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SIGH OF RELIEF : SGR-JMU National Highway Reopens For Traffic After Two Weeks

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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway resumed on Wednesday for light motor vehicles after remaining closed for 14 days due to heavy rains, flash floods, and multiple landslides that had crippled the Valley's main supply route.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg had earlier told Kashmir Indepth News Service (KINS) that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was working to reopen the crucial stretch. "As per NHAI, the highway is being opened for light motor vehicles. The movement of heavy vehicles will depend on the evolving situation. The safety of commuters is our top priority," Garg said, while acknowledging that



persistent rainfall had hampered restoration efforts.

The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, had been shut since

August 26. A brief reopening on August 30 was followed by fresh landslides that forced its closure again. The disruption, now spanning 15 days, severely hit passenger travel, trade activities, and the movement of essential commodities into Kashmir, Doda, and Kishtwar.

A massive landslide on September 2 near Thard-Jakheni in Udhampur—measuring nearly 550 x 300 metres—buried the highway under tons of debris. "From the very night of the incident, NHAI officials and hundreds of workers toiled round-the-clock through rains and repeated disruptions. On September 7, we constructed a 300-metre diversion road, and today traffic has finally been restored," an NHAI official said, describing the Udhampur stretch as one of

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Kashmiri Carpets Get a Makeover: Union Textiles Secretary Rolls Out Modern Looms



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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Union Textiles Secretary, Neelam Shami Rao, today reiterated the Government's commitment to promoting and reviving the unique craft of hand-knotted carpet weaving. She made these remarks

while distributing Modified Modern Steel Carpet Looms to artisans under the Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) at the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) campus, Srinagar.

The event was attended by Commissioner

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Srinagar Man Gets 1-Year Jail, ₹40 Lakh Fine in Cheque Bounce Case

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: A local court has sentenced a Srinagar man to one year imprisonment and imposed a compensation of over Rs 40 lakh in a high-value cheque bounce case, following conviction under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

The City Judge Abdul Bari convicted Hakeem Zaffar Ahmad of Buchpora in a case filed by Ratan Singh of Lalpora, Tral Pulwama, over bounced cheques amounting to Rs 30 lakh.

The cheques, issued as repayment of loans, were dishonoured due to insufficient funds when presented in March 2019 by the complainant at J&K Bank Parimpora Qammarwari.

Despite repeated requests and the service of a legal notice, the accused failed to pay the due amount, prompting proceedings under Section 138 of the NI Act.

During the trial, the court found that the cheques had not been issued as security but constituted repayment for a legally acknowledged debt.

The accused's defence, alleging that his signatures were forcibly obtained and the cheques were not for a valid liability, was not substantiated in court, nor was any complaint lodged with the police or bank authorities.

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URGENT TRAFFIC ADVISORY: NHW (NH44) Not Yet Restored Fully at Tharad, Udhampur

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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: LMVs traffic was allowed on trial basis but due to slippery surface of road vehicles got jammed and were pushed through JCB and Loaders throughout the day. Due to the wet bed of this stretch HMV movement can not be permitted until the bed dries up.

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, tomorrow only one way traffic shall be permitted for LMVs from Jammu

Towards Srinagar on NH-44.

These vehicles shall be allowed from Nagrota (Jammu) between 0600 hrs to 1600 hrs.

However, Mughal road is open for passenger LMVs from Srinagar towards Jammu.

Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag NH-244:

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, only LMVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice-versa on



Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD
Subject to fair weather

Schools Reopen in Jammu After 2-Week Flood, Landslide Closure

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JAMMU, SEP 10: Schools in the Jammu region reopened on Wednesday after remaining closed for nearly a fortnight in the wake of torrential rains, flash floods, and landslides that caused loss of lives and widespread damage to infrastructure since August 26.

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Cabinet sub-committee report on reservation

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Amid questions from different quarters over the status of the cabinet sub-committee's report on reservation, the J&K government has dismissed an appeal filed against the order passed by the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) to deny information about it.

The First Appellate Authority of the Department of Law, Justice and

Parliamentary Affairs has upheld the order passed by the CPIO, citing Supreme Court and High Court judgments and order passed by the Central Information Commission.

The information seeker Sheikh Mohammed Imran, Peoples Conference leader, had contested the denial of information by Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

The CPIO had denied the information, citing different provisions of the

RTI "The disposal of the RTI application by the CPIO vide order dated 05.08.2025 is well founded and well-reasoned and is in consonance with the provisions of the RTI Act and as such the appeal is dismissed and the said order of the CPIO is upheld," reads the order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO)

In the order, the FAA has said

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WANGCHUK LAUNCHES HUNGER STRIKE FOR LADAKH'S STATEHOOD

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LEH, SEP 10: Renowned environmentalist and innovator Sonam Wangchuk, along with the Lehigh Apex Body (LAB), has launched a 35-day hunger strike in Leh, beginning today.

The protest aims to press the central government to grant Ladakh statehood and include the

region under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, which provides for autonomy and protection of indigenous rights in certain tribal areas.

Speaking to the media, Wangchuk said he was forced to restart the protest due to the Centre's continued inaction on the key

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GOVT UPHOLDS DENIAL OF RTI PLEA FILED BY PC LEADER

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: The Jammu and Kashmir government has dismissed an appeal filed by Peoples Conference leader Sheikh Mohammed Imran against the denial of information under the Right to Information Act (RTI).

The First Appellate Authority (FAA) of the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs upheld the decision of the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), who had earlier refused to share the requested information. The FAA cited Supreme Court and High Court rulings

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BJP leadership visits flood-hit Pulwama

HT News Network

PULWAMA, SEP 10: In the aftermath of the devastating floods that wreaked havoc on agricultural fields in Pulwama, a high-level delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) visited the affected areas on Wednesday to assess the scale of damage and listen to the grievances of the residents.

The delegation was led by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, accompanied by Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma, General Secretaries Mohammad Anwar Khan and Gopal Mahajan, and Vice-President Shahnaz Ganaie.

They toured several flood-hit villages including Gusoo, Aglar, Hasanwani, and Pinglena, where farmers have suffered massive losses due to inundation of paddy fields and other crops.

Speaking to reporters Sat Sharma as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said the purpose of the tour was to directly interact with the affected families and understand the

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Chief Secretary Reviews Functioning of DFCO

Calls for robust enforcement to safeguard public health

HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the functioning of the Food Safety Wing of the Drug & Food Control Organisation (DFCO) in the wake of recent seizures of rotten meat in various parts of the J&K.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA; Secretary, H&ME; Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration (FDA); Commissioner, JMC/SMC; Director, FCS&CA,

Kashmir; Director Health, Jammu/Kashmir besides other concerned officers.

Underscoring the critical importance of public health, the Chief Secretary stressed on strengthening the enforcement machinery coupled with effective surveillance and strict regulatory controls to guarantee safe and hygienic food supply across the UT.

He directed for intensification of inspections across all food businesses, particularly high-risk Food Business Operators (FBOs), and called for strict-

er deterrents against violators.

Highlighting the limitations of mere penalties, the Chief Secretary instructed that convictions, licence suspensions, and criminal proceedings be pursued vigorously to curb malpractices. He further directed formulation of a robust enforcement action plan to ensure comprehensive implementation of the Food Safety & Standards Act.

During the meeting, Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah outlined the

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CS, Union Health Secy Discuss Strengthening Health Infrastructure

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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today held an extensive interaction with Secretary, Health

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3-Day International Conference on Hangul begins at SKUAST-K

Experts voice for coordinated conservation efforts, greater community engagement

HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: 2nd International Conference on Hangul and Other Threatened Ungulates (2IHUC-25) began at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Shalimar campus on Wednesday.

The conference aimed to address the conservation needs of the critically endangered Kashmir red deer or Hangul, its close relatives, such as Red deer, the Bukhara/Bactrian deer and the Yarkand/Tarim deer, besides other threatened ungulates worldwide.

Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, who was the chief guest at the occasion, said science, policy and community engagement is the key to conservation of Hangul, which occupies a place of pride in J&K Wildlife heritage.



He urged the new generation of students and biologists to use this platform for building networks and developing an actionable roadmap for conservation of Wildlife and the ecosystem.

Prof Ganai talked about the

transformation in Agriculture through the Holistic Agriculture Development Program that was conceived and scripted at SKUAST-K.

Commissioner Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sheetal Nanda; Dr Gon-

zalez and many other dignitaries spoke on the occasion and voiced for coordinated efforts in conservation of Hangul and other threatened Ungulates especially in view of fast paced urbanization, climate change and other health threats.

More than 200 delegates from across the country and abroad are participating in the Conference, envisaged to be the milestone of global conservation relevance. Wildlife experts and biologists from US, UK, Canada, Middle East,

Central and South Asia are sharing their research and expertise.

The International/eminent speakers include Dr Susana Gonzalez, Dr Stefano Focardi, Dr David Garlinda, Razan Al Mubarki, Dr Claude Fisher, Dr

Ranjitsinh, Dr Yashveer, Dr Bivash, Dr Parag and more.

The event is held under the banner of the International Support and Alliance for the Central Asian Red Deer (Hangul), with due recognition at the IUCN level and is a significant step towards advancing species conservation and supporting India's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Various topics to be discussed and deliberated include population dynamics, behaviour and movement ecology, wildlife health, disease, genetics and forensics, conservation breeding and reintroductions, climate change impact and adaptation, conservation sciences, policies, practices and technological innovations and human-wildlife interactions and the community engagement.

Civil Society Bomai Seeks 24x7 Services, Adequate Staff at PHC Bomai Sopore

Khan Jahangeer

SOPORE, SEP 10: Chairman Civil Society Bomai, Mohd Ramzan, along with his team members on Wednesday visited the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Bomai Sopore and highlighted the acute shortage of doctors and staff, causing immense hardships to locals.

As per news agency JKNS, the delegation comprising former Patron Mohd Maqbool Kirmnai, Chairman



Mohd Ramzan, Vice Chairman Haji Mohd Ramzan, and Former ACP Baramulla Mushtaq Ahmad, and other members noted that despite the availability of a laboratory and an X-ray machine, the absence of technicians has rendered these facilities non-functional. They stressed that a Gynaecologist and round-the-clock medical services are urgently needed.

Civil Society members said more than 20 villages, with a population of over one lakh, are dependent on PHC Bomai, but lack of essential facilities continues to affect patient care. They appealed to the Director Health Services Kashmir, DC Baramulla, CMO Baramulla, BMO Sopore, and MLA Rafiabad to intervene at the earliest.

Meanwhile, BMO Sopore told JKNS that the health centre has been facing staff shortage for years. "We have also raised the demand for additional posts. One more doctor will be sent to PHC Bomai very soon," he assured. (JKNS)

IRP-10th Bn distributes School Bags under CAP at Govt. High, Middle School in Mattan Anantnag

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ANANTNAG, SEP 10: The IRP-10th Battalion successfully organized a School Bag distribution programme under the Civil Action Programme (CAP) at Govt. High and Middle School, Mattan Anantnag.

During the event, Imtiaz Ahmad, SP (Dy. CO), along with other officers under the command and control of the Commandant IRP-10th Battalion, distributed (150) School Bags among the students of both the schools.

The Initiative was aimed at



encouraging students to pursue education and to extent welfare support to children from underprivileged backgrounds.

Addressing the audiences, Imtiaz Ahmad urged the youth to stay away from drug abuse and other harmful activities, and to focus on their education and future.

The event is a part of the continuous efforts of J&K Police to strengthen the police-public bond and to narrow the gap between public and Police, and to lure the student to join the Police department.

Zonal Committee Visits Ganderbal Schools to Review ToFEI Guidelines Implementation

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GANDERBAL, SEP 10: On the directions of the Chief Education Officer Ganderbal and in line with the instructions of the District Administration, Zonal Level Committees carried out extensive visits to schools across the district to ensure the effective implementation of Tobacco Free Educational Institute (ToFEI) guidelines.

The Committees organized and monitored various aware-

ness programmes, *rallies, and counseling sessions* within schools to sensitize students, staff, and the community about the ill effects of tobacco and the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment. As part of the initiative, surprise visits were conducted by the Zonal Level Committees to check compliance, interact with staff and students, and obtain ground-level feedback. The Heads of Institutions were instructed to ensure 100%

adherence to ToFEI guidelines and maintain their campuses completely free from tobacco use in any form.

The CEO Ganderbal emphasized that *educational institutions should not only remain tobacco-free* but also serve as centers of awareness, inspiring the younger generation to adopt healthy lifestyles and reject harmful habits. Continuous monitoring and follow-up will be carried out to achieve this objective in letter and spirit.

