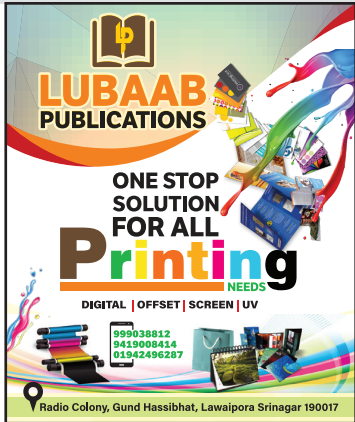


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11 Dead In Reasi, Ramban Cloudburst, Landslide

Over 100 die in 15 days in Jammu region Union MoS, LG Sinha assure help CM Omar directs for safeguarding lives

HT News Network

REASI/RAMBAN, AUG 30: Tragedy struck Jammu region once again within just four days, as 11 people lost their lives on Saturday in separate incidents of landslides and a cloudburst in the twin districts of Reasi and Ramban, pushing the death toll to over 100 in just 15 days.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the back-to-back incidents of landslides and flash floods triggered by the cloudbursts in Kishtwar, Kathua, Katra, Reasi and Ramban have so far claimed the lives of almost 100 people in the past 15 days while several others are still missing and rescue operation is still going on.

As many as 64 people died in Kishtwar incident while Katra landslide claimed the lives of 35 people three days ago.

Today's twin incidents were the fifth major incidents in Jammu region in the last fortnight triggered by the heavy rainfall.

Notably, J&K is presently witnessing intermittent rains for the last over one week, which also led to the flood-like situation across both the regions as the



water level in all the major rivers and streams crossed the alert mark.

In yet another incident, a family of seven died after a landslide, triggered by heavy rainfall, struck a residential house in Bhadder village of Mahore tehsil in Reasi district.

Officials said the incident occurred early this morning when a massive landslide hit the house, located on a steep slope, burying the structure under debris.

The house was occupied by multiple family members at the time of the incident.

"Seven people were trapped under the debris. Rescue teams, including personnel from the police, SDRF and local administration were dispatched immediately and all the bodies were recovered," an official told KNO.

Meanwhile, the district administration

CM Omar reviews restoration of Sgr-Jmu NH



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SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Saturday chaired a high-level meeting to review the restoration works on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) and other major roads damaged by the recent incessant rains.

The meeting was attended by Advisor

to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary Public Works (R&B), Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir, several Deputy Commissioners, and senior officers from BRO, NHIDCL, NHAI, J&K Police

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Ministers Express Grief Over Loss of Lives in Ramban, Reasi Tragedies

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the tragic loss of lives in Reasi and Ramban districts due to natural calamities in which several precious lives have been lost.

The Minister said that it is heart wrenching that several precious lives have been lost in cloudburst incident in Ramban and landslide incident in Reasi district. She added that these tragedies have caused unbearable sufferings to the affected families and my heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families and their relatives.

The Minister further said that the district administrations, particularly health department and disaster management authorities, in both districts have been mobilised to provide immediate relief to the affected families.

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Post-flood health alert: Experts urge caution with water, food safety in J&K

Food items exposed to flood water pose risk of water-borne diseases, say doctors

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: In the aftermath of recent floods that struck several areas of Jammu and Kashmir, health experts have urged people to exercise extreme caution while using

food and water supplies. They said contaminated sources pose a grave risk of water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera, dysentery, typhoid, and hepatitis A and E.

Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), officials

said the foremost priority should be access to safe water. They stressed that only clean water should be used for drinking, cooking, and brushing teeth.

Sealed and packaged bottled water from a reliable source is the safest

option, they added.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag, Dr Khalid Parvez said that in the absence of bottled water, residents should boil water for at least 10 minutes before use, and chlorine

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80% Services Restored in Doda: Officials

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SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Nearly 80 percent services, including road access, electricity, and communication networks, have been restored in Doda district where cloudbursts and landslides wreaked havoc earlier this week.

An official while talking to the news

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EWSs CRUCIAL TO LIMIT CLOUDBURST DAMAGE: EXPERTS

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: As natural disasters grip Jammu and Kashmir, claiming more than 150 lives this month, meteorologists say the impact of cloudbursts can be reduced through high-resolution weather monitoring.

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Highway Blockade Halts Kashmir Apple, Crop Movement

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: After days of complete suspension, authorities on Saturday allowed partial movement of essential vehicles on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, even as hundreds of fruit-laden trucks remain

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CM Omar Abdullah lauds HDFC Bank's growth in J&K

Invites delegates to explore Kashmir's beauty and to visit again

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, on Friday evening, addressed the annual function of HDFC Bank at SKICC, where he lauded the institution's growth, resilience and long-term



commitment to Jammu & Kashmir.

Highlighting J&K's tourism legacy, Omar Abdullah recalled the historic description of Kashmir as "heaven on earth"

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Amit Shah arriving Jammu on Monday

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SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Jammu on Monday to review ongoing rescue and relief operations and assess the damage caused by recent cloudbursts and floods, particularly in Katra, where landslides along the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route have caused several deaths.

An official said that during his two-day visit, Shah is scheduled to conduct an aerial survey of flood-affected areas in Jammu and hold meetings with officials and affected families.

His itinerary includes stops in Jammu city,

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India hope for the world: LG Sinha

Felicitates awardees at Srinagar

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitated the Awardees of International Buddha Peace Awards and Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Awards, organised by Buddhajali Research Foundation, at Srinagar.

The event was also graced by Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.



In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartiest congratulations to all the award winners and lauded their significant contributions to the society.

"The contribution of each one of the Awardees is an inspiration for all. They are embodiment of courage, harmony, peace, selfless-service, nationalism and they represent the idea of India," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor

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J&K WILL GET BACK ITS STATEHOOD SOON: ATHAWALE

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SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Union Minister of State (MoS) Ramdas Athawale on Saturday said Jammu and Kashmir will get back its statehood soon.

Although the Union minister did not give a time-frame, he said, "I believe it will happen soon."

Talking to reporters, Athawale said, "I think J-K should get back its statehood as soon as possible, and there is a demand for that

also."

He said that when the Assembly elections took place in J-K last year, more than 60 per cent voting was recorded – which was more than many other states in the country.

"I thank the people of J-K for that, for not succumbing to fear. When (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah abrogated Article 370, he stated that J-K will soon get its statehood back and I think the Government of India can take

that decision soon in the future," he said.

When asked how much more time it can take for that, the Union minister said, "I cannot tell you when, but I believe it will happen soon."

Responding to a question about the recent floods in the Jammu region, Athawale said the Centre would do everything possible to help and support J-K. "There have been huge losses

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DGP reviews flood-hit areas in Kathua

HT News Network

KATHUA, AUG 30: Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat visited forward locations along the Kathua border to take stock of the security situation and assess the impact of recent floods. He was accompanied by DIG JKS Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma and SSP Kathua, Shobhit Saxena.

During his visit, the DGP received a detailed briefing from BSF officers regarding the ground situation. He also interacted with the deployed personnel and reviewed the ongoing relief

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Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements for celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W), Friday following

Directs elaborate arrangements at all prominent shrines to facilitate devotees

HT News Desk / DIPT

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: In view of the forthcoming religious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W), Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg Saturday convened a meeting of officers to ensure elaborate arrangements at prominent religious places including major mosques & shrines.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir division, Commissioner SMC, SSPs, SSP Traffic Rural, senior officers of all the civil departments including KPDCIL, PHE, FCS&CA, PWD, Food Safety, Legal Metrology, LCMA, Wakf Board, Health department, Police and religious leaders of various Shrines.

Div Com reviewed the availability of basic civil amenities

at major shrines across Kashmir division including Hazratbal shrine, Jenab Sahib Saura, Aas-ar-i-Sharief Kalashpora, Aham-i-Sharief Bandipora, Kabamarg Anantnag, Pethmakhama Budgam, Dargah e Aaliya, Baramulla and at all other mosques and shrines where large numbers of devotees gather for night prayers.

On the occasion, Div Com took a detailed review of arrangements for the congregational & night prayers at Hazratbal shrine, where over one lakh devotees are expected to observe Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W)

Div Com directed CEKPDCIL to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity at Hazratbal Shrine with a backup plan for DG set so that the shrine management may not face any inconvenience. Besides, he instructed post-



ponement of any scheduled power shutdown on the occasion of Milad.

Further, he instructed PHE for the installation of an adequate number of drinking water posts with a standby plan of water tankers in the proximity of the shrine.

Regarding hassle-free transportation of devotees to & from Hazratbal shrine, Div Com directed SSCL, RTC & ARTO for the deployment of enough buses and e-autos for transport-

ation of people till late night of the Eid Milad-un-Nabi & Friday following. Also, he enjoined Traffic Police Srinagar for framing route plans for the visitors of different districts for smooth transportation.

Meanwhile, SSP Rural was directed to ensure deployment of traffic personnel on the routes leading to shrines and share deployment orders with concerned Deputy Commissioners.

While laying strong emphasis on the installation of tents in the premises of prominent places, Garg directed Wakf officers to make advance arrangements for tents at all the designated locations before September 04.

Besides, Garg directed Commissioner SMC for carrying out a comprehensive sanitation and cleanliness drive at Hazratbal Shrine.

Moreover, he instructed for the constitution of joint market checking teams to ensure food hygiene & quality in the market and near religious places and emphasized on deterrent action against erring traders for violation of quality parameters and over-charging.

Similarly, Health department was directed to make arrangements for medical camp and deployment of staff with rosters while Fire & Emergency was directed to station fire tenders at the critical junctions to respond swiftly to any exigency. Meanwhile, Imams present in the meeting expressed satisfaction for overall arrangements put in place to facilitate devotees.

Also, Deputy Commissioners briefed the meeting regarding the arrangements made in their respective districts.

Man Seriously Injured in Bear Attack in Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUG 30: Ghulam Mohammad Nayak, son of Abdul Rehman Nayak, a resident of Chhatra Pora, Kulgam, was seriously injured after being attacked by a bear while he was working in his orchard as usual.

According to local sources, the incident occurred when the bear suddenly attacked him, leaving him critically wounded. Upon hearing his cries for help, nearby locals rushed to the spot and managed to scare the bear away.

Ghulam Mohammad, who was found lying in a pool of blood, was immediately shifted to District Hospital Kulgam for emergency treatment. After receiving initial medical care, he was referred to SKIMS Saura for advanced treatment due to the severity of his injuries.

Authorities have urged people in the area to remain cautious, as bear sightings have increased in recent weeks.

17-Year-Old Youth Dies After Electric Shock in Lalpora D K Marg

Farooq Rather

KULGAM AUG 30: A tragic incident occurred in Lalpora D K Marg last evening, when 17-year-old Rizwan Irshad, son of Irshad Ahmad Wani, was electrocuted while playing volleyball.

According to reports, while playing, Rizwan came into contact with a high-tension transmission line, which fell down and struck him, causing severe electric burns. His friends, who were present at the scene, immediately rushed him to Sub-District Hospital DH Pora. However, doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The police have registered a case and completed the necessary legal formalities before handing over the body to the family. The young boy was later laid to rest amidst great sorrow and mourning by the local community.

Child labour drive conducted in Kulgam

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KULGAM, AUG 30: As part of the Pan-India Rescue and Rehabilitation of Child Labour drive initiated by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, a special enforcement-cum-awareness operation was carried out in Kulgam district under the supervision of the district administration and labour department.

The drive aimed at identifying, rescuing and rehabilitating children engaged in hazardous and non-hazardous labour practices. Multiple teams comprising officers from the labour department, child protection unit, child welfare committee conducted surprise inspections at workshops, roadside establishments and markets.

High-Level Delegation of JKTF Meets Director of School Education Kashmir

Farooq Rather

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: A high-level delegation from the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers' Forum (JKTF), led by its Chairman, Mr. Showkat Ali Beigh, held a meeting with the Director of School Education Kashmir, Dr. G.N. Itoo, in his office chamber today.

Chairman Beigh was accompanied by a senior cohort of the Forum's leadership, including Vice Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Thoker, Chief Spokesperson Mr. Sofi Tahir, Chief Press Secretary Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Khan, Chief Disciplinarian Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Reshi, Financial Secretary Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Lone, Provincial President Mr. Irfan Nazir, Mr. Aarif Beigh Srinagar, Mr. Showkat Farhanas as well as District Presidents Mr. Irshad Ahmad (Ganderbal), Mr. Gh. Mohiuddin (Srinagar), Mr. Farooq Ahmad (Baramulla), Mr. Zahoor Ahmad (Anantnag), Vice DP Mr. Mehrajuddin Dar Pulwama and other esteemed members of the State and Provincial Executive Com-



mittees.

