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### Vibrant Sports.....

Dal Lake in Srinagar.  
In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended a warm welcome and best wishes to all participating athletes and team officials. He congratulated the Union Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India, J&K Sports Council, sports enthusiasts, water sports veterans and people of Jammu Kashmir on the momentous occasion.

He also expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving the historic city of Srinagar the opportunity to host the country's first 'Khelo India Water Sports Festival'.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the participation of 800 athletes from 28 States/UTs in this mega national sports event will project J&K UT as the Water Sports Capital of the Country.

"Hosting of national-level sporting event with participants from across the country sends a strong message of peace, normalcy and progress in J&K. While winter sports attract visitors during snow season, water sports will promote summer tourism benefiting the local economy.

Next two days the competitive Games will provide a unique opportunity for sportspersons from all over the country to stay together, live and compete in the same environment and showcase the sporting excellence," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, shared the extraordinary journey of J&K towards becoming a sporting powerhouse.

"I am proud to say that Sports in J&K UT have got its due under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Modern sports infrastructure has been developed under his guidance across Jammu Kashmir and sporting facilities have been made available to youngsters in rural areas," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the scale and magnitude of sports events organised in Jammu Kashmir for the last 5-6 years is impressive and unprecedented.

The Lieutenant Governor also thanked the Government of India for developing a vibrant 'Sports Culture' in J&K UT which has encouraged the children and youth of Jammu Kashmir to play and realise their dreams.

Our goal is to nurture and advance the skills of talented youth of J&K. It is also preventing them from falling prey to anti-social activities and drugs. From 3-4 lakh per year before 2019 the number of youngsters getting opportunity to play has gone up to 30-40 lakh per year, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also urged the children and youth to take keen interest in water sports.

"We must set our sights on International Water Sports Games. Unless we aim high, we will never be able to reach the top. We can do much better in these games," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

He observed that Water Sports Games help in building the national character by inculcating in us team spirit. They are also an occasion for promoting national integration. Your unity in your diversity is a symbol of the spirit of India. It is participation and sportsmanship, more than winning or losing, which will strengthen the bond between Sportspersons, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the players and officials to become the ambassadors of new Jammu Kashmir.

"When you return home, tell your friends and family that the youth of Jammu Kashmir are now actively engaged in sports, participating in a wide range of activities just like their counterparts across India.

The schools and colleges here are now open year-round, and the playgrounds are alive with the energy of the youth. Now calendars are published in J&K for Khelo India and other national-international games and not for strikes and shutdowns. The voices of the youth are now heard in stadiums, not in the streets," he said.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports declared the Khelo India Water Sports Festival open through video message.

The three-day event features competitive sports events in rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. The festival is also showcasing demonstration events such as water skiing, dragon boat racing, and a shikara race.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Ms Raksha Nikhil Khadse; Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah; Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, IT, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings, Shri Satish Sharma; Commissioner Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Sarvad Hafeez; IGP Kashmir, Shri VK Birdi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Shri Akshay Labroo; Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Ms Nuzhat Gul; senior officials of Police & civil administration, Sports Authority of India, J&K Sports Council, prominent sports personalities, sports lovers, and people from different walks of life attended the opening ceremony.

### CM Omar Hails.....

held at Dal Lake, describing the event as a "historic moment that blends the spirit of sports with the natural beauty of Kashmir."

The festival, which draws over 800 participants was attended by Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister for Youth Services and Sports Satish Sharma, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq, besides dignitaries from the Central Government and senior officials of the J&K administration.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said Jammu and Kashmir shares a long association with Khelo India, having hosted the Winter Games

in Gulmarg five times. "When we hear Khelo India, winter immediately comes to mind because we have grown up playing in the snow. But today, it is a matter of immense pride that Dal Lake is hosting the first-ever Water Sports Festival under Khelo India," he said.

Calling Dal Lake the "identity of Srinagar," Omar Abdullah said the lake has nurtured generations through livelihoods, leisure, and adventure, citing the traditions of water skiing and the famed Dal Cross swimming challenge as symbols of Kashmir's deep-rooted bond with water sports.

Emphasizing the value of sportsmanship, he said, "Not everyone may win today, but each participant will carry home the joy of competing, of being part of history, and of celebrating the true spirit of sports."

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the festival would open new avenues for the youth of J&K and mark the beginning of many such events in the Valley.

### Restoration Of.....

The Chief Minister, while addressing officers, stressed the need for speedy relief assistance, restoration of essential services, and long-term strategies to safeguard vulnerable areas from recurring natural calamities.

"Whether it was a cloudburst or a glacial lake outburst, the fact remains that this tragedy struck at the busiest time of the year in the Chashoti village. Had it occurred at any other time, the impact might have been less severe. These are lessons we must take forward. The Meteorological Department had issued warnings, including advisories against unnecessary travel, which underscores the importance of adopting clear SOPs and guidelines for highly vulnerable regions," the Chief Minister observed.

He said that short-term priorities must remain on relief and rehabilitation, while medium- and long-term measures must include a holistic assessment of vulnerable areas by experts, protection of agricultural lands, discouraging habitation along flood-prone nallahs and creation of preventive mechanisms.

On the ongoing rescue operations, the Chief Minister noted: "Unfortunately, with 33 people still missing, it is safe to presume we may not find any of them alive. Our priority now is to retrieve dead bodies to hand them over to their families. Equally important is to rehabilitate those whose homes and livelihoods have been devastated."

He assured all possible government support in reconstruction of damaged homes, restoration of agricultural land, and provision of essential services.

He directed the concerned departments to work out temporary arrangements, including deployment of generators, to ensure electricity supply in affected areas until road connectivity is fully restored.

Earlier, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar briefed the CM on the relief & rehab activities detailed while DCs gave detailed presentation on the situation in both districts. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar informed that 65 people have lost their lives so far, of which 62 bodies have been identified and handed over to families, while 33 persons remain missing. He said 66 persons were rescued alive, while temporary shelters, food, medicines and health facilities are being provided. He further reported that Army, Police, NDRF, SDRF, and civil administration are jointly engaged in rescue and relief operations with heavy machinery deployed on the ground.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua informed the meeting that seven persons lost their lives and 13 sustained injuries, with around five areas severely affected. Immediate relief was distributed to the victims, NGOs were roped in, and temporary shelters established. He said that road connectivity, which has been badly disrupted, may take about a week to restore, while efforts are underway to resume electricity, water supply, mobile services and other essentials. He added that both private and public infrastructure has suffered significant damage.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary PDD, Commissioner Secretary Food & Civil Supplies, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Deputy Commissioners of Kathua and Kishtwar, besides other senior officers who joined in person and virtually.

The Chief Minister directed all concerned to intensify relief efforts on war footing while simultaneously preparing a medium- and long-term disaster mitigation plan for Jammu and Kashmir's vulnerable areas.

### LS adjourned.....

persistent disruptions and vocal protests from the Opposition over the special intensive revision of Bihar's electoral rolls.

The state is scheduled to hold Assembly elections in November this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived at 12.04 p.m. to participate in the concluding proceedings.

In his valedictory remarks, Speaker Om Birla expressed grave concern over the conduct of certain members, citing the use of placards and slogans couched in unparliamentary language. Meanwhile, members continued to shout "Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod", in clear violation of parliamentary decorum.

"Our conduct is being watched by the entire nation," Speaker Birla declared, urging all members to uphold the dignity of the House and preserve the values of the world's largest democracy. He informed the House that, as agreed in the Business Advisory Committee meeting, 120 hours had been

allocated for discussion.

However, due to repeated and coordinated disruptions by Opposition members, only 37 hours were utilised. Speaker Birla noted that 419 starred questions had been submitted, yet only 55 were answered.

"This is not just a procedural failure. It is a breach of public trust," he said. He said the people of India expect accountability, not slogans. The entire session saw the introduction of 14 bills and the passage of 12, including the Income Tax Bill, the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, and the National Sports Governance Bill.

Online Gaming Regulation Bill. However, the 130th Amendment to the Constitution Bill was referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee. Meanwhile, the Opposition's persistent demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into electoral roll revisions in Bihar and other issues led to frequent walkouts and stalled proceedings throughout the session.

The session was not without its moments of pride and progress. A special discussion on Operation Sindoor – India's strategic military response to the Pahalgam terror attack – was held on July 28-29, with Prime Minister Modi addressing the House. The operation was hailed as a calibrated and resolute counter-terror initiative, reinforcing India's defence posture.

Equally celebrated in the House was Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's space journey, marking India's return to the International Space Station. Speaker Birla further praised the achievement, calling it "a testament to India's scientific excellence and global leadership." Despite these highlights, the Speaker's tone turned stern as he addressed the conduct of certain members.

"Slogans and placards, and unparliamentary language are not merely violations of decorum – they are insults to the democratic spirit," he said. However, members of the Opposition paid no heed to even his valedictory remarks and kept on shouting slogans like "Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod", with more intensity. Speaker Birla emphasised that the House is not a platform for theatrics but a sacred space for policy and debate.

"Our conduct is being watched by the entire nation. We must rise to the expectations of the people," he said/ His appeals to the Opposition to restore order were ignored, and the disruptions continued until the final moments. Earlier, he declined to entertain any of the multiple adjournment notices received on Thursday but allowed a brief business, including the presentation of several committee reports; Kalyan Vajinathrao Kale tabled reports from the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilisers. Gajendra Singh Patel submitted reports from the Social Justice and Empowerment Committee for 2024-25.

Ministers from key portfolios, including Home Affairs (Nityanand Rai), Environment (Kirtivardhan Singh), Ports and Shipping (Shantanu Thakur), Road Transport (Ajay Tamta), Education (Sukanta Majumdar), and Civil Aviation (Murlidhar Mohol), laid departmental papers before the House.

Before adjourning the House sine die, Speaker Birla thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all members who participated constructively and urged future Lok Sabha sessions to recommit to the values of deliberation, dignity, and democratic responsibility. As the Monsoon session of the 18th Lok Sabha closes, the nation now looks ahead to the Assembly elections in Bihar with hopes that the next chapter will restore the integrity and effectiveness of parliamentary proceedings. (Agencies)

### RS passes....

Online Gaming Bill' amid protests and sloganeering by the Opposition.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had moved 'The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill' as passed by Lok Sabha for consideration and passing in Rajya Sabha.

Highlighting the aspects of the bill, the Union Minister explained that there are three aspects of the bill – "E-sports, Online Social Gaming and Online Money Gaming" out of which 2/3rd segment (E-sports and Online Social Gaming) will be promoted and encouraged.

Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Vaishnaw said, "Online gaming is an important subject which has emerged as an important sector in the digital world. It has 3 segments – the first segment is e-sports, in which people form a team and play, learn coordination, have strategic thinking. Our players have also won many medals. In this bill, e-sports will be promoted, an authority will be created for it and it will get legal recognition. The second is Online Social Games which includes solitaire, chess, sudoku, etc. In this bill, online social games will be promoted, encouraged and an authority will be created."

The Union Minister stated the third segment – 'Online Money Game' as has become "Public Health Risk."

He further said, "2/3rd segment of the entire world of online gaming is being promoted, but there is one such segment, 3rd – online money games, due to which a big problem has arisen in the society, especially in the middle class youth. It gets addicted and the family's savings are spent. It is estimated that 45 crore people are affected by it and more than Rs 20,000 crore has been destroyed in it. WHO has declared it a gaming disorder. Online money gaming has become a public health risk. Problems like psychological disorder, compulsive behaviour, violent behaviour are arising from it. Many families have been destroyed due to it. This has become a huge problem. Its major aspect is money laundering and its effect have also been seen in terror activities. There were efforts to stop this problem but this problem kept on increasing."

Union Minister Vaishnaw also hit out at the

opposition for creating ruckus in the House while the Minister was moving the bill for passing.

He said, "From time to time many irregularities arise in the society, at such times it is the responsibility of the Government and the Parliament to take action against the irregularities and bring solutions which can stop these irregularities in the society. We all know that earlier many families were getting destroyed due to chit funds, Modi government dealt with the problem by bringing a law on it. Whenever the interest of middle class and youth is discussed, PM Modi ji has always talked about the interest of middle class and youth by keeping revenue and economy on one side and rising it above that. The same subject is before the Parliament today. If Opposition works on this subject today, we also understand that they also talk about the interests of the middle class and the youth, but they are not concerned about this at all, they work only and only for their political objectives." (Agencies)

### Security.....

Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Academy of Art Culture and Languages here, the Special DG, who was also the chief guest on the occasion, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "Trafficking is one of the most profitable organized crimes after drug trade."

Unlike narcotics, he noted, victims of human trafficking are repeatedly exploited, often forced into transporting drugs and engaging in other illicit activities. "Human trafficking intersects with other forms of organized crime because traffickers use the same networks as those smuggling drugs and arms. What sets it apart is the human cost—shattered lives, broken families and long-lasting trauma," Gillani observed.

Pointing to India's porous borders and conflict-prone regions as vulnerable zones, he stressed that prevention must be at the heart of anti-trafficking strategies. "Educated, economically secure and rights-aware communities are less vulnerable to exploitation," he said.

Gillani highlighted that while India has a strong legal framework in place, conviction rates remain low due to weak enforcement, procedural delays and corruption, reflecting a global trend. He said effective implementation of laws, backed by empathy from enforcement agencies and awareness among citizens, was crucial to reversing the tide.

He also underscored the role of technology, calling for advanced surveillance tools and data-driven interventions to strengthen the response to trafficking. "We all know, laws alone are not enough. It is the spirit of their implementation, the empathy of our enforcers and the awareness of our citizens that will truly turn the tide," Gilani said, as per KNO.

The Special DG commended the coordinated efforts of J&K Police, the Ministry of Home Affairs, NGOs and other stakeholders, noting that their work aligns with the Government of India's broader initiatives such as the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, strengthening of Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) across states, and programs like Operation Muskan. "Together, through coordinated enforcement, community partnership and a holistic focus on human security, we can make a lasting difference," he concluded.

Additional Director General of Police & Director Fire & Emergency Services, Alok Kumar in his address underlined that human trafficking is closely linked to the worldwide phenomenon of black money. He observed that despite strong laws and international conventions, the crime continues to increase.

Stressing that combating trafficking must be a continuous process, he emphasized the importance of leveraging social media as a tool for awareness, involving local communities and sensitising people about the strategies traffickers use. He also highlighted the need for deterrence through exemplary punishment to discourage offenders.

Convenor, Just Rights for Children, Ravi Kant in his speech highlighted that traffickers often exploit gaps in the enforcement chain. He pointing out that while the Government of India is strengthening legal frameworks, the scale and networks involved make it difficult to arrest and prosecute high-level traffickers. Ravi Kant called for a comprehensive approach that not only tightens laws but also ensures effective enforcement, stronger victim protection measures and collaboration between police, civil society, and international agencies.