District Kulgam Gears Up to Observe 'Sewa Parv' from September 17 to Oct 2

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEP 10: In a proactive step toward community engagement and service, the District Administration Kulgam is set to observe Sewa Parv from September 17 to October 2, 2025. In this regard, a preparatory meeting was chaired today by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Shafi Khan (IAS), to review the arrangements and outline the action plan for the district-wide observance.

The Sewa Parv, envisioned as a people-centric movement, will witness active participation from Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), civil society groups, educational institutions, and various community organizations.

Multi-Departmental Activities Planned

During the meeting, it was informed that multiple departments will organize a variety of activities reflecting the true spirit of service:

Rural Development Department and Municipal Committees



will launch intensive cleanliness drives across public spaces, including schools, hospitals, markets, religious places, and other key locations.

The Forest Department will lead plantation drives to promote environmental sustainability.

The School Education and Higher Education Departments will initiate book and stationery donation campaigns, beautification of educational campuses, and voluntary teaching sessions for underprivileged students.

The Social Welfare Department will organize visits to orphanages and old-age homes, distribute assistive devices such as wheelchairs and hearing aids, and host community meals for the underprivileged.

Jointly, the Health and Social Welfare Departments will conduct:

Free health check-up camps in urban and rural areas, Blood donation drives in collaboration with hospitals and NGOs, And nutrition awareness pro-

grams under the Poshan Abhiyaan.

Departments will also conduct awareness campaigns on solid waste management, emphasizing waste segregation and the elimination of single-use plastic.

Additionally, the Agriculture, Skill Development, and IT Departments, among others, will hold awareness programs on flagship schemes such as PM Kisan, Jan Dhan Yojana, along with workshops on organic farming, water conservation, digital literacy, sustainable practices, and

employment counseling.

Cultural and Educational Engagements

The Culture Wing in collaboration with the School Education Department will organize wall painting campaigns, essay writing, slogan, and art competitions under the theme "Spirit of Sewa."

The Information Department has been directed to ensure wide publicity of these activities through print, electronic, and social media, with regular daily updates.

Call for Collective Participation Speaking during the meeting, DC Kulgam emphasized the importance of active participation from all stakeholders to make Sewa Parv a grand success. He urged all departments to adopt innovative and impactful strategies that align with the core objectives of the campaign — service, awareness, and empowerment.

With a collaborative approach, the district aims to not only raise awareness but also ensure effective outreach of various government schemes and community welfare initiatives.

A Note of Gratitude



In Loving Memory of the Late Hafiza Begum

During this time of profound loss, we, the family of the late Hafiza Begum, are reminded of life's transience and the certainty of our return to the Almighty. A noble and gracious soul has concluded her earthly journey and returned to her eternal abode.

Hafiza Begum was a woman of quiet strength, dignity, and grace. Her life was a source of blessing, her presence a comfort, and her departure a sorrow that words can scarcely express. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories that will forever remain etched in our hearts.

In our grief, we have been uplifted by the heartfelt compassion shown by all those who held her dear. Your prayers, messages of sympathy, personal visits, and presence at the time of need have provided solace to our aching hearts.

Though our home feels emptier without our beloved wife and mother, the support of our friends, relatives, and community has been a guiding light in these difficult moments. Your solidarity has honored her life and brought strength to her husband, Mr. Gh Mohammad Sheikh, and her sons, Mr. Showkat Ali Sheikh, Mr. Mahboob Ul Haq, and Mr. Haseeb Ul Haq, as well as the entire bereaved family.

While it may not be possible to thank each one of you individually, please accept this note as a heartfelt expression of our deepest gratitude. Your kindness has reminded us that love and remembrance endure beyond the boundaries of life.

We humbly request your continued prayers for the departed soul — may Allah (SWT) grant her the highest place in Jannah and envelop her in eternal peace.

With Gratitude,
Mr. Gh Mohammad Sheikh (Husband)
Mr. Showkat Ali Sheikh (Son)
Mr. Mahboob Ul Haq (Son)
Mr. Haseeb Ul Haq (Son)
& Entire Family

Union Textiles Secretary inaugurates Animal Fibre Quality Assurance Laboratory at SKUAST-K, Shuhama

Says Govt committed to protecting purity, sanctity of Pashmina

HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Union Textiles Secretary, Neelam Shami Rao, today inaugurated the Animal Fibre Quality Assurance Laboratory at Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry (FVSc & AH), SKUAST-Kashmir, Shuhama Campus.

Addressing officers and stakeholders meeting, the Union Secretary underlined the government's commitment to protecting the purity and sanctity of Pashmina, describing it as the "gold standard" of India's natural fibres.

She said that the Ministry is working towards creating a vibrant testing and certification ecosystem for Pashmina and other animal fibres. "Certification, numbering, and coding must be smarter so that every labelled product is traceable. In the next two to three years, we should have reliable data on the number of genuine Pashmina products entering the market," the Secretary said.

Neelam Shami Rao assured that the Ministry would work

closely with Customs, BIS, and the Ministry of Environment and Forest to evolve a consensus-driven solution that balances industry requirements with wildlife and animal rights concerns.

She stressed the need for expanding the testing infrastructure closer to production areas to reduce logistical challenges.

"We do not want your products to travel to Dehradun, Delhi or Hong Kong for testing. The capacity of existing labs must be augmented, and if more labs are required, the Textiles Ministry will infuse additional funds," the Union Secretary announced.

On branding, Neelam Shami Rao said that the Textiles Ministry is working on a unified Pashmina branding initiative under a "Bharat Ka Fabric" campaign, integrating GI tagging and certification under a single label to avoid duplication. "Pashmina is not just a Kashmir story, it is India's story. We will promote it globally through multi-forum branding, sourcing magazines, and digital

platforms," she said.



platforms," she said.

Union Secretary also highlighted the need to take the benefits of government interventions directly to artisans and

weavers and called for measures to ensure better access to raw material, design support, upskilling opportunities, and improved earnings. "Artisans receive only

a small fraction of the final market value of their products. We must create mechanisms that protect their livelihood and preserve the art form. What is niche

must remain niche and be promoted as luxury," the Secretary remarked.

"Upskilling must be a continuous process. Protecting and empowering workers is critical because if the artisan perishes, the art perishes," she said, emphasizing the importance of linking consumers with the stories of the crafts they wear.

Assuring stakeholders that their concerns on standardization and regulatory frameworks will be addressed within the next two months through inter-ministerial consultations, with a roadmap expected by the end of the current quarter, Union Secretary also suggested including J&K government representation in future consultative committees while reviewing the Textile Committee Act.

Earlier, Union Secretary welcomed by the Dean, FVSc & AH, followed by a presentation on laboratory activities by the Head of the Division of Livestock Products Technology and a presentation on the development of Pashmina Mark by the Textiles Committee.

The event also featured addresses by the Presidents of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kashmir Pashmina Organization, and Pashmina Exporters & Manufacturers Organization, who shared their insights on product diversification and promotion of knitted Pashmina products to boost exports.

Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Kashmir, Nazir Ahmad Khan expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Textiles for strengthening the region's fibre testing infrastructure and promoting artisan welfare.

Union Secretary also visited exhibition stalls displaying local products, witnessed demonstrations of laboratory activities, and interacted with key stakeholders from the Pashmina industry.

Joint Secretary, MoT, Padmini Singla; Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, P. Sivakumar; Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Mussarat Zia; Director IIC, Zubair Ahmad and other senior officers also accompanied the Union Secretary during her tour to SKUAST-K Shuhama.

DC inaugurates two-day national seminar on 'Breast Cancer, Cause of Concern in Kashmir' at GDC Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEP 10: A two-day national seminar titled 'Breast Cancer: Cause of Concern in Kashmir' commenced today at Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam, organised by GDC Kulgam in collaboration with Deptt of Biochemistry GMC Baramulla.

This seminar was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who also served as the chief guest.

In his address, DC emphasized the urgent need to raise awareness to ensure early detection and treatment and also elimination of social stigma associated with it. "Awareness and early detection are our most powerful tools in the fight against breast cancer. We must ensure that every woman has access to timely screening and support," he stated.

Dr. Mohammad Abbas Shah, Principal GDC Kulgam, in his inaugural address, highlighted the critical importance of mass awareness campaigns and the college's ongoing commitment to health education.

He also outlined the institution's achievements over the past two years in promoting community-oriented academic initiatives.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Reyaz Ahmad Mir, Head of Biochemistry at AIIMS New Delhi, provided a comprehensive overview of the signs, symptoms, and preventive measures essential for early detection and treatment.

Other notable speakers included Dr. Mohammad Younis Shah, HOD of Medicine at Alfalah Medical College, New Delhi, who elaborated on diagnostic advancements and public health strategies.

Conveners of the seminar, Dr. Sofi Mohammad Zuber and Dr. Waseem Feroze from the Departments of Zoology and Biochemistry respectively at GDC Kulgam, outlined the objectives and sessions planned over the two days, emphasizing the holistic approach required to tackle breast cancer.

The event saw wide participation from the principals, research scholars, faculty and students of various degree colleges and medical colleges, including GDC Anantnag, GDC Women Anantnag, GDC DH Pora, GMC Baramulla, GMC Srinagar, SKIMS, GMC Anantnag, and GMC Udhampur.

The seminar is set to continue with technical sessions focusing on recent medical advances, survivor narratives, and policy recommendations to strengthen breast cancer care in the region for the next two days.

Rana visits flood-affected villages of Anantnag

Assures swift relief and rehabilitation

HT News Desk / DIPR

ANANTNAG, SEP 10: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today conducted an extensive tour of several flood-affected villages in Anantnag to assess the damages caused by the recent heavy rains and floods.

Accompanied by legislator Abdul Majeed Bhat, the Minister visited a series of worst-hit areas including Pushwara, Mir Danter, Khanabal, Nathpora, Harnag, Batengoo, Uranhall, Wanpoh, Larm, Hanji Danter and adjoining lo-

calities.

The Minister interacted directly with residents, farmers and community representatives, many of whom have been severely impacted by the natural disaster.

During the visit, the Minister inspected multiple affected sites, including damaged orchards, submerged vegetable fields, washed-out rice and maize crops, as well as damaged roads, bunds, bridges, residential houses and government institutions.

The scale of destruction to both agricultural output and public infrastructure has left hundreds

of families distressed, with many reporting complete loss of livelihood.

Farmers informed the Minister that standing crops such as vegetables, pulses, rice, and maize have been completely washed away and large swathes of fertile farmland has turned unfit for cultivation due to the flooding.

Expressing deep concern over the extent of the damage, Rana assured the people that the Omar Abdullah-led government stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the affected families in this hour of crisis.

Minister emphasized that

immediate relief, compensation, and rehabilitation measures will be taken up on priority to address the losses suffered by the people.

"The government is fully aware of the suffering caused by this disaster. Agriculture is the soul of our economy, and the livelihood of thousands depends on it. We are committed to extending timely support to all affected families and ensuring that farmers can recover and rebuild as quickly as possible," said Minister Rana.

Rana further stated that the restoration of essential services,

including drinking water, electricity, road connectivity, and healthcare, is being fast-tracked in coordination with the concerned departments.

He directed the district administration and field officers to conduct immediate assessments of crop and infrastructure damages and ensure that relief reaches the affected households without delay.

Rana reiterated the government's focus on long-term resilience planning and emphasized the need for better flood control measures and support infrastructure in vulnerable regions.

DC Baramulla chairs DLIC meeting on Implementation of HADP, JKCIIP

Approves 1639 HADP and 215 JKCIIP cases after thorough review

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BARAMULLA, SEP 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) at his office chamber to review the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Jammu & Kashmir Credit Incentive Programme (JKCIIP) in the district.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Lead Bank Manager Baramulla and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, DC was provided a detailed overview of the progress achieved under HADP and JKCIIP in the current financial year 2025-26 in the district.

The review covered the status of farmer registration and enrollment through the Daksh Kisan Portal, com-



pletion of training courses under the Daksh Kisan initiative, tracking of established units, fund utilization and farm enrollments under Kisan Khidmat Ghars. Progress on the Kissan Sampark Abhiyan and the distribution of Kissan Smart Cards under HADP was also discussed.

DC stressed the importance of timely execution of activities under

these flagship programmes, noting that they play a pivotal role in transforming the agriculture and allied sectors in Baramulla.

During the meeting, various applications were brought before the DLC for approval under the HADP and JKCIIP scheme. After thoroughly reviewing the cases, DC gave approval to 1639 HADP and 215 JKCIIP cases, thereby empowering the farming community and promoting sustainable agricultural practices in the district.

