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Lasting Peace in J&K Can Only be Guaranteed Under PM Modi's Rule: Amit Shah

Armed Forces Eliminated All Pahalgam Attack Perpetrators Before They Couldn't Flee to Pak

HT News Desk

NEW DELHI, JUL 30: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir is set to reclaim lasting peace under the PM Modi-led government, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that all terror outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir will be crushed.

The Union Home Minister, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) informed the Rajya Sabha that security forces ensured the terrorists behind the Pahalgam attack

were eliminated before they could flee to Pakistan. "The coordinated operations led to their precise identification and swift neutralisation," he added.

Shah said that the responsibility for April 22 Pahalgam terror attack which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead, was claimed by The Resistance Front (TRF), and those responsible were tracked and neutralised in two separate operations – "Operation Sindoor" and "Operation Mahadev."

Shah said a forensic analysis confirmed that the weapons used in the



attack matched those recovered from the slain terrorists. "There is no debate or doubt now. The rifles recovered were the same," he told the House.

The Union Home Minister said intelligence agencies and local police questioned 155 people, and those who sheltered the attackers were also identified and are being investigated.

Shah thanked the Prime Minister and the armed forces for their role in the counter-terror-operations.

He said, "I visited Jammu and Kashmir

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Pahalgam Attack

After Neutralization of Terrorists, Center Must Answer Security Lapse Admitted by LG: CM Omar

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that while the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack have been neutralised, the Centre must answer for the intelligence and security lapses admitted by the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor. Speaking to reporters in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Omar welcomed the ongoing discussion on Operation Sindoor in Parliament.

"It's good that there is a debate on Operation Sindoor. But the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor himself admitted it was an intelligence and security failure in Pahalgam. If that's the case, someone must be held accountable," he said.

He added that while the government has acted against the attackers by eliminating three Pakistani terrorists, no action has been taken on the lapses that allowed the attack to happen. "People want to hear from the government—who is responsible for this failure?" he asked.

When asked about the continuing presence of



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Major Reshuffle in Hospital Administration, Doctors Soon: Sakina Yattoo

HT News Desk / KNO

SRINAGAR, JUL 30: Health Minister Sakina Yattoo on Wednesday said that a major reshuffle of doctors is on cards in J&K to address long standing issues in the healthcare system.

Talking exclusively to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Yattoo expressed concern over the practice of doctors being posted at their preferred locations for decades, which she said hampers the system's progress.

"We are now considering a major reshuffle. It is ironic that doctors have been sitting at the same place for ten years or more. People have told us that such practices—staying in one place for so long—do not help the system. If this continues, the system will not improve," Yattoo said.

She emphasized that the government's focus is on ensuring proper patient care, with a commitment to providing good treatment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "We have also implemented strict vigilance and equipped hospitals with necessary equipment," she added.

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Govt makes I-Day attendance mandatory for officials

CM Omar to lead celebrations at Bakshi Stadium

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SRINAGAR, JUL 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has issued a comprehensive circular directing all government employees stationed in Srinagar and Jammu to mandatorily attend the Independence Day 2025 celebrations as part of their official duty.

The main celebrations will be held at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, and Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu,

respectively.

The circular, issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) emphasizes that Independence Day is a vital national event marking a major milestone in India's history and that participation from all government servants is obligatory.

Any absence from the function is only allowed with prior permission from the immediate superior.

The order has been sent to all

administrative secretaries, departmental heads, managing directors, and public sector heads to ensure strict compliance.

"It is the duty of every government servant to attend the function which commemorates an important turning point in the history of our Nation," the circular reads.

According to an accompanying communication, the Chief Minister of J&K will preside over the main

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Stone Pelting in J&K is History, Post Art 370 Abrogation: J P Nadda

HT News Desk

NEW DELHI, JUL 30: Union Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President J P Nadda said stone pelting incidents in Jammu and Kashmir have reduced to zero since the abrogation of Article 370. He said that while more than 2,000 such incidents occurred between 2010 and 2014, not a single case had been reported in the last three years.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he said Kashmir

Valley had not been shut down for even a day in recent years.

According to him, terrorism in the region had been limited to foreign elements, and the average life span of a terrorist in the valley had come down to seven days. This, he said, was the outcome of a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism.

Nadda said the current security situation was the result of strong political decisions. "The same police and army operated earlier as well,

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Indus Water Treaty suspended till Pakistan ends terror: EAM Jaishankar in RS

HT News Desk

NEW DELHI, JUL 30: External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar on Wednesday told the Rajya Sabha that the Indus Water Treaty was not a peace initiative but a move for appeasement. He said the treaty, signed by the then Prime Minister with Pakistan, should be reviewed in the current context.

"The Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, signed by the then Prime Minister, was not to buy peace, but for appeasement," Jaishankar said while participating in a discussion on Operation Sindoor, as reported by the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO).

Referring to recent developments, he said, "The Indus Water Treaty will be held in abeyance until Pakistan irrevocably gives up its support of terrorism. Blood and water will not flow together."

Opening the second day of the debate in the Rajya Sabha, the EAM began by expressing condolences for the civilians killed in the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

He then detailed India's position during Operation Sindoor and the diplomatic communication with various countries during

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CS Reviews Financial Inclusion Measures In J&K

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of financial inclusion initiatives and beneficiary-oriented schemes being implemented across J&K.

The Chief Secretary underscored the need for saturation of all financial inclusion schemes in the Union Territory. He expressed concern over the low enrolment rates in several welfare schemes. He directed the concerned departments to scale up coverage in a mission mode to ensure no eligible citizen is



left out.

The Chief Secretary highlighted that prompt and seamless delivery of benefits is key to building public confidence in government programmes. He instructed the officials to ensure timely extension of scheme benefits to all eligible individuals, stating that such

efficiency would encourage more citizens to come forward and take advantage of these schemes.

The Chief Secretary laid focus on integration of the Registrar of Births & Deaths database with the Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD)

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CS Stresses Use of PMGS Portal for Data-Driven Development

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today convened a meeting of the concerned Administrative Secretaries to review the layers integrated into the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) portal and explore its potential in facilitating the holistic infrastructure planning and development across J&K.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of utilizing the PMGS portal as a unified digital platform for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), particularly for infrastructure-related

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Over 1,400 URLs blocked during 'Op Sindoor': Gol

HT News Desk / KNO

NEW DELHI, JUL 30: The central government blocked more than 1,400 online links during Operation Sindoor as part of its efforts to contain the spread of fake news and sensitive content in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav told the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Responding to a query from MP Tejasvi Surya, Vaishnav said the blocked content included a range of posts on websites and social media platforms that circulated misinformation and material deemed harmful to national interests.

"Many of these handles were operated from

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J&K IT infra under threat, Govt launches cybersecurity overhaul

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: In the aftermath of Operation Sindoor—India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack—the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is facing an unprecedented surge in cyberattacks, prompting a large-scale cybersecurity overhaul to safeguard critical digital infrastructure.

Following the May 6 attack that killed 25 tourists and a local pony handler, several government websites and online services went

offline, disrupting public service delivery across the UT.

Union Minister for Power Manohar Lal Khattar revealed at a recent press conference in Srinagar that over two lakh cyberattack attempts targeting the power sector alone had been foiled.

A senior official from the IT Department said a comprehensive cyber audit is underway. "Every website or application must pass a strict security audit before going live again," the official said.

He said that of the 239 departmental websites, around 160 are

live at present.



Chief Secretary Atul Dilloo, who recently reviewed the cybersecurity framework in a high-level meeting, emphasized the urgency of completing the audits. He noted that prolonged downtimes are affecting governance and public convenience.

He ordered the immediate decommissioning of all redundant or obsolete websites and called for capacity building of departmental Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and Information

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AN APPEAL TO MAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT


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myself. We took a pledge to capture the terrorists and prevent them from escaping to Pakistan. We succeeded on both fronts."

Providing a timeline of the counter-offensive, the Home Minister said, "Operation Mahadev was launched on April 22, the day of the Pahalgam attack. The presence of the terrorists was detected by May 22. After confirming their exact location, a joint strategy was drawn up by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, 4 Para, and the CRPF. A detailed meeting was held by senior officials. The operation was then executed at the pinpointed location."

Shah told the House that the families of Pahalgam terror attack victims had personally requested justice. "They wanted a decisive response and we delivered it," he said.

The Union Home Minister said that the attackers were killed with precision. "We shot them in their heads," he said, responding to questions on whether there had been any leniency.

On the timing of the final operation, Shah responded to criticism over it coinciding with the Parliament session. "Someone asked why these terrorists were killed on the first day of Parliament session. I would have ordered it the very next minute after the attack if that were possible. But it's not easy," he said.

Referring to the twin operations, the Union Home Minister said, "Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev represent India's strongest response to terrorism. Together, they form the sternest response seen anywhere."

Shah also invoked history, calling "Har Har Mahadev" a call to action used by Shivaji Maharaj and his soldiers. He said the phrase symbolises India's strength and determination.

He questioned the Opposition's protests during his speech, asking whether they were trying to defend groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba. "Who were you trying to save?" he asked. "Chidambaram's remarks exposed Congress before the world," he added.

Amit Shah said, "I want to tell the Congress party that it was during your tenure that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) was lost, but it is the BJP that will bring it back. We carried out targeted strikes on terrorist hideouts, their bases, organisations, training camps, and launching pads. Our operation was aimed at terrorism, but Pakistan perceived it as an attack on its country."—(KNO)

After Neutralization.....

militants in J&K, Omar remarked, "This question should be posed to those who claimed in 2019 that the abrogation of Article 370 would end terrorism. It's been six years, and terrorism hasn't ended."

Omar Abdullah was in Ahmedabad to attend a tourism promotion event. He said Gujarat, along with Maharashtra and West Bengal, has historically sent the highest number of tourists to Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are here to promote J&K tourism and hope to welcome even more visitors from Gujarat in the future," he said. (KINS)

Govt makes.....

Independence Day function at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, and take the ceremonial salute.

The government has designated several ministers to preside over Independence Day functions at various district headquarters: Surinder Choudhary, Deputy CM - Jammu, Sakeena Masood (Itoo), Health & Education Minister - Anantnag, Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti & Forests - Poonch, Javid Ahmad Dar, Agriculture & Panchayati Raj Minister - Baramulla, Satish Sharma, Minister for Food, IT & Sports - Kathua.

In districts not specifically assigned to ministers, the District Development Council (DDC) Chairpersons will lead the celebrations at the district level.

Additionally, Sub-Divisional Magistrates will preside over functions at sub-divisional headquarters, and Tehsildars or the senior-most civil officers will do so at tehsil, block, or municipal levels. The concerned Deputy Commissioners will make the final decision on the designated officials at these locations. (KINS)

Major Doctor.....

Addressing recent complaints, the Minister highlighted issues related to night-duty staffing in hospitals. "There have been many complaints that senior doctors are absent during night shifts. Interns are present, but senior doctors are not on duty. We conducted several visits to hospitals to verify this situation," she said.

Itoo acknowledged that while some hospitals have junior doctors on duty, senior doctors often do not stay through the night. "This issue needs to be taken seriously—senior doctors must be present during night shifts, not just junior staff," she said.

The Minister admitted that the healthcare system inherited a shortage of doctors, but pointed out that the present dispensation led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is working on it. "Several senior doctors—five or six—were appointed, and many consultants, previously removed, were posted in remote areas," she said.

She said, "Yes, there is a shortage, but alongside this, some doctors give more time to private practice instead of fulfilling their hospital duties—coming on time and attending to patients properly."

"During recent hospital inspections, many

of these concerns were found to be valid. As a result, the government has decided to take strict action because here, emergencies are closed, OPDs are shut, and hospitals are left without proper services," she said.

The Minister also announced new measures to improve accountability and patient care. "Doctors should be available promptly when patients arrive. It is also necessary for doctors to wear nameplates with their names on their uniforms, so patients can easily identify their doctors, whether they are orthopedic specialists or from other departments," she said—(KNO)

Stone Pelting.....

but there was a lack of political will in the past to act against Pakistan," he said.

The BJP leader said that after the Uri terror attack, the Indian Army carried out surgical strikes within three days. According to him, this was the first time since 1947 that an Indian Prime Minister had publicly declared that those behind the attack would not be spared.

He said that during the UPA government, no such action was taken despite repeated terror attacks. Referring to incidents such as the 2005 Delhi blasts, the 2006 Varanasi attack, and the 2006 Mumbai train bombings, Nadda said there was no pressure put on Pakistan at the time.

"Even after the 2008 Jaipur bomb blasts by Indian Mujahideen, the Indian and Pakistani governments agreed on confidence-building measures. They kept firing bullets at us, and we kept offering them biryani," he said.

Responding to criticism from the Opposition over the Pahalgam incident, Nadda said those raising questions should look at their own record. "During their tenure, multiple blasts took place across the country, and many people were killed, but no concrete action was taken. Trade and terror continued side by side during those years," he said.

The BJP National President said that at the 2009 SCO Summit, the UPA government did not even mention the 2008 Mumbai attacks—(KNO)

Indus Water.....

that time. "When Operation Sindoor commenced, several countries were in touch with us to see how serious the situation was and how long it would go," he said. "We gave the same message to all countries, that we were not open to any mediation. Anything between us and Pakistan will only be bilateral."

On India's military response, Jaishankar said, "We told them we were responding to the Pakistani attack and would continue to respond. If that fighting were to stop, Pakistan must make a request. And that request could only come through the channel of the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)."

He also addressed opposition claims related to international diplomacy. "I want to tell them (Opposition) that from April 22 to June 16, there has been no phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump," he said.

Jaishankar said India conveyed to the international community that it would not accept any form of mediation or pressure tactics. "We gave a message that India is not open to mediation. We will not accept nuclear blackmail," he said.

The EAM said that terrorism is now on the global agenda because of consistent efforts made by the present government—(KNO)

CS Reviews.....

system. He emphasised that this integration would streamline the accrual of benefits, such as insurance claims and pension settlements, reducing delays and ensuring efficient service delivery.

Further, he called upon the departments to intensify the ongoing outreach campaign, reaching every household with accurate information on available schemes. He noted that increased awareness among the citizens is essential for enhancing participation and making financial inclusion truly universal in J&K.

The review meeting assessed the significant progress made under various financial and social inclusion schemes. He highlighted the substantial impact of initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) in bringing financial security and empowerment to the region's populace.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, while giving insights about the overall scenario of these social security schemes, made out that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is the foundation of financial inclusion. About its penetration in the UT, it was revealed that Kathua leads with 92.74% achievement against its 2024-25 target for new accounts, followed by Bandipora at 71.08%.