He noted that Anti-Human Trafficking Units and law enforcement agencies already have the necessary powers and relevant laws to act effectively. "If we look beneath the surface, we see that trafficking is highly organised—but so too is the fight against it," he said, commending the work being done by the Jammu & Kashmir Police in tackling this grave crime.

Resource person Rajesh Mani, a noted expert trainer (Human trafficking) shared his expertise on prevention, victim support and coordinated response mechanisms.

During his presentation, he said that human trafficking is a heinous and organised crime and highlighted best practices, chal-

lenges and the need for a multi-agency approach in effectively addressing human trafficking.

Earlier, IGP Crime Sujit Kumar in his welcome address said that we have to come together in this noble mission to fight human trafficking and urged upon the youth to benefit from the knowledge and awareness shared during the conference.

The conference was attended by the senior police officials, government representatives, experts, NGO's, legal experts and stakeholders to deliberate on strategies, challenges and collaborative measures to combat human trafficking.

The conference was organized under the guidance of DIG Crime Branch, J&K and overall supervision of IGP Crime J&K.

Top officers who attended the conference included Uttam Chand, IPS IGP Hqrs. PHQ, Judicial Officers, Senior Officers from PHQ, various Govt Departments viz Social Welfare Department, Women and Child Development Departments, Labour Department, students from faculty of law Kashmir University, students from various colleges/schools, Border Guiding Officers (BSF), NGOs, Nodal Police Officers of AHTU J&K, attended the conference.

Rajesh Mani Expert trainer, Human Trafficking, Consultant, India for children and Ravi Kant, Advocate Supreme Court of India, Founder Shakti Vahini and National Convener, Just Rights for Children, who participated in the conference put their valuable points/suggestions through lectures/ PPTs to break all shackle on human trafficking. The conference provided a platform for stakeholder who shared their experience and expertise in combating human trafficking and identifying effective strategies to prevent and support victims.

Mementoes were presented to the Chief Guest and other speakers. At the end of Conference, Mohammad Faisal Qureshi, SO to IGP Crime presented vote of thanks to the all guests and participants—(KNO)

### One dead.....

dead and 39 others injured, officials said.

The accident took place at Jatwal, when the bus carrying pilgrims to Katra from Uttar Pradesh, suffered a tyre burst and skidded off the highway near a small bridge, they said.

The deceased was identified as 45-year-old Iqbal Singh of Amroha, they added.

A rescue operation was launched and the injured were shifted to the hospital in Samba. Seven of them were later admitted to AIIMS Vijaypur.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed his condolences over the tragic bus accident in Samba, which claimed one life and left many injured. The bus was carrying pilgrims to Vaishno Devi.

The condolence message was posted on the official account of the Jammu and Kashmir CMO X handle.

The post said, "Chief Minister has expressed grief over the tragic bus accident in Samba carrying Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrims, which has claimed one life and left many injured. He prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and assured all possible assistance."

### 'J&K power.....

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC) representative informed the forum that the total outstanding of Rs 221.54 Cr and Rs 45.37 Cr of UP and J&K, respectively against pool deficit recovery (Legacy dues). "UP and J&K are requested to expedite the pending payments to ensure a healthy cash flow in the pool account and to avoid any interest penalties," NRPC said.

"Representatives from Uttar Pradesh informed the forum that they have already filed a petition at UPSERC for the payment of legacy dues and based on the direction from UPERC they will settle the payment of legacy dues," reads the official document.

The Chairperson, NRPC, informed that the matter regarding the outstanding payment of Jammu and Kashmir has already been taken up at the highest level of the Government and is currently under process and the dues will be cleared shortly. "Forum requested UP and J&K to clear their pending dues at the earliest."

The official documents further reveal that NRLDC representative apprised the forum that NRLDC is operating and maintaining the 'Northern Region Pool Account' for deviation charges, Reactive Energy Charges and Congestion Charges in accordance with provisions under various CERC Regulations.

"As per Regulations, the payment to the statutory pool account has high priority and the concerned utilities are required to pay the indicated amounts within 10 days of the issue of the weekly energy account by the NRPC secretariat," it reads.

The document in this regard states that the payment of deviation charges and Reactive energy charges of J&K is long pending. "Last payment received from JKPCIL in the pool account was on 09.02.2024."

Among the total outstanding dues of J&K includes DSM charges of Rs 94.56 crores, Reactive Energy Charges of Rs 0.45 crores, Pool Deficit Charges (Legacy Dues) of Rs 45.37 crores, and Pool Deficit Charges on NLDC statement as on 13.01.25 is Rs 2.92 crores—(KNO)



# DC Srinagar reviews progress in implementation of PMAY-Urban 2.0

Emphasises officers to expedite verification process swiftly in line with scheme guidelines

**■ HT News Desk / DIPR**

**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Thursday chaired a meeting of Revenue and SMC officers here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office to review the progress and achievements made in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-U 2.0) in the district.

At the outset, DC called the officers to ensure swift and transparent processing of cases for selection of beneficiaries under the scheme. He emphasized the need for maintaining transparency and accuracy in beneficiary selection to ensure all genuine applicants are benefitted under PMAY-U 2.0 in the district.



DC instructed the Revenue and SMC officers to expedite the verification process at their respective levels swiftly in line with scheme guidelines to meet the scheme objectives.

Earlier, the meeting was apprised that about 3000 applications have been received on Unified Web Portal of PMAY-U 2.0 in the district and are at different stages of processing.

The meeting was among others attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, DSEO, LDM (Banks), all Tehsildars, SMC Ward officers, and officers from J&K Housing Board.

## DC Srinagar chairs DLSCC meeting

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today chaired a meeting of District Level Screening cum Coordination Committee (DLSCC) here at Conference Hall of the DC office to review the cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NoKs of terror affected victims in Srinagar district. During the meeting, the Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the cases/claims submitted under SRO-43 by NoKs of those affected by terror related incidents in Srinagar district.

After a meticulous examination, the Committee recommended fresh cases of Srinagar district to the Government for consideration for compassionate appointment under SRO-43. Speaking on the occasion, DC stressed concerned officers to ensure speedy disposal of all such cases in a time bound manner to reduce the pendency of such cases to nil. He emphasised the critical importance of an active and collaborative effort among all stakeholders to expedite the processing and disposal of these cases to provide timely relief and justice to the victim families.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed; SP Headquarter, Umar Shah; Additional SP CID, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, District Social Welfare Officer, all Tehsildars, senior officers from BSF, Army, and other security agencies, besides other concerned.

## DLTFC approves 61 cases for financial help under JK-REGP in Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

**KULGAM, AUG 21:** A District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting was held today at mini-secretariat Kulgam under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who is also the Chairman DLTFC.

A total of 93 cases were placed before the committee and 61 cases were approved by the committee for Project cost of Rs 4.50 crore involving margin money of 1.57 crore and providing employment opportunities to 366 educated unemployed youth. JKREGP scheme is being implemented by Jammu



& Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (J&K KVIB) to harness and divert the potential and enthusiasm of youth for establishment of productive enterprise in the micro industrial sector and to create employment opportunities for others.

The bank representatives were directed by the chair to take the credit decision within 28 days from the receipt of DLTFC recommended applications from the KVIB Kulgam, also no security will be insisted upon by the bank up to Rs 10 lacs except in agriculture & allied, security will be insisted by the bank beyond the project cost of Rs. 5 lacs.

## Uncertainty Deepens in National Conference Over Promises to People of J&K

■ Ubaid Mehdi

**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** Elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir in 2024 — both for the Lok Sabha and the Assembly — but the National Conference (NC) has yet to present a clear stand on the mandate given by the people.

From South Kashmir, Altaf Larvi secured victory, while from Central Kashmir, Aga Ruhullah

Mehdi emerged as the winning candidate. During the campaign, Mehdi played a prominent role as the party's star campaigner, repeatedly assuring people that the NC would strive to restore the rights taken away after the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A and also work for the restoration of statehood.

People voted for the NC with these promises in mind. How-

ever, questions are now being raised within and outside the party: Has the NC fulfilled the commitments it made?

Senior NC leader and MLA, Shamima Firdous, while speaking to the media, openly questioned Aga Ruhullah Mehdi's performance. She remarked that if people had supported him based on his promises, then he must remain accountable for the progress made so far.

Her statement has sparked speculation that "everything is not well" within the party.

Political observers suggest that the discontent may run deeper. Mehdi — widely regarded as a strong and influential leader — now appears increasingly isolated within the NC. Even as he continues to emphasize the need to honor election pledges, he is said to have received little

concrete response from NC Vice President Omar Abdullah.

This growing silence and lack of clarity from the NC leadership have fueled perceptions of widening internal rifts. Shamima Firdous's remarks have intensified this narrative, prompting fresh debate over whether the National Conference remains united in its approach or is struggling to manage diverging voices within.

## 16TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF GHULAM ALI MAJBOOR OBSERVED WITH REVERENCE

■ HT News Desk

**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** The 16th death anniversary of the prominent writer, poet, broadcaster, and comedian, late Ghulam Ali Majboor, was observed today at the Conference Hall of the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. The event was organized by Karam Buland Folk Theatre, Wathora Budgam to pay tribute to the literary and artistic legacy of the legendary personality.

The function was presided over by eminent broadcaster and media personality Nisar Naseem, while renowned poet, scholar, and Special Secretary, Department of Planning and Development, Gulzar Shabnam, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

Scholars Firdous Fida and Gulshan Badrani presented insightful papers highlighting the personality, creative journey, and immense literary contributions of Majboor, who is remembered for his wit, humor, and versatile artistry.



A galaxy of literary personalities, including Shabir Mujahid, Shafiq Qureshi, Mohammad Yousuf Shaheen, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, and Syed Shakeel Shan, attended the function and shared their memories, paying heartfelt tributes to the legendary figure.

The highlight of the event was a mesmerizing humorous Qawali,

penned by the late poet, which captivated the audience and reflected Majboor's unique creative brilliance.

The participant 5s collectively hailed Ghulam Ali Majboor as a cultural icon whose works continue to inspire generations, leaving an indelible mark on the literary and artistic landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

## CEO Ganderbal conducted distribution camp for CWSN Children

■ HT News Desk

**GANDERBAL, AUG 21:** The Chief Education Officer Ganderbal today organised a "Distribution Camp for Children with Special Needs (CWSN)" in "Zone Hariganwan" under the scheduled programmes of "Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan," in collaboration with "ALIMCO, Kanpur."

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Qamar U Din, "Zonal Education Officer Hariganwan," followed by a Keynote Address delivered by Mr. Abdul Rashid, "Principal BHSS Hariganwan", the host institution.

The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, "DDC Member Hariganwan", who lauded the sincere efforts of the School "Education Department" in



reaching out to "far-flung" areas and organising such a meaningful camp for the welfare of specially-abled children.

A large number of "beneficiaries" and stakeholders were present at the programme. The DNO (IE) presented the vote of thanks, extending gratitude to all for their cooperation, with special mention of the Principal BHSS Hariganwan, ZEO Hariganwan, PRIs, Resource Persons (RPs), and Special Educators (SETs) for their valuable support and active participation in making the event a grand success.

## KVK Kulgam Organizes Rural Credit Workshop under JKCIIP at Turigam Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

**KULGAM, AUG 21:** The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kulgam, in collaboration with the Agriculture and allied departments, successfully organized a Rural Credit Workshop under the Jammu & Kashmir Community Investment Project (JKCIIP-IFAD) at Turigam, drawing the participation of over 150 farmers from across the district. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Shahid Ahmad, who elaborated on the objectives of the JKCIIP initiative, aimed at promoting inclusive and sustainable agricultural growth through improved access to institutional credit.

The event was graced by Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, Mr. Mohammad Afzal Parry, as the Chief Guest. In

his address, Mr. Parry underscored the transformative role of institutional credit in empowering farmers, facilitating the adoption of modern agricultural technologies, and encouraging diversification into areas like horticulture, dairy, and sheep rearing.

He emphasized that timely access to credit is not just a financial tool but a driver of rural development and resilience. He urged farmers to utilize loans productively, adopt a culture of financial discipline, and actively engage with various government-sponsored welfare schemes. He assured the farming community of continued support from the District Administration in streamlining credit access and building strong linkages between farmers, banks, and line departments.

Senior officers from the Depart-



ments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture Planning & Marketing, and representatives from J&K Bank participated in the deliberations, shedding light on sector-specific credit opportunities and institutional support available for farmers.

Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Ganai, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Kulgam, emphasized the importance of combining scientific innovation with accessible credit to ensure holistic agricultural development in the region. He encouraged farmers to collaborate closely with KVK scientists for technical guidance

and adopt climate-resilient, market-driven practices for long-term sustainability.

Other scientists from KVK, including Dr. Ab. Shakoor Khanday, Dr. Shahid Ahmad, and Dr. Tariq Iqbal, also interacted with farmers and shared valuable insights on crop management, diversification, and enterprise development.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ab. Shakoor Khanday, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, officials, scientists, bankers, and farmers for their active participation and contributions.

The event marked a significant step towards enhancing financial literacy, improving credit accessibility, and fostering sustainable agricultural livelihoods in Kulgam district.



# Sakeena Itoo reviews developmental scenario of Hazratbal Constituency

Calls for effective, optimal utilisation of Public infrastructure

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**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the developmental scenario of Hazratbal constituency.

The meeting was attended by MLA Hazratbal, Salman Ali Sagar; Secretary School Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Director School Education Kashmir, Director Health Services Kashmir, CMO Srinagar, CEO Srinagar and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed upon the officers for effective and optimal utilisation

of public infrastructure to address the genuine needs and issues of the general public. She directed the concerned departments to adopt a result-oriented approach, prioritising timely completion of projects and optimum service delivery.

"Public infrastructure is created to ease the lives of people, but unless it is maintained and used effectively, it fails to serve its purpose," she asserted. The Minister urged upon the officers to streamline service delivery and ensure that projects already completed or under progress yield tangible benefits for the common citizen.

While reviewing educational scenario of the constituency, the Minister directed the school education department to ensure that basic amenities are estab-



lished in all schools of the constituency from Primary level upto the Higher secondary level. She also directed the officers for timely renovation of dilapidated buildings so as to make them fit for class work and other required objectives.

Taking stock of health sector

in the Constituency, the Minister called upon the officers to ensure that existing facilities and newly created infrastructure are effectively utilised for the benefit of the people. She also underscored the significance of Hazratbal constituency as a seat of learning and spirituality, not-

ing that sustained developmental efforts must complement its cultural and educational legacy.

The Minister further directed the officers of health department for effective utilisation of Mini Maternity Hospital Zakura. She also stressed upon the health department to address the issues

hindering the construction of additional block of SDH Habbak.

Reviewing the functioning of other health institutions in the Constituency like UPHC Tailbal, PHC Burzahama, Fakir Gujri Hospital, UPHC Nishat, PHC Brien, UPHC Harwan, NTPHC Theed and others, the Minister directed the officers to establish necessary facilities like digital X-Ray, advanced diagnostic equipments and other advanced medical care facilities at these health institutions for the public good.

