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The Terror Victim Families : LG Manoj Sinha

250 Families of Civilians Who Were killed by Pakistan-Backed Terrorists Provided With Job Letters So Far

■ Dr Abdul Qayoom
HT CORRESPONDENT

KUPWARA, OCT 15: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited Dardpora and met the families of civilian martyrs killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists. He also addressed terror victim families at Government Degree College Kupwara and assured the family members of proper rehabilitation and strictest punishment to the culprits.

The Lieutenant Governor said justice, respect and dignity to family members of civilian martyrs killed by Pakistan-backed

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ROSHAN MUSTAQBIL: An Amalgamation Of Sports, Kashmiri Culture And Outlook for a Brighter Future : LG Manoj Sinha

LG Visits Vajr Division Run Youth Empowerment Centre at Zangli, Kupwara

■ DR. ABDUL QAYOOM
HT CORRESPONDENT

KUPWARA, OCT 15: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today visited 'Roshan Mustaqbil', a youth empowerment centre at Zangli, run by Indian Army's Vajr Division to channelise local talent into education, skills and livelihood. He was accompanied by Maj Gen K Mohan Nair, YSM, SM,

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Judge this Government after 5 years report card: Deputy CM

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, OCT 15: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary today reiterated that the present dispensation is fully committed to the overall development and welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks during an extensive tour of Chanpora Constituency in Srinagar.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the Omar Abdullah-led government is focused on ensuring equitable and sustainable development across all regions of the Jammu and Kashmir.

"People will judge this government after our five-year report card," he asserted.

During his tour, the Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by local legislator Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo, inspected several ongoing developmental projects in the constituency.

The projects inspected include Community Centre Hyderpora, Marriage Hall Haranbal Natipora, Bailey Bridge project at Chanpora, as well as widening of Rawalpore-Mocho Road. He also reviewed the progress on the Bund Road project from Chanpora to Natipora Junction and other ongoing works across the

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Urgent Need For Implementation of Robust System in Mining Operations: CM Omar Abdullah

Underlines Need For Time Bound Mineral Exploration

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, OCT 15: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Mining Department at the Civil Secretariat here to assess the department's modernization initiatives, regulatory framework, and ongoing reforms in mineral management and surveillance.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Mining Department Anil Kumar, Director Geology & Mining, all Deputy Commissioners, Super-



intendents of Police, and other senior officers of the department.

During the meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary, Mining, gave a detailed presentation on the department's performance, highlighting technological advancements, regulatory reforms, exploration projects, and financial

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BJP announces candidates for J&K Bye-Elections 2025

Aga Mohsin to contest from Budgam, Devyani to fight from Nagrota

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: The Central Election Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has approved the list of candidates for the Assembly Bye-Elections 2025 scheduled to be held

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Ensure Smooth Functioning Of LA Session: Speaker

Reviews arrangements at Sgr

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, OCT 15: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather today convened a high-level meeting at Assembly Secretariat here, to review arrangements for the upcoming

Assembly session, scheduled to begin on October 23rd, 2025.

During the meeting, the Speaker impressed upon the officers from various departments to put in place all required facilities and ensure that all necessary preparations are made in advance to facilitate

the smooth conduct of forthcoming session.

He took an in-depth review of all the arrangements and called upon the concerned to work in a coordinated manner to ensure the session runs smoothly.

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CS reviews roadmap for mega youth engagement programme

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SRINAGAR, OCT 15: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed a detailed presentation by the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department on "Youth Engagement: Building Tomorrow's Leaders", which outlines an integrated framework aimed at empowering the youth of Jammu and

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Raids on residences of terrorist aides continue

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, OCT 15: In a major crackdown against elements associated with banned militant organisations, Srinagar Police carried out extensive raids across multiple locations in the city as part of ongoing investigations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

According to officials, the coordinated searches targeted the residences of individuals allegedly linked with proscribed groups or suspected of facilitating militant activities.

The raids were conducted in accordance

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Mission Will.....

terrorists is his top priority. He said criminal justice system will ensure perpetrators and elements of terror ecosystem are punished, providing a sense of justice and closure for victim's family and the society.

"I have assured the family members that their decades-long trauma, torment and suffering is over. We will ensure all the support so that they can reclaim their lives," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also observed that families of civilian martyrs have gone through deep trauma, suffered various challenges including unemployment and education and felt loss of hope in the past three decades.

"Families of civilians who were killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists also suffered systemic barriers which stifled their progress. They were denied their rights and access to resources. All obstacles are now removed and we are ensuring justice and dignity for terror victim families," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the civilians who were mercilessly killed by Pakistan sponsored terrorists in Jammu Kashmir. The families of terror victims also narrated their ordeal.

"It is difficult to articulate the pain and suffering of terror victim families due to their profound emotional and psychological trauma and the administration will handle each case with full sensitivity and responsibility.

So far around 250 terror victim families provided with government jobs. This mission will continue till justice is done to every affected family. This is the beginning of a new era of justice in Jammu Kashmir," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the High-range Rural Development Society (HRDS India) and Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, under which the houses of terror victims having their own land will be constructed. Under the initiative, the HRDS India and Divisional Commissioners of both the divisions will identify terror victim families whose houses were destroyed by the terrorists.

The Lieutenant Governor said the culprit Pakistani terrorists and their support system in the valley ran a false narrative for three decades to absolve terror country Pakistan for its sins.

"Pakistan, breeding ground of terrorism, is exposed now and those involved in peddling a fake narrative on behalf of terrorists will be brought to justice," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Shri Anshul Garg; DIG NKR Baramulla, Shri Maqsood-Ul-Zaman; Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Shri Shrikant Balasahab Suse; SSP Kupwara, Shri Syed Al-Tahir Gilani; Chairman, Save Youth Save Future Foundation, Shri Wajahat Farooq Bhat and other members of the Foundation, senior officials and family members of victims of terrorism were present.

ROSHAN MUSTAQBIL.....

General Officer Commanding, Vajr Division and other senior officers.

The centre currently has over 690 youth enrolled, who are building a better future for themselves and the society.

The centre offers classrooms for competitive exam preparation, digital learning and computer labs, a library and reading room, tourism and hospitality training facility, and also entrepreneurship incubation with market linkages. The youth centre has turned out to be a place for amalgamation of sports, Kashmiri culture and modernity of outlook for a brighter future.

Roshan Mustaqbil has achieved notable success in a very short span of time and youth trained at the centre are getting placement across the country. The Centre has also fostered revenue generating startups, women's digital inclusion and strengthening national integration.

Judge this.....

constituency.

While inspecting the Community Centre Hyderpora, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the officers to submit a detailed report for early resumption of works so that the facility can be dedicated to the public at the earliest.

He also issued instructions for utility shifting and removal of bottlenecks along the Rawalpura-Mocho Road to expedite work and ensure smooth and enhanced road facility to the general public.

To enhance connectivity and mobility for residents of the Chanpora area, the Deputy Chief Minister directed the concerned departments to initiate work on the construction of the Bailey Bridge at the earliest.

He further instructed officers to ensure that all ongoing works, including the Bund Road, Chanpora-Natipora Junction and other road projects, are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

During his visit to Bagh-e-Mehtab, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected ongoing macadamization works in Baghe Mehtab area and assured strict action against use of

sub-standard material or any other negligence are reported.

During tour, various delegations called on the Deputy Chief Minister and appreciated the Deputy CM for taking spot inspections of the ongoing works.

Among others, Chief Engineer R&B Sushil Kumar; SEs from R&B, SMC, Housing, and other senior officers from concerned departments accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister during the tour.

Urgent Need.....

outcomes achieved in recent years.

A major highlight of the review was a presentation and live demonstration of the Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) — a digital initiative developed in collaboration with BISAG (Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics). The IMSS portal and mobile application provide real-time monitoring of mining activities through dashboards integrated with e-Challan and e-Market systems. This innovation aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and regulatory compliance in mineral operations across Jammu and Kashmir.