Overall, the region achieved 46.75% of its annual target for 2024-25, with 21.45 lakh cumulative accounts as of March 31, 2025. In terms of enrollment against the 2011 Census Population, Samba district shows the highest PMJDY account penetration at 31%, followed by Reasi and Baramulla at 24% each.

With respect to the PMSBY which provides affordable accidental insurance, the enroll-

ment has shown remarkable growth, increasing by 168% to 23.57 lakh in the last five years. The total premium paid as of 2024-25 stands at Rs 13.55 Cr, with claims disbursed amounting Rs 18.39 crore.

The meeting was further informed that overall, the region has achieved 116.16% of its PMSBY enrolment target for 2024-25, reaching a cumulative achievement of 23.56 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative enrollment since inception, with 5,80,112 beneficiaries.

A total of 1,123 claims have been received since inception, with 930 settled, disbursing Rs 18.39 Cr. J&K Bank leads in claims settled against premium collected, with 204% achievement.

As far as PMJJBY is concerned, it was said to offer an affordable life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh upon death due to any cause. Regarding the enrolment in PMJJBY, it was revealed that Kishtwar and Kupwara districts have achieved over 170% and 140% of their PMJJBY enrolment targets in 2024-25, respectively. The total achievement for 2024-25 stood at 94.89% of the annual target, with cumulative enrollment reaching 9.66 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative enrollment under PMJJBY, with 2,33,455 beneficiaries.

Out of 2,996 claims received since inception, 2,296 have been settled, disbursing Rs 45.90 crore. Again J&K Bank had processed the highest number of claims.

The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) provides a guaranteed monthly pension of Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 after 60 years of age for workers in the unorganized sector. The enrolment has seen a significant increase of 148% in the last five years, reaching 2.48 lakh beneficiaries.

In 2024-25, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts have achieved 64.57% and 64.39% of their annual enrollment targets, respectively. Overall, the region has achieved 40.52% of its APY enrollment target for 2024-25, with a cumulative enrollment of 2.48 lakh as of March 31, 2025. Samba district has the highest APY enrollment against the 2011 Census population at 5.8%, followed by Jammu at 5.4%.

These schemes collectively underscore the government's commitment towards fostering comprehensive financial and social inclusion, ensuring a more secure and prosperous future for the citizens of the UT.

CS Stresses.....

projects such as roads and connectivity. He directed the concerned departments to proactively integrate their planning processes with the PMGS framework for synchronized and data-driven development across the UT.

A key highlight of the meeting was the emphasis on building a digital land bank.

The Chief Secretary called for uploading of land parcel data already identified and digitized by the GIS wing of the Forest Department onto the portal. This, he noted, would enable various departments to make optimal use of available land resources for future developmental initiatives.

Recognizing the broader utility of the PMGS portal, the Chief Secretary also directed that it be used to map and analyze key social sector indicators including those related to health, education, power and water supply to enable more targeted interventions. He cited examples such as TB prevalence, anaemia rates, female literacy, school dropout rates and other sector-specific parameters that could benefit from data-backed monitoring and interventions. The portal, he stressed, should evolve as a critical tool in improving the service delivery and achieving developmental outcomes in real terms.

Moreover, Chief Secretary emphasized the need to map disaster-prone zones, including flood, landslide and avalanche-vulnerable areas within the UT using the portal. This would strengthen the disaster preparedness and planning capabilities by enabling evidence-based resource allocation and response planning, he added.

The Department of Industries & Commerce gave a detailed presentation during the meeting, showcasing numerous examples where PMGS portal data had been effectively utilized to aid decision-making and enhance ease of living. They demonstrated cross-sectoral use cases spanning Agriculture, Planning and Industrial Development, highlighting the platform's potential to foster integrated governance.

Later, the Chief Secretary chaired a review meeting of the Industries & Commerce Department to review implementation of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme in the UT.

During the session, Chief Secretary took note of the department's efforts in formalizing MSMEs, enhancing Udyam portal registrations and undertaking capacity building initiatives for unit holders. He also reviewed the conduct of Buyer-Seller meets, progress on skilling and management programmes and the general outreach to stakeholders under the scheme.

Stressing the importance of a robust decision support system, the Chief Secretary called for immediate API-level integration of critical databases, including those of financial institutions, power utilities, EPFO, GST and the Udyam portal.

Such integrations, he said, are vital for

accurate diagnosis and referral of cases to the MSME Health Clinic, which is envisioned to act as a catalyst in the revival and handholding of sick units across J&K.

Over 1,400.....

outside the country and were found actively involved in sharing false, anti-India narratives," the Minister said in a written reply.

The government took action under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which allows blocking of digital content in cases involving national security, public order, or the sovereignty of India.

According to the Minister, the URLs flagged during this period contained misleading content, provocative material targeting the armed forces and posts with communal overtones, largely traced to Pakistan-based accounts.

To monitor and respond in real time, the government established a centralised control unit, which remained operational round-the-clock. This unit, jointly managed by defence personnel, informa-

tion agencies and the Press Information Bureau (PIB), functioned as a central command for identifying and countering online threats during the operation.

Vaishnav noted that the PIB's fact-checking team was actively involved in tracking false narratives and issuing timely clarifications. Verified information was shared with the public, and action was taken against posts found to be spreading disinformation.

He also informed the House that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issued an advisory to media outlets on April 26. The advisory instructed news platforms to avoid live telecasts of defence activities or troop movements in order to protect operational details and public safety—(KNO)

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Security Officers (ISOs). The Chief Secretary also directed that all official devices be equipped with essential security software and reiterated the ban on private email use for government work due to the associated security risks. (KINS)

Div Com Kashmir reviews preparations for Mega Tiranga Rally

Inspects arrangements for celebration of I-Day at Bakshi Stadium



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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: In order to ensure an impressive display of Mega Tiranga Rally on August 12, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihuri convened a meeting of officers to lay down smooth arrangements for the successful conduct of the event.

The meeting was attended by DIG Kashmir, Rajiv Pandey; DIG CRPF; DC Srinagar, Akshay Labroo; Commissioner SMC, Faz Lul Haseeb; Director Floriculture, Director RDD, SSP Srinagar, SSP Security, Senior officers of Various departments including Health, Horticulture, Education, I&FC, Information, R&B, CRPF, BSF, J&K Bank, SRTC, SSCL, YSS, Zila Sainik Welfare, Traffic and Transport.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com emphasized enthusiastic participation in the Mega Tiranga Rally from SKICC to Botanical Garden.

On the occasion, he directed concerned departments for organizing Tiranga concert and gave directives for setting up stage for cultural programs, installation of tents,

LED Walls and an impressive sound system at the Botanical garden.

He directed concerned departments for providing transportation facilities & refreshment to the participants.

Meanwhile, Div Com also visited Bakshi Stadium to inspect the ongoing arrangements for the celebration of Independence Day. He was accompanied by DC Srinagar, and officers from R&B, PHE, Health, KPDCI, Information, Sports Council & security agencies.

On the occasion, Div Com gave concerned officers directions for making proper arrangements for the Podium, installation of LED Screens & sound system, sanitation, drinking water dispensers & tankers, uninterrupted supply of electricity, foolproof security and seating arrangements.

He also directed for making the toilet blocks operational at the venue besides deployment of mobile toilet vehicles.

Besides, Div Com directed for temporary shading of the pavilion to protect participants from scorching sun & rain depending on the weather.

DC Srinagar reviews implementation and progress of Financial Inclusion schemes

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today chaired a comprehensive review meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess the implementation status and progress of various financial inclusion and social security schemes being executed through banks and financial institutions in the district.

At the outset, DC reviewed the progress under various Financial Inclusion schemes including distribution of RuPay Debit Cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan

Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

On the occasion, DC stressed dedicated efforts by all line departments and Banks operating in Srinagar district to bring more and more people in the fold of Financial Inclusion schemes so that the benefit is extended to all the eligible beneficiaries for financial inclusion in the district.

He stressed on intensifying awareness regarding the scheme to widen the ambit of coverage. He emphasized the importance of these schemes in providing financial support to citizens, especially those from marginalized sections, by offering life and

accidental insurance coverage.

DC emphasized that financial institutions must instill confidence in the public regarding Financial Inclusion schemes and ensure all beneficiaries envisaged as laid in guidelines are registered at the earliest.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar and General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar, the meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer R&B, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Sanitation Officer (SMC), LDM (Banks), Assistant Labour Commissioner, Officers from ICDS, FCS&CA, NRLM and other concerned.



CS assesses implementation of SBM-Urban, AMRUT 2.0 in J&K

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and the status of sewerage treatment infrastructure across urban areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, which was attended by Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner, JMC; MD, AMRUT; Director, ULB, Kashmir/Jammu and others, also reviewed progress under the flagship Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0.

While assessing the ongoing initiatives, the Chief Secretary underlined the importance of ensuring scientific disposal of waste and maintaining high level of urban cleanliness. He observed that hygienic and ambient environments are preferred by the residents and

emphasized that sanitation must remain a top priority for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Calling for a mission-mode approach, Dulloo directed the concerned departments to fast-track all pending projects and complete them in a time-bound manner. He instructed for formulating a robust Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan for the upkeep and continued usability of old community toilets across urban areas.

The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of adhering to norms prescribed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to prevent pollution of water bodies. He called for effective micro-planning of waste management and optimization of the capacity of existing Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs), aligning with establishment of new facilities with local requirements to ensure comprehensive cleanliness.



Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Mandeep Kaur, briefed the meeting about the implementation of Solid Waste Management (SWM) under SBM (Urban) 2.0. She informed that Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) are being developed for dry waste, while Compressed Biogas (CBG) and compost plants are being

set up for processing wet waste. Besides, legacy waste is being addressed through bioremediation and Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste plants are also coming up in Jammu and Srinagar, she added.

Devansh Yadav, Mission Director, SBM Urban, shared granular details of infrastructure being developed under the mission. He made out that Mate-

rial Recovery Facilities (MRF) for JMC (150 TPD), SMC (459 TPD), ULBs of Jammu Division (63 TPD), ULBs of Kashmir Division (117 TPD) are currently being created under SBM-U.

Similarly for processing of wet waste, CBG Plants for Jammu city (225 TPD) and Srinagar (300 TPD) are being created along with Compost Units for SMC (459 TPD), Jammu ULBs

(100 TPD) and Kashmir ULBs (184 TPD). With respect to the legacy waste, it was revealed that the same is being treated through a scientific process of bioremediation. It was also informed that the organisation wise legacy waste to be treated involves SMC (11 lakh MT), JMC (7.23 lakh MT), Jammu ULBs (6 lakh MT) and Kashmir ULBs (3.78 lakh MT) for which works had been allotted and at many places started too.

Regarding the status of sewerage treatment infrastructure, Superintending Engineer, UEED, Samiullah Beigh, informed that the current urban population of J&K is approximately 42.5 lakh, generating 457.45 MLD of wastewater. Against this, a cumulative STP capacity of 163.69 MLD has been established. Additionally, 66.9 MLD capacity is under execution and STPs with a further 45.2 MLD

capacity have been tendered out. The meeting was informed that under AMRUT 2.0, projects worth over Rs1002 crore are being implemented across J&K, including Rs867 crore in Central Assistance. The mission primarily focuses on completion of 99 water supply schemes to ensure sustainable drinking water access to all the major towns of J&K. It also envisages sewerage and septic management projects worth Rs 196 crore in assistance by Central government and Rs20 Cr for Water body rejuvenation projects.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the need to align AMRUT projects with the broader objective of sustainable urban development. He directed all the implementing agencies to maintain momentum and accountability through out the implementation of this flagship programme.

AMGDC Kilam Organizes Seminar on "Quit Smoking" Declares Campus Smoke-Free Zone

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 30: Taking a firm stand against tobacco use, Altaf Memorial Government Degree College (AMGDC) Kilam organized a one-day seminar titled "Quit Smoking - Kick the Habit, Embrace the Life", aimed at raising awareness about the harmful effects of smoking and encouraging a healthier, smoke-free lifestyle among students and the wider community.

Dr. Shabir Ahmad Padder, Coordinator of the College NCORD Committee and Head of the Department of Economics, delivered a detailed presentation on the economic and health burdens caused by tobacco consumption. He emphasized the urgent need for behavioural change, particularly among the youth, and explained how smoking not only impacts individual health but also strains the healthcare system and personal finances.

Dr. Siraj Yousuf Parray, Head of the Department of Botany, also addressed the audience, highlighting the serious physical consequences of smoking. Expressing deep concern over the rising trend of drug abuse among children, he called upon parents, teachers, and community members to remain alert and take early preventive action.

Several faculty members and student representatives shared their views, focusing on the psychological, social, and physical harms associated with smoking. They also discussed the long-term benefits of quitting and advocated for collective efforts to combat tobacco addiction.

In a significant move, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Abass Shah officially declared AMGDC Kilam a Smoking-Free Zone. He announced that CCTV surveillance has been implemented across the campus, and strict action will be taken against anyone found violating the policy, including on-the-spot fines under the COTPA Act. He also reaffirmed that the sale of tobacco products near the college premises remains strictly prohibited.

The seminar concluded with a strong message of commitment towards a clean, safe, and tobacco-free academic environment, reflecting the college's proactive stance in promoting public health and student well-being.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation meets in Srinagar

Stresses transparent land use, seamless service delivery to public

HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, JUNE 30: The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to examine and review the rules, regulations and by-laws framed by the Revenue Department.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman, Hasnain Masoodi and attended by members Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Hilal Akbar Lone, Shabir Ahmad Kullay, Satish Kumar Sharma, Irfan Hafiz Lone and Dr. Rameshwar Singh.

The Committee conducted a detailed examination of various



rules, sub-rules, regulations and bye-laws framed by the Revenue Department.

Emphasizing the need for efficient and seamless service delivery, the Committee underscored

the importance of transparent land transfer mechanisms and user-friendly revenue services for the general public.

In-depth discussions were held on key legal provisions relat-

ed to land laws.

The Committee stressed the need for hassle-free registration processes and easy access to revenue records to enhance public convenience. It deliberated on

key rules including Migrant Rules, Agrarian Reforms Rules, Land Grant Rules and Evacuees' Property Rules.

The Chairman highlighted the pivotal role of land laws in ensuring justice and equity and reaffirmed the Committee's commitment to public welfare. He urged all members to contribute constructively towards legislation that benefits every section of society.

During the meeting, the members shared valuable suggestions and raised pertinent issues within the Committee's purview, reiterating their collective resolve to promote transparency and accountability in subordinate legislation.

