occasion reminds us of the unparalleled courage and valour of those brave sons of Mother India who dedicated their lives to protect the nation's pride. Their passion to sacrifice everything for the motherland will continue to inspire every generation. Jai Hind!" the Prime Minister posted on X.

As the nation marks the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, citizens across India come together to remember and honour the valiant soldiers who reclaimed the heights of Kargil in 1999 with unmatched courage and determination. This solemn day commemorates the successful culmination of Operation Vijay, when Indian forces drove out Pakistani intruders from strategic peaks in the Kargil sector, reaffirming the nation's sovereignty.

The conflict began in May 1999, when Pakistani soldiers crossed the Line of Control and occupied Indian positions with the objective of severing National Highway 1A—the vital artery connecting Srinagar to Leh. In response, India launched a meticulously planned military campaign, marked by fierce high-altitude battles fought in treacherous terrain and sub-zero conditions.

Landmarks like Tololing, Tiger Hill, and Point 4875 became symbols of sacrifice, etched forever in the national memory. Heroes such as Captain Vikram Batra, Major Rajesh Adhikari, Captain Anuj Nayyar, Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav, and Rifleman Sanjay Kumar emerged as icons of Indian valour. UNI AAB PRS

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"On Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay heartfelt tributes to our bravehearts who displayed extraordinary courage, grit and determination in defending our nation's honour in the toughest of terrains. Their supreme sacrifice during Kargil war is a timeless reminder of the unwavering resolve of our armed forces. India shall remain forever indebted to their service," Rajnath Singh said in a post on X.

The Defence Minister also laid a wreath on the occasion of 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas at the National War Memorial in the national capital today.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lt. General NS Raja Subramani, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh accompanied the minister.

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of dedicated legal aid clinics in cantonments and in districts with significant ex-servicemen populations should be prioritised. "Equally important is the need to ensure that families of defence personnel—particularly widows, aged parents, and dependent children—receive empathetic, expert, and timely legal support," CM said, adding that para-legal volunteers trained specifically in military legal issues should be deployed in areas with high defence populations. Simultaneously, technology must be harnessed to democratise access—through mobile apps, virtual consultation platforms, and user-friendly legal information portals. Justice, in our times, must not merely be available—it must be accessible.

On tribal communities, CM said that they were custodians of rich cultural and ecological heritage. Jammu & Kashmir is home to several Scheduled Tribes, including Gujjars, Bakarwals, Pahadis, Gaddis and Sippis, who have preserved ancient traditions while braving difficult terrains.

"Our Government has correspondingly augmented its developmental efforts. This year, the capital expenditure for tribal welfare has been raised to 98 crores. Six Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been made operational, 222 smart classrooms have been established in tribal-dominated schools, and healthcare services have been expanded through mobile medical units. The Tribal Research Institute has also been commissioned. These interventions reflect our commitment to combine dignity with development. Yet, development alone cannot substitute justice. Structural barriers to legal literacy, representation, and redressal continue to persist among tribal populations—owing to linguistic, cultural, and geographic factors.

CM noted that the Legal Services Authority has commendably operationalised 255 legal aid clinics, including in tribal villages and correctional institutions, supported by 527 panel lawyers and 561 para-legal volunteers.

CM expressed the hope that para-legal volunteers are trained from within tribal communities themselves. "This will ensure that legal support is rendered in familiar idioms, dialects, and cultural frameworks. We must also expand mobile legal aid vans, promote the use of Tele-Law platforms, and facilitate virtual hearings. Justice, if it is to be meaningful, must reach every remote hamlet—from Poonch to Kishtwar, from Rajouri to Kamah," he said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also spoke about the sensitive balance that must be maintained between national security and the rights of tribal citizens. Many tribal regions are located in border belts or areas of heightened security oversight. However, law enforcement must not translate into legal disenfranchisement. Mechanisms for lodging complaints, accessing courts, and redressing grievances must be made transparent, timely, and responsive.

CM said that Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms also offer immense promise. Lok Adalats, mediation centres, and village-level panchayat forums, when duly sensitised, can provide swift, culturally respectful adjudication—especially in matters related to land rights, service entitlements, and local grievances. These models need to be institutionalised and resourced accordingly.

CM stated that capacity-building is essential for judicial officers, legal aid lawyers, and field functionaries who must be trained in tribal customary law, military jurisprudence, and the ethics of constitutional service. Only through sustained cross-learning can our justice system be truly responsive to the diversity it is meant to serve.

Highlighting the Government's vision, the Chief Minister informed that his Government has sanctioned establishment of a dedicated Law University in Jammu and Kashmir with an initial allocation of 50 crore. This institution will focus on specialized legal education and research in fields such as tribal law, military justice, constitutional studies, and environmental law.

Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, the Chief Minister concluded, "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." He reaffirmed the Government's unwavering support to Legal Services Authorities and their partners in delivering justice to the most marginalised.

The conference was also addressed by Justice Surya Kant Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman NALSA; Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State Ministry of Law and Justice Government of India; Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir; Justice

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verticals with AI technology intervention in Education and Health will have a huge impact on lives of the citizens of J&K.

They stated that giving access to AI platforms to the startup community will help local solutions from within Jammu and Kashmir and also give an opportunity to the young tech force within the state to get exposure on deep tech platforms and create AI based applications which will be used within and outside Jammu & Kashmir.

**You guard our.....**

For the first time in Indian history, a comprehensive nationwide effort will ensure that legal burdens at home do not distract soldiers from their duties. Under the scheme, legal aid clinics staffed by trained paralegal volunteers and lawyers will be established at every district and state sainik board. Retired soldiers, Veer Naris (war widows), and ex-servicemen with legal backgrounds will be given preference for these roles.

Addressing North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities here, Justice Surya Kant said, "You (soldiers) serve the nation at the borders. We will stand guard at your homes."

He described Srinagar as a site rich with symbolism and sentiment for launching the program.

Justice Kant began his speech with an emotional explanation for choosing Kashmir as the location for this historic initiative. Quoting the revered Kashmiri poet Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor, he recited: "Walo ha baghawano, naw baharuk shaan paida kar; Pholan gul ghat karan, bulbul tethai samaan paida kar." ["Come, O Gardener, create the glory of a new spring. Let flowers bloom in clusters and make the nightingales sing again."]

"These verses capture the spirit of our scheme, which aims to bring dignity, peace, and legal security to the families of those who defend the nation's borders. Our jawans are stationed in these mountains, always alert to safeguard the nation. It is only right that our commitment to their families also begins here."

Justice Kant recounted his own experiences as a Supreme Court judge, recalling cases where families of soldiers suffered legal harassment while their loved ones were away serving the nation. Issues ranged from illegal encroachments on property, tenant disputes, forged ownership claims, to hurdles in accessing pensions or educational benefits.

"Even a stranger with no connection to the soldier can file a false case, and unfortunately, that happens. It should not be the soldier's responsibility to take leave from duty to appear in court back home," Kant said. "Aaj se yeh zimmedari humari hai."

Justice Kant confirmed that NALSA has completed all necessary coordination with the Ministry of Defence, and legal aid clinics will become functional at all sainik boards, including in remote villages. Preference will be given to ex-servicemen and Veer Naris for the roles of paralegal volunteers and legal aid counsels, especially those with legal training.

"Humne retired army personnel aur Veer Naris ko amantrit kiya hai ki woh paralegal volunteers banein. 'Unka anubhav unhein is kaam ke liye vishesh banana hai.' [We have invited retired army personnel and Veer Naris to become paralegal volunteers. Their lived experience makes them uniquely suited for this work.]

The scheme further addresses calls from legal aid communities in Ladakh and the Northeast by revising the honorarium for volunteers and legal aid counsels, sometimes doubling previous amounts. State legal services authorities may increase these payments further, depending on available funds.

"Yeh daan nahi, yeh rashtra ka dayitva hai. Aur legal aid ko sirf mukadma support samajhna galat hai. Yeh hamara samajik sankalp hai. [This is not charity. This is the nation's obligation. Legal aid must not be seen as mere litigation support—it is our social commitment.]" Marking NALSA's 30th year, Justice Kant briefed on the organization's journey and impact, particularly in rural and tribal areas, and hinted at a new legal empowerment initiative for tribal communities in Kashmir and Ladakh to be announced later in the day.

Justice Kant also highlighted the judiciary's role as a public service while executing the Legal Services Authorities Act. "Hum yahan judge ki tarah nahi, jan seva ki tarah kaam kar rahe hain. Agar aap desh ki seema par seva kar rahe hain, toh nyay palika ko bhi aapke pariwaar ki seva karni hogi." "We are not acting as judges here. We are public servants carrying out a statutory duty given by Parliament. If you are serving the country at Siachen, the judiciary must serve your family back home."

**President Murnu.....**

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Landmarks like Tololing, Tiger Hill, and Point 4875 became symbols of sacrifice, etched forever in the national memory. Heroes such as Captain Vikram Batra, Major Rajesh Adhikari, Captain Anuj Nayyar, Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav, and Rifleman Sanjay Kumar emerged as icons of Indian valour.

The war ended on July 26, 1999, with India regaining control of all positions without crossing the Line of Control—demonstrating remarkable military restraint and earning international respect. UNI AAB RB

**Govt Orders.....**

The order reads that the Enquiry Officer shall Assess the immediate precursors to the said incident, as well as the developments that ensued after the incident. It also reads that the enquiry officer shall investigate the reasons for the closure of Operating Theatres (OTs), assess whether such closure was avoidable, and fix responsibility upon the individual(s) found to have acted in dereliction of duty or in contravention of established protocols.

The order also reads that the officer shall recommend concrete measures aimed at enhancing internal grievance redressal mechanisms, strengthening administrative coordination, and improving the overall functioning of the institution; and propose remedial and preventive measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur in the future.

"The Enquiry Officer shall submit a report to the Government within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order," it reads.

The order further adds that Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator Associated Hospitals, GMC Srinagar shall be the Presenting Officer in the case.

**CS Reviews.....**

Earlier, Principal Secretary, PDD, Rajesh Prasad, briefed the meeting about the current status of this scheme and roadmap of its implementation here. He acknowledged the initial lag in implementation but assured that the department is witnessing steady progress now. He also laid out strategic interventions being adopted to cut down the waiting time and fast-track installations for registered households.

He further revealed that the Government of India has set a national target of 1.0 crore households with no state or UT-specific targets and divulged that J&K has proactively set an ambitious proportionate target of 83,500 residential consumers to benefit from the scheme by March 31, 2027. This includes 39,500 consumers for JPDC and 44,000 for KPDC.

He further added that the progress is being rigorously monitored on daily, fortnightly, and monthly intervals at the district, divisional, and UT levels.

Regarding the key achievements registered as on July 24, 2025 it was given out that a total of 8,046 RTS installations with a cumulative capacity of around 30.07 MW had been completed so far.

Moreover, about the benefits accruing to the consumers it was revealed that a Central subsidy of Rs 50.78 Cr and UT subsidy of Rs 2 Cr had been credited to the consumers in J&K. It was added that 64,080 consumer applications had been received on the portal from the consumers across the districts of the UT for whom 582 vendors are available to install the RTS here.

Regarding the loan disbursements from banks for PM Surya Ghar Scheme it was revealed that 3,293 cases in favour of JPDC consumers had been disbursed amounting to Rs 5690.15 Lacs and for KPDC consumers 2,441 cases, totaling Rs 4653.54 Lacs stands disbursed.

On the outreaching to public through IEC campaigns the meeting was apprised that nearly 34.87 lakh consumers had been reached via bulk SMS and 525 IEC campaigns by JPDC and 410 by KPDC had been organized in their respective jurisdictions to create awareness among public. TV and radio commercials, social media outreach, and testimonial videos were circulated widely besides running the print & outdoor promotion for large scale awareness about the scheme.

The meeting was also informed that special help desks are established for grievance redressal, resolving 449 consumer and 429 vendor issues for JPDC, and 406 consumer grievances for KPDC.

Regarding the solarisation of Government buildings, the Secretary, S&T, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary revealed that a total of 22,494 government buildings have been identified for solarization out of which, 12,994 buildings are being covered under the CAPEX mode, while 9,500 buildings are being implemented through RESCO mode by NHP and JAKEDA.

While giving out the updated status of this scheme, the Secretary informed that as of July 21, 2025, solar power systems have been installed on 5,331 buildings, with a cumulative installed capacity of 48.84 MW under the CAPEX mode. Furthermore, a capacity of 54 MW has been allocated to vendors for survey out of the total proposed 70 MW.

It was added by CEO, JAKEDA, PN Dhar that work orders have been placed for 3,809 more buildings, covering a capacity of 37.6 MW. Material has already been delivered to sites equivalent to 18 MW, with installation completed at 602 sites, amounting to 9.4 MW. Currently, 685 additional sites are under active installation, he added.



# MD NHM reviews progress on Mission's schemes; calls for time bound execution

HT News Desk / DIPR

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary, today conducted an extensive review of all ongoing NHM schemes, emphasising time bound achievement of targets set by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Mission Director highlighted the critical importance of timely and measurable outcomes, asking all the officials and programme units to adopt a result-oriented approach to achieve the targets within defined timelines. He emphasized the necessity of qualitative and quantitative progress in each program, ensuring efficient service delivery and tangible health improvements across the Union Territory. Major programs reviewed included Maternal and Child Health, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, Tele Radiology, Ambulance Services (102-108), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), the 104 Comprehensive Health Helpline, e-San-



jevani Tele-Consultation, Disease Control Programs, ASHA Programme, DNB Programme, Quality Assurance, Bio-Medical Equipment Maintenance, National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), PM National Dialysis Programme Ayushman Bharat, Health & Well-

ness Centres and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary reiterated J&K NHM's commitment towards strengthening the health infrastructure and furthering government initiatives for equitable health access. He called upon all the stakeholders to uphold the highest standards of transparency, accountability and dedication in implementing the health interventions and overcoming the challenges and achieving time-bound results.