The delegation presented a comprehensive memorandum outlining several critical issues and demands requiring the Director's immediate attention and redressal. The following points were emphatically placed before the chair:

Capacity Building: Institution of specialized training courses for teachers handling UDISE data and Early Childhood Care (ECC) education.

Financial Allocation: Expedited release of pending school grants to ensure the smooth functioning of academic institutions.

Career Progression: Streamlining of the promotion process for teachers and Incharge Lecturers to address stagnation.

Infrastructure Augmentation: Prioritized development and upgrade of school infrastructure across the region.

Staffing Norms: Implementation of a "One Teacher, One Class" policy to optimize the teaching-learning process.

Rationalization Policy: Rationalization and deployment of teaching staff should be confined to a three-zonation model only: Hard Zone, Soft Zone, and Buffer Zone.

Confirmations: Immediate confirmation of the Masters batch of 2014.

Approval of Tutorials: Grant of necessary approvals for winter tutorials for the years 2019 and 2020.

Regularization: Regularization of the services of Data Entry Operators and Cook-cum-Helpers.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Streamlining of the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme, with specific emphasis on the regular disbursement of cooking costs on a quarterly basis.

Transfers: Transfer of long-tenured, non-teaching staff who have completed their standard tenure at a particular station.

Dr. G.N. Itoo gave a patient hearing to the delegation and gave a sympathetic consideration to the issues raised. The Director assured the JKTF representatives that the genuine demands and concerns of the teaching fraternity would be examined with utmost seriousness. He provided assurances that all feasible issues would be resolved in a time-bound manner to ensure the health and efficiency of the educational ecosystem in Kashmir.

The delegation expressed its satisfaction with the positive response from the Director and hoped for swift and concrete action on the assurances provided.

Farewell Ceremony Held in Honor of Former Headmistress BHS Khaiepora, Fahmida Bano, at SAEH Handwara

Dr. Ab Qayoom

LANGATE, MAY 30: A grand farewell ceremony was organized at Sheikh-ul-Alam Environment Hall (SAEH) Handwara to honor the retirement of Ms. Fahmida Bano, an esteemed daughter of Langate and the distinguished former Headmistress of BHS Khaiepora. The event marked a tribute to her decades of service in the Department of Education, where she earned respect as a dedicated teacher, compassionate leader, and inspiring mentor. The ceremony witnessed an overwhelming presence of teaching staff, students, and eminent personalities from the education fraternity. Among the dignitaries in attendance were Deputy Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kupwara, Mohd Rafiq Mir, and Education Planning Officer, Mohd Iqbal Shah. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy CEO Kupwara lauded Ms. Fahmida Bano's remarkable contributions, describing her as a "humble and great teacher and officer" who led with wisdom, sincerity, and empathy. Colleagues, both past and present, fondly recalled her unwavering dedication, loyalty, and integrity, highlighting how her leadership uplifted educational standards, especially in Education Zones Langate and Handwara. Several speakers shared personal anecdotes, acknowledging Ms. Fahmida Bano's



lasting impact on both the academic and social fabric of the community. Their words reflected not only respect but also deep affection for a teacher whose legacy will continue to inspire generations. The farewell was not just a formal event but a heartfelt celebration of Ms. Fahmida Bano's illustrious career and her lifelong commitment to shaping young minds. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Javid Ahmad Wani from Mawar who, along with others, extended warm wishes for Ms. Fahmida Bano's future endeavors and a fulfilling post-retirement life.

Zahoor Ahmad Section Officer CEO office Ganderbal retired from active service

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GANDERBAL, AUG 30: A graceful superannuation function was organized in honour of "Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, Section Officer, Chief Education Office Ganderbal," who retired from active service after rendering 37 years of distinguished and dedicated contribution.

Mr. Zahoor Ahmad is widely remembered as an experienced, talented, and employee-friendly officer, whose tenure in Ganderbal proved to be a "true fortune" for the District Education fraternity. His service was marked with memorable achievements, successful conduct of numerous "DPCs", timely promotions, and elevation of employees, bringing satisfaction and relief to hundreds of staff members.

An emotional farewell was given by the "Chief Education Office" Ganderbal, where Deputy CEO Ganderbal, Ms. Rumysa Sangeen, and CEO Ganderbal Mr. "Oneel Kumar Bhat" highlighted his remarkable role and invaluable contributions. They, along with other speakers, described him as a man of caliber, a great contributor, an able mentor, and above all, "a noble human being."

The farewell gathering witnessed the participation of officers and colleagues from different districts, who fondly recalled his "professional integrity, rich experience, and employee-centric approach." The event turned into a memorable occasion, reflecting the deep respect and admiration that "Mr. Zahoor Ahmad earned during his long and illustrious career."

His legacy of commitment, employee welfare, and service to the cause of education in District Ganderbal will remain etched in the memories of all and serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

Div Com Kashmir flags-off annual Gangbal Yatra from Naranag

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

GANDERBAL, AUG 30: The annual Gangbal Yatra commenced today with great religious fervor after being ceremoniously flagged-off by the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg, from Naranag Temple, Ganderbal.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore; SSP Ganderbal, Khalil Poswal, besides other civil and police officials were present on the occasion.

A group of pilgrims from the Kashmiri Pandit community began their spiritual journey from the historic Naranag tem-



ple following the revered Charri Puja.

The devotees, escorted by SDRF teams, police personnel, officials from health and other departments set out on the 15-km trek to the sacred Gangbal Lake, nestled at an altitude of around 14,500 feet in the Harmukh mountain range.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com commended all stakeholders for their coordinated efforts in ensuring seamless arrangements for the Yatra.

He extended his best wishes to the pilgrims and the supporting teams accompanying them.

DC Kupwara inspects Land Records Digitization Centres

DC Reviews Works at Ziyarat Muqam Shahwali

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

KUPWARA, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, today visited the Land Records Digitization Centres at Tehsil Kupwara and Drugmulla to assess the progress of digitization of Jamabandis and Massavis.

During the visit, DC interacted with the revenue staff, took feedback, and emphasized the importance of maintaining quality in the digitization process. He directed the concerned officers to complete the task within the timelines prescribed by the Government.

At the digitization centre established in Higher Secondary School Drugmulla, DC also interacted with students.

Later, DC visited Ziyarat Zeti-Shah-Wali at Moqam Drugmulla to review the arrangements being made by line departments in connection with the forthcoming



Eid-i-Milad. He directed the officers to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, proper cleanliness, and sanitation around the shrine, so that devotees may not face any inconvenience.

DC also inspected the ongoing construction works at the shrine.

DC was accompanied by the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Tehsildar Kupwara, Tehsildar Drugmulla, and other officers.

Tribal Affairs Department disburses Rs. 2.53 Cr scholarship to ST Students

Clear Pendency by Sept 5: Rana

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, AUG 30: The Jammu & Kashmir Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) has disbursed Rs. 2.53 crore in scholarships to ST-2 students under its scholarship scheme, marking a significant step in supporting the educational pursuits of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in J&K.

In line with ensuring timely disbursement, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, has instructed that all outstanding scholarship payments be processed and cleared by September 5th, 2025. He has also directed the Director of Tribal Affairs to submit a non-pendency certificate by the specified date.

Rana had earlier emphasized the importance of the timely disbursement of both Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarships to ST students.

These scholarships are part of the Government's initiative to aid the educational advancement of ST students across J&K, he said.

Minister stressed that no eligible student should be deprived of their rightful scholarship due to procedural delays.

This step also aligns with the Government's recent directives to streamline the scholarship disbursement process.

Rana reaffirmed the Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of ST students, particularly those facing financial barriers.

"This initiative is part of our continuous efforts to ensure that every eligible ST student receives the financial support they need to continue their education and secure a brighter future," he stated.

He emphasized that all guidelines must be followed meticulously to guarantee a smooth, transparent disbursement.

DC Ganderbal reviews arrangements for Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW)

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

GANDERBAL, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a meeting at the VC Room to review and finalize the arrangements for the upcoming Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) celebrations and Friday following in the district.

The DC held a comprehensive review of arrangements related to sanitation, water and power supply, security, traffic management, market regulation, and availability of essential commodities including food grains and poultry.

He emphasized the need for a special sanitation drive around shrines and congregation sites, adequate transport and traffic management, deployment of fire tenders, and repair of defunct streetlights ahead of the festivities.

Executive Engineer KPDCI was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply at all major shrines and congregation sites, while the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti was asked to provide water tankers wherever required.

DC also underscored the importance of putting in place foolproof security measures in and around shrines and major mosques to ensure peaceful and hassle-free observance of the occasion.

To curb profiteering and ensure availability of quality essentials, the Food Safety department was instructed to conduct joint intensive market inspections in coordination with Revenue, Police, and Legal Metrology officials.

ARTO was asked to ensure smooth availability of public transport on all major routes, particularly the Ganderbal-Hazratbal route, during the festive days.

DC Udhampur flags off relief Van for flood affected areas of Chenani

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

UDHAMPUR, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today flagged off a van loaded with relief material for the flood-affected families of Chenani area. The relief material was handed over

to the Sewa Bharti Unit Udhampur for further distribution among the victims.

While interacting with media persons, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the community support and the dedicated efforts of Sewa Bharti in extend-

ing timely assistance to the affected families.

She congratulated the organization for its humanitarian contribution and emphasized that collective efforts are vital in mitigating the hardships of flood-hit people.

DC Budgam visits Craft Village Kanihama, reviews developmental works

Interacts with artisans, stresses artisan welfare

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BUDGAM, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today paid an extensive visit to the Craft Village Kanihama, renowned for its centuries-old tradition of Kani shawl weaving, where he reviewed the implementation of various developmental works and interacted with artisans to assess welfare measures and scheme implementation.

During the visit, DC held detailed deliberations with artisans and officials from various departments on the activities being carried out under multiple schemes aimed at supporting and promoting handicrafts.

He emphasized the importance of extending maximum benefits of welfare and promotional schemes to artisans in order to safeguard, revive and promote the traditional craft heritage of the district.

Dr Bilal also sensitized stakeholders about the health issues faced by artisans due to prolonged working hours and underscored the need for creating awareness and facilitating access to health services for the artisan community.

On the occasion, DC witnessed live demonstrations of Kani shawl weaving and traditional spinning on the charka, lauding the extraordinary skill and dedication of the artisans.

He reiterated the administration's commitment to preserving

and promoting this age-old craft which holds immense cultural and economic value.

DC was also briefed about the wider range of developmental works undertaken at Kanihama Craft Village including installation of advertising boards for shops, improvement of the public park near Jamia Masjid Kanihama, upgradation of inner link roads at Hajam Mohalla and New Colony Road, construction of a Chowkidar quarter, drainage works with steel grill fencing around the park near the CFC building, and overall beautification of the site.

Further interventions include face-lifting of the Common Facility Centre (CFC) building, construction of dedicated weavers' sheds,

and development of public amenities worth over Rs. 3 crore, aimed at providing better infrastructure and facilities for artisans and visitors.

"Kanihama Craft Village is not merely an infrastructure initiative, but a holistic mission to safeguard our centuries-old heritage, empower artisans with dignity of work, and position Kashmiri handicrafts on the global stage," DC said.

He said that the vision of district administration is to transform Kanihama into a vibrant hub of handicrafts, culture, and tourism, where tradition meets opportunity.

DC said, this model village will not only preserve the legacy of

crafts like Kani Shawl weaving but also provide artisans with sustainable livelihoods, enhanced market linkages, and global outreach.

He said that this craft village will stand as a living testimony to Kashmir's rich cultural identity while opening new income avenues and branding Budgam as a centre of craft excellence.

Dr Bilal assured artisans of continued institutional support, urging them to actively avail government schemes designed for their welfare and upliftment.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by CPO, SDM Beerwah, ACD, representatives from handicraft/handloom, BDO and other concerned officials.

District Level Task Force Committee approves applications under JK-REGP/ PMEGP at Budgam

51 Applications approved; stress laid on timely processing, rural industrialization & youth empowerment

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BUDGAM, AUG 30: A meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) under the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was today convened at Budgam under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat.

The meeting was attended by the General Manager, DIC Budgam; Lead District Manager Budgam; Executive Officer

J&K KVIB Budgam; Principal ITI Budgam; Director RSETI Budgam; and representatives from State Bank of India and J&K State Co-operative Bank Budgam.