He informed the meeting that over 243 triggers have already been generated for field verification through features such as vehicle tracking, GPS-enabled monitoring, PoS-linked e-challaning (integrated with J&K Bank), and on-the-spot enforcement to curb illegal mining.

While appreciating the initiative, the Chief Minister directed the developers to explore delineating and delegating PoS functions to expand the use of digital monitoring systems. He also called for integration of the department's existing portal with the IMSS platform to ensure seamless implementation and improved results.

Omar Abdullah further suggested that the application should allow citizens to register complaints through mobile gadgets to be integrated in the system with satellite imagery or other evidence, strengthening public participation and grievance redressal.

The Chief Minister instructed the department to categorize active and non-active mineral vendors or suppliers and establish a dedicated monitoring cell at the Directorate level for continuous data tracking and real-time oversight.

Reviewing ongoing reforms under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2025-26, the Chief Minister was informed that the department has initiated a series of key measures aimed at strengthening institutional capacity and ensuring greater transparency in the mining sector. These include a shift towards an auction-based system for allocation of mineral blocks, introduction of mine closure and rehabilitation provisions, and the implementation of advanced survey and mapping mechanisms. The department has also operationalized the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) framework to ensure that mining revenues directly contribute to local area development and welfare initiatives.

Further, the meeting was informed, efforts are underway to revise royalty fee structure and penal provisions to align with current market realities while improving compliance.

The Mining Department has made the use of GPS-enabled transport and PoS-based transactions mandatory to track mineral movement and prevent leakages. Legal enforcement mechanisms have been reinforced through the requirement of royalty clearance certificates, in line with recent directions from the Hon'ble High Court, thereby tightening regulatory oversight and ensuring responsible mineral extraction practices.

The department also presented the status of major and minor mineral blocks, highlighting progress in auctioning and granting of mining leases across districts. The Chief Minister emphasized that all clearances and NoCs must be obtained in advance before blocks are allocated through auction to avoid procedural and operational delays faced by successful allottees & bidders who have to run from pillar to post in obtaining environmental and other clearances.

Speaking on the issue of illegal mining, Omar Abdullah underscored the need to eliminate collusion at lower levels of administration, asserting that illegal operations cannot persist without internal complicity.

"In my previous tenure, illegal mining was never a concern. With the technological tools now available, any such activity is only possible if there's collusion at the lower level. The department must use these systems effectively to eliminate that possibility. The more we reduce such collusion, the lesser the chances of illegal mining," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister also reviewed exploration projects currently being carried out by MECL and GSI, covering sapphires, lithium, lignite, and shallow biogenic gas reserves in various districts. He was informed about ongoing exploration of granite, graphite, gypsum, copper, and base metals, supported by detailed geological mapping, drilling, and feasibility assessments.

He stressed on ensuring strict compliance

with environmental regulations, particularly in eco-sensitive zones, while expanding mineral development activities in a sustainable manner.

The Chief Minister commended the Mining Department for adopting digital innovation and institutional reforms and urged continued focus on transparency, efficiency, and environmental responsibility in the sector.

BJP announces.....

across several states, including Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Telangana.

According to an official press release issued from the BJP's central headquarters in New Delhi, the party has announced Aga Syed Mohsin as its candidate for the Budgam Assembly constituency and Sushri Devyani Rana for the Nagrota constituency in Jammu and Kashmir.

In Jharkhand, Babualal Soren will contest from Ghatshila (ST), while in Odisha, the party has fielded Shri Jay Dholakia from Nuapada. For the Jubilee Hills constituency in Telangana, Lankala Deepak Reddy has been named as the BJP candidate.

The list was officially signed and released by Arun Singh, National General Secretary and Chief Spokesperson of BJP, following the approval of the Central Election Committee.

The party has stated that the selected candidates represent "strong grassroots connections and leadership potential" in their respective constituencies.

Ensure Smooth.....

"It is our collective responsibility to ensure the smooth functioning of the assembly and all departments have to be prepared in advance in this regard," he said.

He asked the General Administration Department to ensure that the reply to the Assembly Questions shall reach to the Assembly Secretariat as early as possible and necessary instructions need to be issued to all the departments in this regard.

He also called upon the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs that Government Bills be forwarded to the Assembly Secretariat well on time and necessary instructions be issued to all the concerned departments.

Speaker called upon the Information Department to ensure proper coverage of the proceedings of the House. He also asked the Information Department to provide logistical support by making available technical equipment like public address systems, mikes and other related items for the media.

Information Technology Department was asked to ensure Wifi and Internet Services with High Speed and installation of Routers wherever required before the ensuing Assembly Session.

He also called upon the security agencies for deployment of adequate staff well versed with Parliamentary traditions within the premises of J&K Legislative Assembly at Srinagar and make adequate arrangements for safety and security of Legislators.

Speaker further called upon the Estates department to expedite execution/completion of repair/renovation works within the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Srinagar particularly in the Assembly Hall and VIP Chambers.

They have been also asked to install intercom telephone facilities within the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly at Srinagar, besides checking of telephones already installed within the VIP Chambers.

To ensure proper regulation of traffic on roads leading to J&K Legislative Assembly Complex/Civil Secretariat Srinagar and MLA's Hostel Srinagar, Speaker called upon the concerned to put in place necessary measures for avoiding inconvenience to general public on this account.

Regarding water supply, Speaker called upon the Jal Shakti Department to keep necessary measures for providing sufficient and regular water supply to the Legislature Complex and Legislator's Hostel, Srinagar.

He also called upon the Power Development Department to check loopholes in transmission lines, if any, in order to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the course of session, besides ensuring uninterrupted power supply in the MLA's hostel.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation was asked to keep the entire premises and lawns of the Assembly and MLA's Hostel neat and clean, before the commencement of the session.

Speaker also issued necessary directions to the concerned departments to make advance preparations and put in place foolproof arrangements to provide timely medical support, installation/restoration of telephones in VIP chambers, emergency assistance, fire safety, cafeteria, proper hospitality for members, staff, and visitors throughout the session.

The Speaker emphasised that all protocol measures should be meticulously followed to ensure smooth functioning and the safety of all stakeholders during the proceedings.

CS reviews.....

Kashmir through sports, culture, education, entrepreneurship, and digital innovation.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Culture; Commissioner Secretaries of GAD, Youth Services & Sports, and Floriculture; Secretaries of School Education, Health & Medical Education, and Skill Development Departments; besides several other Heads of Departments and senior officers.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary termed the youth engagement programme a significant step towards nurturing creativity, innovation, and leadership among young people across the Union Territory. He emphasized the need to make the initiative multidisciplinary so that every young person is engaged meaningfully in line with their individual talents and aspirations.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon departments including Youth Services & Sports, Culture, School Education, Higher Education, Health, Rural Development, and others to devise strategic departmental plans for engaging maximum youth across their respective sectors. He also directed the Deputy Commissioners to prepare district-specific action plans for effective on-ground implementation.

Highlighting the centrality of coordinated efforts, the Chief Secretary designated the Planning Department as the nodal agency for overall implementation and monitoring of the initiative. He instructed it to develop a unified online platform for uploading and tracking all youth engagement activities across departments. The General Administration Department (GAD) was tasked with framing a Steering Committee to ensure smooth inter-departmental coordination and effective execution of the programme.

Underscoring the need to leverage existing national-level initiatives, he called for tapping into schemes and platforms of the Ministry of Youth Affairs such as My Bharat, NSS, Youth Exchange Activities, and Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, which provide valuable exposure and skill-building opportunities for youth.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took feedback from Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners regarding their proposed strategies for maximizing outreach and participation under the programme. He urged all departments and district administrations to adopt a collaborative and convergent approach, pooling resources and expertise for impactful implementation at the grassroots level. He further enjoined upon the Information Department to create necessary awareness among the public about the youth welfare schemes and other orientation programmes for furthering their career pursuits.