The meeting concluded with a renewed determination among all the participants to intensify efforts and deliver exceptional outcomes in alignment with national health goal.

The meeting was attended by Director Planning, FA&CAO, State Nodal Officer, Divisional Nodal Officer Jammu/Kashmir along with all Programme Managers and Management Units.

## "Say No To Drugs, Save Life" Kulgam Police organizes awareness programme on "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan"

Farooq Rather

**KULGAM, JULY 26:** Kulgam Police under the aegis of Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2024-2025, conducted an awareness programme on "NASHA Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan" at Government Boys Higher secondary school Yaripora.

The programme was attended by Principal, faculty members of Govt Boys HSS Yaripora, Police officers of Kulgam Police including SHO PS Yari-



pura, students and other respectable citizens.

Officers emphasized the need to protect the young generation from the menace of drug abuse, highlighting its devastating impact on individuals and society. Also stressed the importance of youths staying drug free and propagating the ill effects of drugs to the society thereby ensuring a Nasha Mukht Bharat.

Debate competition was held wherein the participants shared their perspectives, views, assumptions and exploring concrete solutions to the complex, challenging and pressing issue of drug abuse that threatens the very fabric of our society.

This initiative demonstrates J&K Police's commitment to eradicating drug abuse and promoting a safer, healthier community. Participants thanked Police for conducting such awareness programmes, thus building a bridge of trust between police and the youth.

At the conclusion, first three position holders were awarded with mementos & cash prize to boost their morale.

## DC Kulgam chairs DLSCC meeting to review SRO 43 cases

Stresses on proactive approach for the early disposal

Farooq Rather

**KULGAM, JULY 26:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) today chaired the District Level Screening-cum-Coordination Committee (DLSCC) meeting to review, discuss and finalize the cases related to compassionate appointment under SRO-43 for the NOKs of civilians and armed forces personnel killed in militancy related incidents.

At the outset, ACR gave a detailed briefing on the current status of each case.



After thorough deliberation and evaluation, the Committee approved the eligible cases under the provisions of the SRO-43. He said all eligible fam-

ilies of the terror victims shall receive timely benefits in accordance with the directions of the Hon. Lt Governor of J&K.

DC urged all departments to adopt a proactive approach and ensure that all required formalities and verifications are completed within stipulated timelines.

Among others, the meeting was attended by SSP Kulgam, Additional DC Kulgam, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Commanding Officer 18B CRPF, Representatives from 1 RR, 9 RR, among others.

## Taleem Se Tarakki: North Kashmir Education Fest 2025 Empowers Youth with Opportunities for a Brighter Future

Dr. Ab Qayoom

**SOPORE, JUL 26:** In a landmark initiative aimed at shaping the educational landscape of the Valley, the Indian Army in collaboration with the District Administrations of Kupwara, Baramulla, and Bandipora organized the "North Kashmir Education Fest-2025" under the inspiring theme "Taleem Se Tarakki" at Subhan Sports Stadium, Sopore today. The mega event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 3000 students across North Kashmir, who were provided an opportunity-rich platform to explore higher education avenues in premier institutions across the country. The fest not only brought hope but also offered a direction to countless aspi-



rants seeking quality education and career guidance. Reputed colleges and universities from different parts of India participated in the event, offering insights into various academic fields including business, science, engineering, humanities, arts, and social sciences. Experts guided students in aligning their career choices with their interests and aptitude. In a major boost to educational access, scholarships worth Rs 3 crore were announced for meritorious students, particularly those from underprivileged and tribal backgrounds. The Education Fest also featured a dedicated session under the 'Know Your Army' campaign, aimed at familiarizing the youth with career opportunities in the Indian Army. This not only ignited patriotic spirit among the students but also opened new horizons for disciplined and purpose-driven careers.

The event is being hailed as a milestone in promoting educational empowerment and fostering a progressive environment in the Valley. It stands as a shining example of the collective commitment of the Indian Army, civil administration, and the local community (Awam) to ensure the youth of Kashmir are equipped with the tools needed for self-reliance and nation-building. Locals have especially civil society warmly welcomed the initiative, describing it as a foundation stone for 'Naya Kashmir', where the power of knowledge leads the path to peace, prosperity, and progress.

## CEO Ganderbal Conducts Extensive Tour of Schools in Sherpathri Area falling under Zone Ganderbal

HT News Desk

**GANDERBAL, JULY 26:** As a part of continuing its ongoing Academic Inspection to the Educational Institutions in District Ganderbal, the Worthy Chief Education Officer Ganderbal, Shri Oneel Kumar Bhat paid a visit to various schools of Zone Ganderbal located in the Sherpathri area. During the visit, the CEO assessed the overall functioning of the institutions, interacted with students and

staff, and reviewed academic progress, infrastructure, and other key parameters.

The visit aimed at ensuring quality education and addressing any challenges faced by the schools in the area. The CEO also emphasized the importance of maintaining academic standards and creating a conducive learning environment. CEO Inspected the following Institutions:-

1. MS hakingund
2. HS Sherpathri

During the visit, the CEO held detailed interactions with students to assess their academic progress and understand their learning needs. He also engaged with teaching staff to review classroom practices, teaching methodologies, and administrative functioning.

The visit reflects the department's continued efforts to ensure quality education and strengthen the connection between school leadership and teaching-learning processes at the grassroots level.

Later during the day, Chief Education Officer Ganderbal accompanied Hon'ble MLA Kangan to Boys High School Hayan to address the long-pending issue of building construction/accommodation issue concerning the school.

During the visit, the Hon'ble MLA Kangan held a detailed discussion with concerned stakeholders and education department officials, to ensure a fair and timely resolution of the matter.

The CEO Ganderbal highlighted the importance of resolving the building/accommodation issue for the smooth functioning and future development of the institution.

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## Tribute Paid to Kargil Heroes on 'Kargil Vijay Diwas'

(Tree Plantation Drive Launched)

Amir Iqbal Khan

**BHADERWAH, JULY 26:** Cadets, Students and staff of PM Shri Higher Secondary School Bhalra paid floral tributes to Martyrs of Kargil on 'Kargil Vijay Divas' today.

A program remembering the supreme sacrifices of the brave soldiers of the Indian Army who laid down their lives during the Kargil War of 1999 was organised in the institution. The commemorative event was held on the school campus in which NCC cadets, students and staff members enthusiastically participated.

The programme spearheaded by the NCC Junior Division Wing under the aegis of 10 J&K BN NCC Bhaderwah highlighted a series of emotional and patriotic speeches by cadets and students who reflected on the supreme

sacrifices made by the Kargil war heroes. On this occasion, cadets Arya Veer, Kush Kumar, Rettish, Mohd Ayat, Suhani and Riya along with other students Zenab Banoo, Khushboo and Tanisha paid profound tributes to the war heroes.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul, Associate NCC Officer and Zonal Cultural & Counselling Incharge addressed the gathering and elaborated on the Kargil conflict—its history, strategic significance and the extraordinary bravery of Indian soldiers. He emphasised the importance of remembering the sacrifices of the armed forces and nurturing patriotic values in the youth.

Dr. Nitán Singh Kotwal on this occasion noted the significance of the day emphasising on the courage and resilience shown by Indian soldiers during the Kargil operation.

Earlier, a floral tribute ceremony was held followed by a moment of silence in memory of the martyrs. The participants were served with refreshment. Meanwhile, a tree plantation drive was launched marking the day with an environmental message. Collaborating with NCC wing, the Department of Forest Bhaderwah represented by Rajinder Singh (Forester) under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam" planted several saplings within the school premises. The saplings were also distributed among cadets and students to encourage tree plantation in memory of the martyrs.

The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul under the guidance of Irshad Ahmed (In-charge Principal) and supervision of Satish Kumar (Principal of the Institution).

## Hundreds join BJP in Halmatpora and Handwara

HT News Desk

**KUPWARA, JULY 26:** Hundreds of political workers hailing to various parties, and Ex-Servicemen joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during events held in Halmatpora, and Handwara areas of North Kashmir.

The mass joining took place in the presence of J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul at Halmatpora and Handwara.

Ashok Koul was accompanied by State Secretary Mudassir Wani, BJP State Media Co-Incharge Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah, Senior Leader GM Mir, and BJP District President Kupwara Rafiq Shah, Senior BJP Leader Javid Qureshi. The new entrants were warmly welcomed into the party fold with BJP Patkas. Addressing the gathering, Ashok Koul said, "We welcome every individual who wishes to work for peace and development. It is encouraging to see ex-army personnel from Halmatpora also joining BJP. After serving the nation in uniform, they now want to serve the people through the democratic process."

In a similar event held at Handwara, dozens of people from different political backgrounds joined the BJP in the presence of senior party leaders, including the former BJP District President Javid Qureshi. The participants pledged their support to the party's vision and leadership.

Ashok Koul termed the series of joinings as a big boost to the BJP's grassroots presence in the border district ahead of upcoming electoral activities.

HT EDITORIAL

## Sun of regularization continues to elude daily wagers

The regularization of daily wagers has been a burning issue in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Over the years the successive governments have done nothing in this regard and the hapless fellows have been left at the mercy of God. Many of these daily wagers have either retired or are on the verge of superannuation. These people were exploited by the different political parties for their own means and at the end of the day the politicians did nothing for them.

Over the past three decades hundreds of people were appointed as daily wagers in the various government departments and in many cases the rules were flouted. Many of the appointments of the daily wagers were quashed and these people were left in the lurch. There was a time when it was said that more than one lakh people have been appointed as daily wagers in Jammu & Kashmir and they should be regularized.

With the passage of time it was seen that the figures were exaggerated and the number of daily wagers was found to be around 60,000. It was expected that the regularization process of these daily wagers will be taken up in a gradual manner and that the whole process will be completed over a period of three or four years. However, nothing of this sort happened and the daily wagers continue to wait for their regularization.

Importantly the issue of regularization found a place in the manifesto of the different political parties in the recent assembly elections. One can expect that the National Conference government will come to the rescue of these daily wagers and regularize them without any further delay. The financial implications need to be taken with the Ministry of Finance so that there are no more glitches in this regard. Most of the daily wagers have given their youth to the departments where they are working and now it is the time to pay them back.

Regularization of their services will go a long way in satiating the emotions and aspirations of the daily wagers. These people are waiting for the sun of regularization to come up on the horizon so that there is an end to their daily problems and they will not have to face further ordeal. It is high time that further exploitation of these daily wagers is stopped and they along with their family members heave a sigh of relief.

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# Anthem of the Kashmiri Language by Professor (Dr.) Shaad Ramzan

(Translated into English by Nisar Azam)



■ Nisar Azam

**I am the Kashmiri Language**  
I am the triumphant queen, the mother of wealth and prosperity.  
I am the blessed heritage from the cradle of time.  
Zabarwan strives to scale the summit I stand upon.  
Kohl-wrought wilderness adorns my eyes.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

I am the pulse of thought, swift steed galloping through the hexaverse.  
I am the heavenly decree, the coquettish fairy tale.  
Spiritual pondering is the floor of my intellectual consciousness,  
Gratitude is the sky of my eternal being.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

I am the witness to the stern echo of Kun Fayakoon.  
I am graceful articulation, etched on immortal pages.  
I am the manifestation of divine disclosure on sacred tablets.  
My lyrical melody is the embodiment of supplications.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

I am the Vaakh of Kashafmar, Shrukh is my heritage.  
I am the lake of words, the identity of mothers and sons.  
Like loops, Vatchun is the melody of my eloquent accent.  
Ghazal is the thoughtful blossom born of embers.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

I am the chronicle of kings, more precious than the pearls from ocean depths.  
I am the walkway to rainbows.  
I am the matriarch's tale for her children.  
I am the echo of the headline.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

For Kashmiri's, I am their royal heritage.  
For my inheritors, I am their eternal identity.  
Like the blazing crown of the sky,  
My greatness lies in the loftiness of thought.  
Contemplation bears witness:  
highest is the summit of my prestige.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

I am the Ram Leela bestowed upon Prakash.  
I am the rhythmic recital of the Qur'an by Yousuf.  
I am the illuminating commentary on the esoteric verses of mystics.  
I am the coquettish oration of Shaad Ramzan.  
**I am the Kashmiri Language.**

1. **Zabarwan:** A mountain range located in the Kashmir Valley, east of Srinagar.
2. **Kun Fayakoon:** The divine command of creation: "Be, and it is."
3. **Vaakh, Shrukh, Vatchun:** Traditional forms of Kashmiri spiritual and lyrical poetry.
4. **Kashafmar:** An ancient name for Kashmir, signifying its mystic origin.
5. **Prakash:** Refers to Prakash Ram Bhat, a revered Kashmiri Hindu devotional poet.
6. **Yousuf:** Moulana Muhammad Yousuf Shah, religious scholar and translator of the Qur'an into Kashmiri (Bayan-ul-Furqan, 1957).