During the meeting, the committee held threadbare discussions and examined loan applications sponsored through the J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) for the establishment of micro and small enterprises in the district.

Out of a total of 57 applications placed before the committee, 51 projects were recommended and approved for bank



financing.

The approved projects cover a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, services, and agro-based industries. Once established, these ventures are expected to create direct employment opportunities for around 410 youth in rural and semi-urban areas of Budgam.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized that the JKREGP and PMEGP schemes are crucial in providing vital financial assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs, enabling them to establish their own business units.

He said, "By approving these

projects, we are promoting self-reliance, rural industrialization, and sustainable employment generation in Budgam. Youth should take maximum advantage of such schemes to become job providers rather than job seekers."

DC issued directions to all concerned officers and bankers present to ensure time-bound processing of the approved cases, hassle-free loan sanctioning, and prompt subsidy disbursement to the beneficiaries. He also directed the KVIB to handhold entrepreneurs at every stage from project formulation to execution so that approved units

are established on ground without delay.

Representatives of banks were directed to ensure full cooperation in early sanction and disbursement of loan assistance to the beneficiaries.

DC directed the banks to adopt a proactive approach in financing rural entrepreneurs so that the employment generation potential of the schemes is fully realized.

Meanwhile, applicants whose projects have been approved are advised to approach their respective financing banks immediately for completion of the necessary formalities.

Sakeena Itoo inaugurates 1st Annual MMFDIACON25 International Endocrinology Conference at GMC Srinagar

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo today emphasized on the need to strengthen preventive and curative healthcare systems for the elderly population as diabetes has emerged as a silent yet pressing health challenge among our elders.

The Health Minister made these remarks while delivering the key note address after inaugurating 1st Annual MMFDIACON25 International Endocrinology Conference at Government Medical College (GMC) here today.

The conference was organised by GMC Srinagar in collaboration with the Department of Endocrinology of Super Speciality hospital, MMF Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Ageing and Moul Mouj Foundation.

The conference, themed "Elders Deserve Better: Diabetes and its Complications in the Elderly - An Interdisciplinary Approach," brought together experts and professionals from various fields to discuss the latest developments and challenges in managing diabetes and its complications in the elderly.

In her key note address, the Minister emphasized on the importance of addressing diabetes and its complications in

the elderly population, highlighting the government's commitment to improving healthcare outcomes. She stressed on the urgent need to strengthen preventive and curative healthcare systems for the elderly population, particularly those grappling with chronic conditions like diabetes.

"Diabetes in the elderly is not just a medical issue but also a social challenge. Our elders deserve compassion, timely diagnosis, and collaborative treatment strategies that address the full spectrum of complications. This conference is a significant step toward building that holistic model of care," she said.

The Minister congratulated GMC Srinagar for holding such academic event on a topic of immense public health importance. She emphasized on the crucial role of healthy ageing in ensuring the well-being of society and noted that while diabetes is rapidly increasing among the elderly, its rising prevalence in the young population is equally alarming. She stressed that combating diabetes requires a multipronged approach, ranging from lifestyle modification and diet to sustained physical activity.

Commending the efforts of the organizing committee and GMC Srinagar, Minister Sakeena



emphasized on the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in tackling diabetes-related complications. She assured that the government is committed to advancing specialized healthcare facilities, strengthening preventive programs, and ensuring wider access to diagnostic

and treatment services in both urban and rural areas of Jammu & Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal/Dean, GMC Srinagar and Patron of the conference, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah highlighted that GMC Srinagar and its associated hospitals remain at

the forefront of healthcare delivery in Kashmir, with a special focus on the needs of the elderly population.

HoD Endocrinology, Dr. M. Hayat, in his address underlined the urgency of the conference theme, noting the multiple and complex complications of diabetes witnessed among elderly patients, which necessitate interdisciplinary discussion and intervention, while as Senior Consultant Geriatrics and Academic Convenor, CISA, Dr. Zubair Saleem reaffirmed that CISA and MMF are committed not only to the treatment of ageing parents in Kashmir but also to advancing academic research and policy dialogue in geriatrics.

Consultant Endocrinology, Dr. Mir Shahnawaz, underscored the need to study and address the unique complications of diabetes in elderly patients, particularly those that affect their quality of life and independence.

During the inaugural session, the Impact Report of the Moul Mouj Foundation was also released.

As part of the conference several scientific sessions were held.

Dr. John Ebnezar, Padmashri and Dr. B.C. Roy awardee, delivered a virtual lecture on frailty fractures in elderly with diabetes. Dr. M. A. Mazaid from Egypt spoke virtually on osteoporotic

vertebral risks in elderly diabetics, while Dr. Sergio Rowinski from Brazil virtually discussed adhesive capsulitis and its management in diabetics.

National experts spoke on a wide range of interdisciplinary topics like Prof. S. M. Salim (HOD SPM, GMC Srinagar), spoke on Epidemiology of T2DM in the Elderly, Dr. Bashir A. Laway (Senior endocrinologist) spoke on Management of Diabetic Sarcopenia, Dr. Tajamul H. Mir (HOD Nephrology, GMC Srinagar) on Diabetic Nephropathy in the Elderly, Prof. Bashir A. Sanaie ((HOD Neurology, GMC Srinagar) spoke on Management of Stroke in Elderly Diabetics, Prof. Arshad Hussain (IMHANS-K) on Geriatric Diabetes and Mood Disorders, Dr. Asif Nazir (Consultant Orthopedics, GMC Srinagar) on Diabetic Foot Challenges in the Elderly, Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Bhat (Consultant Endocrinologist) on Managing High-Risk T2DM in Elderly with Multiple Risk Factors and Dr. Wasim Rashid (Consultant Cardiologist, GMC Srinagar) on Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Beyond Sugar Control.

The conference also featured free paper and poster sessions, with enthusiastic participation from delegates representing GMC Srinagar, SKIMS, JLNH Hospital, and other GMCs across Kashmir. Three best posters were awarded Rs.5,000 (First),

Rs.3,000 (Second), and Rs.2,000 (Third), while the best free paper was given a token award of Rs.1,000.

A unique feature of the event was the felicitation of senior citizens for their contributions to society. Among those honoured were governing board members of CISA, representatives of GK Labs for their unwavering support in providing home-based care to MMF, and distinguished doctors including Dr. Farida Ashai, Dr. Abdul Wahid, Dr. G.Q. Khan, Dr. Tafazzul Hussain, Dr. Mushtaq Marghoob, Dr. Tajamul Fazili, and Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik.

A key highlight of the event was a short film on the role of a father in raising his children, produced and directed by Dr. Tajamul H. Mir. The conference successfully demonstrated the interdisciplinary nature of diabetes care in the elderly, bridging medicine, psychiatry, orthopaedics, geriatrics, and public health.

Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator Associated Hospitals, medical superintendents, resident medical officers, medical officers, and medical students attended the conference which provided a platform for knowledge sharing, discussion, and exchange of ideas among experts, healthcare professionals, and researchers.

DLIC Ganderbal approves 83 Youth Entrepreneurship cases under Mission YUVA

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

GANDERBAL, AUG 30: A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under Mission YUVA was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, in the V.C Room of the DC office here.



During the meeting, the committee held a threadbare discussion on the applications received under the scheme, which had been verified by the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU).

Following a rigorous scrutiny, the DLIC approved 83 youth entrepreneurship cases for financial assistance and institutional support under the Mission YUVA framework.

Speaking on the occasion, DC underscored the importance of quality and sustainability in ventures supported under Mission YUVA and emphasized to encourage youth to establish enterprises that are innovative, resilient, and capable of creating employment avenues for others so that the true objectives of Mission YUVA are realized.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; GM DIC, Assistant Director Employment, Nodal Officer, JKEDI and other concerned officials.

Labour deptt organizes registration camp for Gig & Platform workers on e-Shram portal at Srinagar

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Labour Department, J&K today organized a dedicated registration camp for gig and platform workers on the e-Shram portal at Srinagar.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from workers representing various platforms including Radio Taxi, Novo Cabs, Jugnoo Cabs, ALA Cabs, Amigos, Zomato, Delhivery, Busy, Aramex, E-Com Express, Fast Beetle, DTDC,

FedEx, and others.

The programme was chaired by S. Charandeep Singh, Labour Commissioner, J&K, as the chief guest.

Dedicated registration desks were set up to facilitate on-the-spot registration and updation of gig and platform workers on the e-Shram portal. Additionally, enrolments under various welfare schemes, especially Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), were also carried out for the benefit of the workers.

This initiative is part of the nationwide e-Shram drive launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, for organizing special camps for gig and platform workers across the country from 25th August to 5th September 2025.

Representatives from different gig and platform-based companies shared their experiences and highlighted key issues concerning their livelihoods.

Addressing the participants,

Labour Commissioner underscored the importance of timely registration and updation of e-Shram cards to ensure that social security benefits reach the last mile and no worker is left out. He further sensitized the workers about their rights and the multiple social security and welfare measures being extended to them by the Government.

An interactive session was also held where the Labour Commissioner directly engaged with gig and platform workers to un-

derstand their grievances, challenges, and expectations. He assured them that the department will take prompt and effective measures to address the issues raised, while also strengthening coordination with various stakeholders to safeguard their interests.

The event was attended by the Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Srinagar along with the staff, representatives of gig and platform companies, and a large number of gig and platform workers.

Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) arrangements reviewed, finalised at Anantnag

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

ANANTNAG, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, SF Hamid chaired a meeting of officers to review and finalize the arrangements for the smooth observance of Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) in the district, today.

DC stressed upon the officers for providing all the requisite facilities to the devotees visiting Khiram Dargah Shareef, Kabamarg, Reshmool, Aishmuqam, Seer Hamdan and other shrines and mosques during the aus-

picious Milad days.

He directed the concerned departments for ensuring adequate supply of water and essential commodities along with uninterrupted electricity during the holy days. Instructions were also issued regarding seamless transport management, medicare and sanitation facilities besides proper security and deployment of fire and emergency tenders especially around the shrines and mosques.

Underscoring the need for close coordination and synergy among line

departments, DC further directed that special market checking drives be conducted by the designated teams in their jurisdiction during the holy days.

Among others, the meeting was attended by SSP Amritpal Singh; SDMs, ACR, CMO, Ex. Engineers of PDD & Jal Shakti, Tehsildar Anantnag, ARTO, CAHO, AC Food Safety, AD FCS&CA, DSHO, CEO MCA & EOs of MCs, AD Fisheries, Representative of Waqf Board and other concerned officers.

Mission YUVA Udhyaam Jagriti 4.0: Orientation and awareness program organised at Doda

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

DODA, AUG 30: An awareness meeting under Mission YUVA's Udhyaam Jagriti 4.0 was held today in the office chamber of the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) to deliberate upon strategies for motivating youth towards entrepreneurship and self-reliant ventures.

The meeting was chaired by Nodal Officer SBDU (ADDC) Roshan Lal. He welcomed the participants and emphasized the significance of Mission YUVA in creating awareness among students and youth about self-employment opportunities, particularly in agriculture and allied sectors.

Deputy Director Employment Rafiq Ahmad Jaral gave a detailed overview of Mission YUVA and Udhyaam Jagriti 4.0. He said the



Entrepreneurship Awareness component is crucial for developing an entrepreneurial culture among youth, targeting outreach in educational institutions and community groups.

As part of the action plan, it

was decided that Nodal Resource Persons in colleges will deliver 3-hour awareness lectures on September 1, 2025, using pre-designed presentations and promotional videos. Each college will submit photographs, at-

tendance data and feedback forms. Similarly, Block Programme Managers (BPMs) of NRLM will conduct awareness drives among Lakhpati Didis and successful entrepreneurs to spread the message at the

grassroots.

Addressing the participants, the ADC stressed that youth must be guided towards self-reliant enterprises, especially in agriculture and allied sectors, which are both viable and promising in the District. He underlined the need to shift the mindset of the younger generation away from over-dependence on government jobs towards entrepreneurship, remarking that "everyone cannot become a government employee."

The meeting was attended by senior faculty members from Government Degree Colleges Doda, Bhaderwah, Kilhotran and Kastigarh, along with lecturers from Polytechnic Colleges, ITI instructors and BPMs of NRLM from Assar, Doda, Gandoh, Bhaderwah, Bhagwah and Marmat.