Furthermore, Minga Sherpa directed all concerned officers to expedite the clearance of pending cases and ensure that all proposals requiring approval of the DLC are processed without unnecessary delay.

Meanwhile, DC called upon all officers to work in close coordination and adopt a proactive approach to achieve saturation under the various components of HADP and JKCIIP.

Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan: 3-Day District Process Lab Training Programme concludes at BGSBU Rajouri

HT News Desk / DIPR

RAJOURI, SEP 10: The three-day District Process Lab Training Programme organised under the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan by District Administration Rajouri concluded today at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University.

The valedictory function was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal who attended as the Chief Guest.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor commended the initiative for strengthening governance and development interventions in tribal areas through capacity building of field staff. He lauded the efforts of district administration, faculty and participants in creating a collaborative platform to accelerate inclusive growth and ensure last-mile delivery of welfare schemes.

The Vice Chancellor underlined the importance of training and skill development programmes in empowering Aadi Karmayogis, Aadi Sahyogis and Aadi Saathis, enabling them to work as effective change agents in tribal societies. He encouraged the participants to take forward the learnings from the Process Lab to create sustainable models of grassroots development.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the successful completion of three days of interactive sessions, skill development workshops and the formulation of participatory strategies under the Dharti Aabha Plan for tribal empowerment.

On the occasion, the trainees were also facilitated for their active participation and commitment during the sessions, acknowledging their role in strengthening tribal development efforts.

Among the others, PO ICDS, Harpal Singh; ACD, Auqil Nuaid; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DFO Nowshera, Shweta Deonia; DFO Rajouri; CMO, Dr Manohar Rana; DSWO, Abdul Raheem; CEO Education, Iqbal Hussain besides other officers and officials were present on the occasion.

DC Poonch reviews implementation of ICDS, Education & Social Welfare Schemes

HT News Desk / DIPR

POONCH, SEP 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of the government schemes of ICDS, Education and Social Welfare Departments. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the DC Complex.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a scheme-wise review of key initiatives including pen-

sions under ISSS & NSAP, pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, minority scholarships, nutrition programmes, PMAY, Mahila Shakti Kendra, One Stop Centre, State Marriage Assistance Scheme and a wide array of schemes under ICDS and Education sectors such as SAMAGRA, KGBVs, hostels and school infrastructure.

Programme Officer ICDS, Khalid Hussain Wafa provided detailed update on ICDS schemes including the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Pradhan Mantri Matru

Vandana Yojana, POSHAN Abhiyan, Aadhaar enrollment and status of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). He also briefed on anaemia control, recruitment status of Sanginis, Sahyikas and the availability of toilets, water and electricity in government schools. The DC emphasized the need to provide nutritious food to all eligible children.

Assessing the education sector initiatives, the DC asked for immediate assessment and listing of schools lacking basic facilities like drinking water, toilets, elec-

tricity and instructed for timely resolution.

District Social Welfare Officer Khalil Ahmed Bandy informed that all eligible beneficiaries under ISSS and NSAP are receiving pension and gave a detailed briefing on post-matric scholarships for ST students. The DC stressed achieving 100% scholarship coverage for all eligible students across the district.

Chief Education Officer Mukhtar Ahmed presented updates on SAMAGRA, District Capex works,

KGBV school status and fund utilization etc.

The DC sought explanations for the delay in construction of girls' hostels, asking for submission of tender dates and reasons for delay. He also directed for the formulation of DPRs for KGBV School Buildings where land has been identified.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, PO ICDS, CPO, ACD, Chief Education Officer, DSWO, Hqr. Assistant to DC, AD FCS & CA, along with CDOs, ZEOs and TSWOs.

Satish Sharma reviews supply position, transportation mechanism of essential commodities across J&K

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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today convened a high-level review meeting to assess the supply position and transportation of essential commodities across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Managing Director, JKSRTC, Rakesh Sarangal; Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan; and other senior officers of the concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Minister was briefed about the daily deployment of trucks and the lifting of food grains and other essential commodities to ensure uninterrupted supplies to both Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

It was given out in the that in Kashmir Division, 210 trucks are being deployed every day, lifting



20,000 quintals of essential commodities. Similarly, in the Jammu Division, 190 trucks are deployed daily, lifting 16,150 quintals.

In total, 400 trucks are engaged across both divisions, lifting nearly 36,150 quintals of essential commodities per day, the meeting

was informed. Addressing the officers, Satish Sharma emphasized that timely supply of food grains, LPG and

other essentials is the top priority of the Government, especially in view of the prevailing weather conditions. He called upon the officers to maintain uninterrupted essential supplies across all districts.

The Minister further directed the officers to maintain close coordination between FCS&CA, Transport Department, and JKSRTC to guarantee smooth logistics and last-mile delivery.

The Minister also instructed that adequate buffer stocks be maintained in vulnerable and far-flung areas so that people do not face any hardship. He further appreciated the efforts of the transport authorities and drivers working round-the-clock for keeping supply chain functional.

He reiterated the Government's commitment towards ensuring food security and uninterrupted delivery of essentials to every household in Jammu and Kashmir.

BGSBU introduces RFID-Based Identity Cards

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RAJOURI, SEP 10: Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) has taken another step towards strengthening its digital infrastructure and campus security. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, along with Registrar, Abhishek Sharma distributed RFID-based identity cards to the faculty members of the University.

This is the first time that identity cards have been issued at BGSBU. The University is in the process of extending this facility to students and staff in a phased manner.



Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Jawaid Iqbal emphasized the University's commitment to adopting modern technologies for the benefit of its stakeholders. Registrar Mr. Abhishek Sharma highlighted that the initiative is in line with BGSBU's vision of creating a more secure, efficient and technology-driven campus environment.

The introduction of RFID-enabled identity cards marks a significant move towards enhancing transparency, security and digital access across the University. These smart I-Cards will not only serve as official identification but will also facilitate smoother access to various academic and administrative services on campus.

This step reflects the University's continuous efforts to embrace digital transformation and improve the overall academic ecosystem.

DC Reasi visits Sarh, Jamslan land sinking sites to assess damages

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REASI, SEP 10: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik today visited Mahore Subdivision to assess damages caused by land sinking and adverse weather conditions in Sarh and Jamslan villages.

During the visit, the DC inspected the landslide-affected stretches of the Arnas-Mahore-Dharmari highway and directed the XENs to ensure round-the-clock deployment of machinery for fast-tracking restoration works.

She also inspected houses and agricultural land affected by heavy rain at Saral village in Dharmari. She instructed revenue officers to submit relief cases to the District Relief Committee at the earliest to ensure timely disbursement of compensation to the affected families.

At Sarh and Jamslan, where several houses were completely damaged due to land sinking, the DC took stock of the situation and informed that all residents have been safely evacuated to relief camps. She personally visited the relief camps, interacted with affected families and reviewed the facilities being provided to them.

The Deputy Commissioner directed SDMs to ensure availability of all basic amenities in the camps, including adequate ration, safe drinking water, and electricity. She assured that additional relief material would be supplied as per requirements and directed the Health Department to conduct regular medical check-ups of all camp residents.

Responding to the demands of locals, DC Nidhi Malik informed that the issue of permanent settlement for the affected families has already been flagged to higher authorities, while the damages in Mahore Subdivision have been apprised to the visiting IMCT Central Team. She also announced that partially damaged houses would be repaired under MGN-REGA, while restoration work on the Dewal-Gulabgarh road is in progress.

The DC directed GREF officials to expedite the restoration of the Badora Nallah Bridge, while instructing the XEN Flood Irrigation, Dharmari to formulate a long-term mitigation plan to prevent future flooding.

DC Jammu tours Surinsar, adjoining areas Reviews pace of restoration works, listens to public grievances

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JAMMU, SEP 10: Deputy Commissioner, Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas today visited several villages in the Surinsar area covering 5 panchayats of Surinsar, Surgan, Athen, Chilla and Pounthal besides visiting Khanna Chhargal and the villages falling en-route, inspecting the condition of roads including Surinsar-Pathwar and Churana Road.

A public meeting was held at Surinsar where the DC had detailed interactions with the locals.

Dr. Minhas asked executing agencies including ERA, to expedite road clearance works. He stressed on prioritising the restoration of tractor roads, PMGSY roads and other internal link roads. He further instructed the District Mining Officer to ensure removal of sludge from affected sites as per public demand.

Reiterating the guidelines, the DC said that schools shall be reopened only after obtaining safety clearance from the PWD & CEO or concerned ZEO following proper structural assessment. He also emphasised to revive health

facilities in the area at the earliest, directing the BMO and Health Department to take necessary measures.

On the matter of compensation for crop and livestock losses, Dr. Minhas instructed for finalizing the assessment within 2 days. He also emphasised that restoration must be completed ahead of projected timelines, even if additional manpower has to be deployed.

The DC acknowledged the positive response of the public towards the administration's ongoing efforts and expressed gratitude for their cooperation.

DC Udhampur reviews relief, ex-gratia disbursement, restoration measures

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UDHAMPUR, SEP 10: To review the ongoing relief, rescue, rehabilitation, damage assessment and disbursement of ex-gratia to rain affected people, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today convened a meeting of officers from line departments here in the Conference Hall, DCO Office Complex, Udhampur.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Registrar Dr. Gurvinder Jeet Singh; PO Poshan Subash Dogra; Additional SP Sandeep Bhat, Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash, besides other officers of line departments.

The DC took a detailed Sub-Division-wise review of damages to private as well as government property categorized as fully, partially



and severely affected and directed the officers to submit

reports on a daily basis. She emphasized expediting the prepara-

tion of damage assessment files and instructed the concerned

departments to prioritize the assessment of losses to private property.

The DC also sought comprehensive feedback from the concerned officers on the extent of damages, rescue operations, relief distribution, rehabilitation measures, restoration of essential services and losses to infrastructure.

She stressed the timely submission of detailed reports to ensure that necessary relief and restoration measures are initiated without delay. The DC directed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure prompt restoration of essential services in the affected areas.

The DC instructed officers to mobilize men and machinery at full scale for the early restoration of drinking water supply, power supply, road connectivity and other essential services, thereby minimizing the hardships faced by the affected population.

Distt admin Budgam conducts training programme on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction & Management

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BUDGAM, SEP 10: With the objective of strengthening the capacities of field functionaries and community stakeholders in disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response, the district administration Budgam today conducted a one-day district-level training programme on 'Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management'.

The day-long event, organized under the supervision of the district administration, witnessed the active participation of key officials including Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), District Information Officer (DIO), all Block Development Officers (BDOs), Assistant Engineers (AEs), and Junior Engineers (JEs) of the Rural Development Department (RDD). Participants from various sectors were invited to ensure a comprehensive approach to disaster management.

Retired Professor G.M. Dar, formerly with the Institute of

Management, Public Administration & Rural Development (IMPARD), was the guest speaker on the occasion. In his keynote address, he elaborated on the importance of disaster preparedness, awareness creation, early warning dissemination, community-based planning, and proactive response mechanisms. He stressed that disaster risk reduction is a shared responsibility that requires coordination between government agencies and grassroots communities.

Professor Dar emphasized that disaster management cannot be left to institutional frameworks alone; it must actively involve communities in identifying risks, planning responses, and mobilizing resources. He pointed out that building resilience at the local level through knowledge sharing and community participation can drastically reduce casualties and economic losses during emergencies.

The training programme covered various technical and practical aspects of disaster risk



management including:

• Risk identification and assessment techniques

• Mapping of vulnerable areas and populations

• Preparedness and response strategies tailored to local contexts

• Mitigation measures such as safe infrastructure and emergency protocols

• Resource allocation, logistics, and coordination among departments

• Communication and early warning systems to ensure timely alerts

Field functionaries were provided practical insights on how their roles, particularly those of engineers and development officers, are critical in minimizing risks by ensuring safe construction practices, planning for emergencies, and developing local action plans.

Professor Dar also underlined the necessity of conducting regular mock drills and capacity-building exercises to reinforce readiness. He highlighted successful case studies from other regions and encouraged participants to document challenges and best practices to build a knowledge repository for future interventions.

Addressing the gathering, ADC Budgam reiterated the district administration's commitment to adopting a community-centric approach to disaster management. He urged officers and community leaders to integrate disaster risk reduction into daily governance and developmental projects. He further emphasized that collective action, transparency, and timely information sharing are vital to safeguarding both lives and property.

The event served as an interactive platform for exchanging experiences, discussing field-level challenges, and building stronger networks between officials and local communities. Participants resolved to work in a coordinated manner, ensuring that disaster preparedness becomes an integral part of planning and execution at all levels.