Presenting the framework, Director General, Planning, Satvir Kour, highlighted that the initiative seeks to harness the creativity and dynamism of youth recognizing them as key drivers of social transformation and economic progress. She said the programme would equip young people with life skills, values, and self-confidence, steering them away from vulnerabilities such as substance abuse, unemployment, and social evils.

The Strategic Action Plan presented covers multiple dimensions of engagement, including Sports and Cultural Development. Revival of traditional arts, crafts, and cultural festivals such as Sufi festivals, classical arts performances, literary gatherings, and visual arts exhibitions promoting J&K's rich heritage while creating livelihood

opportunities is going to be the innate part of this programme.

With respect to furthering the Education and Skill Development the action plan focuses on making education and vocational training more accessible, market-relevant, and skill-oriented to enhance employability and promote sustainable livelihoods.

Another key pillar of the strategy includes entrepreneurship and business development which envisages expanding access to startup ecosystems, incubation centres, and financial assistance through schemes like PMEGP, REGP, NRLM (Lakhpati Didis), and Startup J&K, to nurture a new generation of self-reliant entrepreneurs across agriculture, technology, tourism, and handicrafts.

Encouraging productive digital engagement through webinars, innovation contests, and online learning platforms to connect rural youth with experts and mentors, is another strategic feature of this youth engagement programme.

Further, the District Development Commissioners (DDCs) are going to identify two socio-economically backward blocks in each district and prepare targeted plans for youth engagement across education, skilling, cultural activities, sports, and livelihoods. The DDCs were also instructed to ensure extensive awareness among young citizens regarding various government welfare and empowerment schemes to encourage their proactive participation.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to make youth empowerment a collective mission, integrating efforts of all departments to channelize the energy and potential of the young population towards a vibrant, inclusive, and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

Raids on.....

with legal procedure and in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses, under the supervision of senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The raids were carried out at the residences of several individuals, including Asrar Ahmad Bala of Omer Colony Lal Bazar, Shahbaz Ahmad Bhat of Palpora Noorbagh, Fayaz Ahmad Ganie of Suthsu Kalan, Burhan Nazir of Beeroni Kathidarwaza, and Sajid Majeed Shah of Nowpora Sekidafar. Other locations included Soiteng, New Theed, and Mughal Mohalla Raniwari, where multiple suspects such as Ashiq Bashir Najar, Umer Adil Dar, Shabir Ahmad Ganie, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, and Ahsan Ahmad Bhat alias Munna were searched.

Police sources said the objective of these operations was to seize incriminating materials including digital devices, documents, and other evidence connected to ongoing investigations. The raids also form part of a larger intelligence-gathering exercise aimed at pre-empting potential militant conspiracies and safeguarding public security.

Authorities reaffirmed that such actions are part of a sustained effort to dismantle the support network of banned organisations and to curb any attempts to revive militant infrastructure in Srinagar.

Meanwhile, Srinagar Police has reiterated its firm stance against individuals involved in aiding, abetting, or harbouring elements linked with militancy and assured that strict legal action will be taken against all violators.



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Rana calls for multi-pronged strategy to accelerate tribal empowerment across J&K

Reviews progress on implementation of PMVDY

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today called for a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach to accelerate the pace of tribal empowerment across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Zainpora, Showket Hussain Ganie; Director, Tribal Affairs, Mumtaz Choudhary; Mission Director, Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Dr. Shubhra Sharma; and other senior officers.

Chairing a detailed review meeting on the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY), the Minister underlined the importance of inclusive planning, inter-departmental coordination, and ground-level execution to ensure that the benefits of government

schemes effectively reach tribal communities, especially those residing in remote and under-served regions.

During the interaction, the Minister reviewed the progress of PMVDY across various districts and examined its impact on tribal livelihoods and socio-economic development.

At the outset, Rana enquired about the status of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) established across the Union Territory, their operational effectiveness, and the tangible outcomes achieved in terms of income generation and employment creation.

He emphasised that PMVDY has the potential to be a game changer by promoting value addition to minor forest produce (MFP), thereby empowering tribal entrepreneurs and enhancing their access to sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The Minister sought detailed



information regarding the training and capacity-building efforts undertaken under the scheme, particularly those targeting tribal artisans and small-scale entrepreneurs in far-flung areas.

Rana urged the officials to intensify efforts to expand market linkages for tribal products at both regional and national levels. He asked departments to identify existing implementation

gaps, strengthen inter-agency collaboration, and submit fresh proposals in areas where interventions are most urgently needed.

The Minister highlighted the

need for timely and well-planned initiatives to bridge developmental disparities and enhance the reach and relevance of the Van Dhan scheme.

He reiterated that the success of PMVDY lies in its ability to create self-reliant, skilled and empowered tribal communities capable of participating actively in the economic progress of Jammu and Kashmir.

He affirmed the Government's firm commitment to integrating tribal populations into the mainstream economy while simultaneously preserving and promoting their rich cultural and artisanal heritage.

Calling for data-driven and structured approach to planning, monitoring and execution, the Minister emphasised the importance of continuous progress tracking, impact evaluation, and replication of successful models across tribal-dominated areas.

Rana also called upon the

Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) to work in close coordination with local Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) while formulating and implementing livelihood initiatives.

He noted that MLAs possess deep insights into the needs and aspirations of their constituencies and can play a pivotal role in ensuring that government programmes are both need-based and impactful.

He stressed that active collaboration between administrative agencies and elected representatives can significantly enhance the outreach, efficiency, and responsiveness of developmental interventions.

The Minister urged all stakeholders to work in synergy to realise the shared vision of an inclusive, equitable and empowered tribal society in Jammu and Kashmir.

Div Com Kashmir Reviews Winter Preparedness at Kupwara

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 15: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg today chaired a high-level meeting of officers at D.C Office Kupwara to review the district's preparedness for the upcoming winter season.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Balasahab Suse; SSP Kupwara, Syed Al-Tahir Gilani; ADDC, ADC Kupwara, ADC Handwara, besides, all district and sectoral officers.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner took a detailed review of snow clearance machinery, availability of essential commodities, power and water supply preparedness, healthcare arrangements, and communication strategies for snow-bound and border areas including Karnah, Keran, Machil, Jumagund and Budnamal.

He directed all the departments to ensure prompt and coordinated action plans are in place to tackle any exigencies during snowfall. He also took review of District Capex Budget and some major Projects.

The Div Com took review of the availability of essential commodities in border and hilly areas and was informed that adequate stock of essential commodities including food grains, LPG and other essentials are available in areas like Karnah, Keran, and Machil for the upcoming winter season.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara assured that all necessary measures have been initiated and the administration is fully geared to meet any winter challenges.

The Divisional Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the district administration and urged for continued coordination among the departments to ensure public convenience and safety.

The Divisional Commissioner also took review of the ongoing construction of RKCTC National Highway, Mission YUVA and Nasha Mukht Bharat Abiyan.

Regarding redressal of public grievances, the Div Com directed the SDMs and Tehsildars to fix the Grievances Redressal Day in their jurisdictions to ensure effective public outreach.

He also directed the concerned officers for timely disposal of migrant land applications after following the devised checklist. Besides, officers were directed to ensure strict adherence to PSGA during the delivery of the services.

Secretary S&T Chairs TAC to finalise Research Projects

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: The Department of Science and Technology, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, organized a two-day meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council (JKST&IC) on 14th and 15th October 2025 at the SKICC, Srinagar. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Science & Technology, as the Chairperson of the Committee.

The TAC convened to evaluate and finalise research proposals under the Sponsored Research and Extension Programme (SREP)—a flagship initiative of the Science & Technology Department aimed at promoting indigenous research and supporting scientists in developing solutions to region-specific socio-economic and environmental challenges.