J&K Judicial Academy organizes one-day training programme on Cyber Laws at Srinagar

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Under the patronage of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), and under the guidance of the Chairperson and Members of the Governing Committee, the Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy organized a one-day training programme on "Cyber Laws & Appreciation and Handling of Digital Evidence" for the Judicial Officers of Kashmir Province and the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The inaugural proceedings were conducted by Sonia Gupta, Director Judicial Academy, who emphasized that the programme aimed to equip Judicial Officers with updated knowledge and practical insights on the emerging and evolving domain of cyber laws and the effective handling of digital evidence in Judicial proceedings.

The technical sessions were led by Dr. Nisheet Dixit, an eminent cyber expert from Delhi, who highlighted the growing importance of judicial awareness in the digital era, where cybercrime and electronic evidence increasingly shape litigation. He elaborated on recent developments in case law influencing judicial interpretation of digital evidence and discussed the legal framework governing cyber offenses. Dr. Dixit explained procedures for authentication, preservation, and admissibility of electronic records and addressed the challenges faced in handling and evaluating digital evidence.

A key highlight of the session was the discussion on landmark case laws, including Sanjaysinh Ramrao Chavan vs. Dattatray Gulabrao Phalke [MANU/SC/0040/2015], where the Supreme Court ruled on the admissibility of recorded conversations. It was emphasized that without analyzing the original voice recording, translated transcriptions lack authenticity and cannot be relied upon. Dr. Dixit stressed that source and authenticity are the two crucial factors determining the evidentiary value of electronic records.

The programme featured interactive discussions, case analyses, and practical demonstrations, enabling participants to gain hands-on exposure to the complexities of digital forensics and evidence appreciation.

HT EDITORIAL

In a major relief for people SMC starts sterilization process

In a major relief for the residents of Srinagar city the Srinagar Municipal Corporation has embarked upon a mission to sterilize the dogs roaming in the different areas of the city. The drive has already started and over the next one and a half years it is expected that the sterilization process would be completed. This would mean that the people would heave a sigh of relief from the fear of dogs.

According to the figures dished out by the officials of Srinagar Municipal Corporation 14,000 dogs have been sterilized so far. The Corporation has set a target of sterilizing 21,000 dogs in the next one and half years. The residents of the Srinagar city are hoping that this time around the sterilization process would be taken to its logical conclusion so that the desired results are achieved and that too within the specified period of time.

The process of sterilization was started some years back but the same was discontinued for the reasons best known to the people at helm especially those managing the affairs at Srinagar Municipal Corporation. Just a handful of dogs were sterilized at that time and since then the problem has assumed daunting proportions with no solution in sight. Since then the number of stray dogs has increased in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley. Day in and day out there are reports of dog attacks in the valley.

It is imperative that the authorities managing the affairs of different municipal committees and councils of the valley also take up the sterilization process so that a difference is made in this respect. People living in districts other than Srinagar district are also facing the dog problem and they too need to be given respite from the problem. Once the sterilization is started and then completed it would ensure that people across the valley are free from this glaring civic issue.

Like other parts of the country the animal lovers are also present in appreciable number in Kashmir valley. These people should not have any problem with the sterilization of dogs across the valley since no harm is caused to the animals. As such the onus lies on the executing agency to take up the project and finish the same in stipulated time. The process needs to be taken up seriously and there should not be any laxity in this regard, only then the desired results would be met.



■ Munish Bhatia

India's identity lies in its geographical diversity and cultural richness. From the heights of the Himalayas to the Aravali and Vindhya ranges, the mountainous regions of our country have always been centres of natural beauty, religious faith, and cultural heritage. That is why millions of people are drawn to these places every year. Some tourists come seeking peace and beauty, while others come as pilgrims in search of faith and spiritual satisfaction. But in recent years, the growing pressure of crowds at these sites has deeply disturbed the balance of nature. This uncontrolled flow of tourism and pilgrimage is now emerging not only as a spiritual or cultural phenomenon but also as an environmental crisis.

The Himalayas and other mountainous areas are known for their fragile geological structure. The rocks and soil here are far more sensitive than those in the plains. When millions of people arrive at once, not only does the human footprint increase, but large-scale construction is also required to provide arrangements for their accommodation, food, and travel. It has often been observed that landslides increase with the rise in crowd levels. In recent times, several accidents and tragedies have occurred at popular mountain routes due to overcrowding. It is as if nature itself is warning us that it cannot bear more weight than its limits allow.

To manage the pressure of crowds, hotels, restaurants, shops, and parking areas are built. Such constructions are often carried out by cutting into the natural slopes of mountains. To widen roads, thousands of trees are felled. As a result, the structural strength of mountains weakens, and in the rainy season, even a small



disturbance can turn into a major landslide. In the name of tourist convenience, continuous deforestation is taking place. This not only destroys biodiversity but also disrupts the lives of local people. The shrinking forests are destroying the natural habitat of wild animals, forcing them to enter human settlements.

The biggest impact of crowds comes in the form of pollution. Millions of people bring bottled water, packaged food, and other plastic materials to these sites. In mountainous areas, plastic does not decompose but instead accumulates in streams and rivers, polluting them. Rivers once considered pristine and sacred are now under so much pressure that their waters are becoming polluted. Pilgrims bathe in them, immerse offerings, and also throw garbage into them. The number of vehicles has increased so much that even small hill towns now experience massive traffic jams. Smoke from diesel vehicles

not only worsens air pollution but also affects snow and glaciers.

The religious significance of mountain sites makes them even more vulnerable. Every year, millions of devotees arrive at different shrines in these regions. While this symbolizes faith, when the pilgrimage turns into an uncontrolled crowd, it puts immense pressure on nature. These journeys are increasingly being seen as business opportunities, leading to the mushrooming of hotels, lodges, and markets. Though local people benefit to some extent, unplanned and imbalanced development ultimately causes harm.

The pressure of crowds affects not only the environment but also the local society and culture. The heavy inflow of tourists puts pressure on resources like water, electricity, and fuel. Often, local residents themselves have to face water shortages. Commercialization and external influences start changing traditional culture. For example, instead of local

handicrafts or cuisine, plastic products and fast food begin to dominate. Many people now perceive pilgrimages merely as tourist activities. This diminishes the sanctity of religious sites.

The solution to these problems requires joint responsibility from the government, local administration, and common citizens. Each site's capacity should determine the limit of visitors per day or year. Just as registration has been made mandatory for certain pilgrimages, similar steps should be taken elsewhere too. New hotels or parking lots should only be built if they meet environmental standards. Local architecture and traditional materials should be encouraged. Every construction project must include compulsory tree plantation, with the local community made an active partner in this effort.

Single-use plastic must be strictly banned in mountainous regions. Instead, biodegradable and reusable materials should be promoted. Pilgrims and tourists must be made aware that travel is not merely for sightseeing or rituals, but also an opportunity to connect with nature. Campaigns like "Clean Travel, Safe Travel" should be run consistently. Real change will only be possible when local people actively participate, both as protectors of the environment and as stakeholders in tourism management.

Mountainous regions are our natural heritage. They are not just tourist spots or centres of faith, but also the sources of life-giving rivers, forests, and biodiversity. If we disturb their balance due to uncontrolled crowds and commercial greed, future generations will neither witness their sanctity nor experience their beauty. We must realize in time that pilgrimage and tourism are not merely matters of convenience or recreation but also responsibilities of protecting both nature and faith. If we truly regard these places as sacred, then their preservation must be accepted as a sacred duty as well.

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Why road accidents are being ignored?



■ Aadil Ghulam Bhat

India's public discourse is often dominated by crises that erupt suddenly — terror strikes, natural disasters, and political upheavals. But one of the gravest national emergencies unfolds quietly on our roads every single day. Road accidents remain one of the leading causes of death in India, claiming more lives annually than some of the most visible public health crises. As per the reports of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), there were 1.55 lakh deaths and more than 4.4 lakh injuries in 2022. In 2023, the number of deaths increased to 1.68 lakh — a 9.5% increase, the highest ever recorded. That means 460 people lost their lives daily, a toll equivalent to the crash of a full passenger aircraft every day. Yet unlike such a catastrophe, road fatalities seldom provoke public outrage or political urgency. The World Health Organisation has repeatedly pointed out India's paradox: the country has only 1% of the world's vehicles but accounts for nearly 11% of global road accident deaths. The scale of the crisis is undeniable, yet it is treated as an inevitable by-product of mobility and modernisation rather than a systemic failure that demands urgent correction. The dispersed nature of the tragedy is the reason for the neglected priority of road safety. Unlike terror attacks or pandemics, road crashes appear as isolated incidents — a bus overturning in Rajasthan, a motorbike accident in Kerala, a pile-up on the Delhi expressway. Each is reported briefly, but collectively they form a public health crisis of staggering proportions. There are numerous causes that are well known: overspeeding, drink and drive, poor and improper road infrastructure and design, inadequate pedestrian facilities, weak enforcement of laws, and inconsistent driver training. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act of 2019, which introduced stricter penalties and provisions, was hailed as a



turning point. But the implementation of provisions has been uneven. People don't fear laws due to political backing, unethical and corrupt links with officers, bribery and negligence. Many states diluted its provisions under political pressure, reflecting the uneasy balance between public safety and public sentiment. Citizens demand safer roads, yet often resist fines and penalties that could enforce discipline. If we pay heed towards the international comparisons which further highlight India's complacency, Sweden's "Vision Zero" policy treats every road death as preventable, reshaping its road design, management and enforcement strategies. The United States, with far higher vehicle density, reports proportionally fewer fatalities due to rigorous safety standards and enforcement. In India, however, accidents are still seen as individual misfortunes, not as symptoms of systemic gaps. We are also prey to the economic costs, which are severe. According to the World Bank report, road accidents and crashes cost India 3–5% of its GDP annually. Beyond economic losses, the human consequences are profound: the death of a breadwinner can push families into poverty, disrupt children's education, and perpetuate cycles of deprivation. Road safety, therefore, is not simply a transport issue; it is a development, civic sense, ethics and etiquette challenge. What is required is not token initiatives such

as "Road Safety Week", but sustained, long-term reforms. Enforcement must be impartial and consistent. Infrastructure should prioritise human life over speed and volume. Civic sense must be developed as a part of compulsory practice in schools, workplaces, and communities, in homes and on roads, in society and outside society, embedding awareness into everyday behaviour. Road safety needs to become part of our cultural and institutional fabric, not an afterthought. The ethical dimension cannot be ignored. If 1.7 lakh people were to die in a terror attack within a year, Parliament would be in continuous session and policy would shift dramatically overnight. However, when the same number die quietly on the roads, the country moves on as if nothing has happened. This inconsistency reflects a collective failure of conscience. Indeed, roads are more than the lifeline of the country; they are a mirror and reflect the values of society in the country. To accept the routine loss of thousands of lives as normal is to lower the value of human life itself. Road safety must be seen not as an administrative responsibility but as a national priority, integral to public health, economic growth, and social justice. Until then, the nation's highways will continue to carry not only vehicles but also an unacknowledged toll of human tragedy.



Final Call Comes from the Heart



■ M S Nazki

A Tiger in a triangle!

It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it! You live as if you were destined to live forever, no thought of your frailty ever enters your head, of how much time has already gone by you take no heed! This is the theme that runs in the 26th Infantry Division Indian Army!

Putting things off is the biggest waste of life: it snatches away each day as it comes, and denies us the present by promising the future... The whole future lies in uncertainty: live immediately.....It did lie in uncertainty when the bridge at Baghwati Nagar was smoked off when Tawi waters were on fire!

Honestly speaking the administration was left clueless as to what to do next!

But one option was available and that was the Division of where Tigers live!

In a remarkable display of engineering prowess and operational efficiency, the Engineers of the Tiger Division, Indian Army, successfully constructed a 110-feet Bailey bridge over the Tawi River in less than 12 hours, restoring vital connectivity in the region.

But this Division has a remarkable history-

The 26th Indian Division fought primarily in the Burma Campaign during World War II, including the Third Arakan Offensive, leading to the unopposed capture of Akyab Island and the Battle of Ramree Island. The division also participated in Operation Dracula, which involved amphibious landings near Rangoon in April-May 1945, leading to the capture of the city. After the war, elements of the 26th Indian Division were involved in operations in the Dutch East Indies.

Here's a breakdown of their key engagements:

Burma Campaign (World War II): Third Arakan Offensive: In late 1944, the division engaged in amphibious operations during this offensive.

