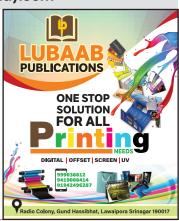
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BOLT FROM BLUE: Flood like situation across J&K, Jammu region worst hit

Chief Minister Reviews Flood Situation in Jammu, Holds Online **Meeting With Officials**

HT News Network

Srinagar, Aug 26: Chief Minister Tuesday on reviewed the ongoing flood situation in Jammu through an online meeting with senior officials, even as he was scheduled to visit Jammu.

Official sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the meeting focused on the rising water levels in major rivers and streams the precautionary measures being taken to safeguard vulnerable areas of the summer capital. The Chief Minister directed the administration to remain on high alert and ensure that flood control infrastructure, evacuation plans and relief measures are kept ready.

He emphasised that timely coordination between various departments is crucial in view of the unpredictable weather and asked district authorities to keep close contact with local people.

Divisiona1 Commissioner



along with Commissioners of all 10 districts, briefed the Chief Minister on the ground situation and preparedness in their respective areas.

The CM was apprised of the highest flood levels recorded at various locations, alert levels, and rising water in rivers, nallahs, and other water bodies.

works restoration proceed strictly as per SDRF norms. However, wherever additional requirements arise beyond these norms, I will personally ensure that further provisions are made available," the Chief Minister told the officers.

The Chief Minister instructed the administration to ensure timely supply of food, clean drinking water, medicines and essentials to affected families. He stressed that vulnerable populations, including the children, elderly. patients, must receive priority assistance.

urban dewatering operations are being carried out through pumps and other machinery. The Chief Minister directed that wherever there.

4 killed, several structures damaged in Doda due to inclement weather in 24

HT News Network

Doda, Aug 26 At least four people lost their lives and several properties were damaged in the last 24 hours in the Doda district due to heavy rains and adverse weather conditions, officials said on Tuesday.

A senior official told that two people were killed after their house collapsed, while two others died in flash floods triggered by

continuous rainfall.

Heavy landslide hits Mata Veshno Devi route, road closed

"There has been considerable damage to residential structures and other property in several areas. The district administration is on high alert, and rescue and relief operations are underway," the official said.

Authorities have urged residents, especially those living in low-lying and hilly areas, to remain cautious as intermittent rainfall continues to lash

Call, mobile internet outage across J-K amid heavy rains

HT News Network

Srinagar, Aug 26: Network outages were reported across all service providers in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday due to damage to optical fibres at multiple places amid heavy rainfall, officials said. Technical teams have been despatched to locate the faults and rectify them, they said.

Officials said calls are not going through and mobile internet has stopped working across all network service providers due to "fiber cuts at multiple locations'

Fiber services and landline services on stateowned BSNL were also down. The outage caused problems among people as mobiles showed no signals, they said.

Telecom operators said it was a network issue due to "multiple fibre cuts" at various places, including in Jammu, Srinagar as well as Shimla. "We will try to restore the network and services as fast as possible," added.

IMD Srinagar issues urgent weather advisory

HT News Network

Srinagar, Aug, 26: In view of the inclement weather with a forecast of intense spell of rain/ thundershower/Cloud Bursts/ Flash Floods and Landslides over various parts of the Kashmir Division from 26th August to 1st September 2025, by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Srinagar Station, the people of the Kashmir Division in general and those residing in flood-prone, landslide-prone, and low-lying areas are advised to refrain from venturing in and around the slopes and water bodies until the weather improves.

Further, tourists, local Shikara Wallas, Sand Miners, and those operating near River Jhelum, other rivers, lakes, and water bodies across the Kashmir Division shall not attempt to cross or operate before verifying the prevailing conditions and situation of these water bodies and their tributaries.

The general public across the Kashmir Division can contact their respective District Emergency Operation Centres (DEOCs), the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), and local Police Control Rooms for any information and assistance.

Next 24 hours crucial for entire J&K: Weatherman

HT News Network/KNO

Srinagar, Aug 26: Amid the prevalent weather conditions, the weatherman here has stated that the next 24 hours are crucial for the entire Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the water level in the river Jhelum has increased in Kashmir as the rains continued to occur in the region.

"The water level will recede again once the rainfall stops," he said, adding that unlike Kashmir, Jammu is presently witnessing a massive rise in rivers and streams.

"Due to the continuous rainfall in Jammu for the past one week, the water level in rivers and streams has increased in Jammu," he said, adding that the people need to stay away from the low-lying areas and must remain safe and alert as there can be

Edu. Institutions in 6 districts to remain closed today: Div Com Kmr

Srinagar, Aug 26: In light of the prevailing adverse weather conditions, authorities in Kashmir have ordered the closure of all educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and universities, across six districts on Tuesday, August 27.

According to a statement issued by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, the precautionary measure affects the districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Budgam, and Srinagar.

Officials said the decision has been taken to ensure the safety of students and staff amid the ongoing inclement weather conditions. Further updates will be provided as the situation develops.

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OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

Sub: Application of Farzi Begum W/o Late Ab. Ahad War R/o Sheikhpora Tehsil Kreeri for the issuance of Legal Heir certificate.

NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, in this context, a detailed report was sought from the patwari halqa concerned which reveals that Ab. Ahad War, S/o, D/o, W/o, F/o Ab. Karim War, passed away on 21-05-2025. Moreover, the Death Certificate issued by the Competent Authority also depicts the same. Furthermore, the report of Patwari Concerned points out that the deceased has left behind the following Legal Heirs, tabulated as below:

| S. No | Name of Legal Heir | Relation with | Age | Occupation |
|-------|--------------------|---------------|-----|------------|
| | | Deceased | | |
| 1 | Farzi Begum | W/o | 73 | Old Age |
| 2 | Mohd Yousuf | S/o | 57 | Govt. |
| _ | | | | Employee |
| 3 | Khursheed Ahmad | S/o | 46 | Employee |
| 4 | Raja Begum | D/o | 48 | H.H.W. |
| 5 | Mysara | D/o | 46 | H.H. Maker |

The applicant has applied for the issuance of a Legal Heir certificate. As such the instant matter is published through the newspaper, if anyone has any kind of objection, He/she may approach this office within 7 days (Seven Days) of the publication of this notice. After passing of stipulated time of 7 days (Seven Days), No objections will be entertained.

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It is for the general information that my daughter's name as per school records is Daaniyah Bhat but on her aadhar card it has been incorrectly written as DANIA. Now want to change her name onAadhar card as per school records. Anybody having objection in this regard may kindly contact the concerned offices within 7 days. No Objection shall be entertained afterwards.

Javeed Afzal Bhat F/o Daaniyah Bhat R/o Near ITI ,Ward No:02, Bandipora(J&k) Mob NO: 9858996666

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hilal Ahmad Shaksaz, husband of Tahira, resident of Pathan Mohalla, Hazratbal, wish to inform the general public and con-cerned authorities that my spouse's name has been recorded as Tahira in official records.I now wish to update her name to "Tahira un Nisa" for all of-ficial and legal purposes.If anyone has any objection in this regard, he/she may contact the concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of pub-lication of this notice. After that, objection shall be enter-tained.

Hilal Ahmad ShaksazR/O Pathan Mohalla, Hazratba Contact: 5867532869

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I PARVAIZ AHMAD BHAT S/O MOHD RAJAB BHAT R/O

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Budgam. Anybody having any objection may please

contact office of the Superintending Engineer (R&B) circle Budgam within a period of seven days. After that

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R/O ARIGAM KHANSAHIB BUDGAM

PARVAIZ AHMAD BHAT

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CELL:9149967667

I Have lost My No Plate of my vehicle M/Car bearing Registration No JK17-8438 on way to Nowgam bypass to Lalchowk. Now i have applied for its Duplicate.

if anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may file his/her objection in the office of ARTO Kishtwar within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

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OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining

to Death of JANA BEGUM W/O LATE AB KHALIQ RATHER R/O DOULATPORA DOUGDARA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Death as 27/02/2022 and event has been shown to be occured at home for issuance of delay order .In this connection .

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class KREERI

ASH/K

I have changed my name from (Old name) Jawahir Begum to (New name) Jawahira. In future I will be known as Jawahira. If any body is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar with in 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be

I have lost my DOB certificate of

my son bearing No 89032 DOB: 23-01-2022. Now I am applying for its duplicate. If anybody have any objection, he/she may contact for the same at Registrar Births & Deaths (SMC) Karan Nagar Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be entertained.