Administration at Doorsteps: CEO Verinag Conducts Surprise Inspection of Tourist Facilities

Farooq Rather

VERINAG, JULY 30: In a proactive move under the "Administration at Doorsteps" initiative, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tourism Development Authority Verinag, along with his staff, conducted a surprise visit to the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), cafeteria, parking area, budgeted accommodations, and vendor/kiosk zones.

The visit aimed to assess the existing tourist facilities and arrangements made by the Verinag Development Authority (VDA). During the inspection, the CEO interacted with tourists, local residents, tour operators, transporters, and representatives from Auqaf Committees to understand their concerns, giving a patient hearing to all issues raised.

Taking strong note of encroachments and violations of legal boundaries, the CEO ordered immediate action against the violators. Key decisions were also taken to ensure bet-



ter regulation and improvement of tourist services in the area.

Cleanliness and the upgradation of tourist spots remain the top pri-

orities for the CEO, reinforcing the administration's commitment to promoting Verinag as a well-managed and visitor-friendly destination.

No Street Lights Around SDH Magam, Patients & Locals Face Hardship

Ubaid Mehdi

BUDGAM, JULY 30: Residents of Magam town in central Kashmir's Budgam district have expressed strong resentment over the lack of street lighting around the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Magam, which they say is causing severe inconvenience and posing safety risks for patients, attendants, and pedestrians after dark.

Locals told news that the road leading to the hospital, which also connects several adjoining localities, plunges into complete darkness after evening.

"This is an important stretch providing access to the hospital and nearby areas, but the absence of street lights makes movement unsafe, especially for patients and attendants at night," a local resident said.

Responding to the growing public outcry, the Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Magam assured that the issue is being taken up on priority and steps will be initiated to install and repair street lights in the area.

Residents of Patil Bagh Pampore Take Initiative for Road Construction Amid Official Inaction

HT News Desk

PULWAMA, JULY 30: Patil Bagh in Pampore have begun the construction of a vital link road on their own, citing years of official negligence. The locals arranged machinery and resources themselves to begin the long-pending demand.

For the past two years, the residents have been demanding the construction of a connecting road to ease their daily commute. Due to the absence of a direct link, they are forced to travel nearly two kilometers to cross the National Highway - a situ-



ation that has caused significant hardship, especially for women and chil-

dren.

A team led by the Tehsildar Pampore visited the site and took stock of the situation. After assessing the locals' initiative, the administration requested a two-day grace period to respond to the matter.

Several women participated in a peaceful protest, voicing their frustration and highlighting the difficulties faced by the community in the absence of proper road connectivity. The residents urged the authorities to take immediate steps to complete the road construction officially and relieve them of their suffering.

Illegal Extraction and Transportation of Minerals

Kulgam Police Seizes Three Vehicles, Arrests Three Individuals

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 30: In its continued crackdown against illegal mining activities, Kulgam Police has seized three vehicles and apprehended three individuals involved in the unlawful extraction and transportation of minerals. Acting on specific inputs, a police team led by the In-Charge Police Post (IC PP) Mirbazar conducted a naka checking operation at Khrewan, during which two vehicles—a JCB and a dumper—were intercepted and seized. The respective drivers were also taken into custody for engaging in mineral-related offences without



legal authorization.

In a similar action, one more vehicles—tractor—were seized at a checkpoint established by the same police unit at Nowpora. The drivers of the vehicles were likewise arrested for their

involvement in the illicit transportation of minerals. Accordingly, cases have been registered at Police Station Qazigund under FIR numbers 153/2025 and 154/2025. Relevant provisions of law have been invoked, and further investigation is currently underway to unearth broader links and possible networks involved in the offence.

Kulgam Police urges the general public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious or unlawful mineral extraction and transportation activities in their vicinity. The cooperation of community members is crucial in ensuring environmental preservation and strict enforcement of the law.

HT EDITORIAL

Identify reasons behind cracks in Bemina flyover and act against guilty

Flyovers and expressways are constructed so as to enhance the connectivity between the people living in different regions. Distances are reduced and a lot of the time of the people gets saved while moving from one destination to another. Flyovers have brought about a revolution in the modern day means of transport and Jammu & Kashmir is no exception. Flyovers have come up in the union territory with people heaving a sigh of relief at the end of the day.

Over the past one year or so flyovers have come up in the Nowgam and Bemina areas of Srinagar city. These flyovers have eased the traffic congestion in these areas and the adjacent ones with people being the ultimate beneficiaries. Both these flyovers missed many deadlines and they were thrown open much to the relief of the people. Not long ago there were reports that cracks had developed in the flyover at Nowgam and the same sent shivers down the spine of the masses.

In a latest disturbing development it has come to the fore that cracks have come up in the Bemina flyover. The government had dismissed the reports about cracks in the Nowgam flyover and termed the same as exaggeration of facts. However, with respect to cracks in the Bemina flyover the government has acknowledged the matter. An enquiry committee has been constituted to look into the matter and asked to submit the report so that action under rules is taken against the guilty.

It is important that proper safety parameters are followed in construction of flyovers so that the human lives are not risked. During the construction of Jehangir Chowk-Rambagh flyover one of the girders fell on a vehicle thus leading to injuries to some people. The authorities should have taken all the safety precautions in the construction of flyovers at Nowgam and Bemina but it seems that the quality has been compromised. As the construction of flyover at Sanat Nagar is going on one can hope there is no compromise of quality in this case.

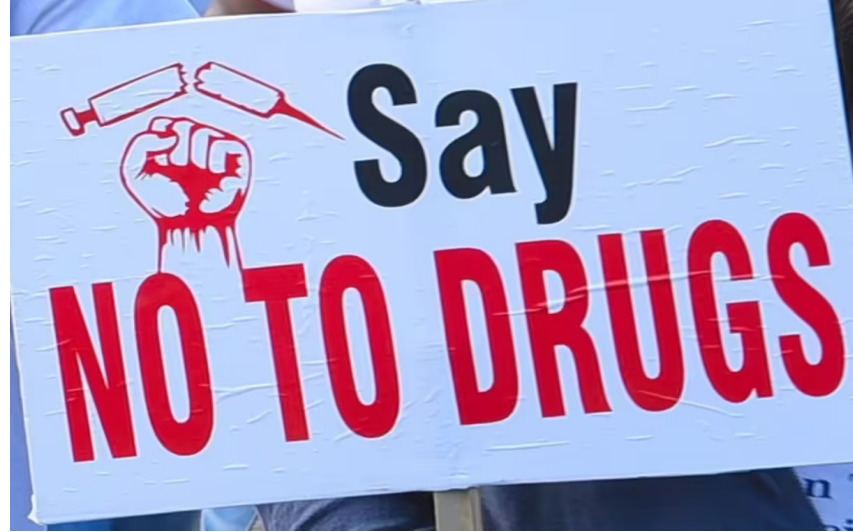
At the same time the authorities should ensure that the deadlines for the completion of different development projects are met in time. Extending the deadlines is not good and it speaks about the inefficiency of the people or the agencies executing a particular project. Once the projects are completed on time the people as a whole hail the professionals involved in the construction of these projects.

Say No to Drugs; A Message to Students



Suresh Kumar

Drugs are one of the biggest threats to a student's life, future, and dreams. At an age when students should focus on building their careers and shaping their personality, falling into the trap of drugs can destroy everything in a matter of time. They affect concentration, memory, and decision-making ability. A student who uses drugs may start missing classes, performing



poorly in family, friends, and future goals. Drugs harm not just the body, but also in studies, and even lose interest. Peer pressure, it's curiosity, or stress are common reasons why students try

drugs. But important to remember that temporary escape brings permanent damage. Addiction can lead to serious health problems, financial issues, and even criminal behavior.

Avoiding drugs means choosing a life of dignity, discipline, and success. Students should engage in sports, hobbies, and positive peer groups. Talking to parents, teachers, or counselors in times of stress can help far more than turning to harmful substances.

In conclusion, saying no to drugs is saying yes to a better future. Every student has the potential to achieve great things — but only with a clear mind, strong body, and healthy lifestyle.

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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

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trends like the share market. Government job postings. Travel destinations. Educational updates and awareness campaigns

They also offer entertainment and lifestyle content—poetry, recipes, jokes, religious teachings, and more. Published in multiple languages (English, Urdu, Hindi, etc.), newspapers cater to a wide variety of readers across the country.

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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My First School was My Humble Beginning (A True Story)

Sidharth P K

“No School ever taught any great Personality to find his own uniqueness”

I learn today that a great school, be it in India or abroad is not required to make success an hallmark of any individual or human being. I came to this institution as just many kids who saw possibility as a creative opportunity to learn and grow. This was my beginnings I didn't know how this building could accommodate my thinking and my own world of imagining.

I can't comprehend my feelings what sufficed with this educational intuition and its small world. I should never think much on it; however I do understand the



possibility of schooling. School will never make you efficient, it can only guide you, to make you realize what one is worthy of. Every trail is a new opportunity and it helps you to realize what is sufficient within oneself, the reality of life. A student must know the world as he steps into the surface. A school helps no one in any time, as it is just a building that keeps beckoning into the dream. The real purpose of a educational institution means to mould the future generation of India, to focus on the building of a future for the national cause.

I am recollecting what I didn't learn from here; expect to face the hurdles of life and its aftermath. I take my journey to the level of knowing to become.

Freedom in mind. Faith in words. Pride in our hearts Memories of our souls



By M S Nazki

A total of 545 lamps were lit, each representing a soldier who laid down his life in Operation Vijay. One of the most heart-felt moments of the evening was the Felicitation Ceremony where the Next of Kin of nine brave hearts were honoured by Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command!

We honour the numerous fighters who have defended our country's honour. Kargil Vijay Diwas wishes to each one of you.

Let us remember the heroic troops who gave their lives in the line of duty to safeguard our beautiful country. Kargil Vijay Diwas Wishes to all.

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The commemorative events began with a Battle Briefing and Remembrance Ceremony at Lamoche Viewpoint in Dras. Overlooking the same peaks where the Kargil conflict was fought, veterans and serving personnel recounted their experiences, supported by a stirring audio-visual presentation that brought to life the stories of sacrifice, courage, and resilience

Honour the courageous warriors who gave their lives to bring the Kargil War to a glorious end. Wishes on Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Freedom in mind. Faith in words. Pride in our hearts. Memories of our souls. Jai Hind...Kargil Vijay Diwas!

Such things just come into the mind as we or maybe someone begins to write a story about Kargil and the Vijay Diwas!

But this time it was emotionally special, spectacular in all respects and soul stirring! The men who gave up their lives 26 years back would have been alive had this war not occurred! But the destination had something else scripted for them!

On the day of the celebrations of victory all invisible persons must be staring and smiling from the heavens as the lamps were lit up signifying that they are still around but cannot be seen!

Kargil Vijay Diwas is the day to remember the war heroes observed on 26th July every year. India will celebrate the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025 in memory of the Indian Army's brave heroes who reclaimed the Tiger Hill strategically from Pakistan.

This day stands as a national tribute to the Indian Army's strength and bravery. The brave Kargil War heroes planned to fight and strategically secured their victory on the Tiger Hill. Various Commemorative Events will be organised on 26th July 2025 to mark the 26th Kargil Vijay in schools, colleges, and government offices. Songs, Acts, and Speeches are delivered by

the students, focusing on the Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Vijay Diwas 2025 India is the day to remember the courage of the brave soldiers. It is only the determination and sacrifice of the soldiers who served in the Indian Army. Their efforts in the difficult terrains of the Ladakh region.

They faced the harsh weather and heavy rains, but nothing could change their mindset to achieve victory over Pakistan. Every Indian knows the reason behind the Kargil Vijay Diwas's importance.

Honours the Martyrs: The day pays tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives to protect the nation. Their sacrifices are remembered through ceremonies, memorials, and events held across India.

Symbol of National Unity and Patriotism: Kargil Vijay Diwas inspires unity and patriotism. It reminds citizens of the courage and resilience of the Indian Armed Forces.

Reminds of Strategic Military Success: The Indian Army displayed remarkable tactical and strategic brilliance during the Kargil War, facing harsh weather, rain, and difficult terrain.

Educates the Youth: It serves as a learning moment for younger generations. They should learn and value the country's military history and the values of courage, sacrifice, and duty.

Strengthens Armed Forces- Civilian Bond: Events organised on this day create a connection between the armed forces and civilians. It can enhance respect for the soldiers who protect the nation's borders.

Promotes National Security Awareness: The day reminds the country of the importance of vigilance, strong defence mechanisms. There is a continuous need for preparedness against external threats.

Events are conducted at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras:

Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebrations are conducted by the students in schools and colleges. Students can remember the bravery and patriotism of the soldiers. The Indian Army showed their strong side against Pakistan, getting back the Tiger Hill.

Students organise acts, songs, and competitions on the Kargil Vijay Diwas.

The celebrations are conducted to develop a feeling of unity and patriotism among the Indians.

The Indian Army has decided to conduct a motivational tour for the Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025. A total of 120 students from multiple educational institutions participated in the motivational tour. They have appeared in the Vijay Diwas 2025 India motivational tour, the Lamoche View Point in Dras.

Munshi Habibullah Mission Higher Secondary School

Suru Valley Public Higher Secondary School

Army Goodwill School (AGS) Harka Bahadur

AGS Feroona

Students who have participated in the Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025 motivational tour can learn about the Indian Army's bravery in recapturing Tiger Hill in the war. They visited the Kargil War Memorial located in Dras. Miss Siddiqah Banoo, Joint Secretary of Team Stringmo, delivered a speech commemorating Kargil Vijay Diwas.

The central event was held at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras over two days and was graced by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Employment and Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports; Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence; Shri Kavinder Gupta, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh; and General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS).

The occasion witnessed tributes by senior military and civil dignitaries, the lighting of 545 lamps in memory of fallen heroes, and the felicitation of Veer Naris and Next of Kin.

In a poignant gesture of inclusion, the Army reached out to families of all 545 martyrs across India and Nepal. The COAS General Upendra Dwivedi inaugurated legacy projects including the Indus Viewpoint, e-Shradhanjali portal, and a QR-based Audio Gateway.

A Capability Display showcased cutting-edge indigenous technologies in mobility, surveillance, and firepower, underscoring the Army's drive towards modernisation and self-reliance. Cultural performances, religious prayers, and interactive outreach programmes reflected the nation's undying gratitude and deep emotional connection with its soldiers.