**The Sovereign Tongue:**  
**A Comprehensive Evaluation of "Anthem of the Kashmiri Language" by Professor Shad Ramzan.**

In "Anthem of the Kashmiri Language," Professor (Dr.) Shad Ramzan composes a lyrical and philosophical celebration of the Kashmiri language as an entity of grandeur, divinity, memory, and resistance. This work emerges not merely as a poem, but as a declaration of cultural sovereignty, deeply embedded in the historical, mystical, and literary consciousness of Kashmir.

Through majestic metaphors and carefully chosen symbols, Ramzan elevates the language to a near-mythical stature, portraying it as a living embodiment of Kashmiri identity across time, faiths, and socio-political turbulences.

**Language as Civilization**

To write an "anthem" for a language is to crown it — not just as a means of communication but as a sovereign force that shapes civilizations, memories, philosophies, and future visions. In this poem, Professor Shad Ramzan does precisely that: he



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By invoking Prakash Ram Bhat, a Pandit poet, and Moulana Yousuf Shah, a Muslim Qur'an translator, the poet defends the shared inheritance of Kashmiri — beyond religious divisions.

The language is not bound to one community but is a custodian of all, a cultural ligament connecting diverse philosophies. Language as Identity, Resistance, and Resurrection In later stanzas, the poem becomes increasingly political — though never explicitly. For instance:

crafts a monument of language — an ode not only to Kashmiri's linguistic structure but to its spiritual power, historical continuity, and cultural resilience.

In Kashmir — a region historically known for its syncretic culture, mystical traditions, and literary sophistication — the language stands at a crossroads. Between political silences, demographic shifts, and institutional neglect, the very voice of Kashmir often risks erasure. Shad Ramzan's poem, therefore, becomes both a resistance text and a spiritual offering — asserting that the Kashmiri language is not dying, but divine.

**The Architecture of the Anthem**

The poem is structurally shaped by anaphora — the persistent recurrence of the phrase "I am the Kashmiri Language" at the beginning of each stanza. This stylistic device serves three functions:

1. It anchors the reader in the poem's central thesis — that the Kashmiri language is a living, breathing force with agency.
2. The repetition builds a chant-like momentum, imbuing the poem with a sacred, almost liturgical quality.
3. With each stanza, the claim "I am" becomes heavier — packed with more associations, memories, symbols, and resonances.

The form thus mirrors traditional Kashmiri shrukh and vaakh structures, where repetitive refrains serve as poetic and meditative tools.

**Metaphors of Majesty and Sacredness**

Professor Shad Ramzan draws on an opulent field of imagery to describe the Kashmiri language — as queen, mountain, mirror, oracle, mother, and even divine revelation. These metaphors are not mere rhetorical devices but ontological affirmations — they declare the existence and essence of the language in symbolic terms.

**a) Queen and Mountain**

"I am the triumphant queen, the mother of wealth and prosperity.  
Zabarwan strives to scale the summit I stand upon."

Here, the poet places the language above geography. Zabarwan — an enduring mountain range — is imagined to fall short of the height the language inhabits. The Queen is not only sovereign in status but also maternal in her nourishment of civilization — a giver of prosperity, both material and metaphysical.

**b) Divine and Mystical Imagery**

"I am the witness to the stern echo of Kun Fayakoon. I am the manifestation of divine disclosure on sacred tablets." This stanza infuses the language with cosmic purpose. The reference to Kun Fayakoon ("Be, and it is") — a Qur'anic symbol of divine command — places Kashmiri as a participant in the act of creation, or at least as a medium through which divine mysteries are expressed.

It is significant that Shad Ramzan does not limit sacredness to one tradition. His poem weaves Hindu, Islamic, and Sufi strands together, as in:

"I am the Ram Leela bestowed upon Prakash.  
I am the rhythmic recital of the Qur'an by Yousuf."

The implication is clear: Kashmiri is a pluralistic vessel, bearing the devotional fire of Shaivite mystics, Bhakti poets, Islamic scholars, and Sufi saints — all without contradiction.

**Cultural Anchoring and Historical Allusions**  
**The poem grounds itself in a rich cultural context by referencing key figures and terms:**

**a) Kashafmar, Vaakh, Shrukh, Vatchun**

These references celebrate Kashmiri literary forms and philosophies:

Kashafmar is an ancient, almost mythological name for Kashmir — evoking origins and mysticism.

Vaakh and Shrukh reference the devotional poetry of Lal Ded and Nund Rishi — icons of Kashmir's spiritual heritage.

Vatchun, meaning "pronunciation" or "recitation," is elevated to a melodic art — emphasizing orality as a sacred act.

**b) Prakash Ram Bhat and Yousuf Shah**

By invoking Prakash Ram Bhat, a Pandit poet, and Moulana Yousuf Shah, a Muslim Qur'an translator, the poet defends the shared inheritance of Kashmiri — beyond religious divisions.

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"For my inheritors, I am their eternal identity...  
Contemplation bears witness:  
highest is the summit of my prestige."

These lines carry the echo of cultural trauma — referencing perhaps the erosion of Kashmiri from homes, schools, and institutions. Yet, the tone is not elegiac. Instead, it is defiant, suggesting that Kashmiri, though neglected, remains lofty in thought, prestigious in heritage, and eternal in identity.

Philosophical Undercurrents: Kashmiri as "Wujood" The poem is built on a profound metaphysical principle: that a language is not just a tool but a form of being — Wujood. The repeated phrase "I am the Kashmiri Language" thus becomes equivalent to saying "I am existence itself — in this land, for these people, through these memories."

In invoking language as origin and oracle, record and rhythm, Shad Ramzan revives an old truth: to protect a language is to protect a civilization's soul.

**A Monument in Verse**

"Anthem of the Kashmiri Language" is a landmark poem — part ode, part manifesto, part prayer. Professor Shad Ramzan draws from the deepest wells of Kashmir's poetic, mystical, and intellectual traditions to create a portrait of a language that is not fading, but flowering under fire.

This anthem transcends poetic celebration. It is a philosophical declaration, a cultural act of resonance, and a historical reclamation. In its verses, one hears the murmurs of saints, the footsteps of rulers, the whispers of mothers, and the chants of pilgrims — all speaking, still, in the language of Kashmir.

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# The Mobile Phone: A Biggest Distraction



■ Sana Zehra

Mobile phones have become indispensable part of our lives. We use them to talk to people, find information, and navigate our daily lives. But mobile phones are distracting us from what's truly important.

Mobile phones are designed to grab our attention. Notifications, social media, and messages can be overwhelming. This can affect our work, relationships, and mental health. Too much mobile phone use can also lead to feelings of loneliness, less quality time with loved



ones, and misunderstandings. Social media platforms like Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and Telegram can be addictive. Students, in particular, might get distracted and spend too much time just scrolling reels.

There are many benefits of mobile phones. They help us access information, communicate, and make life more convenient. By using mobile phones wisely, we can make our lives better. To achieve this, we need to use mobile phones in a healthy way. This means setting boundaries, prioritizing face-to-face interactions, and being mindful of our phone use.

Mobile phones are a tool, and it's up to us to use them in a way that helps us, not controls us. By finding this balance, we can enjoy the benefits of mobile phones while living a healthy and fulfilling life.

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## Reviving the Habit of Newspaper Reading in the Digital Age



■ Sahil Manzoor Bhatti

In today's society, we often fail to implement practices that are truly beneficial and capable of expanding our minds beyond limits. One such overlooked treasure is the newspaper. A true asset of knowledge, newspapers keep us updated with every significant event around us. They've earned a respected place in fields such as agriculture, education, science and technology, politics, space research, business, and beyond.

Many young learners argue that everything is available online, which saves time and money. While the online mode is convenient, it has its limitations. Prolonged screen exposure drains our energy, harms our eyesight and skin, and causes numerous health concerns. Additionally, more and more online platforms are moving toward paid subscriptions and restricted access, making it harder for learners to access free information.

Despite living in a remote area of Budgam—Raiyar-Ich—I managed to get hard copies of newspapers delivered to my home a few years ago. If given the chance today, I would still prefer to read a printed newspaper daily. I would encourage my family members to do the same—to build

vocabulary, remain updated, and stay intellectually engaged.

Though the majority today access news online, the charm of holding a physical newspaper still remains unmatched. Our youth should reflect on this. Reading in offline mode brings a unique joy, reduces harmful exposure to screens, and allows for better focus and understanding.

Ironically, we spend thousands on skincare and eye treatments due to excessive screen time, when a simple lifestyle change—like reading newspapers—can offer preventive health benefits.

**Take the Initiative**  
Buy a newspaper.  
Read it thoroughly.

It costs just ₹5—a small amount that could support thousands of jobs in journalism, publishing, and distribution. Be a job creator, not a job snatcher.

Newspapers help us stay informed about: National and international events. Weather forecasts. Economic trends like the share market. Government job postings. Travel destinations. Educational updates and awareness campaigns.

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Embrace newspaper and develop your vocabulary if you wish to expand your knowledge, stay informed, and protect your health—start reading the newspaper again. It's a small change with a big impact.

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## Nikah: A Sunnah Made Difficult by Society, Not by Islam



■ Waris Nissar

Qur'an and Sunnah call for simplicity, character, and righteousness in marriage—but societal expectations, especially in Kashmir, have made Nikah a material burden that delays and discourages unions.

### Introduction

Nikah, or Islamic marriage, is one of the most sacred and celebrated institutions in Islam—a bond designed by Allah to bring peace, love, and moral security to individuals and society. Yet in today's world, and particularly in Kashmir, it has become one of the most challenging Sunnahs to fulfill. What was once a simple, blessed act has been transformed into a complicated, expensive ordeal dominated by materialism, social pressure, and unrealistic expectations. This shift has created emotional, psychological, and spiritual harm—especially for youth—and stands in stark contrast to the guidance found in the Qur'an and the life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

### What the Qur'an Really Says About Marriage

Islam does not promote wealth, beauty, or social status as prerequisites for marriage. Instead, it commands believers to value character, modesty, and righteousness. Allah says in the Qur'an: "And marry the unmarried among you and the righteous among your male and female slaves. If they are poor, Allah will enrich them from His bounty." (Surah An-Nur, 24:32) This verse directly affirms that poverty is not a valid reason to delay or deny marriage. Yet, many families today—particularly in Kashmiri society—insist on fixed income, government jobs, and family assets as essential criteria before considering a proposal. The spiritual and moral traits Islam teaches us to prioritize—taqwa (God-consciousness), humility, good manners—are often ignored.

### Character Above Wealth—A Forgotten Criterion

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ gave us a timeless principle to assess potential spouses: "If a man whose religion and character you are pleased with comes to you [with a proposal], then marry him. If you do not, there will be turmoil on Earth and great corruption." (Tirmidhi) Sadly, this advice is rarely followed. Many grooms are rejected simply because they do not own a house or car. Many young women are dismissed because of their skin tone, caste, or family background. These rejections aren't just un-Islamic—they are damaging to individuals and communities. What matters in Islam is not what a person owns but who they



are. Their honesty, their prayers, their trustworthiness—not their pay scale or property. "Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you." (Surah Al-Hujurat, 49:13) This Qur'anic truth should be the foundation of our marriage decisions, not worldly status.

### The Kashmiri Crisis: Overaged and Overlooked

In Kashmir, the crisis of delayed marriages is growing. Many men and women remain unmarried into their thirties not because they lack faith or desire, but because they cannot meet the unreasonable demands of society. Young men with strong character, deen, and education are overlooked because they do not yet have "settled jobs." Young women face constant judgment, stigma, and rejection for things they cannot control. This "overage" culture is producing psychological trauma, depression, and frustration. Families are divided, youth feel hopeless, and communities lose their moral balance. Worse still, this delay opens doors to immorality and temptation—something Islam warns against. The Prophet ﷺ advised: "O young people, whoever among you can marry, let him marry, for it helps lower the gaze and guard chastity." (Bukhari and Muslim) When we make Nikah difficult, we make sin easy.

### The Curse of Extravagant Weddings

Another serious barrier is the obsession with extravagant weddings. In Kashmir, weddings are often defined by how lavish the feast is, how heavy the gold, and how grand the guest list. Families spend lakhs on functions, dowry, and ceremonies—money that could instead support a new couple's actual life. Islam urges simplicity. The Prophet ﷺ said: "The most blessed marriage is the one with the least expenditure." (Bayhaqi) The Prophet married off his daughters with simple dowries and never allowed culture to

overshadow Islam. Yet today, families fall into debt just to meet social expectations. In doing so, we block the very barakah (blessing) that Nikah is meant to bring.

### What Needs to Change

The solution is not hidden—it's in the Qur'an and the life of our Prophet ﷺ. As a society, we must change our standards. We must begin to ask: • Is he honest? • Is she kind? • Does he pray? • Does she observe modesty? • Will they support each other in faith? Not—does he have a car? Is her family well-known? What's the bank balance? What caste? Our elders, scholars, khateebas, and journalists must actively promote this reform. Mosques should facilitate simple Nikah ceremonies. Families must unite to reject lavish demands and prioritize ease, sincerity, and compatibility. The youth must also be educated to value spiritual growth over societal approval.

### Conclusion

Nikah is a gift from Allah, not a transaction to be negotiated with gold, status, or lineage. When we return to the original spirit of marriage in Islam—rooted in love, mercy, and mutual respect—we will see stronger families, healthier minds, and more stable societies. Kashmir, with its proud Islamic heritage, must lead by example and revive the prophetic model of marriage: simple, sincere, and rooted in faith. Let us not be the generation that made Nikah so hard that zina (sin) became easy. Let us be the generation that brought it back to what Allah intended: a blessing, not a burden.