She also asked the concerned officers of health department to submit necessary requirements for upgradation in health facilities of Hazratbal Constituency on timely basis so that required funds can be made available.

Reaffirming the commitment of Omar Abdullah led govern-

ment towards inclusive growth, the Minister called upon officers and stakeholders to work in synergy so that the constituency emerges as a model of balanced development.

"Our focus must remain people's welfare. Development should not only be about creating assets but ensuring that these assets truly serve the community," she stated.

The Minister further instructed the officers to identify gaps in infrastructure use, remove bottlenecks and create awareness so that the community reaps maximum benefits from government investments. She underlined that the government is committed to bridge developmental imbalances and foster inclusive growth in the constituency.

## DC Baramulla Reviews Revenue Matters, Stresses Transparency & Digitization

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**BARAMULLA, AUG 21:** In a bid to strengthen transparency and streamline revenue administration in Baramulla, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Minga Sherpa today chaired a comprehensive meeting of revenue officers to review key matters related to land management, digitization, market regulation, grievance redressal, and measures against illegal mining.

Focus on Digitization of Land Records

During the meeting, DC underscored the early completion of digitization of land records, stressing that the exercise is vital for accuracy, transparency, and easy accessibility of revenue services to the general public. He highlighted that digitization will not only ensure citizen-friendly services but will also help in reducing litigation, preventing manipulation of records, and ensuring speedy grievance resolution.

He directed officers to strictly adhere to timelines and expedite pending processes under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DIL-RMP), calling it a transformational step in public service delivery.

Land Acquisition for Development Projects

Reviewing the status of land acquisition cases for various ongoing developmental projects, DC instructed officers to accelerate the process while maintaining fairness and transparency. He emphasized the need to ensure that affected families receive timely and adequate compensation in accordance with legal provisions, so that crucial infrastructure projects—such as roads, schools, and healthcare facilities—are not delayed.

He further directed officers to maintain close coordination with executing agencies to minimize procedural hurdles and ensure smooth project implementation.

Market Regulation and Consumer Protection

As part of his directions to revenue officers acting in their capacity as Executive Magistrates, DC called for frequent and surprise market inspection drives, particularly focusing on food items and essential commodities. The aim, he said, is to curb profiteering, overpricing, and adulteration, thereby protecting the interests of ordinary consumers.

He asked the concerned officers to ensure strict enforcement of fair pricing mechanisms, quality standards, and weight & measurement norms, and to take stringent action against violators to maintain market discipline.

Measures Against Illegal Mining

Addressing the issue of illegal extraction of minerals, DC directed for intensified inspections of mining sites and transportation routes to curb illegal mining activities. He stressed that such practices not only deplete natural resources but also cause environmental degradation and revenue loss to the government.

He instructed revenue officers to work in close coordination with the Geology and Mining Department, Police, and other enforcement agencies to ensure strict action against violators, including seizure of machinery and imposition of heavy penalties.

Commitment to Accountable Governance

Concluding the meeting, DC Minga Sherpa reiterated that completion of digitization of land records, timely redressal of public grievances, strict enforcement of market regulations, and transparent land acquisition processes remain the top priorities of the district administration.

He added that the administration is fully committed to people-centric governance where accountability, transparency, and responsiveness form the cornerstone of service delivery.

## DC Shopian inspects ongoing Rural Development works

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**SHOPIAN, AUG 21:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today conducted an extensive inspection of various under construction Rural Development department (RDD) works being executed in Keller block.

During the inspection at Chowan, DC took stock of ongoing works including drainage systems, road networks and other soil protection and slope stability works being carried out under different schemes in the panchayat.

Gupta emphasised upon ACD Shopian to ensure that all works are expedited and completed within the stipulated timelines without compromising the quality and durability of works across the district.

He highlighted the significance of infrastructure development in rural areas and called upon all to submit to the highest standards of work ethics.

DC emphasized that the developmental works being executed are directly linked with public welfare and empowerment and



hence require strict monitoring and timely execution across 98 Panchayats of the district.

He also asked the concerned officers to ensure proper utilization of funds, maintain transparency at all levels and remove any bottlenecks hampering the progress of works.

DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; GM DIC, Shurjil Naikoo; ACD, Mushtaq Ahmad, DSEO, Tehsildar and BDO during the visit.

## JMC Hosts Mega Donation Drive to Encourage Cleanliness, Recycling, and Social Responsibility

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**JAMMU, AUG 21:** In a significant step towards fostering environmental sustainability and community welfare, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today organized a Mega Donation Drive, encouraging citizens to embrace the values of reduce, reuse, and recycle (RRR) while extending a helping hand to the underprivileged.

The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers, officials, and staff of JMC, who donated household items such as clothes, shoes, blankets, books, toys, and other essentials. These contributions will now be collected, segregated, and distributed to those in need through the RRR Centers and partner organizations.

The initiative not only seeks to prevent the careless disposal of usable items—which often end up in drains, rivers, or landfill sites, thereby polluting the environment—but also promotes a culture of recycling and social sharing. By channeling usable goods towards the needy, JMC aims to bridge the gap between waste generation and resource conservation.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner, JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav stressed that sustainable urban living requires collective participation. "This donation drive is not only about giving away items but about giving back to society. Every household can play a role in reducing waste and ensuring that items that still hold value are repurposed for community use. This is how we build a compassionate and eco-friendly Jammu," he said.

He further highlighted that the RRR Centers established at ward levels provide residents a convenient channel to donate goods. These centers,



he noted, have already received a positive response from the public and will be further strengthened in coming months.

Dr. Yadav also announced that similar donation drives will be organized in collaboration with the District Administration and other departments, ensuring wider participation from both government employees and the public. Such coordinated efforts, he said, will not only amplify the reach of the initiative but also embed sustainable practices into the city's governance framework.

In a gesture of solidarity, JMC also announced special relief measures for the families affected by the recent tragic incident at Chashoti Paddar in Kishtwar. A dedicated JMC team will soon travel to the affected area with relief material, ensuring timely assistance to the victims.

The event was attended by senior officers including Joint Commissioner (Revenue and Enforcement) Subah Mehta, Joint Commissioner

(Health and Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Joint Commissioner (Administration) Rajiv Khajuria, Chief Accounts Officer Sandeep Singh, Secretary JMC Chand Singh, Health Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma, AFO Dr. Rabia Khan, VAS JMC, and Dr. Divya Sharma (I/CIEC), all of whom actively took part in the donation process.

The Commissioner appealed to the people of Jammu to contribute generously to the RRR Centers in their respective wards, underlining that "the success of such initiatives depends on public ownership. Together, we can transform Jammu into a city that is not only clean and green, but also socially inclusive and responsible."

The Jammu Municipal Corporation continues to pioneer innovative initiatives that integrate environmental protection with social responsibility. By combining waste management with community welfare, JMC is paving the way for a sustainable and compassionate urban future, setting an example for other cities to follow.

## Senior Citizens Day celebrated at Bhaderwah

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**DODA, AUG 21:** The Social Welfare Department Bhaderwah, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and overall supervision of District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Tariq Parveez Qazi, organised a special programme to mark Senior Citizens Day. The event aimed to recognise the invaluable contribution of elderly citizens and ensure their continued welfare through various government initiatives.

Around 50 senior citizens from different areas of Bhaderwah actively participated in the programme. Tehsil Social Welfare Officer (TSWO) Shahnawaz Ahmad briefed the participants about several government welfare schemes designed for their benefit, including pension schemes, health care support, and other social security measures. He also highlighted the significance of observing Senior Citizens Day, noting that elders carry immense wisdom and life experiences that serve as a guiding force for the younger generation.

The programme also featured an inter-



active grievances redressal session, where senior citizens shared their concerns and suggestions. The TSWO assured them of prompt resolution and better facilitation of welfare services. Participants were also sensitised about upcoming initiatives to strengthen social security and healthcare access for the elderly in the district.

Expressing their gratitude, the senior citizens appreciated the initiative of the Social Welfare Department and praised the district administration for providing a platform that not only recognises their contributions but also addresses their needs.

## Historic 3-day Sankri Devta mela concludes successfully at Panchari

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**UDHAMPUR, AUG 21:** The three-day historic Sankri Devta Mela, which commenced on August 19, 2025, at Block Panchari in District Udhampur, successfully concluded, witnessing overwhelming participation of more than 30,000 devotees and visitors. Pilgrims from across the Union Territory thronged the mela site to pay obeisance at the Sankri Devta Temple and seek the divine blessings of the deity.

The concluding ceremony was attended by DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sarah Rizvi, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, SSP Udhampur, Amod Ashok Nagpure, DDC Member Jasvir Singh, DDC Narsoo, Subash Chander; IAS Probationer, Seerat Baji, Mela Officer, Tehsildar Panchari, Vipin Kumar, along with other officers, prominent civil society members and local residents. They paid their respects at the holy shrine of Sankri Devta.



While addressing the gathering, the DC congratulated the people on the successful organization of the event. She emphasized that such melas play a vital role in preserving cultural heritage, fostering brotherhood and spreading the message of peace and prosperity. She further underlined the importance of safeguarding the rich traditions of the region, calling these fairs an indispensable part of local culture.

The district administration had made elaborate arrangements for security, drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, Medicare facilities, traffic regulation and other essential services to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the mela.





## DRSC discusses measures to foster road safety in Ramban District

DC pushes for stringent action against violators, safety audit of all roads

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**RAMBAN, AUG 21:** A meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was held today under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan alongside Transport Commissioner J&K, Vishesh Paul Mahajan to review and strengthen safety measures to minimize road mishaps on National Highway-44 (NH-44) and other roads in the district.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta; Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamed; CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed and officers from all concerned departments.

The Transport Commissioner briefed the meeting regarding the road safety measures taken by the



Transport Department in Jammu and Kashmir, with focus on awareness campaigns, strict enforcement drives against traffic violations and regular monitoring of vulnerable stretches to minimize road mishaps. He highlighted that co-ordinated efforts by enforcement agencies, NHAI, PWD, and district administrations are vital to ensure

safety of the commuters.

The Transport Commissioner stressed on curbing over-speeding, overloading, underage driving, use of mobile phones while driving, and drunken driving, while emphasizing strict enforcement of traffic rules to ensure safer roads. He directed NHAI authorities to share details and CCTV footage of

traffic violations inside Nashri tunnel, including overloading and lane discipline breaches, for strict action. He also asked the District Road Safety Committee to identify suitable land for establishing roadside basic facilities for drivers.

The District Magistrate Ramban directed all departments to adopt stringent measures to ensure road safety. To enhance pedestrian safety, the DM instructed NHAI to construct overhead foot-bridges at identified locations along the Nashri-Banihal stretch. Enforcement agencies were directed to seize unfit vehicles and those lacking valid documents, while the ARTO was asked to strictly regulate both E-autos and fuel-based autos as per norms.

Further, PWD and PMGSY were tasked to conduct a safety audit of their roads, formulate a plan

for installing crash barriers and signboards at vulnerable locations, and ensure proper maintenance by rectifying black spots. NHAI was also directed to ensure patch-work on NH-44, remove hoardings and boards obstructing visibility, and take measures to prevent accidents.

On the suggestions of the SSP Ramban and SSP Traffic, the meeting underscored the need for installation of more CCTVs.

The District Magistrate directed CMO to make Trauma Centre Ramban functional to provide immediate medical assistance to accident victims and strengthen emergency response systems.

The DM directed all the Departments to work in coordination with all stakeholders for ensuring safer and accident-free roads across the district.

### 3-Day Artificial Intelligence Workshop Concludes at DIET Doda

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**DODA, AUG 21:** A transformative three-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI), titled "AI – Who Am I?", concluded today at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Doda, marking a milestone in the region's efforts to integrate digital innovation into the education sector.

The workshop was organized by VISHWAGRAM Trust in collaboration with the District Administration Doda and the School Education Department, under the guidance of District Development Commissioner Harvinder Singh and the close supervision of Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafiz.

The initiative was aimed at introducing educators to the fundamentals, applications, and ethical dimensions of AI, with a long-term vision of strengthening digital literacy, innovation skills, and critical thinking among both teachers and students.

Over 40 teachers and education professionals from different zones of the district actively participated in the programme. The sessions focused on how AI is transforming industries worldwide, especially education, by enhancing teaching methodologies, enabling personalized learning, automating routine tasks, and expanding access to knowledge.

The resource sessions were conducted by eminent experts, including Sanjay Ji from VISHWAGRAM Trust and Dr. Vishal Badani, AI expert and Professor at Lokbharti University, Gujarat. Through interactive presentations, case studies, and hands-on discussions, they emphasized the transformative potential of AI, while also raising awareness about the ethical challenges, including privacy, bias, and responsible usage.

Speaking at the valedictory function, Dr. Vishal Badani underscored the importance of teacher preparedness, stating: "Educators are at the forefront of preparing the next generation for a world shaped by AI. Building foundational awareness is the first step toward meaningful and inclusive digital transformation."

Participants expressed enthusiasm about adopting AI tools in classrooms, noting that the training not only expanded their technical knowledge but also inspired them to rethink classroom practices in line with emerging digital trends. Teachers also highlighted that such exposure will empower them to guide students in exploring 21st-century skills, making them more competitive in the future job market.

The programme was seamlessly coordinated by Anu Radha, Nodal Official from the School Education Department, Doda, who played a key role in ensuring smooth execution, interactive engagement, and impactful outcomes.

At the closing ceremony, officials emphasized that this workshop was just the beginning of a series of capacity-building programmes on digital innovation for teachers. Plans are underway to conduct follow-up sessions, peer-learning activities, and student-focused AI boot camps in the district.

The workshop concluded with a pledge from both educators and officials to act as digital ambassadors, taking forward the mission of preparing schools in Doda for an AI-powered educational ecosystem that balances innovation with ethics and inclusivity.

### 11th Agriculture Census: DC Reasi Stresses on Data Accuracy, Reliability

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**REASI, AUG 21:** Deputy Commissioner Reasi Ni-dhi Malik today chaired a review meeting of the District Level Coordination Committee to assess the progress of Phase-II of the 11th Agriculture Census, underscoring the critical importance of data accuracy and reliability in shaping the district's agricultural policies.

At the outset, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO), Ashok Kumar, apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the details of Phase-II data pertaining to the district. The census, being carried out nationwide, covers vital parameters including:

- Number of agricultural operational holders,
- Land utilization patterns,
- Tenancy status, and
- Irrigation facilities availability.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a tehsil-wise review of the data uploaded by enumerators (Patwaris) on the designated census portal. She noted that the verification process by Tehsildars (Supervisors) is crucial as each entry must be either accepted or rejected only after thorough cross-checking to prevent errors or duplication.

DC Malik emphasized that the agriculture census is not just a statistical exercise but a tool that directly impacts policy-making, planning, and resource allocation. She stated, "The accuracy of this data will determine how effectively the government can design welfare schemes, extend subsidies, and strengthen irrigation and farming infrastructure in Reasi district. Any lapse at this stage will have long-term implications for our farmers."

