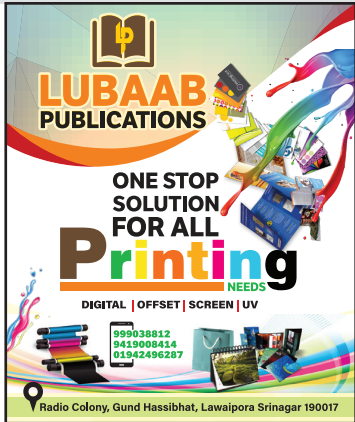


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Tribal Culture Preserved, It's Past Glory Restored Under The Able leadership of PM Modi: LG Sinha

Praises Dard-Shena Community's Deep Connection to Nature, Cultural Values Which lead to Sustainable Lifestyle

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR/GUREZ, AUG 06: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the National Tribal Festival at Gurez. The Two-Day Tribal Festival celebrates the culture and tradition of Dard-Shina tribal community.

Addressing the gathering through virtual mode, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the immense contribution of Tribal community to cultural diversity of the country. He also paid tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

"I consider the Dard-Shina tribal community to be the most precious treasure of India, which is inspiring the

people to preserve their traditions and rituals. Its rich traditions are a guiding light for us. The Dard-Shina community's deep connection to nature has shaped a unique culture and set of values. They impart a powerful lesson to humanity to lead a sustainable lifestyle in harmony with nature.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the price-less tribal culture is being preserved and their ancient glory and dignity is restored," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the Central Government has always focussed on empowering the tribal community and transforming their lives.



"Decades of injustice against tribals ended in August 2019. Various transformative initiatives have enhanced the socio-economic conditions of tribal brothers and sisters.

Gurez was connected to grid power in 2023 for the first time since 1947. This reflects our commitment to Gurez and Dard-Shina community," he said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor dedicated the Shina Gilgit 88.8 FM Radio Station to the Dard-Shina tribal community. He said the community radio station will inspire young generation to preserve and cherish the values, knowledge and traditions of the community

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Work hard to make Bharat Aatmanirbhar: PM Modi

HT News Desk / KNO

NEW DELHI, AUG 06: Asserting that government's administrative machinery for decades ran from British-era buildings, Prime Minister Narendra on Wednesday urged people to work hard to make Bharat Aatmanirbhar.

Speaking at an event at Kartavya Path after inaugurating Kartavya Bhavan here, PM Modi said, "The project along with other infrastructure facilities symbolise India's global vision."

He said, "We have to work together to write the success story of 'Make in India' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. It should be our resolve that we will scale up our and the country's productivity."

PM Modi said that his government is working with a holistic vision to rejuvenate infrastructure nationwide. "India has witnessed a governance model that is transparent, sensitive and citizen-centric over the

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PM to virtually flag off train on Aug 10

HT News Desk / KNO

JAMMU, AUG 06: The Jammu Rail Division said on Wednesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually flag off a Vande Bharat Express train service between Amritsar in Punjab and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra in J&K on August 10.

A senior officer of the Jammu rail division said, "The

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USBRL Ensures Safety, Preserves Ecology: Ashwini Vaishnaw

HT News Desk / PIB

NEW DELHI, AUG 06: Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project of total length 272 Km has been recently commissioned. USBRL project covers the districts of Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Srinagar, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla of Jammu and Kashmir.

The USBRL project is one of the most difficult new railway line projects undertaken in the country post-independence. The terrain passes through young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous problems. In this project, Railway has made the world's highest Railway Bridge over Chenab river in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir. The iconic Chenab Bridge is 1315 m long having an arch span of 467 m and height of 359 m above river bed. Indian Railway's first cable-stayed bridge has been constructed over Anji Khad in this project. Its bridge deck is 331 m above the river bed level and height of its Main pylon is 193 m.

The USBRL project has made substantial

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Rabita Outreach Program : Multiple Delegations Call on CM Omar Abdullah to Discuss Wide Range of Issues of Mass Interest

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 6: A number of delegations and public representatives called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at Raabita office here today to discuss a wide range of issues concerning public infrastructure, traders' issues, higher education, and opportunities for techno-

crats.

The day's engagements began with a meeting of Members of the Legislative Assembly—Farooq Ahmad Shah (Gulmarg), Sajjad Shafi (Uri), Irshad Rasool Kar (Sopore), Shafi Ahmad Wani (Beerwah), and Pawan Gupta (Udhampur West)—who apprised the Chief Minister of various constituency-specific issues

requiring immediate attention.

Subsequently, a delegation from the Traders Federation of Shopian raised concerns of the local business community. They sought the government's intervention to resolve logistical challenges and improve market access for Shopian-based enterprises.

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HIGH TIME TO ROOT OUT ORGANISED CRIME IN J&K: DGP

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 06: Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir, Nalin Prabhat, IPS, visited the Crime Branch Headquarters in Srinagar today. He reviewed the unit's work, current investigations, and overall functioning.

The DGP was received by the IGP Crime Branch Headquarters, J&K and senior officers. He held a meeting with officers and was briefed about

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Govt forfeits 25 books promoting 'secessionist narratives'

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 06: In a move aimed at countering the spread of false narratives and secessionism, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has announced the forfeiture of 25 books identified as promoting anti-national ideologies and inciting violence.

This decision, made under the provisions of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 in order to safeguard the sovereignty and integrity of India, especially in the sensitive region.

The action follows detailed investiga-

tions and credible intelligence reports that highlighted the role of certain literature in radicalizing the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

These books have been found to distort historical facts, vilify security forces, glorify terrorists and promote a culture of grievance, victimhood and terrorism.

The government said that such literature, often disguised as historical or political commentary, plays a critical role in misguiding the youth, glorifying terrorism, and fostering an environment conducive to violence.

The notification issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Home Department, declares these 25 books and their copies "forfeited" under Section 98 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023. The government stated that the continued circulation of these books poses a direct threat to national security, peace, and the integrity of the country.

The forfeited books, which have now been banned for publication or circulation in the region, cover a wide range of topics related to Kashmir's political and social issues.

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Buyer-Seller meet held to boost Horticulture trade, market linkages in J&K

HT News Desk

JAMMU, AUG 6: The Department of Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Jammu and Kashmir, today organized a Buyer-Seller Meet under the theme "Connecting Farmers with markets", at Convention Centre, Canal. Road, with the objective of strengthening the market linkages and promoting agri-business partnerships within the Union

Territory's flourishing horticulture sector.

The event was chaired by Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmed Dar.

MD JKICP/HADP, APD, General Manager NABARD, Special Secretary APD, MD JK Agro, MD HPMC, Director Command and Heads of the different Agri-

culture and allied departments such as Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal & Sheep husbandry, fisheries, sericulture and others.

The meet brought together a diverse range of stakeholders including prominent horticulture growers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), traders, exporters, agri-entrepreneurs and representatives of organized retail chains

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'J&K enacts selective power cuts if central allocation falls short'

HT News Desk / KNO

SRINAGAR, AUG 06: Jammu and Kashmir temporarily reduces electricity demand by disconnecting power to certain areas or customers if unavailability of additional quantum under unallocated quantum from Ministry of Power (MoP).

According to the official documents available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), authorities from Jammu and Kashmir has informed CERC that, "J&K SLDC submitted that J&K manages the shortage through Term Ahead Market (TAM), Day Ahead Market (DAM) and Real-Time Market (RTM) banking, Un-Requisitioned Surplus (URS) and additional quantum under unallocated quantum from MoP. If the power is not available they resort to load shedding."

"J&K SLDC and HPSLDC have

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I-Day Celebrations

'Intensify security arrangements across J&K'

HT News Desk / KINS


SRINAGAR, AUG 6: In view of the upcoming Independence Day celebrations, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have directed security agencies to intensify arrangements across the Union Territory to ensure peaceful and smooth conduct of events.

According to official sources, comprehensive instructions have been issued to security forces to bolster security across all districts, especially in sensitive and border areas. The measures are aimed at ensuring a safe and peaceful observance of August 15 across the Union Territory.

"Agencies have been asked to remain alert and enhance vigilance," officials said, adding that intensified patrolling, heightened night surveillance, and reinforced border security are being implemented as part of the ongoing efforts.

Authorities have also stressed the need for thorough security audits of vital installations, government buildings, and public places. This includes transport hubs, markets, religious sites, and official venues

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IN LOVING
Memory
OF MY BELOVED WIFE SWATI

One year without you, yet your love surrounds me.
Your voice echoes in my quietest thoughts.
I still feel your smile in the warmth of the sun.
Time moves, but you remain with me—always.
Not a day goes by without missing you deeply.
In every heartbeat, your memory lives on...❤️

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DC Srinagar visits Shrine of Hazrat Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom (R.A) to review arrangements for upcoming Urs

Calls for coordinated inter-departmental efforts to facilitate devotees

HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, AUG 06: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today visited Shrine of Hazrat Sultanul-Arfeen, Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom (R.A) at Makhdoom Sahib area in Shahr-e-Khaas of Srinagar City to review the preparations for the upcoming Urs observance.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Executive

Engineers of R&B, PHE, City Drainage, City Roads, KPDCI, Teshildar Khanyar, Chief Sanitation Officer, medical Superintendent Gousia Hospital, Senior Officers of Police & Traffic departments, members of Makhdoom Sahib Shrine Management and other concerned.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the facilities being put in place to ensure smooth observance of the annual religious occasion. He emphasized the need for coordinated efforts by all concerned departments to facilitate devotees expected to partici-



pate in large numbers.

The DC reviewed various arrangements, including supply of water & electricity, transport service, parking & traffic management, sanitation & cleanliness measures and medical facilities.

The DC also interacted with Shrine authorities and local representatives to incorporate their suggestions for improving the arrangements for upcoming Urs.

The DC directed the concerned to ensure adequate supply of water at the Shrine for devotees. He emphasized the importance of maintaining

cleanliness in & around the shrine and instructed the SMC authorities to take necessary measures for sanitation and dog menace, besides making all street lights functional.

Similarly, the PDD Engineers were directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the area during Urs days. He was apprised that, a Medical team at the Shrine during the Urs days.

The DC directed the Officers of line Departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are diligently put in place to facilitate a peaceful and smooth observance of the Urs.

Ahead of I-Day: CRPF 46th Battalion Organises ‘Tiranga Rally’ in Qazigund

Farooq Rather

QAZIGUND, AUG 6: As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the 46th Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Wednesday organised a vibrant ‘Tiranga Rally’ in Bonigam, Qazigund, to instill a sense of patriotism, unity, and national pride among the locals, especially the youth.

The rally, held under the guidance of Commandant Shri D.S. Pal, PMG, was flagged off from Government High School Bonigam and culminated at Badragund. The event witnessed the presence of Second-in-



Command Santosh Pal, Second-in-Command (PMG) Amit Sharma, Assistant Commandant Prem Kumar, along with several personnel from the 46th Battalion and the Headmaster of HS Bonigam.

A large number of enthusiastic students — both boys and girls — participated in the rally, carrying the national flag with pride. They were joined by school staff and local villagers, creating a spirited atmosphere filled with patriotic slogans and community solidarity.

The event aimed to promote national integration, awareness about the significance of the national flag, and encourage youth participation in nation-building activities. The CRPF also provided refreshments to all participants, adding to the warm and inclusive environment of the occasion.

Officials from the 46th Battalion expressed gratitude to the school administration and local residents for their overwhelming support and cooperation in making the event a success.

99 Vehicles Challaned, 2 Seized in Major Traffic Enforcement Drive in Budgam

Ubaid Mehdi

BUDGAM, AUG 6: Acting on the directions of ARTO Budgam, a comprehensive traffic enforcement drive was carried out in the district on Wednesday, resulting in 99 challans and the seizure of two vehicles for various violations. As per details received by news, the operation was led by Motor Vehicle Inspectors (MVIs) Amit Dhar and Naveen Raina along with MVTA Arshad Ahmad and other officials. A total of 167 vehicles were checked during the drive.