This year, the Department received 525 project proposals, including 306 from the Kashmir region and 219 from the Jammu



region, from a wide range of universities, medical and technical institutions, and research laboratories across the Union Territory. The proposals were reviewed across 20 thematic areas, focusing on climate change, glacier studies, water and energy security, food sufficiency, environmental protection, public health, and natural disasters, among others.

The Committee comprised eminent scientists and academicians, including Dr. Anish Yadav (SKUAST-Jammu), Dr. Parvinder

Pal Singh (CSIR-IIIM Jammu), Dr. Mudasir Andrabi (SKUAST-Kashmir), Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla (IUST-Kashmir), Dr. Meena Sharma (University of Jammu), Dr. Kumud Ranjan Jha (SMVDU), Dr. Ambika Prasad (IIT Jammu), and Dr. Anil Bhat (SKUAST-Jammu). Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Additional Director, JKST&IC, served as Member Secretary of the Committee.

In his remarks, Dr. Shahid Choudhary emphasized that novelty, methodology, and societal

impact should be central to the evaluation process. He reiterated the Government's resolve to build a strong ecosystem for research, innovation, and technological advancement in Jammu & Kashmir. "The R&D funding policy is designed to provide early-stage support to promising ideas, enabling researchers to transform their innovative concepts into scalable and sustainable solutions," he stated.

Dr. Choudhary further underlined that the Science & Technology and Biotechnology Depart-

ments have a major mandate to finance and facilitate R&D across diverse disciplines. He urged researchers to maintain high ethical standards, ensure the efficient use of public funds, and align research priorities with societal needs while safeguarding academic freedom and scientific excellence.

The Chairperson also directed the Council to develop an online portal for submission, evaluation, and tracking of research proposals to ensure transparent and merit-based funding. He suggested that universities and research institutions nominate expert panels for internal screening before forwarding proposals to the Department.

The TAC concluded its deliberations with the finalisation of select high-impact, regionally relevant projects that will be placed before the Government for approval. The selected projects are expected to contribute significantly to scientific advancement, policy innovation, and sustainable development in Jammu & Kashmir.

DC Baramulla Holds Block Diwas at Nambla Uri Assures Timely Redressal of Public Grievances

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 15: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today presided over a Block Diwas programme at Nambla, Uri, aimed at strengthening public outreach and ensuring effective on-ground delivery of government services.

During the event, various departments set up stalls to generate awareness among locals about key welfare schemes and flagship initiatives of the Government.

The DC accompanied by SDM Uri and ACD, inspected the stalls and interacted with officials to review the status of public service delivery. He also distributed sanction letters, Golden Cards, and Job Cards among the beneficiaries.

Public representatives and residents from adjoining border villages raised several issues pertaining to basic amenities and developmental needs.

The DC patiently listened to all the grievances and issued on-spot directions to the concerned officers for

prompt redressal of genuine demands.

He assured the gathering that all legitimate issues will be addressed within the stipulated timeframe, while matters requiring higher-level intervention will be taken up with the competent authorities.

The DC appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the people and reiterated the administration's commitment to transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance, ensuring equitable development across all areas of the district.

DC Shopian reviews progress of works of RDD Sector under District Capex Budget 2025-26

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SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 15: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta today chaired a review meeting to assess the status and progress of works being executed by the Rural Development Department (RDD) as part of the District Capex Budget, 2025-26.

During the meeting, DC was informed that under the current financial year, a total of 1565 works have been approved in the RDD sector across different blocks of the district. Out of these, 250 works have been completed so far while the execution of the rest of works is ongoing.

The DC emphasized the need to accelerate the pace of execution so that all approved works are completed within the stipulated time frame keeping in view the approaching winter season.

He also directed concerned to maintain transparency, quality control and regular monitoring through field inspections with corresponding booking of expenditure on account of completed works.

While reviewing the block-wise status, the DC called upon the officers to prioritize public utility and community-oriented projects that directly benefit rural populations.

He stressed on judicious utilization of funds under the District Capex and underlined the importance of coordination for achieving set targets, both in physical and financial aspects.

Frontline engineering RDD staff was instructed to improve the work performance and ensure cent percent quality execution of approved plan of activities during the current financial year.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone; ACD, Muzaffar Ahmad; DSEO, ExEn, REW, AEES, JEs, Panchayat Secretaries and other officials of the RDD.

MD KPDCL Visits Gurez, Directs Robust Winter Preparedness, Fast-track Execution of RDSS Works

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GUREZ, OCTOBER 15: The Managing Director of Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Mahmood Ahmad Shah, today concluded an extensive tour of the remote Gurez sub-division to take stock of the power infrastructure and ensure a reliable supply of electricity to the residents ahead of the forthcoming winter season.

The Managing Director was accompanied by a team of senior officers, including the Chief Engineer, Distribution KPDCL, Nisar Ahmad Lone; Chief Engineer, Projects KPDCL, Er. Mohd. Hus-sain Shah; Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Ganderbal, Er. Arshad Hussain Reshi; and the Executive Engineers of ED Bandipora, Er. Aijaz Ahmad

Salati, and STD Ganderbal, Er. Shameem Ahmad.

The MD and his team held a comprehensive meeting with field officers to review power availability readiness and critical winter preparedness measures to minimize outages during heavy snowfall and harsh weather.

The MD also conducted a detailed review of the upcoming Kanzelwan 6.3 MVA Receiving Station, the commissioning of which is scheduled soon. This new receiving station is poised to be a game-changer, significantly enhancing the reliability and quality of power supply to the entire Gurez region.

The MD directed the concerned engineering teams to expedite the remaining works to ensure the station is opera-



tional before the onset of peak winter.

As part of the visit, the MD and his team also conducted a thorough inspection of the Dam Toe Power House (3x0.8 MW), which is a key source feeding the

Dawar Receiving Station in Gurez. The MD took special note of its operational preparedness, as the powerhouse is crucial for supplying power in isolation mode during peak winter, when the grid supply from Bandipora Grid

is often cut off due to heavy snowfall and avalanches.

Furthermore, the Managing Director issued strict instructions to the officers to ensure the adequate availability of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) fuel to power the Generating Sets in the off-grid areas of the sub-division, ensuring continued power supply to these remote locations during periods of heavy snowfall and road closure.

The meeting also assessed the status of various works being executed under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). A key highlight was the MD's directive to all officers to ensure the fast-track execution of all RDSS works to complete the projects within the stipulated timelines and strengthen the distribution network before winter.

RDD finalises roadmap to set up 20 standardized food enterprises under JKRLM

We are creating a culture of enterprise, not just employment: Secretary RDD

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today finalized an action plan under which the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), in collaboration with Kerala's acclaimed Kudumbashree Mission, will establish 20 standardized food service enterprises across the Union Territory.

Chairing a review meeting of JKRLM, Secretary said that the partnership with Kudumbashree aims to replicate a proven, holistic ecosystem for enterprise development. "The focus goes beyond creating food stalls—it is about building a structured, sustainable, and quality-driven framework for women entrepreneurs," he emphasized.

As part of the plan, a baseline study will identify potential locations, while standardized training modules and continuous mentorship will ensure long-term viability of the enterprises. A unified brand and operational guideline will be developed to maintain consistency in quality and service across all units.

A dedicated Kudumbashree National Resource Organization (NRO) team has already been positioned to oversee the rollout, which includes 'Café Mentor' training and the creation of a cadre of Master Community Resource Persons (MCRPs) to provide on-ground support. "An enterprise monitoring system will also be put in place to track progress and provide sustained handholding to women entrepreneurs," the Secretary added.

Aijaz Asad highlighted that JKRLM is intensifying efforts under the "Lakshmi Didi" initiative, with a strategic shift towards nurturing "Millionaire Didis." The goal is to help women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) move from earning 1 lakh annually to 10 lakh and beyond. "So far, 50 women in Jammu and Kashmir have already achieved this milestone, proudly earning the title of 'Millionaire Didi,'" he informed.