To strengthen accountability, she directed all Tehsildars to:

- Scrutinize entries carefully, ensuring zero errors,
- Certify the authenticity of data under their jurisdiction, and
- Submit verified reports within the stipulated timeline.

She further directed that special attention must be given to identifying marginal and small farmers, tenant cultivators, and areas with low irrigation coverage, so that targeted interventions can be planned for the most vulnerable groups.

Officials highlighted that the Agriculture Census is conducted once every five years and serves as the backbone of agricultural statistics in the country. The information collected forms the basis for planning and evaluating schemes such as PM-Kisan, crop insurance, irrigation development, soil health management, and credit flow to farmers.

The DC also urged officers to sensitize field staff and local farmers about the significance of providing correct information, as authentic data will ensure that benefits of government schemes reach the right beneficiaries.

## Jammu Admin Supports Self-Help Group Initiative to Foster Women Empowerment

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**JAMMU, AUG 21:** In a significant step towards women empowerment and rural livelihood generation, the District Administration Jammu has extended its full support to a new initiative aimed at strengthening women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the district.

The initiative, conceived by Anmol Rathore, with financial assistance of 2 lakh from the Centre for Cooperatives and Livelihoods, LBSNAA, Mussoorie, focuses on scaling up the production of organic soaps and scented organic candles by a women-led SHG from Chak Majra, a bordering village of Jammu. The project symbolizes the resilience, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of rural women in the region.

The programme is being coordinated by Owais, District Programme Manager, JKRLM, and Sheetal Mankotia, BPM Bishnah, who are working closely with the group to provide mentorship and ensure market linkages for their products.

The SHG, led by Asha Devi, is engaged in producing eco-friendly soaps, candles, and diyas, with the aim of promoting both sustainable prac-

tices and rural entrepreneurship. During an interaction session, the group presented their working model and progress to Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, and Assistant Commissioner (UT), Anmol Rathore.

Dr. Minhas lauded the initiative, describing it as a model of grassroots empowerment, and assured the group that the district administration would continue to provide consistent hand-holding support, skill training, and market opportunities. He also highlighted that such projects not only improve the economic status of women but also create a ripple effect by inspiring other rural communities to come forward.

Assistant Commissioner (UT), Anmol Rathore, who conceptualized the project, emphasized the importance of supporting local women entrepreneurs by ensuring access to finance, branding, and marketing channels. She stated that the initiative is designed to build confidence, promote self-reliance, and reduce dependence on middlemen, thereby enabling women to capture a larger share of the value chain.

The SHG members expressed gratitude for the support and shared how the initiative had already start-

ed to bring positive change to their lives. They noted that the project has given them financial independence, decision-making confidence, and recognition within the community.

Officials from JKRLM (Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission) informed that this initiative is part of a larger plan to scale up SHG-based enterprises across Jammu, with a focus on organic and eco-friendly products that have growing demand in urban markets. Special attention will also be given to branding, packaging, digital marketing, and participation in exhibitions to boost visibility and sales.

The District Administration is also exploring opportunities to link SHG products with government procurement schemes, local markets, and e-commerce platforms, ensuring a sustainable business model for rural women entrepreneurs.

The event concluded with a pledge of continued collaboration between the administration, livelihood missions, and SHGs to create a robust ecosystem for women-led enterprises, ultimately laying the foundation for a self-reliant, empowered, and inclusive rural economy in Jammu.

## JKEDI Boot Camp Campaign Reaches GPC Baramulla, GDC Kulgam; 20 Innovative Ideas Shortlisted

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**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) continued its dynamic Boot Camp campaign under the J&K Startup Idea Challenge, extending the entrepreneurial spirit to Govern-

ment Polytechnic College (GPC), Baramulla and Government Degree College (GDC), Kulgam. The programme, designed to scout and nurture grassroots innovations, seeks to inspire students and young professionals to view entrepreneurship as a transformative career

pathway.

Boot Camp at GPC Baramulla At Baramulla, the event was hosted at the Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation & Training (CIIT) of GPC and facilitated by a three-member JKEDI team.

Around 100 students and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the session.

37 participants pitched startup ideas before a distinguished panel comprising faculty experts, executives from J&K Bank, and JKEDI officers.

After rigorous evaluation, 13 innovative ideas were shortlisted

for the next stage.

The shortlisted ideas spanned sectors such as ed-tech, green energy, agri-tech, waste management, and digital solutions for local challenges. Panelists lauded the creativity, market understanding, and problem-solving approach of the students, offering constructive feedback and guidance to refine their concepts.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where students gained valuable insights on idea validation, fundraising strategies, and business scalability.

Boot Camp at GDC Kulgam

The campaign at GDC Kulgam drew even larger participation, highlighting the district's growing interest in entrepreneurship.

Nearly 120 students and budding innovators attended the boot camp.

15 participants pitched their startup ideas before a panel that included college faculty, the Lead District Manager (LDM) of J&K Bank, and JKEDI officers.

Following evaluation, seven innovative ideas were shortlisted.

The ideas focused on rural innovation, organic farming, digital learning platforms, healthcare

accessibility, and e-commerce solutions for artisans. Students and faculty members expressed enthusiasm for such initiatives and requested more frequent mentorship programmes and hands-on training workshops to build entrepreneurial competencies.

Path Ahead for Shortlisted Candidates

The 20 shortlisted ideas from Baramulla and Kulgam will undergo intensive mentoring and pitch training at JKEDI's Pampore (Kashmir) and Bari Brahmana (Jammu) campuses.

## DLSA Srinagar Discusses Child Custody Cases & Welfare Concerns in Consultative Meeting

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**SRINAGAR, AUG 21:** The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, today organized a comprehensive consultative exercise with Panel Lawyers engaged in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), focusing on child custody cases and other pressing issues related to child welfare.

The session, chaired by Tasleem Arief, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar (Chairperson DLSA Srinagar), brought together legal aid professionals, panel advocates, and representatives from allied departments to deliberate upon the legal, social, and psychological challenges involved in custody disputes.

Key Issues Discussed The deliberations revolved around:

Child Custody Disputes: Com-

plicated cases arising during divorce and separation proceedings, often leading to emotional distress for both children and parents.

Visitation Rights & Parental Responsibility: Ensuring that children continue to receive love, guidance, and financial support from both parents despite separation.

Child-Friendly Court Processes: Addressing the need for child-sensitive procedures to reduce trauma during litigation.

Welfare of Children in Conflict Situations: Ensuring immediate care, counseling, and rehabilitation for children affected by domestic violence, abandonment, or neglect.

Role of Legal Aid Lawyers: Strengthening the capacity of panel lawyers to adopt empathetic and child-centric ap-



proaches in custody cases.

Observations & Directions Chairperson Tasleem Arief highlighted that in matters of custody, the paramount consideration is the welfare of the child rather than the preferences or disputes between parents. He stressed the need for speedy resolution of such cases to avoid prolonged suffering and uncertainty for children.

The Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, emphasized that panel lawyers must ensure a non-adversarial, compassionate, and child-friendly approach while handling custody disputes. He further urged legal aid providers to explore mediation and counseling wherever possible, to minimize courtroom battles and emotional trauma for children.

Panel Lawyers shared their first-hand experiences in dealing with complex custody cases,

highlighting common challenges such as:

- Lack of parental cooperation,
- Delays in judicial proceedings,
- Psychological impact on children, and
- Enforcement of custody/visitation orders.

Several participants also suggested the inclusion of child psychologists, social workers, and counselors in custody-related proceedings to provide holistic support to children and families.

Outcome & Recommendations The consultative meeting concluded with several practical recommendations, including:

- Establishment of dedicated child-friendly spaces in courts,
- Greater use of mediation and family counseling centers,
- Capacity-building workshops for panel lawyers on child psychology and family law,





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## Put unmetered areas under flat system of tariff

The Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) had promised that round the clock power supply would be made available to the people living in the areas where there is cabling and smart metering. However, on ground it has been observed that the contractors hired by the Corporation to carry out cabling and metering take ages together to complete the task. As a result of this the promise of round the clock power supply turns out to be a hoax as on date.

There are many areas in uptown Srinagar where the cabling and metering has been going on for the past couple of years, but still then there is no 24\*7 power supply. The KPDCL officers and officials maintain that the round the clock power supply is possible only when a particular feeder is completely cabled and metered. This goes against the basic diktat of fairness since the majority of the people are paying their monthly electricity bills according to reading of smart meters.

If the corporation has failed to complete the metering and cabling on time then why are the people being punished for the follies not carried out by them. The areas where the smart metering and cabling is not complete should be bracketed under the flat system of tariff and not according to the reading of the smart meters. The people living in such areas are facing a double whammy as one side they are not entitled to round the clock power supply and on the other they have to pay higher tariff.

The KPDCL officers have been claiming about the reforms being taken by them across the Kashmir valley. There is no denying the fact that reforms have been carried out in the power sector but the slackness on part of the corporation has meant that the target set out for cabling and smart metering has not been on time. Deadlines are revised according to the convenience of the officials carrying out the task and not according to the demands of the common masses.

It is important that the people running the government take note of the same and direct the KPDCL officers to complete the task of cabling and smart metering by the latest deadline set out by them. The process of revising the deadlines needs to be put to rest and it should be ensured that all the works are completed well on time by the concerned contract agencies.

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# Stray Humans and Animals Both Pose a Serious Threat to Society



■ Ajay Kumar

India's majority society is often considered emotionally straightforward and deeply compassionate towards nature and animals. At times, people show more empathy toward animals than humans. Seeing a cow sitting on the street, people fold their hands in reverence; giving a biscuit to a dog makes them feel benevolent, and on social media, hashtags are run to prove themselves as animal lovers. But behind this glossy image lies a bitter reality: often, this compassion is hollow and serves as an excuse to avoid responsibility. The millions of stray animals wandering India's streets bear witness to the fact that in the name of emotions, we are merely pretending. In reality, we neither take care of them properly nor consider human safety. It would not be wrong to say that whether stray humans or stray animals, both pose a significant threat to society. It is in the society's best interest to stay cautious of such dangers.

Imagine this: amidst traffic jams, a cow is chewing on a plastic bag, covered in mud and dust. People see it and move ahead without thinking. No one considers that it is we who are responsible for throwing that bag on the road. That same bag could eventually cause the cow's death. A little further down the street, dozens of dogs fight over bones found in the trash. What humans discard becomes a lifeline for them. These scenes often end up on social media through the camera of a "compassionate" urbanite, yet in real life, these animals are left on the streets to fend for themselves. According to the 2019 livestock census, India has nearly 5 million stray cows. This number is not due to any external crisis but our own negligence. About 95% of these cows are abandoned by dairy farmers when they stop producing milk. Their reasoning is simple: maintaining them would increase the cost of fodder, so they let them roam the city streets, where they rummage through trash and eat plastic, gradually falling ill. Cows' stomachs get filled with plastic, their intestines get damaged, and the streets get covered in dung. But who takes responsibility? Everyone thinks that since the cow is considered sacred, someone will inevitably take care of it, and thus the problem remains unresolved.

The problem with dogs is even more alarming. India is home to the highest number of stray dogs in the world about 60 million. This means that in India's population of 1.4 billion, every 23rd person shares space with a stray dog. While this figure may sound interesting, its consequences are extremely



dangerous. Every year, around 3.7 million people in India are bitten by dogs. India alone accounts for 36% of all rabies-related deaths worldwide. This shocking statistic shows that our compassion is turning deadly. Recently, just in Delhi, by mid-2025, more than 35,000 dog-bite cases and about 50 deaths were reported. This problem is no longer only about animals; it has become a direct threat to human life. Perhaps keeping this in mind, the Supreme Court issued strict orders to catch stray dogs. Yet, despite recognizing the danger, both society and the government remain complacent. Politicians use cows as vote banks, municipal authorities treat animal control as minor tasks like filling potholes, and the urban elite gain social media applause by posting dog videos. Nowhere in this game does responsibility appear. This is why when the Supreme Court recently proposed relocating 1 million dogs in Delhi, nationwide outrage ensued. People labeled it as "massacre." Certainly, dogs have a right to live, and placing them in inhumane shelters is wrong. But the question remains: who will solve this problem? Will mere anger or lighting candles eliminate the issue?

The mathematics of the dog population is frightening. A single unsterilized female dog, if allowed to breed continuously for six years, can produce hundreds of puppies. In other words, if action is not taken now, India's streets could be overrun with dogs in the coming years. The only solution is a structured sterilization and vaccination campaign. We must understand that this is as crucial as eradicating polio once was. If polio could be eliminated, the stray animal problem can also be solved, provided policies are strict and accountability is

enforced.

As for solutions, every cow must be mandatorily registered. If a farmer abandons a cow on the street, fines should be imposed, and the cow should be seized. Subsidized gaushalas (cow shelters) should be digitally tracked and funded based on the number of cows they care for. This money should not end up in any politician's pocket but go directly to the shelter. Similarly, organized sterilization and vaccination programs must be initiated for dogs. Every district should have a Dog Control Board with annual audits, ensuring the officials are held accountable.

Where will the funding come from? It's a valid question, but the answer is simple. If billions can be spent on statues, rallies, and election promises, why not on animal and human safety? Every household could pay a small dog tax, a portion of MPs' and MLAs' constituency funds could be allocated, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds could be used. Money spent today on this campaign will prevent thousands of future problems.

The Jaipur model serves as a successful example. In 1994, the municipal corporation and an NGO started a program to catch dogs, sterilize and vaccinate them, and then release them. This controlled the dog population and reduced rabies cases. The cost per dog ranges from 800 to 2,200 rupees, covered by donations from the municipal corporation and citizens. If this model is adopted nationwide, linked with digital tracking, and included in the performance reports of mayors and district collectors, the problem can be effectively managed.

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## Engineering a Safer Digital Future: A Technical Look at India's Online Gaming Bill 2025



■ By Dr. Navin Kumar

India's digital landscape is on the cusp of a fundamental transformation with the passage of the Online Gaming Bill, 2025. This isn't merely a legislative act; it is a decisive declaration that, in the face of burgeoning digital harms, the government will prioritize public welfare over unfettered economic expansion. The rationale is stark and sobering: an estimated 45 crore individuals lose a combined ₹20,000 crore annually to online money games, with the human cost extending to addiction, psychological distress, and tragic suicides. The crisis is particularly acute among the youth, who, instead of spending time in playgrounds or parks, became fixated on these platforms in pursuit of easy money. However, these games are designed with predatory algorithms that prohibit substantial wins. In the rare instance a player does win, the earnings are sometimes spent on abusive substances, a trend associated with gaming addiction. The absence of physical activity has put their physical health at risk, with reports linking excessive screen time to issues like eye strain, neck pain, and even more serious health problems.

Psychologically, the games have caused significant mental suffering, with research correlating addiction to heightened levels of depression, anxiety, and stress, to the point that the World Health Organization has classified it as a gaming disorder. Beyond this societal crisis, the government has framed the bill as a non-negotiable national security imperative, citing the misuse of offshore gaming platforms for financial fraud, money laundering, and even terror financing.