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no objections will be accepted.

I have lost my passport bearing No. E7023825, while travelling from Tengpora Chowk to Batamaloo, Srinagar. If anyone has found the same he/she may contact me on given below phone/address.

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I, Ishfaq Ahmed Malik wants

to apply for registration of

my hotel under name & style

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Pahalgam. If anybody having

any objection may contact

Assistant Director tourism

Pahalgam within seven days

from the date of publication

of this notice after that no

objection shall be entertained.

I want to change the name of my

son in his school records at Dubai Grand Intertational School Green Avenue HMT, Srinagar in class 8th, from Farhaan Feroz to Mohd Fahad. Now the same is to be corrected. If anybody is having any objection may contact the principal of said school within a period of seven days, after that no objection will be entertained. Feroz Ahmad Tabardar

F/o Mohd Fahad R/o Shah Colony, Parimpora, Srinagar

I, Sajad Ahmed Beigh wants to apply for registration of my hotel under name & style HOTEL MOUNT NOOR **RESORT AND SPA"** situated at Dalseer Sallar Pahalgam. If anybody having any objection may contact Assistant Director tourism Pahalgam within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.



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Weather **Update**

HT News Network

Very heavy rainfall is expected across several parts of Jammu region today, particularly in Kathua, Samba, Doda, Jammu, Ramban, and Kishtwar districts. No improvement is expected before evening.

Very Heavy Rain Alert



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Flood Alert for Jammu Region:

With water levels already above danger marks in many streams and rivers, a further and significant rise is likely till tonight.

In South Kashmir, moderate to heavy rain will continue, with heavy to very heavy downpours over its higher reaches. The water of Jhelum is expected to rise (no Flood Alert for now).

Central Kashmir may receive light to moderate showers, while North Kashmir, in general, may see light rain or dry weather.

Forecast Insights: Kashmir

Crackdown Against Rotten Meat, Sweets

FDA's violators list out, food licences of 9 dealers suspended

HT News Network

Srinagar, Aug 26: The Jammu and Kashmir Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday released the "much-awaited" list of nine suspended FSSAI licenses across Srinagar and Anantnag in its ongoing crackdown on rotten meat, synthetic cheese, and expired sweets, officials said.

The official list, exclusively available with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), issued by the FDA, shows the suspension of licenses of several prominent meat and food outlets, including establishments in Lasjan, Zakura, Qamarwari, and Anantnag's KP Road, Achabal, and Kadipora.



The action follows large-scale seizures reported earlier this week. As earlier reported by KNO, FDA teams had confiscated over 12,000 kg of meat, 21 quintals of synthetic cheese, and

440 quintals of expired rasgulla being pushed into markets ahead of the festival season.

The establishments with suspended licenses are: M/S Al-Taqwa Foods (Lasjan, Srinagar, Altaf Ahmad Chadinoo); M/S Aarif Enterprises (Bulbul Bagh, Tengpora, Srinagar); M/S Sunshine Foods (Industrial Estate, Zakura, Srinagar); M/S Anmol Foods (Parimpora Ghat, Qamarwari, Srinagar); M/S Jubilant Food Works Ltd. (Domino's Pizza, KP Road, Anantnag); M/S Shaun Shahi Biryani (KP Road, Anantnag); M/S Shan Fish Fry (Achabal Adda, Anantnag); M/S Bismillah Sweets (Industrial state, Anantnag); and M/S Khanday Poultry (Kadipora, Anantnag).

The FDA in an earlier public notice, stated that the violators would face prosecution under the Food Safety Act, which prescribes penalties up to Rs 10 lakh, cancellation of licenses, and imprisonment of up to six years.

Landslides Shut Srinagar-Ladakh Highway at Zojila

HT News Network

Ganderbal, Aug 26, KNT: The Srinagar-Ladakh highway was closed for vehicular movement on Tuesday after heavy rains triggered landslides at Panimatha and Bajri Nallah near Zojila, officials said.

The landslides occurred in the afternoon, blocking the strategic road that connects Kashmir with Ladakh and Kargil. Traffic authorities immediately stopped vehicles at the Sonamarg checkpoint to prevent them from moving towards the affected stretch.

"Due to the downpour, landslides struck multiple spots near Zojila. Traffic has been halted as a

precautionary measure to avoid any mishap," an official told the news agency Kashmir News Trust.

The Srinagar-Ladakh highway is the only surface link between the Valley and the Union Territory of Ladakh, and its frequent closure due to weather and landslides often disrupts movement of passengers, supplies and essential commodities.

Authorities said clearance operations will be taken up once the weather stabilises and the road is safe for restoration. Travellers have been advised to confirm the status of the highway before planning any journey.

Medical/awareness camp organized at Ayushman Arogya Mandir Heerpora Shopian

195 Patients from different age groups avail free medical consultations

HT News Network

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 26: A medical cum awareness camp was conducted today by the team of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AYUSH), Heerpora Shopian in collaboration with Chinar International NGO, Srinagar at Heerpora.

The camp witnessed an encouraging participation from the local community, where 195 patients from different age groups availed free medical consultations and were provided with necessary medicines at no

Apart from treatment and consultations, a special awareness session was conducted during which medical officers highlighted the role of herbs and herbal remedies in day-to-day healthcare, emphasizing their benefits in boosting immunity and preventing common ailments.

The importance of home-cooked food over processed or packaged food was also discussed during the camp.

Committee on Privileges holds meeting in Srinagar Discusses privileges, protocols of legislators

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 26: The Committee on Privileges of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to discuss matters related to the constitutional privileges and entitlements of legislators.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Nizam-ud-Din Bhat and members including Vikram Randhawa, Javaid Riyaz (Bedar), Salman Sagar, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Bharat Bhushan, and Javaid Iqbal also participated



Also present were Secretary Law, Achal Sethi, Secretary Hospitality and Protocol, Bhupinder Kumar and special Secretaries of Law, GAD, and H&P depart-

The Committee discussed and asserted proper protocol for legislators is maintained by the officers. Directions were given for cooperation for smooth conduct of

legislature and working by the leg-At the outset, the Chairman underscored the significance of legislators asserting their constitu-

tional rights and privileges on all appropriate platforms. The Chairman expressed confidence in the collective efforts and

commitment of the Committee members, reaffirming their role in upholding the integrity of the institution. He assured that the Commit-

tee would cooperate and perform

within its defined mandate to continue contributing for the public At the outset, the members

offered their valuable suggestions and feedback, asserting on maintaining protocols for legislators. The Chairman stressed the

need for a well-defined framework to safeguard the dignity, autonomv. and effective functioning of elected representatives. The Committee resolved that

a detailed report concerning the privileges and protocol issues of legislators be compiled and submitted within a stipulated time-

DC Srinagar finalizes arrangements for Eid-e-Milad Un Nabi(SAW)

Emphasizes coordinated efforts for smooth facilities to devotees & seamless observance of auspicious occasion

HT News Network

SRINAGAR AUGUST 26:- In connection with celebrations of Eid-e-Milad Un Nabi(SAW) and observance of Friday following, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Tuesday chaired a meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the arrangements being made by all line Departments to ensure smooth and seamless conduct of the auspicious religious occasion.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, SP Security, Superintendent of Police, Joint Director Information, Joint Commissioner SMC, Superintending Engineer R&B Assistant Commissioner Revenue SDM East, CMO Srinagar Tehsilsar Khanyar/North, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, senior officers of Traffic, PHE, PDD, SMC, Fire & Emergency, SRTC, RTO, Officers of other line departments. Tehsildar J&K Wakf Board, Administrators of various prominent Shrines were also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) and stressed upon the officers to put in place all necessary arrangements well in advance so that devotees do not face any inconvenience during the



Un Nabi(SAW) and observance of Friday following. He emphasized coordinated efforts by all line departments to ensure smooth and hassle-free observance of the auspicious religious occasions.

Emphasizing the significance of the occasion, the DC directed all line departments to ensure seamless coordination and timely readiness of services to facilitate the devotees expected to participate in the religious occasion. The DC instructed Officers to ensure elaborate arrangements for providing essential services & facilities like uninterrupted supply of

power & safe drinking water, public transport, vehicle parking, firefighting arrangements, cleanliness & sanitation measures, healthcare facility, adequate supply of water for ablution purposes and other arrangements for convenience of the devotees expected to visit the Holy Shrine.