But change will only begin when we stop blaming "society" and start correcting ourselves. Society is not greater than Allah—and if we keep using it as an excuse, we are placing it above His command.

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# Doctor explains why Ozempic use is causing worrying 'Ozempic-sex' side effect

■ Tom Chapman

For those who feel like they're carrying a few extra pounds, the likes of Ozempic, Wegovy, and Mounjaro seem like a godsend.

These semaglutides were originally designed as an anti-diabetic medication, but in 2025, they're proving to be an effective way to tackle obesity.

The problem is, instead of being prescribed the so-called 'skinny jab' by a medical professional, many are turning to online alternatives in the hope of getting that summer body.

Still, with major celebrities ranging from Elon Musk to Sharon Osbourne, Amy Schumer to Tracy Morgan admitting to taking these medications, and with the weight dropping off them, it's no surprise that the general public is scrambling to get similar results.

It's important to weigh up the supposed pros and cons of these jabs, with side effects like 'Ozempic breath' and increased fears of pancreatitis being discussed alongside the potential to reverse liver disease, as well as various cardiovascular benefits.

We've already got a bit raunchy when discussing the supposed 'Ozempic penis' where a gentleman's manhood might appear larger, but on the other end of the spectrum, what about the injections affecting your performance in the bedroom?

After all, what's the point in having the kit if you don't know how to use it?

Over on Reddit, one Ozempic user was concerned with their lack of sex drive since going on the jab, explaining: "I've been on Ozempic for a few months now and I love it. Almost no side effects and I'm down 30lbs. Halfway to my goal weight. I'm on 1.5mg compounded with Vitamin B.

"The only side effect I have noticed that's causing issues in my life is that I have absolutely no sex drive at all, and I'm almost repulsed by the notion of it. I have more or less the same



feelings that I have when presented with a big meal. Like the thought of having sex is almost nauseating.

"If I was single this really wouldn't impact my life very much, but I live with my boyfriend of about 2.5 years, and the sharp decrease in our sex life is causing issues in our relationship. He isn't pressuring me or anything, but we have been kind of growing distant, and we have been bickering."

Others in the thread reported similar 'issues', with one person stating: "Male here 42. Same boat. The new studies show it takes the pleasure out of alcohol and gambling as well. You are not alone. Thankfully I'm divorced and single."

A third said: "Definitely feel same way and glad I'm not the only one. The drug messes with our hormones so much and I'm thinking about taking some libido pills that will amp up my sex drive."

Still, not everyone was convinced. Someone else went the other way and claimed: "This is

not my experience. I (F51) feel like I have an increase in my sex drive. I just don't have an outlet right now. Ugh."

Apparently, there's some genuine science behind it all, with Dr. James Simon, a reproductive endocrinologist, OBGYN and clinical professor at George Washington University, telling The Wall Street Journal: "These drugs do work in the same places that pleasure and sexual interest are located in the human brain—male and female."

As these drugs work by affecting your appetite to make you feel full, it's thought that they may work similarly to the part of our brains that regulates our sex drive.

With semaglutide users seemingly split on whether they're feeling like they can't bear to be touched, and others tearing a partner's clothes off, it seems this is one potential side effect that's hard to pin down.

Courtesy Unilad Tech

# How to spot and manage heart rhythm issues

■ Camilla Foster

A new do-it-yourself heart monitor, the ePatch by Philips, is being given to patients on the NHS to help diagnose heart rhythm issues. Unlike traditional monitoring which requires specialist setup and numerous wires, patients can be sent the ePatch in the post and attach it to their skin with ease at home. After wearing it for a few days, patients post the patch back and then the data from it is analysed by Cardiologists, an AI tool, with final review by a clinician.

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust is the first hospital in the country to roll out the device, with hopes that the device will soon be used across other NHS trusts.

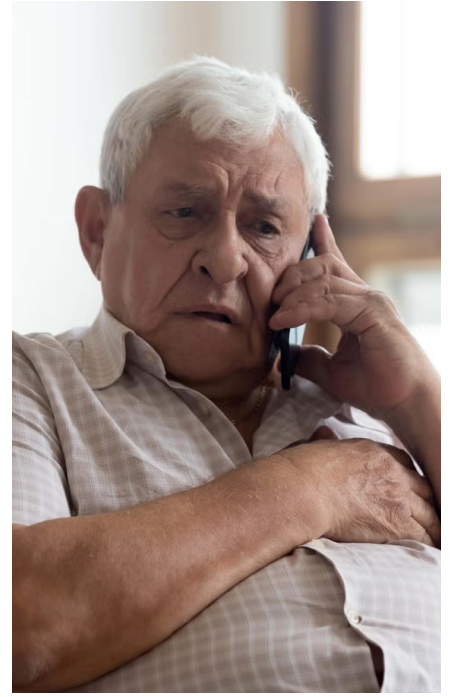
This new device can be used to investigate heart rhythm problems, known as arrhythmias, such as atrial fibrillation, tachycardia and heart blocks.

Arrhythmias can present in different forms, so we got in touch with Dr Oliver Segal, consultant cardiologist and electrophysiologist at The Harley Street Clinic, part of HCA Healthcare UK, to find out how to identify and manage these conditions.

"An arrhythmia is a problem with the heart's electrical system, which controls how the heart beats," explains Segal. "Normally, electrical signals cause the heart to beat in a steady, coordinated rhythm.

"However, in arrhythmias these signals become irregular or disrupted, causing the heart to beat too fast, too slow, or in an uneven pattern. This can affect how well the heart pumps blood around the body."

"Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common serious arrhythmia, where the upper chambers (atria) of the heart beat in a rapid and irregular way," says Segal. "AF can significantly increase the risk of stroke and often occurs without noticeable symptoms, making screening important in some individuals." Bradycardia and tachycardia are also fairly common types of arrhythmia.



"Bradycardia is when the heart beats too slowly which can cause tiredness, dizziness or fainting," explains Segal. "Whereas, tachycardia is when the heart beats too fast. This can originate from the upper chambers (supraventricular tachycardia) or the lower chambers (ventricular tachycardia), which can be more dangerous.

"Other arrhythmias include premature atrial or ventricular contractions (extra beats) and more rare conditions like ventricular fibrillation."

"Risk factors include heart disease, high blood pressure (which can strain the heart over time) and thyroid problems, especially an overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism)," says Segal. "In addition, older age and family history can also increase your risk."

Certain lifestyle factors like smoking and drinking may also have an impact.

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# 'Will Not allow any country take lead in Maldivian affairs': Maldives President

■ United News of India

**MALE/NEW DELHI, JULY 26:** Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu today asserted that it is not his Government's policy to allow any foreign country take the lead in his affairs and said that every square inch of the Indian Ocean island nation's territory will be safeguarded by Maldivians. He was addressing the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and the Maldives Police Service (MPS) on his country's 60th Independence Day. This is the first time in Maldives history that a Maldivian Head of State has addressed both forces at a joint ceremonial gathering.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a two-day State visit to the Maldives, was the Guest of Honour at the celebrations. Highlighting the priority accorded by his Government to police and defence forces, President Muizzu said this focus has, at times, prompted questions regarding the rationale behind such emphasis. Referring to the vast maritime domain of the Maldives, he said that despite the country's relatively small population, it is Maldivians themselves who will bear the responsibility of defending and securing the nation's territory. He, however, acknowledged that the Maldives must rely on



other nations for certain resources and technical expertise, and affirmed the Government's commitment to cooperating with international partners in this regard.

The President also paid tribute to the national heroes whose sacrifices secured the nation's independence, emphasising that every Maldivian citizen should appreciate their legacy. He under-

scored the shared responsibility to preserve the nation's independence and security for the benefit of future generations. Reflecting on the Maldives' enduring history of independence, the President conveyed his profound gratitude to the national defence forces for their unwavering service in upholding the nation's sovereignty, particularly during the rare instances when that independence was challenged. He added that strengthening and developing the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and the Maldives Police Service (MPS) shall remain the Government's utmost priority. UNI RB 1412

## Kharge, Sonia Pay Tribute to Kargil Heroes

■ United News of India

**NEW DELHI, JULY 26:** Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and former UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi paid solemn tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives during the 1999 Kargil War, describing their sacrifice as a "golden chapter of valour in India's history" that will continue to inspire generations. Remembering the courage and sacrifice of the armed forces, leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge wrote on X, "On Kargil Vijay Divas, we extend our heartfelt greetings to the brave soldiers of our Armed Forces, ex-servicemen, their families and all fellow Indians. We bow in reverence and salute the supreme sacrifice of our martyrs who valiantly defended our motherland in the Kargil War. Their unflinching courage and valour will forever inspire generations."

Saluting the indomitable courage and supreme sacrifice of brave soldiers, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said, "On this Kargil Vijay Divas we salute the indomitable courage and supreme sacrifice of our brave soldiers who etched a golden chapter of valour in India's history. Their legacy lives on, inspiring generations to serve with pride and honour."

Kargil Vijay Divas is observed every year on 26 July to mark the successful completion of Operation Vijay in which Indian armed forces recaptured key strategic positions in the Kargil sector of Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistani soldiers who had infiltrated disguised as militants. The war, which lasted over 60 days, ended in a decisive victory for India.

The conflict began in May 1999 when Pakistani soldiers crossed the Line of Control and occupied Indian positions with the objective of severing National Highway 1A—the vital artery connecting Srinagar to Leh. In response, India launched a meticulously planned military campaign marked by fierce high-altitude battles fought in treacherous terrain and sub-zero conditions.

Landmarks like Tololing, Tiger Hill, and Point 4875 became symbols of sacrifice, etched forever in the national memory. Heroes such as Captain Vikram Batra, Major Rajesh Adhikari, Captain Anuj Nayyar, Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav, and Rifleman Sanjay Kumar emerged as icons of Indian valour.

The war ended on July 26, 1999, with India regaining control of all positions without crossing the Line of Control—demonstrating remarkable military restraint and earning international respect. UNI SQ AAB

## At least 8 killed, 13 wounded in "terror" attack in SE Iran

■ United News of India

**TEHRAN, JULY 26:** At least eight people, namely five civilians and three assailants, were killed and 13 others were injured in a "terrorist" attack Saturday morning on the building of the justice department in Iran's southeastern city of Zahedan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchestan province, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

Responsibility for the attack has been claimed by Jaish al-Zulm, designated by Iran as a terrorist group, the report said.

It added that upon entering the justice department's premises, the "terrorists" opened fire on the people there, stressing that the casualties could further increase.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said in a statement published on its official news outlet Sepah News that its ground forces managed to kill three of the "terrorists."



The IRGC added that some of those injured in the attack were in critical condition, giving the assurance that security forces had the situation under control. In remarks to Tasnim, Mohammad-Hassan Mohammadi, head of Zahedan University of Medical Sciences, said all the wounded were transferred to nearby hospitals.

Provincial authorities have called on people to stay away from the justice department and the surrounding areas. Jaish al-Zulm has been involved in many deadly attacks against Iranian security forces and civilians in recent years. UNI XINHUA ARN

## Maldivian President Muizzu affirms enduring strength of India-Maldives ties at state banquet

■ United News of India

**NEW DELHI, JULY 25:** Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu today affirmed the enduring strength of Maldives-India relations, stating that the historic bond between both nations cannot be weakened.

He made the remarks at a state banquet hosted by himself and First Lady Sajidha Mohamed in honour of Indian Prime Minister Modi, who is on a two-day state visit to the Maldives at the President's invitation.

In his speech, the President said that while this year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of official diplomatic relations between the Maldives and India, the relationship dates back centuries. While history bears witness to this, he noted that both countries have deep-rooted ties through trade and other cultural activities since long before official diplomatic relations were established.

The President emphasised that India has always been an important partner in the Maldives' development journey, and noted that the relationship is strengthening, particularly in the fields of security, health, trade and education. He expressed confidence that India can play an important role in building a sustainable, inclusive and youth-driven economy in the Maldives.

In his speech, the President also acknowledged Prime Minister Modi as the second longest-serving Prime Minister in India's history, describing it as a reflection of his dedication to national service.

The banquet was attended by members of the visiting Indian delegation and senior officials of the Government of the Maldives.

Earlier, during the joint press statement following their delegation level talks, President Muizzu underscored India's central role in the Maldives' development. Eight memoranda of under-

standing were signed during the official meetings, reflecting mutual commitment to broad collaboration across key sectors, including infrastructure, defence, education, health care, and economic development.

Among the agreements, a USD 565 million line of credit was announced, an initiative President Muizzu described as essential for advancing critical national priorities. Targeted areas include sports, public housing, health services, education, and military infrastructure.

India also offered a currency swap facility intended to help the Maldives navigate prevailing economic challenges.

Discussions also reflected the durability of bilateral relations, as President Muizzu commended India's longstanding assistance, including its timely response during disasters and emergencies, which reinforced the partnership's humanitarian and strategic significance.

## Indian medical team in Dhaka visits burns patients of July 21 plane crash

■ United News of India

**DHAKA, JULY 25:** The Indian Medical Team in Dhaka, including two burns injury specialists from two top Delhi hospitals, continued to provide medical support for the treatment of critically injured patients in the aftermath of the plane crash of July 21 at Milestone School and College in Dhaka.

