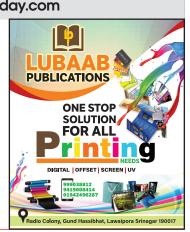
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FLOOD FURY:

Death Toll At 41, Normal Life Derailed, Ex-Gratia Announced

CM, LG Talk to PM and HM Amit Shah. Gol Assured All Possible Support To Affected Families

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR, AUG 27: After record rains wreaked havoc in Jammu and Kashmir over the past two days, the death toll in related incidents rose to 41, most of them victims of the landslide on a Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route, while there was some let-up in the showers on Wednesday, allowing relief efforts to pick up pace.

The water level in the swollen rivers across Jammu showed signs of receding from 11 AM, but the flood alert mark was breached by the Jhelum in Anantnag and Srinagar and water entered several residential and commercial areas.

Massive damage has been reported to public infrastructure, including



CM Omar Questions Flood Preparedness, Seeks Accountability

Speaks to PM Modi, apprises him of prevailing situation in J&K

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JAMMU, AUG 27: "Couldn't we take the measures to prevent the situation despite receiving weather alerts in advance? Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday, expressing anguish over the loss of lives in Katra due



CM Omar, Cabinet Ministers on toes in J&K

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, AUG 27: Amid the flood threat in Jammu and Kashmir, the Cabinet

Amid flood alert, educational institutes to remain closed today

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: Amid flood alert, the government Wednesday decided to close all schools, colleges and universities of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

According to the news agency— Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in an order said, "In view of the inclement weather conditions and Turn on Page 2

Step In as Panic **Spreads**

Floodwaters Enter Kursu

Rajbagh, SDRF & Police

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: Panic spread across Kursu Rajbagh in Srinagar on Wednesday as floodwaters from the swollen Jhelum river breached residential pockets, submerging lanes, bylanes, and courtyards before entering sev-

The situation prompted the Turn on Page 2

Rajbagh Residents Use Sandbags to Defend **Jhelum Shores**

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: With the Jhelum swelling dangerously after days of incessant rain, residents of Kursu Rajbagh in Srinagar turned to self-defense on Wednesday, lining riverbanks and lanes with sand and sandbags in a desperate bid to prevent a breach.

Throughout the day, men and youth ferried bags of sand, stacking them along the water's edge and at

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Rajbagh Turns into Srinagar's Flood-Time Spectacle

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: In Srinagar's Rajbagh, the swollen Jhelum has become more than just a waterway under stress-it has turned into a gathering point.

As the river swelled and water began entering lanes and bylanes on Wednesday in the residential areas of Rajbagh, visitors poured in from different parts of the city,

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LG Sinha Reviews Flood Rescue & Relief in Jammu

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JAMMU/KATRA, AUG 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting here on Wednesday evening to review the ongoing relief and rescue operations in flood hit Jammu region, he also announced Rs 9 lakhs relief for the Next of Kins (NoKs) of Katra landslide victims.

According to the details available with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) the highlevel meeting chaired by LG Sinha at Raj Bhawan here was attended by top officers of the administration and the security forces, including Army, J&K Police and paramilitary forces.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor wrote: Turn on Page 2

Srinagar-Jammu, other key highways closed for traffic

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: The continuous rainfall, landslides and shooting stones have forced the closure of Srinagar-Jammu National Highway on Wednesday, while the weatherman here has predicted light to moderate rains till today.

As per the latest traffic plan, the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remains completely closed for vehicular movement.

The closure, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO, is attributed to multiple

PM Modi mourns loss of lives in Mata Vaishno Devi landslide

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday expressed grief over the loss of lives in a landslide along the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

In a post on X, the PM, as per the news agency— Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that the loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. "My thoughts are with the bereaved families," he said.

"May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected. My prayers for

SDRF mounts massive flood rescue across Kashmir

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 27: In the wake of the worsening flood-like situation across Kashmir, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has intensified its operations and deployed manpower across vulnerable areas to ensure the safety of residents.

A senior official from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that more than 400 SDRF personnel and over 60 boats have been deployed throughout

Pilgrimage Already Suspended When Cloudburst Led To Viashno Devi Landslide: LG Sinha

■ HT News Desk

JAMMU, AUG 27: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday reached out to people injured in the Vaishno Devi landslide, and said it was the result of a cloudburst and the pilgrimage was already suspended when it occurred.

He spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and briefed them about the post-flood

The death toll in the Vaishno Devi landslide has gone up to 32, with rescuers pulling out more bodies from under the debris, Turn on Page 2



Operations Sindoor, Mahadev Sent Strong Message To Terror Masterminds: Amit Shah

■ HT News Network

NEW DELHI, AUG 27: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that two major security operations, Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev, have sent an unmistakable message to the architects of terrorism that there will be consequences for targeting Indian citizens.

Shah said that while Operation Sindoor "brought satisfaction among the people", Operation Mahadev transformed that satisfaction into "confidence".

The home minister said this while honouring 12 members of the Army, who successfully carried out Operation Mahadev and neutralised terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack. Four personnel, two each from Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF, $were \, also \, honoured \, for \, being \, a \, part \, of \, the \, operation.$ The two operations were a direct response to



a brutal attack on April 22 in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 26 people, mostly tourists. "Whether from the ruling party or the Op-

position, everyone felt joy and enthusiasm about

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several key bridges, private houses and commercial establishments, due to overflowing of water bodies and flash floods across the Union Territory, officials said, adding more than 10,000 people have been evacuated from low-lying flooded areas.

As torrential rains disrupted normal life, Education Minister Sakina Itoo announced that all educational institutes will remain closed across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday in view of the inclement weather.

The Northern Railways ordered the cancellation of 58 trains to and from Jammu and Katra stations, while 64 trains were short-terminated or short-originated at various stations in the division.

Rail traffic, which was briefly restored on Wednesday morning with six trains departing from Jammu after a day-long suspension, has again been halted due to flash floods and heavy soil erosion in the Chakki river area, the

With the rain stopping in some areas, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah rushed to Jammu from Srinagar to personally review the situation in the region.

Officials said that the phone and network services were restored across all networks on Wednesday, 24 hours after the damage to optical fibres caused outages in the Union territory The death toll in the Vaishno Devi landslide has gone up to 34 with rescuers pulling out more bodies from under the debris, the officials said, a day after the disaster struck the route to the hilltop shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

At least 20 people were injured in the landslide triggered by incessant heavy rain and are undergoing treatment in different hospitals, the officials said, adding the landslide struck near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Ardhkuwari, about halfway along the winding 12-km trek from Katra to the shrine, at around 3 PM on Tuesday.

With more people feared trapped, rescue teams are continuing to dig through the mounds of rubble to look for

The pilgrimage to the shrine remained suspended for the second day. While the yatra had been stopped on the Himkoti trek route since morning on Tuesday, it was going on on the old route till afternoon when authorities decided to suspend it as a precautionary measure.

Jammu has recorded 380 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours ending at 8.30 AM on Wednesday, which is the highest for a 24-hour period since 1910 when the observatory was set up in the winter capital.

Four people, including three women, lost their lives in Doda district on Tuesday, while two bodies were found on Tuesday, including that of a BSF jawan in Pragwal. The other body found in Akhnoor is yet to be identified. Body of an irrigation department employee was found in Lakhanpur along the border of Punjab.

Heavy rains were also experienced in the Kashmir valley overnight, where the main Jhelum river has crossed the flood alert mark at Sangam in Anantnag district and at Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar this morning.

In Srinagar, water entered the residential areas in Kursu, Rajbagh, Bemina and Sekidafar, while most places in main Anantnag town also saw flood waters enter residential as well as commercial areas, leaving markets sub-

The waters also entered the district court complex in Anantnag district in south Kashmir, following which the district judge and other staff had to be evacuated by the SDRF personnel using a boat, the officials said.

The district administrations and police in Anantnag, Kulgam and Srinagar had to evacuate people living in lowlying areas to safety. The Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained closed for vehicular traffic, along with over a dozen other roads struck by landslides over the past couple of days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his prayers are for everyone's safety and well-being.

"The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected," he said in a post on X.

Chief Minister Abdullah said he has briefed Prime Minister Modi on the situation arising from heavy rains and flooding in the Jammu region and expressed gratitude for his assurance of continued assistance to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The chief minister said they were slightly relieved as the rain had stopped on Wednesday.

"As compared to yesterday, we have got slight relief today (Wednesday) with the fact that the rains have stopped.Water is slowly receding in low-lying areas," he said.

Officials said said a flash flood washed away 10 residential houses and a bridge in the remote Margi area of Kishtwar district, but there was no immediate report of any casualties.

The rains continued non-stop in most parts of the Jammu region over the past 24 hours with almost all water bodies, including Tawi, Chenab, Ujh, Ravi and Basanter, flowing several feet above the danger mark, the officials said. However, the water level in most of the water bodies started receding after the rains stopped at around 11 AM,

though the weather remained cloudy. On August 14, a cloudburst triggered flash floods in Chisoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata shrine, in Kishtwar district leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. At least 65 people, mostly pilgrims, were killed and more than 100 were injured, while 32 are

still missing. (Agencies) LG Sinha.....

"Chaired a high-level meeting today at Raj Bhavan Jammu to review the rescue & relief operations, restoration of essential services and preparedness of UT's and concerned central agencies, Army, NDRF, CAPFs to deal with

the situation arising out of incessant rain and floods." The Lieutenant Governor directed the officials for restoration of power, communication and water supply

on priority in areas where flood water is receding. He was informed that more than 5000 people were

evacuated from low-lying flooded areas to safety. The officials told LG Sinha that Army, NDRF and SDRF are working in coordination with the Divisional Commissioner's office and are ensuring that there is adequate supply of relief materials and all possible assistance is

being given to those affected. The Lieutenant Governor also prayed for the safety

and well-being of everyone affected by the natural calamity in various parts of Jammu Division, and those brave emergency responders and citizens actively helping in the relief efforts.