25 July 2025 - Battle Remembrance and Shaurya Sandhya:



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The dignitaries also participated in Vijay Bhoj, a commemorative community meal, symbolising unity and gratitude. The day also witnessed enthusiastic regional and cultural performances by soldiers, NCC cadets, and students from Army Goodwill Public Schools, adding vibrant patriotic fervour to the occasion.

Later that evening, the 'Shaurya Sandhya' programme was held at the Kargil War Memorial as a moving tribute to the fallen. The event began with 'Gaurav Gatha', performed by the Army band, narrating tales of heroism through music. Five religious teachers representing all major faiths offered prayers for the departed souls, symbolising national unity in remembrance. A total of 545 lamps were lit, each representing a soldier who laid down his life in Operation Vijay.

One of the most heartfelt moments of the evening was the Felicitation Ceremony where the Next of Kin of nine brave hearts were honoured by Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command. The event was attended by over 400 distinguished guests, including civil and military dignitaries, Veer Naris, Veer Matas, and local citizens, all gathered to express collective gratitude.

The main event commenced with the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Kargil War Memorial. Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Employment and Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports; Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence; Shri Kavinder Gupta, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh; and General Upendra Dwivedi, COAS, led the nation in paying homage to the martyrs. They were joined by senior military officials, gallantry awardees, Veer Naris, and families of the fallen. The haunting notes of the "Last Post" reverberated through the valley, evoking powerful emotions and remembrance.

In his keynote address, General Upendra Dwivedi paid heartfelt tribute to the fallen soldiers of the Kargil War, lauding their unwavering courage and sacrifice. He reflected on the Indian Army's historic victory in 1999 and its resolute defence of national sovereignty during recent Operation Sindoor. Emphasising that India seeks peace but will respond decisively to provocation, he highlighted the Army's successful, precise operations against terror infrastructure without civilian harm. The COAS outlined the Army's transformation into a future-ready force through 'Rudra' all arms brigades, 'Bhairav' light commando battalions, 'Shaktibaan' artillery regiments and 'Divyastra' batteries, drone-equipped infantry battalions, and indigenous air defence systems. He also

praised the Army's role in national building, especially in border infrastructure, tourism, economy and veteran welfare affirming the soldier's enduring role in building Viksit Bharat by 2047. Calling upon youth to serve the nation with honesty and dedication, he closed with a resolute commitment to safeguarding India's unity, sovereignty, and honour.

As the sun set behind the rugged peaks of Dras, the Kargil War Memorial glowed in the hues of the Tricolour, standing tall as a symbol of national pride and sacrifice. The 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas was not just a tribute to history but a reaffirmation that the spirit of the soldier lives eternally in the soul of the Nation.

While the Kargil War provides valuable insights into high-altitude warfare, it's not a perfect template due to its unique circumstances. The conflict highlighted the importance of specialized training, effective communication, and logistical support in such environments. However, relying solely on the Kargil experience might not be sufficient for all future high-altitude scenarios.

Specific Terrain and Conditions: The Kargil War was fought at extreme altitudes (8,000 to 23,000 feet) with harsh weather conditions, including extreme cold and limited access. While this emphasizes the need for acclimatization and specialized equipment, other high-altitude environments might present different challenges.

Logistical Complexities: The war highlighted the logistical challenges of supplying troops and equipment at such heights. This necessitates robust logistical planning and infrastructure development.

Technological Advancements: Modern warfare relies heavily on technology, and the Kargil War demonstrated the importance of UAVs, surveillance equipment, and communication systems in high-altitude operations.

Need for Adaptability: Military strategies and tactics must be adaptable to the specific context of each conflict. Relying solely on past experiences can be detrimental if the situation changes significantly.

Diplomacy and International Relations: The Kargil War also underscored the importance of diplomatic efforts and international pressure in resolving conflicts, especially between nuclear-armed states.

In conclusion, the Kargil War offers valuable lessons for high-altitude warfare training, particularly regarding acclimatization, logistical support, and the use of technology. However, it should be seen as one case study among many, and military strategies must be flexible and adaptable to different scenarios.

But India is far ahead in High altitude warfare:

The Siachen conflict, a high-altitude war between India and Pakistan, is a prominent example of modern warfare in extreme conditions. It's a prolonged, costly conflict fought in the Siachen Glacier region, the world's highest battlefield, with both nations maintaining a military pres-

ence at over 6,000 meters (20,000 ft). The harsh environment, rather than enemy fire, is the primary cause of casualties due to extreme weather and terrain.

Location and Context: The Siachen Glacier is in the Karakoram Range, part of the disputed Kashmir region. The conflict began due to an undefined border beyond a point called NJ9842, where the 1949 Karachi Agreement and 1972 Simla Agreement didn't clearly define control.

Nature of the Conflict: The Siachen conflict is a high-altitude, glacial trench warfare, with battles fought on peaks, ridges, and passes of the Salto Ridge. The terrain is extremely challenging, leading to a high number of casualties due to weather-related issues like frostbite, hypoxia, and avalanches, rather than direct combat.

Military Operations and Costs: Both India and Pakistan have invested heavily in maintaining a permanent military presence in the region, including building outposts, deploying specialized equipment, and establishing logistical support systems. The cost of maintaining this presence, in terms of both human lives and resources, has been substantial.

Strategic Importance: The Siachen Glacier is strategically important for both countries due to its location and potential for controlling the surrounding areas.

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the importance of specialized mountain warfare training, including acclimatization, first aid in extreme conditions, and the use of specialized equipment like oxygen supplies, climbing gear, and specialized clothing. It has also led to innovations in tactics and medical doctrine for high-altitude combat. But Kargil still lives in our memories!

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First Aid Training at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni

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JAMMU, JUL 30: Eight days First-Aid training was organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT which concluded on 29th July, 2025 at Red Cross Bhawan Kachi Chawni Jammu for the employees of Berger Paints British Division and Gahardha Chemicals Ltd., Samba under the leadership of Sh. Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS-J&K.

The lecture was delivered/ demonstrated by Dr. Manpreet Kaur and Dr. Rita Kumari, Medical officers along with Sh. Joginder Kumar, Pharmacist and Smt. Mohna Devi, FMPHW. The participants were trained about the ABC of First-Aid, Traumas, Bleeding and types of bandages, practical demonstration on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Transportation of injured person etc. The trainees were also apprised of the various techniques of Disaster Management during Earthquakes, Fires, Floods, famine etc.



Apart from this, all the queries made by the students regarding the healthy lifestyle and other health issues were cleared by the Doctors and they also provided some tips regarding the healthy lifestyle. A special lecture on drug de-addiction was also given to the participants. The training went quite fruitful and concluded with good positivity.

The exam was conducted by Dr. Rita Kumari, Medical Officer along with Ms. Vironica Marwah, Field Officer and Sh. Joginder Kumar, Pharmacist. During the last day of session, Sh. Rohit Khajuria had one on one conversation with the participants and all the participants were issued with Provisional certificates.

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Pain And Palliative Care Unit At DH Pulwama

Where Pain Is Heard And Hope Is Held

Dr Basharat Khan

In the heart of District Hospital Pulwama, past the noise of rushing trolleys and the chatter of crowded wards, there is a room where time moves differently. No one here is waiting for a diagnosis. There are no emergencies, no surgical miracles. Instead, there is something gentler—an atmosphere steeped in listening, patience, and a particular kind of tenderness rarely found in public hospitals. This is the Pain and Palliative Care Unit. It is not a place for cure. It is a place for comfort. A place where the pain that outlasts medicine is neither ignored nor hidden, but met with quiet resolve and humane attention.

The clinic opens twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays. On those days, a slow stream of patients, many in advanced stages of illness, arrive seeking relief. Some have cancer that has spread too far. Others live with neuralgias, spinal injuries, diabetic neuropathies, or chronic post-operative pain. For many, this is the only space where their suffering is believed—where a groan is not a nuisance, but a symptom that deserves its own kind of science.

This unit began its journey in 2010, quietly and without fanfare. Over time, it slipped in and out of activity. But in recent years, particularly under the guidance of Dr. Tak, it has become something more enduring; a sanctuary for the weary, and a stronghold of compassionate medicine. In the last financial year alone, over 1,250 patients were treated here. That is not a small number for a service that does not



advertise itself. That number speaks to something else: trust.

The procedures conducted here require skill and delicacy. Patients receive nerve blocks, trigger point injections, epidural catheter placements, and morphine-based regimens, all within the modest space of

a government hospital. Fluids are drained from lungs to help someone breathe again. Feeding tubes are inserted with care for those too weak to swallow. Cancer patients are spared the slow torture of unmanaged pain. Nothing here is done hastily, and nothing is done indifferently.

Even earlier this year, when the unit's lead consultant was temporarily deputed elsewhere, the clinic remained open. The team continued. Over 180 patients were seen, 34 interventions carried out this year. No press note marked this persistence. But it happened, day after day, quietly and without break; because pain, after all, doesn't wait for official instructions.

The challenges remain stark. There is no dedicated nursing staff, no surplus budget. Equipment wears out. Awareness in the community is still low, and the very word "palliative" is often misunderstood. Many families seek help only when it is too late, believing that pain is either to be endured or concealed.

But what this unit proves against the odds is that relief is not a luxury. It is a right. That suffering can be seen, and more importantly, it can be softened. And that in a place where lives are often measured by survival alone, there can still be space for grace.

Not every hero wears a stethoscope in the ER. Some sit quietly in a small room in Pulwama, holding the hands of those in pain, not rushing them, not abandoning them. And in that stillness, something extraordinary happens.

Because there are rooms where pain is silenced. But this is a room where it is heard. And that, perhaps is the beginning of real healing.

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Hair Care Habits To Prevent Hair Thinning



Shahnaz Hussain

of vitamin B associated with good hair. These are essential in maintaining healthy follicles, which help in hair growth and decrease shedding.

Because trace minerals like iron, magnesium, zinc, and biotin also affect hair, it's a good idea to take a daily multivitamin.

Hydrating fluids like coconut water nourish your hair from within

Quit Smoking
Smoking affects the hair follicles in multiple ways.

If you are exposed to cigarette smoke, unsafe chemicals can settle on your hair and scalp. These chemicals can damage the hair shaft by making your hair dry and more prone to breakage.

Smoking is a serious factor in developing androgenetic alopecia. It is a common type of hair loss in both men and women (also known as pattern baldness). Smoking can trigger inflammation in the scalp, which can damage hair follicles and further contribute to the problem of hair loss.

Nicotine and other injurious substances in cigarettes can induce vasoconstriction. It narrows your blood vessels, which can reduce blood flow. This impacts the blood supply to your scalp and eliminates the vital nutrients and oxygen to your hair follicles.

When a person quits smoking, it is possible to undo some of the damage caused by the harmful effects of smoking, but the same cannot be said for those who have developed male pattern baldness. If smoking has caused androgenetic alopecia, then it can only be slowed down with dermatological treatments.

Use a Derma Roller
This simple tool is gaining fame for its ability to boost hair growth, tackle hair thinning, or just give hair a little extra oomph.

It's considered a minimally invasive procedure with a fairly speedy recovery time, especially with shorter needles.

When you roll this small gadget featuring a roller covered in very fine needles over your scalp, these needles create tiny pinpricks in the skin that increase blood circulation in the scalp. More blood means more nutrients and oxygen, which are like superfoods for your hair follicles.

This increased blood flow can wake up dormant hair follicles, giving them the nudge they need to start growing hair again.

Over time, the improved scalp health and increased nutrient delivery can lead to thicker, fuller hair. It's like giving your hair a natural volume boost from within.

If you're new to dermarolling, begin with a 10-minute home session once a week and gradually increase the frequency if your skin tolerates it well.

The author is an internationally famous beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India

Hair loss is most commonly caused by genetics, lifestyle, diet, stress, environmental damage and hormonal changes, among others and becomes more common in men and women with age. Most healthy people lose between 50 and 100 single hairs per day. When you start to shed more strands — and fewer or none grow back — the condition is considered alopecia (hair loss).

Every strand of hair on your head has a lifespan between about 3 to 5 years. Hair shedding is part of a natural balance — some hairs fall out while others grow in. Hair loss occurs when your hair's growth cycle is disrupted. This can cause shedding, bald spots and thinning hair.

And like most other things in life, we only think of treating this problem when it's out of control, rather than preventing the issue before it becomes too serious.

However, unless the cause is medical or genetic, managing hair fall is simply a matter of following healthy habits. Some are as simple as eating a healthy diet, managing stress levels and blow drying less.

A healthy diet can help your hair stay strong and shiny. What you eat can also keep you from losing your locks. If you're not getting certain nutrients from food, you might see the effects in your hair.

On that note, here are easy-to-do, practical steps all women can follow to manage their hair health and prevent hair thinning. Take a look!

Take Care of Your Nutrition
Your hair reflects your overall health. A balanced diet is the first step to healthier hair. If you're not getting enough nutrients, your hair will show it. Your strands need all types of nutrients to grow thick and strong. While vitamins don't necessarily promote hair growth, some mineral and vitamin deficiencies can cause hair loss. Include Iron-rich foods like spinach and lentils to prevent hair thinning. Biotin sources like eggs and nuts for stronger strands. Include fish, dairy, eggs, beans, lentils, nuts, and seeds to avoid hair thinning. Vitamin B12, Folic Acid, and Biotin are types

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Farooq-Omar Broke Promises, Now Playing Cultural Victim Card: Tarun Chugh Slams NC In Baramulla

Tarun Chugh, Sat Sharma address massive rally at Baramulla

HT News Desk

BARAMULLA, JULY 30: Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K BJP accompanied by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly, Baldev Billawaria, and Anwar Khan, General Secretaries, J&K BJP addressed a massive rally of BJP attended by thousands of enthusiastic party workers and public, in which Anwar Khan was also felicitated for his induction as general secretary of J&K BJP.

Tarun Chugh launched a fierce attack on the National Conference from Baramulla, holding them accountable for both broken promises and dangerous rhetoric.

Speaking at a BJP workers' meeting, Chugh tore into the NC leadership, Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, reminding them of the grand promises made before elections that were conveniently forgotten. "Where are the one lakh jobs they promised? What happened to filling all government vacancies within 180 days? Where are the six free LPG cylinders and the 200

units of free electricity? These weren't just promises, they were a fraud on the youth and poor of J&K," Chugh said, drawing loud applause from karyakartas.

Calling the NC manifesto a cruel joke, Chugh said the party has failed to deliver even the basics, and is now trying to divert attention by crying "cultural invasion" over tourism. "Instead of answering for their failures, they've now found a new excuse—labeling Indian tourists as invaders. This is not just laughable, it is sinister," he added.