While the bill's intent is clear, its practical implementation faces significant technical and legal friction. A key challenge lies in what can be termed the "black market paradox." By driving domestic, tax-paying firms out of business, the law risks pushing millions of users toward unregulated, offshore platforms. These black-market operators utilize sophisticated technical mechanisms to subvert regulatory oversight. They leverage Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to "get past location restrictions by virtually changing your location," masking a user's IP address and defeating traditional geo-blocking techniques. Furthermore, they utilize anonymous payment systems, particularly cryptocurrencies, to bypass the bill's restrictions on banks and financial intermediaries. The government's reliance on the Information Technology Act, 2000, to "block access to unlawful gaming platforms" may prove to be a blunt instrument against such a fluid and decentralized technical landscape.

A particularly critical, unaddressed nexus exists between online gaming

and predatory online lending. The technical and psychological models of these two ecosystems are deeply intertwined. Predatory loan sharks actively target gaming addicts in financial distress, preying on their need for quick cash to fuel their habits. These unregulated apps operate with a brazen disregard for ethical boundaries. As a prerequisite for loan dispersal, they often illegally access a user's contact lists and photo galleries, using manipulated images to blackmail borrowers into repayment. These operations are often technically designed to evade law enforcement, with many apps using virtual numbers from neighboring countries to make it challenging for authorities to track their operations and recovery agents.

The Online Gaming Bill, 2025, represents a decisive and necessary intervention into a burgeoning social crisis. However, the true measure of its success will not be in its passage, but in its execution. The bill's implementation will need to overcome significant technical hurdles posed by the black market's use of VPNs and cryptocurrencies. Its scope must also be broadened to address the full spectrum of digital harm, including the psychological aspects of gaming and the intertwined crisis of predatory online lending. To counter platform evasion via VPNs, a multi-pronged technical strategy must be implemented. Instead of relying solely on basic IP blocking, which is easily bypassed, enforcement should leverage more advanced techniques like Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) fingerprinting. These methods can analyze data packets and

network handshake patterns to identify and block VPN traffic, regardless of the IP address being used. The government can also mandate that internet service providers (ISPs) actively filter traffic at the transport layer to block ports commonly used by VPN protocols, although this can be circumvented by protocols that use common ports like TCP 443, making it harder to distinguish between legitimate and illicit traffic. Furthermore, a comprehensive strategy must address the financial underpinnings of these platforms, particularly their use of cryptocurrencies. While crypto transactions are often considered anonymous, they are in fact "pseudonymous" and can be traced. The government can leverage sophisticated blockchain forensics and analytics platforms to trace illicit fund flows between cryptocurrency wallets and link them to real-world entities. These tools can automatically identify suspicious patterns. To create a genuinely safe and responsible digital environment, the government must adopt a more holistic and forward-looking strategy that includes parallel legislative action on predatory digital lending, mirroring the architectural and enforcement provisions of the new gaming bill to ensure regulatory parity and protect citizens from interconnected forms of digital exploitation.

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# Youth Dreams Realized: Ace of Spades Division Shows the Way



■ By M S Nazki

The Name's Ace of Spades, Gentle-men.....So beware! Koi hotaa jisako apanaa, Hum apna keh lete yaaro, Paas nahi to dur hi hotaa, Lekin koi mera apanaa! Just think about the same, youth of J&K!

The pleasure is to play, makes no difference what you say, the only card I need is the Ace of Spades, the only shoulder badge I need is of the 'Ace of Spades'!

Playing for the high one, dancing with the devil, going with the flow, It's all a game to us!.....The officers and the men of Ace of Spades Division!

There's only one way to live Life, and that's without regrets. All the things mentioned below of 25 Div will prove that!

We do not know how many times 25 Division Indian Army must have told Pakistan that 'You May Be Smoke', but we are Fire'!

So let us start: Some unknown things:

The first commander of the 25th Indian Infantry Division, nicknamed the "Ace of Spades" Division, was Major-General Henry Davies. He assumed command on August 1, 1942, when the division was formed in Bangalore, South India. The division's initial role was to defend against a potential Japanese invasion and to train for jungle warfare.

In May 1944 command of the division was assumed by Major-General George Wood, previously commanding the British 4th Infantry Brigade in India. In November 1944, supported by destroyers of the Royal Australian Navy, the division cleared the Mayu Range down to Foul Point and occupied Akyab Island.

The division's original role was conceived by Army Commander General Sir W. J. Slim was to meet any attempted Japanese invasion while at the same time training actively for jungle warfare. It first saw action, having become part of Indian XV Corps, at the onset of the third Arakan Campaign in March 1944 where it held and enlarged the Maungdaw Base and established superiority over the enemy.

The division cleared the Mayu Range down to Foul Point and occupied Akyab Island. Following this, with 3 Commando Brigade under command, it made a series of successful seaborne attacks down the coast, supported by sloops of the Royal Indian Navy and winning four Victoria Crosses in the process. These actions included the decisive Battle of Kangaw and landings at Myebon and Ruywa to intercept the retreating Japanese.

In April 1945 the division was withdrawn to South India to prepare for 'Operation Zipper', the invasion of British Malaya, having been chosen for the assault landing (amphibious) role. Although hostilities then ceased, the operation proceeded as planned and 25th Division was the first formation to land in Malaya, occupying the capital, Kuala Lumpur, and then accepting the surrender of the Japanese Army. The division was disbanded in Malaya in February and March 1946.

The division was re-raised within the post-independence Indian Army in 1948. In October 1962 the division was under XV Corps in the Army's Western Command. Its headquarters were at Poonch, and it included the 80th, 93rd and 120th Infantry Brigades.

The Arakan Campaign:

The Arakan Campaign in World War II was a series of battles fought in the Arakan region of Burma (now Myanmar) between Allied forces (primarily British and Indian) and the Japanese. The campaign aimed to push back Japanese forces and reclaim the region, but early offensives in 1942-1943 were largely unsuccessful. Later campaigns in 1943-1944 and 1944-1945 saw more success for the Allies.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. First Arakan Campaign (1942-1943): Objective: To recapture the Arakan region from Japanese occupation following their invasion of Burma.

Initial Allied Advance: The British 14th Indian Division launched an offensive from Cox's Bazar in December 1942, aiming for Akyab Island.

Difficult Terrain: The campaign was hampered by challenging terrain, including dense jungle and mountainous areas, and a lack of preparedness by Allied forces for offensive operations in the region.

Japanese Resistance: The Japanese, who had well-established defensive positions, repeatedly repelled the Allied advance and launched counterattacks.

Retreat: The Allies were forced to retreat after the Japanese received reinforcements.

2. Second Arakan Campaign (1943-1944): Renewed Offensive: The Allies, reorganized and under the command of XV Corps, renewed their offensive, aiming to capture Akyab Island.

Key Battles: This campaign included battles like the Battle of the Admin Box, where the 7th Indian Division inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese 55th Division.

Shift in Momentum: The campaign saw the Allies achieve some key victories and begin to challenge the perception of Japanese invincibility.

Third Arakan Campaign (1944-1945): Continued Offensive: The Allies continued their advance, pushing further into Arakan.

Strategic Importance: The Arakan region was strategically important for its coastal access and airfields.

Allied Successes: The campaign saw the Allies achieve more significant gains and ultimately contribute to the overall Allied effort to liberate Burma.

Overall, the Arakan Campaign was a series of battles with varying degrees of success for the Allies. The early campaigns were largely unsuccessful due to the challenging terrain, lack of experience, and strong Japanese resistance. However, later campaigns saw the Allies gain momentum, weaken the Japanese position, and ultimately contribute to the liberation of Burma.

The 25 division's first major combat



the Indian Army's 25th Infantry Division. This division was not directly involved in the 1965 Indo-Pakistani War as a single, cohesive unit. Instead, elements of the division, along with other units, participated in various battles and operations during the conflict.

ation of Bangladesh. The Western front saw intense fighting between India and Pakistan.

The 25th Infantry Division was one of several divisions deployed on the Western Front. They were involved in operations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Poonch and Rajouri sectors.

Not Solely Responsible:

While the 25th Infantry Division was active, it's important to note that the war involved numerous other units and formations of the Indian Army. The 1971 victory was a result of a combined effort across multiple fronts and services.

Focus on Western Front: The division's operations were primarily concentrated on the Western Front, where they engaged with Pakistani forces.

The "Ace of Spades" is a powerful symbol, and while it was used by the 25th Infantry Division, it also has other connotations in military history, including being associated with good luck or a card of death.

The "Ace of Spades" Division is a key component of the Indian Army's efforts to combat terrorism, particularly in the Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir. This division, officially designated as the 25th Infantry Division, is responsible for guarding the Line of Control (LOC) and combating terrorist infiltration and activities in the region. The division's operations often involve collaboration with other forces like the Romeo Force and Counter Insurgency Force (CIF)-Delta.

But things have changed now! The youth want their dreams to be fulfilled! And the same can happen! Ace of Spades Division has not proved the same on one occasion but on many!

The Turning Point on the head: Ace of Spades Division!

Guarding the LoC: The division's primary responsibility is to maintain security along the Line of Control in the Rajouri and Poonch districts.

Counter-terrorism operations: They conduct operations to eliminate terrorists and dismantle their networks in the region.

Collaboration with other forces: The Ace of Spades Division works closely with other formations like the Romeo Force and Counter Insurgency Force (CIF)-D in counter-insurgency efforts.

Community engagement: They also engage in community outreach programs under Operation Sadbhavana, such as skill development training for local youth.

Maintaining high morale: The division is focused on maintaining high morale and motivation among troops to effectively address the challenges.

Historical context: The division has a history of operations against terrorism in the region, including "Operation Sarav-nash" in 2003 which targeted terrorist hideouts.

Recent activities: The division has been involved in operations to flush out terrorists from the Rajouri and Poonch sectors.

They have conducted skill development training programs for local youth under Operation Sadbhavana.

The division has also participated in commemorative events like inaugurating war memorials to honor civilians killed in cross-border shelling.

So the Ace of Spades Division is a crucial

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experience was during the Arakan Campaign in March 1944. They played a crucial role in holding and expanding the Maungdaw base and establishing dominance over the enemy. The battle of Kangaw was particularly fierce and considered by many to be one of the most intense battles of the entire Burma campaign, according to the Burma Star Memorial Fund.

Amphibious Operations: In January 1945, the 25th Indian Division participated in the first large-scale amphibious landings in Southeast Asia. They landed on Akyab Island and subsequently captured Myrbaw and Ruywa.

End of the War: The division continued its operations down the coast, conducting successful seaborne attacks and earning four Victoria Crosses in the process. They were involved in accepting the surrender of the Japanese Army in Kuala Lumpur before being disbanded in Malaya in February and March of 1946.

Badge: The division's distinctive badge, a black ace of spades on a green background, was chosen for its simplicity and its appeal to Indian troops as representing the top of the pack. The ace of spades also has a complex history, sometimes associated with death, but in the context of the 25th Indian Division, it primarily signified their role and identity.

After Independence: 1965 war:

The "Ace of Spades" is a nickname for

force in the Indian Army's efforts to combat insurgency and maintain peace and security in the Rajouri and Poonch regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Here is a short story about a dream fight and rise:

Elara's village lay shrouded in mist, its people living under the shadow of the monstrous Shadow Serpent, a creature born of their collective nightmares. Every night, fear crept into their dreams, feeding the beast and making their waking lives harder. Elara, a weaver of intricate tapestries, harbored a secret dream: to fight the serpent and free her people from its shadowy grasp.

But before we come to the main story here is an inspirational one to tick the clock as to what is coming next:

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One night, as Elara fought the Shadow Serpent with the ferocity of a cornered lioness, she realized that the serpent wasn't an external entity but a creation of her people's collective fear. When she emerged victorious from the dream, she carried the strength she'd found within her into the waking world.

Elara began sharing her dream-battles and victories with others, and as she did, the people started weaving their hopes and courage into their daily lives. The mist around the village began to lift, and the shadows retreated, replaced by the warmth of hope and the vibrant colors of newfound dreams. Elara, the weaver, had helped her village rise from the depths of fear by fighting her dream-battles and realizing the power of collective hope!

And now: From the soil of sacrifice to the heights of success: The Story of Inzmam Khan:

A Humble Beginning in Basooni, Bala-kote Mendhar in Poonch district

In the quiet, mist-kissed village of Basooni, where the mountains whisper tales of resilience, lived a farmer's son—Inzmam Khan. His father, Mohd Kafeel, spent his days tilling the rugged earth, hands calloused but heart full of dreams for his child. Money was scarce, but hope was plentiful.

The Fire of Determination: While other children played, Inzmam buried himself in books under the dim glow of a lantern. No fancy coaching, no luxuries—just sheer willpower. His father sold produce to buy him a second-hand NEET book; his mother saved every rupee for his future. Sleepless nights, cracked notes, and silent prayers became his routine.

Fate smiled When Ace of Spades Division discovered this raw gem. Their mentors didn't just teach—they believed. Free coaching, motivational sessions, and relentless doubt-clearing sessions turned struggles into strength. You're not just a student; you're J&K's pride, they told him.

The Triumph: RBA Rank-02 & NEET Qualified!

The result: AIR-02 in RBA and a NEET rank that made his village erupt in joy! His father wept—not just for his son, but for every child in J&K who now knows: If Inzmam can, so can I.

A Message to J&K's Youth: Inzmam's journey isn't just his—it's your blueprint. Your mountains may be high, but your spirit is higher.

Let his story remind you:

No background is too weak if your will is strong.

Mentorship changes lives so seek guidance.

Your success writes history for generations.

The Revolution Starts NOW !

To every student in Poonch, Rajouri, and beyond:

Inzmam's light is proof—your time is coming. The Ace of Spades Division is here; your hard work is the key. Dream. Fight. Rise.

Finally the last words: Had 35 years back the youth who wasted themselves would have realized this? But maybe they could not say, Koi hotaa jisako apanaa, Hum apanaa kah lete yaaro, Paas nahi to dur hi hotaa, Lekin koi mera apana! Just think about the same youth of J&K!



# EPIDEMIC OF HYPERTENSION



■ Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo

Hypertension is emerging as a global epidemic and the most common non-communicable cardiovascular disorder -- affecting approximately 1.28 billion adults (mostly aged 30-79 years) globally, as per recent data by World Health Organization(WHO).

As per the same data, an estimated 46% of adult population with hypertension are unaware that they have the condition, while larger proportion remains undiagnosed, untreated, or inadequately treated for the condition -- thus posing a major risk factor for development of adverse cardiovascular events, such as heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure, as well as vision problems, disability and premature mortality.

Most people with hypertension do not feel any symptoms, though very high blood pressures can cause headaches, blurred vision, chest pain and other symptoms. However, checking one's blood pressure levels is the best way to know if one have it and seek doctor consultation for



its early detection, control and treatment, besides prevention.