The district administration also announced plans to roll out awareness campaigns, safety workshops, and community drills in vulnerable areas over the coming months.

HT EDITORIAL

Invoke robust quality control system in society

As the Srinagar-Jammu national highway was reopened for vehicular traffic on Wednesday after a prolonged closure it is important that the authorities wake up to the situation. The people entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that only fresh items reach the masses should carry out a proper check of the articles that come into the valley from the different parts of the country through the national highway.

In the past it has been observed that rotten food items are sold by the shopkeepers as soon as Srinagar-Jammu highway gets reopened after being closed for some time. The shopkeepers have no consideration about the quality of products and their sole aim is to reap benefits and profits even at the cost of selling rotten items. Once the Srinagar-Jammu national highway gets closed the illegal profiteers dump the articles and sell the same at exorbitant rates. These people after receiving the rotten stock sell the same and that too at higher rates.

Due to the continuous closure of Srinagar-Jammu national highway the poultry birds are the worst hit and many of them perish while being transported from the different states of the country. There are unscrupulous elements that sell the dead chicken to the people and earn profits at the cost of the health of the gullible people. These people need to be accountable for their actions and stern action under rules should be taken so that the same acts as a deterrent for the future.

Since the highway has been thrown open for the traffic one can expect the things to get eased and there would be reduction in the prices of the different commodities. This would ensure that the things are available at reasonable prices for the masses and they would heave a sigh of relief. The people belonging to the middle and lower strata of the society are the worst hit in this whole scenario and it gets difficult for them to make the two ends meet.

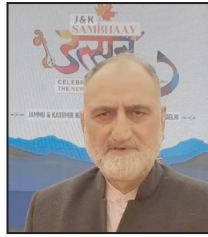
The people belonging to the higher income group have options when it comes to procuring things for daily use or luxury use. Since these people have money at their disposal they can pay any amount in order to get the things from the market. In a way this attitude of the elite people gives leverage to the shopkeepers and traders resulting in price escalation of different commodities.

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Aziz Hajini

Remembering a Champion of Kashmiri Language and Culture



Rafeeq Masoodi

As I sit down to pen this tribute, memories of a remarkable individual flood my mind. It's a story of friendship, shared passion, and dedication to promoting the Kashmiri language and literature. My journey with this extraordinary person began in 1973, at the Adbi Markaz Kamraz (AMK) Annual Conference in Bandipora, where I first met the young man with long hair and bell-bottom pants.

Introduced to him by my teacher, the late Prof. Mashal Sultanpuri, I was struck by his infectious enthusiasm and passion for Kashmiri language and literature. Little did I know that this chance encounter would mark the beginning of a lifelong friendship and collaboration.

As fate would have it, we lost touch when I left for Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi. However, our paths crossed again in 1983, when I returned to Kashmir and began working with Aftaab Daily. It was then that I reconnected with my friend, who had by now grown into a promising neo-poet.

Our subsequent meetings, includ-



ing one at the Shahidganj Cultural Academy office, further solidified our bond. It was during one such meeting that my friend, the late Kamil, asked me to translate Hindi poetry and prose into Kashmiri. This request sparked a chain of events that would change the trajectory of our lives.

During my tenure as Director of Commercial Service at Radio Kashmir, my friend would frequently visit me to discuss language, literature, and their evaluation. Our conversations were always enriching, and I vividly remember one particular exchange. When I lamented that Sheikh ul Alam's works were not reaching the hearts of all Kashmiri poetry lovers, my friend responded with charac-

teristic enthusiasm: "Why don't you start a biography of Sheikh in colloquial language?"

This suggestion led to the creation of "Turuk Hai Tchuk Panai Zaan," a weekly spoken word program that aired every Sunday at 8 am. Produced and presented by GR Akhoun, this program ran for many years, spreading the beauty of Kashmiri literature to a wider audience.

My friend's passion for promoting the Kashmiri language knew no bounds. As Director of Radio Kashmir, he would often visit me, accompanied by Shujat Bukhari, to discuss ways to promote the language. His "madness" (as I fondly call it) was contagious, inspiring convent-educated boys and

girls to reconnect with their native language.

Later, as Director of Doordarshan, my friend collaborated with me to launch "Panin Zyew Panin Kath" (Our Language, Our Feelings), a television program that tracked the language's journey. This initiative, too, went a long way in popularizing Kashmiri language and literature.

We differed at times on many occasions, but his mentor, whom I would affectionately address as Gobur (son), the late Muhammad Ahsan Ahsan, once told me, "You both are too huge a person, you fight, you differ, you speak against each other in national meetings, but we never come to know it... you digest the bitterness in the meeting hall only." Very true, but there was no difference of opinion on his being a luminary and me being a dedicated, honest, and pure cultural activist for our mother language, Kashmiri.

On his death anniversary (11th September), I am reminded of the void he left behind. As I pray that Allah pardons him and me too, and enhances his status in Jannah, I am filled with gratitude for the friendship and the opportunities we shared. Aziz Hajini, you are sorely missed, but your legacy lives on, inspiring future generations to cherish and promote our beloved Kashmiri language and culture.

Aziz Hajini, Aaj Tum Bahut Yaad Aaye..

Afsanvi Sadaein by Dr. Shaheena Yusuf



Royees Ahmad Kumar

Each year, Wullar Urdu Adbi Forum Kashmir—a vibrant and esteemed literary organization—conducts Afsana (short story) events, where fiction writers from across the subcontinent participate by sharing their short stories. These sessions are enriched by critical commentary from distinguished litterateurs and short story writers of the valley as well as abroad. The Forum was founded by Raja Yousuf, Tariq Shabnum, Dr. Riyaz Tawheedi, and S. Mashouq Ahmad, who tirelessly dedicate their time to the propagation and promotion of Urdu fiction. By positively utilizing social media, they organize afsana events on Facebook and actively share updates about literary happenings from across the globe. In 2022, one such remarkable event was organized where thirty-one fiction writers presented their meticulously crafted stories. These were later compiled into a book edited by Dr. Shaheena Yusuf, an emerging literary voice of North Kashmir. The anthology, titled Afsanvi Sadaein, spans over 180 pages and was published by the renowned Educational Publishing House, New Delhi. Dr. Shaheena Yusuf has dedicated this collection to all those creative writers who, through fiction, have held a mirror to society. The book opens with a poem by Prof. Khwaja Akramuddin of Jawaharlal Nehru University, who reflects on the relevance of fiction in today's fast-paced world. He highlights the history of Urdu short story writing and its evolving techniques. An extensive essay by Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, former HOD of Urdu at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, further enriches the book. He outlines the significant role of Wullar Urdu Adbi Forum Kashmir in uplifting and promoting Urdu fiction. Dr. Wani observes that, compared to Jammu, Kashmir has nurtured a greater number of literary organizations, writers, poets, and critics. He commends Dr. Shaheena Yusuf for her meticulous editorial effort in compiling this volume. In her foreword, Dr. Shaheena Yusuf traces the historical background of Wullar Urdu Adbi Forum Kashmir, especially its efforts during the pandemic to connect writers across the globe at a time when the world was locked down. The collection opens with "Wapsi", a powerful story by legendary fiction writer Noor Shah. Set against the backdrop of the world-famous Dal Lake, the story highlights how divisions



have emerged within a community that shares the same faith, symbolized through the proliferation of separate mosques. The second story, "Aaw Ab Nikah Kar Lein" by Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, uncovers the rising immorality among youth stemming from unchecked social media use. It narrates the tale of two strangers who grow intimate over Facebook and WhatsApp, meeting frequently in parks and hotels to fulfill their desires. However, when the female protagonist, Sadai Saheer, expresses her wish to marry, she is devastated to learn that the man she loved is already the father of three children. Phool aur Khushboo, In this story, Dr. Tawheedi sensitively explores the essence of divine love. Through the journey of a staunch believer, he illustrates how meditation, devotion, and the guidance of a spiritual master can draw a soul closer to the Creator. Love, mysticism, and spirituality merge seamlessly, leaving readers immersed in a reflective and soulful experience. Dusra Shouhar, Dr. Nazir Mushtaq, a renowned fiction writer of the valley, has long been admired for weaving medical and psychiatric themes into his narratives. In Dousra Shouhar, he portrays the silent suffering of a woman who has endured mental and emotional distress for years. With subtle strokes of fiction, he once again brings the struggles of psychiatric patients into the literary spotlight, blending empathy with art. Yaar Zinda Suhbat Bari, Raja Yusuf's story is a poignant reminder of friendship and fate. Two childhood friends, separated by distance and circumstance, grow into strangers to each other. Yet, destiny intervenes during the devastating floods of 2014 in Srinagar. One, a doctor stranded in a Rajbagh building, is rescued heroically by the other. In this moving tale, Yusuf captures not just reunion but also the power of human connection rekindled in times of crisis. Shakoor Bangi, Tariq Shabnum through the character of Shakoor Bangi, a cannabis addict often ridiculed for neglecting religious obligations, Tariq Shabnum delivers a thought-provoking narrative. When Shakoor's name repeatedly emerges in a lottery draw at a mill,

astonishment grips everyone. The revelation of his quiet, selfless humanitarian acts—performed without fanfare—stuns even the mill manager. The story urges readers to look beyond appearances and recognize the hidden virtues in human beings. Kish koul Ki Qeemat, by Wajida Tabassum Gurkko reflects a strong feminist voice from Kashmir. With great tact, she has crafted this short story to highlight how lascivious men prey upon the chastity of impoverished and destitute families. Khushboo, by Prof. Neelofer Naz Nehvi once again shows why her short stories often receive accolades from eminent writers. This piece too is commendable, as it unveils an important social issue we often ignore—renting out rooms to strangers without knowing their background. In the story, a lady rents a room; one day, when the owner's wife is away at her paternal home and her husband is at work, she arranges a secret meeting with a stranger in the house, taking advantage of the situation to fulfil her desires. Sarhad Ke Us Par, by Mohd Shafi Sagar is an evocative tale that paints a poignant picture of life on both sides of the border. The story captures the impoverished and melancholic existence of people, where mothers endlessly wait for their missing sons and separated families yearn to reunite with their loved ones. Qatil, by Dr. Shaheena Yusuf, the editor of this anthology, is a meticulously written story about a family with a lone son. Brilliant in studies, the boy becomes increasingly drawn to his friend's home, where he spends most of his time. Sadly, the influence of bad company and being away from parental supervision push him towards a tragic end—he ends his life by drowning in a river. The story movingly portrays the shock and devastation of his parents, left shattered by the loss. Aur Shah Din Mar Gaya, S. Mashouq Ahmad has beautifully crafted this story, centering on an elderly man who deceitfully lures a young teenage girl. Though she was sent to him to learn, he schemed relentlessly to make her his life partner. The narrative skillfully weaves together themes of beauty, misplaced faith, and the weight of social stigmas. Task'in-e-Dil, This story, penned by myself, sheds light on the sensitive issue of childless couples. Such couples often suffer silently in sorrow and depression. Yet, when one observes how some children indulge in illicit and immoral activities, bringing shame and defamation to their parents, a thought emerges: perhaps it is better to remain childless than to endure the anguish of raising children who tread devilish paths. Wullar Urdu Adbi forum Kashmir deserves all praise and applauds for conducting such events annually and then compiling all stories into an anthology.

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Ghani Ghayoor: The Luminous Beacon of Urdu Literature, Illuminating Hearts and Minds Across Generations



■ Mohammad Arfat Wani

In the rich history of literature and civilization, there are certain luminaries whose names are forever inscribed in golden letters, those rare souls whose talent and artistry not only illuminate their homeland but also light the guiding lamps for generations to come. The land of Jammu and Kashmir, with its snow-capped mountains, lush green valleys, winding rivers, and whispering breezes, has always inspired sensitive hearts and creative pens. It is no coincidence that this land has produced countless poets and literary figures whose works have left indelible marks on Urdu literature. Among these extraordinary contributors, Ghani Ghayoor, also known as Abdul Ghani Jagil, stands as a luminous star whose literary brilliance commands admiration and respect.

Ghani Ghayoor is not only a poet; he is a multitalented literary giant whose genius and insight reach as far as poetry, short stories, criticism, and literary research. His poetry, however, is the best thing he has to offer of his soul, born in the trenches of thoughts and emotions, striking the reader right on the heart. All of his ghazals carry the beat of life in them, blending love, thought, and soft sensitiveness into a continuous whole. His stories are no less colorful; characters acquire life, breathe, and come to life in the reader's sight and the story becomes complete and unforgettable. What is most conspicuous in Ghani Ghayoor is the feeling of genuineness of voice, a voice charged with life experience, emotion, and reality and leading the reader into the realm of longing, love, tears, and hope.