Reacting strongly to NC MP Aga Rahulla's remarks describing tourism as a "cultural invasion," Chugh said such statements echo Pakistan-sponsored propaganda. "When NC leaders brand Indian tourists as cultural invaders, they insult the warmth, hospitality, and inclusive identity of Kashmiris," Chugh stated.

He said tourism brings livelihoods, hope, and connectivity to the people of Jammu & Kashmir, and only those clinging to outdated politics of hate would oppose it. "This regressive mindset shows NC's desperation. They cannot digest the fact



that Kashmir is healing and prospering under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership," he said.

Taking on NC's historical baggage, Chugh pointed to the series of rigged elections in Jammu & Kashmir which eroded public trust, deepened alienation, and laid the groundwork for decades of bloodshed. "The NC repeatedly manipulated democratic institutions and silenced real voices. Their poli-

tics directly enabled Pakistan and terror networks to exploit Kashmir's wounds," Chugh said.

He also slammed the party for its deafening silence after the successful and peaceful conduct of the Holy Muharram procession in Srinagar after more than three decades. "This was a moment of deep cultural and religious pride for the people of the Valley. But the NC, as usual, couldn't stomach a positive change under the Modi

government. Their silence is proof that political gains matter more to them than people's faith and traditions," he said.

Chugh didn't spare NC leaders for refusing to acknowledge the historic voter turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections either. "The people of Kashmir rejected separatist threats and stood firm with democracy. NC has no moral right to sit in Parliament while disrespecting the very system that elected them,"

he asserted.

Referring to the Pahalgam tragedy, Chugh said that at a time when unity and compassion are needed, the NC is playing a communal and divisive game. "They couldn't even stand with the victims. Instead, they chose to amplify narratives that help Pakistan and radical elements. This is not opposition politics. This is betrayal."

Rejecting the term "cultural invasion" as vicious and baseless, Chugh said that the people of Kashmir have moved on from the politics of fear and blackmail. "NC's days of emotional blackmail and dynastic entitlement are over. Kashmiris want jobs, peace, and dignity—not slogans from 1975," he said.

Praising the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their resilience, Chugh concluded, "Their spontaneous response after the Pahalgam massacre, their defiance of separatist calls, and their love for the Constitution show one thing clearly—Kashmir has changed. And NC simply cannot handle it."

While addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma expressed his happiness over the overwhelm-

ing turnout and the enthusiastic support of the people. He said the massive crowd was a clear reflection of the growing trust and affection for the BJP across Jammu and Kashmir, including the Kashmir region.

He congratulated Anwar Khan on being appointed as the State General Secretary of the BJP and praised the deep respect and admiration he enjoys among the people.

Sat Sharma emphasized that the BJP is committed to the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir without any bias or discrimination. He asserted that the nation is progressing steadily under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Jammu & Kashmir is also moving forward on the same path of growth and development.

He expressed confidence that the BJP will form the next government in Jammu & Kashmir on its own strength. Highlighting the popularity of the Prime Minister's "Mann Ki Baat" programme, even in the Kashmir region, he said it stands as a testament to the people's growing faith in the Modi government.

DC Kulgam Flags off a group of 54 progressive orchardists to SKUAST

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 30: In a significant step towards empowering farmers with modern horticultural practices, Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) today flagged off a group of 54 progressive orchardists from Mini-Secretariat Kulgam to SKUAST-K (Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Kashmir) as part of a Capacity Building Programme under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The tour has been organized by the Chief Horticulture Officer, Kulgam.

The HADP scheme provides comprehensive support to orchardists in areas such as establishment of High-Density Orchards, nurseries, and mechanization.

The Capacity Building Programme is designed to sensitize farmers about the adoption of latest technologies and modern farming systems in the horticulture sector.



Before flagging off the group, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the orchardists and urged them to take full advantage of the exposure visit by actively engaging with experts and adopting innovative horticultural practices. He emphasized that such initiatives are vital for enhancing productivity, improving quality, and ensuring sustainable income for farming communities.

It was informed that during the tour, the orchardists will engage in interactive sessions with scientists at SKUAST-K, where they will learn about technological interventions and innovations in horticulture.

They will also witness practical demonstrations on the establishment and management of orchards, with a special focus on High-Density Plantation techniques. This initiative aims to equip farmers with the knowledge and skills required for sustainable and high-yield horticultural practices, ultimately enhancing productivity and income generation in the sector. Present on the occasion were ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah, Chief Horticulture Officer, Mohammad Ramzan, Chief Agriculture Officer, Farooq Ahmad and other officers.

DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for Sampoonnata Abhiyan Celebration, 7-Day Aakansha Haat

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) today chaired a meeting to finalize arrangements for the upcoming Sampoonnata Abhiyan celebration in Aspirational Block Manzgam and the 7-Day Aakansha Haat (Mela) here in the Mini-Secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmed Giri, District Programme Officer ICDS, ACD Bilal Ahmad Kamgar, Chief Planning Officer, C.M.O, C.E.O, BDOs, LDM JK Bank, Tehsildars, and other concerned officers of line departments.

During the meeting, the Dep-

uty Commissioner (DC) emphasized the importance of showcasing achievements under the Sampoonnata Abhiyan, which targets the saturation of six (6) key developmental indicators in Aspirational Block Manzgam.

As per the guidelines of NITI Aayog, it was decided that a grand celebration will be held at the Block Headquarters Manzgam where officers and officials with exceptional contributions to the campaign will be felicitated.

The Sampoonnata Abhiyan, under the Aspirational Block Programme, is a significant initiative aimed at achieving "saturation" in key indicators—ensuring that all eligible individuals and communities benefit from govern-



ment schemes and services.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) also reviewed preparations for the Aakansha Haat, a week-long event starting from August 02 focused on the sale and exhibition of local products, in addition to creating awareness and delivering benefits under various government schemes and welfare programmes.

All departments were instructed to install stalls, display and sell products, offer on-the-spot services, and actively engage the public throughout the event.

The DC directed all departments to ensure comprehensive arrangements and active participation to make both events successful and impactful for the people of Kulgam.

DC Kulgam Flags Off Beekeepers' Exposure Tour under NBHM; Distributes Motorized Vending Carts

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 30: To promote apiculture and strengthen agriculture-based livelihoods, Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) today flagged off a group of 25 beekeepers for a one-day exposure tour to Lalmandi, Srinagar. The tour is part of a 7-day training programme being conducted under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM).

Organized under the centrally sponsored NBHM scheme, the tour aims to provide practical exposure to the participants. During the visit, the beekeepers will be taken to a Honey Processing and Quality Control Lab, where they will gain hands-on insights into modern techniques of honey extraction, processing, branding, and marketing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of such exposure



visits in upgrading the skills and knowledge of local entrepreneurs, especially those involved in rural and agri-allied sectors. He stressed that such initiatives play a pivotal role in transforming agriculture into a more profitable and sustainable venture.

On the sidelines of the event, two motorized vending carts were also distributed to beneficiaries under the

UT Capex Budget. These carts are intended to aid the marketing and sale of vegetables in urban and semi-urban areas of the district, thereby offering a sustainable income-generating opportunity for the recipients.

ACR Kulgam, Riyaz Ahmad Shah Officers from the Agriculture and allied departments were present during the flag-off ceremony.

APS Akhnoor Hosts Northern Command Quiz Showcasing Excellence

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AKHNOOR, JULY 30: Army Public School, Akhnoor proudly hosted the Northern Command Inter Army Public School Quiz Competition 2025, a prestigious academic event that brought together some of the brightest young minds from Army Public Schools across the region. The event was a vibrant celebration of intellectual curiosity, competitive spirit and scholastic excellence. Eminent APS institutions participated in the event — APS Dhar Road Udhampur, APS Kanpur, APS Raiwala, APS Rakhmuthi, APS Nagrota, APS Udhampur, APS Prayagraj and the host school APS Akhnoor. Each team showcased remarkable composure, sharp thinking and a deep understanding of diverse subjects. The programme commenced with a soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of the Goddess of Wisdom, followed by a warm welcome address. The quiz, spread across five intellectually stimulating rounds, tested participants on general knowledge, current affairs, logical reasoning and analytical ability. Owned quizmasters Mr Aditya Nath Mubayi, Co-founder of Quizcraft Global, and Mr Kamran Akram Ansari, Head of Production and Management Specialist at Quizcraft Global, conducted the competition. Their dynamic style, wit and mastery of quizzing formats kept the audience engaged throughout. The event was graced by Brigadier Ankur Banga, Chairman of APS Akhnoor as the Chief Guest. His encouraging words left a lasting impact on the participants. Also in attendance were Mrs Geeta Devi, Principal and Dr Rakesh Chandra, Vice Principal, APS Akhnoor, who commended the students for their enthusiasm and dedication. After a closely contested battle of intellect, APS Kanpur clinched the winner's trophy, while APS Udhampur secured the runner-up position, both schools demonstrating consistent brilliance across all rounds.

Manyal Chairs Development Review Meeting with DC Samba and Officials in Ramgarh

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RAMGARH, JULY 30: In a comprehensive review meeting held in Ramgarh, MLA Ramgarh Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, along with Deputy Commissioner Samba Rajesh Sharma (JKAS) and senior officials from various departments, assessed the status of ongoing develop-

mental works and addressed public grievances from the constituency. Dr. Manyal expressed concern over delayed road repairs, particularly in rural and flood-prone areas, and instructed the Public Works Department to ensure quality, accountability, and time-bound completion of works.

Dr. Manyal emphasized that

departments must act proactively and remain in constant coordination with public representatives. He urged the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to expedite the verification of subsidised machinery and provide timely compensation for weather-related damages to polyhouses. He recommended the establishment of a horticulture nurs-

ery in Ramgarh to generate employment and enhance local productivity. Stressing the importance of inclusive governance, he added that outreach programmes should not be conducted in isolation, and local representatives must be kept in the loop for better implementation. On the education front, he called for rationalisation of teaching staff, not-

ing that several schools have a mismatch between student strength and teacher deployment.

He further directed the Revenue Department to expedite resolution of land disputes in Sarwa, Chamliyal, and Mahal, and facilitate land identification for public utilities including the PMAY housing colony and grid station at Radi.

Mega awareness camp on JKCIP, HADP, other schemes of Agri. & allied sectors held at Lar Ganderbal

DC lauds unique-quality grape production in Repora, encourages farmers to capitalize the potential of the unique product

HT News Desk/ DIPR

GANDERBAL, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today presided over a mega awareness camp on the recently launched JK Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and other schemes of Agriculture and allied sectors in Lar, Ganderbal. The day-long camp, organized by the Horticulture department Ganderbal, at the Model Vineyard Orchard, Kralbagh Lar witnessed overwhelming participation from farmers, progressive grape growers, and locals from across the district. DC, in his address lauded the grape production in Repora, Lar,

calling it a unique and high-quality variety not commonly found elsewhere in the country. He assured the farmers that the administration is committed to supporting grape growers through enhanced facilities for processing, packaging, and market linkage to improve profitability. He highlighted the immense potential of grape cultivation in Lar, a prominent grape-producing belt of the district and encouraged them to avail benefits of schemes offered by the department. DC emphasized the importance of such camps in educating the farming community about flagship schemes, including the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme



(HADP), Mission Yuva, and the recently launched JK Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP). He encouraged the participants for on-spot registrations for various initiatives like Daksh Kissan, HADP, JKCIP, and other schemes to enable farmers to access benefits directly. He further assured that all issues and concerns raised during the camp would be addressed in a time-bound manner. DC also announced that more such awareness initiatives will be organized in the future to ensure broader outreach and benefit for farmers and unemployed youth. Earlier, DC visited the stalls installed by Agriculture, Hor-

iculture, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and other departments which provided the public with detailed guidance on scheme benefits, eligibility criteria, and registration procedures. During the day-long program, technical experts also conducted sessions on innovations and best practices in grape-based horticulture and allied sectors. Later, DC also handed over authorization letters to beneficiaries under the HADP scheme for 2025-26, representing all agri-allied departments. Among others, the event was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, LDM and other senior officers.

COAS Visits Manipur to Review Ops, Boost Civil-Military Synergy, Attend Durand Cup

HT News Desk

NEW DELHI, JULY 30: General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), undertook a day-long visit to Manipur to review the prevailing security situation and operational readiness of Assam Rifles and Army formations deployed in the state. The visit underlined the Indian Army's steadfast commitment to stability and development in the region. During his visit, the COAS was briefed on ground conditions and ongoing initiatives aimed at ensuring peace and security. He reviewed the operational preparedness of troops and lauded their high standards of professionalism, resilience and dedication under challenging circumstances. General Dwivedi also called on the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla and discussed matters pertaining to security and development. The meeting highlighted the collaborative efforts between civil administration and armed forces in fostering peace and progress in the region.

The COAS will later witness a match of the 134th edition of the Durand Cup at Khuman Lampak Stadium, marking the tournament's return to Imphal after two years. The ceremony preceding the match will feature a vibrant cultural programme and military displays, showcasing Manipur's rich heritage and the pride of the Armed Forces.

The COAS will interact with players and officials of the local favourites NEROCA FC and TRAU FC before the Group F match. The evening will also feature aerial and ground displays by Army Aviation, Special Forces skydivers, pipe and symphony bands and traditional performances, reflecting a celebration of youth, sports, and unity.

The visit of General Dwivedi reaffirmed the Indian Army's enduring role in fostering peace, encouraging youth engagement through sports and supporting military-civil synergy for holistic development in Manipur.

Karra, Udey, Bhalla Shah Nawaz, others hand over educational aid to 30 children of war martyrs

LOP Rahul Gandhi had asked IYC to take up the cause to help orphan children

HT News Desk

POONCH, JULY 30: On the directions of Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha & former President of Congress party Shri Rahul Gandhi, JKPC Chief Tariq Hameed Karra & National President of IYC Udey Bhanu Chib today handed over cheques of financial/educational aid to 30 children of war martyrs in Poonch, in the presence of Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla, AICC Secretary Shah Nawaz Chaudhary, Former Chairman Legislative council Jahangir Mir, Sain Abdul Rasheed, DDC, District President Poonch S Rajinder Singh Kaka, IYC Secretary Ajaz Chaudhary, Taj Hussain Mir & PYC Vice President Fiaz Ahmed & General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney & others. In a simple function in Poonch attended by the affected children

and their relatives besides prominent Congress and youth Congress leaders, they were handed over the cheques of financial aid in order to sustain their lives especially carrying on their education. These children lost their parents and bread earner in the Pakistan shelling during Operation Sindoor in which 13 persons lost lives and 28 others injured.