The DC directed the SMC authorities to carry out special sanitation & cleanliness drives in and around Hazratbal, other prominent Shrines and Masjids across the district during the auspicious days. He asked SMC to deploy sufficient men and machinery at the venue to

ensure proper cleanliness in and around the Shrine. He also asked them to ensure all street lights are made functional at the earliest so that people visiting the shrine to offer prayers do not face any difficulty.

The Health Department was asked to station medical teams and ambulances with first aid at important congregation points to meet any emergency.

The Engineers of the PHE were directed to ensure adequate supply of water at the shrine, besides to keep a sufficient number of water tankers at the venue to cater to the demands of devotees to

perform ablution for prayers. Similarly, the PDD Engineers were directed to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply at the Shrine during the auspicious days and nights of prayers.

Likewise, the Food Safety Department was instructed tions in coordination with the Police & District Administration to ensure food safety and hygiene in food items in the On the occasion, Traffic

management and parking plans were also reviewed, with the Traffic Department directed to formulate efficient route plan for smooth vehicular movement around Hazratbal and other major gathering sites, besides elaborate arrangements of public transport and sufficient facility for parking of the vehicles to facilitate the people visiting Hazratbal Shrine.

The DC instructed all officers to ensure similar arrangements at other major shrines, including Aasar-i-Sharief Hazratbal, Jenab Sahib Soura, Aasar-i-Sharief Kalashpora, as well as other prominent locations.

During the meeting, the DC also sought suggestions from the Tehsildar Wakf Board and Shrine authorities to incorporate their suggestions for further improving arrangements for smooth observance of the Holy religious

Committee on Public Undertakings reviews Audit Paras of I&C, JKSIDCO

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 26: The Committee on Public Undertakings of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex, Srinagar, to review audit paras pertaining to the Industries & Commerce (JKSIDCO) Department.

meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Ali Mohammad Sagar, and attended by members Saifullah Mir, Ali Mohammad Dar, Baldev Raj Sharma, Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Bashir Ahmad Veeri, Showkat

Din Bhat and Tanvir Sadiq. Also present were the

Hussain Ganai, Saif Ud

Senior Deputy Accountant General, Secretary Industries & Commerce Department, Additional Secretary GAD, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Director Finance, MD SICOP, DG Finance Expenditure, GM SICOP, MD JKCL, CAO SIDCO/ SICOP, Special Secretary Transport Department and other senior officials of the concerned departments.

The Committee held a comprehensive discussion on audit paras 5.3 & 5.4 (2017-18) and 10.3 & 10.4 (2020-21), relating to

examined issues including low capacity utilization of the cement grinding-cum-packing unit at Samba, blocking of funds and unfruitful expenditure on the failed International Trade Centre (ITC) project at Pampore, grant of interest-free advances to smallscale industrial units, and recovery of GST dues.

JKSIDCO. The members

At the outset, the Chairman emphasized the need to tap J&K's industrial potential for revenue generation and employment opportunities, and called for sustainable measures to strengthen industrial units across the Union Territory.

DC Kulgam inaugurates Lift Facility at Mini-Secretariat

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KULGAM, AUGUST 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today inaugurated a newly installed lift facility at the Mini-Secretariat Kulgam.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the facility has been set up to ease access for senior citizens and specially-abled persons visiting various offices in the Mini-Secretariat, thereby ensuring inclusive and citizen-friendly services.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by DDC Member Pahloo, M Ibrahim; ACR, DSWO, AEE Mechanical, and other officers. Senior citizens and specially-abled persons were also present on the occasion.

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HT EDITORIAL

Create designated shelters for stray dogs

The stray dog menace has assumed alarming proportions across the Kashmir valley. Day in and day out there are reports of dog biting cases across the valley? As far as the Srinagar city is concerned the Srinagar Municipal Corporation years back had drawn up a plan for the sterilization of the dogs so that there is no further population of the canines. The plan was welcomed by one and all with the hope that things will improve.

The sterilization programme carried on for some months and with the passage of time the campaign fizzled out. As on date the sterilization is nowhere in sight and as a result of the same there has been a huge increase in the population of dogs across the district. The uncontrolled population of the dogs has made the matters worse for the people especially the children and senior citizens. People fear to move during the early morning and evening, sensing they would be attacked by dogs.

Few days back the Supreme Court of India in a landmark judgment directed the Delhi government to create shelters for stray dogs and put all the canines in these shelters. If stray dogs in the national capital can be placed in the shelters then the same process can be applied in the Srinagar district and other districts of the Kashmir valley. As such the authorities of the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir should wake up and take the necessary steps in this regard.

Some years back then the government of erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir had dished out figures according to which the dog population in the Srinagar district stood at 90,000. Since the sterilization process has failed it is quite natural that this figure would have gone up even though no updated figures are available as on date. The government without any further delay should carry out the latest census of dogs not only in Srinagar and other districts of the valley.

Once the survey is completed the government will come to know about the steps that have to be taken for placement of dogs in shelters. This would give them a clear indication as to how many shelters would be needed district wise for placement of stray dogs. Once the shelters come up across the valley it would be somewhat easy for the people at helm to take the logical steps and provide relief to people from attacks of dogs.

A Call for Urgent Justice:

Supreme courts decision on stray dogs is of paramount importance for J&K



Hidayat Bukhari

In the quiet mornings of Srinagar, before the shutters rise on its centuries-old marketplaces and the first vendors begin their calls, a different kind of vigilance takes place in homes across the city. Parents, often still in their night clothes, stand silently at their doorways, scanning every corner of the lane, listening for the faintest bark or growl. Only when they are sure the path is clear do they allow their children to step outside. In the labyrinthine alleys of the old city, where sunlight barely pierces the tightly packed buildings, in the bustling commercial streets of Srinagar's central bazaars, along the narrow by-lanes of Baramulla, through Pulwama's quiet hamlets, and in the hillside neighbourhoods of Jammu, the ritual repeats itself. Mothers grip their children's hands tightly, hearts pounding with each turn in the road, while fathers often walk a few paces ahead, scanning for the sudden lunge of a dog from behind a parked vehicle or garbage heap. And yet, even such caution has not always been enough countless families have witnessed the most harrowing of scenes: packs of stray dogs surrounding young children in a tight, circling formation, their growls turning into frenzied barks before mauling the helpless child, sometimes to the point of fatality. These tragedies are etched into the collective memory of neighbourhoods, adding an unshakable layer of fear to an already dangerous reality. This is not mere caution — it is a learned survival instinct, honed over years of living alongside an evergrowing population of stray dogs. For more than a decade, this daily, silent choreography has been part of life in Jammu&Kashmir, a constant reminder that the simple act of stepping outside one's home carries risks that no society should accept as normal.

The Magnitude of the Crisis

In 2024, 51,027 dog-bite cases were recorded - a surge from 34,664 in 2023 and 22,110 in 2022. In 2024 alone, there were five confirmed rabies deaths; in 2023, there were four. For a population of just 1.3 crore, that equates to nearly 400 cases per 100,000 people – proportionally far higher than in much larger states like Uttar Pradesh or Delhi.

Region: Jammu & Kashmir

- Population (approx.): 1.3
- **Annual Dog-Bite Cases:**
- Rabies Deaths (2024): 5
- Cases Per 100,000 People:



Region: Uttar Pradesh

- Population (approx.): 24
- Crore **Annual Dog-Bite Cases:** 2,00,000* (example)
- Rabies Deaths (2024): 0
- Cases Per 100,000 People:

Region: Delhi-NCR**

- Population (approx.): 3
- **Annual Dog-Bite Cases:** 45,000* (example)
- Rabies Deaths (2024): 0 Cases Per 100,000 People:

*Illustrative numbers for com-

parison. **Delhi-NCR covered by

Supreme Court's Aug 2025 Order. Srinagar's Anti-Rabies Clinic treated 12,833 victims from June 2024 to May 2025, with more than 6,200 of them dog bites — averaging over 1,000 per month. In Jammu division, GMC recorded 40,505 animal-bite cases and 13 rabies deaths between 2019 and 2023

Centre/ Division: ARC, SMHS Hospital, Srinagar

- Period Covered: Jun 2024
- May 2025 Reported Bite Cases: 12,833
- Rabies Deaths: 2* Centre/ Division: GMC Jammu
- Period Covered: 2019 2023
- Reported Bite Cases: 40,505

Rabies Deaths: 13 *Includes suspected rabies

Why the Supreme Court Order Matters?