Breakdown of challans includes, U/S 190(2): 24,, U/S 196: 12,, U/S 194(B): 9,, U/S 194(D): 8,, Other Sections: 46.

The expected e-challan amount from the drive stands at ₹3,20,500. Additionally, an awareness pro-



gramme on the safe operation and regulations of E-rickshaws was conducted at Beerwah.

The ARTO Budgam warned that

strict action would continue against violators to maintain road discipline and urged the public to follow traffic rules for their safety.

BJP Senior Leaders Hold Review Meeting on ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ Campaign in Srinagar, Baramulla, Bandipora and Shopian

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 6: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Senior Leaders convened a review meeting in the Districts to assess preparations for the upcoming ‘Tiranga Yatra’ campaign, held under the broader national initiative of ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’.

In Srinagar, BJP J&K General Secretary Anwar Khan chaired the meeting, in Pulwama, State Vice President Dr. Shehnaz Ganie chaired it, and in Bandipora District, State Secretary Arif Raja chaired it with District Office Bearers, Morcha Presidents, District Convenors, Co-Con-

venors of the campaign, District Presidents, and other senior leaders.

BJP General Secretary Anwar Khan presented a detailed roadmap of upcoming activities under the campaign. He emphasised the importance of comprehensive planning at the booth and mandal levels to ensure widespread participation. He announced that grand Tiranga Rallies and Padyatras would be organised to celebrate the occasion.

In her address, Dr. Shehnaz Ganie emphasised the need for wholehearted participation by every

party worker to ensure the success of the campaign. Reiterating the directives of BJP National President JP Nadda, she urged the cadre to take the Tiranga the national flag to every rooftop across the region. She called for meticulous planning and robust training of workers through grassroots-level workshops.

Arif Raja in his address, highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of widespread public involvement, he said this Independence Day should reflect a nation unified under the colours of the Tiranga. He also warned against the

attempts of those who once opposed the spirit of nationalism, stating that the campaign must send a strong message of unity and resilience.

He called for extensive involvement of the youth and emphasised the need to engage with security personnel and their families, acknowledging their immense contributions to the nation.

In Shopian and Bandipora District Presidents Raja Waseem and Mudasir Jan presided over the meeting with the team to outline the objectives of the workshop in detail.

SSP Srinagar Flags Off Students for Bharat Darshan Tour

Mohammad Hanif Khan

SRINAGAR, AUG 5: As part of the Civic Action Programme of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Dr. G.V. Sundee Chakravarthy -IPS, flagged off a group of 84 students from District Srinagar for a five-day Bharat Darshan Tour. The tour group is also accompanied by five caretakers.

An impressive flag-off ceremony was held at the District Police Lines (DPL) Srinagar, attended by senior Police officers including SP South Zone, SP Headquarters, DySP Headquarters, DySP DAR, and others.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Srinagar empha-



sized the objective of the Bharat Darshan Tour — to provide young students with the opportunity to experience the cultural diversity and unity of India. He encouraged the participants to make the most of the tour by visiting historical and cultural landmarks and broadening their horizons.

The tour, sponsored by the J&K Police, includes to-and-fro air travel, boarding and lodging, and all other necessary logistical support.

Students have also been provided with track suits, shoes, and travel kits.

During the tour, the students will visit the cities of Mumbai and Delhi, where they will explore significant historical and cultural sites.

Grateful parents and enthusiastic students expressed their heartfelt thanks to the J&K Police for organizing such a meaningful and educational initiative.

SDM D.H. Pora Inspects Sub-District Hospital, Emphasizes Improved Healthcare Services

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUG 6: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Bashir-Ul-Hassan of D.H. Pora (Noorabad) conducted a surprise inspection of the Sub District Hospital (SDH) D.H. Pora to assess the quality of healthcare services, availability of staff, and the overall functioning of the hospital.

During the visit, the SDM interacted with both patients and hospital staff, highlighting the importance of timely service delivery, maintaining cleanliness, and ensuring strict adherence to medical protocols.

He took stock of the existing facilities and instructed the concerned officials to promptly address any deficiencies in infrastructure or service delivery. He emphasized that patient care must remain the top priority, and all departments must function in coordination to meet public expectations.

The SDM assured that regular inspections would be carried out to ensure sustained improvements in the healthcare system of the region.



Women Stage Strong Protest in Beerwah Against Smart Meters, Warn of Intensified Agitation

Ubaid Mehdi

BUDGAM, AUG 6: A massive protest erupted in Beerwah town of Central Kashmir’s Budgam district on Wednesday, as scores of women took to the streets opposing the installation of smart electricity meters.

Eyewitnesses told news that the protestors blocked the main road, raising slogans against the authorities and accusing them of “forcefully imposing unaffordable smart meters” on poor households.

“We are poor people and cannot afford the inflated bills these smart meters bring,” said one of the protesting women, as others symbolically returned previously installed meters, declaring them “rejected by the

public.”

The protest caused disruption in normal traffic movement for several hours. The women warned that if their concerns were ignored, the agitation would be intensified



in the coming days.

The local administration has yet to issue an official response regarding the incident.

HT EDITORIAL

Talk about restoration of statehood to J&K gains momentum yet again

After a brief hiatus the talk about the restoration of statehood to Jammu & Kashmir has resumed yet again both at the union territory and central levels. Most of the people believed that something related to restoration of statehood would happen on August 5, marking the sixth anniversary of abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A from Jammu & Kashmir. The day also coincided with the downgrading of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir into two union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Jammu & Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah had put all the speculations to rest on the evening of August 4 when he said that people should not believe the rumours as nothing significant is going to happen on August 5. Omar was right in his contention as nothing related to the abrogated articles and restoration of statehood happened on August 5. In the same breath Omar urged the opposition leaders to get united on the restoration of statehood and urged them to bury all the differences.

Communist leader D. Raja wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to bring a bill about the restoration of statehood in the ongoing monsoon session of the parliament. Before this, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge also wrote to the PM in this regard and urged for the immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu & Kashmir. Many other opposition leaders want the statehood to be restored to Jammu & Kashmir soon but the success has eluded them so far.

On their part the National Conference leaders have been maintaining that granting statehood to Jammu & Kashmir is not a concession but a promise made by the Government of India before the Supreme Court. The apex court of the country had also directed the central government to restore statehood to Jammu & Kashmir even though no time frame was set by the court in this regard. The Supreme Court had directed for holding of elections to the Jammu & Kashmir assembly by September 30, 2024 but no such deadline was set for restoration of statehood.

In a latest instance the Supreme Court has decided to hear the plea related to restoration of statehood on August 8. One can hope that the apex court will take up the case on a regular basis so that some decision is made about the same. Some of the rumours suggesting statehood to Jammu division alone are also doing rounds over the past few days but at the end of the day everything seems to be uncertain.

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Achieving Milestones Is Possible



■ Sahil Manzoor

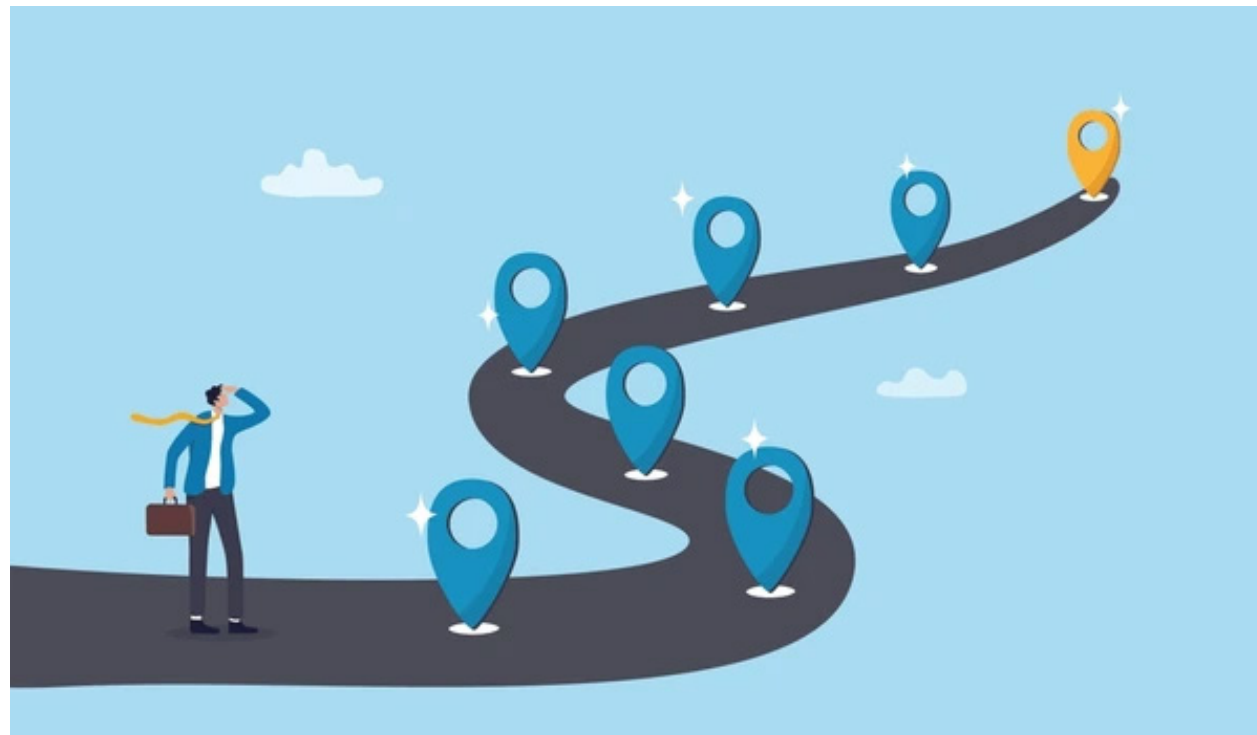
In today's era, the world believes we are heading toward significant achievements—and yes, this is true. However, at the same time, we are ignoring some fundamental responsibilities, particularly our duty towards the younger generation. It is they who will shape the future and determine the direction our nation will take in achieving milestones across various fields.

One small but impactful step we can take is to encourage students to build mini home libraries—starting with just 10 to 20 books. Schools can support this by awarding stars or extra credit in progress reports to students who maintain a home library.

Books are precious assets. They are a treasury of knowledge and a trustworthy companion in moments of solitude. When we have nothing to do, a book becomes our best alternative. Books are not only a source of facts and information, but they also ignite curiosity, improve focus, and build strong foundational knowledge. In many ways, a book is like a compact gadget filled with endless discoveries.

Why Read Books?

For students up to 10th grade, NCERT books and general knowledge resources such as weekly or monthly magazines are among the best tools to build a strong academic base. Students from Grade 6 onward should be encouraged to read widely—not



just textbooks, but books that build general understanding. Unfortunately, many students pursuing professional courses lack basic knowledge in history, civics, geography, Urdu, Hindi, or English because they believe these subjects are no longer relevant to them. This mindset must change.

We must understand that education is not just about preparing for unit tests or final exams. As educators and parents, we should provide a variety of interesting books—ones that spark interest, develop thinking skills, and reduce pressure and stress. School administrators should ensure access to updated and engaging books, and help students understand the long-term benefits of regular reading.

Even as adults, we can cultivate this habit by picking up a storybook or a novel by a renowned author. It

enriches our understanding and exposes us to concepts we may have never learned during our school years.

Rethinking the Way We Learn

Traditionally, our education system has stressed focusing on a few subjects while ignoring others. However, we must now create a learning environment that is free, happy, and flexible. In such a setting, students learn more effectively and become independent learners at an early age. By the time a student completes 10th grade, they should have a solid grip on spoken English and basic life concepts.