This remarkable success was nationally recognized during the launch of the compendium "Har Didi Ek Kahani" in Jammu & Kashmir on July 3, 2025, unveiled by Union Minister for Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir. The Secretary directed officials to strengthen credit linkages for SHGs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs), and to enhance convergence with Mission YUVA, PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME), and the Lal Ded Stree Shakti



Scheme. These efforts, he said, are aimed at maximizing employment generation and ensuring sustainable livelihoods for rural women across the UT. Emphasizing the importance

of capacity building, Aijaz Asad instructed officials to establish Community-Managed Training Centres (CMTCs), identify local resource persons, and foster a culture of collective learning and

participation.

"We are committed to making rural Jammu and Kashmir a hub of women-led entrepreneurship and inclusive growth," the Secretary affirmed, outlining a clear roadmap for the Mission's next phase of expansion and impact.

Presenting a comprehensive overview, Managing Director, JKRLM, Subhra Sharma, highlighted that under the UMEED Programme, 7.66 lakh rural households have been mobilized into 94,962 SHGs across 20 districts and 265 blocks. These groups have received 528.86 crore in capitalization support and have collectively accessed 2,806.06 crore in bank credit since 2013–14, reflecting a strong credit culture and repayment discipline.

Under the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), 7,280 rural enterprises have been established across 14 blocks, with 16.53 crore disbursed through the Community Enterprise Fund.

JKRLM has also signed an MoU with the National Resource Organisation (OMPLIS) to strengthen Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) and set up Community Managed Training Centres (CMTCs) for training needs assessment, module development, and exposure visits—further accelerating the rural entrepreneurship ecosystem.

SCERT Jammu hosts 3-day capacity building programme on information retrieval

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K, Divisional Office Jammu, hosted a three-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "Information Retrieval: Changing Trends in the Age of ICT" from October 13 to 15. The programme aimed at promoting knowledge sharing, innovation and capacity building among library professionals from Jammu Division.

Organised by the Department of Library and Documentation, Academic Unit-I, the event brought together experts from the University of Jammu, Government Degree Colleges, SCERT Jammu and Samagra Shiksha to deliberate on emerging trends and best practices in library and information management.

The CBP focused on enhancing understanding of the evolving nature of information retrieval in the digital and ICT driven environment and familiarising librarians with modern tools, technologies and digital platforms for efficient access, organisation and dissemination of information.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Anuradha Seth, Chief Librarian, Government Degree College for Women, Gandhinagar, who applauded



the initiative, describing it as a significant step towards empowering participants to innovate and adapt to changing technological environments.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT J&K, Divisional Office Jammu, congratulated the organisers, resource persons and participants. She emphasised fostering a culture of excellence in librarianship, staying abreast of emerging trends and delivering efficient, effective and ethical information services.

The sessions covered diverse aspects of library development, information literacy and the integration of technology in educational resources. Eminent professionals including Dr. Samita Wadhwa, Department of Botany (University of Jammu), Dr. Pramod Kumar, Department of Library and Information Science (University of Jammu), Dr. Arun Gupta Librarian (GDC Chenani), Dr. Sandeep Sharma (GGHSS Mandi, Poonch), Ms. Lakshmi Puri, teacher (Samagra Shiksha), Academic Officers Ms. Manu Vasudeva, Mr. Bikram Singh, Dr. Bhuvni and Ms. Ruchi Mohan Librarian from SCERT Jammu shared insights on continuous professional development and the need for stronger collaboration among educational institutions.

A key highlight of the programme was the release of the book "School Library Governance: Rules and Policies for Traditional and Automated Libraries," authored by Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Librarian, GGHSS Mandi, Poonch. The book was formally unveiled by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor who commended the author's scholarly contribution to the field of library science.

Dr. Sandeep Sharma also delivered an engaging session elaborating on the core concepts, objectives and vision of his book, offering valuable insights into modern library governance, policy formulation and automation practices.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Bhuvni, Coordinator of the event, who expressed gratitude to all resource persons and participants for their active engagement and commitment to advancing library excellence

DC Reasi discusses Draft Master Plan; Emphasises Sustainable, Planned Urban Growth

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REASI, OCTOBER 15: In a step towards promoting sustainable and planned urban development, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik today chaired an important meeting to deliberate on the Draft Master Plan for Reasi. The meeting aimed to seek inputs, suggestions and recommendations from various stakeholders before the plan's final submission and approval.

The meeting witnessed participation from a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including MLA Reasi Kuldeep Raj Dubey, DDC Member Jagjivan Lal, ADC Rakesh Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, Chief Town Planners, Tehsildar Reasi, Executive Officer Municipal Council Reasi, Town Planner Udhampur/Reasi, along with representatives from the Traders' Association, weaker sections, developers and civil society members.

During the session, Chief Town Planner Jammu, Jagdish Raj Hans, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the draft Master Plan. He outlined key components including the identification of proposed villages, land use rationalization, traffic management strategies and transportation planning aimed at ensuring balanced and efficient urban growth.

The meeting provided an open platform for public representatives, traders, and members of vulnerable communities to give suggestions on the master plan.

Several participants raised specific objections to certain provisions of the draft plan, reflecting the active engagement of the local community in shaping the region's future.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Town Planning Department to maintain complete transparency throughout the process and ensure that public objections are addressed promptly.

It was decided that the draft Master Plan will be placed in the public domain again, allowing another window for citizens to raise objections or submit recommendations.

DC Nidhi Malik assured all stakeholders that genuine suggestions and objections will be carefully examined and considered before the plan is finalized. She emphasized the need for a robust and inclusive planning framework that meets the infrastructure and development needs of Reasi while preserving its ecological and cultural fabric.

The initiative marks a crucial step towards participatory urban planning, aligning with the government's vision of inclusive development and accountable governance.

Legal Metrology Deptt. organises Mega Consumer Awareness Programme on Legal Metrology, GST Revision, Consumer Protection at University of Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: Department of Legal Metrology, Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the School of Law, University of Kashmir, organized a Mega Awareness Programme on Legal Metrology, GST Revision and Consumer Protection today at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir here.

The event, presided by Commissioner Secretary, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Saurabh Bhagat, was held with an aim to enhance public understanding of legal metrology norms, disseminate knowledge on GST reforms, promote compliance among traders, and empower consumers to seek redressal through proper legal channels.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary emphasised on the importance of various consumer redressal platforms in protecting the consumer interest. He also outlined about consumer justice delivery mechanism by Consumer Commis-

sions, recent initiatives like delegation of powers to Legal Metrology Officers to lodge complaints in Consumer Commissions and enforcement drives conducted in the field of GST reforms.

Saurabh Bhagat assured full departmental support for future collaborative initiatives including joint programmes, student internships, financial awards, and other encouraging measures for law students. He emphasized the need for sustained engagement through a series of awareness events in the future.

The Commissioner Secretary also underscored the importance of initiatives like paid internship opportunities for law students in Consumer Courts and the institution of a Shield of Merit for the top-performing student in Consumer Affairs which are under consideration.

Addressing the gathering, Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Kashmir, Owais Ahmad emphasized on the protection of consumer rights against unfair trade practices and highlighted the importance of

responsible consumer participation in ensuring effective enforcement of consumer laws.

In his address, Controller, Legal Metrology Department, J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara highlighted the department's pivotal role in ensuring accuracy and uniformity in weights and measures. He also spoke about that the role of Legal Metrology in recent GST reforms.

During the event, it was informed that department of Legal Metrology is ensuring the passing of revising GST benefits post 22nd September 2025 to Consumers and strict action in terms of the provisions of Legal Metrology Act, 2009 is being taken against all the erring traders found violating the guidelines regarding new GST rates.

An interactive session was also held at the event in which panel of experts from Legal Metrology and Consumer Commissions participated. The session was highly interactive in which the students actively engaged in question-answer segment on contemporary issued in consumer protection.