Earlier in the day LG Sinha met the devotees injured in an unfortunate landslide incident near Ardhkuwari at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine who are undergoing treatment at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra and enquired about their health.

Team of senior doctors briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the health condition of the injured and the medical procedures being followed. The Lieutenant Governor directed the doctors and Hospital Administration for ensuring the best possible treatment for the speedy recovery of the injured. It was informed that 13 people are presently under-going treatment at SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra and their condition is

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board employees and citizens for their exemplary interventions which saved many lives.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Yatra was suspended yesterday due to bad weather. Cloudburst occurred and devotees at Ardhkuwari were caught in it. It was a heart-wrenching natural calamity, in which we have lost precious lives. We are providing all possible assistance to be reaved families."

The Lieutenant Governor also announced ex-gratia relief to the families of the deceased. He said the Shrine Board and the administration are extending all the necessary assistance to the affected families.

The Shrine Board's policy provides for an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of any individual who dies in an unfortunate incident. An additional Rs 4 lakh will be provided from SDRF.

The Lieutenant Governor also briefed the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the flood situation and the ongoing relief and rescue operations in various Districts of Jammu Kashmir.

He directed the officials for maximum readiness and presence of staff at their posts to respond to emergency

Srinagar-Jammu....

landslides and shooting stones, triggered by incessant rains along the entire stretch of the highway.

Also, the status of the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway will be reviewed on August 28, following a fresh assessment of road and weather conditions.

The Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road (NH-244) is also reported to be closed, restricting all forms of traffic. Similarly, the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari (SSG) road also shut due to a landslide near Bajri Nallah.

The Mughal Road, which serves as a vital alternative route, has also been closed because of the landslides and falling debris.

Given the widespread impact of adverse weather on road connectivity, the public is advised to confirm the status of roads before embarking on any journey.

"Travellers may contact the respective Traffic Control

Units in Jammu, Srinagar, Ramban, Udhampur, Kishtwar and Kargil through the helpline numbers provided by the authorities," the J&K Traffic Police Headquarters said. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Srinagar has

issued a fresh advisory for Jammu and Kashmir, warning of continued rainfall activity and possible weather-related disruptions across several parts of the region.

"Over the past 24 hours, extremely heavy rainfall has been recorded at several stations in the Jammu division, while south Kashmir also witnessed heavy showers, leading to waterlogging and potential hazards in vulnerable areas." the MeT said.

According to the latest forecast, the weather on August 27 will remain generally cloudy with intermittent light to moderate rainfall expected at many places, especially in Jammu Division and South & Central Kashmir.

However, brief dry spells with cloudy skies may be observed between rainfall intervals.

Moreover, the weather is expected to improve slightly on August 28 and 29, with the possibility of brief spells rain or thundershowers at isolated locations.

"However, a fresh spell of active weather is likely from August 30 to September 1, during which moderate to heavy rain and thundershowers are expected in the Jammu division. The period from September 2 to 5 may again witness scattered showers or thunder activity across

the region," the MeT said. The MeT Centre has issued a public advisory, cautioning residents and travellers about the risks of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones, particularly in the hilly and landslide-prone regions. "People are strongly advised to avoid venturing near water bodies, rivers, Nallas, and unstable structures, as the risk of sudden flooding or col-

lapse remains high," it added. Meanwhile, train operations from Jammu resumed after being halted for a day due to intense rainfall across the region. The downpour had led Northern Railway to cancel 22 trains and short-terminate 27 others on Tuesday,

severely impacting travel to and from Jammu and Katra. According to officials, six trains that were earlier cancelled or stopped mid-route are now back on schedule and set to depart for their destinations.

The restoration comes as weather conditions began to stabilise, allowing authorities to safely resume services. Railway teams remain on alert, keeping a close watch on the situation to ensure passenger safety.

PM Modi mourns.....

everyone's safety and well-being," he said.

Pertinently, the landslide struck near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Ardhkuwari, about halfway along the winding 12-km trek from Katra to the shrine, at around

3 PM on Tuesday. With more people feared trapped, rescue teams are continuing to dig through the mounds of rubble to look for survivors. Bodies are being recovered and survivors are undergoing treatment in a hospital.

SDRF mounts.....

the Kashmir valley, while 40 boats are kept in reserve to meet any emergency.

"Teams are on the ground round-the-clock with full preparedness to tackle any eventuality," the official said.

Regarding the rescue operations in Anantnag, the official said that on August 26, SDRF Anantnag carried out a major rescue at Trail Srigufwara Bijbehara, where 11 civilians trapped in the swollen tributary of River Lidder were evacuated safely.

He added that on August 27, multiple operations were carried out. In Karshangam Ashmuqam, 22 nomads trapped in heavy water flow were rescued. At Sofigund (Qoimoi jurisdiction), a house submerged in floods, six family members were rescued and shifted to safety.

He further said that at Dangarpora Anantnag, six families stranded in inundated houses were rescued, and at Court Complex Anantnag, the Sessions Judge and staff were evacuated after the premises and roads were submerged.

He added that at the Mehndi Kadal-Lal Chowk route, SDRF provided safe passage to 250 persons, including elderly and ailing residents, enabling them to reach their destinations.

About statewide preparedness, the officials said SDRF Kashmir has deployed district and sub-district level units, Water Quick Response Teams (QRTs), motor boats, manual boats, and other rescue equipment.

"On the directions of the Divisional Administration, 20 SDRF Rescue Teams were earmarked with boats and equipment. Of these, eight teams were deputed to the most affected areas, including Rajbagh, Bemina, Pantha Chowk, Kral Khud, Chanapora, and Mehjoor Nagar," the official said.

They said that additionally, one team each at Dal Lake, Zero Bridge (Jhelum), Nigeen, and Hazratbal has been kept n full readiness with boats and allied gear.

Speaking about the operations, a senior SDRF official told KNO their men are working with both urgency and compassion. "The mission is clear-every single life matters, and no effort will be spared to rescue those in danger,"

About the deployment of SDRF manpower, the official told KNO that the SDRF 1st Battalion. Srinagar, has deployed teams across all districts and sub-divisions of Kashmir: Khanabal Anantnag – 41 personnel; at Qazigund – 16; at Kulgam - 22; at Shopian - 27; at Pulwama - 36; at Awantipora – 9; at Budgam – 26; at Ganderbal – 16; at Mansbal Lake Ganderbal (Water QRT) - 7; at Police Station Gund -8; at Baramulla -25; at Uri (Civil Defence) -7; at Bandipora – 19; at Kupwara – 34; and at Sopore – 13.

They also shared that at Zero Bridge Jhelum (Water QRT) – 12 personnel; at Dal Lake Nehru Park (Water QRT) – 12; at RCDCC Srinagar – 18; at Nigeen Lake (Water QRT) - 7; at Hazratbal (Water QRT) - 7; at SDRF Campus Bemina Srinagar – 22; at EOC Humhama – 3; and at ICCC – 2. Over 17 rescue teams are on standby at Battalion HQs Srinagar – 85 personnel.

Additionally, authorities said SDRF rescue teams are kept under the direct supervision of respective Deputy Commissioners to ensure a coordinated response and immediate relief operations in case of emergencies.

"Rescue teams are on high alert. Our primary focus is to save lives, shift stranded families, and ensure that relief reaches the most vulnerable sections at the earliest," the senior official said.

Meanwhile, the Srinagar Commandant of SDRF, SSP Masroor, speaking about the rescue operations, said, "The greatest victory in a disaster is not in saving possessions, but in saving every single soul." He added, "It is our duty, and with your cooperation, we will not fail.".

CM Omar.....

to floods. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

assured the Centre's full support. Speaking to the reporters here, the CM, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), after assessing the flood situation, said, "Couldn't we take elaborate measures to prevent the situation despite receiving the flood alert in advance. We will look into it later why the

people were not taken to a safe place." He expressed anguish over the loss of lives in Katra and said that nearly 29 to 30 people died in the incident. Omar said the low-lying areas have witnessed major damage. He assured that the measures will be taken on priority for the people living illegally in the flood-prone

areas."We can't rebuild their houses again and again, but they will be shifted to safer places," he added. The Chief Minister visited Jammu early this morning

to assess the flood situation triggered by incessant rainfall for the last couple of days, causing extensive damage to properties at multiple places. Omar said the people living near the rivers will also

be shifted to safer places as they have been facing damage frequently due to the inclement weather conditions. Meanwhile, CM Abdullah said he talked to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi over the phone and apprised him about the prevailing situation.

The Prime Minister has assured complete support from the central government, he said.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister announced Rs 6 lakh ex-gratia (Rs4lakhfrom SDRF&Rs2lakhfrom CM's Relief Fund) for the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the landslide at Mata Vaishno Devi & other flood-related incidents in the past two days in J&K.

CM Omar, Cabinet.....

Ministers led by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Omar Abdullah have been on toes to assess the situation at different places across the region.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Chief Minister visited Jammu this morning and assessed the situation at multiple places in the district to assess damages and oversee immediate relief measures.

The Chief Minister visited the flood-affected areas in Jammu to take stock of damage caused due to floods. He assessed the ground situation and issued directions to the administration to take all necessary steps to safeguard the lives of people in vulnerable areas. Besides other officials, he was accompanied by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma.

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo visited major healthcare institutions of Srinagar city to evaluate the medical supplies and other essential facilities available for the public. She visited Lal Ded, Bone & Joint, Pediatric and SMHS Hospitals in Srinagar today.

Besides, she visited Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag and held a comprehensive review of the emergency preparedness and healthcare facilities in light of

the incessant rains in South Kashmir.

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Moreover, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana chaired a high-level meeting to review the flood preparedness and response mechanism across

The meeting was attended by Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, DIG, Rajiv Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, officers from Irrigation & Flood Control department and other concerned officers. Accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood Monitoring Station, Sangam, and reviewed the water levels of River Jhelum.