Jammu and Kashmir was ever a cradle of literary excellence. Timeless stalwarts like Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri, whose mental acuity is legendary, Ghulam Ahmad Mahjoor, whose works are full of the hues of nature and nationalism, Rasul Mir, whose ghazals have been infused with the hues of romance, and Shabbir Ahmad Shal,

whose literary depth is limitless, have all enriched this heritage. Ghani Ghayoor does justice to the tradition with ease, balancing the wisdom of yesterday with the rhythm of today's thought and the promise of tomorrow's imagination. His poems testify that Urdu literature is not dead but a living breathing entity, unfolding with each new generation but anchored in its own eternal past.

Ghani Ghayoor's poetry is a reflection of life itself. He is the quintessence of the force of love, the dignity of bereavement, and the comforting optimism that sustains the human spirit. His ghazals are redolent with the scent of old custom and yet replete with the strength of innovation, so that he is one who honors tradition but speaks with power to the modern. Each couplet is penned with careful consideration to be true to readers, so each verse has a touch of emotional truth and poetic beauty. Ghani Ghayoor has not penned merely a book of poems but a world of emotion in his book *Sulagta Sahra* (February 2025) of 120 ghazals. The reader has a desert where there is light and heat, where moments of contemplation take shelter, and where life's realities are articulated in poetry that illuminates humanity. Every one of the poems is a search of longing, hope, and self-knowledge, and they allow readers to relate to the poet's interior as well as to human condition as a whole.

Another masterpiece, *Ghazliyat-e-Ghani Ghayoor* (April 2025), solidifies his status as a poet of very high standards. The book is a sensitive blending of tradition and contemporary, sadness and joy, intellect and sentiments. Ghani Ghayoor's skill in these ghazals is a success over words and sense, which turns each line into a life experience. Published by Educational Publishing House, Delhi, *Sulagta Sahra* and *Ghazliyat-e-Ghani Ghayoor* have put his literary position on an unprecedented height, and he has been greeted not only in Kashmir but even in the Urdu-speaking world. Some select lines exhibit the excellence of his work: Among thorns, this rose is an uncommon coincidence. A new revolution is an uncommon coincidence. I suppressed my tears for long, What do I see through the fog for long. Those trees who withered in my orchard, Now have defects that once were my abilities. How long did years of wishes continue, Ghayoor, Even when we meet occasionally, what's



the matter.

These lines are not words; they are the beat of human heart with all the power of suffering, the spark of hope, and the unspoken strength that makes the spirit alive. They show Ghani Ghayoor's unusual talent for mixing intellectual depth with emotional power so that his poetry speaks to intellect as well as to the spirit.

Ghani Ghayoor's mastery of literature is not limited to poetry. He has proved to be highly beneficial in the field of literary research and criticism by providing highly valuable books in the form of *Saadi Sukhan-o-Qalam* (Saadi) and *Muheet-e-Be-Sahil* (Bedil). These are a testament to his good comprehension of the classical literature and providing modernistic concepts and thoughts to describe. His critical

analysis unfurls the richness of language, depth of meaning, and vision of art of such great literary names, thereby proving that Ghani Ghayoor is not just a great painter but also a sensitive scholar and critic.

Ghani Ghayoor is also a master of short story writing. His novel *Hikayat-e-Nim Shab* (2016) sparked a controversy for its novelty, intellectual depth, and innovation in narrating a story. His characters are fully realized, and the conditions under which they live exist on the continuum of humanity and nature. Ghayoor excels at creating the general and the particular so that readers catch glimpses of themselves in what they read and struggle with larger questions of philosophy and society. His writing is emotional, cerebral, and visually challenging.

What sets Ghani Ghayoor apart is the fact that he is able to make Urdu literature popular and appealing to generations to come. He holds on to tradition but ensures his writing is up to the standards of the modern reader, and in so doing, demonstrates that Urdu is certainly not a thing of the past but very much a living language that is just as able to stimulate thought, imagination, and feeling today as tomorrow. His works are the bridge between the periods, bringing the knowledge of the ancient poets together with the vulnerability of the modern readers. Ghani Ghayoor is the synonym of the idea that literature is ageless and temporal, linked to heritage and in the process of modification at all times.

Ghani Ghayoor is not only a poet, writer, or critic; he is a wellspring of literary greatness, the light-house of Urdu literature. His work, whether it is in any genre of ghazal, short story, or critical essays, is witness to a mind and heart committed to the craft of expression, the search for human emotion, and the illumination of mind. His name will be between the lines of Urdu literature, generations of inspiring readers and writers, and his words will continue to offer comfort, inspiration, and beauty to all who read them. By Ghani Ghayoor, Urdu literature continues to be its light burning bright, its legacy of the past being translated into a promised future that promises loveliness, wisdom, and promise.

Ghani Ghayoor's life of literature is proof of imagination, intelligence, and emotional depth's timeless energy. In bridging the gulf between past and present, in reconciling critical sense and creative imagination, and in speaking to brain as well as heart, he ensures that Urdu literature remains a live, dynamic, and a searching force. In an age when at times art and culture compete with fleeting distractions for space, Ghani Ghayoor's paintings remind us that real literature speaks to the timeless human experience, evoking passion, reflection, and self-examination that transcend place and time and leave a legacy that will continue to light the way for centuries to come.

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Kashmir & Climate Change: Paradise in Peril



■ Mohammad Hanif Khan

On an early autumn morning in Shopian, apple grower Abdul Rashid bends to pick a bruised fruit from the ground. Its skin is mottled by an untimely hailstorm. He holds it up, sighs, and says, "The trees no longer listen to us." His words, simple yet heavy, capture the silent crisis now gripping the Kashmir Valley.

For centuries, Kashmir has been celebrated as paradise on earth. But paradise is trembling. Climate change once dismissed as a distant, global debate—is now a lived reality for farmers, students, shopkeepers, and families across the Valley. Floods have become frequent, seasons unpredictable, glaciers fragile, and the ground itself increasingly unsafe.

Glaciers on the Run

High in the Himalayas, glaciers that fed Kashmir's rivers for generations are in retreat. Studies show that nearly one-fifth of the valley's glaciers have already melted in the past six decades. Locals in Sonamarg remember streams that once ran thick and cold; now, in summer, some shrink to a trickle. Scientists warn that by mid-century, smaller glaciers may vanish altogether.

This loss is not just symbolic. The glaciers are Kashmir's water towers. Their retreat means unpredictable



river flows, flash floods during summers, and water shortages in winters. "We are losing our future, piece by piece, ice by ice," says Dr. Fayaz Ahmad, a geologist at the University of Kashmir.

Floods and Fragile Wetlands

The Jhelum River, once Kashmir's lifeline, is now its greatest threat. In September 2014, it swallowed entire neighbourhoods of Srinagar. Thousands lost homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. A decade later, the fear has not faded. Every heavy rainfall still drives residents to monitor water levels with anxiety.

Part of the blame lies with human choices. Srinagar's wetlands—natural sponges that once absorbed excess rain—have been eaten away by construction. Flood channels are clogged. "We filled the lakes, built over

marshes, and cut the forests," says Nazir Ahmad, a retired engineer. "Now nature is reclaiming its space."

Farmers in Distress

The story is perhaps most visible in the orchards and fields. Apples, Kashmir's pride, are under siege. Rising temperatures bring pests, erratic rains damage blossoms, and sudden hailstorms wipe out harvests. "Earlier, we feared conflict. Now, we fear the clouds," says Yasmeen, a farmer in Pulwama.

Paddy fields too are confused. Some years they drown in unseasonal rains; others, they dry up with drought. This irregularity erodes not just crops but confidence. For farming families, debt rises, while hope thins.

Human Costs Beyond Numbers

Climate change in Kashmir is not only about landscapes—it is reshaping lives and minds. Psychologists in Srinagar report increasing cases of stress and anxiety linked to environmental uncertainty. Students fear school disruptions when floods cut off roads. Traders lose business after every cloudburst. Families, already burdened by decades of conflict, now carry a second fear: that of nature turning hostile.

The Way Forward

Experts argue that the Valley still has a chance—if urgent steps are taken. Reviving wetlands, enforcing urban planning, protecting forests, and investing in climate-resilient agriculture are immediate needs. Traditional wisdom offers guidance too: Karewas, the ancient plateaus, once acted as natural flood barriers; forests shielded villages; rivers were respected, not hemmed in.

Dr. Shakil Romshoo, a leading climate scientist, has repeatedly urged policymakers to act decisively. "We cannot stop climate change, but we can reduce its damage. Delay will only magnify the crisis," he warns.

A Paradise in Question

For generations, Kashmir has been framed in poetry—the flaming chinars of autumn, the crystal snow of winter, the blossoms of spring. But as the Valley warms and weathers extremes, the question grows louder: Will the next generation inherit this beauty, or only its memory?

Back in Shopian, Rashid looks at his bruised apples and shakes his head. "This used to be our pride. Now it tells us that the times have changed."

The Valley still dazzles the eye, but beneath its beauty lies a truth too stark to ignore. Paradise remains—but paradise is in peril.

Dr Itoo featured in GAPIO Newsletter



Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo, a distinguished physician hailing from Kashmir, has been celebrated in the March 2025 edition of the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) Newsletter under the prestigious section, "Global Indian Physicians in the News." The newsletter is renowned for spotlighting the remarkable achievements and contributions of physicians of Indian descent worldwide.

Dr. Itoo is not only a highly respected physician but also an eminent public health expert and medical writer. His esteemed affiliations include being a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH, UK) and a Fellow of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF Fellow, Belgium). He is also an active member of multiple leading international medical organizations, further underscoring his commitment to advancing global healthcare and public health initiatives. His recognition in the GAPIO Newsletter comes on the heels of receiving the prestigious Indian Achievers Award 2025, which honours individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective fields.

In response to this accolade, Dr. Itoo expressed his gratitude and humility. "I am deeply humbled and grateful to be featured in the GAPIO Newsletter alongside distinguished global healthcare leaders of Indian origin," he said. "This recognition inspires me to continue contributing to medicine, research, and public health."

GAPIO, as a leading global organization, connects physicians of Indian heritage across more than 50 countries, fostering a network that supports collaboration, knowledge sharing, and mutual advancement. By recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of Indian doctors, GAPIO highlights the significant impact these professionals have on global healthcare.

Want Strong, Healthy Nails



■ Shahnaz Husain

White strong nails free from chips and cracks are what every woman wish their nails look alike. Most of women dream of a set of natural-looking nails something like strong, long, perfectly polished as it enhances beauty of hands.

Genes play the biggest role - if your parents had gorgeous long and strong fingernails you're likely to as well - but beauty expert says that Nails requires to be cared and nourished properly through healthy lifestyle, dietary changes, a proper nail care regimen to grow and strengthen.

The key to a model-esque manicure goes way beyond polishes and filing: Your nails need to be resilient to conditions like typing, cleaning, sports etc and prevent infections to grow and maintain gorgeous nails. Children nails grow at fastest rates while adult fingernails grow at an average 1/11 inch per month. The nails growth rate decreases with increase in age factor.

Your nails are made up of laminated layers of a protein called keratin, the same protein as your hair. Everyone wants their nails to grow uniform in colour, smooth, shinier without pits or grooves, fast and strong because it enhances the beauty of your hands. Pamper your hands with any of the suitable home remedies to get brighter and stronger nails. Some simple Ayurveda home remedies can help fix the most common nail problems, such as brittleness and splitting and make your nails strong and healthy.

The only way to protect the nails and keep them looking good is to give them regular care. Your nails can reflect neglect and the state of your internal health. A pinkish colour indicates good health, while a bluish tinge shows poor blood circulation. A healthy nail is smooth and free from ridges and grooves. Protection is so important.

You should wear rubber gloves for your washing chores.

The cuticle (skin surrounding the nail) should be kept soft and smooth. Otherwise, it sticks to the nail and gets dragged as the nail grows. Massage cream or oil on the hands nails and cuticle daily, especially after using detergents and soaps. Daily massage is even more important



during the dry season. Pure almond oil helps to strengthen the nails and keep it in good condition. Dip the finger tips and nails in warm almond oil daily for about ten minutes and then massage the oil on and around the nails. The cuticle (skin surrounding the nail) should be kept soft and smooth. Never cut the cuticle. After soaking the nails in warm water, apply cream to the nails to soften the skin. Then push cuticles back gently using a cotton bud. Never use sharp instruments to clean under the nails. Use a cotton bud instead.