It is often said that a degree is just a piece of paper. What truly matters is the potential to learn, the confidence to discuss, and the ability to share knowledge with others.

The Power of a Home Library

A home library is more than just a shelf of books—it's a gateway to lifelong learning. I propose that we award stars to students in their report cards who have built a home library with at least 15 to 20 books. Encourage them to decorate their almirahs with books instead of showpieces.

Imagine a space in their own room where they can read at any time—no need to visit libraries far away. Having access to trending books for competitive exams, as well as storybooks, novels, and religious texts, provides learners with a chance to grow intellectually during their free time.

Let us shift our focus from traditional rote learning to fostering curiosity. Let us make books a part of every child's daily life. That way, we are not just preparing them for exams—we are preparing them for life.

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Girls dropping out of school: Lack of resources or social failure?



■ Priyanka Saurabh

The report of the National Human Rights Commission has revealed the shocking truth that about 39.4% of girls aged 15 to 18 years have dropped out of school. The reasons behind this silent exodus from education are distance of schools, unavailability of transport, lack of toilets and fear of safety. This situation not only reflects the failure of a system but also the weakness of social mindset. This article questions whether we are really giving priority to the education of daughters or are we just getting self-satisfaction by coining slogans?

The slogan 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' shines on every street corner, government buildings and banners, but this slogan does not reach the villages and settlements where daughters are dropping out of school every day. A recent report has revealed that 39.4% of girls in the age group of 15 to 18 years are out of school. This figure is not just a number, it is a harsh comment on our social structure.

Distance from home to school, lack of safe transport, lack of higher secondary schools, condition of toilets and social insecurity – all these things are not the subject of any research paper, but are the ground realities with which thousands of girls are struggling every day. And ultimately they have to give up education. Government figures may show increased enrollment, but the reality is that girls are not able to stay in school after enrollment.

Look at a common rural scenario. Schools up to fifth standard are nearby, but after eighth standard the school is far away. There is no transport facility. No bus, no bicycle, no female companion or guide. Parents are afraid to send their daughter alone for five kilometers. They worry that there may be some molestation on the way, some accident may happen. Due to that worry, the girl stops going to school.

Talking about toilets, it is not just a matter of convenience but also of self-esteem and health. Girls go through a period of transition during adolescence where a clean and safe toilet can determine the continuity of their education. But most government schools either do not have toilets or if they do, they are dirty, unsafe, or damaged. This becomes another reason for parents to withdraw their daughters from school.

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Security is a big issue. Sending teenage girls to schools where there are no female teachers, no CCTV cameras or guards is still a risk for parents. This fear does not only arise from chaos but also from the insensitivity of society. The daily incidents and news of molestation in the news deepen this fear.

Apart from all this, society's priorities regarding education are also not clear. If a boy studies, it creates the 'future of the family', but if a girl studies, it creates the 'fear of missing the marriageable age'. This mentality is still deeply prevalent in rural areas. Girls' education is considered more of an 'expense' than a 'benefit'.

Now if a daughter leaves school under these circumstances, is it her fault? Or is it a collective mistake – of the system, of society, and of us?

The solution to this situation will not be only government schemes but concrete implementation. First of all, it has to be ensured that there is a higher secondary school within a radius of three kilometers from every village. This basic educational infrastructure is the right of every child. Transport facilities are as important as the pres-

ence of a teacher. If girls cannot reach school, how will they study? The government will have to ensure options like school vans, girl student bicycle scheme or 'school pass' in public transport.

The necessity of clean and usable toilets in every school should not be just a part of the 'Clean India Mission' but should be the basis of the true essence of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'. The local administration should be made responsible for the appointment of female staff, regular inspection and cleanliness.

For security, the presence of women teachers should be increased in every school. Security guards, CCTV cameras and parents' participation in the school premises should be encouraged. This step will not only give assurance of safety to the daughters but also mental peace to the parents.

Along with this, the buildings and infrastructure of schools should be developed with quality and not just for the sake of formality. Library, computer room, science laboratories, playground – all these should be standard parts of the school.

Another important point is digital education. The pandemic has shown that those who do not have mobile, internet and electricity are left out of studies. Digital literacy and availability of equipment in rural schools is no longer a luxury, but a necessity.

The education department should make a regular list of girls who have dropped out of school. It should be the responsibility of the administration to visit their homes to find out the reason, motivate them to come back, and take the parents into confidence.

At the same time, society too will have to introspect. Why do we want to educate our daughters – for jobs, for marriage or for self-reliance? As long as society's answer remains unclear, the solution will also remain incomplete.

The administration, society and the family will have to take the responsibility to ensure that no girl is deprived of education. This does not only mean opening schools, but also taking full responsibility to ensure that the girl goes to school and stays there.

If 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' is not to remain just a line on a banner, then it has to be transformed into a joint effort of panchayats, school committees, teachers' organizations, parents and students. Only then will a society be created where no daughter will be deprived of education.

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The first "Chinar Book Festival"

Kis Tarah Jama Kijiye Ab Apne Aap Ko, Kaghaz Bikhhar Rahe Hain Purani Kitab ke!



By M S Nazki

One must always be careful of books, said someone to me, it was in Kashmir in the year 2002! I just replied, girl I do not know English so I'm searching for a book, 'Aman Aur Aman Ki Keemat'! And then I spoke in English, 'and what is inside them, for words have the power to change us! And added also, so many books, so little time to read or live!

She was perplexed and asked me, 'you said that you do not know English!'

I just replied that when a silly answer worth a smile satisfies the other then why not behave stupid! I also said to a little girl that a room without books is like a body without a soul. So buy good ones and do not go for the cover!

I also reminded her of Jane Austen's, Northanger Abbey, 'the person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid! She blushed and walked away! Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life. At least I believe in that! If no one else does, it's their own hardened feeling!.....(MD)! I used to call her a wonder kid!

That was 2002 and now it is 23 years! Things have changed, humans have changed and so has the outlook of understanding!

But the Books remain the same!

The first "Chinar Book Festival," which was also the first national book fair in Srinagar, was held from August 17 to August 25, 2024. It was a collaborative effort between the National Book Trust India, the District Administration Srinagar, and the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL). The festival took place at SKICC, Srinagar, with over 200 stalls showcasing books in various languages.

But on 1 Oct 2014 a book festival was organized a nine-day in Srinagar at Kashmir Haat from 23 to 31 August 2014 in collaboration with the National ...

The National Book Trust (NBT): The National Book Trust (NBT), India, under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, is the primary organizer of the Chinar Book Festival. The festival is a collaborative effort with the Srinagar District Administration. The idea to introduce the festival was likely a joint initiative between NBT and local authorities to promote reading and literary culture in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly among the youth.

NBT's Role: The National Book Trust, India, is a government body established to promote books and reading habits in the country. They are the main organizers of the Chinar Book Festival.

Srinagar Administration's Contribution:



The Srinagar District Administration also plays a key role in organizing the festival, working alongside the NBT.

Promoting Reading Culture: The festival aims to foster a deeper reading culture, especially among young people, and to showcase the rich literary heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Expanding Reach: The festival has expanded in scope and participation since its first edition, indicating a desire to reach a wider audience and deepen the impact on the reading habits of the region.

Again Book festivals have a big history: The Frankfurt Book Fair, established in 1462, is widely considered the first book fair in the world. It originated from the general trade fair in Frankfurt, which included the sale of handwritten books even before the invention of the printing press. The proximity of Mainz, where Gutenberg developed printing, significantly influenced the fair's development.

Early Origins: The Frankfurt Book Fair's history dates back to the 12th century, with the general trade fair serving as a venue for selling handwritten books.

Post-Printing Press: After Gutenberg's invention of the printing press, a printers' and publishers' fair became established, solidifying its place as a major event.

Official Recognition: While an exact founding date isn't documented, it's known that printers Johann Fust and Peter Schöffer, who took over Gutenberg's printing operations, moved to Frankfurt in 1462, marking a significant year for the fair.

Global Influence: The Frankfurt Book

Fair's long history and importance have made it a model for other book fairs around the world, including the Kolkata Book Fair in India.

The largest book fair in the world is the Frankfurt Book Fair, held annually in Frankfurt, Germany. It is the biggest trade fair for books, based on the number of publishing companies represented and the number of visitors.

The fair gathers over 7,000 exhibitors from more than 100 countries, including publishers, agents, authors, and service providers. It's a major event for the international book trade, shaping trends and driving the global book market.

Here's why it's considered the largest: Number of Exhibitors: It hosts the highest number of publishing companies.

Number of Visitors: It attracts a large number of attendees from around the globe.

International Reach: It brings together professionals from various countries, including publishers, agents, authors, and academics.

Business Opportunities: It's a key venue for buying and selling book rights and conducting business within the publishing industry.

Additional inputs by Major Kulbir Singh Kolkata's 'Boi Mela', India's Oldest Book Fair

The first book exhibition in India was held in 1918 at College Street in Calcutta (now Kolkata). It was organized by the National Council of Education (NCE). The event was part of the Swadeshi Movement and aimed to promote Indian self-reliance

and modern education.

Kolkata Book Fair:

The International Kolkata Book Fair (formerly Calcutta Book Fair) is a winter fair in Kolkata. It is a unique book fair in the sense of not being a trade fair—the book fair is primarily for the general public rather than whole-sale distributors. It is the world's largest non-trade book fair, Asia's largest book fair (by publishers) and the most attended book fair in the world.

It is the world's third-largest annual conglomeration of books after the Frankfurt Book Fair and the London Book Fair. Many residents consider the book fair an inherent part of Kolkata, and instances of people visiting the fair every day during its duration are not uncommon.

The fair offers a typical fairground experience with a book flavour—with picnickers, singer-songwriters, and candy floss vendors. With a total footfall of over 2 million people, it is world's largest book fair by attendance.

The success of the Kolkata Book Fair has resulted in many book fairs in smaller cities in West Bengal like Siliguri, and also in Kolkata urban region itself. The book fair was inspired, in turn, by the Frankfurt Book Fair.

In the year 2026, the Kolkata Book Fair will become the first Indian book fair to reach 50th edition, making it the oldest annual book fair of India.

The New Delhi World Book Fair, though inaugurated in 1972, did not become an annual event till 2012, before which it was biennial.

The popularity of the Kolkata Book Fair was seminal in India being nominated the Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2006, according to the Frankfurt Book Fair organizers.[citation needed] The book fair has been celebrated in theatre, literature, songs and limericks in Kolkata.

The 48th International Kolkata Book Fair took place between 28 January and 9 February 2025 at the Boimela Prangan Karunamoyee, Salt Lake.

Now coming to Srinagar:

The first time a book fair was held in Srinagar was in 2014. It was organized by the National Book Trust (NBT) India in collaboration with other organizations. The nine-day fair took place at Kashmir Haat from August 23 to 31.

But now it was a different story:

Book lovers in Jammu and Kashmir were set for a grander cultural celebration as the Chinar Book Fair returned to Srinagar from August 2 to 10, 2025, following the overwhelming success of its inaugural edition in 2024. This nine-day literary festival promised a richer experience with over 200 publishers showcasing books in English, Hindi, Urdu, Kashmiri, and other Indian languages.

Organized by the National Book Trust, India (under the Ministry of Education), in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) and the District Administration Srinagar, the event took place on the scenic lawns of SKICC. The fair features diverse events including workshops, panel discussions, author talks, and cultural performances.

A special focus was on the Rajtarangini Samvad — a series of workshops exploring the historical and literary heritage of the classical Kashmiri text. Highlights also include a National Exhibition on the ancient Sharda Script and the first-ever Gojri Translation Workshop aimed at promoting linguistic diversity.

Prof. Milind Sudhakar Marathe, Chairman of NBT-India, emphasized that the festival is about uniting people through literature and heritage. Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director of NBT India, highlighted the expanded reach to young readers. Dr. Shams Iqbal of NCPUL called it a historic initiative to foster harmony among Indian languages.