Pertinently, although the situation has improved in Jammu, the Valley is at the brink of floods as the water level has crossed the danger mark in Srinagar. The situation was triggered due to the heavy rainfall in the last couple of days while the weather has started improved with the weatherman predicting dry weather for the next three days.

Amid flood alert.....

for the safety of students it is ordered that all government as well as private recognized schools in the Kashmir Division shall remain closed on

August-28." In the meantime, Directorate of School Education Jammu(DSEJ) said that in view of the incessant rains, landslides in hilly areas, weather alerts across the division, and in order to ensure the safety of students and staff, all government and private schools in the Iammu division shall continue to remain closed on 28th August 2025.

Meaning, Director Colleges, J&K said, "Due to the bad weather conditions and continuous downpour leading to flood like situation across the Jammu and Kashmir, it is ordered that all Government Degree Colleges and GCETs in the UT of J&K shall remain closed on August-28.

The University of Kashmir (KU) has also postponed all examinations that were scheduled to be held on August-27.

The varsity said it will notify fresh dates for the postponed examinations. Earlier, Health and Education Minister, Sakeena Itoo told the KNO that the schools and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir shall remain closed on Thursday.

The decision, according to the Minister, has been taken due to the inclement weather conditions.

Pertinently, the heavy rainfall has triggered flood-like situation across Jammu and Kashmir with the water level in rivers Jhelum and other streams flowing above the flood declaration mark in Kashmir and above danger mark in Jammu division.

Floodwaters.....

deployment of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Srinagar Police, who rushed boats and personnel to assist residents.

Eyewitnesses told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that water levels surged $sharply during the day, leaving families \, anxious \, and \,$ forcing many to move essential belongings upstairs.

"The lanes and bylanes are already under water. It has now entered our courtyards and some houses. People are frightened and on edge," said Ghulam Ahmad, a resident of Rajbagh. He said the water started entering the area at around 10 or 11 a.m.

Another local said the most vulnerable are suffering the most, "Children and the elderly are the worst affected. Everyone here fears a repeat of the 2014 floods," he said.

Locals also accused the authorities of being slow to respond. "Despite repeated requests, no visible preventive measures were taken before the water entered our area," a group of residents said.

By afternoon, SDRF and police teams arrived with boats, helping people from inundated spots and providing immediate relief. SDRF officials said teams were actively assisting residents. "We have deployed personnel with boats in Rajbagh and nearby areas. Our men are rescuing stranded families and moving them to safety. More reinforcements are on standby," one official said.

Officials from the Irrigation and Flood Control Department stated they were maintaining a strict vigil at vulnerable embankments. "The situation is being monitored round-the-clock. People should remain cautious and adhere to advisories," an official said.

As evening set in, anxious residents watched water levels closely, while joint efforts by the SDRF. police, and flood control officials continued to

prevent any major breach. Rajbagh Residents.....

vulnerable embankments.

"Some waded knee-deep into the rising water, while others formed human chains to pass heavy sacks, all under the looming fear of another major flood," eyewitnesses from the area informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

"We cannot sit idle and wait. The water is already entering our lanes and could breach at any moment. We must act ourselves to save our homes," said Sahil Ahmad, a resident, his hands coated in mud after hours of hauling bags.

Soon, the effort became collective. Men distributed food and water to those working outside, while children helped by carrying small loads. Elderly residents sat nearby, recalling the devastation of 2014 that still haunts Rajbagh. "The fear has returned. Every drop that seeps through brings back those memories," one elderly woman whispered, watching her neighbors at work.

Despite official assurances that teams are monitoring embankments, locals complained that immediate support was missing. "It is we who are defending Rajbagh right now. Authorities must step in before it is too late," a group of young residents told

Notably, as night fell, the sight of stacked sandbags stood as a fragile but determined shield—proof of the community's resolve to fight the rising Jhelum with their own hands. Yet, whispers among residents grew louder that the water might enter residential areas by night or by morning.

Rajbagh Turns.....

drawn by a mix of worry and wonder.

According to details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), dozens leaned over the embankments where water had started entering residential areas, phones raised for photos, while others simply stood still, listening to the rush of water.

Narrow lanes of Kursu Rajbagh were already

submerged, forcing locals to wade across. "Every year we hear flood alarms, but watching the Jhelum this close makes it real," said Bilal Ahmad, a resident from Bemina who traveled to Rajbagh

with friends. "It's both frightening and fascinating." A young man standing near a shop, his shoes barely above the water, said the water level was rising and people were worried. "If it increases further, it will completely enter the houses. For now, it has already reached the lanes and bylanes," he

Curiosity may bring people to Rajbagh, but residents speak of living with fear. A woman from Kursu Rajbagh, carrying her child through ankledeep water, said, "We don't know if the river will

stop or take more of our homes." Notably, for Srinagar's residents, Rajbagh has turned into a spectacle—a live stage where the Ihelum's rise is measured not just in feet and inches, but in the anxious eyes fixed upon it.

Pilgrimage Already.....

officials said on Wednesday, a day after the disaster struck the route to the shrine at Adhkuwari

in the Trikuta hills of the Katra belt. At least 20 people were injured in the landslide triggered by heavy, relentless rain and are undergoing treatment in different hospitals, officials said.

Interacting with reporters, Sinha said, "This has been a very unfortunate incident. Around noon yesterday, a cloudburst occurred when the yatra was already suspended.

"Due to the cloudburst, several people were swept away by the waters. Many precious lives have been lost, and several others have been injured," he

Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah asked why officials did not stop pilgrims from treading the track when there was a warning of the calamity. Sinha, who visited the injured pilgrims at Nara-

yana Hospital in Katra, said, "I have just met the

injured persons. Thirteen of them are admitted to the hospital here; they are stable and are receiving the best possible treatment." The L-G said many of those who died in the landslide have already been identified, and arrangements are being made by the administration and

the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board to send bodies to their families. "No amount of compensation can make up for the loss of life, but according to the shrine board's policy, an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh will be given to the

family of each deceased," he added. The L-G said he spoke to the prime minister and the Union home minister about the devastation

Jammu suffered in the calamity. "The entire administration is engaged in protecting people's lives and property. Relief and rescue operations are underway. In the evening meeting, we will discuss how these efforts can be further

strengthened," he said. In a post on X, the L-G said, "At SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra, I met devotees injured in the landslide and enquired about their health. Urged doctors to ensure the best possible treatment. My gratitude to emergency responders, SMVDSB employees and citizens whose exemplary

interventions saved many lives." He further said relief and rescue work is underway in various districts. "I directed officials for maximum readiness and presence of staff at their

posts to respond to emergency situations." Operations Sindoor.....

operations Sindoor and Mahadev, and expressed gratitude towards the security forces," Shah said.

This very trust in national security is the founda-

tion of India's aspiration to achieve the highest position in the world in every field, he added. On May 7, the armed forces launched Operation Sindoor, a large-scale military action targeting hide-

outs of banned Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-

Taibaterror outfits in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Operation Mahadev, launched immediately after the Pahalgam massacre, met with success on July 28 when the Army's elite para commandos neutralised mastermind, Sulieman alias Asif, and two of his

associates, Jibran and Hamza Afghani. The operation was launched after a technical signal detected the use of a satellite phone by the

perpetrators. "Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev have sent a clear message to the masterminds of terror about the consequences of playing with the lives of

Indian citizens." Shah said. The security forces have shown the world that no matter how many tactics or strategies terrorists may adopt, they can no longer hurt India and escape, the home minister said.

The forensic lab of the National Investigation Agency(NIA) has confirmed that the terrorists killed on July 28 were indeed the perpetrators of the Pahalgam massacre. Shah added that the Pahalgam attack, which occurred during the peak of the tourism season in Kashmir, was a failed attempt to "derail the 'Kashmir Mission'".





Sakeena Itoo visits Lal Ded Hospital, B&J Hospital, Peadtric Hospital, SMHS Hospital Srinagar

Takes stock of medical supplies, other essential facilities Also engages with patients, attendants

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SRINAGAR, AUG 27: In the aftermath of heavy rainfall, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited major healthcare institutions of Srinagar city to evaluate the medical supplies and other essential facilities available for the public.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena visited Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and took comprehensive assessment of its various hospital departments like emergency services, OPD, maternity and child care units, diagnostic labs as well as the pharmacy wing. She took note of the functionality of medical equipment, availability of essential medicines cleanliness and staff attendance.

During the inspection, the Minister also interacted directly with patients and their attendants to gauge their experiences and gather on-ground feedback about the facilities available for the public. She assured them that any kind of shortcomings related to healthcare would be addressed prompt-

Interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the need for sustained vigilance and greater responsiveness from medical staff in the hospital in view of the inclement weather. She also instructed the hospital administration to ensure 24x7 availability of doctors and staff and proper maintenance of duty roster. "Health is a priority sector for this Government and we are committed to establish a healthcare ecosystem that is efficient, compassionate and accountable to the people of J&K," the Minister stated.

The Minister, afterwards, visit Bone and Joint Hospital Barzulla and took stock of medical care facilities available at the hospital.

During the visit, the Minister undertook detailed inspection of different sections of the hospital like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, diagnostic labs and oth-

While interacting with the



doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the timely and effective treatment of the patients in view of the adverse weather conditions. She also called upon the hospital administration to make necessary arrangements for attendants of

patients who may face any kind of hardships due to continuous rainfall.

Later, the Minister also visited 500 bedded Paediatric Hospital Bemina and assessed the available medical facilities.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, paramedical staff, and attendants of patients to understand the challenges faced in delivery of Pediatric healthcare. She inspected various wards including the emergency section, neonatal

intensive care unit (NICU) and diagnostic facilities. She also underlined the im-

portance of maintaining proper sanitation, hygiene, and patientfriendly services within the hospital premises.