The modifiable risk factors that could increase the potential risks of high blood pressure include adoption of unhealthy routines like eating poorly, being overweight or obese, exercising less, deprived sleep or leaning more heavily on substances such as alcohol, smoking and drug abuse including taking stress; while as non-modifiable risk factors include a family history of hypertension, age over 65 years and co-existing diseases such as diabetes or kidney disease.

Therefore, primarily addressing the modifiable risk factors can significantly lower the chances of developing hypertension. Maintaining a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, taking less salt in diet, getting adequate sleep, avoiding smoking and alcohol consumption; and monitoring your cholesterol and triglyceride levels and keeping them under control are crucial hallmarks in prevention of hypertension in general and heart diseases in particular.

Moreover, the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan is a healthy diet plan which is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, protein and low-fat dairy products. Besides that it is also low in sodium, saturated fat, total fat, and cholesterol. So, focus on to consume more fruits and vegetables each day, choose whole grains over refined grains, and opt for protein-rich sources such as poultry, fish, beans, and nuts. As adopting the DASH diet in one's life has been shown to lower blood pressure and hence reduce the risk of hypertension.

More to say, people should also avoid unnecessary stress in their lives by following a good health routine as research has shown that the depression including stress could increase a person's risk for developing hypertension.

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## Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo: A Doctor of International Repute

Kashmir-born physician nominated to the Board of Directors of the Endocrine Society, USA, marking a new milestone in international medical leadership.

### Early Life and Inspiration

From the valleys of Kashmir to the corridors of global medical forums, Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo has carved a path of excellence that inspires young physicians worldwide. His early fascination with medicine was rooted in a desire to bring healing and hope to communities.

### A Physician with a Global Footprint

Dr. Itoo is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH), UK, and an active member of the European Society of Endocrinology. His academic and professional work has earned him recognition far beyond borders.

### Nomination to the Endocrine Society Board

In a remarkable milestone, Dr. Itoo has been nominated as Early Career Director on the Board of Directors of the Endocrine Society, USA. His nomination is not only a personal achievement but also a recognition of the growing contributions of South Asian physicians to international medicine.

### Advocate of Patient-Centered Care

One of the hallmarks of Dr. Itoo's medical philosophy is his strong belief in patient-centered care. He has been a consistent advocate for improving outcomes in chronic endocrine disorders such as diabetes, obesity, and thyroid diseases.

### Global Recognition and Leadership

Dr. Itoo's leadership extends beyond clinical expertise. He has served in various leadership roles across international organizations, reflecting his capacity to guide, mentor, and inspire. His recognition as a fellow, member, and contributor to prestigious societies stands as proof of his global reputation.



### A Vision for the Future

Looking ahead, Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo envisions a world where medical innovation meets accessibility, and advances in endocrinology benefit populations globally, irrespective of geography or socioeconomic status.

### A Beacon of Hope and Inspiration

At a time when the world faces rising burdens of lifestyle-related and hormonal disorders, the leadership of doctors like Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo becomes all the more critical. His journey—from local beginnings to international recognition—stands as an inspiring reminder that medicine is not just about science, but about service, compassion, and vision.

## Steroids Use In Gym Culture

A DANGEROUS SHORTCUT TO FITNESS



■ Surinderpal Singh

In today's fitness-driven world the pursuit of a muscular, well-defined and toned body has become a powerful obsession for the young generation. The Gym culture which was once centered and focused on the natural exercise, discipline and nutrition, is nowadays overshadowed by the rising trend of achieving picturesque physical domains with the aid of anabolic steroids. These ultra dangerous substances are marketed as quick fixes for achieving rapid muscle growth and power boosted enhanced performance. It has become a matter of grave concern for both medical professionals and society at large. While steroids may offer short-term gains in achieving picturesque physical fitness but their long-term consequences can be life-threatening. Keeping in view the grave circumstances it is essential to raise awareness among the younger generation.

### WHAT ARE STEROIDS?

Anabolic-Androgenic Steroids (AAS) are synthetic derivatives of testosterone, the primary male sex hormone. They promote protein synthesis in cells resulting in increased muscle mass, strength and recovery. Medically steroids are prescribed to treat conditions like delayed puberty, muscle wasting diseases or severe hormonal deficiencies. However their non-medical use in gyms has escalated due to their ability to produce rapid physical transformations.

### WHY DO GYM USERS TURN TO STEROIDS?

**1. Pressure of Physical Image:** Social media, films and advertising agencies across the globe nowadays are glorifying muscular physiques. While doing so they are creating unrealistic beauty standards. This is pushing the youths to the dark world of steroids.

**2. Peer Influence:** In many gyms steroid use is normalized as the trainers or fellow



gym-goers recommend them to their new buddies who are aiming to achieve large muscle gains in short duration with some shortcuts.

### 3. Quick Results:

Natural bodybuilding requires years of continuous hard work whereas the steroids can produce noticeable changes in a short period of time.

### 4. Competitive Edge:

Athletes or bodybuilders may misuse steroids to outperform rivals.

### PROS OF STEROID USE (Short-Term Gains)

Although medical experts strongly discourage non-prescribed steroid use, some individuals continue to use them due to perceived benefits:

**Rapid Muscle Growth** – The steroids aids in faster muscle building as compared to natural methods.

**Enhanced Strength & Endurance** – The steroids can provide increased stamina and strength during high-intensity workouts.

**Faster Recovery** – They can reduce the muscle fatigue and often helps in the quicker repair of muscles after doing strenuous exercise.

**Boosted Confidence** – The steroids can improved body image, shape and mass which can boost the self-esteem and self confidence of the users in very short duration of time.

### CONS OF STEROID USE (Severe Health Risks)

The harmful effects of steroids far outweigh their benefits. Prolonged and unsupervised use can

### cause irreversible damage:

#### Physical Health Risks

**Cardiovascular Diseases** – The use of steroids can increase the risk of heart attacks, high blood pressure and cholesterol imbalance.

#### Liver Damage

Steroids can cause liver toxicity and tumors.

#### Kidney Strain

The excessive use of the steroids is overburdening the filtration system of the body leading to kidney failure.

#### Hormonal Imbalances

Harmonal imbalances like Gynecomastia (development of breast tissue in men), reduced sperm count, infertility are boosted by the use of the steroids.

#### Musculoskeletal Issues

Risk of tendon rupture and abnormal bone growth is common amongst the steroids users.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL RISKS

**1. Aggression & Mood Swings** are frequent and are commonly known as "roid rage."

**2. Depression & Anxiety** are the long-term mental health issues for the users after they withdraw themselves from steroids.

**3. Addiction of steroids** is another aspect which requires immediate attention. The users often become totally dependent on steroids for maintaining their physique.

### IMPACT ON APPEARANCE

**1. Severe acne, hair loss, baldness** in men.

2. Masculinization in women (deep voice, facial hair).
3. Premature aging of skin.

### SOCIAL & ETHICAL CONCERNS Unfair Advantage in Sports:

Doping scandals could damage the integrity of competitions.

### Youth Misguidance:

Teenagers are seeing steroids as an easy shortcut to achieve perfect physical shape and while doing so the users are neglecting natural growth and discipline.

### Financial Exploitation:

Black-marketing of steroid trade is financially exploiting the fitness enthusiasts.

### HOW TO REDUCE STEROID ABUSE IN GYMS

#### 1. Awareness Campaigns:

Schools, colleges and gyms should organize seminars on the dangers of steroid use.

#### 2. Stricter Regulations:

Complete blanket ban on the illegal steroid sales and regulations of strict rules for supplement industries can work wonders.

#### 3. Trainer Responsibility:

Fitness trainers should be educated to discourage steroid promotion.

#### 4. Medical Guidance:

The steroids if necessity should be used under strict medical supervision for genuine health conditions.

#### 5. Promotion of Natural Fitness:

Encourage balanced nutrition, proper rest and scientifically designed workout routines to achieve perfect fitness and shape.

#### 6. Role of Media:

Stop glorifying unnatural physiques and highlight real-life cases of steroid abuse consequences.

The rising trend of steroid use in gymming is not merely a fitness issue but a severe public health crisis. While steroids may deliver short-lived muscular gains but at the same time they are silently eroding the human health and are the main reason for shorten lifespan and cause irreversible psychological and physical harm. The young generation must understand that there is no substitute for dedication, discipline and natural growth. True fitness is not about shortcuts rather it is about possessing long-term health, stamina and inner confidence.

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## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

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

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

## 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 dependant 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 GH MOHAMMAD AALIE S/O ABDUL KARIM AALEI R/O WARIPORA PAYEEN for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- 1.... GH MOHAMMAD AALIE 65 years Father farmer
- 2....ASHA BEGUM 63 years MOTHER H/W
- 3...BILAL AHMAD AALIE 26 years Brother labour
4. ...SHOWKAT AHMAD AALIE 23 years Brother //
- 5...PARVAZ AHMAD 20 years Brother //
- 6....MASHOOQ AHMAD 15 Years Brother student
- 7....MUMTAZA AKHTER 24 years sister H/W

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Dependent certificate in favour of Self

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

**Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

## Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that an application has been submitted by Mir Ashfaq Yousuf and Gohar Yousuf, sons of Mohammad Yousuf Mir, residents of Kuwarigam, Achabal, Anantnag, before the office of Naib Tehsildar, Achabal, for issuance of Backward Certificate.

**Family Details: 1. Mohammad Yousuf Mir, S/o Mohammad Sultan Mir, Age 70 yrs, Retired Employee**

**2. Hajra Begum, W/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Age 65 yrs, Housewife**

**3. Arfi Jan, D/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Age 32 yrs, Daughter, Student**

**4. Mir Ashfaq Yousuf, S/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Age 31 yrs, Son, SPO**

**5. Gohar Yousuf, S/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Age 25 yrs, Son, Student**

**6. Yasmeena, D/o Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Age ... yrs, Daughter, Housewife**

Any person having objection to the issuance of the said certificate may file the same in the office of Naib Tehsildar, Achabal within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

After the said period, no objections shall be entertained and the certificate will be issued accordingly.

**By Order Naib Tehsildar, Achabal**

## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of SHEIKHPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the SHEIKH community having annual income 4000000// the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1...MOHD YOUSUF SHEIKH head 57 years farmer
- 2..MUGLI BEGAM wife 56 years Housewife
- 3... AJIAZ AHMAD Son 33 years labour
- 4..RAFIQ AHMAD Son 31 years Labour
- 5 ...AYAT YUUAUF daughter 24 years Student

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

**Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- 1...MOHD SHABAN SHEIKH self 61 years retire employee
- 2..HALEEMA BEGAM wife 60 years Housewife
- 3...RIFAT AKHTER daughter 31 years H/W
- 4..MOHD NADEEM Son 29 years CSC centre
- 5 ....WAHEEDA BANO daughter in law 28 years H/W
- 6...SHOWKAT AHMAD son 28 years private employee
- 7... WAHEED AHMAD son 26 student

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

**Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

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

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

**Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri**

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

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of UMER AHMAD GANIE S/O ALI MOHAMMAD GANIE R/O KAKOTHAL Tehsil kreeri Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 05/03/2006 and event has been shown to be 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**

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## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

**Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

## Public Notice

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

**Name....WASEEM AHMD MALIK  
S/O ....GUZAR AHMAD MALIK  
R/O KHISEPORA KREERI**

## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GHULAM MOHD WANI S/O WALI MOHD WANI R/O KREERI for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- 1... GH MOHD WANI 85 years Father aged
- 2....SARA BEGUM 75 years Mother aged
- 3...FAROOQ AHMAD 48 years Brother shopkeeper
- 4...ASHIQ ABTAL 40 years Brother shopkeeper
- 5...NASEEMA AKHTER 44 years Sister housewife

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

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

**Naib Tehsild Kreeri**

## Public Notice

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

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

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Pattan

### Notice Inviting e-Tender

**NIT No: 27 /R&B of 2025-26/ 1866-71 | Dated: 21.08.2025**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	T.D Cost	E/M	Position of funds available for current year	Class
1	Repair/Restoration of Road from Dardpora Bridge to Boherwani Chanderseer & Khan Mohalla Dardpora to Wazanar	14.07 lacs	600/-	28140/-	12.00 lacs	B, C D
2	Improvement of link road Hajam Mohalla Noripora Pattan	13.97 lacs	600/-	27940/-	12.00 lacs	B C D
3	Macadamization of Road from main road to Masjid Ahli Hadees Andergam Pattan	14.07 lacs	600/-	28140/-	12.00 lacs	B C D
4	Restoration of Road from Gulshanpora, Hajam Mohalla and other links at Andergam.	13.97 lacs	600/-	27940/-	12.00 lacs	B C D
5	Macadamization of link road from High School Matipora and Arampora to Bhat Mohalla Pattan.	14.05 lacs	600/-	28100/-	6.00 lacs	B C D
6	Macadamization of link road Ganie Mohalla Habak Tangoo	14.98 lacs	800/-	29960/-	6.00 lacs	B C D
7	Improvements/Macdamisation and allied links near High School Arampora Pattan	32.79 lacs	1100/-	65580/-	15.00 lacs	A B

**Time of Completion: 20 Days**

**Project Authority: R&B**

**Position of T.S: Accorded**

**M.H of Account: PotHole 2025-26**

**Position Of AAA: Accorded**

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q),Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-08-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22-08-2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	22-08-2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	28-08-2025 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29-08-2025 11:00 AM Office of The Executive Engineer RnB Division Pattan

3. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (Dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) with NIT No. , Serial No. and name of work to be deposited in M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender inviting authority) Falling under thee Competence of under sign.

4. All the bidders must upload Earnest money /Bid security equal to 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority) (The Date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the Bid Submission start date and Bid submission End date, as per PWD norms).

5. The Successful bidder will have to provide performance security @ 5% of contract value in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority). The earnest money/ Bid security @2% shall be released to the successful bidder only on receipt of Performance Security @ 5% of Contract value which shall be released after successful completion of DLP /maintenance period for different nature of works i.e. for M&R works six months (6 months) Bituminous works Three Years (03 Years) and Building works Eighteen Months (18 months) etc as per Physical nature of work.

6. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority).

7. The earnest money/ Bid security in favor of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of original Treasury Challan.

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 day s from the date of opening of Technical bids

**No: R&B / Divn./Pttn/1866-71 | Dated: 21-08.2025**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan**

**DIPK: 5363/25 | Dated: 21-08-2025**

### GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt. Ground Water Division Srinagar

Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.

### Extension Notice 1st

- Subject:
1. Installation of Hand pumps at ST Basti Kawun Panchayat Mehmoodabad-B in District Anantnag.
  2. Installation of Handpump at ST Basti Sabri Mohallah Shealnag Panchayat Mehmoodabad-B in District Anantnag.
  3. Installation of Handpump at ST Basti Nagpatti Anderwan, Block Sagam in District Anantnag.

Reference: This office e-NIT No. 27-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/ Camp./4370-80, dated: 05-08-2025. Bearing Tender ID No. 2025\_PHE\_283479\_1,2 & 3.