The Supreme Court's August 11, 2025 order, though issued for Delhi-NCR, offers a replicable model for J&K. It mandates the removal of stray dogs from public spaces within eight weeks and relocation to secure, governmentmanaged shelters for vaccination, sterilisation, and humane care. This ensures public spaces — streets, markets, schools, and residential areas - are free from the threat of stray dog attacks

while protecting animal welfare.

If adopted voluntarily in J&K, this model would require a sustained and coordinated approach. The first step would be a comprehensive census of stray dog populations across all districts, identifying hotspots in both urban and rural pockets. Simultaneously, municipal bodies - especially Srinagar and Jammu Municipal Corporations - must establish specialised action units trained and equipped to humanely capture, transport, and manage these animals in purposebuilt shelters. These shelters must be expanded or newly constructed to accommodate the population, each equipped with sterilisation and vaccination facilities, veterinary care, and monitored living spaces to ensure humane treatment.

Beyond capture and relocation, waste management reform is vital. Open garbage dumps serve as the primary feeding grounds for stray packs. Closing these points, improving door-to-door waste collection, and enforcing penalties for illegal dumping would cut off a key driver of stray population growth. Public awareness campaigns can reshape community behaviour, discouraging public feeding of dogs in unregulated spaces and promoting adoption from shelters.

Why J&K's Strays Are More Aggressive

J&K's stray dog population exhibits a unique behavioural profile shaped by decades of environmental and socio-economic conditions. Harsh winters with sub-zero temperatures have favoured the survival of only the most physically resilient and aggressive dogs, leading to a gene pool that prioritises endurance, strength, and territorial dominance. Chronic food scarcity - worsened by inconsistent waste management - forces dogs into intense competition for limited resources, encouraging a heightened food-guarding instinct. Territorial

isolation in rural and semi-urban pockets means packs often defend their areas with extreme hostility toward outsiders, including humans. These dogs operate in highly coordinated packs with complex social hierarchies, enabling them to strategise during confrontations. Heightened reactivity to human presence is further amplified by repeated negative interactions with people, reinforcing defensive or preemptively aggressive behaviour. Over time, this natural selection has produced a stray population that is more physically robust, psychologically conditioned to survive scarcity, and significantly more dangerous than counterparts in metropolitan areas like Delhi, where climate, food availability, and human contact patterns differ substantially.

Beyond Safety: Economic, Cultural, and Social Impact

. Unchecked dog menace affects the economy, culture, and public morale. Tourism — a major revenue source for J&K — suffers when visitors fear for their safety. Markets and festivals see reduced footfall. Medical costs for treatment of bites and rabies prevention strain both households and public health budgets. Culturally, fear has eroded once vibrant traditions of openair social gatherings, community sports, and children's outdoor play. Psychologically, living in constant fear creates anxiety disorders, developmental delays in children, and isolation among senior citizens.

The Path Forward

Applying the Supreme Court's August 11 framework to J&K is not just about animal control - it is a public health, safety, and economic revitalisation strategy. Its adoption could transform the daily experience of residents: children could walk to school without armed escorts of anxious parents, elderly people could visit markets or mosques without fear, and tourists could explore the old city without the constant vigilance of looking over their shoulder. Economically, it would free public health resources currently tied up in treating dog-bite cases, redirecting them to preventive care and community welfare. Socially, it would help revive the culture of community interaction in open spaces, crucial for mental well-being. With committed municipal leadership ensuring operational enforcement, NGOs driving humane implementation and public awareness, and citizens actively participating in the solution, Jammu & Kashmir could set a national precedent -reclaiming its streets, restoring social life, and protecting its economic future, all while treating animals with dignity and compassion.

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Independence Reimagined: A Critical Lens on Freedom and Its Realities..

Yawar Hamid

Independence is often celebrated as the ultimate triumph of a nation the day when chains of oppression were broken and the voice of self-determination rose. In the Indian context, 15th August 1947 is remembered with deep emotion, for it marked the end of nearly two centuries of colonial exploitation. However, a critical view compels us to ask: Did independence truly fulfil its promises, or did it merely change the nature of the challenges we face?

Political freedom was achieved, but social and economicemancipation remains incomplete. In equality persists, with wealth and opportunities concentrated in the hands of a few. The rural-urban divide, caste based discrimination, and gender inequality continue to undermine the vision of an equitable society envisioned by the freedom fighters. Independence was meant to empower every citizen, yet millions still struggle for basic rights such as quality education, healthcare, and dignified employment.

Moreover, the colonial mindset did not vanish with the departure of the British. Corruption, bureaucratic inefficiency, and political opportunism have eroded public trust. In many ways, the rulers changed, but the structures of exploitation adapted rather than disappeared. The ideals of democracy and liberty are often overshadowed by divisive politics, where religion, caste, and language are manipulated for personal or party gains.

Economic policies post-independence brought industrial growth, but they also created dependence on global markets, leaving the country vulnerable to external pressures. The dream of self-reliance, central to the nationalist movement, still struggles against the realities of globalization and domestic policy gaps.

Independence should not be seen as a static achievement but as an ongoing responsibility. True freedom demands critical self-reflection, active participation, and the courage to challenge injustice in all forms. The spirit of 1947 must inspire us not just to wave the flag, but to ensure that its colors represent dignity, equality, and opportunity for all.

In the end, the measure of independence is not in annual celebrations, but in how far we have travelled toward the ideals for which countless lives were sacrificed. To honour that legacy, we must move beyond symbolic pride to create a nation where every citizen genuinely experiences the freedom they were promised.

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— Oped — Shah Zubair:

Luminary of Kashmiri & Urdu Literature



Mohammad Arfat Wani

In the peaceful town of Charar-i-Sharief, located in the heart of Budgam, where centuries of religious and cultural heritage infuse life into the beat of everyday life, an exceptional budding talent is taking shape in silence to chart the literary map of Kashmir. Shah Zubair, a 12th grader, is not just a young man going through the typical challenges of adolescence; he is a poet. writer, and playwright whose words have a richness and sensitivity well above his years warming hearts and inspiring minds throughout the valley. His entry into the literary realm was early, with an inherent curiosity, self-reflection, and an abiding passion for words, and at the eighth-grade level, he unearthed the potency of words understanding that emotions, ephemeral thoughts, and human experiences could be given eternal life in verses that could connect with people. Those initial forays into poetry, humble as they were, bespoke a spark that would develop into a brilliant literary presence, and by the tenth grade, Zubair had refined his art crafting a rhythm, sensitivity, and depth that drew readers into the real landscapes of his imagination

It is not just his prodigious talent which differentiates Shah Zubair but also his unprecedented versatility in expression. He started writing in Kashmiri welcoming the musicality and cultural wealth of his native tongue and then slowly branched out to Urdu, which is the language of classical poetry, and then to English to make his thoughts universally accessible. Every language created a new richness to his prose but his heart still belongs to Kashmiri literature and as he explains, "I began with Kashmiri poetry because it is my mother tongue and I want to see it bloom over time I branched out to Urdu and English but my heart is still in Kashmiri literature" This passion is not only a love affair with words but also a commitment to upholding the spirit of his culture so that the beauty of Kashmiri expression continues to bloom in a contemporary world where native languages tend to fight

Through the years, Zubair's work has been prolific and wide-ranging, consisting of more than 150 poems, over 20 short stories, and over 10 plays each characterized by perceptive observation, emotional resonance, and cultural insight His writing has appeared in reputable newspapers and literary journals with every poem and story evidencing insight into human nature, societal issues, and the rich tapestry of Kashmiri life Beyond artistic creation, Zubair's life is deeply influenced by religious guidance and communal involvement, as for the last three years, he has been teaching the Quran at a local Madrasah and serving as an Imam at his local neighborhood masjid instilling a sense of responsibility, moral contemplation, and commitment to service to others, and as he states, "I believe knowledge should be shared teaching the Quran is not just a responsibility it is a privilege" exemplifying maturity, wisdom, and a harmonious balance of literary and religious pursuits

Even with his ability and commitment, Zubair's path has not been without hurdles, especially financial limitations that have postponed his aspiration of producing a book collecting his poetry and tales but his resolve is unshaken demonstrating a toughness that defines his character and vision. "I have composed enough poetry to fill a book but printing costs money I hope to make this dream come true one day" he confirms, describing an ambition which goes beyond personal ego. His hopes manifest not only personal acknowledgment but also the spread of Kashmiri literature, conservation of linguistic and cultural heritage, and inspiration of the next generation of writers and thinkers