Today, the team held the second round of consultations with doctors at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in

Dhaka, visited some of the patients and observed their prognosis.

The team further deliberated management protocols with the doctors at the Institute and provided critical inputs for treatment methodology, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka said.

On July 21, a Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) FT-7BG1 fighter jet on a routine training mission crashed, due to a technical error, into the Milestone School and College campus in the Uttara



neighbourhood of Dhaka, killing 34 people, mostly students and

the pilot, while around 173 people were injured, many with burns.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on Monday, while condoling the loss of lives in the tragic air crash, offered to extend all possible support and assistance.

India has sent a medical team comprising two top burns injury specialists -- one each from Safdarjung Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia hospital, along with a nursing attendant, to Dhaka for the purpose. UNI RN

## Taiwan holds controversial vote targeting 'pro-China' lawmakers

■ United News of India

**TAIPEI, JULY 26:** Thousands of Taiwanese are heading to the polls in an unprecedented and controversial vote aimed at ousting lawmakers accused of being too close to China.

More than 30 lawmakers have been targeted in the "dabamian", or Great Recall vote, initiated by a civic movement.

The vote has the potential to alter the balance of power in Taiwan, which has seen months of political deadlock between the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) government and the legislature dominated by the opposition Kuomintang and its allies, reports BBC.

The issue has deeply divided Taiwanese society, which has seen large rallies and fierce debate. Both pro-recall and anti-recall activists claim to be fighting for Taiwan's democracy.

The movement around the recall vote began with elections in January 2024, when voters chose the DPP's William Lai as their president but gave the opposition the dominant presence in the parliamentary Legislative Yuan.

In the following months, the main opposition party Kuomintang worked



together with the smaller Taiwan People's Party and independents to block DPP bills and pass controversial pieces of legislation.

These moves angered some Taiwanese, who saw these as attempts to stymie the DPP government while strengthening the opposition's parliamentary power.

In May 2024, thousands began

holding protests in what became known as the Bluebird movement, partially

Many in the movement believe the opposition, led by the Kuomintang which is known for its relatively friendlier position on China, is being influenced by Beijing and secretly pushing China's agenda in Taiwan's legislature. UNI XC SS

## Russia lifts lid on secretive drone factory

■ United News of India

**MOSCOW, JULY 26:** In the first official glimpse inside the production facility of Russia's main attack drone factory, Moscow has now chosen to publicize the factory and its contribution to Russia's war effort.

Standing at the Alabuga factory amid rows of the distinctive black, triangular Iranian-designed attack drones (known as "Geran" in Russian), Timur Shagivaleev, the man behind one of the country's biggest drone factories, has every reason to feel emboldened.

Instead of shying away from discussing details of the plant, he shows off the construction facility at the site in southern Russia.

Dozens of new buildings, believed to be new dormitories and production facilities, have been rapidly taking shape since the winter snow melted this year, reports CNN.

This is Russia's main attack drone factory, a key part of the Kremlin's escalating drone offensive on Ukrainian cities.

To fuel this effort, there's also now evidence that the site is drafting teenagers, not only into drone assembly at Alabuga but also into construction work, Shagivaleev, Alabuga's director general, suggests that Alabuga, which has been churning out Iranian-designed Shahed drones for almost three years, has now fully shifted from being an Iranian franchise to a



fully localized production line.

David Albright, a former UN weapons inspector, who is head of the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), told CNN that Moscow's decision to lift the lid on the factory shows "the Russian authorities are feeling more confident about their ability to make drones."

Alabuga began producing Shahed drones in 2023 and it now also churns out cheaper versions designed to act as decoys (known as "Gerbera"). The site was already expanding as Russian drone attacks on Ukraine started to ramp up last August and recent satellite images reveal even faster growth over the past few months.

Between late 2024 and mid-July this year, satellite imagery shows at least eight new warehouse-like structures at Alabuga, close to the buildings previously identified as Shahed manufacturing facilities. Several are still under construction.

A July 12 image shows at least 104 identical rectangular buildings either fully or partially built, with a similar footprint to existing structures known to be worker dormitories. In images from February, there were only 15 such buildings. The work on the new buildings appears to have begun in earnest in March. More than half of the housing unit construction visible on July 12 image was not there on June nine.

These buildings could accommodate up to 40,000 workers when finished, which will represent "a pretty substantial increase in drone production."

However, Alabuga's current production numbers remain a closely held secret. The plant is producing nine times more than originally planned.

In December, as per a CNN report, Alabuga had produced more than 5,700 Shahed drones between January and September 2024, more than double the number it produced in the whole of 2023.

Evidently, Alabuga is bringing young boys and girls, aged around 15 years, not only into assembly work but construction.

The camp is organized by the "Russian Student Brigades," which claims to be the largest youth organization in the country and has drafted in about 2,500 students to build a housing complex called "Mediterranean Park" at Alabuga. UNI XC SS

## Sakeena Itoo holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Binimulla Chanderggi area of Kulgam district

Omar Govt Reaffirms Commitment to Good Governance

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**KULGAM, JULY 26:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Binimulla Chanderggi area of Kulgam district and held a massive Public Grievance Redressal Camp to directly engage with the people and address their concerns.

During the camp, the Minister patiently listened to the grievances and demands put forth by the local residents and assured prompt redressal through effective coordi-



nation among concerned departments.

Addressing a large gathering, the Minister highlighted that the government under the leadership

of Omar Abdullah is a pro-public government that remains committed to transparent, accountable and citizen-centric governance. "We are working tirelessly to ensure improved

public services, equitable development and doorstep delivery of essential facilities," she said.

She further assured the public that all promises made by the government will be fulfilled in a phased and transparent manner.

The Minister also announced that a water supply scheme worth Rs. 2.5 crores has been sanctioned to resolve the drinking water scarcity in the area.

The Minister also highlighted about new developmental projects aimed at the holistic upliftment of the region.

## Cultural Unit, DIPR organizes series of programs under Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan, the Cultural Unit of Srinagar, Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), in collaboration with the Government Boys Higher Secondary School Nawakadal organized a significant awareness program focused on drug de-addiction.

During the event, a captivating short play performed by a local artist group highlighted the severe realities and repercussions of substance abuse, making a lasting impact on the audience.

Toiba Tabasum, Principal of the school, along with Haadia, Senior Lecturer and Programme Coordinator, expressed their appreciation for the initiative and emphasized the necessity of spreading preventive awareness among the youth.

Burhan Hussain, the Cultural Officer, also spoke at the event, highlighted significance of theatre to influence public perception. The program concluded with a commitment from students, staff, and officials to unite against drug-related issues and to advocate for a healthy, substance-free environment.

Another awareness initiative took place at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Rajbagh, where a themed skit performed by a local artist group effectively showcased the threats posed by substance addiction, receiving enthusiastic applause from the students.

Rajinder Kour, the Principal, praised the awareness campaign and highlighted the critical role of education in protecting young minds.

The Cultural Officer underscored the importance of theatre in shaping societal views on the Nasha Mukt J&K effort.



The session ended with students and staff pledging their dedication to a drug-free community.

Additionally, a thematic skit named 'Drug-Free Kashmir' was presented at Abhinandan Home, a school for specially-abled children, located in Higher Secondary School Solina, Srinagar.

This program aimed to raise awareness about the serious issue of drug abuse and its detrimental effects on individuals and communities.

Designed for specially-abled students, the skit delivered a powerful social message advocating for a drug-free future.

The event took place under the guidance of Mukhtar Ahmad, the Officer In Charge of Abhinandan Home, who accentuated the significance of inclusive outreach endeavors. The Principal and Coordinator of the school acknowledged the program and the department's efforts to engage youth creatively in the campaign.

The program concluded successfully, generating positive feedback from the audience and reaffirming the commitment to fostering social awareness through the arts.

## Principal Accountant General chairs first ever Pension Adalat at Shopian

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**SHOPIAN, JULY 26:** The first ever Pension Adalat was held today at Government Degree College, Shopian, by the office of Principal Accountant General, J&K, in collaboration with District Treasury Office Shopian.

The Adalat was held to listen to the grievances of pensioners, settle pension related cases and sensitize the DDOs about e-processing of pension cases through recently launched pension Suvidha Portal.

Principal Accountant General (A&E), J&K, Jay Prakash Narayan Singh, inaugurated the Adalat which was also attended by Deputy Accountant General, Pawan Kumar Rathi, District Treasury Officer, Muzafar Ahmad Rather and Senior Accounts Officers and other officials of PAGs office.

Appreciable number of pensioners and DDOs attended the Adalat and appreciated the step of the department taken towards the direction of streamlining the pension process.

The DDOs were imparted impactful insights into the pension related rules and norms and new procedural interventions taken to ensure hassle-free pension settlements. Speakers dealt with Pension Suvidha Portal, pension verifications and other related issues.

District Treasury officer presented highlighted the importance of conducting the Pension Adalat.

A team of officers and officials, on the occasion, attended the pensioner's grievances and scrutinized various pension issues and redressed many of them on the spot.

On the occasion, the Pensioner Front Shopian also presented a memorandum of demands to the PAG.

The Deputy Accountant General chaired a grievance session, listened keenly to the grievances of the pensioners for redressal and replied queries of pensioners. He also spoke on strengthening the bond between the pensioners and the office of Principal Accountant General office by holding outreach camps.

The Principal Accountant General, while speaking at the event, said the department intends to connect to the pensioners more effectively by organising such outreach programs. He highlighted the role of efficient and collaborative mechanism between the pensioners, pension sanctioning authorities and office of PAG for the benefit of pensioners.

The PAG committed that similar Pension Adalats shall be organised in future.

"Welfare of pensioners is the focus of the department and we are proactively addressing the issues of pensioners and committed to serve them with utmost compassion and integrity, said the PAG.

## Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers Union Calls on Advisor to Chief Minister

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** A delegation of the All Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers' Union today met Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to Chief Minister, at the Chief Minister's Raabita Office in Srinagar.

The delegation apprised the Advisor of the challenges they are facing in the smooth transportation of livestock into Kashmir, particularly while passing through the state of Punjab. They conveyed their concern over repeated disruptions and difficulties being encountered by livestock carriers

during transit through the state, which is affecting the timely and safe supply of livestock to the Valley.

The Union members urged the intervention of the J&K Government in taking up the issue with the authorities in Punjab to ensure hassle-free passage of livestock trucks.

The Advisor gave them a patient hearing and assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up with the Punjab Government on priority and all the genuine concerns of the livestock traders will be addressed to avoid any disruption in the supply chain

## Awareness camp for artisans & weavers held at Chihama Baramulla

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**BARAMULLA, JULY 26:** Department of Handicrafts Saturday organized a one-day awareness camp at Dak Bunglow Chihama, under Handicrafts Block Rafiabab.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of artisans and weavers of Rafiabab, alongside officials and representatives from various line departments, banks, and RSETI.

The camp was chaired by ADC Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; Assistant Director Handicrafts Baramulla, CDI Faculty, Handloom Training Officer Baramulla, and Assistant Handicrafts Training Officers of district Baramulla.

It aimed to spread awareness about various departmental initiatives and welfare schemes to uplift the artisan and weaver community. Participants received detailed information on financial incentives, training programs, and government support available for their growth and

welfare. Kashmir Handicrafts, especially from Baramulla, are known for their exquisite craftsmanship and unique designs. The region is famous for hand-knotted carpets, intricate woodwork, and handloom products that reflect the rich heritage of Baramulla's artisan community.

Such awareness camps play a vital role in promoting these crafts and ensuring that artisans receive the support and recognition.

## Dir Sheep Husbandry visits Pulwama, inspects various ongoing works

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**SRINAGAR, JULY 26:** Director Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Shah alongwith Deputy Director Central Dr. Mohammad Amin Dar today conducted an extensive tour of District Pulwama.

During the visit Director inspected various ongoing works under various schemes. On the occasion, he expressed satisfaction over the progress of all these activities.

Later, he addressed a gathering of sheep & goat farmers and educated participants about various farmer centric schemes being implemented in the UT.

The farmers projected their grievances & demands which were addressed on the spot. Shah also distributed several tents,



PP sheets and authorization letters among approved applicants under HADP scheme.

## DC Kupwara chairs DLSCC meeting, 42 cases cleared

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**KUPWARA, JULY 26:** The District Level Screening cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) today met here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan to discuss ex-gratia relief cases pertaining to incidents involving death, injury, property damage, SRO-43, and police personnel.

A comprehensive review of 95 cases was undertaken during the meeting, with inputs gathered from the Police, Army, CRPF and field functionaries.

Emphasizing the importance of thorough consideration, the Deputy Commissioner directed the committee to take into account all available reports, ensuring a balanced approach. Meanwhile, clarification from different



agencies were sought for approval of the cases discussed.

A total of 95 cases of different categories were put forth for discussion before the Committee. These cases pertained to SRO-43, Ex-gratia, Missing, Death and Property. After thorough deliberation, 42 cases were cleared by the Committee and rest of the cases were deferred for want of clarification from the concerned agencies.

SSP Kupwara, Gulam Jeelani; ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad; ASP Handwara; CMO, DIO, besides, officers of Army, CID and CRPF attended the meeting.

## D C Budgam chairs public darbar at Summerbugh Shalina, assures redressal of grievances

■ HT News Network / DIPR

**BUDGAM, JULY 26:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, today chaired a public darbar at Summerbugh Shalina in Block BK Pora, where he listened to the grievances and demands of residents from Summerbugh and adjoining villages, including Shalina, Rekh Shalina, Golpora, and Sheerbagh.