JKPC Chief Tariq Hameed Karra told reporters here that LOP Rahul Gandhi ji during his visit to Poonch to meet victims of Pakistan shelling also visited a school & met the children. He desired the finding out of most deserving children to be provided financial aid to carry on their studies. As a result the IYC started this exercise to shortlist the most deserving children left orphan and lost their bread earner and offered



financial aid to them. Karra said that All India Congress leader had visited different affected families in Poonch and shared their grief and gave a message of concern & care for citizens in this extreme border belt, who were targeted by Pakistan against all principles of humanity & international norms of war. He appreciated the IYC led by Udey Bhanu Chib for taking up this pious initiative to help the most deserving children who lost

parents in the service of nation. Nothing can be more pious than this cause. All India Youth Congress President Udey Bhanu Chib said on the occasion that the IYC was inspired by LOP Shri Rahul Gandhi to undertake this most deserving cause of service and extending helping hand to the victims of war. He said that these children shall be able to continue their studies against the worst situation caused by Pakistan shelling. More orga-

nizations and affluent members of society should come forward in such situations adding that there is no dearth of kind people who support the suffering people in need. Shah Nawaz Chaudhary thanked Shri Rahul Gandhi and IYC for extending financial support to the most deserving children who are worst sufferers of the Pakistan shelling. Jahangir Mir & DCC President Rajinder Singh Kaka thanked Shri Rahul Gandhi and JKPC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra for considering the request of the people of Poonch during their visits and asked Youth Congress to take care of these orphan children. On behalf of people of Poonch, they expressed gratitude to Rahul Gandhi and Tariq Hameed Karra as well IYC leadership.

Vikram Randhawa listens to public grievances at BJP headquarters

HT News Desk

JAMMU, JULY 30: Senior BJP leader and MLA from Bahu Assembly Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, today held a Public Darbar at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to engage with citizens and address their grievances. A large number of deputations from different localities of Jammu participated in the darbar, highlighting various civic issues, ranging from infrastructure needs to administrative challenges. The Public Darbar witnessed a diverse range of demands. Residents from

Last Morh Gandhi Nagar urged immediate repair of broken iron gratings and clearing of choked drains. A deputation from Small Plots Gandhi Nagar presented a case for compassionate appointment under SRO-43, while citizens from Arjun Vihar appealed for repairs to lanes and drains. The demand for the installation of a statue of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas at Chamlyal was put forth by a deputation from Hiranagar. Other notable issues included the need for electric light repairs and installation in Talab Tillo, leakage in PHE pipes in Gole Market Gandhi Nagar, bifurcation

of ration cards in Nanak Nagar, and the construction of a community sanitary complex in Kryal Brahmana. A deputation from Laxmipuram Chinore also stressed the need for urgent drain clearance. Speaking on the occasion, Ch. Vikram Randhawa assured the public that their concerns are being taken seriously and necessary follow-ups will be initiated with the concerned departments. "Issues related to civic amenities like drainage, street lights, and basic sanitation cannot be overlooked. These directly affect the quality of life, and I will personally ensure that de-

partments are made accountable for timely redressal," he said. He particularly emphasized the importance of sanitation and drain maintenance in urban areas, citing their impact on health and hygiene. "Jammu is evolving into a vibrant urban centre, and it is imperative to ensure our civic infrastructure keeps pace with its growth," he added. The event was coordinated by Er. T.K. Sharma, Co-convenor of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, J&K BJP, who facilitated smooth interaction between the public and party leadership.

J&K Students Urge Rahul Gandhi to Raise Kashmiri Issues in Parliament

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, JUL 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association on Wednesday has written to the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, urging him to raise in Parliament the plight of Kashmiri students and shawl sellers who were harassed, humiliated, and assaulted across the country following the Pahalgam attack, as well as the continued suffering of victims of cross-border shelling in Rajouri, Poonch, Kupwara, and Uri. "In its letter, the Association highlighted the deepening crisis that has unfolded in the aftermath of the recent Pahalgam terror attack and the escalating cross-border shelling, both of which have devastated civilian lives. The letter expressed grave concern over the psychological trauma, displacement, and loss experienced by the affected communities." Nasir Khuehami, National Convenor of the Association, recalled a recent meeting with Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Srinagar following the Pahalgam attack. "We had an in-depth, 30-minute meeting where we shared firsthand accounts and specific instances of targeted harassment, as well as the mental and physical hardships being endured by Kashmiri students and civilians," Khuehami said. He noted that Rahul Gandhi had assured the delegation of raising these concerns in Parliament and taking them up with the



Prime Minister. The letter pointed out that despite the widespread condemnation of the Pahalgam attack by Kashmiri students, there were at least 18 reported incidents of targeted violence, harassment, and threats against Kashmiri students and shawl sellers across various states. "Universities have turned into spaces of fear and exclusion," the letter stated, while calling for institutional safeguards, campus security mechanisms, redressal frameworks, and mental health support for the affected students. He emphasized that, The consequences of these relentless attacks are harrowing.

Residential homes have been obliterated, schools have been destroyed, and children have not only been killed and injured but have also suffered severe psychological trauma. Highlighting the deteriorating situation in border areas, the Association stated, "Families are living in constant fear, bunkers have replaced homes, and children are being robbed of their futures." Several residential areas have been flattened by shelling, schools destroyed, and the trauma among children and youth continues to grow. The letter also lauded Rahul Gandhi's visits to Poonch and Srinagar and his decision to adopt 22 children orphaned in cross-border shelling. "His act of adopting these children for their education, safety, and well-being is an extraordinary gesture of compassion and moral leadership," said Khuehami, adding that such commitments go beyond political symbolism. Recalling Gandhi's words; "We must fight hate in all its forms. Kashmiris are an integral part of India, and their rights and dignity are non-negotiable", the Association expressed hope that these sentiments would be translated into concrete action during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament. "This is not a political issue, but a humanitarian imperative," Khuehami said. "We urge Rahul Gandhi to be the voice of the voiceless and bring the struggles of Kashmiri youth to the attention of the nation. Their pain must no longer remain invisible."

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UDISE: 01041600208 Date: 29-05-2025
Ref: 248-SIAL-NBL/2025

To
Chief Education Officer
District Budgam,

Sub: application for issuance of character certificate in favour of managing body SOLIAH IDARATUL ALOOM Narbal.

With due respect and humble regards, I would like to request you to kindly issue the character certificate in favour of below mentioned our managing body requested for extension of registration. That will be your most kindness

S.N	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Designation	Occupation	Contact number	Photo
1	BASHIR AHMAD SHEIKH	GH MOHAMMAD SHEIKH	SHEIKH MOHALLA, NARBAL	MA	Chairman	Retired Govt Employee	9596164651	
2	SYED SHAMIM AHMAD	SYED GHULAM RASOOL	SHEIKH MOHALLA, NARBAL	Graduation	Secretary	Shop Keeper	9797839400	
3	SHEIKH MARFU UL BASHIR	BASIR AHMED SHEIKH	SHEIKH MOHALLA, NARBAL	Graduation	Vice Chairman	Student	9596164651	
4	DANISH SIDIQ BHAT	MOHAMMAD SIDIQ BHAT	SEHRI MOHALLA, NARBAL	Graduation	Member	Business	8082030774	
5	MOHAMMAD FAROOQ SHEIKH	GULAM RASOOL SHEIKH	YARI GUND, NARBAL	MA, B. Ed	Advisor	Principal	9797980511	
6	SYED AZRA	SYED MOHI UD DIN BUKHARI	GOTAPORA, ARATH	MA, B. Ed	Member	Teacher	6006515839	
7	ZAHMED AHMED BHAT	ABDUL SALAM BHAT	SEHRI MOHALLA, NARBAL	Middle Passed	Member	Driver	7006502287	
8	ULFAT JAN	GHULAM MOHAMMAD BHAT	SEHRI MOHALLA, NARBAL	Under Matric	Member	Business	7006510245	

Public Notice

My name was wrongly mentioned in bank account under no.0006040100048517 as Shaista instead of Shaista Jan. Now I want to change. Anybody having objection please contact within 7 days at concern J&K Bank Authorities , no objection will be entertained after that.

Shaista Jan
W/O:-Shabir Ahmad Dar
R/O:- Gassi Mohaolla Safa Kadal

Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my son's name and dob has been incorrectly mentioned on her Adhar card 338900910934,namely Wahid Rasool dob 26/01/2008 S/O Ghulam Rasool, Bhat while her correct Name and dob is as per record Ubaid Rasool dob 10/04/2013, S/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat r/o,

Kandikhass/Tehsil/Handwara, now i have applied for the correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection at UDAI Office Or BDO Office Natnussa within a period of 07 days after that no objection will be accepted.

Name: UBAID RASOOL DOB 10/04/2013
Parentage: GHULAM RASOOL BHAT
R/O: KANDI KHASS/ Tehsil/ Handwara/ District/ Kupwara

From: Tehsildar Office Handwara

Subject: Public Notice Regarding Application of RBA By,Aijaz Ahmad Gojree S/o,Ab Rahim Gojree Village,Baderher,Tehsil,Handwara,District Kupwara. Adhar No. 421916778629 Application No.Jk-Rev-Inc/2025/315827 Dated,11,06,2025 Public Notification

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the applicant has submitted an application for the issuance of an RBA (Reserved Backward Area) Certificate, which is currently under process in this office.The applicant's family has been continuously residing in this village for the past fifteen years. The applicant family consists of the following members:

- Name.Mother,Son,Daughter, Profession.
- 1,Rubeena begum,Mother,House wife
- 2,Farida Akhter,Daughter,Student
- 3,Aijaz Ahmad Gojree,Son,Student

There is no other member in the family besides those listed above. The family's total income from all sources has been declared as ₹.160000.Therefore, if any individual or persons have any objection regarding the issuance of this certificate, they are advised to submit their objections to this office within seven days. After the expiry of this period, no objections will be entertained.

Tehsildar Office Handwara

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of RAJA BEGUM D/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD YATOO R/O DULETPORA Tehsil kreeri Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 21/07/1950 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 Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

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 adress 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

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

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
TEHSL...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....NUSRULLAH KHAN
S/O HABIBULLAH KHAN

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

Electricity connection having Account ID 0335416160 and Installtion No 724608920 registered in the name of Zaffer Ahmad S/o Atta Mohamad Khan R/o Hamdaniya Colony Bemina Sector 11 House No 931 to be transferred in the name of Abdul Rashid Dar S/o Abdul Majeed R/o Hamdaniya Colony Bemina Sector 11 House No 931

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE HANDWARA

Case No: 130/2024
CNR No:JKKW060002752024
D.O.I 30.01.2024
Date of Order: 29.05.2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chief Judicial Magistrate Handwara

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Wagoora
(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 MOHAMMAD ASSADULLAH MIR S/O ABDUL AHAD MIR R/O WAGOORA Tehsil WAGOORA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Death as 08/08/2001 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 Wagoora

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 MOHAMMAD AKBAR LONE S/O ABDUL RAHMAN LONE R/O KHISIPORA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of death as 11/10/2002 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

Public Notice

I have lost Death Certificate of My Son Mohd Ashraf Wani S/O GH Mohd Wani issued on 03-02-2003.Now i am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact concerned Authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

GH MOHD WANI F/O LATE MOHD ASHRAF WANI
R/O KREERI BARAMULLA

Public Notice

My Name and My Parentage wrongly mentioned in my Bank Account and Pass Book as Mohd Assadullah Trumboo S/O Gul Mohd Trumboo instead of my Name as Assadullah Wani and my Parentage as Gulle Joo Wani .Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Manager J&K Bank Branch Kreeri within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

ASSADULLAH WANI S/O GULLE JOO WANI
R/O KREERI BARAMULLA

Public Notice

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GH MOHD WANI F/O LATE MOHD ASHRAF WANI
R/O KREERI BARAMULLA

Public Notice

My Name and My Parentage wrongly mentioned in my Bank Account and Pass Book as Mohd Assadullah Trumboo S/O Gul Mohd Trumboo instead of my Name as Assadullah Wani and my Parentage as Gulle Joo Wani .Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Manager J&K Bank Branch Kreeri within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

ASSADULLAH WANI S/O GULLE JOO WANI
R/O KREERI BARAMULLA

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (Short term)
e-NIT NO 41 OF RnB/Pahalgam/2025-26 | Dated: 28-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage basis basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

S.No	Name of work	T.D Cost	E/M	Time	Class
1	Repair and Renovation of Sheep Development Block Cum Guest House Pahalgam	600/-	22040/-	90 Days	D, C & D

Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs): Adv. Cost = Rs. 11.02 Amount without GST = Rs. 9.34 GST Amount = Rs. 1.68

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Kashmir
Authorization accorded: Accorded.

MAJOR HEAD OF ACCOUNT: UT Capex Budget 2025-26

The NIT 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 departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28-07-2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 29-07-2025 (10:00AM) To 05-08-2025 (04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 29-07-2025 (10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 05-08-2025 (04:00PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	06-08-2025 (11:00 AM) In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD in favor of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam(Tender inviting Authority) (NIT No. and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt(For single No of work in NIT, Name of work/Item No is not mandatory))((The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam(Tender receiving Authority).(The Date of EMD(CDR/ FDR) should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date.

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR.Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pahalgam (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR and same shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The earnest money (EMD) shall be released in favour of unsuccessful bidders only after submission of Treasury Challan.

5. CDR/FDR once utilized as BID security (EMD)/performance Security for any work shall not be accepted or utilized for any other work as Bid security(EMD) or performance Security). Utilization of the same shall render the bidder as non responsive

6. The rates quoted in the BOQ are exclusive of GST. GST @18 Percent shall be added to the contract value by the allotting authority at the time of issuance of allotment.

7. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam.

8. The tenders shall be opened only after proper authorization/administrative approval received from concerned authorities.

9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.

10. The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited If:

- a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter of intent.
- c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, again the Performance security/EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.

53. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam

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DC Poonch reviews implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Calls for speeding up Installations, launch of mass awareness Campaign

■ HT News Network / DIPR

POONCH, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district. The meeting focused on key components including rooftop solar installation status, application trends and financial disbursements under the scheme.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a brief review of the status of installations across the district. Officers from all subdivisions – Mandi, Mendhar, Surankote, and Poonch (Haveli) – presented detailed reports on their respective progress.

It was informed that a total of 1,210 applications were received from across the



district, out of which 206 installations have been completed so far.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to intensify efforts and

significantly increase the number of installations in the coming weeks.

To enhance public participation, the DC instructed stakeholder departments to initiate a mass awareness campaign to educate citizens about the benefits of the scheme and to simplify the registration process to ensure maximum outreach.