The Minister, during the visit, also took note of certain grievances and issues raised by patient attendants, particularly regarding accommodation, waiting areas, and availability of essential drugs. She urged the hospital authorities to address these issues on priority to reduce hardships of the public.

Meanwhile, the Minister also visited SMHS Hospital and GMC Srinagar and undertook comprehensive review of available medical care facilities.

During the visit, the Minister inspected different sections like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, OTs and other sections. She directed the officers to augment the facilities and other supplies in view of the adverse weather.

At SMHS Hospital, the Minister also held a brief meeting with the Principal GMC Srinagar, Administrator Associated Hospitals, Medical Superintendent SMHS Hospital, HoDs of various specialities, Medical Superintendents of all associated hospitals and other concerned medical care professionals.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed on enhancing patient-doctor relationship as it forms the core for building a healthy society.

The Minister highlighted that present Government led by Omar Abdullah is making continuous efforts to enhance service delivery in government health institutions across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on rural and underserved areas. She highlighted that these visits are aimed to eliminate complacency and encourage a culture of excellence in healthcare services for the people of

Pertinently, during the visit to these health facilities, the Minister gave strict directions to Assistant Drug Controller to take samples of all medicines and other essential supplies available at these premier health institutions

DC Srinagar, SMC **Commissioner Inspect City's Weather Preparedness**

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SRINAGAR, AUG 27: In order to assess the preparedness measures put in place in view of the prevailing weather conditions, the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation(SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb Wednesday evening conducted a comprehensive tour of various City ar-

During the tour, the DC and Commissioner SMC inspected key locations prone to waterlogging, vulnerable areas & key installations including Flood Control Room at Ram Munshi Bagh, dewatering pump station at Lal Mandi, Kursu Rajbagh locality, Padshahi Bagh, Panthachowk, Khonmoh and other vulnerable areas.

The DC and SMC Commissioner took first hand appraisal of the ongoing mitigation efforts and readiness of preventive and protective measures at vulnerable spots to prevent any flood like situation.

Instructions were passed on to departments to maintain full operational preparedness & close coordination to put ensure effective & multi sectoral systems of response. Emphasizing the importance of preventive action, directions were given to all



concerned departments to stay updated & on alert to tackle any situation.

Stress was laid on ensuring that the necessary mitigation strategies including both Human Resources & machinery are effectively & optimally

mobilised and kept in ready mode. They also interacted with the local residents and urged the public to stay informed through official updates and report any important information to the designated helpline numbers.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the public that all the administrative wings are on alert and are closely monitoring the situation and there is no need or cause for any panic.

Senior Officers of all line Departments accompanied the DC & Comm SMC during the visit.

Rana reviews flood preparedness; Instructs Officers to remain on high alert

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SRINAGAR, AUG 27: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today chaired a high-level meeting to review the flood preparedness and response mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, DIG, Rajiv Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, officers from Irrigation & Flood Control department and other concerned officers.

Accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood Monitoring Station,



Sangam, and reviewed the water levels of River Ihelum.

He directed officers to maintain close surveillance on vulnerable spots, ensure round-the-clock communication, and activate public announcement systems for emphasized the need for a robust

timely dissemination of alerts.

While chairing the comprehensive review meeting with the Divisional Administration Kashmir to assess the readiness across the Kashmir Division, Minister Rana

and proactive strategy to ensure the safety of lives and minimize potential damage.

He instructed officials to evolve detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), ensure all personnel are fully aware of their roles

during emergencies, and expedite the creation of flood mapping/ inundation maps for each area to guide swift response efforts.

The Minister further called for effective inter-departmental coordination, resource mobilization. and the establishment of clear communication channels for prompt rescue and relief opera-

Officials briefed the Minister on the contingency plans in place, highlighting that the SDRF and allied teams are on high alert. It was informed that 24/7 control rooms have been activated to monitor gauge stations and issue early warnings.

The department also confirmed the availability of adequate stock of flood mitigation supplies and essential commodities in designated depots.

DC Ganderbal reviews functioning of **Rural Development Department**

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GANDERBAL, AUG 27: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting to review the overall functioning of the Rural Development Department (RDD) in the district.

The meeting reviewed the submission of estimates for various works approved under CAPEX 2025-26, functioning of Panchayat Ghars, and the status of projects under Solid Waste Management (SWM), Plastic Waste Management, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), and Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) across the district.

Executive Engineer RDD briefed the chair on the status of estimations received from the Block Development Officers (BDOs), tendering progress, and ongoing works.

DC directed all BDOs to submit estimates of all approved works within two days to facilitate timely tendering and ensure that projects are allotted and initiated without delay. Discussing the status of Panchay-

at Ghars and land availability issues in some panchayats, DC instructed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) to identify suitable land in the affected panchayats in coordination with Tehsildars and resolve any land-related bottlenecks to expedite



the construction of Panchayat Ghars. Similarly all BDOs were instructed to review the status of construction of various assets under SBM(G) and expedite their completion.

Reiterating the district administration's commitment to equitable and holistic development of all blocks, DC urged officers to work in close coordination and focus on timely implementation of all developmental works.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihaqi; Chief Planning Officer, ACP, Executive Engineer RDD, and all BDOs of the district.

Several legislators call on Javed Rana

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SRINAGAR, AUG 27: Legislators Saifullah Mir, Javaid Iqbal Choudhary, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir and Iftikhar Ahmed today called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here. During the meeting, the legislators held detailed discussion with the Minister on a range of pressing issues concerning public welfare and development in their respective constituencies. Matters related to water supply, forest conservation, ecological sustainability and tribal welfare were prominently raised.

They emphasized the need for timely redressal



of grievances and expedited implementation of key infrastructure and environmental projects.

Minister gave a patient hearing to all issues put forth and assured appropriate and time-bound action on each point, and urged the legislators to continue highlighting genuine public issues and collaborate with the administration to ensure delivery of es-

sential services at the grassroots level. He emphasized that sustained communication between elected representatives and the government is vital for achieving meaningful progress and addressing the needs of the people effectively.

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PUBLICATION THEADLINES

Stop further fiddling with Mother Nature

For the past few days the entire union territory of Jammu & Kashmir has been badly hit by inclement weather with continuous rainfall, flash floods and cloudbursts leading to extensive damages. Many people have lost their lives in such incidents and at the same time a lot of damage has been done with respect to infrastructure spread across the different districts of the union territory.

Jammu division has borne the brunt of nature's fury with incidents of landslides, flash floods and cloudbursts being reported from almost each and every district of the division. Bridges have been washed away while buildings, houses and other infrastructure are also getting washed away with the flood water. There is an old saying that water makes its way and with it takes along all the things that come in the way. The same got proven in the latest incident of natural disaster with people facing the music.

In the past the people would stay away from the water bodies and ensure that no structure whatsoever came up along the banks of a particular river. However, with the passage of time common masses have become greedy and they have come up with constructions along the banks of the rivers, lakes, streams and other water bodies. Houses, hotels, guest houses, shops and other commercial establishments have come up along the banks of rivers both in the Kashmir and Jammu divisions of the union territory.

Following the devastating deluge of 2014 the government at that time had issued stern instructions to the people not to come up with constructions along the banks of rivers and lakes. In the Kashmir valley people living along the banks of river Jhelum and Dal Lake were asked to remain away from the water bodies so that there is no more devastation to life and property once a natural disaster like flood hits them yet again. It was expected that the people would follow the instructions in letter and spirit but that was not to be.

Having a cursory look at the activities going on along the banks of water bodies one can easily see that scores of hotels, guest houses and other commercial establishments have come up there. God forbid if there is flood like situation then one cannot rule the possibility of damages to the infrastructure present along the banks of the different water bodies. It is high time that people understand their responsibility and stop fiddling with Mother Nature.

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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh:

Centenary year journey and meaningful contribution to the society

"Unity in Diversity through Dedication, Discipline and Inclusiveness: The Centenary Journey of the Sangh"



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

The objective of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is not limited to the organization only. It works to strengthen moral, cultural and social values in the society, develop discipline and dedication in each individual and contribute to nation building. The approach of the Sangh is inclusive; it is not against any religion, caste or group. The word Hindu does not mean only religion, but responsibility, devotion and commitment to society. The Sangh works to free the society from factionalism and establish unity in diversity. Shatabdi Yatra is a confirmation of this dedication and organization.

Under the guidance of organisation chief Dr Mohan Bhagwat, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh organised a three-day lecture series at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi on the occasion of its centenary year. This event was not just a programme but a live demonstration of the ideology, working methods and the journey of social construction of the Sangh. The Sangh was formed keeping India at the centre and its aim is to contribute in making the country a world leader. The prayer of the Sangh "Bharat Mata ki Jai" is not just words but an inspiration of action and dedication. The formation of the Sangh is the result of a slow and continuous process, which has stood the test of time.

Although the Sangh uses the word 'Hindu', its essence is not limited to religion alone. It contains a sense of inclusion, humanity and responsibility towards the nation. The aim of the Sangh is not to stand for any opposition or competition, but to maintain the unity of the country by organizing every section of the society. The work of the Sangh is carried out through volunteers, and this work provides an opportunity to train new volunteers and develop leadership and responsibility in them.

The concept of nation is not defined by power

or government. In Indian tradition, the meaning of nation is associated with culture, self-reflection and social consciousness. Looking at history, it is clear that the freedom struggle of 1857 was unsuccessful, but it gave rise to new consciousness and self-awareness in Indian society. After this, Congress emerged, which paved the way for political understanding and social reform. After independence, the challenge of removing the inequalities and evils arising in the society remained. This need gave birth to the establishment of the Sangh and its role.

Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar and other great men recognized the need to remove the vices of society and to organize the entire society. The Sangh was established in 1925 with the vision to strengthen the moral and cultural values of the society and ensure contribution to nation building. The word 'Hindu' is not just a religion, but a symbol of responsibility, dedication and inclusion. It does not have the feeling of separating or opposing anyone, but the objective is to unite everyone and organize the

India's nature is of cooperation and coordination, not conflict. Its unity lies in geography, resources $and \, tradition \, of introspection. \, Looking \, inside \, instead$ of looking outside makes it clear that there is the same element in all, even if it appears in different forms. This is why Mother India and ancestors are revered by us. A person who respects Mother India and his ancestors is a true Hindu. Words may change, but the feeling of devotion and reverence connects every person in the society.

Gradually people in the society have started understanding the meaning of the words Sangh and Hindu. With the improvement in the quality of life, people return to their original traditions. The Sangh does not force anyone to become a Hindu; its aim is to contribute to the overall organization of society and nation building. The Sangh is not against any religion, caste or group, but organizes the society by connecting everyone with an inclu-

Sangh's work is not limited to the organization only. Its aim is to develop moral, cultural and social values within every person of the society. Bringing awareness and discipline in the society is the main objective of the Sangh. Personal dedication and discipline have special importance in the working

method of the Sangh. Every volunteer imbibes the basic spirit and working style of the Sangh and implements it in the society. The aim of the Sangh is that there should be no factionalism in the society, but everyone should be organized and unity should be maintained in the country.

Unity in diversity is India's true identity. Despite different languages, religions, cultures and traditions, India's identity lies in its soul, culture and respect for ancestors. The aim of the Sangh is to maintain this unity and make every person of the society a part of it. The work of the Sangh works at all three levels of individual development, social upliftment and nation building.

Through the Sangh, moral and cultural values are being strengthened in the society. Through the Sangh workers, the Sangh instills discipline, dedication and spirit of service in the society. The aim of the Sangh is not limited to the volunteers only, but its influence is to reach every section of the $society. There \, is \, a \, balance \, between \, individual \, effort \,$ and organizational vision in the working style of the Sangh. The aim of the Sangh is that every person in the society should understand his duties and contribute to nation building.

The lecture series shed light on the establishment of the Sangh, the meaning of the word Hindu, organisational vision, social service and the process of nation building. The aim of the Sangh is not to oppose anyone but to contribute to the upliftment of the society and the nation. The working style of the Sangh, personal dedication and organisational vision are a source of inspiration for the society.

Thus, this lecture series of the Sangh Centenary Year provides an important opportunity to understand the role of the Sangh in society, its functioning and purpose. It makes it clear that the purpose of the Sangh is not limited to the organization only, but to contribute to the overall upliftment of the society and nation building. The work of the Sangh is to organize the society through personal dedication, discipline and social responsibility.

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From Factory Floor to Global Highway: India's Electric Future

■ Dr. Navin Kumar,

On August 26, a quiet but momentous revolution beginning on the factory floor in Hansalpur, Gujarat. In a ceremony led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a vehicle, the e-VITA-RA, rolling off the assembly line not just for domestic roads, but for the highways of Europe, the streets of Japan, and the markets of over a hundred nations. The flag-off of this Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) is a powerful visual of India's evolving role in the world—from a hub of traditional manufacturing to a leader in the green mobility revolution. This is not just about a car; it's about a nation confidently taking its place at the forefront of a global transition.

This strategic pivot is underpinned by a determined pursuit of self-reliance. The simultaneous commencement of hybrid battery electrode production at the new TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant is a crucial component of this vision. By aiming to localize over 80% of the battery value chain, India is moving beyond mere assembly. It is building a deep, indigenous ecosystem that reduces reliance on external suppliers for core components. This move is a significant stride towards de-risking the supply chain and establishing a domestic foundation for innovation and growth. It's a testament to the belief that a self-sufficient future is the most resilient one.

Yet, this ambitious journey is not without its strategic complexities. The pursuit of self-reliance faces a fundamental hurdle: the dependence on foreign sources for critical raw materials. India still imports the vast majority of its lithium, cobalt, and nickel, the very lifeblood of the bat-



teries. This vulnerability makes the entire value chain susceptible to geopolitical fluctuations and supply disruptions. The government's proactive efforts through entities like KABIL to secure mineral assets abroad are a pragmatic response, but they also serve as a stark reminder that true self-reliance is a long-term goal that extends beyond national borders.

This initiative gains even more significance when viewed through the lens of a world defined by rising trade tensions. In recent times, the free flow of goods has been challenged by protectionist measures, including the imposition of tariffs on Indian exports to key markets. Against this backdrop, the e-VITARA's export strategy is a masterful exercise in diversification. By targeting a wide array of markets, India is building a resilient export base, ensuring that

its green mobility ambitions are not held hostage by the trade policies of a single nation. This strategy is also bolstered by positive developments, such as the recent relaxation of China's export curbs on rare earth metals, which offers a glimmer of relief to the global EV supply chain.

Ultimately, the impact of this undertaking goes far beyond economics and trade. This investment is a vote of confidence in India's talent and future. While specific job figures remain a company-level detail, the sheer scale of the investment—billions of rupees in new plant capacityensures a significant boost in highskilled employment, from ITI trades to engineering roles. This momentum will undoubtedly create a virtuous cycle, invigorating a network of small and medium-sized enterprises that support the automotive ecosystem.

Moreover, this initiative is a reflection of a pragmatic, holistic approach to a green future. Rather than a singular focus on BEVs, this effort is part of a broader "multi-fuel strategy" that includes hybrids, CNG, and even biogas. This measured transition acknowledges the diverse needs and infrastructural realities of India, ensuring that green mobility is a solution that is both affordable and accessible to all. The e-VITARA, therefore, is not just the first car on the global stage; it is the vanguard of a movement that is as thoughtful and strategic as it is ambitious. From the factory floor, a new India is indeed taking its electric future to the glob-

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An Interview with Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo

In this in-depth interview, Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo, physician and public health fellow from Kashmir, opens up about his personal journey, professional achievements, and his vision for advancing healthcare through a balance of clinical excellence, research, and public health advocacy.

Q: Dr. Itoo, can you share with us what inspired you to pursue a career in medicine?

A: Growing up in Kashmir, I witnessed firsthand the challenges people face in accessing quality healthcare. The desire to serve my community and make a meaningful difference motivated me to pursue medicine.Forme, being a doctor was not just about a profession, but about service and responsibility.

Q: After completing your MBBS, how did you shape your career towards diabetes and public

A: During my early years in medicine, I realized the growing burden of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and endocrine disorders. This inspired me to focus on endocrinology and diabetes care. At the same time, I strongly believed in prevention and health education, which drew me toward public health. I wanted to bridge the gap between clinical care and community health.

Q: You hold fellowships from prestigious organizations. Could you talk about their significance

A: Being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (UK) was an important milestone. It recognized my work in public health advocacy. Similarly, being a Fellow of the International Diabetes Federation (Belgium) reflected my commitment to tackling diabetes globally. These recognitions have provided me with platforms to collaborate internationally and bring knowledge back to my community.

Q: What role has continuing medical education played in your journey?

A: Continuing medical education is essential in today's fast-evolving medical landscape. I pursued EACCME-UEMS accredited certifications in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism from the European Society of Endocrinology. This helped me stay updated with the latest advancements in diabetes and endocrine medicine.

Q: You are associated with many international societies. How do these affiliations help you

A: Being part of organizations like the American College of Physicians and RSSDI (India) allows me to network with experts, share experiences, and learn from best practices worldwide. It strengthens my ability to apply global knowledge in local contexts.

Q: Ethical medical practice is often mentioned in your work. What does that mean to you?

A: For me, ethics in medicine means honesty,



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compassion, and patient-centered care. It means treating patients not as cases, but as human beings with emotions, dignity, and rights. Medicine must always balance science with empathy.

Q: Recently, you were nominated for the Early Career Director position on the Board of Directors of the Endocrine Society (USA). How significant is this achievement for you?

A: It is a great honor. The nomination is not just recognition of my work but also an opportunity to contribute at a global level. It allows me to represent perspectives from my region while shaping the future of endocrine sciences. It shows that with dedication, even young physicians from remote areas can have a voice internationally.

Q: How do you see the future of endocrine sciences and public health evolving in the com-

A: I believe the future lies in integrating technology, preventive medicine, and patient education. With rising cases of diabetes and hormonal disorders, we need collaborative efforts at local and international levels. Public health awareness campaigns will be as important as advanced treatments.

Q: What advice would you give to young doctors and students aspiring to follow in your foot-

A: My advice is to pursue medicine with passion and integrity. Keep learning, remain humble, and always place patients' dignity first. Knowledge is powerful, but it becomes meaningful only when it heals humanity. If you can combine science with compassion, you will be a true healer.

Essential Tips for People Who Love Monsoon Travel



Shahnaz Husain

Monsoon in India isn't just a season—it's a feeling. The hills wrap themselves in mist, waterfalls roar back to life, and the scent of wet earth stirs up nostalgia and promise.

As everything slows down, monsoons also bring lush landscapes, romantic rain showers, and refreshing escapes. Travelling during the monsoon season can be a magical experience.

It's one of those lovely times when surroundings take all your worries away and you are reduced to a mute spectator, basking in the glory of the moment.

Monsoon season is one of the best times of year for travellers to explore a rainforest, a beachside town or a hilly city which offers ecstasy, beauty, and divine delight.

As a traveller, you must be careful while wandering around during the monsoon due to extreme weather conditions. The wet season can make travel more complicated.

If you're planning a trip during this rainy season, the constant temperature shifts can take a toll on your skin and leave it irritated and oily. The high humidity can affect skin

Like any trip to a faraway destination, preparation is key. The following practical tips explain how to travel during the

Use Waterproof Sunscreen

Despite the rain and cloud cover during the monsoon $season, UV \ rays \ can still \ harmour \ skin, even on overcast \ days.$ Sun is barely visible in this season, so people tend to skip

the sunscreen, thinking their skin will not get damaged as the weather is cloudy and rainy. However, UV radiation can be higher during cloudy days because the clouds can reflect and scatter the UV rays, increasing their intensity.