Can the sun affect the nails too? Some pastel colours, especially beige and pink, can become yellowish after being exposed to the sun. The nail too can acquire a yellowish tinge. The most common cause of yellow nails is wearing nail polish constantly. The nails should be left unpolished sometimes.

For sun protection, use a clear, transparent nail polish as a top coat. You can apply sunscreen on the nails too, just like you apply it on the hands and arms, for protection from UV rays. UV-resistant top coats are also available.

To protect the nails from the discolouring effect of nail polish, apply a transparent base coat first and then apply the colour of your choice. Thus, the nail is protected.

To get rid of the yellowish tint on the nails, scrape the surface of the nail with the finest-grain side of an emery board, so that the nail is not

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damaged and then use the UV-resistant or clear polish for protection. It will also add shine to dull nails. The nails can also be "buffed."

This is usually done with a piece of chamois leather. It should be gently rubbed with the chamois leather. It helps to remove the yellow tinge and also makes the nails shiny. It will be available at a cosmetic store.

To remove the yellow colour, add baking soda to water and soak your fingers in them daily for 15 minutes.

You can also take pieces of lemon and rub them on the nails. Or dilute lemon juice with water and soak your hands in it for 10 minutes every day.

Use nail clippers for cutting nails to avoid splits. File in one direction only.

If you have brittle nails that break or chip easily, include adequate protein and calcium in your diet. Take skimmed milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, fish and sprouts.

For weak and brittle nails, follow a ten-day programme of taking gelatin. Dissolve one teaspoon gelatin in a little boiling water. Cool the water and add it to the fruit juice. Have this daily for ten days.

As far as nail colours are concerned, dark colours are very much in trend. Or, you can try colours like pink, mauve or ivory and then dress them up with nail art. Or, go for shades of brown, like coffee, bronze, copper, or seashell and then add on glitter.

The author is an internationally famous beauty expert and is called the Herbal Queen of India

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Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of RAFAQA BEGUM D/O LATE GHULAM HASSAN MIR R/O SALOOSA KREERI for the issuance of Dependent 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 GHULAM HASSAM MIR S/O AB AZIZ MIR R.O SALOOSA has passed away on 25/10/1998 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... SARA BEGUM wife 85 years aged widow
- 2...RAFAQA BEGUM daughter 46 years H/W married

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 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 Tangmarg
(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 KHAIPORA)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of ROUF BIN MAQBOOL S/O MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL LONE R/O HARNOW KAWACHEK Tehsil TANGMARG Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 31/10/2007 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 Tangmarg

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu.

Subject: Tentative Seniority List (TSL) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service [Deputy Superintendent of Police (Stenography)].

Government Order No.: 454-Home of 2025
Dated: 09.09.2025

In terms of Rule 10 of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 2024, notified vide SO 500 of 2024 dated 10.10.2024, read with Rule 24 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, a tentative seniority list of the members of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service [Deputy Superintendents of Police (Stenography), as it stood 01.08.2025 forming Annexure "A" to this order, is hereby circulated among all members of the service for their information.

2. Any officer having any objection to his/her inter-se seniority position in the aforesaid TSL may submit a representation supported by documentary evidence to Home Department, through e-mail at home-jk@nic.in, within a period of 07 days from the date of issuance of the tentative seniority list. No representation(s)/objections in the matter shall be entertained/considered after expiry of the stipulated period and further steps for issuance of final seniority list shall be taken without any further notice.
3. The issuance of the tentative seniority list shall be without prejudice to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before competent court(s) of law.
4. The date(s) of birth indicated in the tentative seniority list shall be subject to the entries recorded in the individual Service Book/date of birth certificates. The officers belonging to reserved categories may submit an authenticated copy of the category certificate, in case of any discrepancy.
5. The tentative seniority list is also available on official website of Home Department home-jk@nic.in.

Annexure to the Government Order No.454-Home of 2025 dated 09.09.2025

[Tentative Seniority List of the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service [Deputy Superintendent of Police (Stenography)] as it stood on 01.01.2025.]

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

Notice for the general Public

It is hereby notified that the applicant MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL LONE S/O ABDUL AHAD LONE R/O HARNOW KAWCHECK had applied for the issuance Birth certificate of his /her son namely ROUF BIN MAQBOOL the applicant intends to register DOB of his Son as per Hospitals/school/other recods which is 31 /07/ 2007.

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 Tangmarg

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Wagoora

Subject: Application of RAFAQA BEGUM D/O LATE GHULAM HASSAN MIR R/O SALOOSA KREERI for the issuance of Dependent certificate

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Naib Tehsild Wagoora

Public Notice

I have lost Number plate of my Vehicle Scorpio bearing registration number JK07 1462. if anybody found kindly return it to below mentioned address otherwise i am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact concerned Authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

ARSHID AHMAD GANAIE S/O GH MOHAMMAD GANAIE R/O HAIL JAGEER KREER

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GH NABI MIR S/O ALI MOHD MIR 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 Mst SHAHMALI W/O ALI MOHD MIR has passed away on 22/06/2006 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... , GH NABI SON 54 years Labour
- 2...TAJA BEGUM daughter 71 years H/W
- 3...FATIMA daughter 46 //

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

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

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S.No.	Name of the Officer S/Shri	PID No.	Date of Birth	Date of appointment to the present rank
1	Ramesh Chander (OSC)	MES936061	25.04.1970	24.11.2017
2	Riyaz Ahmad	MES931750	01.03.1969	24.11.2017
3	Varinder Kumar	MES935985	30.04.1968	24.11.2017
4	Syed Sajad Hussain	MES931922	15.10.1967	24.11.2017
5	Nasrullah Khan	MES931871	27.12.1966	24.11.2017
6	Ravinder Singh	MES895737	24.06.1966	24.11.2017
7	Janardan Singh	MES935831	14.01.1967	24.11.2017
8	Ab. Rashid Shah	MES895606	12.02.1966	24.11.2017
9	Mohammad Ashraf	MES895433	01.07.1967	01.07.2019
10	Rajinder Kumar	MES895499	03.08.1966	18.04.2022
11	Shashi Kumar, SC	MES003243	01.11.1974	18.04.2022
12	Mushtaq Ahmad	MES931269	07.04.1969	06.03.2023
13	Girdhari Lal	MES971234	07.03.1967	06.03.2023
14	Manzoor Ahmad Tak	MES973929	04.03.1967	13.04.2023
15	Sunil Kumar Dhar	MES973934	15.03.1969	06.05.2023
16	Mohammad Ferooz Sheikh	MES974074	20.03.1969	01.06.2023
17	Ashok Kumar	MES996894	18.03.1972	01.06.2023
18	Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat	MES973937	25.11.1968	01.06.2023
19	Mohammad Amin Wani	MES971475	10.04.1969	08.01.2024
20	Ghulam Hyder Malik	MES901855	04.09.1966	08.01.2024
21	Sunil Kumar	MES985706	09.07.1971	08.01.2024
22	Puran Kumar	MES986512	07.05.1973	01.03.2024
23	Showket Ahmad Dar	MES981238	08.04.1972	03.12.2024
24	Ms. Vimla Raina	MES987389	07.03.1971	03.12.2024
25	Sheikh Arif Ahmad	MES993519	26.02.1973	03.12.2024
26	Mushtaq Ahmad	MES993859	12.03.1974	03.12.2024
27	Javid Ahmad Sofi	MES992988	30.11.1971	03.12.2024
28	Altaf Khaliq	MES993847	12.01.1974	03.12.2024
29	Maresh Gupta	MES997489	28.03.1977	03.12.2024
30	Mohammad Aslam Bhat	MES991236	15/03/1973	19/05/2025
31	Mohammad Iqbal Najar	MES993424	18/05/1974	19/05/2025
32	Robinder Nath Raina	MES997065	18/03/1974	19/05/2025
33	Vinod Kumar Bhat	MES996920	10/07/1973	19/05/2025
34	Adil Iqbal Shah	MES993881	02/07/1974	02/06/2025
35	Bashir Ahmad Jhan	MES993008	01.03.1974	01.08.2025
36	Sanjay Kumar	MES993863	14.08.1970	01.08.2025

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
No. HOME-PG/122/2021-08-14987
Dated: 09.09.2025
DIPK: 6140/25 | Dated: 10-09-2025

Sd/- (Chandraker Bharti) IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of GH MOHD BHAT S/O MOHD ASSADULLAH BHAT R/O SALOOSA 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 ASSADULLAH & ATTIQA BEGUM S/O MOHD AKBAR BHAT & MOHD ASSADULLAH BHAT has passed away on 20/03/2023 & 03/05/ 2021 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... , GH MOHD BHAT SON 56 years Labour married
- AB HAMEED SON 53 years Do married

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 Wagoora

Subject: Application of SARA BEGUM W/O LATE GHULAM NABI SHAH R/O WATERGAM WAGOORA for the issuance of Dependent 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 MUZAFFAR AHMAD SHAH /O GHULAM NABI SHAH R.O WATERGAM has passed away on 12/05/1998 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... SARA BEGUM W/O late GH NABI SHAH wife 85 years House wife
- 2...SHAREEFA BEGUM.D/O GH NABI SHAH daughter 65 years married
- 3...MOHD AYOOB SHAH son 60 years Farmer
- 4...JAVID AHMAD SHAH son 57 years Farmer
- 5...NAYEEMA BEGUM daughter 50 years H/W
- 6...AFROOZA BEGUM daughter 47 years H/W
- 7...AJJAZ AHMAD SHAH son 44 years Farmer

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

Naib Tehsild Wagoora

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of JAWAHIRA BEGUM W/O MOHD SHAFI LONE R/O THINDIMA 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 Lt MOHD SHAFI LONE S/O AB RAHMAN LONE has passed away on 11/08/2023 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... , JAWAHIRA BEGUM Widow 47 years H/W
- 2.... AAKASH SHAFI SON 14 years student
- 3...NAUMAN SHAFI SON 13 //
- 4...AAHIL SHAFI SON 09 //
- 5....SHAMALI BEGUM mother 66 years H/W

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

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam
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e NIT. No: 12 OF 09/2025

For and on behalf of the LT. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders on percentage basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors Registered with Union Territory of J&K Govt.

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work amount in lacs	Performance security @ 3%	Time of complete-on	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Head of account
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No of works Advertised: 01(One)
Position of Funds (Budgetary provision).
Position of Technical Sanction(Accorded)
Position of Administrative Approval Accorded.

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, Bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

1.	Publishing date	09-09-2025 (6 pm)
2.	Download date start	09-09-2025 (6 pm)
3.	Bid submission date starts	09-09-2025 (6 pm)
4.	Bid submission date ends	15 -09-2025 upto (4 PM)
5.	Bid Opening date	16 -09-2025 at (11 PM)

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website.
General terms and conditions:-
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i) The complete bidding process will be online.
ii) Technical bids of bidder shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam.
27. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders and are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid any technical snags in last hours. 36) All other terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in PWD Form 25-double.

No: 2991-3006 | Date: 09-09-2025
Sd/- Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam

DIPK: 6115/25 | Dated: 10-09-2025

Public Notice

This is an information for general public that i want to apply for Death certificate of my Daughter Namey Dazy Bano,D/O Late Gh Nabi Hajam, from Registrar Death's and Birth's Block Development Office Aloosa, as her Date of Death 17-08-2025, in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Registrar Death's and Birth's Block Development Office Aloosa with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Saida Begum
W/O Late Gh Nabi Hajam
R/O Aloosa, tehsil Aloosa, District Bandipora.

Public Notice

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my husband name MUZAFFER MOHAMMAD KHAN S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN R/O LAWAYPORA .Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0206050011815 wants to be registered on my name AFROOZA W/O LATE MUZAFFAR AHMAD KHAN R/O LAWAYPORA .If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name...AFROOZA
W/O ... LATE MUZAFFAR AHMAD KHAN
Division.... BUDGAM
Sub division.... NARBAL

Rana attends Tribal Conference at Anantnag

Emphasizes grassroots planning and sustainable Development

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

ANANTNAG, SEP 10: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today attended a Tribal Conference in Anantnag, where he addressed a diverse audience comprising legislators, tribal leaders, intellectuals, community representatives and members of civil society.

Legislators Bashir Ahmad Veeri, Altaf Kaloo, Zafar Ali Khatana, Abdul Majeed Bhat and Reyaz Ahmad Khan also attended the conference.

In his keynote address, the Minister reiterated the critical need for de-centralised and participative planning as the foundation for inclusive and sustainable development in tribal areas.

He stated that empowering communities at the grassroots level, particularly through the involvement of local legislators, is essential to ensuring that government initiatives are both responsive and effective.