During the interactive session, DC gave a patient hearing to multiple individuals and delegations, assuring them of timely redressal of their genuine concerns.

On the occasion, public raised several key demands, including development of the KLR road and inner link roads, establishment of a Veterinary Centre in the area, upgradation of Government Girls High School, holding medical camps and introduction of specialty ophthalmology services.

Besides, closure of illegal stone crushers operating in the vicinity, provision of public transportation from Summerbugh to the national highway, construction of drainage systems for dewatering the area, augmentation of sports grounds



with modern facilities, development of a public park, availability of 24x7 ambulance services, completion of the footbridge at Seerbagh, Installation of street lights across the area, construction of a marriage hall, fencing of the local graveyard, strict action against drug addiction among youth and crackdown on drug supply chains were also raised during the event.

DC assured the public that all genuine demands will be addressed promptly, while issues beyond the district administration's competence would be forwarded to higher au-

thorities for necessary action. He also assured that the main road leading to Summerbugh shall be macadamised this year under the NABARD.

Emphasising the importance of grassroots governance, DC directed all district officers to conduct regular field visits and engage with the public to understand their concerns firsthand.

He also informed the gathering that a mega employment camp will soon be organized in the area to provide job opportunities for local youth.

## J&K Students Association Delegation Calls on CM's Advisor Over Harassment of Livestock Transporters in Punjab

■ HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, JUL 26:** A delegation comprising members of the Jammu & Kashmir Students Association and the Jammu & Kashmir Mutton Dealers Association, led by Nasir Khuehami, National Convener of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association, met with the Advisor to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Nasir Sogami, to raise serious concerns over the ongoing harassment, extortion, and illegal seizure of livestock transporters in Punjab en route to Kashmir. The delegation highlighted how this sustained harassment has severely impacted the livelihoods of hundreds of dealers and transporters and exposed the systemic abuse taking place at key checkpoints in Punjab.

During the meeting, the delegation explained that Kashmiri truckers are being forcibly stopped at various transit points in Punjab,



blackmailed under the guise of animal welfare enforcement, and slapped with fabricated FIRs. The truckers, often stranded for hours in scorching heat, are forced to witness their livestock dying due to prolonged delays, resulting in tremendous financial loss and emotional distress. The delegation alleged that this daylight extortion is being carried out by local contractors with the tacit approval of certain officials, fostering an environment of lawlessness and fear along the highways.

Khuehami informed the Advisor that the Jammu and Kashmir Mutton

Dealers Association has been compelled to suspend the transportation of livestock from outside states due to the repeated and unlawful harassment, extortion, and intimidation faced by truckers, particularly at the Shambu and Madhopur checkpoints in Punjab.

"This ongoing harassment has severely disrupted the vital mutton supply chain to the Kashmir Valley," the delegation pointed out. "Daily losses now exceed 50,000, directly affecting thousands of livelihoods across Jammu and Kashmir, especially those dependent

on the livestock and meat trade."

In response, Advisor Nasir Sogami assured the delegation that the issue would be taken up at the highest level. He conveyed that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will personally intervene and raise the matter with his Punjab counterpart. The Advisor assured swift action to bring an end to this mafia-style extortion, ensure the revocation of false FIRs, facilitate the release of the seized trucks and livestock, and hold all those involved accountable.

The delegation emphasized that Kashmir's economy, dignity, and food security cannot be allowed to fall victim to unchecked corruption and systematic exploitation on Punjab's highways. They urged both the Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab governments to take coordinated action to safeguard the rights, safety, and livelihoods of Kashmiri transporters and traders.

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**ELECTION RESULT**

A meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> July' 2025 to address the scheduled electoral process. It has come to our attention that for the elections, there is now only one candidate for the post of President and one for the post of General Secretary. Both the posts would therefore be filled without any opposition.

Mr. Shabir Ahmad (Prop. Mehjoor Art Press) would be the new President of KPA. Mr. Shahid Malik (Prop. Speedway Printers) would be the General Secretary. The new working body would be constituted in the coming week and a general meeting would be later announced to convey the same.

**Election Conducting Body Kashmir Printers Association**

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Mr. Mohammad Shafi  
Kohimaran Printing Press

**JDA halts illegal mining in Nagrota; Retrieves 15 Kanal encroached land; Dismantles temporary structures along Ring Road**

HT News Desk / DIPR

**JAMMU, JULY 26:** In a significant move against illegal mining and land encroachment, the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), in coordination with the District Administration Jammu, conducted a joint anti-encroachment operation in Khasra No. 851, village Nagrota.

The action led to the retrieval of 15 kanal JDA land that had been illegally occupied and subjected to unauthorized mining activities. The land situated in a sensitive and strategically important area was being misused by elements of the land mafia,



causing both environmental damage and loss to public assets.

In a coordinated effort, JDA team headed by Director Land Management JDA under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Jammu and Vice Chairman JDA acted swiftly to stop the illegal mining and dismantle all encroachments from the site. JDA boards were also installed on the spot. The operation was carried out under the broader directive to protect public land and uphold the rule of law.

Officials confirmed that further legal proceedings will be initiated against those responsible and steps have been taken to prevent re-encroachment. Surveillance in the area has been strengthened.

Meanwhile, another team of JDA dismantled temporary structures along Ring Road at Bishnah. The JDA appeals to the public to report any instances of illegal land use and reiterates its dedication to transparent and responsible land management.

**Public Notice**

I have lost my Mobile phone:(Awesome Graphite 8GB ) along with sim card bearing phone No 8899990181 & 2nd sim card 9419461665 while travelling from in children Hospital Bemina if anybody found Kindly return to below mentioned address otherwise I am applying for Duplicate Sim cards any objection in this regard he /she may contact with POLICE STATION BEMINA SRINAGAR within seven days from the publication of the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name...**FIRDOUS AHMAD TANTRY**  
S/O MOHD MUSTAFA TANTRY  
R/O ...DANGERPORA QASBA MALMOH  
BARAMULLAH

**Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that I Musadiq Feroze Malik, S/O Feroze Ahmad Malik, R/O Gassi Mohalla safakadal have lost my 12th grade discharge certificate recently which was issued by BHSS Batamaloo Srinagar under the registration number N/8302280052. I am applying for a new one if someone has found it kindly return it to me. To return contact on:9797911937. Interest having any objection may write or contact to above given number with 7 days and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

**Public Notice**

My Name has been wrongly written in my Adhaar Card and D.O.B 03-07-2007 As Shaidd Ahmad S/O Fayaz Ahmad Dar while my actual Name is Shahid Fayaz Dar S/O Fayaz Ahmad Dar and D.O.B 27-06-2007 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 Bakshipora Srinagar**  
Adhaar No: **7896-4033-1324**

**Public Notice**

I have lost my date of Death (DOD) certificate bearing DOD 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.

Name: **Sitara Begum M/O Muzaffar Ahmad Shah**  
W/O Gh Nabi Shah  
R/O Watergam, Tehsil...Wagoora

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as NUSRULLAH KHANPATHAN in my driving licence bearing licence no JK09 2020 0001687 while my correct name is NUSRULLAH KHAN as per adhar record which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he /she may file his /her objection in the office of ARTO KUPWARA /BARAMULLA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name....**NUSRULLA KHAN**  
S/O **HABIBULLAH KHAN**

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as RIZWAN MOHI UD DIN in my Adhar card while my correct name is NAZIMA JAN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he /she may contact with concerned adhar authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

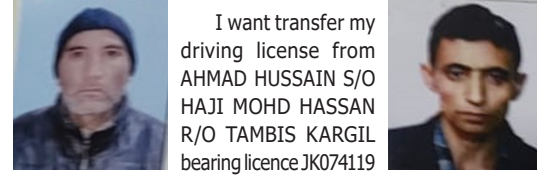
Name....**NAZIMA JAN**  
D/O **GHULAM MOHI UD DIN BHAT**  
R/O **VIZER WAGOORA**

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as SAKEENA BANO in my Adhar card while my correct name is AAMINA SHABIR which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he /she may contact with concerned adhar authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name....**AAMINA SHABIR**  
D/O **SHABIR AHMAD BHAT**  
R/O **TRUMBUNGUND**

**Public Notice**



I want transfer my driving license from AHMAD HUSSAIN S/O HAJI MOHD HASSAN R/O TAMBIS KARGIL bearing licence JK074119 to GHULAM ABASS S/O GHULAM HAIDER R/O TRESPONE KARGIL If anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may contact with ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KARGIL. within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Transferor: **Ahmad Hussain, S/O: Haji Mohd Hussain , R/O: Tambis**  
Transferee: **Ghulam Abass, S/O Ghulam Haider , R/O Trespone**

**Public Notice**

It is hereby notified that I, Mohd Hussain Raina, S/o Mohd Shaban Raina, R/o Lariora, Pahalgam, District Anantnag, have obtained my Date of Birth Certificate from the Municipal Committee Pahalgam, as per my Date of Birth 13/04/1984.

If anyone has any objection regarding the same, they may contact the concerned authority within 7 days of the publication of this notice.

Name: **Mohd Hussain Raina, S/o : Mohd Shaban Raina**  
Address: **Lariora, Pahalgam, District Anantnag**  
Date of Birth: **13/04/1984**

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as BURHAN YASEEN MALLA in my Adhar card while my correct name is FARHAAN YASEEN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he /she may contact with concerned adhar authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name: **Farhaan Yaseen , S /O Yaseen Ahmad Malla**  
R/O **Rangwar Ushkara**

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as ADEEBA in my Adhar card while my correct name is BURHAN YASEEN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he / she may contact with concerned adhar authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name: **Burhan Yaseen, S /O Yaseen Ahmad Malla**  
R/O **Rangwar Ushkara**

**Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written as FARHAAN YASEEN in my Adhar card while my correct name is ADEEBA YASEEN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he /she may contact with concerned adhar authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name: **Adeeba Yaseen D /O Yaseen Ahmad Malla**  
R/O **Rangwar Ushkara**

**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 Death of GHULAM NABI BHAT S/O ABDUL GANI BHAT R/O DANDMOHA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 03/02/1995 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection.

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

Sd/- **Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri**

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**Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department, Kashmir**

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GIST OF Short-term e-NIT No: **MHDA/TS/22 of 2025-26** | Dated: **24-07-2025.**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT short-term e-tenders are invited from OEM's, authorized dealers of OEM's/ Experienced Firms for the below mentioned work:

Name of the Work	Est. Cost	T.D Cost	E/M	Contract Period
Repairs of 300 LPM Oxygen Plant (Make Atlas Copco OGP 20) along with Comprehensive Maintenance Contract and Operation of the same for one (01) year at District Hospital Pulwama.	9.073	500	18150	1 year

Administrative Approval: Accorded by Director of Health Services Kashmir vide Order No. 62/DHSK of 2025 Dated: 05-06-2025 along with corrigendum No. DHSK/Plg/CMC/939-41 dated: 12-06-2025

Technical Sanction: Accorded under no. MHED/K/TS/42 dated: 14-06-2025 by Chief Engineer M&HED Kashmir Srinagar.

Position of Funds: To be made available by intending Department as per AAA.

- The tender document, consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 24-07-2025 (16:00 hrs.).
- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 24-07-2025 (17:00 hrs.) to 30-07-2025 (14:00hrs) in two (02) Cover format.
- The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 31-07-2025 at (14:00 hrs.) or any date convenient to the department in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag.

No: **MHDA/TS-289/1117-18** | Dated: **24-07-2025.**

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**  
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag

DIPK: **4349/25** | Dated: **26-07-2025**

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT

**Office of the Zonal Education Officer Aishmuqam**

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Subject: Tentative engagement/hiring list of AAYA/Helper (co-terminus with Academic year) under ECCE for the year 2025-26 in Govt. Primary School Tulhad, Aishmuqam.

**NOTIFICATION**

1. Whereas, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, Jammu ft Kashmir UT vide order No.: 07 OF CHIRAG-2023 Dated: 09/01/2023 duty endorsed by Chief Education Officer Anantnag vide No.: CEO/A/Sms/97500-511/23 Dated: 19/01/2023 issued orders for hiring/ engagement of Helpers/AAYAs in different schools under ECCE. The continuation of existing AAYAs/Helpers has been extended for the Academic year 2025-26 vide Directorate of Samagra Shiksha JETK Order No. 133 of CHIRAG-2025 dated 20.05.2025. Besides, the Chief Education Officer Anantnag vide No. CEO/A/Sms/ECCE/25/28492-674 dated 09.07.2025 directed all Zonal Education Officers to issue fresh advertisement notification in all pending schools where AAYAs are not presently working. It is pertinent to mention here that one (01) school viz., Govt. Primary School Tulhad of this zone was eligible for the AAYA engagement as per the enshrined guidelines of SAMAGRA Shiksha issued from time to time in the matter.

2. Whereas, this office vide No.: ZEO/A/Sns/25/655-57 Dated: 16.07.2025 floated advertisement for engagement/hiring of Helper/AAYA under ECCE in Govt. Primary School Tulhad purely on temporary basis and coterminous with the academic year 2025-26 for seeking applications from eligible candidates.

3. Whereas, in response to the advertisement notification floated by this office in the matter, 01 (one) application form from eligible candidate was received by this office up to the last date for submission of application forms.