Dr. Amit Wanchoo, Chief Convener, described the festival as a reflection of Kashmir's cultural pride and a platform to inspire writers, readers, and thinkers nationwide.

The event featured notable scholars, educators, writers, poets, and youth icons including social media influencers and content creators. Students from institutions such as SKIMS Medical College, Govt Dental College Srinagar, IMFA, NIFT, and NIT will showcase their talents throughout the festival.

The Chinar Book Fair invited readers, students, educators, and families to celebrate the joy of books and cultural dialogue amidst the serene beauty of Srinagar.

Books are books and they should be in possession of anyone and everyone forever!

Teach the Girl Child Empowering the Future



Suresh Kumar

Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world — and this becomes even more meaningful when it comes to educating a girl child. For centuries, girls have been denied access to education due to outdated beliefs, poverty, and gender discrimination. But times are changing, and it is now widely recognized that teaching the girl child is not just a right — it is a necessity for the growth of any nation. Education gives girls the power to make informed decisions about their lives. It builds self-esteem and helps them stand up against exploitation, abuse, and inequality. An educated girl contributes to the workforce,



becomes financially independent, and supports her family. Nations with higher female literacy rates show faster economic development. Educated girls are better informed about hygiene, nutrition, and maternal health, leading to healthier families and lower infant mortality rates. When a girl is educated, she is more likely to educate her children. This creates a positive cycle of learning and prosperity that benefits generations. Girls who attend school are less likely to be married off early or become victims of trafficking and violence. Despite progress, many girls in rural and underprivileged areas still lack access to quality education due to: Educating a girl child is not just about literacy — it's about giving her the tools to dream, to lead, and to transform the world around her. When we teach a girl child, we teach a family, a community, and a nation. Let's stand together to support and promote girls' education, because every girl deserves a bright and powerful future.

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Tips To Sail Through Rainy Days



■ Shahnaz Husain

Are you one of those who enjoy the rain?

Monsoon is here with the soothing sounds of raindrops, the refreshing scent of wet earth and a cool, calming breeze that rejuvenates the soul.

After the dreaded season of sunburn and tan, the rainy season brings a refreshing change in the weather, but it also poses challenges for maintaining a flawless makeup look. Change of season affects your skin and hair more than you think.

As the weather changes, a drastic increase in humidity can pose significant challenges for your skin and hair.

Our skin and hair can suffer damage from humidity, moisture, and repeated exposure to rainwater, which can cause several issues, including breakouts, blackheads, whiteheads, and excessive oiliness.

However, with a few essential tips and tricks, you can master the art of creating a flawless rainy-season makeup look.

Always remember, the basic rule is to cleanse, tone, and moisturise your skin during the monsoon season.

Smell Good

To maintain a pleasant scent during the monsoon season, opt for fresh, clean, and invigorating fragrances like citrus

or aquatic notes, and layer them with light musks or delicate florals.

Use & carry a deodorant or a body mist/ spray and try keeping your items & yourself as dry as possible. If you are looking for a perfume that stays through the day.

Embrace lighter scents that won't get weighed down by the damp air.

I will recommend notes like citrus, green tea, aquatic accords or even light floral.

These lighter options can evoke a sense of airiness and last longer in hot weather.

Morning fragrances like Eucalyptus or Tulsi are particularly effective. Just what you need to set the tone for the day, they are sharp, light, and energising.

Use Anti-Frizz Hair Products

Many professionals around the world swear by anti-frizz shampoos and conditioners to get the ultimate smooth results. To keep your hair strands smooth and deal with frizzy hair in monsoon, Hair care products specially formulated for frizzy hair allow the nourishing ingredients to penetrate the hair cuticle better for deep hydration.

Using a hair serum can be a great option to protect your tresses from humidity.

Apply a lightweight anti-frizz serum or spray that forms a protective layer over your strands. Go for serums enriched with argan oil or keratin to smooth hair without weighing it down.

Besides this, a leave-in conditioner can also go a long way in locking in the moisture and making your hair soft.

Use a leave-in conditioner after every wash. Ingredients like aloe vera, shea butter, or coconut milk help lock in moisture and make your hair manageable.

Make sure to also avoid very harsh shampoos, especially ones containing alcohol.



Cleansing:

Increased humidity causes an increase in sebum secretion, which attracts dust and pollution particles that cause clogged pores and breakouts. To prevent clogged pores and breakouts, opt for a gentle cleanser that removes dirt, pollutants, and excess oil without stripping away your skin's natural moisture. Cleanse your face at least twice a day using a mild, chemical-free cleanser which will help remove excess oil, dirt, and impurities from your skin. Natural ingredients like seaweed extracts in your face wash help maintain the skin's PH balance and ensure it stays nourished despite the changing weather.

Choose Lightweight and Waterproof Products:

The skin may feel sticky during the monsoon season due to high humidity. Heavy makeup can clog pores and lead to breakouts. Opt for oil-free formulas for foundation, concealer, and powder. Look for waterproof makeup products

that will last throughout the rainy and humid days. You can use a waterproof setting spray instead of powder to set the makeup. Choose lightweight formulas like tinted moisturisers or BB creams. Finding the right moisturizer for the monsoon is essential, especially for acne-prone skin. A lightweight, waterproof or oil-free moisturizer can keep your skin oil and grease-free that can prevent acne and keep the skin hydrated.

Include Vitamin C in the Diet

Vitamin C is an antioxidant that keeps the skin healthy during the monsoon season.

Citrus fruits like lemons, oranges, and grapefruits are excellent sources of vitamin C. Kiwis, bell peppers, and broccoli are also rich in this essential nutrient. Vitamin C helps in the production of white blood cells, which are crucial for fighting off infections and boosting your body's defenses.

Vitamin C serum can maintain the skin's glow. It eliminates microorganisms, prevents the onset of age-related changes, and lessens scars and blem-

ishes to give you clear, flawless skin

Exfoliating Regularly

Choose a gentle scrub to exfoliate at least 2-3 times every week to deeply cleanse the stubborn dirt deposit and remove any excess oil.

Exfoliation removes dead skin cells from the top, making your skin brighter and lighter.

Exfoliating regularly to keep your skin glowing and soft. This will prevent clogged pores during the monsoon season and help you avoid breakouts.

It improves skin radiance and helps get rid of dead skin cells. It removes dead skin cells from the top and lets brighter and fresher skin appear. Additionally, it prevents the clogging of pores with dirt and sweat. Thus, you can also avoid blackheads.

Clay Mask

When your skin appears flaky, dull, uneven, or even dry or oily, clay face masks have medicinal and cosmetic properties beneficial for any skin type. Use a face mask at least twice a week to draw out impurities, absorb excess sebum, and tighten your pores in addition to following a standard skincare regimen. Selecting the right clay mask depends on your skin type. If you have oily skin, opt for a bentonite clay mask as it excels at absorbing oil. Those with dry or sensitive skin may find kaolin clay to be gentler and more suitable. Acne-prone individuals can benefit from a turmeric clay mask, which works wonders for all skin types. In addition, the clay mask also aids acne and balances sebum production. Regular use of clay masks will leave your skin refreshed, balanced, and less prone to breakouts.

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HT - HEALTH TIPS

MENTAL HEALTH

"Caring for Your Mind and Well Being"

PRACTICE SELF CARE

Take time each day to do activities that you enjoy and calm your mind, such as reading, taking a walk, or meditating. Self care helps reduce stress and improves mental well being.

STAY CONNECTED

Maintain relationships with family and friends. Talking to people you trust about your feelings and experiences can provide emotional support and reduce feelings of loneliness.

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION

Mindfulness and meditation techniques can help you stay focused on the present moment and reduce negative thoughts. Take a few minutes every day to meditate and pay attention to your breathing.

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WHO Hails Indian Study On Nutrition's Role In TB As Global Guideline

United News of India

NEW DELHI, AUG 6: A study conducted by India that demonstrated the positive impact of nutrition on tuberculosis (TB) outcomes has drawn the attention of the World Health Organisation (WHO) which has described it "as a global guidance on combating the world's most infectious disease."

Led by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the study—conducted in Jharkhand—provided the first evidence that offering additional nutrition helps prevent TB cases and reduces mortality in India.

"The findings from India's RATIONS study on the impact

of nutrition on TB outcomes and incidence have contributed to global guidance," the WHO said during a three-day virtual workshop. The study, "Nutritional support for adult patients with microbiologically confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis: outcomes in a programmatic cohort nested within the RATIONS trial in Jharkhand, India" is published in The Lancet Global Health in 2023.

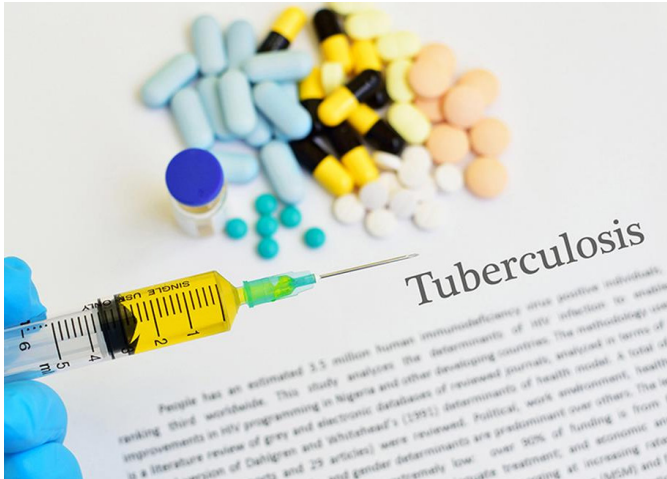
The researchers of the study had provided nutritional support to a cohort with a high prevalence of severe undernutrition in the State. The results were encouraging.

"Weight gain, particularly in the first 2 months, was associated

with a substantially decreased hazard of tuberculosis mortality. Nutritional support needs to be an integral component of patient-centred care to improve treatment outcomes in such settings," said the study.

Asserting the member nations to share such innovative practices, the WHO has urged the South-East Asia Region—which accounts for the highest share of TB cases and deaths globally—to also urgently scale up research and innovation to meet End TB goals.

"In our region alone, nearly 5 million people developed TB and close to 600,000 died from the disease in 2023," said Dr. Catharina Boehme, Officer-in-



Charge, WHO South-East Asia Region in a statement here. She further added, "Achieving

the ambitious targets of the WHO End TB Strategy requires collaboration to accelerate research

and innovation. This includes adopting and using new tools, technologies, and drugs. Ensuring timely and equitable access to these innovations is critical to achieving impact at scale, leaving no one behind."

The WHO noted that the South-East Asia Region has made notable progress, including a rise in TB case notifications in 2023—a sign of recovery following COVID-19-related setbacks, however, progress remains insufficient to meet End TB Strategy targets.

Following the pandemic, noted the WHO, as per the statement, TB has re-emerged as the world's leading cause of death from a single infectious agent.

The disease disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable, deepening existing inequalities.

To counter this, "countries in the region are increasingly leveraging new approaches such as artificial intelligence for case detection, computer-aided diagnostics, digital adherence tools, and direct benefit transfers for patients to streamline social support," the WHO said.

"Our progress is uneven. Research and innovation capacity varies across the region, and the results of these efforts are often siloed and inaccessible for collaborative use. The rise in drug-resistant TB remains very concerning," said Boehme. UNI AJ SSP

Banks sanction Rs 4,930 crore under 'Tarun Plus' cover of Mudra Yojana

United News of India

NEW DELHI, AUG 6: Banks have sanctioned more than Rs 4,930 crore to 34,697 borrowers under the 'Tarun Plus' category of Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) as of June 2025.