Pension Adalat held at Reasi to address Pension-related grievances

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REASI, OCTOBER 15: In a significant initiative aimed at promoting transparency and ensuring timely resolution of pension-related grievances, the Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), J&K, Jammu in coordination with the District Administration Reasi today organized a Pension Adalat at the District Headquarters.

The Pension Adalat was presided over by ADCD Sukhdev Singh

Samyal, Deputy Accountant General Pawan Kumar Rathi accompanied by ATO Satyam Magotra.

Around 60 people including pensioners, family pensioners, Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs), Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs) and other concerned officials participated in the program.

The event provided a platform for retired employees and pensioners to raise their issues and seek redress of long-pending pension cases.



Officers from the Accountant General's Office and District

Administration were present to listen to the grievances and resolve them on the spot, wherever possible.

Additional District Development Commissioner Sukhdev Singh Samyal emphasized that the Pension Adalat serves as an important mechanism to ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability in the pension disbursement process. They reiterated the government's commitment to safeguard the rights and

welfare of pensioners, who have dedicated their service to public institutions.

Retired employees attended the Adalat and appreciated the initiative for bringing grievance redressal closer to their doorsteps.

The District Administration assured continued cooperation with the AC's Office to facilitate prompt settlement of pension cases and to strengthen the welfare mechanisms for pensioners in the district.

District Development Council Udhampur Bids Farewell to CEO Rajinder Singh

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UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 15: The District Development Council (DDC), Udhampur, today organized a warm and heartfelt farewell ceremony in honor of Rajinder Singh, Additional District Development Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, DDC Udhampur, at the office chamber of the Chairman DDC.

The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, all District Development Councillors, ADC Udhampur Prem Singh, CPO Uttam Singh, and several senior officers of the district administration. The atmosphere was filled with gratitude and admiration as officers and councillors shared their experiences of working with Rajinder Singh and highlighted his significant role in advancing the district's development agenda.

The dignitaries lauded Rajinder Singh's remarkable dedication, leadership, and valuable contributions towards the holistic development of Udhampur during his tenure. They particularly appreciated his efforts in strengthening coordination between various departments, ensuring timely execution of developmental works, and maintaining transparency in governance.

Chairman DDC Udhampur, Lal Chand, and Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai commended his proactive approach, com-



mitment to good governance, and people-centric initiatives, wishing him continued success in all future endeavors. As a token of respect and appreciation, mementos and bouquets were presented to Rajinder Singh. In his address, Rajinder Singh expressed heartfelt gratitude to all officers, DDC members, and staff for their cooperation and support, emphasizing teamwork as the key to Udhampur's progress.

HT EDITORIAL

Address human resource gap in health sector

There has been an exponential growth of the MBBS seats across the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir over the past few years. However, the same does not correspond to the employment opportunities for the med-icos and it is due to this reason that there is large scale unemployment of doctors in the government sector. At the end of the day the common masses suffer and they are at the receiving end.

It is an established fact that hundreds of posts of medicos are vacant in the health institutions at the government level but still then the med-icos are not appointed in the number as they should be. Over the years multiple Right to Information (RTI) applications have been moved with regards to staff availability and the vacan-cies in the government hospitals in Jammu & Kashmir. Almost all the districts have given out the information that hundreds of vacancies of doctors and para-medical staff are there.

At a time when the Omar Abdullah led gov-ernment has been claiming to improve the health scenario in the union territory the situa-tion on the ground suggests that the people at helm are not serious in this regard. Last year the health and medical education department advertised 575 posts of doctors in Jammu & Kashmir but as on date nobody knows the progress of such a development. The posts have been referred to the Public Service Com-mission but no written examination or interview has been carried out so far.

It is imperative that the health and medical education department takes drastic steps in addressing the human resource gap in the health sector. Immediate steps should be taken to fill the vacancies of not only the doc-tors but also the para-medics. Once the req-uisite staff is in place in the health institutions the people would feel relieved and there would be fewer complaints. The sooner it is done the better it will be for the health of the health sec-tor of Jammu & Kashmir.

Once the health institutions in the villages and far-flung areas are adequately staffed then there would be less pressure on the hospitals in cities, towns and district head-quarters. This would result in a situation where the patients would have to visit the hospitals and health institutions in their vicinity. This is more important for the patients who are critically ill and need immediate treatment so that their lives are saved.

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When Morality Fades: The Rise of Pre-Marital Culture in a Faithful Society



Aamir Wani

In today's modern world, what was once considered a moral sin has now become a social trend. Relationships before marriage — emotional or physical — are increasingly being normalized, praised, and even promoted as symbols of confidence and freedom. Yet beneath this glittering surface lies a painful reality: our society is slowly drifting away from the divine values that once gave it strength, purity, and direction.

Allah has laid down clear and perfect boundaries for human life. The relationship between a man and a woman is meant to flourish only within the sacred bond of marriage — a bond built upon respect, respon-sibility, and the blessings of Allah. Any emotional or physical connection outside this bond not only disobeys divine law but also leads to emotional chaos, guilt, and spiritual emptiness. What we are seeing today is not progress — it is moral decay disguised as modernity.

It is deeply worrying to witness young girls, who are instructed by the Qur'an to guard their chastity and honor, being misled by this cultural shift. The true beauty of a woman lies in modesty, in preserving her soul, emotions, and body for the man whom Allah has written as her husband. When this sanctity is shared before marriage, she unknowingly loses a part of her dignity — and the very essence that makes her unique and precious.

But this crisis is not limited to one gender. Young boys too have fallen victim to this culture of distraction and moral confusion. Instead of channeling their energy towards building careers, learning skills, or preparing to lead families, many are wasting their youth chasing temporary emotions and sinful desires. This has crippled their innovative minds and weakened their will to strive for excellence. A generation once known for courage and hard work is now sinking into laziness, emotional dependency, and spiritual empti-

ness.

Such a path only leads to destruction — both in this world and in the Hereafter. The youth who indulge in these acts lose focus, discipline, and divine bless-ings. A life built on sin can never bring peace, and a mind distracted by desires can never achieve greatness.

When we adopt such un-Islamic cultures, we wit-ness drastic consequences in our society. People drift away from the religious path, marriages lose their purity, and divorces become increasingly common. Jealousy, mistrust, and emotional instability now dominate many homes. What was (marriage) meant to bring peace and companionship has turned into conflict, regret, and moral depletion.

It is time we, as a society, reflect and return to our roots. We must preserve the rules set by Islam and live by the guidance of the Qur'an. Parents should start nurturing their children with Islamic values from an early age — teaching them about modesty, purity, and self-respect long before the world teaches them the opposite. Encouraging early marriages and respon-sibility can also protect our youth from falling into sin and moral corruption.

The message is simple yet powerful: Our success lies in obedience to Allah. Let us focus on improving ourselves, strengthening our faith, and building lives that shine with both worldly success and eternal peace.

Because no matter how far the world moves, the truth remains — purity is strength, modesty is beau-ty, and faith is freedom.

And Remember

"True love does not demand sin; it waits patient-ly until marriage sanctifies it"

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Sir Syed and the Rebirth of the Modern Muslim Mind



Faheem Ul Islam

The founding of the Scientific Society in 1864 was an early attempt to bridge the gulf between traditional scholarship and modern sciences.

The Society translated Western works on science and literature into Urdu, making knowledge accessible to a wider audience.

This was not imitation but adaptation: Sir Syed wanted his people to engage with the intellectual currents of the modern world without losing their cultural moorings

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (1817–1898) was one of the greatest reformers and thinkers in modern Indian his-tory. A scholar, jurist, and visionary, he devoted his life to the intellec-tual and moral upliftment of Indian Muslims under British rule. As the founder of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, which later evolved into the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Sir Syed laid the foundations of modern education among Mus-lims, inspiring generations to har-monize faith with reason and tradi-tion with progress.