4. Whereas, the School Level Committee in consultation with VEC/SMC/Sr. Citizens have prepared/drawn the panel of eligible candidate strictly in order of merit/preference as per the detailed guidelines of Samagra Shiksha issued from time to time in the matter.

5. Whereas, this office cross-checked the application file and the panel drawn-up by the School Level Screening Committee. Upon perusal of the School Level Panel in corroboration with the individual application file, it has been found that the panel prepared by the School Level Screening Committee is in order and as per the merit/preference in sequel to the detailed guidelines of Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, JETK UT issued from time to time in the matter.

Now, therefore, in view of the above Ft principle of Merit-Cum-Preference, the Tentative Engagement/Hiring List for engagement/ hiring of Helper/AAYA under ECCE in Govt. Primary School Tulhad for the Academic year 2025-26 purely on temporary basis co-terminus with academic year is hereby notified as under:

S.No	Name of Candidate	Parentage	Residence	Household Category	DOB	Qual.	Category
1	Sumira Anjum	Gh. Qadir Bhat	Ward No. 13, Tulhad Aishmuqam	AAY	17/05/1993	12th	Orphan by Father

It is further notified that:

- Mere figuring in the tentative engagement list shall not entitle a candidate to figure in the final engagement list as AAYA/ Helper and shall be subject to the document verification.
- The Tentative selection list shall be subject to the outcome of any writ petition(s), if any, pending in any court of law of the competent jurisdiction.
- The Tentative Selection List shall also be subject to the outcome of enquiry, if any, involving candidates, figuring in the tentative selection Oct.

In case any candidate(s) is aggrieved with this tentative selection list, she may represent in this office within seven days from the date of issuance of this notification, beyond which no representation shall be entertained.

No: **ZEO/A/Sms/25/708-10** | Dated: **26/07/2025**

Sd/- **(Manzoor Ahmad Khatana)**  
Zonal Education Officer, Aishmuqam

DIPK: **4308/25** | Dated: **26-07-2025**

Shri Machail Mata Yatra 2025

# Nearly 5,000 Pilgrims pay obeisance at Holy Shrine

HT News Desk / DIPR

**KISHTWAR, JULY 26:** The revered Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2025, which officially commenced on July 25, 2025, touched nearly 5 thousand mark with 4,944 pilgrims (3861 males, 776 females and 307 children) performing Darshan at the Holy Shree Chandri Mata Mandir at Village Machail in Paddar Valley.

This annual Yatra is one of the most significant pilgrimages in the Jammu Division as its popularity has soared in past years, with about 3 lakh pilgrims visiting last year alone.

Pilgrims along with the holy mace (Chhari) procession will proceed from Jammu on August

17 towards Darbar following traditional path and transits. The Yatra shall conclude on 5 September.

The weather at Machail Bhawan remains clear, ensuring a smooth experience for the devotees.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar in collaboration with the district administration Kishtwar, spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and local administration, is diligently working to ensure comprehensive arrangements for the Yatris this year.

Langars by devotees near Bhawan Machail and en-route are offering meals to the pilgrims.



Additionally, lodging facilities have been made available at the Yatri Bhawan Gulabgarh, Saphire Guest House, luxury mush-

room tents, along with various tent accommodations and Yatri Sarai near Chandi Mata Bhawan, Machail for the comfort of the devotees.

With the footfall expected to exceed 5 lakh this year, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma has appealed Yatristo follow guidelines/ SoPs and Yatra timings religiously. The Departure Timing from Kishtwar to Gulabgarh is 05:00 AM to 05:00 PM, Gulabgarh to Machail - 04:30 AM to 04:30 PM and Arrival Timing Machail to Gulabgarh - 04:30 AM to 04:30 PM, Gulabgarh to Kishtwar - 05:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

To ensure a safe and pleasant journey for the pilgrims, the

administration has upgraded the road connectivity and made adequate arrangements of water supply, sanitation, security and online registration through the website.

The addition of a road up to Chashoti on the Gulabgarh to Machail axis has significantly reduced the trekking distance, now taking approximately 3-4 hours. Furthermore, the road from Chishoti to Hamori is clear, with the only pending work being the construction of a bridge at Chishoti, which is progressing rapidly and is expected to be completed soon. New bridges and repairs to existing infrastructure aim to provide a safe and hassle-free experience for

Yatris amid challenging geography.

The pilgrims can visit the official Machail Yatra website at [www.shrimachailmatayatra.com](http://www.shrimachailmatayatra.com) for online registration and get updated information regarding the Yatra, including, routes and other facilities.

This resource is designed to help pilgrims stay informed and address any queries they may have. Yatris are advised to carry their Aadhar cards and review the guidelines on the website.

The administration remains committed to ensuring a seamless and spiritually fulfilling experience for all devotees participating in the Shree Machail Yatra this year.

## Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorated with patriotic fervour in Thathri

50-Foot National Flag inaugurated as a tribute to brave hearts

HT News Desk / DIPR

**DODA, JULY 26:** The town of Thathri in district Doda resounded with patriotic pride as Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed with solemnity and zeal to honour the brave soldiers who laid down their lives during the 1999 Kargil War.

A major highlight of the occasion was the inauguration of a 50-foot high national flag at Thathri, serving as a towering symbol of nationalism and respect for the heroes of the Kargil War.

Speaking on the occasion, District Development Commissioner



Doda, Harvinder Singh paid rich tributes to the martyrs and lauded their supreme sacrifice, describing them as eternal symbols of courage and patriotism for the

entire nation. The commemorative event witnessed the presence of senior civil, army and police officers, ex-servicemen, students and residents

of the area. Floral tributes were offered at the war memorial, followed by the national anthem and stirring patriotic songs that echoed through the venue.

Speakers emphasized the significance of remembering the sacrifices made by our soldiers and called upon the youth to uphold the ideals of unity, bravery and nation-building.

The commemorative event at Thathri witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers of the Indian Army, the DDC Member Thathri, officials from various government departments, ex-servicemen, students and a large

number of local residents.

Their presence added solemnity and grandeur to the occasion, as floral tributes were offered at the war memorial. The event was further enriched by the rendition of the national anthem and powerful patriotic songs, which echoed throughout the venue, instilling a deep sense of pride and unity among all attendees. The collective participation of civilians and officials alike highlighted the district's unwavering respect for the sacrifices of the armed forces and reinforced the importance of national integration and patriotic values.

## Doda Schools celebrate Kargil Vijay Diwas with patriotic zeal; DC flags off mega Tiranga Rally

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**DODA, JULY 26:** Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated across Doda district with immense patriotic fervor, as schools came together to pay rich tributes to the heroes of the Kargil War.

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh flagged off a grand Tiranga Rally organized by the Chief Education Officer here from Government Higher Secondary School (Boys). The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 400 students along with teachers and staff, proudly marching through the town with the national flag held high, evoking a strong sense of national pride among the public.

The rally was attended by Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafiz, and Executive Officer Municipal Council Yasir Wani, who commended the students and organizers for their discipline and spirited participation. The initiative aimed at fostering patriotism and instilling in students the values of unity, sacrifice and national responsibility.

Besides the central rally, educational institutions throughout the district marked the occasion with a series of events including flag hoisting ceremonies, debates on patriotism and national security, patriotic song competitions, sports activities and painting contests. Several schools also felicitated local ex-servicemen, recognizing their invaluable service to the nation.

These district-wide celebrations served not only to honor the courage of the Kargil martyrs but also to inspire the younger generation with their stories of valor. The Education Department's efforts reflect a commitment to nurturing well-rounded citizens who value the sacrifices of India's armed forces and carry forward the spirit of national pride.

## DLIC approves 204 cases under Mission YUVA in Ramban

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**RAMBAN, JULY 26:** Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Aiyas Khan today chaired the second meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under the ambitious Mission YUVA initiative. The meeting was convened to evaluate applications and extend financial support to youth for establishing viable business units, thereby boosting self-employment in the district.

The agenda of the meeting centered on reviewing block-wise applications received under Mission YUVA, scrutinizing them for eligibility, and charting a clear roadmap to empower local youth with sustainable livelihood options. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban (Nodal Officer Mission YUVA), Varunjeet Singh Charak along with senior officials from various departments.

During the session, the committee reviewed 204 applications verified by the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) Ramban.

After a detailed evaluation of eligibility norms, project feasibility and the socio-economic background of the applicants, the Committee approved all 204 cases for financial assistance and mentorship support under the Mission.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the transformative role of Mission YUVA, saying, "This initiative is a ray of hope for our youth. By providing them with access to credit facilities and handholding support, the Government aims to nurture entrepreneurship and reduce dependency on government jobs. The district administration is committed to reaching every eligible youth and the goal is to create a strong culture of self-reliance."

He further directed the District Nodal Officer, JKEDI, and the General Manager DIC to fast-track the preparation and verification of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) so that pending applications can be processed without delays.

Additional Deputy Commissioner also underscored the importance of Mission YUVA, stating, "The enthusiasm among the youth to avail benefits of this scheme is encouraging. We will intensify awareness campaigns at the grassroots level to ensure that more young individuals, especially those from remote areas, come forward with innovative business ideas and benefit from this initiative."

## One-Day E-Office Awareness Session Held in Udhampur

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**UDHAMPUR, JULY 26:** To promote digital governance and enhance efficiency in office operations, one-day awareness cum sensitization session on e-Office was organized today by the National Informatics District Centre here in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex Udhampur.

The session was chaired by District Informatics Officer Anish Sharma along with Sandeep Mathur Master Trainer from IT department. They

provided an in-depth overview of the various features and functionalities related to the e-Office. The presentation focused on digitization of office records, file tracking mechanisms and streamlined workflow processes to ensure transparency, accountability and speed in public service delivery.

The awareness session witnessed active participation of officials of various line departments who were sensitized about the importance of adopting digital tools.

Live demonstrations were also

conducted to acquaint the participants with hands-on practices related to file creation, movement and monitoring using the e-Office portal.

DIO NIC emphasized the need for timely adoption and implementation of the e-office system across all departments to reduce paperwork, enhance productivity and ensure citizen-centric governance.

The event concluded with an interactive session during which participants raised queries and shared feedback regarding on-ground implementation challenges.

## GDC Doda pays heartfelt tribute to Kargil War Heroes

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**DODA, JULY 26:** Government Degree College (GDC) Doda commemorated Kargil Vijay Diwas with deep patriotic fervour and honoured the supreme sacrifices of Heroes of the 1999 Kargil War.

The event was organised by the NCC Infantry and Naval Units of the College under the guidance of Principal Dr. Javed Iqbal Zarger, with the active coordination of Associate NCC Officer Lt. Dr. Jaswant Singh and CTO Dr. Barkat Ali.

The ceremony aimed to instill a sense

of nationalism, duty and pride among students, while remembering the valour of India's brave soldiers.

The program commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting and floral tribute ceremony, followed by the observance of a two-minute silence in honour of the martyrs. The atmosphere was filled with patriotic emotion as students and cadets rendered stirring patriotic songs, reflecting the spirit of unity and reverence for the armed forces. Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. Javed Iqbal Zarger underscored the significance of Kargil Vijay Diwas as a

reminder of the courage, resilience and determination of Indian soldiers. He encouraged the students to draw inspiration from the heroes who selflessly protected the nation's borders.

Lt. Dr. Jaswant Singh, ANO of NCC GDC Doda, emphasized the importance of discipline, national security and civic responsibility. He motivated the cadets to embody the values of bravery and integrity in their daily lives and to stand prepared to contribute to the Nation's service. The event also featured speeches and cultural performances by NCC cadets, who expressed

their deep admiration for the soldiers' sacrifices and pledged to uphold the ideals of unity and sacrifice.

The program concluded with the national anthem and a collective pledge to stay committed to national integration and patriotic values. Faculty members, students, NCC cadets and staff participated actively, making the event a moving tribute to the heroes of Kargil. Through such initiatives, GDC Doda continues to uphold its commitment to character-building, national awareness and holistic education.

## Mission Yuva: ADDC Poonch reviews functioning of BHDs

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**POONCH, JULY 26:** Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pankaj Magotra chaired a meeting today to review the functioning of Business Help Desks (BHDs) formed under the Mission Yuva initiative.

The meeting focused on evaluating the implementation of the mission's objectives aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and driving economic growth in the district. On the occasion, the ADDC emphasized

the vital role and responsibilities of YUVA Doots and BHDs in ensuring the successful execution of Mission Yuva interventions at the grassroots level. He stressed the importance of engaging potential entrepreneurs identified through the Baseline survey to encourage them to establish enterprises.

The ADDC also set clear targets for the maximum enrollment of potential entrepreneurs under Mission Yuva, catering support the process of setting up and managing their businesses effectively.

## Two Medical Shops closed in Batote for violating rules

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**RAMBAN, JULY 26:** An enforcement team closed two medical shops in Batote area today for violating provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The Drug Control Officer (DCO) led team conducted a thorough inspection of medical shops to enforce compliance with directives regarding the installation of CCTV cameras, implementation of computerized billing systems and proper maintenance of records for psychotropic and habit-

forming drugs.

It was observed that all other establishments, except two, have installed CCTV cameras and adopted computerized billing practices as mandated. The DCO also reviewed CCTV footage to ensure the cameras were effectively deterring improper practices.

Officials said the implementation of these measures will foster transparency in transactions, strengthen inventory management and promote overall accountability in the district's pharmaceutical sector.