This category was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 for loans above Rs 10 lakh and upto Rs 20 lakh targeting the borrowers who have successfully repaid their earlier 'Tarun' category loans.

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance, said in a written reply in Rajya Sabha yesterday: "With a view to incentivising successful borrowers under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), a new category of Mudra loans namely 'Tarun Plus' was introduced in 2024-25 for those borrowers who



have successfully repaid their Mudra loan under the 'Tarun' Category."

"As per PMMY guidelines, 34,697 loan accounts amounting to more than Rs 4,930 crore, as on June 2025, have been sanctioned under this newly introduced category," Finance Minister said in her reply to Congress MP Randeep Surjewala.

In her reply to another question, the Finance Minister highlighted the efforts made under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), which was launched in August 2014 under the National Mission on Financial Inclusion.

"To give impetus to financial inclusion initiatives of the government, PMJDY was extended beyond August 14, 2018, by making the scheme more attractive," Sitharaman added.

The Minister also highlighted that Scheduled Commercial Banks, including the Private Sector Banks, have been continuously working to promote the PMJDY scheme at the grassroots levels. She also pointed towards the presence of a review mechanism to continuously monitor the implementation and effectiveness of schemes with banks and relevant stakeholders.

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme aims to promote financial inclusion by ensuring access to financial services, namely, Banking/Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, and Pension affordably. UNI SAS PRS

SC quashes order banning use of Stalin's name for govt scheme; imposes cost on MP

United News of India

NEW DELHI, AUG 6: The Supreme Court today set aside the interim order of the Madras High Court which had restrained the Tamil Nadu Government from using the name of Chief Minister MK Stalin for its flagship welfare awareness campaign 'Ungaludan Stalin' (your Stalin).

The court also imposed a cost of Rs 10 lakh on AIADMK MP C. Ve Shanmugam, who had originally challenged the scheme, terming his petition "politically motivated" and an "abuse of the process of law."

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, Justice K. Vinod Chandran, and Justice NV Anjaria delivered the verdict in response to appeals filed by the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Tamil Nadu government.

The court not only quashed the High Court order but also withdrew to itself the pending petition in the Madras High Court, dismissing it in its entirety.

Criticising the selective challenge mounted by the AIADMK MP, the Supreme Court observed, "When schemes are floated in the names of leaders across political parties and states, we do not appreciate the anxiety of the petitioner in choosing only one political party and one political leader."

"If the petitioner was genuinely concerned about the misuse of public funds, he should have challenged all such schemes."

The court further noted that the writ petition had been filed merely three days after a representation was made to the Election Commission of India.

"This shows the petitioner was in undue haste and the petition

is not only misconceived in law but is also an abuse of the process of law," the bench remarked.

Accordingly, the court directed Shanmugam to deposit Rs10 lakh with the Tamil Nadu government within one week. The amount is to be used exclusively for the welfare of the underprivileged.

Appearing for the DMK, senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi, Dr AM Singhvi, and P Wilson defended the government's right to use the Chief Minister's name for a welfare outreach initiative.

Rohatgi submitted that the Supreme Court's 2015 Common Cause judgment permitted the use of the photographs of serving prime ministers, chief ministers, cabinet ministers, and governors in advertisements and official campaigns.

He pointed out that during the AIADMK tenure, numerous

schemes were launched under the brand "Ammam" referring to the late CM Jayalalithaa.

Dr. Singhvi added that the Common Cause ruling pertained only to the use of photographs and did not prohibit naming schemes after incumbent leaders.

Advocate general PS Raman appeared for the Tamil Nadu government virtually.

On the other side, senior advocate Maninder Singh, representing petitioner Shanmugam, argued that the scheme's title itself, 'Ungaludan Stalin', constituted undue political branding.

However, CJI Gavai countered by asking Singh to cite any specific prohibition within the Common Cause judgment against naming schemes after sitting chief ministers.

"Even the use of photographs has been diluted by subsequent orders," the CJI noted.

At one point during the hearing, the bench cautioned Singh, "You can continue to argue, but you should know that the cost will be commensurate with the time you take. We are warning you."

The Madras High Court's now-quashed interim order had prohibited the use of names or photographs of living personalities, former chief ministers, ideological leaders, or political party insignia in government advertisements.

However, the apex court found that the High Court's approach lacked balance and objectivity, especially given that similar practices were prevalent during past regimes.

The top court reiterated its longstanding view that political disputes should be resolved electorally, not judicially. UNI SNG PRS

Putin to meet Md Zayed on Aug 7 in Moscow to discuss Russia-UAE bilateral cooperation, affairs in Middle East

United News of India

MOSCOW/ABU DHABI, AUG 6: Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to meet his Emirati counterpart, President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on August 7, the Kremlin stated, reports TASS.

"On August 7, 2025, Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold talks with President of the United Arab Emirates Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan who will be staying in Russia on an official visit," the press office said in a statement.

The two parties are set to "discuss the state and prospects of further developing versatile Russian-Emirati cooperation, and also essential issues of the international agenda, including the situation in the Middle East."

The UAE Crown Prince last met the Russian President on the sidelines of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council meeting today in Minsk,



Belarus.

The meeting between the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and President Putin explored the deep-rooted

friendship and strong strategic partnership between the United Arab Emirates and the Russian Federation. UNI XC ANV GNK

Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar holds meeting with Russian Deputy Defence Minister in Moscow

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MOSCOW/NEW DELHI, AUG 6: Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Aleksandr Fomin held a meeting with Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar in Moscow, during which the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation in the defence sector.

"During the talks, the sides discussed topical issues of bilateral cooperation in the defence sphere, confirmed the focus on further strengthening the specialised cooperation in the form of a particularly privileged strategic partnership."

"The meeting took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere which is traditional for the Russian-Indian relations," a Russian Defence Ministry statement said.



The meeting comes amid US President Donald Trump targeting India for the purchase of Russian oil and other trade.

The meeting also comes amid intensified defence cooperation between the two sides. India has opened a BrahMos missile manufacturing unit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, which is a joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya. It was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on May 11. The plant will produce 80 to 100 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles annually, including the BrahMos-NG (Next Generation) variant.

PM Modi had referred to it during his address in Varanasi two days ago.

India and Russia are also collaborating in the production of Kalashnikov AK 203 assault rifles in India, with a factory set up in Amethi, UP. The two countries are collaborating in the licensed production of Russian equipment like T-90 tanks and Su-30 MKI aircraft. Russia has also supplied India with the S-400 missile systems and MiG-29K aircraft. Besides, the two sides also hold joint defence exercises. UNI RN

RUSSIA CLAIMS US STILL UNREPENTANT OVER ITS HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS

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MOSCOW, AUG 6: The United States, without remorse for its nuclear bombings of Japan, is becoming more convinced that it acted correctly at the time, and not calling out the US in this regard keeps them in a comfort zone, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said today.

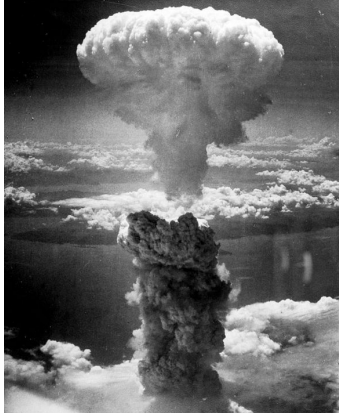
In his address dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the US bombing of Hiroshima, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made no mention of the country responsible for the devastation.

The address was read out in Japanese by UN Under-Secretary-

General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu and only mentioned that "the lives of tens of thousands of people were taken" in the Hiroshima tragedy.

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui also did not name the US as the country that dropped nuclear bombs on the two Japanese cities in August 1945.

"Without repenting, without showing remorse, they (the US) are becoming more convinced that they did everything right. That is the problem. They have not repented. What does not naming the US mean?"



"It creates a comfort zone for them. It is not about pulling them out of their comfort zone, but about keeping them in it, so they don't have to ask themselves: Do

you regret it? Would you do it again? Will you never do it again?" Zakharova told Sputnik radio.

Without naming the US as the party that carried out the nuclear bombings, these questions will remain unanswered, the spokeswoman said.

"It is high time (to get answers). But they lack something, and we know what—courage and conscience," Zakharova added.

The tragic events in Hiroshima and Nagasaki have already become a source of misinformation, the spokeswoman said, adding that a high-ranking representative of these cities, during the anniversary event on August 6, did not name the US, the country

which did the bombing. But, at the same time, this official said that the US and Russia "have not drawn the right conclusions or learned lessons from those mistakes."

"Wow. This is fake! But the UN Secretary-General echoes it," Zakharova said.

In August 1945, US pilots dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Hiroshima blast killed 140,000 of the city's 350,000 population, with Nagasaki losing 74,000. Overwhelmingly, civilian victims are commemorated annually during the August 6 and 9 memorial ceremonies. UNI/SPUTNIK ANV SSP

AHATA WAQAR HONOURS ACADEMICIAN, WRITER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST DR. FAROOQ PEER

Mission in life not merely to survive, but to thrive to do with some passion and compassion : Dr Farooq Lone

■ HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 06: Ahata Waqar Chanapora - a day care and recreation center for senior citizens - on Wednesday honoured eminent academician , and social activist , Dr Farooq Ahmad Peer, Former Secretary BOSE, at an impressive function held here today.

Honoured personalities who constituted the presidium included Dr Farooq Ahmad Lone ,former secretary General department and Chairman JK&PSC, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Lone (IAS rtd.), Dr. Waseem Raja JKAS ,Jt Dir. Tourism kashmir , Former Chief conservator of forests Farooq Geelani and acclaimed broadcaster , writer and President JK&Mahjoor Foundation Peerzada Abdal Mehjoor.

The interactive programme was attended by a large number of senior citizens from different walks of life , school students , writers , poets and cultural activists .

The speakers hailed commitment and contribution of Dr. Farooq Peer towards edu-

cational reforms during his 18 years long posting in higher education department. His stint as member JK SSRB was also hailed during which about 4000 educated youth were selected in a most transparent manner.

While sharing his lifelong journey and experiences , Dr. Farooq Peer , who is the father of youngest IAS officer of kashmir, Faz-lul-Haseeb Peer , underscored the need for social commitment , consistency and hardwork to achieve and enrich cherished goals in the life. He said life, at times, feels tough while pursuing conviction and coping with adversity but it has to be made a catalyst for growth and resilience. He stressed the need for learning kashmiri , which is optional subject for UPSC and PSC exams.

Farooq Ahmad Lone in his inspiring presidential address shared his experiences as a member of the administrative head and urged the need for selfless service and spirit of compassion to address chronic problems confronting



the society. " Mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do with some passion and some compassion, Farooq Lone added.

He called for organising social discourses among the youth at regular intervals to foster thoughtful interaction, sharing experiences, and reflecting on education, values, and community engagement. He said education was the only instrument for bringing a desired change.

He hailed the contribution of Dr Farooq Peer in the fields of education , social services and environment.

Speaking on the occasion , Waseem Raja while felicitating Dr Farooq Peer said social interactions with experienced academicians and social activists not only enhance community cohesion but also raises awareness on pertinent issues and promote holistic well-being among senior citizens and vulnerable populations.

Peerzada Abdaal Mehjoor and Farooq Geelani also expressed their views,

emphasizing the importance of community support and collaboration in advancing societal welfare initiatives . Thier views marked a thought provoking discourse on ways and means to cope up in the society . Waseem Raja described the journey of Farooq Peer as a role model.

Chairman Ahata Waqar Ab Gani paray welcomed the guests whereas its organiser and former Director Doordarshan Shabir Mujahid presented vote of thanks.

Secretary Er. Khazir Mohammad Trag and Qazi Ab Rashid also spoke on the occasion on this occasion, the serene atmosphere of Ahata Waqar Chanapora was imbued with spirituality as the successful event commenced with a touching Tilawat of the Quranic verses by Haji Gh Hassan shah and soulful Naati sharie by Javed Ahmad Baigh .