Due to "No Response" for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 18-08-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	27-08-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	28-08-2025 11.00 AM

NOTE:

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.

**No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./4939-48**

**Dated: 18-08-2025**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.  
Ground Water Division Srinagar.**

**DIPK: 5382/25 | Dated: 21-08-2025**







# KPV celebrates foundation day with Kuldeep Khoda being chief guest

■ HT News Network

**JAMMU, AUG 21:** In a powerful display of unity, gratitude and cultural pride, K.P. Volunteers (KPV), a socio-religious, non-funded and non-political organization, celebrated its Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and emotion at Invitation Banquet Hall, Jammu.

Established in May 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, KPV has emerged as a beacon of selfless service dedicated to uplifting the underprivileged; supporting widows, orphans and the elderly; and mobilizing critical support for medical emergencies, including blood donation drives.

Chief Guest, Kuldeep Khoda, former DGP/former CVC and the Guest of Honour, Meenakshi Kilam, former Rector, Kathua Campus, Jammu University and other dignitaries, jointly led the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing peace, wisdom, and enlightenment. The cele-

bration began on a solemn and spiritual note with prayers for the victims of the recent Machail Yatra tragedy, a heartfelt tribute that resonated deeply with the gathering.

Founder Vikram Koul delivered the welcome address, reflecting on the organization's journey from its inception during the pandemic to its present role as a thriving force of humanitarian service. The cultural segment opened with a graceful Ganesh Vandana performed by the Silver Screen Dance Group, followed by enthralling Kashmiri folk songs and dances presented by talented community youth including Meeru Raina, the Gurtoo Sisters, Anmol Raj and Shivani Jotshi, which infused the evening with artistic vibrance and traditional pride.

The program moved into a series of felicitations, beginning with doctors who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to community welfare through

KPV since the pandemic. Those honored for their unwavering commitment and lifesaving efforts were Dr. Shalan Koul, Dr. Sunil Bhat, Dr. Anupama Shah, Dr. Sujeet Bhat, Dr. Deepak Bhat, Dr. Ajay Krishan Pandita, Dr. B. L. Pandita, Dr. Sanjay Bhat, Dr. Sanjeev Bhat, Dr. Anirudh Koul, Dr. Samita Bhat, Dr. Javaid Iqbal, Dr. T. K. Moza, Dr. Sandeep Bhat, Dr. Ajay Misri and Dr. R. K. Sapru.

Community dignitaries and representatives of various NGOs were also recognized for their continuous support to the Kashmiri Pandit community, with their efforts in advocacy, relief and empowerment receiving heartfelt appreciation. Community dignitaries included Dr. Sushil Watal, Kuldeep Raina, Dr. Dileep Pandita, Pradeep Pandita, Dr. Ramesh Nirash, Ravi Jogi, Sohanlal Tak, B. L. Jalali, K. K. Bhat, Ravi Dhar, Dr. Neeraj Koul and retired officials of Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank, Arvind Koul, Vikas Raina,



S. L. Bhan, M. K. Watal, Sunil Trakroo, Rocky Pandita, Bihari Lal Dhar, Ramesh Hangloo, Dr. T. K. Bhat, Ashok Kangan, P. K. Raina and Avtar Krishan Misri.

The event further celebrated academic excellence by honoring meritorious students of the community who recently excelled in their Class 12th board examinations. The students honored were Swanman

Koul, Lotika Pandita, Sunanda Pandit, Lavanya Pandit, Shriya Bhat, Apurv Pandita, Saksham Raina, Anshuman Raina, Ray-irth Kundu, Bumesh Koul, Ridhima Tikoo, Swati Bhat and Karan Koul. A special moment of pride came with the felicitation of Ritika Bhan, recently selected for the Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS), whose success served

as an inspiring milestone for the community. Regular blood donors, including Sanjay Tutu, Chaitan Pandit, Captain P. L. Bhat, Vishal Koul and Suresh Kak, were also honored as quiet yet impactful heroes who embody the spirit of giving.

Chief Guest Kuldeep Khoda expressed, "It is a great honor to address you today on this momentous occasion. I am truly delighted to have the opportunity to speak to such a dedicated gathering of individuals who continually inspire me in various ways. This is a significant day for all of you, and I am honored to share it with you. KPV has made remarkable contributions to the community and their efforts during the COVID pandemic and other initiatives have not gone unnoticed. They have an exceptional team of Daredevils and I wish them continued success in the future, with my full support. I would also like to acknowledge the transparency

and integrity with which the KPV organization conducts its work."

Meenakshi Kilam stated, "It is a great honor to speak with you today on this exciting occasion. Engaging with young people is one of the greatest pleasures of my role. As a former Rector of the University, I understand the aspirations of today's youth. By listening to you, we can adapt to emerging trends and embrace new ideas. I encourage you to excel in your fields and make original contributions. This approach emphasizes the discovery of new knowledge, equipping you to meet the demands of the modern workforce and exceed international standards. Over the last five years, the KPV organization has grown remarkably, always available to support our community. I deeply appreciate KPV and its selfless service to the community and extend my full support to the KPV family."

## JKAACL Organises Youth Hindi Writers' Meet & Book Release Function

■ HT News Desk

**JAMMU, AUG 21:** The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages today organised a Youth Hindi Writers' Meet (Kavi Goshti) and a Book Release Function at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu. On the occasion, the first poetry collection "Drishyon Par Toran" authored by Ms. Amayra Gupta, a Class 10th student of Presentation Convent Sr. Secondary School, Jammu, was formally released in the presence of eminent literary personalities and dignitaries.

Padma Shri Prof. Dr. Vishnu Murti Shastri graced the event as the Chief Guest, while Mr. Rahul Sahay, President, PHDCCI Jammu Chamber, was the Guest of Honour. Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, and Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head, JKAACL Jammu, also shared the presidium.

Welcoming the guests, Harvinder Kour stated that the prime objective of the programme is to provide a vibrant platform for young and budding



poets in Hindi literature. She applauded the talent of Amayra Gupta, whose poetry vividly reflects the emotions and thoughts of the younger generation towards life and nature.

In his presidential address, Padma Shri Prof. Dr. Vishnu Murti Shastri remarked that the poems penned by Amayra Gupta connect deeply with the rich poetic heritage of the Indian subcontinent, where great poets have shaped new universes of thought through their verses. He also praised the young participants who recited poems largely based on patriotic themes.

Rahul Sahay, President, PHDCCI Jammu Chamber, congratulated Amayra and her parents Mannu Gupta and Dr. Anupam Gupta for bringing her creativity into book form and commended JKAACL for organising such a purposeful literary event.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Deepak Pathania, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Anita, teacher of Amayra, lauded the young poet's dedication and contribution to Hindi literature at such an early age.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Editor (Hindi), while the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Javaid Rahi.

## Several medical shops inspected in Kulgam; show-cause notices issued to the erring

■ Farooq Rather

**KULGAM, AUG 21:** In order to regulate pharmacies and ensure compliance with license conditions and rules, inspections of medical shops continued today in district Kulgam.

As part of the drive, various medical shops in Kulgam near District Hospital and DH Pora were inspected, and show-cause notices were issued to the erring to explain their positions regarding different violations of license conditions.

On the occasion, directions were given to all medical shops to strictly issue digital cash/credit invoices for every sale of medicine.



## Elders Are the Cultural Backbone of Society, Must Guide Youth Towards Values: Sham Lal Sharma

■ HT News Desk

**JAMMU, AUG 21:** Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre for Senior Citizens, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu, celebrated Senior Citizens Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event featured cultural programmes, health awareness sessions, and interactive activities dedicated to the welfare, dignity, and engagement of senior citizens.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sh. Sham Lal Sharma, Hon'ble MLA, Jammu North Constituency, who appreciated the efforts of Golden's Day Care Centre in providing care, respect, and a vibrant social space for the elderly. He emphasized the importance of community participation in ensuring the well-being of senior citizens and expressed his full support for the noble cause.

Addressing the gathering, Sh. Sham Lal Sharma urged the senior citizens to consider themselves as the cultural role models of society. He said that their life experiences, values, and traditions serve as a guiding light for younger generations. He stressed that it is the duty of elders to instill strong social and cultural values in the youth so that they grow into responsible citizens who respect traditions and uphold moral

conduct. He further appealed to the elders to counsel and guide the younger generation to stay away from social evils such as drugs and other harmful habits, emphasizing that the blessings, guidance, and wisdom of senior citizens can play a decisive role in building a stronger, value-based, and progressive society.

Sharma also underlined the need to reduce the generation gap between the elderly and the youth through daily participation and interaction. He said that regular communication, cultural exchanges, and joint family activities can help bridge the gap, promote mutual understanding, and strengthen intergenerational bonding. He encouraged the younger generation to spend quality time with elders, learn from their experiences, and uphold the values that keep society rooted in tradition while moving towards progress.

He further emphasized that senior citizens should continue to remain active participants in social and community life, as their knowledge, wisdom, and involvement are invaluable for shaping a compassionate and responsible society. He said that their guidance not only strengthens families but also serves as a moral compass for the entire community.

On this occasion, several elderly members were felicitated for their lifelong contributions to society. The management of Golden's Day Care Centre, while addressing the programme, stated that "This day is dedicated to honouring our elders, who are the guiding light of our society. We remain committed to their happiness, dignity, and overall welfare." Prominent personalities including Sh. Raj Kumar Kohli, Sh. Tilak Raj Sharma, and Sh. Ramesh Magotra also addressed the gathering and shared their thoughts.

Sham Lal Sharma also assured the management and members of Golden's Day Care Centre of all necessary help and support in their initiatives. He promised to extend assistance in the execution of the proposed developmental works, which include the installation of PP Tiles on the Badminton Ground, construction of a footpath along with parking space in the backyard ground, installation of ESCL lights in the premises, and laying of paver tiles in the front area of the Centre. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that these works are carried out with the active support of his office, JMC, and DDC Jammu. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks to all dignitaries, guests, and participants for making the event a memorable success.

### Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my name has been recorded as Shakiela in the bank records, whereas my correct name as per Aadhaar is Shakeela Akhter W/o Imtiyaz Ahmad Sheikh R/O Wullarhama, Tehsil Pahalgam, District Anantnag.

Henceforth, my correct name shall be read and treated as Shakeela Akhter only.

### Public Notice

It is hereby informed that Mohd Shaban Lone S/o Ghulam Rasool Lone R/o Laripora Pahalgam expired on 23-05-2021. Objections, if any, may be reported to the concerned authority.

**Showkat Ahmad Lone (Son)**  
**Mob: 8825047344**

### Public Notice

I, Showkat Ahmad Lone S/o Mohd Shaban Lone R/o Laripora Pahalgam, hereby declare that my father Mohd Shaban Lone S/o Ghulam Rasool Lone expired on 23-05-2021.

This notice is being published for the purpose of record correction and issuance of the Death Certificate. If anyone has any objection in this regard, they may kindly inform the concerned authorities. Otherwise, the Death Certificate will be issued accordingly.

**Showkat Ahmad Lone**  
**(Son / Close Relative of the Deceased)**  
**Mobile No: 8825047344**

### 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**

## SMVD Shrine Board Hosts Ceremonial Farewell for Outgoing CEO

■ HT News Desk

**KATRA, AUG 21:** The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) hosted a farewell ceremony to bid adieu to its outgoing CEO, Shri Anshul Garg, who served the Board for over three years prior assuming his new role as Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir. Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya, formerly Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has succeeded him as the new CEO of SMVDSB.

In recognition of Shri Garg's exemplary service and unwavering dedication to the organization, he was felicitated with a Mata Ki Chunri and a commemorative memento. During his farewell address, Shri Garg



expressed heartfelt gratitude to the officers and staff of the Shrine Board for their steadfast support and cooperation throughout his tenure. He high-

lighted the various initiatives launched by the Board during his tenure, which have been completed, ongoing and are forthcoming, all focused on

improving facilities and services for pilgrims.

Shri Alok Kumar Maurya, Addl. CEO, fondly reminisced about working under Shri Anshul Garg's

leadership, praising his visionary approach, administrative expertise and commitment to excellence which greatly contributed to the Shrine Board's growth. He extended warm wishes on behalf of the Shrine Board family to Shri Garg for success in his new role and expressed hope for his continued association with the organization.

Among those present on the occasion were Satish Kumar Sharma Jt. Chief Executive Officer; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer; Pawan Kumar Goswami, Dy. CEO, Vipin Bhagat, Dhruv Gupta, Dr. Gopal K. Sharma Asstt. CEOs, other Sr. Officers, Managers, Engineers and employees of the Shrine Board.

### 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**







# Over 12k special trains for upcoming festival season: Vaishnaw

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** In a major boost to passenger convenience during the upcoming festive season, Indian Railways has announced the operation of over 12,000 special trains for Diwali and Chhath, coupled with a 20% discount on return tickets.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made these announcements today at a press briefing held at Rail Bhawan.

The Minister said that following consultations with Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, Union Ministers Lalan Singh, and Members of Parliament Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal and Sanjay Kumar Jha, special arrangements have been put in place to facilitate smooth travel during this busy period.

Passengers undertaking onward journeys between October 13 and 26, and return journeys between November 17 and December 1, will be eligible for a 20% concession on return tickets. "This initiative aims to ease the travel burden for millions journeying during these festivals," Vaishnaw stated.

In addition to these festive travel provisions, the Minister announced, four new Amrit Bharat Express trains will be introduced from Gaya to Delhi, Saharsa to Amritsar, Chhapra to Delhi, and Muzaffarpur to Hyderabad.

Besides, a new circuit train, covering important sites related to Lord Buddha and catering especially to middle-class families, will also be launched, covering Vaishali, Hajipur, Sonapur, Patna,



Rajgir, Gaya and Koderma, the minister announced.

The service is designed with

middle-class families in mind, enhancing religious tourism in the region, he added.

On infrastructure expansion, the Buxar-Lakhisarai rail corridor will be upgraded to a four-line section to support increased traffic. A Patna Ring Railway system is planned to improve urban connectivity. New rail links between Sultanganj and Deoghar will be established, alongside a new train service connecting Patna and Ayodhya.

Vaishnaw also informed about the setting up of a washing pit facility at Laukaha Bazar and the construction of several new road overbridges approved for Bihar.

Expressing gratitude, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and other senior leaders thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the approvals, which they said will significantly boost Bihar's rail infrastructure and connectivity. UNI AJ RN

## Priyanka meets Nadda, seeks healthcare support for Wayanad

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** Congress leader and Wayanad MP, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra today met Union Health Minister JP Nadda and raised concerns about urgent healthcare needs in her Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala.

During the meeting, she urged the Minister to expedite several pending health projects in the region, highlighting the severe hardships faced by the local population due to the delayed operationalisation of the Medical College in Mananthavady.

In a post on X, following the meeting with Nadda, Priyanka said, "Met Shri. @JPNadda to request to request him to expedite some health projects in



Wayanad and to apprise him of the severe difficulties being faced by the local population in the absence of the Medical College in Mananthavady which is yet far from functional".