"The path to meaningful development lies in understanding local realities. When planning is decentralised and participative, it leads to solutions that are grounded, inclusive, and truly transformative," he said. "A collaborative, de-centralised approach—rooted in equity and inclusion—is the way forward to ensure that no community is left behind."

The Minister outlined the core



priorities of the Department of Tribal Affairs, which include strengthening healthcare, improving educational access, enhancing

rural and digital connectivity, promoting skill development and revitalising traditional livelihoods. He announced that multiple

programs are currently being formulated to bridge service delivery gaps, particularly in remote tribal regions.

Rana gave special emphasis to the conferring of forest rights through Forest Rights Committees (FRCs), calling it a key instrument of legal and economic empowerment for tribal communities.

During the conference organised by a prominent media house in Anantnag, the minister highlighting the importance of cultural preservation, Minister Rana stressed that the government is committed to protecting tribal languages, customs, and heritage through the Tribal Research Institute (TRI), which is playing a pivotal role in documentation, research, and cultural programming across tribal regions.

The Minister also spoke at length about the government's plans to promote livelihood generation through traditional tribal occupations such as milk and meat production and wool processing—sectors that not only offer sustainable economic avenues but also help preserve tribal identity.

Reaffirming the government's vision, Rana stated that empowering tribal communities is not just a policy objective but a foundational commitment of the present dispensation and encouraged tribal youth to take up creative entrepreneurship.

DLSA Budgam organizes awareness programme on 'Importance of Education'

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BUDGAM, SEP 10: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam, in collaboration with Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Budgam, today conducted an awareness programme on the importance of education in promoting legal literacy and access to justice.

The programme was held under the supervision of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman DLSA Budgam and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakk, Secretary DLSA Budgam and Principal Girls Higher Secondary School Budgam.

Programme focused on the legal rights of educators including their workplace rights and protection from harassment. It reflected the importance of education in promoting legal literacy & access to justice.

Lateef Ahmad Khan, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel and Assistant LADC were deputed by DLSA Budgam as resource persons who showcased their presentations on the subject and raised awareness among the participants.

In his address, Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Budgam, emphasized that educators are entitled to various legal rights such as due process, academic freedom, freedom of speech and association, protection from discrimination and harassment, as well as rights pertaining to employment contracts and tenure etc.

He said, these rights, derived from laws, constitutional provisions, and collective bargaining agreements, may vary across jurisdictions and institutions but are fundamentally aimed at ensuring fair treatment,



job security, and a supportive environment that enables educators to perform their duties effectively and without fear of unjust reprisal.

Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel Budgam highlighted the significance of education in promoting legal literacy and ensuring access to justice. He emphasized that education empowers individuals by making them aware of their rights and duties, enabling them to identify and address injustices, and fostering civic engagement and accountability.

He said such awareness is vital for ensuring access to justice, particularly for marginalized communities, as it equips them to understand their legal options, navigate the justice system, and demand fair and transparent governance.

Teachers and students of GHSS Budgam actively participated in the programme and showed their enthusiasm towards the awareness.

DLSA Srinagar organizes comprehensive legal awareness programme at Muslim Public School Rajbagh

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SRINAGAR, SEP 10: To sensitize students on pressing social and legal issues, with a particular focus on the Domestic Violence Act and the menace of drug abuse, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, in collaboration with Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Srinagar and Anti-corruption & Human Rights Forum, organized a comprehensive legal awareness programme at Muslim Public School Rajbagh, Srinagar.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and conducted under the supervision of Adil Mushtaq, Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Chairman TLSC Srinagar and Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge and Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

Addressing the gathering, Secretary DLSA emphasized the critical role of legal literacy in empowering the youth to combat social evils and contribute to a just society.

Consultant on Child Rights focused his presentation on the dangers of drug abuse and its effect with mental health issues, stressing preventive measures and the importance of awareness.

Panel Lawyer, DLSA Srinagar, elaborated on the Domestic Violence Act, explaining the legal protections available to victims and the process for seeking redress.

Students actively and enthusiastically participated in the programme, engaging with the speakers, asking pertinent questions, and showing keen interest throughout the session. Their involvement demonstrated a strong desire to understand the legal framework and their role as responsible citizens.

BBBP: Education deptt felicitates NEET qualifiers, 12th, 10th Toppers at Shopian

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SHOPIAN, SEP 10: A day-long district level mega programme under the flagship initiative Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was today organised by Chief Education Office Shopian in collaboration with District Social Welfare office here at Government Degree College Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone underlined that the empowerment of women and education of girls is the cornerstone of an inclusive and progressive society. He stressed the importance of spreading awareness at the grassroots level to eradicate gender bias and create equal opportunities for girls in all walks of life.



ADDC urged parents, teachers and community representatives to play an active role in ensuring that every girl is educated, nurtured and empowered to contribute towards nation-building.

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CEO Shopian, highlighted some of the key achievements of the Education Department Shopian in the field of education, empowerment, and welfare initiatives for female students. He emphasized that continuous efforts are being made to bring down the female dropout rate to zero, as educating girls remains the most powerful and sustainable form of women empowerment.

Experts from Education, Chief LADC underlined that the status of women in society and sensitised the participants about educational opportunities, health, legal avenues, career guidance and schemes available for their benefit. Speakers also emphasized that

programmes like BBBP are not just about awareness but about creating a social movement where the dignity, safety and rights of girls are safeguarded.

During the programme, girls' achievers including NEET qualifiers, 12th and 10th Toppers of the district were felicitated for their outstanding contributions. Besides, a distribution function of education kits was also conducted for hand holding of female students from disadvantaged communities.

Principal, GDC, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammed Shafiq; DIO, Showkat Hussain Ganie; Chief LADC, Rafie Ahmad, officials of Education, Social Welfare, District Legal Services Authority Shopian, parents, students and community members participated in the programme in large numbers.

DC Kishtwar hands over tractor key to HADP beneficiary

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KISHTWAR, SEP 10: As part of ongoing efforts to empower farmers and promote agricultural mechanization, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pankaj Kumar Sharma today handed over a tractor key to farmer Mohammed Shafiq from the remote area of Nowpachi, Sub Division Marwah under the Farm Mechanization and Automation Scheme of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for the year 2025-26.

Under this scheme, the farmer received a 50% subsidy, with a maximum limit of 4.5 lakh, aimed at facilitating

the adoption of modern farming techniques in geographically challenged and remote regions. The provision is expected to significantly reduce the drudgery of manual labour and enhance the efficiency of farm operations.

During the event, DC Kishtwar interacted with the beneficiary and discussed how the tractor would be deployed to improve farming practices. Mohammed Shafiq expressed gratitude towards the administration and stated that the mechanization support would help him cultivate larger areas, manage land more effectively, and reduce dependence on traditional methods.

The DC highlighted that this is the fifth tractor provided under the scheme in the district so far, reflecting the administration's commitment to transforming agriculture through technology and financial assistance. He assured that further beneficiaries would be identified and supported to ensure that farming remains sustainable and economically viable.

Officials from the Agriculture Department shared that subsidies ranging from 50% to 90% are being offered under different HADP initiatives to assist farmers in areas such as irrigation.

DC chairs meeting to review drug control measures in Poonch district

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POONCH, SEP 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress made in controlling drug abuse and strengthening enforcement mechanisms aimed at curbing narcotic trade in the district. The session focused on enhancing coordination among departments and deploying proactive measures to tackle the growing challenge of substance abuse.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik; Project Officer ICDS Khalid Hussain Wafa; DFO (T), DYSPTDAR Khalid H. Choudhary; Chief Education Officer Mukhtar; ARTO Basharat Mehmood; DSWO Khalid Ahmed Bandy; Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majid; Tehsildar Mandi Ashfaq Hussain; Drug Inspector; and Heads of Degree Colleges. SDMs and Tehsildars



from Surankote, Mendhar, Balakote, and Mankote also participated virtually.

Detailed presentations were made by the SDMs and Tehsildars from various areas, who provided a comprehensive overview of the drug abuse situation in their respective regions. The reports covered the rise in substance abuse among youth, trafficking routes, addiction patterns, and enforce-

ment challenges faced on the ground.

Deputy Commissioner Sharma directed the education department to intensify awareness drives in schools, colleges, and community centers, focusing on educating students and families about the dangers of drug abuse. He emphasized the need for collaboration between teachers, parents, and law enforcement agencies to cre-

ate a safe and supportive environment for young people.

He further stressed that shops near educational institutions must be closely monitored to prevent the sale of banned substances and paraphernalia. Local authorities were instructed to conduct surprise inspections and coordinate with police to take strict action against offenders.

To ensure road safety and discourage reckless behavior linked to substance abuse, the DC directed Tehsildars to establish checkpoints to enforce helmet usage under the 'no helmet no fuel' policy for two-wheeler riders. He also urged traffic authorities to step up vigilance and penalize violations promptly.

In a move to tackle the cultivation of illicit substances, Tehsildars were tasked with assisting the forest department in identifying and uprooting cannabis plants across vulnerable regions. A com-

prehensive survey and mapping of areas prone to such activities were recommended for effective intervention.

Furthermore, ARTO was instructed to carry out a special fitness and substance-testing drive targeting drivers operating public and private vehicles, ensuring road safety and compliance with medical standards. The Drug Inspector, along with Tehsildars, was also asked to review CCTV footage from pharmacies, medical shops, and other suspicious locations to trace illegal transactions and supply chains.

The Deputy Commissioner concluded the meeting by calling for stronger inter-departmental coordination and community involvement to combat drug-related issues. He urged local leaders, NGOs, and civil society to actively participate in awareness programs and rehabilitation initiatives to create a drug-free Poonch.

Food Safety deptt Anantnag conducts comprehensive market inspections at Aishmuqam

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ANANTNAG, SEP 10: To ensure safe and wholesome food to general public and to check Good Hygienic and Good Manufacturing Practices, Food Safety department Anantnag Wednesday conducted intensive market inspections at Aishmuqam, Anantnag, targeting establishments dealing with meat and meat products besides snacks.



During the market checking, two enforcement samples were procured by the department for detection of prohibited food colours and a penalty of Rs.6500 was realized from erring Food Business Operators under Section 69 of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

Moreover, three FBOs who were found operating in absence of basic infrastructure, good hygienic and manufacturing practices as prescribed under law were booked under different Sections of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006.

Railways In Mizoram Mark Not Just A Journey, But A Validation



■ **Jaya Varma Sinha**

As India's sunrise states of the Northeast wake up to the dawn of rail connectivity, the newly laid Bairabi-Sairang Rail Line prepares to fold Aizawl into the Railways' network. The line extends from Bairabi, which previously served as a railhead near the Assam-Mizoram border, to Sairang, a town just 18 kms from the state capital, Aizawl.

This 51-km new line winds its way through the lush Lushai (Mizo) Hills, traversing deep valleys, steep hills, and dense bamboo forests. The 45-tunnel, 55 – major bridges line, which boasts the second tallest pier bridge in the country (taller than the QutubMinar of height 114 meters), now links Capital of Mizoram, the land of whispering winds, to the national railway grid.

The challenging topology, landslide-prone zones, and difficult climatic conditions, defined by heavy and prolonged monsoons, required the Railways to channel its finest engineering prowess to execute the project.

The newly constructed railway link is set to change life in Mizoram. Until now, the state's hilly terrain made access slow and arduous, making goods expensive and travel time-consuming. With the completion of the 51.38-km line, travel time between Kolasib and Aizawl district will be cut by more than half. This means better access to affordable essentials, new jobs, and business opportunities, and easier movement for everyone. For entrepreneurs, it opens up bigger markets. For families, it brings the joy of staying better connected



with loved ones across the country.

A Corridor To Nature And Culture

More than just a transport corridor, this rail link heralds a new chapter of growth and connectivity for Mizoram. Beyond facilitating trade and business, it will showcase the state's emerald valleys and lush green hills to the world, offering visitors a gateway to its rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and vibrant traditions.

Mizoram's beauty lies in its abundant natural landscapes, including dense forests, rolling hills, picturesque valleys, and crystal-clear streams and waterfalls, earning it the nicknames "Land of the Highlanders" and "Land of the Blue Mountains". The state



is a biodiversity hotspot, home to diverse flora and fauna, alongside a rich tribal culture known for its music, dance, and handcrafts. The state is also gaining recognition as a budding adventure tourism destination.

The Mizoram government and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), a 'Navratna' listed company under Ministry of Railways signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in August 2025 to harness the tourism potential of this rail connectivity. Curated tourism packages, dovetailed with access to the state's tourism infrastructure, are central to this collaboration. IRCTC plans to run special tourist trains under its "Discover NE Beyond Guwahati" initiative, building a budget-friendly, sustainable, and eco-friendly tourism model.