There are moments in history when nations lose their compass, when despair and inertia weigh down collective will. For Indian Mus-lims, the 19th century was such a time. The trauma of 1857 had left them politically powerless, socially vulnerable, and intellectually para-lyzed. Their once-proud heritage of scholarship, art, and governance appeared to have collapsed under the heavy boots of colonial domi-nance. It was in this bleak and uncer-tain landscape that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan appeared—not simply as an educationist, but as a visionary who believed that the journey from dark-ness to dignity could only be under-taken with the lamp of knowledge.

For Sir Syed, education was nev-er a matter of degrees or employment alone; it was the rebirth of a com-munity's spirit. He saw ignorance as the greatest enemy—more destruc-tive than poverty, more crippling than political defeat. His idea of modern education was bold, yet balanced: it sought to harmonize faith with reason, tradition with modernity, and identity with prog-ress. He understood with rare clar-ity that religion and science were not adversaries, that the heart and the mind could enrich rather than oppose each other, and that true learning must elevate both intellect and character.

His reformist journey began with courage at a time when few dared to speak truth. In his famous treatise Asbab-e-Baghawat-e-Hind (The Causes of the Indian Revolt), Sir Syed critically analyzed the 1857 uprising. He showed remarkable honesty in blaming both colonial misgovern-ance and the internal weaknesses of Indian society. Such candor was unusual for his time, when most were either silent out of fear or con-sumed by bitterness. This spirit of intellectual honesty defined his life: he believed that no nation could progress without self-criticism and reform.

To awaken his people from cen-turies of slumber, Sir Syed launched journals such as Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq

(The Mohammedan Social Reform-er). In its pages, he pleaded with Muslims to abandon superstitions, sectarian quarrels, and rigid dogmas that shackled progress. His words were sharp, but they carried the warmth of care, like a father scolding his children out of love. For him, education meant more than litera-cy—it meant cultivating rational thought, moral responsibility, and social harmony.

The founding of the Scientific Society in 1864 was an early attempt to bridge the gulf between tradi-tional scholarship and modern sci-ences. The Society translated West-ern works on science and literature into Urdu, making knowledge acces-sible to a wider audience. This was not imitation but adaptation: Sir Syed wanted his people to engage with the intellectual currents of the mod-ern world without losing their cul-tural moorings.

Yet the true flowering of his vision came with the establishment of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College at Aligarh in 1875. To Sir Syed, Aligarh was not simply a college—it was a movement, a liv-ing experiment in synthesizing tradition with modernity. He envi-sioned classrooms where Newton and the Quran could be studied side by side, where science sharp-ened the intellect, literature refined sensibility, and history deepened perspective. This institution nurt-ured a generation of leaders who were rooted in their culture yet ready for the challenges of a rap-idly changing world.

His efforts, however, were not free from resistance. Orthodox clergy accused him of diluting Islam by promoting Western sciences and modern education. Some even issued fatwas against him, brand-ing his ideas heretical. On the other side, colonial authorities viewed him with suspicion, fearing that an educated Muslim class might turn politically assertive. But Sir Syed endured this opposition with remarkable patience. His response was not defensive rheto-ric but quiet conviction. He once said: "Do not show the face of Islam to others; instead, show your face as a true follower of Islam." By this, he meant that the most powerful defence of faith lay not in polemics but in embodying its values through moral conduct, rational thought, and human dignity.

What makes Sir Syed's legacy timeless is its humanism. He did not dream of education only for Muslims but for all Indians. He believed deep-ly in Hindu-Muslim unity, in the possibility of a shared destiny shaped

by mutual respect and learning. For him, education was the bridge that could connect divided communities, replacing fear with understanding. His idea was never to produce clerks for colonial offices alone, but to nur-ture citizens who could think, ques-tion, and lead.

Today, more than a century later, Sir Syed's message still resonates with urgency. In Kashmir, as in many parts of the subcontinent, education is seen as the ladder of hope—lifting young men and women out of adver-sity toward dignity and opportu-nity. Yet his vision reminds us that education must not stop at employ-ability. It must prepare us to coexist in diversity, to lead with compassion, and to resist the temptations of divi-sion. His dream of Aligarh was not tied to a physical place alone—it was an idea. That idea can take root wher-ever knowledge is pursued with courage and humility, even in the valleys of Kashmir.

The challenges of our age may be different from Sir Syed's—today we face the perils of polarization, mis-information, and shallow thinking. Yet the solution he proposed remains strikingly relevant: education that enlightens the mind, reforms society, and unites humanity. His insistence on harmonizing faith with reason is perhaps more urgent now, when the world is often torn between blind traditionalism and soulless moder-nity.

As we mark Sir Syed Day on 17th October, the greatest tribute we can pay him is not in ceremonial speech-es or floral wreaths, but in carry-ing forward his unfinished mission. We must ask ourselves: are our insti-tutions nurturing critical thought, tolerance, and moral courage—or are they producing degrees without depth, professions without purpose? Sir Syed's life warns us that com-munities that stop questioning, stop progressing.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan lit a lamp in an age of darkness, a lamp that continues to glow. To honor him is to keep that flame alive—to ensure that the next generation does not stumble in ignorance but walks with the dignity of knowledge, the balance of faith and reason, and the courage to serve humanity. His dream was not of a yesterday but of a tomorrow, and that tomorrow still awaits our commitment.

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Forests Are The Oxygen Oceans



Sahil Manzoor Bhatti

In the past few years, I have personally visited several forest regions across districts such as Budgam, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam. It is truly heartbreaking to see large-scale deforestation — once dense forests now appear deserted, testifying to the ruthless acts of greed committed for mere currency notes.

Forests have always inspired poets, artists, and filmmakers. The lush green leaves, the towering pine trees, and the buzzing of dragonflies — all these scenes reflect the unmatched beauty of nature. Forests beautify our motherland, offer recreation, and refresh the human spirit

Deforestation means murder — the murder of life itself. Forests are the oxygen oceans of our planet and anyone destroying them should be punished under strict laws.

The Almighty has bestowed upon us countless blessings, each meant directly or indirectly for the welfare of humankind. Yet, we have become selfish and ruthless, turning into the main culprits who destroy and damage our natural assets.

Forests are not mere clusters of trees; they are the lifeline of human existence. They supply timber, fodder, and act as a shield against natural catastrophes such as flash floods, landslides, and soil erosion.

Deforestation refers to the large-scale cutting of trees. It leads to soil erosion, flash floods, and high-intensity natural calamities. It also decreases the concentration of oxygen (O₂) and increases carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, resulting in rising global temperatures. Forests maintain the natural balance of gases essential for life — a system that has no alternative.

Every subject in our education system has its own importance — economics, political science, mathematics, and others. However, when it comes to environmental challenges, it is science that holds the key to understanding and resolving them. Science provides the tools to study, analyze, and protect our environment effectively.