Capture of Akyab Island: A significant objective of the Third Arakan Offensive, which the 26th Division achieved. Battle of Ramree Island: The division took part in amphibious operations to capture Ramree Island.

Operation Dracula: In April and May 1945, the division executed Operation

Dracula, involving amphibious landings south of Rangoon to capture the city.

Post-War Operations:

After the capture of Rangoon, the 26th Division was transferred to the 34th Corps and saw service in the Dutch East Indies.

Historical Context: The Indian Army during World War II was involved in campaigns across various continents, with the majority fighting against the Japanese in Asia.

The 26th Indian Infantry Division was a notable formation within the larger Indian Army that served with distinction in these campaigns.

The division was disbanded. In 1948, the 26 Infantry Division (Tiger Division) was re-raised by Lieutenant Colonel Kalyan Singh, and it has since been a key formation of the Indian Army, serving in operations like Operation Vijay (Kargil War), and is currently based in Jammu.

The division was formed in March 1942 in India, initially as the "Calcutta" Division, before being retitled the Indian 26th Division.

Its badge featured a Royal Bengal tiger stepping through a blue triangle (representing the Ganges delta), on a black background, earning it the "Tiger Head" nickname.

The division is presently headquartered in Jammu, as evidenced by recent news of the Army paying tribute to the first Indian GOC of the Jammu division, Lt. Gen. Ajit Singh, who commanded it.

Battle Honors: The division has earned the Battle Honour title "Kargil" for its distinguished service during Operation Vijay, the Kargil War.

A story:

The division was nicknamed the "Tiger Head" Division, referencing its distinctive badge and its deep connection to the land it formed in.

For much of 1942, the division was heavily engaged in internal security, and not regarded as battle-worthy due to lack of training and transport. It formed part of the Indian XV Corps, but late in 1942, it was taken over directly by the Eastern Army.

For the First Arakan offensive, all the division's brigades were detached one by one and committed to the offensive under the 14th Indian Infantry Division. In March, the offensive stalled and the HQ of 26th Division relieved that of the 14th Division, taking over the Arakan front too late to prevent a minor disaster. After this the British fell back almost to their starting point on the Indian frontier.

Once reorganised, the division was in reserve for the first part of the Second Arakan Offensive, once again under XV Corps. When a Japanese counter-attack at Ngakyedauk cut off the forward troops,

26th Division was deployed to relieve them. It fought down the coastal plain to reopen the roads by which the 5th Indian Division was supplied.

After the battle ended with the repulse of the Japanese attackers, the division took over the 5th Division's front and took part in the capture of two vital railway tunnels. After this, the Arakan offensive wound down to spare troops and resources for the battles in Manipur. The division was withdrawn during the monsoon rains to recuperate.

After the Japanese surrender, the division, under the command of Henry Chambers, reinforced other troops in Java and Sumatra, where the end of the war brought widespread disorder. The division was formally disbanded in India on 31 August 1945, but most of its units were stationed in Sumatra at Padang and Medan until November 1946, when they embarked at the port of Belawan to be disbanded in India.

The Badge of this unit was: A Yellow & Black Royal Bengal Tiger stepping out of a Blue Triangle set on a Black Triangular background, the Triangle was taken from the Greek letter Delta, for it was in the Honli Delta that the Division was raised from H.Q. Presidency & Assam District Troops, in April 1942, because of its Badge it was known as the Tigers Head Division.

I always hit a harder all-time low! Self-aware, do I really run this show? Yeah, Feel safe when I'm in my mind, A backdoor and the lock shut tight! I wish I could drown out the sound! 'Cause these days it's been pretty damn loud! All my friends say they've been feeling the same! Something has to change! And we believe in the same! 26 Div believes in the same.....Mk diary!

The crux of the story which we got:

The recent heavy rains triggered floods across Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Pathankot and Gurdaspur, causing widespread damage to infrastructure and impacting our people. Responding with urgency, the Indian Army immediately launched large-scale rescue and relief operations in close coordination with the civil administration.

Since 26 August, Indian Army soldiers of Rising Star Corps have braved floodwaters and adverse weather, deploying multiple rescue columns supported by Army & Air Force helicopters. The Army proactively employed the required number of columns along with requisite equipment and rescued nearly 1,000 stranded personnel including children, students, and paramilitary personnel, while also restoring critical communication links to Jammu and Srinagar by swiftly laying alternative OFC lines. Alongside rescue, essential medical aid, food, and relief material were provided to affected families.

The floods also severely damaged the

eastern portion of Tawi Bridge No. 4, a lifeline for movement in Jammu. With repair likely to take time, the Engineers of Tiger Division laid a 110-feet Bailey bridge under challenging conditions, overcoming washed-out approaches and limited workspace. The bridge has been completed in less than 12 hours, enabling vehicular movement.

The Indian Army's efforts have been in close coordination with civil administration & all agencies. We thank all of them for their support. Additional Army resources remain on standby to tackle any emerging challenges

Bailey's Bridge:

A Bailey bridge is a type of portable, pre-fabricated, truss bridge. It was developed in 1940-1941 by the British for military use during the Second World War and saw extensive use by British, Canadian and American military engineering units.

A Bailey bridge has the advantages of requiring no special tools or heavy equipment to assemble. The wood and steel bridge elements were small and light enough to be carried in trucks and lifted into place by hand, without the use of a crane.

These bridges were strong enough to carry tanks. Bailey bridges continue to be used extensively in civil engineering construction projects and to provide temporary crossings for pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

Donald Bailey was a civil servant in the British War Office who tinkered with model bridges as a hobby. He had proposed an early prototype for a Bailey bridge before the war in 1936 but the idea was not acted upon.

Bailey drew an original proposal for the bridge on the back of an envelope in 1940. On 14 February 1941, the Ministry of Supply requested that Bailey have a full-scale prototype completed by 1 May.

Work on the bridge was completed with particular support from Ralph Freeman.

The design was tested at the Experimental Bridging Establishment (EBE), in Christchurch, Dorset, with several parts from Braithwaite & Co., beginning in December 1940 and ending in 1941.

The first prototype was tested in 1941. For early tests, the bridge was laid across a field, about 2 feet (0.61 m) above the ground, and several Mark V tanks were filled with pig iron and stacked upon each other.

The prototype of this was used to span Mother Siller's Channel, which cuts through the nearby Stanpit Marshes, an area of marshland at the confluence of the River Avon and the River Stour.

It remains there as a functioning bridge. Full production began in July 1941.

Thousands of workers and over 650 firms, including Littlewoods, were engaged in making the bridge, with production eventually rising to 25,000 bridge panels a month.

The first Bailey bridges were in military service by December 1941

Bridges in the other formats were built, temporarily, to cross the Avon and Stour in the meadows nearby. After successful development and testing, the bridge was taken into service by the Corps of Royal Engineers and first used in North Africa in 1942.

The history of the bridge in Indian context: The history of the Bailey bridge in India began with its adoption by the Indian armed forces from British legacy after World War II, used notably in the 1971 war with Pakistan. After its first civilian use in Kerala in 1996, the modular, prefabricated design became invaluable for connecting remote areas, aiding in border security, and serving as crucial infrastructure during disaster relief efforts, such as the 2021 Uttarakhand flash floods.

Origins and Adoption World War II Legacy: The Indian armed forces adopted the design from the British, utilizing it during the 1971 war with Pakistan to cross obstacles.

Civilian and Disaster Relief Use First Civilian Bridge: The first Bailey bridge constructed for civilian use in India was built on the Pamba River in Kerala in 1996.

Disaster Response: The modular and quick-assembly nature of the bridge makes it ideal for disaster relief operations. The Indian Army recently built a 190-foot bridge in Wayanad, Kerala, after landslides, and Bailey bridges were also used after the 2021 Uttarakhand flash floods.

Strategic and Infrastructural Importance: Connecting Remote Areas: Bailey bridges are extensively used to connect remote and challenging terrains, especially in the Himalayan and border regions.

Border Security: They facilitate the movement of troops and supplies in strategically important border areas along the India-China border.

Tourism: By providing access to remote scenic locations, Bailey bridges also contribute to tourism development.

We always take a final call: There comes a time when the world gets quiet and the only thing left is your own heart. So you'd better learn the sound of it. Otherwise you'll never understand what it's saying.....When everything was at still the Tigers of 26 Division woke up to hear the sounds of silence! For administration we would like to say, don't waste your time in anger, regrets, worries, and grudges. Life is too short to be unhappy.....Just be in a positive mode for the people because you are since the people are!

Reservation as Positive Discrimination: A Path Towards Social Justice



■ Yawar Hamid

Reservation, often described as positive discrimination, is one of the most significant instruments of social justice in modern democracies. While the term "discrimination" usually carries a negative connotation, in this context it signifies a corrective measure a conscious effort to level the playing field for historically marginalized communities.

For centuries, large sections of society, particularly Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in India, were denied equal opportunities in education, employment and political participation. The legacy of caste based exclusion and socio-economic disadvantages created structural inequalities that could not be erased by mere constitutional promises of equality. It was in this context that reservation emerged as a policy of affirmative action, designed not to divide but to uplift, empower and integrate.

Positive discrimination is justified because equality is not just about treating everyone the same, but about ensuring fair outcomes. If individuals start from vastly unequal positions, equal treatment without support only perpetuates inequality. Reservation provides those at the margins a chance to access education, jobs and decision



making spaces that were historically closed to them. It is not charity; it is a matter of justice, compensation and democratic inclusion.

The benefits of reservation have been visible across decades. It has enabled the rise of educated leaders, professionals and scholars from disadvantaged groups, breaking long-standing stereotypes and inspiring future generations. Reservation has diversified universities, legislatures and government services, ensuring that these institutions reflect the plurality of Indian society rather than a privileged minority. By giving representation to the marginalized, it strengthens democracy itself.

Critics often argue that reservation undermines merit. However, this perspective overlooks the structural barriers that have historically prevented many from even

entering the arena of competition. True merit cannot flourish without access to resources, networks and social capital all of which remain unequally distributed. Reservation, therefore, does not kill merit but nurtures it by bringing hidden talent to the forefront.

Ultimately, positive discrimination is not about permanent privilege but about transitional justice. The goal is to build an inclusive society where caste and birth no longer dictate destiny. Until that day arrives, reservation remains not only relevant but essential a policy that embodies the spirit of fairness, equality, and human dignity.

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Barren Homes

■ Shahid Shamshad

*Yes! There was a man in uniform
Tingling with a grip of false pride
Summoned up by court of blind law
Fashioned by the colour of "Lip Service"*

*Just aside the feeble hands of a wrinkled face
Marking the tears of immense pain
Like an Acquiesce for her wonderland
Beckoning to governance of atrocities -
a historical band*

*The floor is full of echoes and chaos
And the Home loan is about to crunch my heart
When my garden was about to gross
You started your interesting art!*

*Alas! After deserting, you still lost the game
How can these Cavaliers satisfy your
"Diamond sleep"?
As my "Clock" Is about to beep
Through this barren window till I weep!*



The Science of Tooth Brushing

(Morning Freshness or Nighttime Protection)



■ Surinderpal Singh

Oral hygiene is nowadays considered as cornerstone for maintenance of good human health. Among the various practices adopted for maintenance of oral hygiene, brushing of teeth remains the simplest and most effective method to prevent dental caries, gum disease and halitosis (bad breath). However, this also leads to a long-debated question : When is the best time to brush your teeth—morning upon waking or before going to bed at night? The Dental and Medical experts across the globe have provided evidences that both timings have their own distinct advantages and choosing the best one may depend on individual needs and lifestyle.

The Science Behind Tooth Brushing

Brushing removes the plaque which is a sticky biofilm containing bacteria that gets accumulated on the teeth. If this plaque is not removed the bacteria feed on sugars from food resulting in producing acids that could erode the enamel and cause cavities and other health ailments. Moreover the prolonged plaque buildup in teeth could lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease. Hence the medical and health experts have recommended brushing at least twice daily.

Brushing in the Morning: Pros

- 1. Removes Morning Breath:** During the duration of individuals sleep saliva production decreases which results in creation of a dry environment that allows odor-causing bacteria to thrive. The Morning brushing refreshes the mouth and eliminates unpleasant breath.
- 2. Protective Shield for the Day:** Fluoride toothpaste strengthens enamel and provides teeth a layer of protection against acids from the breakfast and daytime snacks.
- 3. Boosts Confidence:** A clean, fresh mouth in the morning enhances social

interactions and self-confidence.