The weather is humid, and the thick formulation of sunscreens can make your skin oily, sticky, and prone to sweating

So it would be a good idea to pick something that's gelbased, lightweight and does not end up clogging your pores. For the monsoon season, one must opt for water-resistant sunscreen. A single application will not protect your skin the entire day. Sunscreen must be reapplied every three hours for the best result and strictly to reapply after prolonged sun exposure, heavy sweating, swimming, or heavy exercising.

Keep it Minimal

Applying makeup can be challenging during humid weather during travelling as they might have a chance of

In the monsoon season, less is always more. So, you may want to consider pausing the usage of heavy moisturisers and facial oils for skin prep.

Embrace a minimalistic approach to your makeup routine. Opt for a natural, dewy look with gel-based moisturisers and lightweight serums enriched with hyaluronic products that enhance your features rather than masking them. For your base, you can also substitute a foundation with a BB or CC cream to even out your complexion, followed up with a hydrating concealer to cover up any blemishes

Antifungal Treatment

A jump in a puddle in the rain might satisfy your inner child, but this could cause a host of fungal infections for you.

High levels of humidity in the air allow bacteria and infections to multiply with ease, which leads to problems like itching, swelling, and a foul smell. The air is saturated with moisture during the rainy season, which makes it an ideal

breeding season for bacteria, viruses and fungi.

In humans, fungal infections happen when an attacking fungus takes over a part of your body, and your immune system is not capable enough to ward it off.

Lotion-based moisturisers are better than cream-based ones in this season. Pure coconut oil provides instant relief. In its unheated form, coconut oil works as a potent antifungal agent. Applying it over the skin makes it a good, safe topical medicine.

Neem oil is considered a natural antifungal. Neem is easily available and works as one of the best treatments for fungal infections. Washing the infected area with neem water helps in treating fungal infections. To make neem water, boil neem leaves in water for a few minutes and let it cool. It can be used to massage the feet and can be applied to the toes. Lightly dab the neem oil onto the area using a cotton swab or cotton ball, and allow it to soak in for up to 30 minutes. Wash off the oil with warm water.

Dry and crush some neem leaves. Add this powder to sandalwood powder and make it a paste with rose water. Now apply this paste to the area where you have the infection.

Don't forget your rainy day essentials

A signature fragrance makes everything better, especially on grey days. Carry a soft fabric wipe or mini handkerchief misted with your signature scent. It gives your preparation a feminine and unforgettable touch.

A raincoat is an essential item you should always keep in your vehicle's seat compartment for maximum protection during a downpour.

Create a playlist of songs that match your rainy season

mood and relax as you listen to the rain outside.

Styling during the monsoon isn't about staying dry. It is about staying divine while staying dry.

Whether you've got caught in a downpour or you've been forced to walk through an unavoidable puddle, Waterproof boots are rightfully beloved for their ability to shield your feet from the discomfort of damp conditions.

So Waterproof shoes are essential for maintaining comfort and dryness during rainy season travelling. Choosing the right pair of waterproof shoes can be a daunting task for travellers. It's critical to try shoes before you buy them whenever possible to ensure the upper fits the way you like. Preferably buy sneakers that are comfortable to walk in and are skid-free.

Invest in a pair of popular brand waterproof, windproof and breathable socks that live up to their name.

Not only will they keep your feet safe from dirty water and slippery paths, but they also make for a great statement piece for your outfits!

Hydration

Dehydration is a common complaint during travelling in hot and humid weather.

 $The increased \, humidity \, during \, the \, monsoon \, can \, increase$ your sweat rate, which can cause dehydration. It can make you sweat incessantly, losing more water. Dehydration strips the cells of water and vital minerals, and hence a person feels tired, lethargic and dizzy. It's essential to drink water regularly, regardless of your thirst level, especially during the rainy season when you might not feel as thirsty due to cooler

Water makes up 70% of our body mass and is one of the most vital nutrients. On average, an adult needs 2-3 litres of water daily to stay well-hydrated

During the monsoon, your drinking water may get contaminated, and hence, packaged mineral water is best during the monsoon because it is loaded with essential minerals and nutrients. You must try tender coconut water, lime water, kokum squash, buttermilk, soups and vegetables with high water content like watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumber, etc. to keep the body hydrated.

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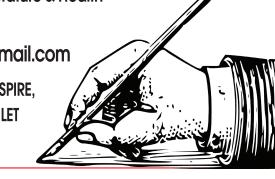
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Sat Sharma, Sham Lal visit flash flood-affected areas of Jammu North, assure full support

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JAMMU, AUG 27: Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP)Jammu&KashmirPresident Sat Sharma, accompanied by senior party leader and MLA Jammu North Assembly Constituency Sham Lal Sharma, visited the flash flood-affected areas of Jammu North to take stock of the situation and meet the affected families.

The leaders toured Sarika Vihar, Shivalik Puram, Roop Nagar, and the camp sites established for the flash flood victims at Kailash Resort housing about 250 flood affected families from ward-67. Kullain New Basti and another camp inside Aap Shambhu Mandir at Upper Roop Nagar housing about 150 floodaffected families. They interacted with the displaced families, enquired about their well-being, and assured them of every possible support.

Pankaj Padha, Sahil Mahajan, Ravish Mengi, Suresh Khajuria, Rekha Manhas, Sunita Gupta, and several other BJP leaders were also present.

Expressing deep concern over the damage caused by the floods, Sat Sharma said that the calamity has brought immense suffering to several families who have lost their homes and belongings. He stated that the BJP stands firmly with the victims in this hour of distress and will leave no stone unturned



in ensuring maximum relief through the government and administration. He stressed upon the concerned departments to initiate relief and rehabilitation measures on a war-footing, covering proper shelter, food, health facilities. and restoration of damaged infrastructure. He assured that BIP will continuously monitor the situation and press upon the authorities to act swiftly, so

that no affected family feels neglected. Sat Sharma reassured the people that the BJP, under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is committed to their welfare and will make sure that relief and rehabilitation reach every affected person without delay. They further assured them that the party and

the administration will stand by them until normalcy is fully restored.

Sham Lal Sharma emphasized the importance of preparedness in the wake of recurring natural calamities. He said that both the administration and the people must remain alert and ready to deal with any further natural fury. Highlighting the urgent need for long-term planning, he called for improved drainage systems, disaster management mechanisms, and public awareness campaigns to minimize the impact of such disasters in the future. He assured that BJP legislators will act as a bridge between the people and the government to ensure grievances are addressed

DC Baramulla undertakes extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BARAMULLA, AUG 27: Deputy Commissioner(DC)Baramulla, Minga Sherpa conducted an extensive tour of border villages of Uri sub-division to take first hand appraisal of developmental works, administrative initiatives and grievances pertaining to the region. The visit was aimed at assessing on-ground developmental issues and engaging directly with the local population living close to the border to resolve any infrastructural and service delivery challenges faced by them.

During the visit, DC met the locals at various border villages of Uri including Hathlanga, Isham and adjoining areas where the people projected several developmental issues including infrastructure for school buildings. uninterrupted power supply, and demand for individual bunkers. DC gave a patient hearing to all the concerns raised by the villagers and assured the public that the administration is committed to the development and welfare of border residents, and all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

concerned officers to take up the issues raised by the local population and address their grievances on priority and in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, Minga Sherpa along with other officers conducted a visit to community bunkers and Medical Sub Center at the last border village Hathlanga and took stock of the facilities available.

DC was accompanied by the SDM Uri, Shubhankar P. Pathak, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer R&B. PDD and other concerned district officers during the visit.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

He issued on-spot directions to the

Office of the Superintendent Industrial Training Institute, Bandipora

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on plain papers are invited from the desirous candidates possessing qualifications as shown against each trade for teaching/training of trainees in respective trades on Guest Faculty Basis, for the academic session: 2025-26, The application along with attested copies of testimonials especially Date of Birth, Marks cards and Degree certificates should reach to the Office of

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S.No	Name of Trade	No. of Post	Qualification
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			board of technical education or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) from DGT with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR
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			Diploma (Minimum 2 years) in Commercial Practice from recognised board or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR
			NTC/ NAC passed in the trade of Stenographer Secretarial Assistant (English) with three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant Regular / RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT
3	Guest Faculty for Stenographer and Secretarial Assistant under (Self Finance)	01	B.Voc/ Degree in Commerce / Arts (with Short-hand & Typing) from a UGC recognized university with one year experience in the relevant field. OR
			Diploma (Minimum 2 years) in Commercial Practice from recognised board or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR
			NTC/ NAC passed in the trade of Stenographer Secretarial Assistant (English) with three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant Regular / RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT
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			(Must have studied English/ Communication Skills and Basic Computer at 12th/Diploma level and above)
5	Guest Faculty for Mechanic Motor VehicleTrade (Normal Scheme)	01	B.Voc/Degree in Automobile/ Mechanical Engineering from AICTE/UGC recognized Engineering College/ university with one year experience in the relevant field. OR
			03 years Diploma in Automobile/ Mechanical Engineering from AICTE recognized board of technical education or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) from DGT with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR
			NTC/NAC passed in the trade of "Mechanic Motor Vehicle" with three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant regular/RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT. Must Possess valid LMV driving License.