Geo-strategic Bridge

Mizoram's pivotal location, bordering both Bangladesh and Myanmar, places it at the centre of India's "Look East Policy" and "Neighbourhood First Policy". Rail accessibility means that trade, domestic as well as cross-border, is poised for a leap. Planned extensions of rail and road networks could potentially position Mizoram as a transit hub between India and Southeast Asia. This is especially relevant in the current climate of geopolitical challenges.

Whispering Winds of Change

Beyond the economic and logistical implications, the arrival of the Railways in Aizawl is deeply emotional. For the Mizo people, it is a validation of their place in the broader national narrative, a signal that they are very much at the heart of India's aspirations.

With the new rail link inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mizoram celebrates not just the completion of a railway project, but the realisation of a long-cherished dream, a testament to the fact that no terrain is too tough and no vision too ambitious when pursued with dedication and steely resolve.

The author is a Ex Chairman and CEO, Railway Board

PM speaks with Qatari Amir, expresses concern at attacks in Doha

■ **United News of India**

NEW DELHI, SEP 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani and expressed deep concern at the attacks in Doha while condemning the violation of Qatar's sovereignty.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the sustained progress in the India-Qatar Strategic Partnership and reiterated their commitment to advance bilateral cooperation in all areas of mutual interest.

The Prime Minister reiterated support for resolution of all issues through dialogue and diplomacy and stressed the need to avoid escalation. He appreciated the role being played by Qatar in promoting regional peace and stability, including its mediation efforts in Gaza to achieve ceasefire and release of all hostages.

He highlighted that India stands firmly in support of peace and stability in the region and against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Sheikh Tamim thanked Prime Minister Modi for the expression of solidarity with the people and the State of Qatar. UNI

Delhi Minister Indraj discusses issues of Govt hospital employees

■ **United News of India**

NEW DELHI, SEP 10: Delhi Social Welfare Minister Ravinder Indraj today held discussions with representatives of government hospital employees' unions and noted their long pending issues. The meeting was held at the BJP headquarters in the presence of Lal Singh Arya, National President of BJP SC Morcha, and National Organiser V. Satish. During the meeting, the representatives shared their concerns and long-pending issues in detail with the minister who assured them that the government will take every possible step to fulfill their genuine demands and rightful expectations.

The hospital employees' unions raised issues related to service conditions, workplace environment, and pending matters. They also highlighted the need to ensure dignity and respect for their work, resolve issues neglected by previous governments, and improve workplace facilities and safety. Indraj stated that ending the neglect and apathy of previous governments and ensuring justice for employees is one of the government's priorities. The Delhi government is committed to safeguarding the interests of employees and improving their working conditions, he added. UNI

Guava Orchard Compensation Scam. ED attaches assets worth Rs 9.87 cr

■ **United News of India**

NEW DELHI, SEP 10: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said here today that they had attached immovable properties and stocks worth Rs. 9.87 Crore belonging to five people in connection with a PMLA case related to Guava Orchard Compensation Scam.

The five were identified as Vikas Bhandari, Bhupinder Singh, Mrs Ritika Bhandari, Karam Singh and Gurdeep Singh, an official of the ED said.

The ED initiated PMLA investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, against Bhupinder Singh, Vikas Bhandari and others under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act.

The official said the investigation revealed that private persons in connivance with government officers availed wrongful compensation in lieu of guava orchards showed exist-



ing on land which was to be acquired by the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), Punjab for setting up Aerotropolis Residential Project Near IT city in SAS Nagar, Mohali.

"To get maximum compensation wrongfully, guava trees were shown on the land where these were not existing, shown higher density of trees, its age and other methods which would increase compensation amount. For this purpose they connived with Revenue Officials & Horticulture Development Officers and

forged revenue records and got prepared favourable reports. Through such criminal activities, accused persons generated and acquired Proceeds of Crime (POC) in crores of rupees," said the official.

The ED also learned that Vikas Bhandari, after receiving the wrongful compensation, diverted the POC to his wife Ritika Bhandari and his associates Bhupinder Singh, Karam Singh, and Gurdeep Singh. Accordingly, their immovable properties and stocks have been attached provisionally. UNI

Ukraine says Russia launched over 400 drones in overnight assault

■ **United News of India**

KIEV, SEP 10: Russia launched more than 400 drones and missiles in an overnight assault targeting 15 regions across Ukraine, Ukrainian authorities reported Wednesday.

The Ukrainian Air Force reported that it intercepted 386 out of 415 Russian drones, and 27 out of 43 missiles. Sixteen missiles and 21 drones hit 17 locations across Ukraine.

At least one person was killed and nine others injured in the attacks, the



State Emergency Service said.

An enterprise was hit in the western Volyn region, and private houses and industrial zone buildings

sustained damage in the northern Zhytomyr region. Civilian and industrial infrastructure was targeted in the central Vinnytsia and the western

Khmelnytskyi regions.

Authorities said that during the overnight assault on Ukraine, eight Russia-launched drones crossed into Poland.

"Russian-Iranian 'shaheds' operated in the airspace of Poland, in NATO airspace," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote on X, referring to the shahed drones used by Russia.

"It was not just one 'shahed' that could be called an accident, but at least eight strike drones aimed toward Poland," Zelensky said. UNI

Tenth Belt and Road Summit opens today

■ **United News of India**

NEW DELHI, SEP 10: The 10th Belt and Road Summit officially opened today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, bringing together over 90 government officials and business leaders from 16 countries and regions. Under the theme "Collaborate for Change, Shape a Shared Future," the event highlights the importance of international partnership and innovative development.

On the first day, 33 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed, promoting cooperation across various sectors such as finance, infrastructure, and technology. Countries involved include Australia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Qatar, and the UAE. The summit's sessions explored new economic opportunities amidst global uncertainty, with key government representatives sharing insights on policies and multilateral collaboration, Asian news wire said.

Highlights included a keynote luncheon featuring Renat Bekurov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Center, who emphasized the power of concrete business partnerships in fostering regional growth. New sessions showcased major infrastructure projects and focused on investment opportunities in the Middle East and ASEAN markets.

Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee underscored the city's role as a vital Belt and Road hub, bridging China with the world through trade, finance, and innovation. Other notable speakers, including senior Chinese officials and international dignitaries, echoed the summit's message of strengthening connectivity and sustainable development.

The summit also featured vibrant discussions on emerging opportunities, supported by business plenaries, policy dialogues, and extensive networking. Participants explored how to turn Belt and Road initiatives into real economic gains through partnership and collaboration.

With over 300 investment projects on display and hundreds of one-to-one meetings planned, the summit continues to be a key platform for deal-making and fostering lasting cooperation. An exhibition area highlights innovations and investment prospects from around the globe, reinforcing Hong Kong's strategic position in the initiative. Supported by leading financial and industry partners, the 10th Belt and Road Summit marks a significant milestone in advancing regional and global connectivity for a shared, prosperous future. UNI

India vs Pakistan: Surya, Agha Fine With On-Field Aggression

■ Shashank Kishore

DUBAI: India captain Suryakumar Yadav has said there has been no instruction to tone down aggression or keep emotions in check, even when they play Pakistan in the Asia Cup on September 14 in Dubai. The question was asked in the context of the prevailing geopolitical tensions between the two countries.

"Temper? Aggression is always there when we take the field," Suryakumar said. "And without aggression, I don't think you can play this sport. I'm very excited to take the field."

Pakistan captain Salman Agha echoed the sentiment, saying there was no need for special instructions to his players either.

"You don't need to say anything to any player," Agha said. "Everyone is different individually. If someone wants to be aggressive on the field, they are more than welcome to do that. When it comes to fast bowlers, they are always aggressive and you can't stop them because that's what keeps them going."

"From my side, there is no instruction to anyone, as long as it stays on the field."

The other aspect of the India-Pakistan clash - their first in T20s since last year's World Cup fixture in New York - is that both teams have moved on from their superstars. India are without the retired Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, while Pakistan have chosen to move on, for now, from Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan.

Unlike Pakistan, coming off a steady diet of T20I cricket over the past three months, reigning champions India will be playing their first T20I since the England

series in January. Despite looking strong on paper, Suryakumar brushed off suggestions that India were runaway favourites.

When told that was the charcha [discussion] on social media, Suryakumar responded: "I haven't heard of it. But you have played in this format and you know how your preparations are. If your preparations are good, then you will be very confident when you take the field."

"We are playing T20 as a team after a long time. But we were here three-four days back, had some good time together as a team, and we are really looking forward to this tournament."

In the lead-up to the Asia Cup, Agha led Pakistan to a tri-series win over Afghanistan and UAE just two days ago. Prior to that, they had mixed outings - beating West Indies 2-1 in the USA and losing 1-2 to Bangladesh in Bangladesh. Agha felt the format was far too fickle to have clear favourites.

"In T20, I don't think anyone is favourite," he said. "On a particular day, you just have to play good cricket. T20 is a very fast game. In one or two overs, the game can completely change."

"The tri-series was always preparation for the Asia Cup. If we won it, that's very good, but the focus was always on this tournament. We still have to come here, play good cricket, and win the Asia Cup. That's all that matters."

"We are playing very good cricket. I think for almost four months, we have won three series out of four. So we are doing very well as a team and at the same time, we are very excited. A lot of the boys will play in the Asia Cup for the first time but they are ready for the challenge."

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Hungry and on the move, C Andre Siddarth sets sights on Ranji Trophy glory

■ Deivarayan Muthu

CHENNAI: The last domestic season was one of highs for Tamil Nadu teenager C Andre Siddarth. In his maiden Ranji Trophy season, he played a vital role in Tamil Nadu's run to the knockouts, scoring 612 runs in 12 innings at an average of 68. At 18, he was the second-youngest player, behind Vaibhav Suryavanshi, to be picked in the IPL 2025 auction, earning a deal with Chennai SuperKings (CSK).

Before that, in late 2024, he had also made his maiden appearance for India Under-19s in Dubai. His strong form in the previous Ranji season has now earned him a maiden Duleep Trophy call-up. Siddarth, who turned 19 last month, isn't satisfied, though, and is hungry for more.

"I think I had a really good [2024-25] season," Siddarth said at the CSK High Performance Academy ground on the sidelines of the pre-season Buchi Babu tournament in Chennai. "My takeaway

was that at my age I had scored 600 runs. I was happy about it and [also] kind of disappointed. I knew that I had scored five fifties, but if I had scored two-three hundreds, I would have been more satisfied. Still, I'm kind of disappointed from last season." While Siddarth didn't get a game for CSK at IPL 2025, a chat with his captain MS Dhoni during a training session rekindled the hunger to score big.

"While we were at the Wankhede [Stadium in Mumbai] during our team practice, he [Dhoni] just told me one thing: 'stay calm'," Siddarth said. "I thought everyone says that. But he explained to me that while being calm, one thing that is important is trying to keep your mind blank. Keeping your mind blank is very tough and if you're not in form or not on song, it's really tough."

"So, it's about mental strength and you need to be hungry enough. I can't be satisfied. For example, I got a 111 against Maharashtra [in the Buchi Babu

tournament]. I was not satisfied. I wanted to make it a double-hundred that day." With the experienced Vijay Shankar moving from Tamil Nadu to Tripura, Siddarth might be entrusted with more responsibility in the middle order this season. He has tuned up by working with former India players Robin Singh [consultant] and T Kumaran, the state side's new bowling coach, at the TNCA academy.

"Around a month back, we had a camp at the TNCA. I trained with Robin Singh and T Kumaran sir and it has improved my game," Siddarth said. They have told me certain stuff that I have to improve and it has been reflecting in my game. It involved all three aspects - batting, fitness and fielding."

"It [playing in the Duleep Trophy] is not on my mind right now, but it would be a good feeling for anyone. In my mind, it is about how I can improve and rectify my flaws. Because I know that more than the Duleep Trophy, representing

my state is more important for me. And winning the Ranji Trophy is more important" Siddarth is just eight first-class games old, but has displayed the gears and temperament to tailor his batting according to the situation in red-ball cricket.

"I personally believe that the mental aspect of the game is more important than any skill," he said. "I have been putting myself in difficult situations in practice and in my fitness or fielding. I think it has been reflecting in my matches recently. [At my club game], I played and batted 30 balls with [No. 11] Sandeep Warrier at AM Jain [college ground in Chennai]. I had to defend and save the game at the time. Against Maharashtra [at the Buchi Babu tournament], I knew that I had to attack. [Against Jammu and Kashmir], I had a situation where I had to just play for the team. Now I know that I have been equipped enough to take it to the Ranji Trophy."

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