Recognition has followed his endeavors and he has been awarded more than 20 awards for his literary work validating his position as a young keeper of Kashmiri literary tradition These awards commemorate his success while encouraging him



to keep probing, creating, and expressing each award marking a milestone in a journey characterized by persistence, dedication, and an unflinching love for the arts What makes Shah Zubair's journey so inspiring is the balance he achieves between literary aspirations and spiritual obligations While most young authors are concerned with personal progress, his works are filled with ethical contemplation, cultural sensitivity, and social responsibility His short stories probe human relationships, societal expectations, and moral challenges while his plays set characters and conflicts on stage arousing empathy, reflection, and contemplation His poetry, whether written in Kashmiri, Urdu, or English, goes beyond mere expression plucking universal strings of love, hope, loss, and determination offering readers

beauty along with deep introspection

In a time when cultural heritage and mother languages are neglected, Shah Zubair stands as a shining star of hope and inspiration His unshakeable passion for Kashmiri literature, coupled with enthusiasm for teaching and social service, embodies the invigorating potential of passion, persistence, and honor proving that age does not matter to leave an impact and that one person driven by talent and intent can bring change to a community His vision transcends individual achievements to nurture an environment of literature where young minds revisit the charm of language, the depth of culture, and the force of well-crafted words

Shah Zubair's journey also showcases the determination of Kashmiri youth reminding us that talent developed with

perseverance can surpass social, economic, and cultural hurdles The vision of publishing his book, a compilation of his poems and short stories, is a beacon yet his endeavor involves much more than individual recognition It involves guarding a cultural heritage, encouraging moral and ethical consideration, and stimulating creativity and critical thinking in others His life is proof of what can be achieved by the youth of Kashmir showing that aspirations pursued with honesty, hard work, and vision can surmount barriers and make a lasting impact on society

In Charar-i-Sharief, where spiritual and cultural heritage still defines everyday life, Shah Zubair is writing a legacy that will be told for generations His poems, dramas, and stories exhibit literary finesse, cultural pride, and youthful vision while his teaching and community work prove the synthesis of intellect, ethics, and spirituality He is a rare blend of tradition and innovation, passion and perseverance and proves that one young man can hold hope, inspiration, and cultural preservation within him As his words touch increasingly wider groups of people, and as his book makes its way into readers' hands, the power of his work will resonate on ever-deeper levels touching hearts, inspiring minds, and keeping the linguistic and cultural gems of Kashmir alive

Shah Zubair is not just a young poet and narrator; he is a guardian of language, a symbol of hope, and a witness to the longlasting power of commitment In an era where youth struggle to articulate themselves, his life teaches us that greatness depends not on age or means but on vision, determination, and unshakeable faith in the capacity to change He is a bright star whose path interweaves literature, culture, and spirituality, leaving behind an enduring mark on Kashmir and the world beyond, inspiring generations to accept the beauty, richness, and redemptive power of language and culture

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Social Media Should Be **Brought Under Law**



Sahil Manzoor Bhatti

Print media has always played an effective role in developmental works, followed by electronic media - and now social media. Social media has a significant role in today's world, but unfortunately this platform is running without limits. Many people still do not know how to use it responsibly. Therefore, it must come under law, and stringent action should be taken against those who misuse it to spread false information, abusive content, and disturb the peace of society.

Every human being should first be civilized and have the basic knowledge of how to communicate thoughts with others in an impressive and respectful way. The world today is heading towards other planets, where there is no component that supports life — no water, air, fertile land, or suitable temperature. Human beings believe that nothing is impossible. Even when we are assigned simple tasks, our people encourage us by saying, "This is not rocket science, you can do it!"

We encourage our youth - regardless of age or gender - to take part in development. In our country, every individual can contribute at any level, in any field. The sky is the limit. There are people who relentlessly strive to turn



the impossible into possible for the upliftment of the nation and humanity at large. Great minds never limit themselves; they think beyond their own kith and kin, and work for the welfare of all. Development is certain for any nation whose citizens take responsibility to stay informed and contribute.

Today, I want to share my opinion on why social media platforms are promoting what they should not be promoting. The world has immense goals and visions for innovation and inventions, aiming to benefit humanity. Every individual must become part of this journey - stay updated and encourage those who devote themselves to nation-building. At the same time, it is painful that many educated youth are sitting idle, blaming the system and spoiling the nation's dignity.

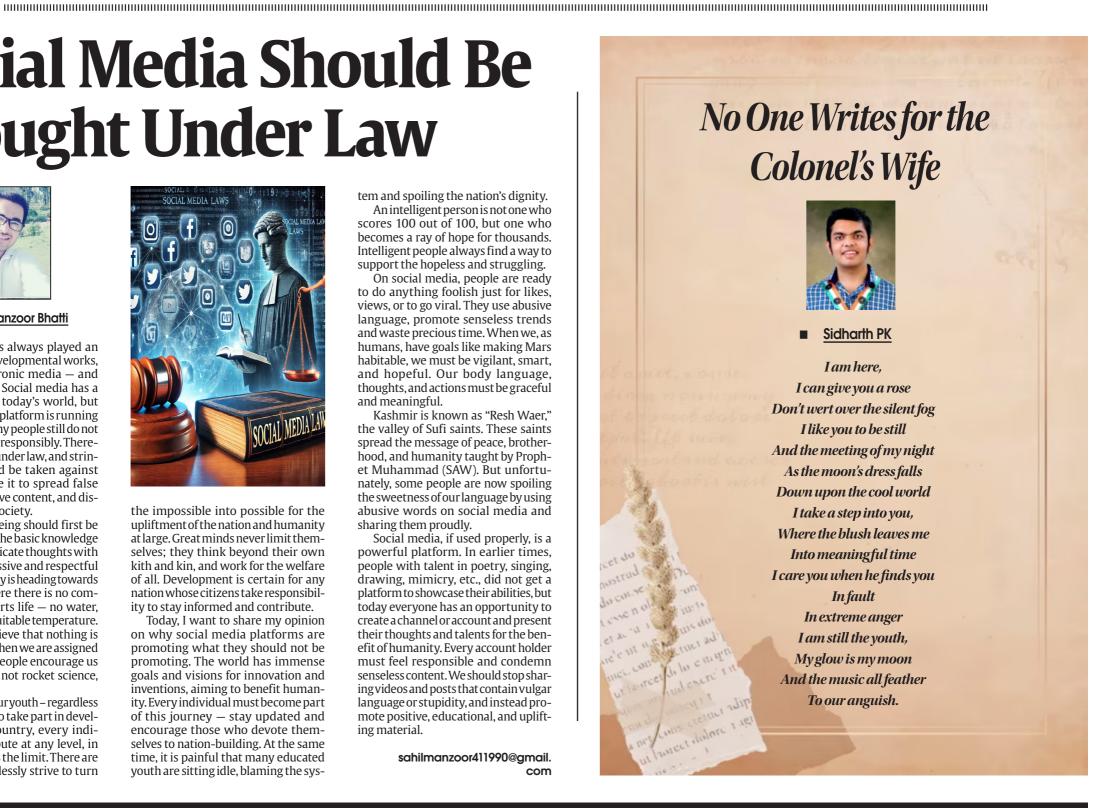
An intelligent person is not one who scores 100 out of 100, but one who becomes a ray of hope for thousands. Intelligent people always find a way to

support the hopeless and struggling. On social media, people are ready to do anything foolish just for likes, views, or to go viral. They use abusive language, promote senseless trends and waste precious time. When we, as humans, have goals like making Mars habitable, we must be vigilant, smart, and hopeful. Our body language, thoughts, and actions must be graceful and meaningful.

Kashmir is known as "Resh Waer," the valley of Sufi saints. These saints spread the message of peace, brotherhood, and humanity taught by Prophet Muhammad (SAW). But unfortunately, some people are now spoiling the sweetness of our language by using abusive words on social media and sharing them proudly.

Social media, if used properly, is a powerful platform. In earlier times, people with talent in poetry, singing, drawing, mimicry, etc., did not get a platform to showcase their abilities, but today everyone has an opportunity to create a channel or account and present their thoughts and talents for the benefit of humanity. Every account holder must feel responsible and condemn senseless content. We should stop sharing videos and posts that contain vulgar language or stupidity, and instead promote positive, educational, and uplift-

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Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo: an inspiring; dynamic personality



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Dr Itoo also did a specialization in Cancer Biology from Johns Hopkins University(USA).