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 - No: ITI/B/Esstt/25/510-13 | Date: 23-08-2025

Sd/- Superintendent **Industrial Training Institute, Bandipora**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I HAVE THE LOST THE RC OF MARUTI SWIFT VXI BEARING REGISTRATION NUMBER LA01 0605.NOW I WANT TO APPLY FOR ITS DUPLICATE. ANYBODY HAVING ANY OBJECTION MAY CONTACT ARTO KARGIL WITHIN THE PERIOD OF 7 **DAYS**

NAME:BULBUL ANSARI S/O:MOHD HUSSAIN

R/O: SANGRAH SANKOO KARGIL

Public Notice

The name sameer Ahmad ganie S/o Gh Nabi ganie in the electricity consumer id 0206050013096 is wrongly mentioned . Actual the real name is sameer ullah dome s/o Ghulam nabi dome R/o Check i kawoosa, kawsa jagir budgam. If any body has any objection in this regard They will invoke sub division Narbal within the period of seven days . After completion of said period , No objection will be entertained

Sameer ullah dome, S/o Ghulam nabi dome R/o Checki kawoosa, kawsa jagir budgam District; Budgam, Tehsil; Narbal **Sub division: Narbal**

Public Notice

I, Mohammad Yousuf Lone S/O Gh. Mohd. Lone R/O: Sogam (Lolab), District Kupwara (J&K) have sold my Maruti Suzuki Ertiga Car, Model LXI-BS-IV, bearing Registration No. JK09-8809, Chassis No.: MA3ELMG1S00104417, Engine No.: K10BN7001435 to Aijaz Hussain Sheikh S/O: Ab. Ahad Sheikh R/O: Dolipora, Tehsil Villagam, District Kupwara (J&K).

Now I want to transfer my aforesaid vehicle to the said buyer, viz. Aijaz Hussain Sheikh S/O: Ab. Ahad Sheikh R/O: Dolipora, Tehsil Villagam, District Kupwara (J&K) in the office of ARTO Kupwara.

Anybody having any objections in this regard may kindly register their grievances/objections in the office of ARTO Kupwara within a weeks' time after publication of this notice. No objections will be accepted after the stipulated time.

> Mohammad Yousuf Lone, S/O: Gh. Mohd. Lone R/O: Sogam (Lolab), District Kupwara (J&K)

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of OBC certificate applicant AB AMID DHOBI S/ O ABDUL AHAD DHOBI R/O FRASTHAR TILGAM Tehsil KREERI in favour of SON AAQIB HAMID DHOBI for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward class $\,$ in his /her / their favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of OBC in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of FRASTHAR TILGAM of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the DHOBI community having annual income 480996 // in words Four Lack Eighty thousand Nine hundred Ninty six only the details of family of the applicant are as fallows

- 1...AB HAMID DHOBI self 58 years Farmer
- 2..SHAMEEMA BEGUM wife 56 years Housewife
- 3...ASIF HAMID DHOBI Son 27 years Govt employee 4..IQBAL HAMID DHOBI son 23 years Labour
- 5AAQIB HAMID DHOBI son 25 years student
- 6....KHUSHBOO HAMID daughter 20 years H/W If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of

said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of OBC certificate applicant FAYAZ AHMAD CHOPAN S/O GH AHMAD CHOPAN R/O RESHIPORA Tehsil KREERI in favour of son's with daughter for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward class in his /her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of OBC in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of RESHIPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the CHOPAN community having annual income 130000 // the details of family of the applicant are

- 1...FAYAZ AHMAD CHOPAN Head 44 years carpenter
- 2..RUBEENA BEGUM wife 45 years Housewife
- 3...MUSAIB FAYAZ Son 21 years Student 4.. RAZIA FAYAZ daughter 20 years//
- 5FAIZAN FAYAZ son 15 years //
- If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertainingto Birth of GULLA LONE S/O MOHAMMAD LONE R/O KAREEWA KREERI Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 06/03/1967 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 Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of NAYEEMA BEGUM W/O late ABDUL HAMID WANI R/O HAIL JAGIR for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that ABDUL HAMID WANI S/O GH NABI WANI has passed away on 09/02/1996 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1..., NAYEEMA BEGUM wife 47 years Housewife
- 2....ADIL HAMID WANI son 31 years private teacher 3...SAHBA BEGUM Mother 70 years old aged

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate in favour of Self

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of IRFAN AHMAD MIR S/O Lt MOHD YOUSUF MIR R/O HAIL JAGIR for the issuance of legal Heir / Dependent certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this connection a detailed report was sought from patwari halqa concerned which reveals that MOHD YOUSUF MIR S/O GH MOHD MIR passed away on 20/03/1994 Moreover the death certificate issued by the competent authority also depicts the same further more the report of patwari concerned points out that deceased has left behind the following legal heir tabulated as below 1... IRFAN AHMAD MIR son 30 years driver married

The applicant has applied for Issuance of legal heir / Dependent

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that I, Abdul Aziz Dar, S/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar, R/o Kalantra Payeen, Baramulla, have misplaced my Registration Certificate (RC) at the main market in Kalantra. The details of the RC are as follows:

Registration No.: JK05G9554 Eng.No TBJ1H69977 Ch No.MA1ZU2TBKJIH63409, Name: Abdul Aziz Dar S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/o: Kalantra Payeen, Baramulla

I now intend to apply for a duplicate RC at the ARTO Office, Sopore, Baramulla. If anyone has any objections, they may file their objections at the ARTO Office, Sopore, Baramulla, within seven days of the publication of this notice. No objections will be entertained after this period.

Abdul Aziz Dar, S/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/o Kalantra Payeen, Baramulla

Public Notice

I have lost Death Certificate of My father Ab Ahad Najar if anybody found Kindly return it to below mentioned address otherwise i am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact concerned Authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

FAROOQ AHMAD NAJAR S/O LATE AB AHAD NAJAR **R/O SHEIKHPORA KREERI**

Public Notice

I have lost my 9th pass certificate session 1990.Now i am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Principal Govt Hr Sec School Wagoora within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

> MUMTAZA BANO D/O MOHD AKBAR AHANGER **R/O DARWA WAGOORA**

> > **CMYK**

DIPK: 5547/25 | Dated: 28-08-2025

Public Notice

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on the name BASHIR AHMAD WANI S/O GH MOHD WANI R/O WARIPORA BALA Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 012040011053 wants to be registered on name WANI MEDICAL POINT .If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication ofthis notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name....BASHIR AHMAD WANI S/O GH MOHD WANI **R/O WARIPORA BALA**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of RAJA BEGUM W/O LATE AB GANI BHAT R/O DANDMOH for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that GH NABI BHAT F/O AB GANI BHAT has passed away on 03/2/1995 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated

- 1... RAJA BEGUM 55 years sister House wife
- 2....RAFIQA BEGUM 60 years //
- 3... SALEEMA 48 years // H/WIFE

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate in favour of Self

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of DILSHADA BANO W/O PEERZADA MEHRAJ UD DIN (Deceased) R/O DHINDIMA KREERI for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that PEERZADA MEHRAJ UD DIN S/O PEERZADA HASSAM UD DIN has passed away on 24/07/2025 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... DILSHADA BANO wife 51 years House wife widow 2....PEERZADA MOHAMMAD SAQLAIN son 25 years student
- 3... KAMRAN MEHRAJ son 23 years student unmarried
- 4...ZAINAB MEHRAJ daughter 17 years student unmarried The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of RAJA BEGUM W/O LATE AB GANI BHAT R/O DANDMOH for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that GH NABI BHAT F/O AB GANI BHAT has passed away on 03/2/1995 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... RAJA BEGUM 55 years sister House wife
- 2....RAFIQA BEGUM 60 years // 3... SALEEMA 48 years // H/WIFE
- The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate in favour of Self

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GH MOHAMMAD PARRAY S/O AB REHMAN PARRAY R/O KALANTRA PAYEEN for the issuance of Dependent certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this connection a detailed report was sought from patwari halqa concerned which reveals that the applicants family consists of 05 members and the annual income of the applicant family from all sources consist of Rs..70000 Moreover family structure of that applicant is as under

- 1... MUGLI BEGUM 71 years wife House wife married
- 2....SUHAIL AHMAD 33 years son student unmarried
- 3....SHAISTA BANO 22 years daughter // 4....MARYAM JAAN 19 years daughter

It is further submitted that GH MOHAMMAD PARRAY S/O AB REHMAN is labour by profession and is sole earning in the said family .The applicant has applied for Issuance of Dependent certificate in favour of SUHAIL AHMAD PARRAY for marriage assistance

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

My residence has been wrongly written as KHISIPORA in school record while my correct residence is KHISEPORA which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he /he may file his /her objection in the office of GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL KREERE within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be

> Name....WASEEM AHMD MALIK, S/OGUZAR AHMAD MALIK, R/O KHISEPORA KREERI

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Subject: Application of BASHIR AHMAD GANIE S/O ABDUL KHALIQ GANIE R/O DANDMOH for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that ABDUL REHAM GANIE S/O AB KHALIQ GANIE has passed away on 28/4/1998 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... BASHIR AHMAD 55 years Brother chokedar
- 2....AB RADHID 60 years brother labour
- 3... Mst HAJRA 40 years // H/WIFE
- 4. ...RAJA BEGUM 35 years //

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GH MOHAMMAD PARRAY S/O AB REHMAN PARRAY R/O KALANTRA PAYEEN for the issuance of Dependent certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this connection a detailed report was sought from patwari halqa concerned which reveals that the applicants family consists of 05 members and the annual income of the applicant family from all sources consist of Rs..70000

Moreover family structure of that applicant is as under 1... MUGLI BEGUM 71 years wife House wife married

- 2....SUHAIL AHMAD 33 years son student unmarried
- 3....SHAISTA BANO 22 years daughter //
- 4....MARYAM JAAN 19 years daughter

It is further submitted that GH MOHAMMAD PARRAY S/O AB REHMAN is labour by profession and is sole earning in the said family .The applicant has applied for Issuance of Dependent certificate in favour of SUHAIL AHMAD PARRAY for marriage assistance

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of BAKHTI BEGUM W/O late GH MOHD MIR R/O KAKOTHAL for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that GH MOHD MIR $\,$ S/O AB REHMAN MIR has passed away on 31/7/2022 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind

- following dependent as tabulated below 1... BAKHTI BEGUM 45 years head Housewife
 - 2....ULFAT 25 years daughter H/W job
- 3...DANISH AHMAD 23 years SON labour
- 4. ... MEHWISH 17 years daughter student

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of

said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GH MOHAMMAD AALIE S/O ABDUL KARIM AALEI R/O WARIPORA PAYEEN for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that PARVEENA AKHTER D/O GH MOHAMMAD AALIE has passed away on 31/03/2000 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... GH MOHAMMAD AALIE 65 years Father farmer
- 2....ASHA BEGUM 63 years MOTHER H/W
- 3...BILAL AHMAD AALIE 26 years Brother labour 4. ...SHOWKAT AHMAD AALIE 23 years Brother //
- 5...PARVAZ AHMAD 20 years Brother //
- 6....MASHOOQ AHMAD 15 Years Brother student 7....MUMTAZA AKHTER 24 years sister H/W
- The applicant has applied for Issuance of Dependent certificate in favour of Self

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of BILKIES ALTAF D/O MOHAMMAD ALTAF KUMAR R/O WANIGAM PAYEEN Tehsil PATTAN Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 18/04/2012 and event has been shown to be occured at SDH KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection.