She also stressed the importance of improving healthcare services for Wayanad's tribal communities, addressing their specific medical challenges.

"We also discussed the need for better healthcare for Wayanad's tribal population, their specific health issues, pending NHM funds and the need for a specialised trauma center catering to cases of animal attacks in the area".

Additionally, she also renewed Kerala's longstanding demand for an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the state to improve access to advanced healthcare facilities.

Thanking the Minister, Priyanka Gandhi said, "He was kind enough to hear out all our demands and hold a frank discussion with us. I sincerely hope that these pressing issues will be given due consideration". UNI RBE SSP

## Satish Golcha new Delhi Police Commissioner

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** Senior IPS officer, Satish Golcha has been appointed as the new Delhi Commissioner of Police, an order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs said here today.

Golcha is a 1992 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre and is presently posted as the Director General (Prisons), Delhi.

He will hold the position from the date of assumption of the charge and until further order, the statement added. Golcha replaces acting Commissioner of Delhi police, SBK Singh (IPS), Director General of Home Guards who was holding additional charge of the post.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in July 31, had appointed Singh, as the acting Commissioner of Delhi Police. UNI

## 8th fail Rajeshbhai Khimjibhai an animal lover, gurdian of dogs

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** Rajeshbhai Khimjibhai, who attacked Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta is an Animal Lover. He told Delhi Police that he wouldn't sleep he sees an animal in pain be it dogs, money or any animal.

In May he sat on a Hunger strike in Ayodhya for monkeys. He said that the UP government was not taking care of monkeys. He demanded that monkeys should be fed thrice in the day, and the government should pay for it.

Later he was detained by UP Police. He was later freed after he gave assurance that he will go back to Rajkot. In his Rajkot house he has 20 stray



dogs. Rajeshbhai calls himself gurdian of the dogs. He runs a Facebook page on which he posts only about dogs and God Shiva.

The Delhi Police had sought five days custodial remand of the police. Police said that they wanted to unearth the entire conspiracy. They wanted to verify all his claims and versions. The Delhi Police has so far seized his cell phone which will be sent to CFSL for the forensic examination in coming days.

"Rajeshbhai Khimjibhai is 8th fail. We have spoken to his wife and mother, they told us that he was upset on Dog issue and wanted to take revenge from the government," said a police source.

The FIR against Rajeshbhai has been lodged under sections 132, 221 and 109 of the BNS. UNI ATK GNK

## Central Govt's proposed jail-term law an incomplete draft: AAP

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today said that the Central Government's proposed constitutional amendment that mandates the removal of a Chief Minister or minister who spends 30 days in jail, calling the draft "incomplete" and warning of potential misuse.

Senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia stated that while the intent to hold corrupt leaders accountable is welcome, the law, in its current form, is "half-baked." He argued that without provisions to penalize those

who file false cases, the legislation risks becoming a tool for political vendetta, similar to alleged misuse of agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Sisodia proposed that the law should include a clause mandating equivalent punishment for those responsible for orchestrating false arrests. He suggested that if a minister or Chief Minister is jailed and later proven innocent, the investigating officer, the agency head, and the political head of government at the time should serve a jail term equal to the sentence the falsely accused

leader faced.

He further asserted that such protections should not be limited to public officials but must also extend to ordinary citizens. Sisodia highlighted that thousands of individuals are often acquitted after spending years in jail on false charges, with no recourse against the officials or complainants who fabricated the cases.

"The arrogance of unchecked power turns everyone into a Ravan," Sisodia said, emphasizing that any law aimed at checking corruption must also deter the abuse of power by those in authority. UNI

## Delhi CM's residence gets more CCTV cameras and CRPF deployment

■ **United News of India**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 21:** A day after Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta was attacked at her official residence in the Civil Lines area, more CCTV Cameras have been installed in the CM House.

CCTV cameras have been installed at the gates of Bungalows No. 2 and 3, the official residence of Delhi's Chief Minister to monitor all activities happening around the CM's residence.

Additionally, CRPF personnel have been deployed inside the CM's residence.

"The security arrangements have



been tightened following the attack during the public hearing. While CCTV cameras were already installed at the gates of the CM's residence before, their number has now been increased. On one hand, CRPF will be involved in the CM's security along with the Delhi Police. Meanwhile, security

outside the CM's residence has also been enhanced," said a senior police official wishing anonymity.

Rajeshbhai who attacked the Delhi CM is currently in five days of custodial remand. Delhi police are trying to ascertain the true notice behind the attack. UNI

## Texas House passes GOP-led congressional redistricting bill

■ **United News of India**

**HOUSTON, AUG 21:** The Texas GOP-dominated House of Representatives passed a redistricting bill aimed at garnering five new congressional seats for Republicans in the U.S. midterm elections next year.

The state House passed the redrawn congressional map by a vote of 88 to 52 along party lines.

The vote came after a two-week delay when more than 50 Texas Democratic lawmakers stayed out of the state in protest against the rare mid-decade redistricting plan.

On Wednesday at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Democratic lawmakers introduced 12 amendments to the redistricting bill, but Republicans rejected all of them.

The state Senate, also controlled by Republicans, is expected to vote for the bill later this week and send the legislation to Republican Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

If enacted, it would reshape districts across Texas, including pairing some residents of the Democratic-leaning capital of Austin in central Texas with voters nearly 300 miles away in the state's rural north.

The current congressional map in Texas was drawn in 2021, with Republicans having 25 seats out of Texas's 38.



Pushed by U.S. President Donald Trump, Texas Republicans proposed new congressional lines in late July to divide up existing districts in Austin, Houston and Dallas in a bid to garner five more seats.

In response, California's Governor Gavin Newsom said last Thursday that the Democratic state would redraw the state's congressional districts mid-decade "to respond to what's happening in Texas."

His plan would allow one-time adjustments in 2026, 2028 and 2030, which could get Democrats five more U.S. House seats to bolster their current 43-9 majority.

On Tuesday, Republican lawmakers in California filed a lawsuit with the California Supreme Court to stop Newsom's plan, citing legislative process wrongdoing. UNI

## Poland scrambles warplanes as Russia launches hypersonic missile barrage on Ukrainian city

■ **United News of India**

**MOSCOW, AUG 21:** Poland scrambled its fighter jets and allied aviation in response as Russia staged its biggest hypersonic missile barrage on Ukraine since Putin met Trump last Friday.

"Aircraft of the Polish air force and allied aviation are operating in Polish airspace. In accordance with the current procedures, the operational commander of the armed forces has activated all the forces and means at his disposal. Fighter jets on duty were scrambled, while ground-based air defense and radar reconnaissance systems were put on high alert," the Polish Defense Ministry said on social media.

Russian attacks on western Ukraine killed one person and wounded multiple others, officials in the country said Thursday as diplomatic efforts to end the three-year war grind on.

The steps were aimed at ensuring the security of territories bordering "vulnerable areas," the ministry said.

Later in the day, the ministry announced that Polish and allied aircraft had resumed normal operations as no breaches of Polish airspace had been detected.

On Tuesday, Poland also scrambled its fighter jets in response to alleged Russian actions in Ukraine.



Meanwhile, Russian air defenses shot down 49 Ukrainian drones at night, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

"This past night, air defense systems on duty intercepted and destroyed 49 Ukrainian aircraft-type unmanned aerial vehicles," the ministry said.

It said 21 drones were destroyed over the Rostov Region, seven over the Voronezh Region, five over the Belgorod Region, four over Crimea, three over the Bryansk Region, three over the Kaluga Region, two over the Oryol Region, two over the Black Sea, one over the Kursk Region, and one over the Tula Region. UNI

## Rep. Anna calls for FBI probe into media report on Hegseth's security detail

■ **United News of India**

**WASHINGTON, AUG 21:** US Republican Representative Anna Paulina Luna has called on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to look into The Washington Post article allegedly containing sensitive information about Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's security detail.

Luna went as far as to accuse the publication of "treason" as she called for the FBI to open an official investigation into "the leakers and the hacks who printed it."

"WaPo (The Washington Post) just doxxed sensitive info about Pete Hegseth's security detail. This isn't journalism, it's a national security threat. I'm calling on FBI Director Kash Patel & FBI Director Deputy Dan Bongino to open an official FBI investigation into the leakers and the hacks who printed it. TREASON won't hide behind a press badge," the congresswoman said on X.

The Washington Post reported on Wednesday that personal security measures for Hegseth and his family, which include monitoring the homes of his ex-wives, were costing the Pentagon millions of dollars. Beyond the financial implications, the report also claimed that Hegseth's security arrangements were diverting Army resources away from criminal investigations.

Pentagon press secretary Kingsley Wilson has described the reporters from The Washington Post as "disgusting," asserting that by revealing details about Hegseth's security measures, the newspaper was "actively putting him and his family in danger for clicks." UNI







# Bazball Boosts Root: Tendulkar Record in Sight?

And do his achievements trump those of the others in the Fab Four?

## ■ Espnrcinfo

Joe Root has an outside shot to become the most prolific Test batter of all time. He is second on the list right now. If you're a major Sachin Tendulkar fan, you don't have to like it. But perhaps it is better to prepare yourself for the possibility.

We will be throwing a lot of numbers at you through the course of this article, so let us whet appetites with roughly when the momentous pipping of Tendulkar may occur. Since the start of this decade, Root has scored an average of 89.62 runs per Test match. If he were to continue at his 2020s runs-per-Test rate (there are zero signs that he is about to slow down), he would need roughly 27 further Tests to plonk himself atop this chart.

According to the currently available programme, England are scheduled to play 16 Tests until the end of April 2027. By then, Root will be 36 years and four months old. By the end of the 2028 northern hemisphere summer, England will have time for 11 further Tests at least. Root would be 37 then - a very normal age for batters to play to. If he continues to an Anderson-esque 40, and continues to clobber attacks, many more records could be in trouble.

First let us put a little context around the place of Root's run tally. Have his runs come easier than those of other all-time prolific batters? If you look at career spans, Root has actually scored his runs in a tougher era for batting than the others among the top five run-scorers - Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting, Jacques Kallis, and Rahul Dravid. During Root's career, the overall batting average was 29.83. While his own average is the lowest of the top five run scorers (by a hair), he certainly deserves his place among them.

This is great, but how does he compare to his

greatest contemporaries?

For that we have to dip into the Fab Four files, and remark that while Kane Williamson averages a bit more than Root, and Steve Smith plenty more, none of those others has had to sustain that excellence across as many Test matches, nor have any of them breached 11,000 Test runs. Virat Kohli has retired, of course, and Williamson doesn't play for a team with a steady Test schedule. But then Root is the youngest of the four.

None of the others has 6000 runs either home or away. Root has passed 6000 on both fronts. That Root plays more Tests per year than the others in the Fab Four explains some of this. But those runs still have to be made.

With 7329 runs at home Root is the second-most prolific home batter in history, after Ponting. He needs exactly 250 runs to top that chart.

Root is also one of the most evolved batters of his generation, partly because he plays for England - a team that seems to go through more phases than others, which in turn is perhaps a function of how much cricket they play. There have been several low ebbs and new eras in Root's career, but vitally, in the last few years, England have been blessed with the arrival of saviour coach Brendon McCullum, who came down from the mountain in June 2022 to hand down the sacred diktat of Bazball.

It will surprise almost no one by now that Root has the highest Test-match strike rate of the Fab Four. But it is useful to break down his career into the Before Baz (BB) and After Baz (AB) eras - since the year of our Baz, if you're traditional.

Root is on record talking about how much he struggled to adjust to the new, hyper-aggressive

batting philosophy. But his numbers have definitely had a Bazball glow-up. The career stats of the other Fab Four have been included in the graph below for comparison. Where Root was a middling Fab Four member Before Baz, his After Baz numbers taken alone put him above the others. He was prolific just before McCullum's arrival too, enjoying his richest year in 2021. But at that stage he hadn't ratcheted up the scoring rate, and the stats bear this out. He has new shots to go with it, such as that reverse scoop. Kohli and Smith have also added new gears to their game over the course of the last 15 years, but Root has had to tackle entirely new modes of batting. Williamson is probably the least changed of the four, having quietly continued on his personal batting journey, even during New Zealand's own proto-Bazball era, when McCullum was captain.

What is striking about Root's Bazball numbers, however, is that while he has become a mass producer of runs in the last few years, his runs have actually been less vital to the team's totals than they used to be. One of the critiques of Bazball has been that it would not have worked anywhere near so well if England didn't have an all-time great run machine such as Root in the top five. But the numbers paint a picture of symbiosis between Root's batting and Bazball. Where between 2015 and the start of the Baz era, Root contributed 17.32% of England's runs, in the Baz era, he has only contributed 16.10%.



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## Alexander Isak says 'change' best for everyone after Newcastle trust broken

### ■ United News of India

**LIVERPOOL:** Alexander Isak believes his departure from Newcastle is "in the best interests of everyone" after breaking his silence on the saga of the Premier League transfer window amid speculation over a move to Liverpool.

The Swedish international, who was the second-highest goal-scorer in the Premier League last season, has not featured for the Magpies in pre-season or their opening game of the campaign, a 0-0 draw away at Aston Villa on Saturday. Liverpool have report-

edly had a £110 million bid (\$149 million) rejected for the 25-year-old, with Newcastle holding out for a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million.

Isak released a statement on Tuesday after deciding not to appear at the Professional Footballers' Association awards event despite being selected in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year.

"I've kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken. That silence has allowed people to push their own version of events, even though they know it doesn't reflect what was really said and agreed

behind closed doors," Isak posted on Instagram.

"The reality is that promises were made and the club has known my position for a long time. To now act as if these issues are only emerging is misleading.

"When promises are broken and trust is lost, the relationship can't continue. That's where things are for me right now - and why change is in the best interests of everyone, not just myself."

According to reports, Isak had been promised an improved contract only for northeast side Newcastle United this summer.

"We want to keep our best

of meeting financial sustainability rules. Newcastle responded with a statement late Tuesday saying that while they were saddened by Isak's comments, they could yet welcome the 25-year-old back into the squad.

"We are disappointed to have been alerted to a social media post by Alexander Isak this evening," the club wrote. "We are clear in response that Alex remains under contract and that no commitment has ever been made by a club official that Alex can leave Newcastle United this summer."

"We want to keep our best

players, but we also understand players have their own wishes and we listen to their views."

The statement added: "This is a proud football club with proud traditions and we strive to retain our family feel. Alex remains part of our family and will be welcomed back when he is ready to rejoin his teammates."

Isak has scored 62 goals in 109 appearances since joining from Real Sociedad in 2022, including the winner against Liverpool in the League Cup final earlier this year that ended Newcastle's 70-year wait to win a domestic trophy.

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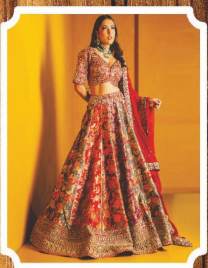
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