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tologists in India.

He is further affiliated with reputed world-level medical organizations, including American College of Physicians(USA); International Diabetes Federation(IDF); European Society of kreri village of Endocrinology(ESE) and

Dr Itoo has attended one of the noted health writer and researcher columnists based in has published hundreds of articles in leading Dr Itoo has pursued newspapers, journals

He has also won sevsity of Kashmir, M.B.B.S eral eminent awards degree from University including Best Columnist of Jammu, and did his Award, Best Social Writer post-graduate program Award, Top Educator in Diabetology, CPCDM Award, Best Educator accredited by Research Award, including others.

Dr Itoo was recently Diabetes in India (RSSDI). acclaimed at interna-Dr Itoo has also did a tional level and awarded in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

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Dr Tasaduk also launched a 'writers guid-Moreover, Dr Itoo has ance program' to encourachieved various certifiage young writers and cations to his credit from help them in building prestigious universities, innovative write-ups. Dr including University of Itoo believes that there Tokyo (Japan); Stan- is a large pool of talented ford University School writers here who write of Medicine (USA); Uni- greatly with highly intelversity of Edinburgh lectualized research and (Scotland); University of thought process. He also Copenhagen (Denmark); believes that having a lot University of Manches- of potential in writing ter (UK); Yale University cum research, there is a need to bring ourselves Dr Itoo is also the to the forefront, explore Academic Life Member our potential at all levels of Research Society for (state, national and interthe Study of Diabetes in national) and channelize India(RSSDI), top nation- our talent to invest in al diabetes research orga-research in diverse fields nization and leading sci- with a purpose of service

Overcoming the Grip of **Fearful Thoughts**

AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

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We routinely become obsessed with fearful thoughts. The word obsession is defined as a persistent disturbing preoccupation with an often unreasonable idea or feeling. We don't stop there; we think of the worst. What is the probability of that happening? But that does not prevent us from this common flaw; we do it willingly. There are several reasons for succumbing to this. We have many attachments. We are desperate for something like a good result, and a few like we shouldn't get sick. Unfortunately, these are decided by the Divine Authority based on our past 'Karmas' (deeds). We have no say in it, and they manifest at their designated times. Fortunately, they are very rarely the worst we think of. If so, life would be hellish, which it is not. This earth's planet is a place of misery (The Bhagavad Geeta 8.15) alright, but is not a concentration camp by any standard. But our imagination has no bounds.

The next big offender is a refusal to be prepared to tolerate. We want zero tolerance. Is it possible? Everything is changing like the weather. Bad 'Karmaphalas' (results of bad deeds) will manifest for sure because this is no Vaikuntha; we have most certainly a past with many bad karmas. How else are we here, not even in Heaven? We feel that we are intelligent, but hardly anyone escapes making this mistake. Yes, we are supposed to get fearful, because that protects us from acting foolishly, but excessive fear is due to faulty assessment. Due diligence is required.

Life is like a novel. It's filled with suspense. You have no idea what is going to happen until you turn the page

BY M S NAZKI

'We had just been posted to an area that scenically this and other side of the LOC! Those were the days I will try to become one!' when the Russian bear in Afghanistan and making and Kashmir and was the Pir Panjals the rippling effects could be felt and slowly but steadily we had realized that the storm was brewing up! The then Governor of Jammu and Kash-

Rajouri!' Company Post after all Commander took me on families, some very friendly, some not so and some absolutely psyched out'!

-'I knew that the enemy fantastic stakes, infiltrat-

game here'! I just smiled the game'! and told her politely, do you always throw your words away like this? If futility. She could be right looked great, both on yes then you are good, you or could be wrong but said master of the game,

-'I was talking about the hug in Afghanistan was afternoon, just from the getting loose on its grasp, enemy post across from with Sylvester Stallone's where the firing began and Rambo franchise landing the Post was Peer. I was with my platoon there and even the fiction look true. having lunch. I kept having Yep! The Kalashnikov cul- it till I finished and then ture was running berserk called the Platoon comand slowly but steadily it mander, if they are firing had seeped into Jammu then why are we holding back our index fingers. If haunting Rajouri. In the they want a reply let us valley it had made an give them a suitable one! impact but on this side of After that we never held back! Yes I did get a walloping from the commanding officer the next day but over a glass of rum everything became normal but I did make it a point to tell mir Jagmohan's frozen the Commanding Officer, turbulence had arrived in I am not the cleverest, smartest or most talented -'On taking over the person in the world, but I do most of the times sucthe necessary formalities ceed because I keep going the outgoing Company and going and going. If they fire, they are bound the visits to the villages to get an immediate reply! and told me about various They got it every time till

-'The one morning as I was on a routine patrol, Abida came running to me meant business as they and asked, 'Sahib can you would open up fire at see something unusual their own whims and fan- around?' I had no idea as cies. That usually irked me to what she was saying but and then that afternoon I then indicated to me a a thought that it was time maroon bed sheet spread that we too get into this over a tin roof of a house bullet melee business. It which was very close to was a game, played for the LOC! What is special about that? I asked and ing the marauders with the response was immedi-Klashnikovs was what the ate, 'it is an Ishara (signal) men across wanted and we to someone across and were in competition with that means that either lunatic experts of firing the family is migrating to and flying lead all over. Nakial camp or someone That was also the first day is coming tonight! Trust

the time I was there!'

-' I had read somewhere 'if' is two-letter word for there is a silly quality in me I thought, I always believed that any success in life is made by going into an area with a blind and going to do exactly that at die no one will ever know midnight!'

'That night was our even you Sahab!' The little first successful mission. naughty brat who knew We got six young boys who were being ferried across for training and the man tasked to do so was Mohammed Alam-din. He was arrested and so were the boys'!

-'Next day evening, we visited Abida's house. Her father was the chowkidar of the village and was addressed by the same name. It was basically to thank the young girl for that small tip when she indicated the red bed sheet and it was here when she told me after serving the delicious salty tea with maize bread with huge dollops of fresh white butter, 'Sahab you don't know what can happen tomorrow. Life is like a novel, isn't it? It's filled with suspense. You never know what's going to happen until you turn the page.'

-'It was hardly a month since we had arrived but why was the family, especially Abida helping us? I wanted to ask her but could not yet one day I did, 'why do you keep providing us with small tit bits of information, aren't you scared?' In a typical Abida style she replied, don't walk in front of me... I may not follow. Don't walk behind me... I may not lead. Walk beside me... just be my I met Abida as she told me me Sahab, something is friend'! Sure enough she 'I think there is something in the local dialect, 'If you going to happen tonight. was a true friend till one in your heart but you have flying at high velocity got It indeed was and is! want to win, you have to The first chance to prove day.....and that day not come out with. If I can Abida. We had no option

ized by men from across! many short conversations furious optimism.'! I was she had with me, when we

> every house in Tarkundi and Datote! - 'Both the villages now are vibrant but thirty two It was the death anniver- girl I was talking about for years back it was just one sary of her sister Rashida. the past hour'! After retireothers to smile, smile and

that once we lived. Not

everything about each and

keep smiling!" -'This story was recited to me by one of my course well as a restaurateur and it was in his restaurant in Iammu he told me this story! He always was fond of food and loved preparing some great delicacies in officers' mess/outdoor get into the gourmet business and I into the playfield of twenty six alpha-

Again the narration is of RS and the written part of the same is of Kulbir Jamwal! Once upon a time both Majors in the elite Indian Army!