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of RBA certificate applicant MOHD YOUSUF SHEIKH S/O. AB GANI SHEIKH SHEIKH R/O SHEIKHPORA Tehsil KREERI in favour of daughter AYAT YOUSUF for the issuance of RBA in his /her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halga concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of SHEIKHPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the SHEIKH community having annual income 400000// the details of family of the applicant are

- 1...MOHD YOUSUF SHEIKH head 57 years farmer
- 2..MUGLI BEGAM wife 56 years Housewife
- 3... AIJAZ AHMAD Son 33 years labour 4..RAFIQ AHMAD Son 31 years Labour

5 ... AYAT YOUAUF daughter 24 years Student If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of

said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of RBA certificate applicant MOHAMMAD SHABAN SHEIKH S/O. GHULAM RASOOL SHEIKH R/O SHEIKPORA Tehsil KREERI in favour of Son's MOHD NADEEM ,SHOWKAT & WAHEED AHMAD R/O SHEIKHPORA for the issuance of RBA in his /her / their favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of SHEIKHPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the SHEIKH community having annual income 701292// the details of family of the applicant are

- 1...MOHD SHABAN SHEIKH self 61 years retire employee
- 2..HALEEMA BEGAM wife 60 years Housewife
- 3...RIFAT AKHTER daughter 31 years H/W
- 4.. MOHD NADEEM Son 29 years CSC centre 5WAHEEDA BANO daughter in law 28 years H/W
- 6...SHOWKAT AHMAD son 28 years private employee

7... WAHEED AHMAD son 26 student If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of SAHIBA FAISAL S/O MOHAMMAD FAISAL R/O RAJA -KA- TAJPUR Tehsil CHANDPORA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 25/04/2018 and event has been shown to be occured at CHC KREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection.

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class) $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed}$

Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of UMER AHMAD GANIE S/O ALI MOHAMMAD GANIE R/O KAKOTHAL Tehsil kreeri Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 05/03/2006 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 Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

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Public Notice

My Daughter's Date of Birth (DoB) wrongly mentioned in her Aadhar card as 04-03-2001 instead of 17-10-2001.Now i am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact concerned Authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

> FAYAZ AHMAD BUKHARI F/O IQRA FAYAZ **R/O KREERI BARAMULLLA**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GHULAM MOHD WANI S/O WALI MOHD

WANI R/O KREERI for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that MOHD ASHRAF WANI S/O GH MOHD WANI R.O KREERI has passed away on 07/04/1998. The report of the natwari further depicts that the

deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... GH MOHD WANI 85 years Father aged
- 2....SARA BEGUM 75 years Mother aged
- 3...FAROOQ AHMAD 48 years Brother shopkeeper 4...ASHIQ ABTAL 40 years Brother shopkeeper

5...NASEEMA AKHTER 44 years Sister housewife The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate

in favour of Self If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07

days, after that no objection shall be entertained. **Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of AYAZ AHMAD DAR S/O MOHD AKBAR DAR R/O HAIL JAGIR for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that JAVID AHMAD DAR S/O MOHD AKBAR DAR R.O KREERI has passed away on 22/02/1997 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has

- left behind following dependent as tabulated below 1... MOHD MAQBOOL DAR 58 years brother labour married

 - 2....AYAZ AHMAD DAR //50 years // 3...FAYAZ AHMAD DAR //40 years
 - 4...AB HAMID DAR //37 years //

5...SHABIR AHMAD DAR // 33 years // The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate

in favour of Self If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07

days, after that no objection shall be entertained. Naih Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Wagoora

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Death of ZAIBA BEGUM GM/O SAKEENA BEGUM R/O WATERGAM Tehsil WAGOORA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Death as 15/01 /2015 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.

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Wagoora

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Wagoora (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Death of RAFEEQA BEGUM W/O MOHD YOUSUF R/O WATERGAM Tehsil WAGOORA Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Death as 23/08 /2016 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.

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Wagoora

Public Notice

My son's mother's name has been wrongly written as AFROZA BEGUM in school record while his correct mother's name is ROZI BEGUM as per aadhar record which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he /she may file his /her objection in the office of ZEO WAGOORA / GOVT HIGH SCHOOL WATERGAM within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be

> Name...ROZI BEGUM M/O...HARIS SHABIR ZONE....WAGOORA

> > **CMYK**



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Vijay Shankar makes last-minute move away from Tamil Nadu

Deivarayan Muthu

NEW DELHI: Allrounder Vijay Shankar has made a last-minute decision to move out of his home state Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2025-26 domestic season. Vijay, 34, has been granted a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Associa-

Vijay had turned out for the TNCA President's XI in the opening round of the pre-season Buchi Babu Tournament in Chennai against Himachal Pradesh but ESPNcricinfo has learnt that he decided to switch states, after he was left out of the second round against Maharashtra, in search of more consistent opportunities across formats.

In the 2024-25 domestic season, Vijay sat out Tamil Nadu's first two Ranji Trophy matches and also spent a chunk of the 20-overs Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on the bench. Tamil Nadu are facing a tough buildup to the start of the new season. While R Sai Kishore is recovering from a hand injury, fellow left-arm fingerspinner S Ajith Ram, who was the third-highest wickettaker in the 2023-24 Ranji Trophy, faces a longer spell out with injury.

This brings the curtains down on Vijay's 13-yearstint with Tamil Naduduring which he had captained the state to the Vijay Hazare, Deodhar and Syed Mushtaq Ali titles. After making his Ranji Trophy debut in December 2012, he stepped into SB adrinath's shoes and led Tamil Nadu's middle order in the Ranji Trophy along with B

Vijay leaves Tamil Nadu with 3142 runs in 81 Ranji innings at an average of 44.25, including 11 centuries and 16 fifties. He also picked up 43 Ranji wickets with his medium-fast bowling, at an average of 53.93. His breakout Ranji season came in 2014-15, when he scored 577 runs in 11 innings at an average of 57.70. He then emerged on the India A radar and made India's 2019 ODI World Cup side as a wild-

More recently in the 2024-25 Ranji season, he hit a career-best 150 not out off 171 balls against Chandigarh in Tamil Nadu's 209-run win in Salem. At the TNPL, Vijay reinvented himself by bowling mystery spin, which he has honed by working with Varun Chakravarthy. He darted carrom balls and wrong 'uns, variations which could now benefit Tripura.

Vijay is the second senior player to move out of Tamil Nadu in recent times after his Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) captain B Aparajith switched to Kerala ahead of the 2024-25 season.

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In place of Vijay, Tamil Nadu have a likefor-like replacement in RS Ambrish, who recently enjoyed success with both ball and bat with India Under-19s in England. Ambrish, 18, is an emerging finisher and can hit hard lengths with the ball. He was also reportedly called up to bowl to Ruturaj Gaikwad at the CSK academy in Chennai ahead of the Buchi Babu Tournament.

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Tamil Nadu have a new coach this season, with M Senthilnathan, a former Ranji Trophy winner, taking over from L Balaji. T Kumaran, the former India and Tamil Nadu seamer, has been appointed bowling coach. After coaching in the USA, Kumaran has returned to his roots for the upcoming Indian domestic season.



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Jagadeesan Eyes Fresh Start After Recent Gains

■ United News of India

NEW DELHI: Tamil Nadu wicketkeeper-batter N Jagadeesan frames his various jerseys and puts them up on the wall at his home in Coimbatore. His father CJ Narayan, who played cricket for Tata Electric in Mumbai before the family moved to Coimbatore, had left a frame empty for years, reserving it for his son's India jersey. Last month, Jagadeesan fulfilled his father's and his own dream by being part of India's famous Test win at The Oval, though as a reserve

"The India jersey is now going into the frame, and I hope that I keep getting a lot more," Jagadeesan tells ESPNcricinfo. "To be part of a match that was so intense and thrilling made it even more special. For us to go and win the game from a situation where



a lot [of people] might not have expected us to, it was really special. It was definitely a moment that gave me goosebumps."

Jagadeesan's maiden India call-up was reward for his prolific run over

the past two Ranji Trophy seasons. During the period, he had racked up 1490 runs in 26 innings at an average of nearly 65. Only Karun Nair has scored more runs (1553) than Jagadeesan across the previous two

Ranji seasons, with the benefit of more innings (33), among batters from the Elite Group.

Jagadeesan has been on the fringes of India A and part of the wider pool of targeted players shortlisted by the BCCI's Centre of Excellence over the past 12 months.

"Definitely, it [being part of the team management's plans] gives you a lot of confidence because you taste success at the next level," he says. "I mean, even playing for my Under-13 district team in Coimbatore, that was also a taste of success, right? Likewise, every time you taste success one step higher, it always gives you a lot of confidence and it also makes you feel grateful to be presented with that opportunity. In a country where there are a billion people, only a few thousands max get to do what I'm doing