## DHSJ reviews implementation of Health Programmes in District Udhampur

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**UDHAMPUR, JULY 26:** Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar visited District Udhampur, where he convened a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of flagship health programmes in the district. The meeting was attended by SM Dr. D.J. Raina; DD Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma; DD Planning Dr. Monika Upadhaya; STO Dr. Jyoti Jolly; Nodal Officer NPCB & VI Dr. Kamal

Gupta; Nodal Officer NIDDCP Dr. Gurdeep, Nodal Officer JK Sehat Dr. Mridula, MO Epidemiology Dr. Premalata, besides Chief Medical Officer Udhampur Dr. Anil Manhas, MS District Hospital, Dy. CMO and all BMOs of the District. The meeting evaluated the performance and progress of the health schemes and services in the district.

The CMO Udhampur presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting key health indicators, achievements, and the overall work done across the



district under various health programmes. The DHS took a detailed review of health schemes that included Implementation and utilization of JK Sehat app, Progress

under the National TB Elimination Programme, Status of eSanjeevani telemedicine services, Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening and management, implementation of RBSK, Ambulance Services and procedure of referrals, C-section service availability at delivery points, Functioning and maintenance of Oxygen Generation Plants, Implementation of the National Programme for Control of Blindness, e Sehaj, activities under NVBDCP, the ASHA programme, Progress of other

flagship National Health Programmes besides Monitoring and reporting under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).

The DHS also reviewed the critical care infrastructure under the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. He assessed the status and timelines of ongoing projects and instructed for expedited completion without compromising quality.

# CEO Ramban Conducts Extensive Inspection of Bi-Annual Exams, Schools' Functioning

HT News Desk

**RAMBAN, JULY 26:** The Chief Education Officer (CEO) Ramban today conducted a comprehensive inspection of the ongoing Bi-Annual 10+2 Examination 2025 at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Ramban. He reviewed the examination arrangements and stressed the importance of conducting the

exams in a fair, disciplined, and transparent manner.

During the visit, the CEO interacted with students and supervisory staff, reiterating strict adherence to departmental norms. He also assessed the school's overall academic environment, discipline, staff punctuality, infrastructure, and teaching-learning processes at GHSS Ramban and City Middle

School, Ramban. The functioning of the kindergarten sections was also inspected. The Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme was reviewed at the school where the CEO checked the meal quality, hygiene standards, and record maintenance. He emphasized the timely distribution of meals and maintaining nutritional standards for the benefit of enrolled children.

The CEO also visited the Zonal



Education Office (ZEO), Ramban, evaluating administrative functioning, office records, and service delivery mechanisms. He directed the zonal staff to strengthen school-level coordination and maintain up-to-date documentation. In addition, he visited the CMS Building, Ramban, to assess its suitability as a temporary accommodation site for the newly sanctioned Kendriya Vidyalaya. He examined

infrastructure readiness and available facilities and discussed logistical preparations for the timely start of the school. The CEO stressed student welfare, administrative efficiency, and academic excellence as top priorities. He emphasized the need for regular inspections and proactive planning to ensure the overall improvement of the education ecosystem in the district.

## Open bid auction for unserviceable stock items conducted by DS&E Office Rajouri

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**RAJOURI, JULY 26:** An open bid auction for unserviceable stock items was successfully conducted today in the premises of the District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO) Rajouri.

The auction was carried out as per due procedure of GFR 2017 and transparency norms, attracting participation from registered scrap dealers.

The auction was held in compliance with the public notice issued through print media with three scrap dealers taking part in the bidding process.

The auction proceedings were conducted in the presence of all members of the designated Auction Committee, headed by the District Statistics & Evaluation Officer. After a fair and competitive bidding process, M/s Gudia Kapoor, Verma Two Brothers Traders emerged as the highest bidder, quoting a final price of Rs. 40,000/- plus TCS @1%.

Following the conclusion of the auction and fulfillment of requisite formalities, the Letter of Acceptance (LoA) has been issued in favour of the highest bidder.

## ARTO Baramulla Cracks Down on Traffic Violations Across Key Routes

HT News Desk

**BARAMULLA, JULY 26:** Acting on clear directions from the Transport Department, the ARTO Baramulla launched a rigorous enforcement drive to rein in traffic violations and boost road safety in the district. The operation was led by Mukhtar Sofi (ARTO Baramulla) with support from Motor Vehicle Inspectors Danish Hamid and Ab Hamid.

The drive covered major com-

muter routes including Baramulla-Watlab, Baramulla-Khadinayyar, and Baramulla-Uri, where traffic violations have been frequently reported. Officers carried out thorough inspections along these stretches to ensure compliance with the Motor Vehicles Act.

A total of 179 vehicles were checked during the day-long operation. Of these, 33 were found violating key traffic norms and were promptly booked under relevant legal provisions. The



enforcement team has initiated e-challans, with ₹1,00,500 expected to be realized as penalty for the violations.

The ARTO emphasized that such drives will continue in the coming weeks to create greater accountability among drivers and ensure the safety of all road users. Officials reaffirmed their commitment to enforcing rules without compromise and building a culture of safe, lawful commuting in Baramulla district.

## Dy CM conducts late hour inspection of SDH RS Pura, emphasizes on proper patient care, sanitation

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**JAMMU, JULY 26:** Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary today conducted inspection of Sub District Hospital RS Pura at late hours and took stock of healthcare facilities available for the patients there.

The Deputy CM inspected various sections of the hospital and assessed the services being extended to the patients. He interacted with the patients and their attendants, seeking

feedback regarding the quality of treatment and related services available at the SDH.

While interacting with them, the Deputy CM assured them that the Government is focusing on increasing medical care facilities in rural areas so that they can get access near their vicinities.

He urged the hospital authorities to ensure timely treatment, streamlined processes and patient-centric care for the patients coming from

different far flung and border areas. The Deputy CM asked for maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene in and around the hospital premises besides checking the availability of medicine, duty roster and staff strength.

He maintained that the Government under the leadership of CM Omar Abdullah is committed to provide all modern healthcare facilities and infrastructure to the people at their door steps.

# DHJ assess horticulture activities in Rajouri District, launches fruit plantation drive

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**RAJOURI, JULY 26:** Director Horticulture Jammu (DHJ) Gul Sayed today conducted an extensive tour of Rajouri district. During the tour, he launched the rainy season plantation drive in the district by planting a sapling of Citrus plant in the farmer's field at village Channi of block Sunderbani in presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Rajouri Sushil Angurana, DHO Shafiq Hussain, DL-SMS Arshad Jamil, HDO Arun Kumar & farmers.

During the programme, the Director interacted with the farmers and explained in detail various government schemes run by the Department of Horticul-

ture for the welfare of farmers. He highlighted the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and other centrally sponsored schemes.

He stressed the importance of setting up small-scale fruit processing units in the area, especially for women and unemployed youth. He said such initiatives would not only make them self-reliant but also generate employment opportunities.

The Director visited Govt. Fruit Plant Nursery, Siot wherein he inspected mother blocks of different fruit crops as well as nursery area. He took stock of the ongoing developmental activities



in the nursery and gave on spot instructions to the nursery staff regarding the production of quality grafted planting material.

Further, Director Horticulture convened a meeting of the District Officers, HDO's, officials & field functionaries of district Rajouri and reviewed the implementation of different schemes in the district. He instructed the officers to organize awareness camps, Kissangoshtis, etc. to ensure better implementation of departmental schemes for the ultimate benefit of the farmers & fruit growers.

Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Rajouri welcomed the Director Horticulture and briefed the chair about the ongoing works and physical/financial achievements made so far under different schemes being implemented in the district.

## Handicrafts Service Centre Udhampur concludes 3-Day Craft Demonstrations in Baderwah Schools

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**DODA, JULY 26:** The Handicrafts Service Centre (HSC) Udhampur today announced the successful conclusion of its three-day Craft Demonstration cum Awareness Programme, held from July 24 to July 26, 2025, at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Baderwah and Government Boys Higher Secondary School Baderwah in District Doda.

The program featured demonstrations by four accomplished resource persons Sona Rupi (State Awardee Basohli Painting), Sandhya Hans (Embroidery Craft), Nasreena (Paper Machie Craft) and Rajinder Kumar (Bamboo Craft). Students from both schools actively participated, showing significant interest and engagement in learning the foundational techniques of these traditional crafts. The Principals and staff members of the schools commended HSC Udhampur for the initiative, highlighting how such programs are crucial in fostering creativity and skill development among young individuals.

Assistant Director (A&C) HSC Udhampur Ambika Sambyal, addressed the students, providing insights into various schemes offered by the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and emphasizing the critical role of skill development in preserving and promoting India's rich cultural heritage. She underscored the importance of students understanding their cultural roots to ensure these valuable traditions continue for generations to come.

The success of the event was also largely due to the collaborative efforts of school resource persons, including Dheeraj Kapoor (State Awardee Basohli Painting), Manjeet Kumar (Bamboo Craft), Khushi Gupta (Crochet Craft) and Asiya Begum (Paper Machie). HSC Udhampur officials extended their heartfelt gratitude to Chief Education Officer Doda Mr. Mohammad Hafiz for his invaluable cooperation in facilitating these programs within the schools. Additionally, Manzoor Ahmed, Teacher at UPS Kumral, Zone Gundna, contributed significantly to the program's overall success.

## LoP/ MLA Sunil Sharma, MLA Shagun Parihar review Jal Jeevan Mission progress in Kishtwar

Legislators stress on ensuring clean drinking water access for all

HT News Desk / DIPR

**KISHTWAR, JULY 26:** A meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of Sunil Sharma, Member Legislative Assembly Paddar-Nagseni and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly alongside MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar to review the development works undertaken by the Jal Shakti Department in the District.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma; CPO (Joint Director Planning) Akhil Thakur; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and other field functionaries.



The focus was on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes, with an emphasis on submitting detailed reports on completed schemes and assessing habitation-wise saturation to ensure 100% functional household tap connections.

The chair directed the concerned officers to expedite pending works and submit comprehensive progress reports in a timely manner, underscoring the commitment to enhancing water accessibility and management in the district.

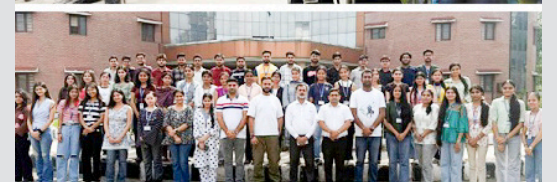
## 105 students from Government Colleges complete summer internship at JKEDI Bari Brahmana

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**JAMMU, JULY 26:** A batch of 105 students from Government SPMR College of Commerce, Government College for Women (GCW) Parade, and GCW Gandhi Nagar successfully completed their summer internship at the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Bari Brahmana campus on Saturday.

The internship was organized in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which mandates a 60-hour internship for undergraduate students as part of their academic curriculum. The program was designed to nurture entrepreneurial thinking, research aptitude and teamwork among students.

During the 10-day internship, students were introduced to the core functions and program verticals of JKEDI. They gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship development, startup ecosystem dynamics and



self-employment opportunities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The structured program included interactive lectures, hands-on assignments, exposure visits and knowledge-sharing sessions conducted by JKEDI's experienced faculty and guest speakers from the startup domain.

The internship concluded with a valedictory ceremony graced by Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director JKEDI, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In his address, he emphasized the need to instill an entrepreneurial mindset in the youth and highlighted JKEDI's role in shaping the startup landscape of the UT.

The interns appreciated the practical and immersive nature of the program, especially the sessions on government schemes, business model development and startup financing. The internship was conducted by a team of expert faculty members under the overall supervision of the Director, JKEDI.

JKEDI routinely conducts such internship programs for students across the Union Territory as part of its broader mandate to promote entrepreneurship and create awareness about self-employment as a viable and rewarding career choice. These initiatives aim to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application in the field of entrepreneurship.

# Krishnamurthy retires from professional cricket

Newspoint Bureau

MELBOURNE: Batter Veda Krishnamurthy has called time on her professional career, five years after she last played for India, at the Women's T20 World Cup final in Melbourne in 2020.

Veda retires with 48 ODIs and 76 T20I caps, with the highlight being her role in India's seminal run to the 2017 World Cup final, where they came within nine runs of a maiden world title. Her final on-field appearance came during WPL 2024, where she represented Gujarat Giants.

"Cricket gave me more than just a career," she wrote in a post on social media. "It gave me a sense of who I am. It taught me how to fight, how to fall and how to keep showing up. It's now time to give back. Whatever the role, whatever the way, I'm here for the game. I truly believe my second innings will be just as meaningful."

A hard-hitting middle-order batter, Veda

also captained Karnataka and Railways in the domestic circuit. In 2023, she led Karnataka to runners-up finish in the Senior Women's One Day Trophy for successive years in 2021-22 and 2022-23 - they went down to domestic powerhouse Railways by six runs in the title-clash in February 2023.

Veda finishes with 829 ODI runs in 49 innings, with eight half-centuries, starting with one on debut against England at Derby in 2012. Her most memorable knock, however, was the 45-ball 70 that helped India beat New Zealand and qualify for the semi-final of the 2017 ODI World Cup.

In the same year, Veda joined a select list of Indian cricketers to have been picked in the WBBL when she represented Hobart Hurricanes in nine matches.

In T20Is, Veda hit 875 runs in 63 innings with two half-centuries. All her four WPL games came belatedly in 2024, after she went unsold for the first edition.

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