4. Stimulates Saliva Flow: Brushing in the morning stimulates saliva secretion which is the mouth's natural defense against bacterial overgrowth.

Cons

- 1. Timing with Breakfast:** Brushing immediately after eating acidic foods (like citrus or coffee) can damage enamel softened by acids. Experts suggest brushing before the breakfast or waiting at least 30 minutes after the early day meals.
- 2. Does Not Protect Overnight:** The Morning brushing cannot remove bacteria accumulated during the sleep duration of the previous night, allowing prolonged exposure of teeth to harmful acids.

Brushing Before Bedtime: Pros

- 1. Removes Day-Long Plaque and Food Debris:** Night brushing ensures that the bacteria and the food particles accumulated during the day are removed before the long sleeping period.
- 2. Prevents Nighttime Acid Attack:** Since the saliva production is reduced at night hence the bacteria can easily

multiply and produce acids. Brushing before going to bed lowers this risk significantly.

3. Stronger Cavity Prevention: Dental studies suggests that brushing before bed is the most critical session of the day for preventing tooth decay.

4. Protects Against Gum Disease: Consistent nighttime brushing reduces the risk of gingivitis and periodontal disease caused by long-term plaque buildup.

Cons

- 1. Often Neglected Due to Fatigue:** Many individuals skip nighttime brushing due to tiredness making it less consistent compared to morning brushing.
- 2. No Refreshment for Morning:** Brushing only at night does not prevent bad breath or oral discomfort upon waking early in the morning.
- 3. Less Immediate Social Benefit:** While brushing before going to bed is medically important but bedtime brushing lacks the instant confidence-boosting effect of morning brushing.

Scientific Consensus:
Which is Better?

The Dentists across the world have universally agreed that brushing at night is more important than brushing in the morning because it prevents prolonged bacterial activity during sleep. However, brushing in the morning is equally beneficial for freshness, confidence and enamel protection during the day.

Thus, the best practice is to brush twice daily—once in the morning and once before bedtime. If a person must choose only one, scientific evidence strongly favors nighttime brushing for long-term oral health.

The debate between morning and bedtime brushing highlights two complementary benefits: morning brushing ensures freshness and daytime protection while the bedtime brushing provides essential defense against overnight bacterial growth. The Medical and dental science experts recommend brushing at least twice daily, but if one has to prioritize, nighttime brushing is most critical for dental health. Maintaining this habit along with flossing and regular dental check-ups, is the surest path to a healthy smile and overall well-being.

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Charm of Apples in Kashmir Valley



■ Sahil Manzoor Bhatti

It is well said that “an apple a day keeps the doctor away.” Indeed, our health is more important than anything else, as it decides our fate and plays a vital role in our lives. Today, health has become one of the most concerning issues worldwide, and much of it depends on our lifestyle choices.

Some people, being smart, educated, and health-conscious, give great importance to what they eat. A simple way to maintain good health is by consuming nutritious foods, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables. These natural gifts play a vital role in keeping us fit and active throughout the day.

Almighty God has blessed us with countless fruits on this earth, which we have been enjoying for centuries. However, one important point to remember is that everyone must have basic knowledge about the food they consume. Our diet should match our body's requirements, which depend on our daily activity and energy expenditure. Regularly checking our health status is equally important to maintain a balanced lifestyle.



In this article, I am going to explore the health benefits of apples. Apples are among the most loved and delicious fruits, with immense nutritional value. Packed with vitamin C, minerals, antioxidants, and fibre, apples support digestion, strengthen immunity, and help prevent the risk of chronic diseases like cancer. Let's look at some of the key health benefits:

Benefits of Apples Rich in Antioxidants: Apples may play a vital role in preventing deadly diseases such as cancer. **Aid in Weight Loss:** Their high fibre content slows digestion, keeps blood sugar stable, and helps you feel full for longer, reducing overeating. **Diabetes-Friendly:** Soluble fibre in apples slows the absorption of sugar into the bloodstream and improves blood sugar levels. A fibre-rich diet can also reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Improve

Digestion: Eating 2-3 apples a day can regulate bowel movements, prevent constipation, and promote overall digestive health. **Keep You Hydrated:** Apples have a high water content, which helps in maintaining hydration.

Kashmiri Apples – Pride of the Valley
The Kashmir Valley is renowned for its apple production, contributing significantly to India's fruit industry and exports. Kashmiri apples are cherished across the globe for their taste and quality, and growers continually work hard to improve production standards.

Seasonal fruits and vegetables are nature's medicine, helping us build immunity and resist diseases. We should not only consume them ourselves but also encourage our friends and family to adopt healthy eating habits.

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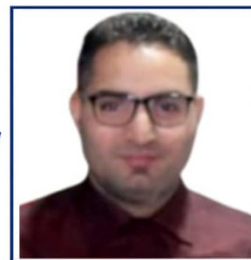
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Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

(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 occurred 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

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 BASHIR AHMAD GANIE S/O ABDUL KHALIQ GANIE 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 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 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 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

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 am applying for fresh pesticides and Frertiliser under the name M/S AGROPULSE Pesticides & Frertilisers situated at Sadat pora Naidkhi, Bandipora, In this regard, if anybody is having any objection, may file the same to Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora and PPO Lal Mandi, Srinagar, within the time period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

IMTIYAZ AHMAD HURRA
S/O: ABDUL KHALIQ HURRA
Contact: 6006131314

Public Notice

I am applying for fresh pesticides and Fertilizers license under the name M/S Pure Yield Agro Solutions (Pesticides & Fertilizers) situated at Gosh Bugh Pattan, In this regard, if anybody is having any objection, may file the same to Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla and PPO, Lal Mandi Srinagar, within the time period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

NAZIR AHMAD HURRA
S/O: BASHIR AHMAD HURRA
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical And Hospitals Division Srinagar

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Corrigendum

Subject: 1. Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Hot Water Generator along with allied items for Central Heating Purpose at Govt. Lalla Ded Hospital, Srinagar.

Ref: 1. This office e- NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2025-26/61/e-tendering Dated 20.08.2025

The intending Bidders shall note the following in tender document:-

Specifications of Hot water Generator shall be read as

1. HOT WATER GENERATOR

The hot water generators of capacity greater than 16,00,000 kcal/hr rating at MSL and shall be fully automatic, horizontal, smoke tube, three pass, oil fired, pre-insulated, packaged hot water generator with allied mountings, accessories, flame failure device ,expansion tank and other necessary safety gadgets in accordance with the requirements of the system and as provided by the OEM and further complying with the following specifications. The efficiency of the individual units shall be 93±2%.

CONSTANT VOLTAGE STABILIZER

Constant voltage Stabilizer of suitable rating and capacity shall have to be installed on the generator to supply constant voltage to it.

BURNER ASSEMBLY

The mono block diesel oil fired burner shall be of international repute, highly efficient, reliable giving controlled combustion at very low noise as approved by OEM.

Tube

The Hot water generator should have tubes as recommended by OEM

HOT WATER GENERATOR FOUNDATION

The HOT WATER GENERATOR should be mounted on a foundation as recommended by the manufacturer. The cost on this account is included in the contract.

HOT WATER GENERATOR SUB-PANEL

The electric control panel for the HWG shall be user friendly, easy to operate, prewired and should be reliable having precise control of temperatures.

ACCESSORIES & MOUNTINGS

The hot water generator shall be complete with complete accessories such as valves, gauges and thermostats etc. including but not limited to the items described below.

- Necessary water inlet outlet connections and piping between mixing tank & hot water generator.
- Safety valves & vents to prevent excessive pressure build up.
- Pressure gauges complete with siphon, air purging ports and isolating valve.
- Thermometer for indicating inlet and outlet water temperature with isolating valves.
- Audio type flame failure alarm.
- Non-return valves
- Y-Strainers
- Thermostatic control mechanism with meters / gauges.
- Primary circuit with pump, valves, gauges etc
- Suitable expansion tank with gauge glass, valves etc in the primary circuit.
- Burner sequence controller with matching flame sensor fitted on burner.
- Hooter mounted on control panel for audible safety alarm
- Temperature indicator-cum-switch for high hot water temperature alarm & interlock with burner, on Hot water outlet temperature of the heater
- Differential pressure switch connected across Hot water inlet & outlet of the heater for low flow alarm & interlock
- HOT WATER GENERATOR TESTING
- The HOT WATER GENERATOR shall be tested at hydraulic pressure of 10 kg/cm2 or double the working pressure whichever is higher. Necessary test shall be carried to check proper operation of the water boiler safety devices. The hot water generator shall have to be tested for at least 20 hrs and the HSD required for it shall have to be arranged by the contractor which is included in the contract.

TOOLS

The water boiler should be provided with all the tools and tackles as provided by the OEM.

Instead of

HOT WATER GENERATOR ALONG WITH CALORIFIER

The hot water generators of capacity greater than 16,00,000 kcal/hr rating at MSL and shall be fully automatic, horizontal, once through, forced circulation, water tube (coil type), three pass, oil fired, pre-insulated, packaged hot water generator with allied mountings, accessories, flame failure device ,expansion tank and other necessary safety gadgets in accordance with the requirements of the system and as provided by the OEM and further complying with the following specifications. The efficiency of the individual units shall be 93±2%.

CONSTANT VOLTAGE STABILIZER

Constant voltage Stabilizer of suitable rating and capacity shall have to be installed on the generator to supply constant voltage to it.

BURNER ASSEMBLY

The mono block diesel oil fired burner shall be of international repute, highly efficient, reliable giving controlled combustion at very low noise as approved by OEM.

COIL

The Hot water generator should have double coil of large diameter tubes, well designed to cover the desired heat transfer area.

HOT WATER GENERATOR FOUNDATION

The HOT WATER GENERATOR should be mounted on a foundation as recommended by the manufacturer. The cost on this account is included in the contract.

HOT WATER GENERATOR SUB-PANEL

The electric control panel for the HWG shall be user friendly, easy to operate, prewired and should be reliable having precise control of temperatures.

ACCESSORIES & MOUNTINGS

The hot water generator along with calorifier shall be complete with complete accessories such as valves, gauges and thermostats etc. including but not limited to the items described below.

- Necessary water inlet outlet connections and piping between mixing tank & hot water generator.
- Safety valves & vents to prevent excessive pressure build up.
- Pressure gauges complete with siphon, air purging ports and isolating valve.
- Thermometer for indicating inlet and outlet water temperature with isolating valves.
- Audio type flame failure alarm.
- Non-return valves
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- The HOT WATER GENERATOR shall be tested at hydraulic pressure of 10 kg/cm2 and calorifier for a test pressure of 4 kg/ cm2 or double the working pressure whichever is higher. Necessary test shall be carried to check proper operation of the water boiler safety devices. The hot water generator shall have to be tested for at least 20 hrs and the HSD required for it shall have to be arranged by the contractor which is included in the contract.

TOOLS

The water boiler should be provided with all the tools and tackles as provided by the OEM.

Moreover following shall be noted

2. Thickness of the chimney shall be of 6 mm instead of 5mm .Further the first five meters of the chimney shall be conical/ tapered or as per OEM recommendations.
- 3.The Hot water Pumps shall be suitable for operation of upto 120 °C instead of 90°C. Further the impeller of the Pumps shall be of Stainless steel.
3. The thickness of insulation for pipes of 150 mm and above diameter shall be of 75 mm thickness.
4. Guarantee/Warranty shall be for a period of 12 (Twelve) calendar months or one full central heating season or as per OEM policy whichever is later.

The changes are applicable everywhere in the tender document.

All other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

No: M&HDS/TS/3923-26 | Dated: 29.08.2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division, Srinagar

DIPK: 5677/25 | Dated: 30-08-2025

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) RAFIABAD (WATERGAM)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT No.EE/R&B/Rafiabad/26 of 2025-26, Dated 26.08.2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on percentage basis(as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	T.D Cost	E/M	Time	Class
1	Macadamization of Inner Links at MC Watergam by way of Providing & laying of WBM G-II, 75mm thick WMM, 50 mm thick Bituminous Macadam, 25 mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coatand Berm filling. (Machine mix laid with Paver)	1100	77740	60days	"A/B"

Adv.Cost (Rs. In Lacs): Rs.38.87 Incl.Cost of Bitumen and GST

M.H of Account: C&T

MH Account: FC Grants

Position of AAA: Accorded Position of TS:- Accorded

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26-08-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	26-08-2025
3	Bid Submission Start Date	26-08-2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	02-09-2025 4:00PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	03-09-2025 10:00AM

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission date and bid submission End date) with NIT No. Name of work and Serial No. deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rafiabad (Watergam) (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3(a) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photographs before, during and after execution of work).