Dr. Laila Sultana nicely moderated the event and ensured smooth proceedings and stimulating discussions among participants.

NIT Srinagar organizes tiranga rally under nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

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JAMMU, AUG 6: Srinagar, Aug 08: As part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday organized a large-scale Tiranga Rally within its campus to celebrate the spirit of patriotism ahead of India's 79th Independence Day.

The rally, aimed at instilling national pride and unity among students and staff, was flagged off by Prof. Roohi Naaz, Incharge Director of NIT Srinagar, in the presence of Institute's Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman.

The event witnessed participation from over 1,000 individuals, including deans, heads of departments, faculty members, research scholars, non-teaching staff, and students.

Carrying the national flag and chanting patriotic slogans, the participants marched across the institute's campus in a coordinated display of national unity. The rally began at the administrative block and passed through the Mechanical Department, water resource centre, new guest house and before culminating at the fountain park of the campus.

Speaking on the occasion, Incharge Director Prof. Roohi Naaz said that the rally was not just a symbolic gesture but a reminder of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

"This event reflects our deep respect for the nation and its core values. It is a matter of immense pride to see the entire NIT Srinagar fraternity coming together to honour our national flag and the spirit of independence," she said.

Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman said that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is about reconnecting with our identity as Indians. Through this rally, we seek to foster a sense of civic duty and national consciousness, especially among the youth who are the future of the country," he said.

The Tiranga Rally was part of a broader set of activities being conducted by NIT Srinagar in the lead-up to Independence Day. The Institute has planned a series of events over the next week. It includes cultural programs, patriotic song competitions, debates, and awareness drives to highlight the significance of India's freedom struggle and constitutional values.

IIM Jammu Organizes Blood Donation Camp in Collaboration with Thalassemia Welfare Society and Govt. Medical College Jammu

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JAMMU, AUG 6: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, in collaboration with Thalassemia Welfare Society, Jammu, and Govt. Medical College Jammu, organized a Blood Donation Camp at its Jagti Campus on 06th Aug 2025. This initiative showcased IIM Jammu's steadfast commitment to community service and social responsibility. The camp drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and staff, reaffirming the institute's ethos of fostering a culture of empathy and altruism. Around 84 donors from IIM Jammu frater-

nity participated in the blood donation drive.

The camp, conducted with the support of Thalassemia Welfare Society and medical professionals from Govt. Medical College Jammu, ensured that all protocols and safety measures were meticulously followed. It aimed to highlight the critical role of blood donation in saving lives and addressing medical emergencies, thereby instilling a sense of civic duty among the participants. The blood donation drive was inaugurated by Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Dhruv, Medical Officer, IIM Jammu, in the presence of Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran,

Chief Administrative Officer, medical professionals from Government Medical College Jammu, the Thalassemia Welfare Society, and IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, commended the participants for their wholehearted involvement in the blood donation drive. He noted that beyond academic excellence, IIM Jammu places strong emphasis on cultivating socially responsible leaders. He remarked that the enthusiastic turnout reflects the Institute's deep-rooted values of empathy and service. Initiatives like these, he added, not only save lives but also reinforce the spirit of community and collective responsibility that IIM

Jammu stands for.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu emphasized that donating blood is a noble act of social responsibility and a vital contribution to saving lives. He appreciated the active participation of students and faculty in fostering a culture of compassion and service.

Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu stated that such initiatives reflect IIM Jammu's commitment to holistic education that goes beyond the classroom. He encouraged students to lead by example and contribute meaningfully to the community.

The camp concluded on a high note, with a significant number of units of blood collected, which

will benefit patients in need across the region, particularly those battling conditions like thalassemia and other life-threatening illnesses. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to this life-saving initiative, reinforcing IIM Jammu's mission to create meaningful societal impact.

The event was coordinated by the Student Affairs Office at IIM Jammu, which played a pivotal role in ensuring seamless organization and execution. This initiative reflects IIM Jammu's dedication to promoting inclusivity, social responsibility, and sustainable practices, further cementing its position as a leading socially responsible institution.

ASCOMS Organises Walkathon to Promote Bone Health Awareness

As Part of Bone & Joint Week 2025 Celebrations

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JAMMU, AUG 6: Continuing its commitment to public health education and preventive orthopaedic care, the Department of Orthopaedics, ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu, in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedic Association, organised a vibrant Walkathon on 6th August 2025 as part of Bone & Joint Week celebrations 2025.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, postgraduate students, MBBS students, paramedical staff, and members of the public, who joined hands to raise awareness on the importance of bone health, especially among the ageing population.

The walkathon was flagged off by Director Principal Dr Pavan Malhotra, Dr KS Mehta Prof & Head, department of surgery, Dr Nandita Mehta, Prof & Head, department of Anesthesia and Dr Rajesh Kumar Gupta Prof & Head department of orthopaedics and past president Jammu and Kashmir orthopaedic association from the ASCOMS campus to Majeen, symbolising unity in the mission to promote musculoskeletal wellness across all age groups. Participants carried placards and wore awareness stickers with health slogans, drawing public attention to preventable bone-related conditions such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and fragility fractures.

Speaking on the occasion, senior faculty emphasized the importance

of early screening, regular physical activity, and education in preventing bone-related disorders. The walkathon not only served as a symbolic step towards community mobilisation but also reiterated the role of institutions like ASCOMS in leading health advocacy initiatives beyond hospital walls.

This event marked another impactful day in the week-long series of activities under the theme "Old is Gold – 360° Care for the Elderly", underscoring ASCOMS' dedication to inclusive, proactive, and compassionate healthcare. The event was organised under the patronage of worthy President of ASCOMS & Hospital His Holiness, Swami Prem Vivekanand ji.

Rattan Lal Gupta Urges Immediate Restoration of Statehood via Ongoing Parliament Session

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JAMMU, AUG 6: Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, has reiterated the demand for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, urging the Central Government to fulfill its commitment at the earliest.

Rattan Lal Gupta expressed concern over the continued delay of restoration of Statehood despite repeated assurances from the Centre. "The Prime Minister and Home Minister keep saying statehood will be restored at an appropriate time, but now it is the most appropriate time to restore statehood to J&K and respect the massive mandate of the people of Jammu and Kashmir by introducing the bill in the ongoing parliament session. Rattan Lal Gupta lauded the achievements of the government during its nine months in office. He said that several poll promises made with people during the Assembly polls have been fulfilled by the present dispensation in just 9 months of governance. He said that the administration under CM Omar Abdullah has brought transparency, accountability, and a much-needed sense of direction to the governance in the Union Territory. Welcoming Iqbal Khullar into the party fold, Rattan Lal Gupta described the National Conference as a mass movement that has all along stood for the just cause of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and strived for development and progress of the J&K with a sense of commitment. He hoped that with the joining of Iqbal Khullar the party would be further strengthened at the grass roots level.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary Jammu and Vijay Lochan, Chairman of JKNC SC Cell, they lauded the National Conference's historic role in safeguarding the interests of depressed classes. They said that while the previous regime overlooked the SC community's concerns, NC remains steadfast in its commitment to their upliftment.

Har Ghar Tiranga Initiative Celebrated with Patriotic Raksha Bandhan at GHSS Dablehar

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ARNIA, AUG 6: In a heartfelt tribute to the spirit of nationalism and community bonding, students of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Dablehar, celebrated Raksha Bandhan with a patriotic twist under the ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

In a unique and moving gesture, the students, accompanied by their teachers and guided by the school Principal Smt. Irvinder Kaur, visited the Police Station

Arnia to tie handcrafted Tricolour Rakhis to police personnel. The event aimed to acknowledge and honour the dedicated service of the police force, who serve as protectors of the public day and night.

The atmosphere during the event was infused with patriotic fervour as students offered floral tributes, sang patriotic songs, and engaged warmly with the police officers. The symbolic act of tying the Rakhi – traditionally a bond of protection – took on added meaning as it was extended to

those who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of the nation.

Principal Irvinder Kaur applauded the students for participating with enthusiasm and reminded them of the importance of respecting and acknowledging the sacrifices made by those in uniform. "This Raksha Bandhan, we chose to express our gratitude to the real guardians of our society – the police. It's a message of love, respect, and unity," she said.

The police officials were deeply moved by the students' gesture and thanked the school

for initiating such a meaningful celebration. "This interaction fosters mutual respect and instills civic values in the younger generation. We are honoured," remarked one officer.

The event also saw participation from members of the local panchayat and civil society, who commended the school for promoting civic engagement and values of nationalism among children. Sweets were distributed, and the tricolour-themed rakhis were appreciated for their creativity and sym-

bolism.

As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, the students also pledged to hoist the national flag at their homes and encourage their communities to participate in the nationwide initiative to mark the 78th Independence Day with pride and unity.

The event concluded with the national anthem and a group photograph capturing the spirit of brotherhood, patriotism, and solidarity between citizens and their uniformed guardians.

DC Ramban Holds Public Outreach Programme at Gandhri

Issues On-Spot Directions for Grievance Redressal

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RAMBAN, AUG 6: As part of the ongoing public outreach initiative of District Administration, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, today conducted a public outreach programme at Block Gandhri to directly listen to the grievances of the locals and ensure timely redressal of their issues at the grass-roots level.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats Mohammad Ashfaq, General Manager DIC Ravinder Anand, CMO, CAHO, CAO, CHO, DSHO, AD FCS&CA, BDO, and other senior officers and prominent citizens.

During the interaction, several delegations and individuals raised various issues related to



healthcare, road connectivity, veterinary services, ration supply,

power infrastructure, education, tourism, and youth development. Responding promptly, the Deputy Commissioner issued on-spot directions to the concerned officers to resolve the grievances efficiently.

To augment healthcare services, the DC instructed the Chief Medical Officer to deploy a Mobile Health Facility for Gandhri once in a week and ensure availability of an ambulance at PHC Bhatni as early as possible to cater to emergency medical needs. The Chief Animal Husbandry Officer was directed to arrange for the visit of a veterinary doctor and support staff twice a week to provide necessary veterinary services in the area.

In response to the demand for a new ration depot, the AD FCS&CA was directed to ensure ration supply at identified nearest locations for the convenience of the public.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the PMGSY Department to carry out immediate maintenance work on the Kanga-Gandhri road. Regarding educational concerns, he assured the public that the matter regarding the filling of the vacant posts of Lecturer and Masters would be taken up with the concerned authorities.

Furthermore, the Chief Agriculture Officer was instructed to ensure timely availability of seeds for the farming community, the Executive Engineer JPDCL was directed to complete the installation of electric poles to strengthen the power infrastructure in the area.

The locals appreciated the District Administration for reaching out to the Block Gandhri along with district officers of all line departments to redress the public grievances at their doorsteps.

DC Ramban Leads Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign with Patriotic Fervour at GHSS Gandhri

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RAMBAN, AUG 6: In a vibrant celebration of patriotism, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, led the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by participating in the Tiranga Rangoli competition at Government Higher Secondary School Gandhri. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of students and youth, who beautifully showcased their love for the nation through tricolour-themed Rangolis made with organic colours, leaves and flowers.

Accompanied by Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats Mohammad Ashfaq, General Manager DIC Ravinder Anand, CMO, CAHO, CAO, CHO, DSHO, AD FCS&CA, BDO, and other senior officers and prominent citizens, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the initiative and appreciated the creativity and commitment of the



young participants.

The DC Ramban praised the spirit of the students and local youth, emphasizing that their involvement in Har Ghar Tiranga reflects the essence of unity, national pride, and collective commitment to the country's values. He highlighted that the campaign is not just about hoisting the national flag but about igniting a sense of nationalism, responsibility, and participation among citizens.

The DC urged the participants to inspire their families, peers, and communities to proudly hoist the National Flag atop their homes and establishments and actively take part in the upcoming events under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign leading up to Independence Day.