Abida enjoyed solitude, but loneliness was a constant ache for her! On seeing her I could make out that when someone has an urge to talk freely in times when things were not at all bright in this part of the country it means that he/ she knows one more language of secrets than we do. I one day did ask her,

she was doing for us with in the unit, we would be she was to the road head a purpose, for someone obliged'. She smiled and and subsequently to the whom she loved, someone replied, times moves at its Government hospital in who was her closest mate, own measured pace, for Rajouri after an elaborate her elder sister, brutal- it has no reason to hurry. treatment by our own Tomorrow will come in its Flashing in my mind came own good time. Why not horrifying ordeal! The to my mind the words discuss the whole thing at family shifted to Rajouri she had said in one of her an appropriate time!' I had where they still stay in to wait and finally the time Dharal! did arrive!

mud and wood house me a smart middle aged courtyard. She had called lady monitoring things me to be there in the from behind the cash morning if I could! I did counter. You know who is for a short period of time. Rajiv?' 'She is Abida, the girl vibrating and fuelling It was a solemn occasion ment I along with my wife and that was perhaps for and two daughters had tears rolling down her the whereabouts of the eyes in a nonstop way! Her family. Her father had mates who now is doing mother was consoling her; passed away and the family she was the second eldest was somehow managing amongst the five sisters. the affairs. The chowkidar The eldest was eternally was running a provisional sleeping under the grave. store which her mother It was here she spilled out and younger sister's were the reality in a way only taking care of and Abida she could, some birds are had picked up the art of exercises but never in our not meant to be caged, tailoring! It was here I wildest of dreams we had that's all. Their feathers asked her if she would like ever thought that he will are too bright, their songs to work with us. She gladly too sweet and wild. So nodded and now she is the you let them go, or when chief assistant of my wife you open the cage to feed as they are the ones who out past you. And the part of you that knows it was am half way through on wrong to imprison them it as Jammu expands rapin the first place rejoices, idly and the food business but still, the place where you live is that much more drab and empty for their speak and I began, R I departure'! Rashida was bruised, battered and thing about friendship in killed by men from across this tale, it's to hang in, who had barged into their

leave the insane men don't be distracted, don't across in the bunkers be too busy or tired, don't began their firing routine! take them for granted. We had to respond but Friends are part of the glue before we could do that that holds life and faith one invisible lead spider together. Powerful stuff'! learn to be a master of the that you are the master of I thought that everything help you rather all of us but to evacuate her and

RMO. She survived the

I thought the story was That day she was stand- over but it was not! My ing by a grave just in her friend then indicated to make it a point to be there she Major? 'Not at all Major the first time I was seeing gone to Rajouri and found them they somehow fly run this restaurant as I'm planning another one and thrives!

It was now my turn to think if I've learned anystay connected, fight for them, and let them fight As we were about to for you. Don't walk away,

Preventing heart diseases and stroke



eart disease prevention strategies are same as that for preventing stroke. Recommendations include:

Controlling high blood pressure. This is one of the most important things one can do to reduce their heart disease and stroke risk -- exercising, managing stress, maintaining a healthy weight and limiting the amount of sodium in diet and avoiding alcohol can all help to keep high blood pressure in check. In addition to recommending lifestyle changes, one may need to take medications to treat high blood pressure.

Controlling diabetes -- one can manage diabetes with diet, exercise, weight control and medications.

Lowering the amount of cholesterol and saturated fat in one's diet -- eating less cholesterol and fat especially saturated Besides dietary changes, one may need to take cholesterollowering medications.

Exercising regularly -- exercise reduces risk of heart dis-stroke. Heavy alcohol consumpease and stroke in many ways. tion increases risk of high blood It can lower blood pressure, pressure, ischemic heart disease increase level of high-density and heart attack; ischemic and

lipoprotein cholesterol, and hemorrhagic stroke. improve the overall health of blood vessels and heart. It also helps in losing weight, control diabetes and reduce stress.

Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables -- a diet containing five or more daily servings of fruits or vegetables may reduce risk of heart disease and stroke. Following the diet which emphasizes olive oil, fruit, nuts, vegetables and whole grains may be helpful.

raises the risk of heart disease and stroke for smokers and nonfat and trans fats -- may reduce smokers exposed to seconduse reduces risk of heart disease and stroke.

Avoiding alcohol -- it can be a risk factor for heart disease and

Avoiding drug abuse -- certain drugs, such as cocaine and ing taking stress - could increase methamphetamines, are established risk factors for ischemic heart disease and stroke.

Maintaining good oro-dental hygiene -- it is important to brush and floss one's teeth and gums often, and have regular dental check-ups.

Anti-platelet drugs and anticoagulants are commonly used as preventive medications, uitting tobacco use -- smoking called blood thinners. Platelets are cells in one's blood that form clots. Anti-platelet drugs make prevent ischemic heart disease and ischemic stroke. However, such medications should be Approaches to Stop Hypertentaken only after doctor's advice.

Therefore, while adopting sleep or leaning more heavily Besides that it is also low in

on substances such as alcohol. smoking and drug abuse includthe potential risks of landing into serious health problems -there are healthy ways to adopt for reducing the risk.

Maintaining a healthy weight, poultry, fish, beans, and nuts. eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, taking less salt in diet, getting adeuate sleep, avoiding smoking and alcohol consumption; monitoring blood sugar levels and keeping that under control; besides monitoring one's cholesterol and triglyceride levels and keeping them these cells less sticky and less under control are crucial hallthe plaue formation in arteries. hand smoke. So uitting tobacco likely to clot. These are used to marks in prevention of heart routine as research has shown disease and stroke.

sion) eating plan is a healthy diet plan which is rich in fruits, unhealthy routines like eating vegetables, whole grains, propoorly, exercising less, deprived tein and low-fat dairy products.

sodium, saturated fat, total fat,

and cholesterol. Having said, focus on to consume more fruits and vegetables each day, choose whole grains over refined grains, and opt for protein-rich sources such as As adopting the DASH diet in one's life has been shown to lower blood pressure and hence reduce the risk of hypertension, which is one of the important risk factors for heart disease and

More to say, there is need to avoid unnecessary stress in our lives by following a good health that the depression including Moreover, the DASH (Dietary stress could increase a person's risk for developing serious health problems including heart diseases, stroke and diabetes.

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Div Com reviews Flood related preparedness, restoration of services in affected areas across Jammu Division

Asks departments to deploy adequate men & machinery, remain on alert

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JAMMU, AUGUST 26: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today reviewed the flood related preparedness and necessary response mechanism put in place by the Public Works Department, Jal Shakti (PHE), Power Development Department, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu Municipal Corporation to handle the situation arisen due to torrential rains.

The meeting was attend-

ed by Managing Director, JP-DCL, Commissioner JMC, Regional officer NHAI, GM Projects, NHIDCL Jammu, Chief Engineer PWD, Superintending Engineers Jal Shakti, Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control, Chief Engineer Mechanical Engineer Department, officials from Urban Local Bodies and other concerned departments. Discussion was held on the flood preparedness action-plan and immediate restoration of essential services, wherever affected.

The Divisional Commissioner took stock of the steps taken by the department to ensure uninterrupted functioning of essential services of road connectivity, power and drinking water supply and restore the same, wherever disrupted due to incessant rains.

He asked the NHAI and Public Works Department to monitor the major bridges and identify alternate inner roads for movement of traffic on the National Highway. He directed the agencies to prioritize the functioning of roads to District HQs and hospitals.

Jal Shakti department was directed to ensure availability of clean drinking water in the region especially the remote and hilly habitations. He asked them to identify the alternate sources of drinking water in the flood affected areas.

The Managing Director Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited was directed to keep the men and machinery ready for restoration of the power supply, wherever affected.

ULB was directed to deploy dewatering pumps in the areas affected by flood and water logging.

Directions were also issued to all the District and sectoral officers to remain alert and do not leave their station.

It was further informed that additional funds have been released to all the District Administrations for emergency restoration works and other exigencies.

DC Ganderbal chairs NCORD meeting; directs vigorous enforcement against drug menace

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GANDERBAL, AUGUST 26: To assess and reinforce the district's anti-narcotics efforts, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today chaired the monthly meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) at the V.C. Room of DC office Ganderbal.

At the outset, DC took a department-wise review of progress on enforcement, awareness, treatment, and rehabilitation. Officers from concerned departments viz. Health, Education, Revenue, Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare presented updates against the Action Taken Report on directives is-

sued in the previous NCORD meeting

The functioning of the Drug De-addiction Centre was reviewed meticulously and Chief Medical Officer was directed to explore the possibility of making IPD facilities available at the Centre.

While reviewing the status of computer billing and installation of CCTV cameras by medical shops, District Drug Inspector informed that 97 percent shops have switched to computer billing systems and 100 percent CCTV camera installation is also ensured.

DC directed for active enforcement to achieve 100% computer billing within the next 1 month.

The status of NDPS cas-

es was also reviewed and Police and Prosecution department were directed to ensure timely investigations, charge sheeting and trial proceedings in all NDPS cases.

The Excise department was asked to intensify wild cannabis destruction drives across the district. The Chief Education Officer (CEO) was directed to conduct drug de-addiction awareness campaigns during morning assemblies, particularly in high schools.