He emphasized the need for timely approvals, hassle-free processing, and proactive handholding of beneficiaries for the successful implementation of the scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the Power Development Department (PDD), banking institutions and empanelled vendors to work in close synergy to overcome any technical, financial or procedural challenges being faced by applicants.

Preamble Recitation, Sardar Patel Documentary Held at GDC Ramkote

■ HT News Network / DIPR

KATHUA, JULY 30: To celebrate 75 years of adoption of the Constitution of India, the faculty and students of Government Degree College Ramkote today participated in the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

The event was organised by the NSS Unit of the College under the tagline of 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhimani' and under the overall guidance of the College Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among students about the importance of the Constitution and its Preamble as well as to promote the spirit of patriotism and nationalism. The activity also fostered awareness about the values, rights and duties enshrined in our constitution.

Students and faculty of GDC Ramkote recited the Preamble to the Constitution in unison. After the Preamble reading, a short documentary on 'Life of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel' was screened as a part of two-year campaign commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. The students learnt about the pivotal role played by the Iron Man of India in uniting the various princely states into newly independent Indian Nation. Prof. Suresh Chander addressed the students about the significance of the Preamble of the Constitution and motivated the students to learn more about the book that governs the life of every citizen of India. Nearly 20 NSS volunteers of BA Semester 3rd and 5th participated in the event.

Faculty present included Prof Pankaj Nandan, IQAC Convener, Prof. Suresh Chander, HoD Dogri, Prof. Anu Sharma, Prof. Vasundra Rajee, Mr. Krishan Singh and Mr. Ankush Kundral. The event was organised by Prof. Anu Sharma, NSS PO who delivered a formal vote of thanks for the contribution made by everyone to ensure the patriotic zeal in revering the constitution and honouring the figure of national importance.

GDC Ramkote Hosts Preamble Recitation, Sardar Patel Documentary

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KATHUA, JULY 30: To celebrate 75 years of adoption of the Constitution of India, the faculty and students of Government Degree College Ramkote today participated in the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

The event was organised by the NSS Unit of the College under the tagline of 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhimani' and under the overall guidance of the College Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among students about the importance of the Constitution and its Preamble as well as to promote the spirit of patriotism and nationalism. The activity also fostered awareness about the values, rights and duties enshrined in our constitution.

Students and faculty of GDC Ramkote recited the Preamble to the Constitution in unison. After the Preamble reading, a short documentary on 'Life of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel' was screened as a part of two-year campaign commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. The students learnt about the pivotal role played by the Iron Man of India in uniting the various princely states into newly independent Indian Nation. Prof. Suresh Chander addressed the students about the significance of the Preamble of the Constitution and motivated the students to learn more about the book that governs the life of every citizen of India. Nearly 20 NSS volunteers of BA Semester 3rd and 5th participated in the event.

Faculty present included Prof Pankaj Nandan, IQAC Convener, Prof. Suresh Chander, HoD Dogri, Prof. Anu Sharma, Prof. Vasundra Rajee, Mr. Krishan Singh and Mr. Ankush Kundral. The event was organised by Prof. Anu Sharma, NSS PO who delivered a formal vote of thanks for the contribution made by everyone to ensure the patriotic zeal in revering the constitution and honouring the figure of national importance.

DC Poonch chairs 5th DLIC meet under Mission YUVA

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POONCH, JULY 30: The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for the Mission YUVA initiative convened a meeting today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal in the conference hall of DC Office Poonch.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed review of the cases and directed all concerned officers to actively moti-

vate and guide local youth to take advantage of various government livelihood and entrepreneurship schemes.

The committee thoroughly examined the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by the applicants.

After comprehensive discussions and evaluations, all 165 proposals were approved, enabling the sanctioned release of financial assistance to help these individuals set up sustainable income-generating units.

Mission YUVA, a flagship initia-

tive of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, aims to empower the youth by offering technical and financial support to build viable business ventures and strengthen the region's economy through youth-led development.

The District Administration Poonch reiterated its commitment to extend every possible assistance to the beneficiaries so that they can successfully implement their projects and contribute to the socio-economic development of the district.

Mega Blood Donation camp held at GLDM GDC Hiranagar, 76 units of Blood collected

Youth must rise to serve humanity; DC Kathua

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KATHUA, JULY 30: District Administration Kathua, in collaboration with Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial (GLDM) Government Degree College, Hiranagar and Yuva Bharat, organized a one-day Blood Donation Camp cum-Awareness Program in the College premises.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while noted social activist from Yuva Bharat Mr. Anurag, was the Guest of Honour. The Principal of the college, Dr. Pragya Khanna, was the Special Guest for the event.

The program commenced with the plantation of Chinar saplings and other plants by the Chief Guest and other guests, symbolizing the commitment to both health and environmental sustainability. The event proceeded with the lighting of the traditional lamp and a formal welcome address by SDM Hiranagar Phulail Singh.

The event witnessed participation from community members, social workers, school students, and faculty from various institu-



tions across the Hiranagar Block.

The Deputy Commissioner exhorted the youth to actively participate in social causes. He said blood donation is not just a medical need but our moral duty and a

true expression of being humane. "Each unit of blood donated has the potential to save not just one but multiple lives", he added. He also congratulated the college Principal, Yuva Bharat team, team of sub

district administration Hiranagar and NSS volunteers for their efforts.

Earlier, an insightful awareness address by a medical expert set the tone for the importance of blood donation.

The entire proceedings were conducted by Advocate Ketan Kumar, Yuva Bharat activist, with the dedicated support of Prof. Rakesh Sharma (NSS Advisor) and Prof. Shapia Shameem (NSS Program Officer) of GDC Hiranagar.

A team of doctors and paramedical staff from the Sub-District Hospital, National Health Mission, and Bee Enn General Hospital Talab Tillo, extended their medical expertise, ensuring safe and successful blood collection.

The event witnessed a turnout of around 300 students from nearby schools and faculty members. A total of 72 units of blood were collected during the camp, making the event a resounding success in service to humanity.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Tehsildar Hiranagar, Anoop Kumar.

Massive haul of suspected adulterated Rasgullas seized at Bishnah

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JAMMU, JULY 30: In a significant enforcement action, the Department of Food & Drugs Administration (DFCO), Jammu, under the leadership of Commissioner J&K Smita Sethi, successfully busted a large-scale food adulteration racket in Bishnah, today.

Acting on specific intelligence, a joint team of Food Safety Officers, in collaboration with the Police and Revenue Department officials, raided a cold storage facility at the Co-operative Society, Tehsil Bishnah.

During the inspection, an alarming quantity of adulterated sweets (Rasgullas)—approximately 440 quintals contained in 2750 tins—was seized. These products were suspected to pose a significant threat to consumer health and public safety.

The enforcement operation was spearheaded by Joint Commissioner (Food Safety) Sanjeev Kumar and supported by Deputy Commissioner Food Safety (Jammu Division) Madan Magotra and Deputy Commissioner, ICIL Jammu Pankaj Soni. The Food Safety Officers involved in the raid included Vijay Verma, Zulfiqar Malik, and Khaminder Choudhary.

During the inspection, the team discovered that the adulterated food was stocked in a Cold store run by Bishnah Cooperative Marketing Society and the Food Business Operator (FBO) was running the establishment without a valid license and in gross violation of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006. Legal action has been initiated against the defaulters under the relevant provisions of the Act.

As part of the operation, two random legal samples of the sus-

pected sweets were lifted by FSO Zulfiqar Malik and sent to the National Food Laboratory (NFL), Ghaziabad for detailed analysis. The outcome of the laboratory report will determine further punitive actions.

Commissioner FDA Smita Sethi emphasized the department's unwavering commitment to consumer safety and public health, especially in view of the upcoming festive season. She reiterated that such malpractices—especially prevalent during the summer—pose serious health risks and will be dealt with stringently. Special drives have already been launched across the Jammu Division to curb food adulteration, and these will continue with intensified vigilance.

The Department also urges all food business operators to maintain hygiene and comply with

safety regulations. Specific instructions have been issued against the sale of cut fruits, usage of unpermitted food colors, and sale of uncovered or improperly stored food items.

The public is encouraged to remain vigilant and report any food safety violations. For any complaints related to food quality or safety, the Department can be reached on the toll-free number: 104.

This large-scale seizure marks a milestone in the department's efforts to eliminate adulteration and uphold food safety especially in view of the upcoming festive season. The Department of Food Safety (DFCO), Jammu, remains committed to enforcing the FSS Act in letter and spirit and will continue to take proactive steps to ensure safe, pure and hygienic food for the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir.

KVK Ramban organises INM Training Program for Krishi Udyamis

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RAMBAN, JULY 30: Training program on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for Krishi Udyamis (KUs) seeking fertilizer licenses commenced at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramban. The training is being sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Ramban under the Innovative Approaches in Agriculture Extension component of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

A total of 20 Krishi Udyamis from various blocks of the district are participating in this capacity-building initiative, which aims to equip them with the necessary technical knowledge and regulatory understanding required for obtaining fertilizer retail licenses. The inaugural session was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Dr. Vinay Kumar Jandial, accompanied by District Agriculture Officer (DAO) Kuldeep Raj Bassan and Jyoti Parkash Sharma SMS-DL as technical experts from the department.

The program is being technically coordinated by Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ramban Dr. Raj Kumar Gupta, who highlighted the importance of scientific nutrient management for sustainable Agriculture and emphasized the role of Agri-entrepreneurs in promoting balanced fertilizer use at the grassroots level.

In his address, CAO Ramban stressed the importance of empowering local youth and progressive farmers through professional training to enable self-employment and service delivery in the Agriculture Sector. He appreciated the support of KVK Ramban and reiterated the department's commitment to successful implementation of HADP interventions in the district.

The 15-day training will cover key topics such as Soil health and nutrient cycles, Organic and inorganic nutrient sources, Regulatory norms for fertilizer storage and sale, Record keeping and licensing procedures and Field-level demonstrations and practical exposure

NEP UTSAV 2025: GHSS VIJAYPUR ORGANISES FLN-TLM EXHIBITION

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SAMBA, JULY 30: The second day of five-day NEP Utsav 2025 was observed as FLN/TLM Day across all schools in District Samba. The day witnessed enthusiastic participation from teaching staff, students, and dignitaries from

various localities.

The main event, an FLN-TLM exhibition, was organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Vijaypur. The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Education Officer Kewal Krishan in the presence of Principal Satinder Kour, Zonal Edu-

cation Officer Surinder Kumar Balgotra, and other prominent personalities of the area.

The TLM/FLN material displayed by teachers from various institutions of Zone Vijaypur reflected commendable efforts and creativity. Teachers effectively utilized low-cost materials

to prepare informative charts, models, and educational articles aimed at enhancing conceptual learning for children.

The exhibits were thoroughly observed and reviewed by the Chief Education Officer, Principal of Govt. HSS Vijaypur, and the ZEO Vijaypur.

After nearly two hours of detailed inspection, the Chief Guest addressed the participants, offering suggestions for further improvement and encouraging the practical use of TLMs in classroom teaching. Teachers were also advised to maintain proper lesson plan diaries and focus on improv-

ing learning outcomes among students.

The TLM/FLN exhibition at Govt. HSS Vijaypur was efficiently coordinated by Kameshwar Dubey (Master), Harbans Lal (Master), Ajay Dubey (Teacher) and other dedicated staff members.

Satish Sharma emphasizes Science & Technology driven agricultural transformation

Launches Start-ups at Stakeholders Meet in SKUAST-K

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Transport, Satish Sharma, today reaffirmed the government's commitment towards transforming Jammu and Kashmir's agriculture sector through cutting-edge science, technology and innovation.

The Minister was speaking at a high-level Stakeholders Meet on Strengthening the Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) Ecosystem in Kashmir, organized by PI-RAHI, Northern Region S&T Cluster in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science & Technology Council and Sher-

e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Kashmir).

The function witnessed participation of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary; Advisor PI-RAHI, Jatinder Kour Arora; Additional Director JKSTIC, Dr. Nasir Shah along with senior scientists, progressive farmers, scholars and officers of the Science & Technology Department.

Satish Sharma invoked the visionary reforms of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah, who brought the historic land-to-the-tiller legislation. He emphasized that the present focus is on bringing about a similar transforma-



tion through smart technologies and modern scientific interventions in agriculture. "Today's focus is on creating a dynamic Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) ecosystem in Kashmir.

Our farmers must not only be beneficiaries of government aid but active participants in technological progress," he maintained.

The Minister outlined several key pillars of the government's agricultural transformation agenda under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. These included Smart Farming Solutions, Biotechnology Interventions, Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition, Use of Renewable Energy in Agriculture, E-Commerce and Direct Market Access for Farmers, Skill Development, Capacity Building and Robust R&D.

Satish Sharma also launched four new start-ups by young innovators of SKUAST-K, symbol-

izing the government's support for youth-led entrepreneurship in the agri-tech domain. He praised the innovative spirit of Kashmir's youth and stressed the importance of creating a conducive research and innovation ecosystem. "We have the brains that can do wonders. All they need is the right environment, like a seed that needs sunlight and water to bloom," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, elaborated on the university's initiatives to build a vibrant agri-technology ecosystem. He said that these steps are geared towards increasing employability, improving yields, and boosting the income of the farming

community. Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, stressed the need to bridge the gap between government and academia, enabling the young researchers to scale their innovations. He proposed institutional scholarships to support youth innovators and ensure their ideas receive the necessary backing.

Earlier, the Minister went around the SKUAST-K campus and interacted with the students and innovators. He was briefed about several ongoing research projects and cutting-edge technologies being developed to support sustainable and climate-resilient farming in the region.

DC Budgam visits PHC Soibugh, assess Healthcare Services & infrastructure

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BUDGAM, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today conducted an extensive visit to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Soibugh to assess the availability and quality of healthcare facilities.

During the visit, DC undertook a detailed inspection of the infrastructure, ongoing operations, availability of essential medical equipment, staff strength, and stock position of medicines at the facility.

He interacted with hospital staff and patients to understand ground-level challenges and service delivery gaps.

Dr Bilal emphasised the crucial role of PHCs in



delivering timely and accessible healthcare to people, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas like Soibugh. He said PHCs are the first point of contact for the public with the health system and strengthening them is a key towards ensuring quality healthcare for all.

DC directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Budgam to promptly assess and submit a proposal for all necessary works and interventions required to improve the functioning of PHC Soibugh.

This includes augmentation of essential medical infrastructure, addressing staff shortages, and ensuring regular supply of medicines and diagnostics.