The campaign, carried out with enthusiastic support from various departments, educational institutions and public across the district into hubs of colourful, patriotic celebration. Besides Rangoli competitions, several institutions also organized Rakhi-making contests, Tiranga rallies, painting events, and awareness activities on Swachhata, water conservation, and personal hygiene.

Cultural performances including patriotic songs added to the festive atmosphere, as Ramban district echoed with the spirit of Har Ghar Tiranga.

Drugs Control Organisation intercepts illegal consignment of Tapentadol tablets

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JAMMU, AUG 06: In a major crackdown on the illegal trafficking of pharmaceutical drugs, the Drugs Control Organisation, Jammu and Kashmir, has intercepted and confiscated a consignment of 4,400 Tapentadol tablets that were being illicitly transported through a private courier service in Jammu.

Acting on specific intelligence and routine surveillance of courier networks, Drugs Control Officers, under the supervision of Assistant Drugs Controller (HQ) J&K Pankaj Malhotra, conducted a targetted inspection at a local courier facility.



During the inspection, a suspicious parcel was identified and opened in the presence of authorised personnel. The team recovered 4,400 tablets of Tapentadol 100 mg (TD NERV-100), a centrally acting opioid analgesic often misused for intoxication. The tablets were concealed and lacked valid documentation. The team immediately seized the consignment on the spot using Form-16 under provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the consignment originated from a neighbouring state and was intended for illegal sale in Jammu and Kashmir. Authorities are verifying consignee details and continuing efforts to trace the parcel's origin and intended destination, with further legal action likely under the relevant provisions of the Act.

State Drugs Controller, Lotika Khajuria, reiterated the Government of J&K's commitment to eliminating illegal drug trafficking. She stated that surveillance on courier services, transport agencies and pharmaceutical distribution channels has been intensified, and strict action will be taken against violators in accordance with the law.

Aazaad Parindey Kala Manch Organizes Special Interaction Session with NSD Topper Rahul K Lakhnotra

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JAMMU, AUG 06: A special Open Interaction Session was held on 5th August at Natraj Natya Kunj Studio, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, featuring renowned actor and National School of Drama (NSD) 2018 batch topper Rahul K Lakhnotra. The event was hosted by Aazaad Parindey Kala Manch and witnessed active participation from Jammu's theatre community, including several local stage and television artists.

Rahul K Lakhnotra, a native of Jammu, began his theatre journey in 2007 and was awarded a theatre scholarship by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, for the years 2011-2013 under the mentorship of the late Mushtak Kak. In 2015, he joined NSD and graduated in 2018 as the topper of his batch. After graduation, he worked with the NSD Repertory Company as a Grade 'A' artist for four years, performing in numerous prestigious national and international theatre festivals.

In the film and OTT space, Rahul



made his debut with the web series Aakhri Sach (Jio Cinema), followed by his notable role as Kamlesh (Manoj's elder brother) in the acclaimed feature film 12th Fail, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. His other projects include Zero Se Restart (Amazon Prime) and the upcoming Delhi Crime – Season 3 (Netflix). He is currently based in Mumbai, working as a professional actor and acting coach, and runs his own acting institute, Zero Studios.

The session covered a wide range of vital topics, including NSD entrance preparation, the difference between theatre and film acting techniques, the daily discipline of an actor, self-

training methods, and the complete journey from rehearsal to performance.

Marked by honest sharing and insightful discussion, the interaction served as a source of inspiration for young and aspiring artists. Rahul emphasized the importance of consistent self-work, emotional honesty, and technical clarity in the craft of acting. The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, where participants engaged directly with the guest, asking questions about training, performance, and career-building.

The presence of Jammu's theatre and television artists added depth to the event and reflected the city's strong and evolving cultural landscape. Aazaad Parindey Kala Manch reiterated its commitment to creating such platforms for dialogue, learning, and artistic exchange.

Speaking on the occasion, Aazaad Parindey Kala Manch President Mohit Singh Chib stated that the group will continue to organize such interaction sessions in Jammu in the future, aiming to uplift and empower local talent in the performing arts.

District-level NCORD committee meeting held in Udhampur; DC calls for robust anti-drug measures

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UDHAMPUR, AUG 06: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, chaired a meeting of the District-Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre to assess implementation of drug control measures and their on-ground impact.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan and officers from various line departments.

Detailed deliberations were held on the progress in identifying individuals involved in the illicit drug trade and the status of in-



vestigations under the NDPS Act. The DC directed for immediate freezing and attachment of assets

of drug traffickers, effective measures to curb illicit cultivation of narcotic crops, rehabilitation sup-

port for victims of substance abuse, and enhanced surveillance in government and private educa-

tional institutions, including coaching centres. She emphasised the need for the Nasha Mukta Panchayat campaign's proper implementation.

Departments were instructed to conduct IEC activities for public awareness, especially at grassroots levels. The meeting also stressed the identification and monitoring of drug abuse hotspots and the functioning of drug de-addiction centres.

The Drugs and Food Controller was tasked with ensuring 100% CBS billing in pharmacies. The ETO was directed to mobilise teams to proactively detect and destroy wild cannabis growth in the district.

132 SPMR College students complete summer internship at JKEDI

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JAMMU, AUG 06: A total of 132 students from three fresh batches of Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu, successfully completed their summer internship at the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Bari Brahmana campus.

The internship aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which mandates a 60-hour internship for undergraduate students. The programme aimed to foster entrepreneurial thinking, research skills and teamwork among participants.

During the 10-day internship, students were introduced to JKEDI's core functions and programme areas. They gained insights into entrepreneurship development, startup ecosystems and self-employment opportunities in J&K. The schedule included interactive lectures, assignments, field visits and sessions led by JKEDI faculty and



startup experts.

Students appreciated the programme's practical orientation, especially sessions on government schemes, business models and startup financing.

The internship was conducted by expert faculty under the overall supervision of the Director JKEDI. The Institute routinely organises such internships to promote entrepreneurship and raise awareness about self-employment as a viable career path.

Govt PG College Rajouri Hosts Intra-College Seminar to Mark 79th Independence Day

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

RAJOURI, AUG 06: As part of the ongoing 79th Independence Day celebrations, the Government Post-graduate College (GDC) Rajouri organized an intra-college seminar competition aimed at encouraging students to reflect on the significance of India's independence, its journey of development, and the role of youth in nation-building.

The event served as a vibrant intellectual platform where students from various semesters expressed their thoughts, ideas, and insights on themes related to patriotism, freedom struggle, democratic values, and India's future.

Inspiring Start to the Event
The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Zakir Kalis, Convener of the Cultural and

Literary Committee, who highlighted the importance of such events in cultivating awareness and a sense of responsibility among the youth.

Prof. Khaleeq Ahmed, who moderated the seminar, maintained an engaging environment throughout, ensuring active participation and thoughtful discussions. His insightful commentary helped link student presentations to broader socio-political contexts, encouraging deeper reflection.

Principal Encourages Youth to Uphold Democratic Ideals

In his keynote address, Principal Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza lauded the enthusiasm of the students and recalled the supreme sacrifices made by freedom fighters during the independence movement.

"Our hard-earned freedom is both a privilege and a responsibility," he said. "We must protect our democratic ethos and ensure that future generations understand the value of liberty, justice, and national unity."

Prof. Mirza also emphasized the role of educational institutions in shaping a socially aware, intellectually active, and ethically grounded citizenry.

Students Shine in Thoughtful Presentations
Students from multiple semesters enthusiastically participated in the seminar, delivering impactful speeches on topics ranging from India's post-independence achievements to the relevance of youth activism and the power of democratic participation.

A panel of esteemed faculty members—Prof. Ayaz Chowdhary, Dr. Anshu Rizvi, and Prof. Antima

Gupta—served as judges, evaluating the participants on content, articulation, confidence, and relevance.

Ms. Vanshika (Semester III) emerged as the winner with a compelling speech that tied India's past to the responsibilities of the present.

Ms. Haseeba (Semester V) secured the second position with her eloquent take on democratic empowerment and constitutional values.

Mr. Inzar (Semester V) was awarded the third prize for his thought-provoking analysis of India's growth in science, technology, and diplomacy. Closing Remarks and Participation

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Sabia, who appreciated the efforts of the Cultural and Literary Committee, the student participants, and the attending faculty.

Sakeena Itoo visits Ichgam Budgam, offers condolences to bereaved family of electrocution victim

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BUDGAM, AUGUST 05: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today visited Ichgam Budgam to offer condolences to the family of young student who lost his life in tragic electrocution incident yesterday.

MLA Chadoora, Ali Mohamad Dar; MLA Khan Sahib, Saifu-din Bhat; Director School Education Kashmir and other senior officers of district administration also accompanied the

Minister.

During the visit, the Minister met the bereaved family to offer condolences and express solidarity with them during this difficult time. She assured them that accountability will be fixed on this unfortunate incident and swift action will be taken against those responsible for this negligence.

The Minister further assured the family that government stands with them in this moment of grief and all necessary support and assistance will be provided to them.



The Minister, earlier, visited the site of incident and took on-spot assessment of circumstances leading to this unfortunate incident.

Later, the Minister also held a brief meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat and other senior officers of district administration at Dak Banglow on this incident.

The Minister issued strict directions to the district administration to ensure transparent and time-bound enquiry into this incident and fix responsibility on those found guilty of negligence and take action against them as per law.

She also directed the district administration to review safety measures near all schools and other public institutions so that these kind of incidents can be prevented in future.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner informed the Minister that an enquiry committee has already been constituted to investigate the incident and ascertain how the electrocution incident occurred, identify any lapses and ensure that accountability is fixed.

Kashmir LPG distributor Association calls on Satish Sharma Seeks Permission for Stocking Extra Cylinders amid Highway Closures

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 6: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Transport, Information Technology, and Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma today met a delegation of Kashmir LPG distributor Association, led by Jag Mohan Singh Raina.

The delegation highlighted the difficulties faced by the distributors and consumers due to recurring gas shortages.

The delegation raised the issue of frequent disruptions in LPG supply, attributing the situation to repeated closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and ongoing maintenance works that are hampering timely transportation of gas cylinders

to various regions, particularly in the Kashmir valley and remote areas.

They urged the Minister to grant special permission for LPG distributors to stock additional gas cylinders beyond the current regulated limits. They emphasized that such a provision would help prevent shortages during periods of road blockage or adverse weather, especially in hilly and high-altitude areas.

Satish Sharma, while interacting with the delegation, acknowledged the genuine nature of their concerns. He assured the association that the matter would be taken up with relevant authorities, including the Oil Marketing Companies and Disaster Management departments.

"The government is committed towards ensuring uninterrupted supply

of essential commodities, especially LPG, to every household. We will explore all feasible solutions including temporary relaxation of stocking limits under proper safety norms," the Minister said.

He further directed the FCS&CA department to conduct a joint review with district administrations and oil companies to assess region-wise vulnerability to supply disruptions and identify suitable storage mechanisms.

The Minister emphasized that advance winter stocking plans need to be strengthened in all vulnerable districts. He emphasized the importance of coordination among civil administration, transporters and oil companies for maintaining supply chain efficiency.

Islamia College organizes seminar on 'Handicrafts in Shahr-e-Khas: challenges and opportunities'

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 06: Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar organized a daylong seminar on 'Handicrafts in Shahr-e-Khas: Challenges and Opportunities,' today.

The event brought together a confluence of renowned artisans, academicians, industrialists, researchers, students, and Government officials, all committed to rejuvenating the traditional handicrafts sector rooted in the historic downtown Srinagar popularly known as Shahr-e-Khas.