Emphasizing the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach, DC called for focusing on prevention, surveillance, and community engagement to effectively combat the drug

Sakeena Itoo conducts extensive tour of Eidgah Constituency, takes stock of ongoing development works



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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 26: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted an extensive tour of Eidgah constituency of Srinagar and took stock of various ongoing development works besides inspecting health and education institutions across the Constituency.

During her visit, the Minister visited Hamidi Kashmiri Memorial, Government Degree College Eidgah and took stock of academic activities at the institute. She also inspected the progress of ongoing works on the college building.

On the occasion, the Minister directed the officers of executing agency to expedite the pace of ongoing works so that the building can be dedicated for public use. She also directed the officers of revenue department for early demarcation of college premises so that the boundary wall can be constructed at the earliest.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion, the Minister highlighted that the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah is giving prime importance to health and education sectors as they form the core of any developed society. She reaffirmed the commitment of Government to people-centric governance, highlighting that the current dispensation is of the people and for the people and remains committed to fulfil all the aspirations of the public.

Later, the Minister also visited Government Boys Middle School Noorbagh, Mini Maternity Centre Noorbagh, Urban Public Health Centre (UPHC) Palpora and Government Boys High School Takanwaripora.

At BMS Noorbagh, the Minister held detailed inspection of school premises taking stock of teaching facilities, classroom conditions, and availability of essential resources. She also interacted with the faculty and students. She called upon the teaching community to bridge infrastructure gaps and improve learning environments for children in the school.

Later, while visiting Mini Maternity Centre Noorbagh, the Minister took detailed assessment of medical facilities available at the hospital. She interacted with the medical staff of the centre and took appraisal about the facilities, staff strength and availability of medicines at the health institution. She stressed on the timely upgradation of facilities at the health centre so that people of the constituency have access to quality medical services without being forced to travel long distances.

During the visit to Mini Maternity Centre, the Minister also held a public interaction meet and took stock of various local issues and problems of the community.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that the public has chosen a majority government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah with clear mandate. She highlighted that several initiatives have been taken to strengthen public services, ensure better accessibility and upgrade facilities for the benefit of the people. She assured the locals that all genuine issues and problems will be addressed promptly.

At Government Boys
High School Takanwaripora, the Minister reiterated the
government's commitment
to bringing more reforms in
health and education sectors
to address the needs of the

local population. She highlighted that in recent months the government has upgraded medical infrastructure across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister further said that more than 700 medical officers have been appointed in recent months to upgrade medical facilities, especially in rural and underserved areas.

While speaking on the burning issue of drug menace, the Minister called upon the school authorities to maintain due vigil around the school premises to tackle this menace. She highlighted that it should be our collective endeavour to overcome this growing societal problem.

The Minister also assured the public as well as school management that the issues and concerns raised will be addressed on priority.

MLA Eidgah, Mubarakh Gul; Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Colleges, Director Colleges, ADC Srinagar, SE R&B and other senior officers of district administration also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

Medical/awareness camp organized at Ayushman Arogya Mandir Heerpora Shopian

195 Patients from different age groups avail free medical consultations

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SHOPIAN, AUGUST 26: A medical cum awareness camp was conducted today by the team of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AYUSH), Heerpora Shopian in collaboration with Chinar International NGO, Srinagar at Heerpora.

The camp witnessed an encouraging participation from the local community, where 195 patients from different age groups availed free medical consultations and were provided with necessary medicines at no cost.

Apart from treatment and consultations, a special awareness session was conducted during which medical officers highlighted the role of herbs and herbal remedies in day-to-day healthcare, emphasizing their benefits in boosting immunity and preventing common ailments.







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DC Kulgam chairs DLIC meeting of JKCIP, 190 cases approved

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KULGAM, AUGUST 26: A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness in Agriculture & Allied Sectors Programme (JKCIP) was held today at the DC office Kulgam under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kul-

gam, Athar Aamir Khan.

During the meeting, the committee approved 190 cases, 125 in Agriculture, 46

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in Fisheries and 19 in Horticulture.

The clearance of cases under JKCIP will significantly strengthen the farming and allied sectors in the district by promoting modern practices, enhancing productivity, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and

The meeting was attended by officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, and other allied departments.

entrepreneurs.

DC Doda reviews situation along Chenab River

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DODA, AUGUST 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh today conducted a visit to assess the situation along the Chenab River in view of the continuing spell of heavy rains across the region.

During the inspection, the DC reviewed the water levels, possible threats of erosion and the overall impact of rains on adjoining habitations and infrastructure. He directed the concerned departments to maintain strict vigil and ensure round-the-clock monitoring of the river to prevent any untoward incidents.

The DC Doda emphasized preparedness, instructing officials to keep emergency response teams on alert, reinforce vulnerable embankments and issue timely advisories for the safety of residents living near riverbanks.

Does Shubman Gill Fit Into India's T20I Plans?

Shashank Kishore

NEW DELHI: There's no question about Shubman Gill's place in the Indian team in two out of three international formats. He broke records as a batter while leading India to a 2-2 draw in England in his debut series as Test captain, and played important roles in India's run to the 2023 ODI World Cup final and their triumph in the 2025 Champions Trophy. Gill could even be the next ODI captain, whenever Rohit Sharma guits that format too.

But India's next assignment is the Asia Cup in September, to be played in the T20I format as preparation for the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, and the question arises: does Gill fit into India's plans for the shortest format?

His most recent T20 form is compelling -650 runs at a strike rate of nearly 156 in IPL 2025. He's going to be a cornerstone of Indian cricket for the next decade. Both are reasons in his favour, but the selection question is more complex.

It has been a while since India picked a full-strength T20I squad; the last time they did so was for the 2024 T20 World Cup, which they won in the USA and West Indies. Gill was a travelling reserve for that tournament, outside the main 15. Since then, India's T20I selections have been influenced by scheduling and injuries.

Gill was captain of a second-string team for the T20I series in Zimbabwe immediately after the World Cup last year.

He was vice-captain of a near full-strength squad for the T20I series in Sri Lanka later in July that year. As Test cricket took precedence, however, Gill was not picked for India's home T20Is against Bangladesh in October, the T20Is in South Africa in November, and the home T20Is against England in January this year, which were scheduled soon after the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and shortly before the Champions Trophy. In his absence, Axar Patel was elevated to the T20I vice-captaincy.

The scheduling crunch is ever-present. For example, the Asia Cup final is on September 28, and India's home Test series against West Indies starts on October 2. This time, however, the selectors have to zero in on the best T20I combination for the Asia Cup with the larger goal of defending their World Cup title next year. They begin from a position of immense strength: since winning the World Cup, India have won 17 out of 20 bilateral T20Is.

In Gill's absence from the T20I side since August 2024, Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson have become the incumbent openers. Abhishek, the top-ranked batter in the format, scored 279 runs at a strike rate of nearly 220 in India's most recent T20I series, against England in January. While Samson had low scores in those five matches, he had hit three hundreds in five preceding T20Is.

The selectors could weigh up whether they want to continue with two ultraexplosive openers in Abhishek and Samson, in keeping with India's brand of T20I cricket, or go for a more consistent yet aggressive option.

Like Yashasvi Jaiswal? Jaiswal, like Gill, has not played a T20I since July 2024 due to India prioritising his Test performances in a packed calendar. However, in India's previous full-strength squad, Jaiswal was picked as the back-up opener ahead of Gill for the 2024 T20 World Cup. He ended up being a back-up only because India made the relatively late decision to open with Rohit and Virat Kohli, whose retirements since then have put Jaiswal back as one of the frontrunners to open. At the time, Gill was coming off a not-so-hot performance in IPL 2024, and there isn't a massive difference between his and Jaiswal's numbers in IPL 2025 either.

If the team management doesn't want to break Samson and Abhishek up at the top, it's hard to see how Gill - or Jaiswal - can feature in India's first-choice T20IXI. And if the selectors want to keep the Asia Cup squad size to 15 - they will have to do that for the World Cup - it's hard to see how they can pick all four of Abhishek, Samson, Gill and Jaiswal, given the need for back-ups for other types of players in the squad. Samson, though, has the advantage of doubling up as a wicketkeeper too.

It could boil down to a choice between Jaiswal or Gill in the squad - who the selectors feel will have the stronger impact during India's T20 title defence.

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