3(B) At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Rafiabad (Watergam) (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) otherwise the tender will be rejected. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, in single CDR/FDR/BG which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.

4. Where the bid price is below 10% but not below 20% of the project cost put to bid, the additional performance guarantee/ security percentage shall be incremented by 0.1% for every percentage of bid price below 10% of the project cost put to bid starting at 11% with the additional bid performance guarantee being 0.1% and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid price.

5. Where the bid price is 20% or more below of the project cost put to bid, the additional performance guarantee percentage shall be incremented by 0.2% for every percentage of bid price below 20% of the project cost put to bid in addition to 1% of the bid price and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid price.

6. The additional performance guarantee percentage shall be rounded off to the next lower percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is below 0.5% or next higher percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is 0.5% or more.

7. The additional performance security shall be treated as part of the performance security. Additional performance security shall be taken only after approval of next higher authority.

8. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders/bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Rafiabad (Watergam) (tender receiving authority).

9. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

The location of the Hot mix plant of adequate capacity capable of yielding a mix of proper and uniform quality, from which bituminous macadam is to be transported to the site in clean, tarpaulin covered vehicles/Tippers, and shall be placed in such a way that the manufacturing laying/spreading and rolling temperatures are kept within the specified limits.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
R&B Division Rafiabad (Watergam)

DIPK: 5708/25 | Dated: 5708/25

Ashok Koul chairs BJP organizational meeting in Srinagar, leadership pays condolences to bereaved family

■ HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, AUG 30: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, convened an organizational meeting at Church Lane, Srinagar.

The primary focus of the meeting was to further strengthen the party's organizational structure, streamline coordination, and chalk out future strategies to deepen the BJP's presence and influence across the Kashmir region.

Ashok Koul, while chairing the meeting, emphasized the need for a robust and disciplined organizational framework, which he said forms the backbone of the party's expanding outreach. He underlined that the BJP's growth in Jammu & Kashmir depends on grassroots empowerment, consistent interaction with the people, and an unwavering commitment to the principles of the party.

The meeting witnessed the participation of several senior leaders including BJP State General Secretary Anwar Khan, BJP Secretaries Mudasir Wani and Arif Raja, and All Cells Co-Incharge Bilal Parray. Detailed discussions



sions revolved around expanding the party's base, mobilizing cadre strength, and ensuring a united and coordinated approach in implementing upcoming initiatives.

Ashok Koul appreciated the efforts of the party functionaries in carrying the message of the BJP to every nook and corner of the region and urged them to work with renewed zeal and dedication. He stressed that the party's ultimate objective remains to serve the people selflessly and to strengthen the spirit of democratic

governance in Jammu & Kashmir.

Later in the day, Ashok Koul, accompanied by senior BJP leadership, visited the residence of Habibullah Shah of Guzarbal Noorbagh. Shah, father-in-law of senior BJP leader Ghulam Nabi Palpori, passed away earlier this morning after a brief illness. The BJP delegation extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and offered prayers for eternal peace to the departed soul. The leaders assured the family of full support during this difficult time.

DC Budgam takes stock of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) arrangements at Ziyarat Sharif Peth Makhama

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BUDGAM, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today visited Peth Makhama shrine to take stock of arrangements being put in place for the smooth celebration of holy occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W).

DC said all necessary arrangements are in place. He assured locals that all amenities will be made available round the clock during auspicious days.

He directed Executive Engineer KPDCL to ensure availability of one Gen-set at the shrine to avoid any inconvenience to the devotees.

Moreover, he directed proper electricity supply and functioning of street lights in the area throughout the festival.

He directed the Fire and Emergency department to keep a fire tender available round the clock, outside the premises of the shrine.

DC said a medical ambulance equipped with trained staff and all facilities of first aid will remain stationed at the shrine during the requisite period.

He directed officers of Jal Shakti to provide and maintain adequate water supply.

On sanitation and cleanliness, DC directed concerned BDO to ensure regular lifting of garbage and proper cleanliness inside and around the shrine premises during the ensuing festival.

During the visit, locals appreciated the arrangements put in place by district administration related to the ensuing Eid Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W) and Friday following.

DC was accompanied by SDM Beerwah, Executive Engineers of PHE, R&B, PDD, Tehsildar Magam, officers of Fire and Emergency, municipality and other concerned.

DC Shopian inspects ongoing works at Industrial Estate Trenz

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SHOPIAN, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today conducted an extensive visit to the Industrial Estate Trenz to take stock of the ongoing works. During the inspection, DC took stock of the progress of a diverse set of infrastructural works including development of roads, construction of drainage systems, power and water supply facilities besides other amenities.

On the occasion, Gupta emphasized that the development of Industrial Estate Trenz is a key step towards boosting local entrepreneurship & economic activities,



attracting investment and generating employment opportunities for youth of the district.

DC issued directions to the executing agency to accelerate the pace of work and ensure quality standards are strictly maintained. He particularly stressed that all works should be completed within the stipulated timelines, keeping in view the approaching winter season which hampers construction activity.

This ambitious Industrial Development Project of the Industries Department, once complete, will provide a robust platform for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), thereby giving a fillip to the local economy.

ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; GM DIC, Shurjil Naik and other concerned were present during the inspection.

DC Bandipora reviews progress of key developmental projects of R&B deptt

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BANDIPORA, AUG 30: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of ongoing developmental works being executed by the Roads & Buildings (R&B) department in the district. The meeting focused on developmental projects across education, health, roads and other key infrastructure sectors.

Superintending Engineer R&B Bandipora, Arooj Alaagband, along with Executive and Junior Engineers from Bandipora, Sumbal and Gurez divisions, presented detailed updates on various works, highlighting progress achieved and measures being taken to address challenges affecting timely execution.

Executive Engineer Bandipora, informed that the division maintains approximately 370 km of roads. He reported completion of 11 macadamization schemes under Cities & Towns

(C&T) at a cost of Rs.3.8 crore, while 8 pothole repair schemes worth Rs. 1.35 crore are currently in progress. Additionally, 15 km of macadamization work has been completed under NABARD. Key projects highlighted include the Fruit and Vegetable Market at Potushay, Goat Dairy Farm at Arin, and the Non-Motorable Walkway around Wular Lake from Banyari Bridge to Naaz Nallah, funded by WUCMA.

Executive Engineer Gurez, stated that under NABARD, 6 km of road has been completed out of a target of 12.90 km, while CRIF and C&T projects achieved 3 km and 3.30 km completion, respectively. Under SAMAGRA, 5 out of 12 works have been completed, with remaining projects underway. He further informed that Rs. 356.27 lakh have been allocated under District Capex this year for priority projects in education, health and R&B sectors.

It was also informed that R&B Division Sumbal maintains approximately 545 km of roads, with several ongoing

schemes aimed at improving road and bridge infrastructure. Under NABARD and District Capex, 11 link road upgradation schemes, including macadamization of about 110 km in Hajin block, are currently underway, while under C&T, 10 macadamization schemes covering 15.85 km have been completed.

Significant infrastructure projects are also progressing, including the construction of transit accommodation in Hajin with 30 G+3 building blocks providing 480 dwellings for Pandit migrants, of which 24 blocks have been completed. Other key projects include Hajin Degree College, a footbridge at Tundpora Hakbara, and the Fruit & Vegetable Market at Naidkhai.

During the meeting, DC directed the Superintending Engineer to personally monitor the execution of works and conduct detailed reviews with Assistant Engineers (AEs) and Junior Engineers (JEs) working in the field. She instructed the Executive Engineer Gurez to ensure timely tendering.

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application for issuance of OBC certificate applicant AB HAMID DHOBI S/ O ABDUL AHAD DHOBI R/O FRASTHAR TILGAM Tehsil KREERI in favour of SON Aaqib Hamid Dhoobi 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 Ninety six only the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 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 as follows

- 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

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 TB1JH69977
Ch No.MA1ZU2TBK1JH63409,
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**

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.

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

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 certificate. 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 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 unmarried

- 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 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 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

PM Modi's bullet train ride with Japanese counterpart from Tokyo to Sendai

■ **United News of India**

TOKYO/ NEW DELHI, AUG 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today travelled by bullet train from Tokyo to Sendai with his Japanese counterpart, Shigeru Ishiba, where he will tour key industrial facilities, including a semiconductor plant and a bullet train coach manufacturing site.

The two leaders shared pictures of their train ride on social media.

"With Prime Minister Modi to Sendai. Continuing from last night, I'm accompanying him from inside the car," the Japanese Prime Minister wrote on X.

Upon their arrival, the two leaders met Indian loco pilots

undergoing training at the East Japan Railway Company. They also observed the new ALFA-X train and were briefed about the bullet train by the Chairman of East Japan Railway Company, also known as 'JR East', the train operator.

PM Modi, who is on a two-day official visit to Japan for the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit, is visiting Sendai to tour key industrial facilities, including a semiconductor plant and a bullet train coach manufacturing site.

The two prime ministers also announced the India-Japan Economic Security Initiative, aimed at boosting bilateral cooperation in the field of economic security. This includes securing and strengthening



supply chains for critical goods and sectors and accelerating collaboration in critical and emerging technologies, with particular focus on telecom-

munications, pharmaceuticals, critical minerals, semiconductor, and clean energy.

Japan is focused on reducing its dependence on imports and

creating a more resilient semiconductor supply chain.

The facility near Sendai, in Miyagi Prefecture, is a new semiconductor wafer fabrica-

tion plant being developed by Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC). It is being built in partnership with SBI Holdings and Japanese stakeholders under the joint venture Japan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (JSMC).

Located at the Second Northern Sendai Central Industrial Park in Ohira Village, the plant represents one of Japan's biggest initiatives to revive its chip-making industry.

The plant will manufacture 12-inch semiconductor wafers, starting with 40-nanometre technology and later expanding to 28 nm and 55 nm nodes.

The prime ministers also reaffirmed the importance of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-

Speed Rail as a flagship project between India and Japan. They agreed to work towards the commencement of operations at the earliest and to cooperate on introducing the latest Japanese Shinkansen technology in India.

The Indian side appreciated Japan's offer to introduce, in the early 2030s, the E10 series of the Shinkansen, which runs on the Japanese signalling system. To this end, both sides agreed to immediately begin work necessary for the early installation of signalling systems, including the Japanese system—as well as for the introduction of the General Inspection Train (GIT) and one set of E5 series Shinkansen rolling stock. UNI

Appeals Court invalidates Trump's global tariffs

■ **United News of India**

WASHINGTON/ NEW DELHI, AUG 30: A federal Appeals court has rejected former President Trump's claim that emergency powers under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) justify the imposition of sweeping global tariffs—delivering a significant blow to his efforts to reshape international trade policy.

In *V.O.S. Selections Inc. v. Trump*, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled that IEEPA does not authorise President Trump to impose the specific Liberation Day tariffs, affirming the lower court's decision that the tariffs are "invalid as contrary to law."

The court said, "The Government appeals a decision of the Court of International Trade setting aside five Executive Orders that imposed tariffs of unlimited duration on nearly all goods from nearly every country in the world, holding that the tariffs were not authorised by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq. Because we agree that IEEPA's grant of presidential authority to "regulate" imports does not authorise the tariffs imposed by the Executive Orders,



we affirm," the order said.

In a 7-4 decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed a lower court's ruling that the tariffs were not authorised by the statute Trump cited to justify them.

The International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) authorises the president to issue certain economic sanctions to counter an "unusual and extraordinary threat" in an emergency, but it does not permit the president's sweeping moves, the court ruled.

"Because we agree that IEEPA's grant of presidential authority to 'regulate' imports does not authorise the tariffs imposed by the Executive Orders, we affirm," the majority wrote.

The ruling does not take effect immediately, as the court withheld the mandate for its decision until Oct. 14, so the administration can appeal to the Supreme Court.

However, the judges discerned "no clear congressional authorisation" for levies of the "magnitude" of those that Trump imposed, they said.

"Reading the phrase 'regulate... importation' to include imposing these tariffs is 'a wafer-thin reed on which to rest such sweeping power,'" the majority wrote.

US President Donald Trump reaffirmed that all tariffs imposed on countries would remain in effect and, if removed, would be "disastrous to the country".