The seminar was formally inaugurated by the Principal of the College, Professor (Dr.) Tehmina Yousuf, who in her presidential address, emphasized the critical need to preserve and revitalize Kashmir's rich artistic legacy. She underscored the importance of bridging the traditional knowledge systems of artisans with modern market mechanisms through academia-industry linkages and innovation.

Prof. Tehmina stated that such platforms are vital in creating sustainable, entrepreneurial, and economically viable ecosystems for the region's heritage crafts.

Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Jhat, Convener, Innovation & Incubation Centre elaborated on the College's vision of fostering innovation and entrepreneurship especially among the youth in the realm of traditional crafts.

The seminar witnessed insightful deliberations by eminent speakers including, Prof. Arshad Suleh, Head, Department of Art, College of Education, who deliberated on the existential challenges threatening this traditional sector such as limited global exposure, dwindling artisan engagement, and market competition from machine-made replicas.

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students, young researchers, and budding entrepreneurs to explore innovative start-up models and business frameworks centered around traditional crafts.

Participants deliberated on themes such as heritage conservation, design development, export potential, digitization, marketing, and incubation opportunities.

Several artisans from the downtown areas of Srinagar enriched the event with their lived experiences, highlighting on-ground realities and the resilience of the craft sector. The event also attracted research scholars and experts from reputed institutions and central universities.

DC Shopian review status of prosecution of Criminal Cases

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SHOPIAN, AUG 06: A comprehensive review meeting was today convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta to assess the status of criminal cases pending adjudication before various Criminal Courts of the district.

Deputy Director Prosecution Shopian, apprised the meeting regarding the pending criminal cases particularly NDPS cases in the district and highlighted several issues concerning the conduct of effective prosecution of criminal cases. He highlighted some key issues such as presentation of charge sheets before the Court beyond the period of limitation, defective investigation, non production of prosecution witnesses etc. The meeting focused on ensuring speedy disposal of criminal cases and delivering timely justice to the victims of crime. DC issued a series of directions to the Public Prosecutors, emphasizing the need for effective prosecution, diligent follow-up, and coordination with investigating agencies to strengthen the justice delivery system.

DC also directed for ensuring presence of prosecution witnesses and initiation of appropriate legal proceedings for absent official witnesses. Effective management of Malkhana, ensuring that case property is presented for identification of witnesses and vetting of charge sheets by prosecution before its presentation in courts was emphasized. Executive Magistrates were directed to exercise powers provided under several provisions of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 for prevention of crimes. DC also stressed the importance of meticulous case preparation, regular monitoring, and proactive engagement by all stakeholders for timely disposal of cases in competent courts. The meeting was attended by ACR Shopian, SDM Zainapora, Deputy Director Prosecution Shopian, Chief Prosecuting officers, senior prosecutors and other presenting officers, District Litigation officer and executive magistrates of the district.

Special Lok-Adalat on Traffic challans & other civil cases on August-23 in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 06: In pursuance to the calendar of activities issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, a special Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of Traffic challans & other civil cases is scheduled to be held on 23rd August 2025 at the District Court Complex, Srinagar and at Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Panthachowk, Srinagar.

It is further notified for the information of the general public and the legal fraternity that the Lok Adalat earlier scheduled to be held on 26th July 2025 for the disposal of Motor Accident Claims

Tribunal (MACT) cases, Matrimonial cases, and Bank recovery matters shall now also be held on 23rd August 2025 along with the above mentioned matters.

All concerned learned Advocates and litigant parties who are willing to settle their cases amicably through this Lok Adalat mechanism are encouraged to approach the respective courts well in time to facilitate listing and settlement of their matters.

This initiative aims to promote timely and peaceful resolution of disputes, reduce the burden of litigation, and provide expeditious justice to the public.

Mission YUVA: Sanction letters distributed among 35 young entrepreneurs at Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, AUGUST 06: In a significant step towards fostering youth empowerment, self-reliance, and entrepreneurship in Jammu & Kashmir, district administration Baramulla, under the ambitious Mission YUVA (MY) initiative, today distributed loan sanction letters among 35 young and aspiring entrepreneurs from across the district.

The distribution event held at the DC office conference hall was also attended by the LDM Baramulla, Assistant Director Employment, other senior administration



and bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baramulla congratulated the beneficiaries and lauded the efforts of

Mission YUVA for providing a robust platform for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir to transform their entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

He urged the beneficiaries to make the most of the opportunity by utilizing the funds judiciously, maintaining transparency in their business practices, and creating employment for others as they grow.

The sanctioned loans, extended through various financial institutions in coordination with the District Employment & Counselling Centre and other line departments, will help the youth kick-start or expand their business ventures.

Officers present on the occasion highlighted the importance of the successful implementation of Mission YUVA and urged beneficiaries to utilize the sanctioned loans wisely to build stable and respectable income-generating ventures.

Handicrafts and Handloom Dept to organize Trainee Product Sale in Srinagar Numaish Gah on Aug 7 Handmade craft products available at very nominal price

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 6: Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, today extended an invitation to all craft lovers to visit Kashmir Haat, Srinagar, on August 7 for a Trainee Product Sale to commemorate the 11th National Handloom Day.

Stalls from all 10 districts of Kashmir Division, along with registered Cooperative Societies, shall be on display for sale of trainee products made across 432 training centres of the department.

In a press release issued here today, Deputy Director (Trainings), Mirza

Shahid Ali, stated that the Trainee Product Sale shall begin at 11.00 am in which various craft products like hand-knotted woollen carpets, Sozni embroidered Shawls, hand-woven Pashmina, Crewel, Namdha, Gabba, Chain Stitch along with non-textile items like Papier Mache and Walnut Wood Carving and Willow Wicker shall be available on nominal rates. "The products are available on affordable prices as no labour cost or surcharges are added," he explained.

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, has deposited revenue remittances of over 1.00



Crin Government Treasuries over the last three years, by way of sale of such trainee products.

Apart from District Stalls, stalls from IICT and CDI, along with LIVE demo by School of Design is also available. "The Poshish brand products of Handloom Development Corporation shall also be available for sale on discounted rates," he added.

Describing the sale of trainee products as a tribute to the under-trainees and the craft instructors of the Department, Mirza Shahid Ali said such clearance sales help support the welfare of artisans.

Missed Jassi bhai, had he been there it would have been special: Mohammed Siraj



United News of India

LONDON: Mohammed Siraj's admiration for Jasprit Bumrah is well known, and the genial Hyderabad said he sorely missed the pace spearhead's presence in his hour of glory following India's victory in the fifth Test against England here.

Siraj grabbed a five-wicket haul in the second innings of the fifth Test at The Oval as India defeated England by six runs in a thriller to draw the series 2-2 on Monday.

"Every batsman, every bowler (who played the Test), hat's off to him and the way we came back, crazy man. I miss Jassi (Bumrah) bhai because had he been there, it would have been special. I believe in Jassi bhai and myself," said an emotional Siraj in a video posted by BCCI.

Bumrah did not play the final Test to manage his workload and was subsequently released from the Indian squad after playing the fourth game.

Siraj seemed determined on the final day after dropping a catch of Harry Brook on Sunday.

Every ball he bowled in the morning session on Monday tormented the English batters.

"To be honest, the emotions I have right now (after the win), I cannot describe them because yesterday (Sunday) I dropped the catch. When I was going to bed (after day 4), I was only thinking about 'how could I drop it'.

"Had I taken that catch, we wouldn't have had to come out and play on Monday. We would have been in the room relaxed. But the Almighty had something else in store for us. He brought us to the stadium on Monday and the result is in front of everyone," Siraj said.

Siraj had stumbled on to the ropes while collecting Brook's catch at fine leg on day four, which would have turned the game decisively for India.

"When I woke up in the morning (on Monday), my inner self told me that I can do it, I can change the game. I had that belief," he said.

"I woke up in the morning and checked google on my phone and took out a 'Believe' emoji wallpaper and told myself that I will do it for the country.

"I always believe that I can win the game from any point, and did that in the morning."

DC Ramban Inaugurates Inter-School District-Level Sports Competition

HT Sports Desk

RAMBAN, AUG 6: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, today inaugurated the Inter-School District-Level Sports Competition at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Ramban. The event is being organized under the aegis of the Director General, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), J&K as part of the department's annual calendar of activities.

The competition includes Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 boys and girls in the discipline of Boxing, and is being conducted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Ramban, under the supervision of DYSSO Jagdish Raj Sharma.

Over 55 students representing all six zones of the district participated in the inaugural ceremony. They were joined by ZEPOs, PETs, Rehbar-e-Khel, staff members, field officials, and several



dignitaries, creating an atmosphere of excitement, discipline, and sportsmanship.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the young players for their participation in competitive sports and for showcasing their talent at the UT and national levels. He encouraged them to aim for excellence at national and international platforms and assured full support from the District Administration to nurture and promote sporting talent.

On the occasion, participants also took the Nasha Mukta Bharat (Drug-Free India) pledge, reinforcing the message of a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

Speaking at the event, DYSSO emphasized the role of sports in building character and promoting physical and mental well-being. He urged the youth to stay away from drugs and embrace sports as a path to personal growth, discipline, and overall personality development.

England panicked, they just needed one partnership: Michael Vaughan

United News of India

LONDON: Former captain Michael Vaughan feels England panicked on the final day of the fifth Test against India in the absence of inspirational skipper Ben Stokes, with only 35 runs needed to win and four wickets in hand.

England eventually lost the match by six runs as India made a stunning comeback to draw the five-match series 2-2 on Monday.

"Ben Stokes in that team, England would've won this Test match. He plays such a big role in this team, the mentality. England did panic (on the fifth morning).

"They just needed one partner-



ship. They panicked in the way

that they can with the way that they play, they play with a huge amount of aggressiveness. Yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, the Harry Brook dismissal did cause that collapse, but it's the way England play," Vaughan told BBC's Test Match Special.

Stokes, who played a pivotal role for England with both bat and ball, missed the fifth Test due to a shoulder injury, while pacers Jofra Archer and Brydon Carse were rested.

Vaughan said the thrilling series against India should be a perfect preparation for England for the this year's Ashes in Australia, starting in November.

"It's been a tremendous five

matches for England. You've got to be realistic, this week they were down to 10 men, lost one of their bowlers early, and not got Ben Stokes. You're looking at the team going to Australia and I think there's more pieces in place.

"We'll arrive in Perth for that first Test and know the top seven. It's just a matter of the bowling attack and getting that right. Clearly Ben Stokes is going to have to get fit. With Ben Stokes in the England side they can beat anybody. Without him, they can lose to anybody," Vaughan said.

England looked on course for a historic win with Harry Brook and Joe Root taking the home team to 301 for three on the fourth day

before Brook was caught by Mohammed Siraj off the bowling of Akash Deep.

England then lost two more wickets, including Root before the end of the fourth day's play.

"(Harry) Brook had that thought process that he wanted to hit 30 or 40 quick runs. What Harry needs to learn is in an Ashes series, in a similar situation, just win. I love the way he plays, his approach. At times, he's a genius. He plays the game in a fashion not many have ever played," Vaughan said.

"I don't want to take away from his positivity and flamboyance. But in Sydney, if England are 2-1 up, dig in Harry."

SPECTRUM KING'S PAMPORE TRIUMPHS AT SHAMSIPORA TITANS LEAGUE



HT Sports Desk

PAMPORE, AUG 07: Shamsipora Titans League A Battle for the Ages!

Kashmir Sports Bijbehara crumbled at 83 all out in 15 overs, ambushed by sheer brilliance! Enter the giants, Spectrum Kings Pampore, chasing it down with composure: 86/4 in 18.3 overs, MAN OF THE MATCH: Zubair!

Ripped through the opposition with a deadly 4-wicket haul, turning the game on its head and breaking the backbone of Bijbehara's lineup! The winning team displayed exceptional skill and determination,

Congratulations to Spectrum King's Pampore on their well-deserved win, and we wish them all the best for their future endeavors!

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