He also laid emphasis on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the hospital premises, improving patient care and grievance redressal mechanisms, ensuring uninterrupted power and water supply, enhancing maternity and emergency care facilities.

DC assured that all feasible support from the district administration will be extended to uplift the standard of healthcare delivery at the PHC.

He was accompanied by CMO Budgam, BMO Soibugh, and other concerned health officials during the visit.

International Islamic School Mourns Demise of Mansoor Mattoo's Father

PSAJK President G.N. Var Mourns Bashir Ahmad Mattoo's Demise

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: The International Islamic School (IIS), Srinagar, along with the Private Schools Association of Jammu & Kashmir (PSAJK), deeply mourns the passing of Bashir Ahmad Mattoo, who was father of Mansoor Ahmad Mattoo, one of the founding directors of the School.

Bashir Ahmad Mattoo passed away yesterday, leaving behind a legacy of honesty, kindness and strong moral values that continue to inspire his family and community. The IIS family and PSAJK stand

in full support of the grieving family during this difficult time.

A delegation led by PSAJK State President G.N. Var, including IIS Chairman Tariq Ahmad Bhat and Board of Directors Showkat Hussain Mirza, Altaf Hussain Bhat, Tanvir Ahmad Rather and Gh. Hassan Rather visited the bereaved family and expressed their heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Bashir Ahmad Mattoo. They offered prayers and shared words of grief and sorrow with the bereaved family.

PSAJK President G.N. Var said "Bashir Ahmad Mattoo Sahib was

a man of immense wisdom and humility. The values he lived by are clearly reflected in the vision and dedication of his son, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Mattoo towards quality education and community service. His passing away is not only a personal loss to the family but also a loss felt deeply by the entire society of Jammu and Kashmir.

We pray to Almighty Allah (SWT) to grant him the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous, forgive his shortcomings, and shower His infinite mercy upon him. May Allah grant the bereaved family

sabr-e-jameel and the strength to bear this profound loss."

Chairman of International Islamic School, Tariq Ahmad Bhat, also expressed his sorrow "We are deeply saddened by the passing of Bashir Ahmad Mattoo. He was a guiding figure whose good qualities are reflected in the life and work of his son, our founding director. We pray that Allah grants him the highest place in Jannah."

The Directors of IIS, Showkat Hussain Mirza, Altaf Hussain Bhat, Tanvir Ahmad Rather, and Gh. Hassan Rather - jointly expressed

"We are truly saddened by the loss of Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mattoo. He lived a life filled with faith, humanity and strong values. We pray for his soul's peace and our deepest sympathies to Mansoor Ahmad Mattoo Sahib and his family."

A special dua-e-magfirat majlis was held for the departed soul and prayers were offered for the strength and support of the Mattoo family. May Allah (SWT) forgive his shortcomings, elevate his ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous and grant strength and patience to the bereaved family. Aameen.

Kupwara Admin Launches 'Aakanksha Haat' to Boost Local Craftsmanship

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KUPWARA, JULY 30: In a significant step towards promoting local entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood generation, the District Administration Kupwara today launched the weeklong 'Aakanksha Haat' under the Aspirational District Programme of NITI Aayog which was inaugurated by MLA Kupwara, Mir Mohammad Fayaz. The 'Aakanksha Haat' which is a part of the national campaign for 'Vocal for Local' was held at Sumo Stand Regipora, Kupwara.

The inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan. Besides, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Planning Officer, Lead District Manager, Tehsildar Kupwara, district officers, local artisans, women entrepreneurs, and representatives from various departments and civil society organizations also participated in the day long 'Aakanksha Haat'.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kupwara welcomed the initiative of conducting 'Aakanksha Haat' by District Administration Kupwara. He appealed the people to take active part in the weeklong Haat and support the local artisans and entrepreneurs which shall boost the livelihood opportunities for the unemployed youth in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner in her address said that the aim of organizing the 'Aakanksha Haat' is to promote local artisans, Self Help Groups, Farmers and different entrepreneurs by providing them marketing opportunities to sell their products and

services. She appealed the people to come in large number and participate in the Haat to support the local entrepreneurs and artisans by buying their products.

The 'Aakanksha Haat' initiative is designed to provide a structured platform for local producers, artisans, self-help groups (SHGs), and women-led enterprises to showcase and market their products. Through this convergence, the Haat aims to deliver sustainable market access, national-level branding, and integration with e-commerce frameworks, thereby scaling up the visibility and viability of local products.

As part of the Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme, the event also brings together multiple departments, institutions, and producer collectives, facilitating a multi-sectoral approach to economic empowerment. Departments such as Handicrafts, Handlooms, Rural Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, ICDS and Social Welfare have set up stalls and exhibits to demonstrate government support schemes and the socio-economic potential of indigenous skills and entrepreneurship.

The platform will not only serve as a marketing and exhibition space but also offer capacity-building workshops, skill demonstrations, buyer-seller meets, and digital literacy sessions aimed at boosting competitiveness and innovation among local producers. The Haat will remain open for the public for a week, and residents are encouraged to visit, support local entrepreneurs, and experience the richness of Kupwara's cultural and economic landscape.

DC Kupwara Honours Staff for KPI Success Under ADP

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KUPWARA, JULY 30: District Administration Kupwara today organized an interaction cum award ceremony at Main Meeting Hall of D.C Office to recognize the efforts of officers and field functionaries in registering remarkable progress under different indicators of Aspirational District Programme. The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara,

the officers and field functionaries for their concerted efforts in saturating different Key Performance Indicators under Aspirational District Programme and Aspirational Block Programme in the district. These indicators belong to Health & Nutrition, Agriculture and Education sectors and have made a greater impact on the lives of the people.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the field functionaries for showcasing best



Ms. Ayushi Sudan.

Ex. Programme Officer Kupwara, Hakeem Tanveer, Ex. Chief Education Officer, Abdul Majeed Dar and Ex. Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara were also invited as guests of honour. CPO Kupwara, CDPO Kralpora, officers from administration and officials from Education, ICDS and Agriculture Departments were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of

performance and urged them to work with added zeal and dedication for more better results in future as well.

The officers also spoke and expressed their gratitude towards the District Administration for timely cooperation and support in proper saturation of the key performance indicators.

Meanwhile, trophies and certificates of appreciation were distributed among the officers and field employees to appreciate and recognize their efforts.

Education Dept Mourns Loss of Three Teachers in Kupwara, Udhampur

Minister Sakeena, Officials Express Deep Condolences

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: The School Education Department is in deep mourning following the tragic loss of three devoted teachers in two separate incidents—one in Kupwara and the two others in Udhampur.

Mr. Irshad Ahmad Lone, a teacher from Kupwara, lost his life in a fatal road accident, while Mr. Sanjay Sharma and Mr. Jagdev Singh, teachers from Udhampur, died in devastating flash floods. These incidents have cast a pall of grief across the education fraternity.

Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Social Welfare, and Health and Medical Education, Madam Sakeena Masood Itoo, extended her heartfelt condolences: "These teachers were the backbone of our educational setup, inspiring countless young

minds. Their sudden demise is an irreplaceable loss to the system and to their families. I offer my deepest condolences and assure all forms of support from the department," said Ms. Sakina Itoo.

Adding to the sentiments, Secretary School Education, Shri Ram Niwas Sharma, also expressed sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved families:

"The passing of such dedicated educators is a profound loss to the entire teaching community. Their devotion to students and their role in shaping the future of society will always be remembered. The department stands united with their families in this painful moment, and all possible support—both emotional and institutional—will be extended," said Mr. Sharma.

On the directions of the Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK), a delegation

led by Joint Director School Education (North), Hakeem Tanveer, visited the home of late Irshad Ahmad Lone in Kupwara to convey the department's condolences in person. "Mr. Lone was known for his commitment, humility, and passion for education. His absence will be deeply felt, not only by his students but also by his colleagues and the wider community. We stand by his family in this difficult hour," said Mr. Hakeem Tanveer.

The Director of School Education Kashmir Dr. G. N. Itoo also condoled the deaths of Irshad Ahmad Lone (Kupwara) and Sanjay Sharma and Jagdev Singh, (Udhampur). DSEK acknowledge their unwavering service to the cause of education. "The contributions of Mr. Irshad Ahmad Lone (Kupwara) Mr. Sharma and Mr. Singh to the teaching community are immeasurable.

Aryans LLB Students shine in examinations conducted under Punjabi University Patiala

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SRINAGAR, JULY 30: Law students of Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh, brought laurels to the college in the examinations conducted by Punjabi University, Patiala.

In LLB, 3rd semester examination, Sumati Jain bagged 1st position with SGPA 8.0, Sachin Gupta bagged 2nd position with SGPA 7.80 respectively and Manmeet Kaur bagged 3rd position with SGPA 7.60 marks.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group congratulated the students and faculty for the hard work. He said that Aryans students are doing well not only in academics but in sports, innovations, cultural also. Such excellent results by the students add more name and fame to the College, added Kataria.

It is to be mentioned that Aryans was the only Law College in the region



to be associated with Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. For the first time, Pearson VUE on behalf of Law School Admission Council (LSAC) has made Aryans College of Law the Exam Centre

for Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The score of the test is being used by famous law schools of America & Canada i.e Harvard, Yale, Stanford University, British Columbia, Chicago etc.



Shai Hope Admits Batting Lagging, Praises Bowling Attack

■ United News of India

LONDON: West Indies captain Shai Hope has bemoaned his side's inability to put together a complete game with the bat after they were swept 5-0 by Australia in the T20I series.

The visitors completed a three-wicket victory in the final match in St Kitts, after West Indies had been bowled out for 170 - the lowest total of the series. They reduced Australia to 60 for 4 inside the powerplay, and Akeal Hoseni later took 3 for 17, but the loss of Alzarri Joseph to injury one ball into his third over removed a vital part of their attack.

The first three matches of the series had been characterised by West Indies being unable to build on promising starts. In the opening match in Jamaica, they were 123 for 1 in the 13th over but managed just 189. In the second, 63 for 0 became 172 for 8. When the series moved to St Kitts, Hope and Brandon King put on 125 for the first wicket, but the middle order couldn't flourish.

In the last two matches, they somewhat overturned their poor starts - 67 for 4 became 205 and 9 and 32 for 3 became 170 - but on all occasions, Australia were able to get home with room to spare.

"I just didn't think we put together a proper batting display," Hope said at the post-match presentation. "We either started well and finished poorly or the other way around. When you're playing against quality opposition like Australia, you've got to put things together for a more complete game. "As a batting group, we didn't really give ourselves the best chance to put a big score on the board

consistently. And that's probably where we fell short... We've always been one step behind the eight ball."

Hope wore a rueful smile when asked about the fact that his team didn't get the chance to chase once in the series as Mitchell Marsh won all five tosses.

"I think here in the Caribbean, we all know the stats show chasing is always the better thing to do," he said. "Whether it's the dew factor, wind factor, you always have that scoreboard in front of you, so you have an idea of how to go about the chase. But it's something that I can't control. Unfortunately, I didn't win any [tosses]... It's just one of those things for us."

However, despite the scoreline, Hope did see signs of encouragement from his bowling attack as the series developed: Jediah Blades, the young left-arm seamer, took three wickets in the fourth match. Alzarri Joseph's pace made an impact in the final game too, before he was forced off the field. Hoseni impressed after a belated entry with the ball on Monday.

"We understood the struggles of bowling spin here on this ground and surface," he said. "But [Hoseni] is a quality bowler and we just backed him to come and do the job, and he did exceptionally well for that four-over spell. Just unfortunate that, again, we didn't have as many runs on the board as we would have liked."

"I still must commend the guys for the effort that they showed in the back end, to give ourselves a chance to win the game. But once you don't have that many runs on the board, then you [have] got to hope everything goes perfectly in the field. It just didn't happen for us."

Wular Premier League 2025 First Semifinal Set for August 02

■ Aashiq Hussain

TARZOO, JULY 30: The first semifinal match of the Wular Premier League 2025 will be played between Sultan Warriors Baramulla and Sky Star Budgam on 2nd August 2025 (Saturday) at 10:30 AM sharp. The match is expected to draw a large crowd as local cricket lovers are showing great enthusiasm and support for both teams.

The WPL management has been actively working on all arrangements to ensure a smooth and exciting game. Responsibilities were distributed among many individuals, but the remarkable efforts of Parvez Ahamed, Dr. Shabir, M Yousuf, Showkat Ahmad, and Double Tariq have stood out. Their dedication and hard work have added real strength to the over-



all preparations.

Local support from the community, volunteers, and fans is also adding charm to the event.

The stage is set for a thrilling contest, and all eyes are now on the two teams as they gear up for the much-awaited clash.

The WPL management invites the general public to attend and witness the spirit of sportsmanship and talent on display.

2nd J&K UT Taekwondo Championship 2025 concludes at Doda

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh felicitates Winners

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

DODA, JULY 30: The 2nd J&K UT Taekwondo Championship 2025 concluded here the other day at the Indoor Sports Hall.

Organized by the Taekwondo Association of District Doda and co-organized by the Game On Foundation, the event was held under the aegis of the J&K Taekwondo Association and J&K Sports Council as part of the My Youth My Pride initiative.

The championship was led by Junaid Ali Khan (President, Taekwondo Association Doda) and Burhan Ud Din Khan (Secretary, Taekwondo Association Doda), with Game On Foundation managing technical arrange-

ments and volunteer coordination.

The closing ceremony was graced by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh as the Chief Guest, and SSP, Sandeep Mehta, as Guest of Honor.

Special guests included Dr. Subuh Ahmed Shad (Tehsildar), Rajesh Kotwal (Manager, Indoor Sports Stadium Doda), and Yasir Wani (Executive Officer, MC).

In his address, the DC applauded the organizers for hosting such a prestigious event in Chenab Valley and emphasized the importance of promoting sports among the youth. He also felicitated the medalists and coaches with trophies and certificates.



District Doda was declared the Overall Winner, with District Kathua as Runner-up and District

Udhampur as Second Runner-up. Active Participation Awards went to Districts of Jammu, Budgam, and

Poonch, while Best Sportsman Spirit Awards were given to Districts Samba, Reasi, and Doda.

The matches were officiated by a skilled panel of referees headed by Mr. Vinod Grewal, supported by national and senior referees from across the Union Territory.

Burhan Ud Din Khan, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, expressed heartfelt thanks to Nuzhat Gul (Secretary, J&K Sports Council) for her unwavering support in promoting Taekwondo across Jammu and Kashmir. The event concluded on a high note, with a collective commitment to encouraging sportsmanship, discipline, and excellence among the youth.

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