His comments came shortly after a US court ruled that many of Trump's tariffs, which have upended global trade, were illegal. UNI

SC to hear pleas on Bihar electoral roll revision on Sept 1

■ **United News of India**

NEW DELHI, AUG 28: The Supreme Court today agreed to hear on September 1 a batch of petitions concerning the Bihar Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls, specifically applications seeking an extension of the deadline for filing claims and objections.

A Bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi ordered the matter to be listed on Monday following an urgent mentioning by Advocate

Prashant Bhushan.

He submitted that the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and several other political parties had approached the Court seeking an extension of the September 1 deadline for filing claims and objections to the draft voters' list.

When the Bench asked why the petitioners could not approach the Election Commission of India (ECI), Bhushan responded that such representations had already been made.

On August 22, the Court had directed the ECI to permit exclud-



ed voters to apply for inclusion through online mode by submitting their Aadhaar details.

At that hearing, the Court had also posted the matter for September 8 while orally assuring parties that their request for extension of the deadline could be considered subsequently.

Earlier, the Court had directed the ECI to publish the names of approximately 65 lakh persons excluded from the draft electoral roll, both on its website and at booth-level offices, along with reasons for their exclusion. UNI

Ex-Ukrainian National Security Council head Parubiy wanted in Russia since 2023

■ **United News of India**

MOSCOW, AUG 30: Former Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Andriy Parubiy, who was shot dead in Lvov (also known as Lviv) on Saturday, had been listed as a wanted criminal by the Russian Interior Ministry since 2023, police records show.

Earlier in the day, Ukrainian police reported the killing of "a well-known public and political figure born in 1971" in Lvov. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed Parubiy's death. A Ukrainian newspaper, Strana.ua, reported that he was shot dead in the street by a man posing as a courier.

According to Russian police data, Parubiy has been wanted by the Interior Ministry since November 2023. The Russian Investigative Committee charged Parubiy in absentia for atrocities committed in Donbas in 2014, which left 1,200 people dead or injured.



In April, a member of the Ukrainian Stop Grave resistance group told Sputnik that an investigation into a deadly fire at the Trade Unions House in Odesa, which killed 48 people and

injured more than 250 others on May 2, 2014, was obstructed by a group of journalists established by then-National Security and Defense Council chief Parubiy. UNI

Officials blame special envoy Steve Witkoff for Alaska summit failure due to his 'inexperience'

■ **United News of India**

WASHINGTON, AUG 30: Washington's attempt to broker progress in the Ukraine conflict is being overshadowed by growing concerns over the role of Steve Witkoff, President Donald Trump's personal confidant turned special envoy for peace missions, with sources attributing the failure of the Anchorage summit to his "inexperience".

Witkoff, a real estate developer with no formal diplomatic background, has met Russian President Vladimir Putin five times in six months and was instrumental in arranging Trump's surprise Anchorage summit with the Russian leader, reports Politico.

Yet U.S., Ukrainian and European officials say his access has not translated into tangible results, with promised follow-ups between Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stalling.

Several officials familiar with the internal talks say Witkoff has complicated the process by refusing to rely on seasoned diplomats or consult regional experts, often framing negotiations as if they were property disputes.

"His inexperience shines through," one person involved told Politico, while another described him as "a rogue actor" whose lack of coordination leaves allies uncertain of what has been promised.

The August 15 Anchorage meeting itself was noted for its lack of preparation. Unlike traditional summits, it was arranged with little groundwork by foreign ministers or working-level staff, leaving few concrete outcomes beyond a high-profile photo opportunity.

Witkoff's office, thinly staffed and short on Russia expertise, has further fuelled doubts. U.S. officials say he rarely engages with intelligence briefings or emails, while foreign interlocutors complain he misrepresents or mis-

understands Moscow's messages.

After one Moscow visit, he returned claiming Russia had agreed to territorial concessions in eastern Ukraine — an interpretation rejected by Kyiv and European partners.

Russian officials value Witkoff's closeness to Trump but reportedly share concerns about his ability to convey Putin's positions accurately. "There's what Russia says, and what Russia means," one person familiar with the talks noted.

Despite criticism, the administration defends him. A senior U.S. official pointed to the "historic" Trump-Putin summit and subsequent White House meetings with European leaders as evidence of progress. Some allies, including the UK's National Security Adviser Jonathan Powell, argue Witkoff's unconventional approach has opened doors that others could not.

Witkoff himself insists he is focused on "bringing two sides together" and narrowing issues to enable compromise.

He is now working to arrange lower-level technical talks between Russian and Ukrainian officials, a shift towards a more traditional diplomatic track.

But scepticism remains deep. Ukraine and its European partners see no meaningful concessions from Moscow and warn against legitimising Russian control of occupied territories. To them, Witkoff's efforts risk advancing a Russian narrative rather than ending the war.

The envoy, once credited with securing the release of an American detainee from Russia, is now under pressure to prove that his unique access to Putin can yield more than symbolic meetings.

For now, his high-profile role underscores both Trump's reliance on personal envoys and the uncertainty surrounding Washington's Ukraine strategy. UNI

Sri Lanka pledges incentives to boost exports, value-added products

■ **United News of India**

COLOMBO, AUG. 30: Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has stated that incentives will be introduced to encourage export diversification and the development of value-added products, the President's Media Division said Saturday.

The president said the government should support industries rather than hinder them, and stressed the importance of consulting with relevant sectors during the regulation drafting process while allowing sufficient time for implementation.

Dissanayake made these remarks on Friday at the Presidential Secretariat during the 2026 pre-budget discussion with private sector representatives from the agriculture, food and beverage sectors, according to the department.

The meeting focused on providing facilities for farmers, exports, tax concessions, recycling, and



the legal framework affecting the sector.

Extensive discussion was also held on ensuring a continuous supply of quality agricultural and food products to consumers, as well as the challenges faced by businesses, with participants sharing their views and proposals.

The president pointed to the lack of a systematic approach for distributing products to consumers, emphasizing the need for stronger cooperation between the government and the private sector to address these challenges.

Dissanayake further explained that the government is focusing on securing full private sector support to expand markets for agricultural produce, dairy, and livestock. While value addition is the responsibility of entrepreneurs, he said the government intends to introduce a new framework to facilitate the process. UNI

Ashwin Eyes Player-Cum-Coach Path In Overseas Leagues

■ Vijay Tagore

NEW DELHI: Having announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL), R Ashwin has emerged as a free bird, ready to chart new paths. With his vast experience in international and franchise cricket, it now seems almost certain that he will expand horizons and explore opportunities in overseas leagues. Word is, he is open to try out a dual role - testing the waters as a coach-cum-player.

Ashwin still has plenty left to offer and is far from done. At 38, he is hardly past it; after all, MS Dhoni is six years older and still going strong. Ashwin now appears to be re-calibrating his career with a three-to-four-year horizon in mind, exploring opportunities beyond the familiar. On his radar are at least three overseas franchise leagues - with Major League Cricket (MLC) in the US a certainty, The Hundred in England a strong possibility, and either the ILT20 in the UAE or the SA20 in South Africa likely to complete the mix.

SA20 may not be possible this year since all the franchises - all of them are IPL owners - seem to have locked in their signings. As reported earlier by Cricbuzz, the SA20 auction register is also done. In fact, the SA20 auction ahead of season 4 is less than two weeks away - on September 9. A direct signing, outside of the auction and outside of salary cap, is a possibility but the wild card signings

seem to be complete.

The ILT20 is a potential target this year. Five of the six franchises are owned by Indians and all of them should be too happy to roll out the red carpet to Ashwin if there is a possibility. The ILT20 auction is on September 30 and there too the teams are allowed one signing outside of the salary cap and auction.

It should be seen how it pans out but it is understood that officials from all the leagues are believed to have reached out to him, including from the Big Bash League in Australia, after he announced IPL retirement on Wednesday (August 27). A player-cum-coach role seems a natural fit for him, given his skills and cricketing acumen. Throughout his career, he has been regarded as one of the game's most cerebral cricketers.

Post-retirement, Ashwin appears to have no dearth of options. Commentary could be one prospect, while his cricketing brain also makes him a potential candidate in administration too - it is even believed that some of the out-of-the-box suggestions to the last IPL retention rules came from his inputs to the BCCI. For now, though, his focus remains firmly on extending his playing career for the years left.

Contacted, Ashwin did not spell out his plans and merely said, "I really want to enjoy my last couple of years hopefully without any judgements from anyone. I wanna live life on my terms."

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So far, so good for Naomi Osaka and her new coach at the US Open

■ Associated Press

NEW YORK: Naomi Osaka is back in the third round of the U.S. Open for the first time since 2021, the year after she won her second championship at Flushing Meadows.

She's playing rather well at the moment, too, under the guidance of a new coach. Just don't expect Osaka to weigh in on whether she feels as if she is ready to make another deep run at the place.

"Honestly, I don't really know. I don't make it my business to know anymore. I kind of just leave it up in the air," the 23rd-seeded Osaka said after eliminating Hailey Baptiste 6-3, 6-1 in the second round in just 70 minutes Thursday. "For me, I realize that I've done everything that I could. I've trained really hard. I practiced really hard. If it happens, it happens."

Osaka's four Grand Slam trophies all arrived on hard courts: two at the U.S. Open, two at the Australian Open. Since her 2020 title in New York, her trips there have gone this way: losses in the third round in 2021, first round in 2022, second round last year.



The surface tends to favor the big serves and powerful, first-strike tennis Osaka is best known for, and something she displayed against Baptiste, of course, although she also demonstrated a willingness to vary speeds and spins.

The other talent Osaka is using to great effect so far this week is returning that gets an opponent on the defensive. Osaka already has won 11 of the 18 return games she's played so far, including during a 6-3, 6-4 win over Greet Minnen in the first round.

MEET THE SPINNER KNOWN AS MANISHI

■ Ashish Pant

MUMBAI: Day one of the 2025-26 Duleep Trophy. A green top underfoot. Cloudy skies overhead. Mohammed Shami and Mukesh Kumar in the starting XI.

When East Zone captain Riyan Parag won the toss and bowled first against North Zone, he would have expected his pace spearheads to cause early damage. Instead, it was a little known left-arm spinner from Jharkhand, Manishi, who cut through the top order to give his team the upper hand at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

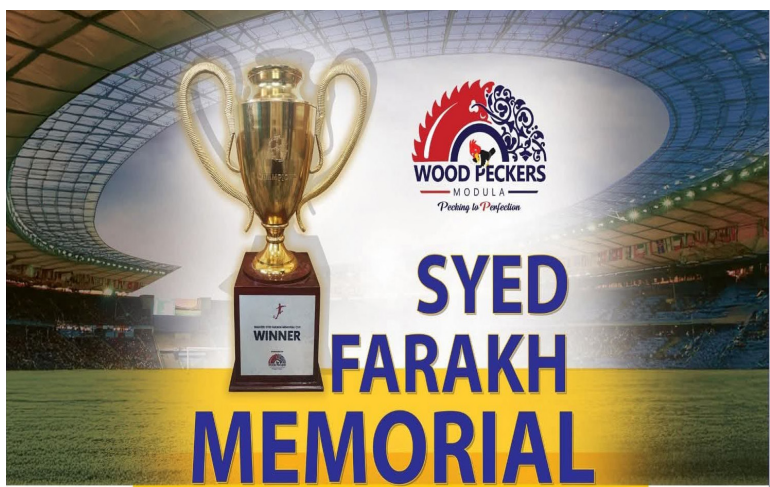
By the time Manishi came on to bowl the 15th over, the North Zone openers Ankit Kumar and Shubham Khajuria, had put on 49 runs in 84 balls. But that solid start was about to unravel.

Manishi's first ball was loopy and full from around the wicket. Ankit tried to sweep but did not

account for the drift into him and was lbw. A few overs later, Khajuria went back to a skiddy length ball, played all around it and was lbw too. And after a 67-run stand between Yash Dhull and Ayush Badoni, Manishi came back and dismissed Dhull minutes before lunch, beating him in the flight to pick up a third lbw. From 49 for 0, North Zone slipped to 133 for 3, and a 21-year-old left-arm spinner had played the lead role when that never was the plan.

"Initially, our thinking was that it is a green wicket, so I was asked to be more of a supportive bowler, you know, when the fast bowler needs rest, I can come and bowl four to five overs," Manishi told ESPNcricinfo after play on day one. "But when I got the wicket on the very first ball, I could attack a little more. I noticed that my quicker deliveries were coming on to the bat nicely."

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