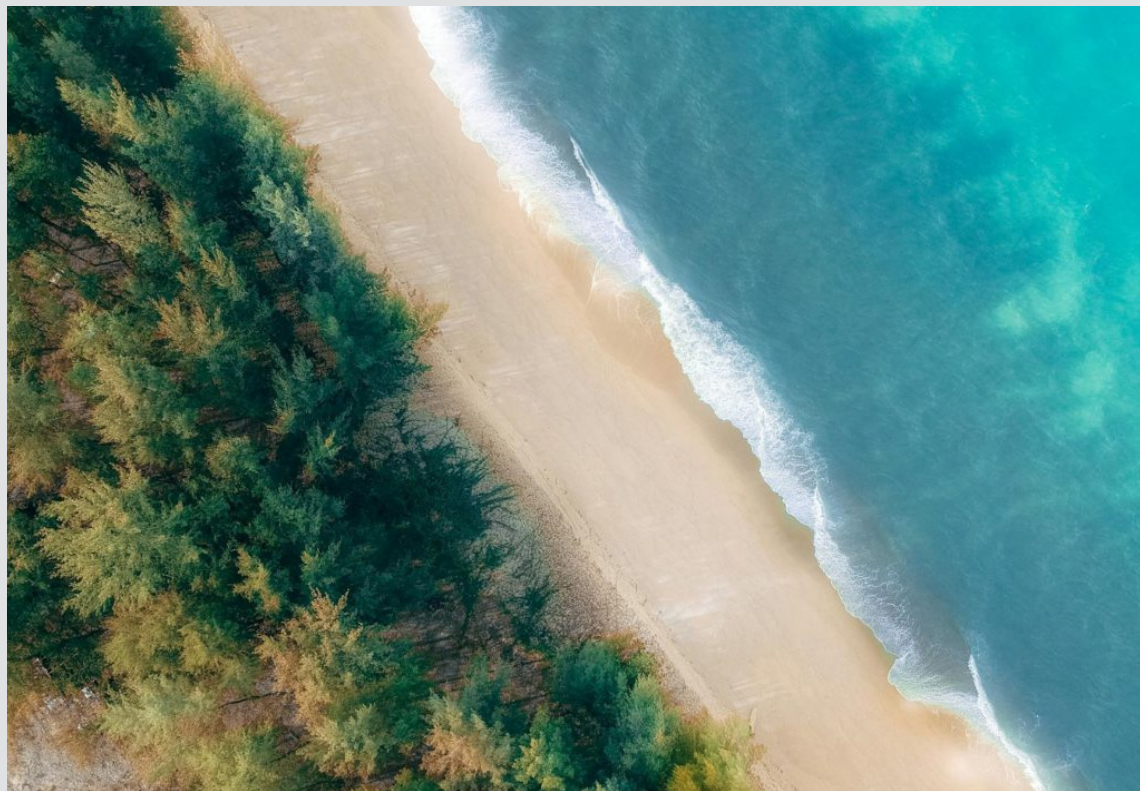
Unfortunately, there are some selfish individuals who exploit forest resources for personal gain. The truth is that forests are golden assets of our nation, not just trees standing tall. While intellectuals in our society recognize their importance, they are often limited in their capacity to act.

The government and concerned forest departments must step out of their offices and initiate public awareness programs. Counselling sessions, advertisements, and hoardings should be displayed prominently to educate people about forest conservation.

In the past few years, I have personally visited several forest regions across districts such as Budgam, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam. It is truly heartbreaking to see large-scale deforestation — once dense forests now appear deserted, testifying to the ruthless acts of greed committed for mere currency notes.

Forests have always inspired poets, artists, and filmmakers. The lush green leaves, the towering pine trees, and the buzzing of dragonflies — all these scenes reflect the unmatched beauty of nature. Forests beautify our motherland, offer recreation, and refresh the human spirit.

In India, 7,12,249 sq. km of land is under forest cover, and in Jammu & Kashmir, about 20,230 sq. km of total geographical area is forested. The Pir Panjal



range in Jammu and Kashmir, part of the Lesser Himalayas, is rich in diverse flora and fauna. This range plays a pivotal role in the state's economy and ecology. Stretching from Himachal Pradesh to Pakistan-administered Azad Kashmir, Pir Panjal stands as a guardian of biodiversity and a symbol of natural wealth.

Forests for Recreation and Research

For centuries, forests have provided spaces for recreation — from summer camps and trekking to mountaineering and exploration. Researchers and doctoral students also depend on forests for their studies, as they are home to a wide range of herbs, shrubs, and plant species that cannot be found elsewhere.

Uses and Benefits of Forests

Forests maintain ecological balance by supporting food chains and food webs. They provide shelter to wildlife, grazing land to nomads, and medicinal plants to humankind. Communities living near forests often depend on them for livelihood — but sustainable use is key.

Causes of Deforestation

Deforestation occurs mainly due to smuggling, construction, urbanization, and growing timber demand for bridges and buildings. Human interference in forest areas is the leading cause of ecological imbalance.

Suggestions and Solutions

The best way to counter deforestation is through afforestation — planting new trees in deforested areas. However, it takes time for new forests to grow to their full potential. Therefore, awareness programs, strict monitoring, and active participation of local communities are crucial.

Government bodies must conduct regular awareness drives, deploy forest guards even during night hours, and ensure community vigilance. Protecting forests means protecting life itself.

Conclusion

Deforestation truly means murder — not just of trees but of air, water, animals, and ultimately humanity. Forests are living treasures, the golden lungs of our planet. Let us all take a pledge to protect them for the sake of our children and generations to come.

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The Obsession with Government Jobs: A Silent Killer of Innovation in Kashmir



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In Kashmir, a deep-rooted obsession with government jobs has silently gripped the minds of thousands of young people. From childhood, many are taught that true success lies only in securing a "permanent job." This obsession has now become a mindset that limits imagination, weakens creativity and quietly kills the innovative spirit of an entire generation.

Every student dreams of stability and respect, but when this dream turns into a rigid obsession, it begins to harm more than it helps. The pursuit of government jobs often traps young minds in endless preparation, comparisons and disappointments. Many spend their most energetic years chasing an uncertain vacancy list instead of discovering their unique potential. Slowly, without realizing it, they lose touch with their inner talents — the same talents that could have made them thinkers, creators or entrepreneurs.

A government job may give security, but it rarely gives freedom. It ties one to fixed hours, limited growth and often a monotonous life. The true meaning of life is not in sitting safely within an office, but in exploring one's passion, contributing to society and creating something valuable. Innovation does not bloom where



fear of failure rules. It grows where curiosity and courage are allowed to breathe.

It is time for Kashmiri youth to look beyond the comfort of a monthly salary and discover the vast world of opportunities that exist outside government offices. The future belongs to those who dare to think differently, not those who repeat the same paths walked by others. Breaking this obsession is not rebellion — it is awakening.

True success is not about survival; it is about self-discovery and contribution. The moment we youth realize this, Kashmir will not only have job seekers — it will have innovators, dreamers and changemakers.

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The Marriage And Divorce In The Life Of Women

■ Mool Raj

Sometimes, when a bond breaks, it saves the very soul it once confined. Yet in our Kashmir Valley, where the scent of chinar leaves mingles with the weight of unsaid words, divorce still echoes like a sin. It is uttered softly, as if naming it might bring shame to the walls that hear it. We, who have witnessed wars and winters, still tremble at the idea of a marriage ending, as if it were a crime, not a choice born of pain, reflection, and the simple human will to breathe freely again.

In Jammu and Kashmir, when a marriage breaks, it is not just two people parting ways, it feels as if an entire community gathers to pass its silent judgment. The woman becomes an object of pity or suspicion; the man, a symbol of failure or arrogance. And in this cruel theatre of perceptions, no one stops to ask, what must they have endured to take such a step?

Courage in Silence

Komal, a young woman from Doda, had dreamt of a gentle love. Her marriage began with promises and photographs, smiles and expectations, but soon turned into a battlefield of words that wounded deeper than any weapon. She endured humiliation, manipulation, and isolation, until her laughter, once loud and infectious, began to fade into quiet obedience.

When she finally gathered the courage to seek divorce, she did not expect applause, but she hoped for understanding. Instead, she was met with silence, the kind that cuts deeper than cruelty. Relatives whis-

pered her story as though it were gossip, not grief. Even her parents, though supportive, lowered their voices when her name came up in gatherings.

Now, she teaches at a small private school, raising her head a little higher each morning. Her life is no longer bound by someone else's approval, but society still refuses to unlearn its habit of labeling her as "the divorced one."

When Men Too Are Judged

We often forget that the stigma of separation spares no one. Raju, a young entrepreneur from Doda, decided to part ways after realizing that his marriage was more a cage than companionship. But society was not kind to him either.

"He must have been harsh," people assumed. "He must have failed to keep his wife happy." Proposals for remarriage faded the moment someone whispered, "He's divorced."

He once told me, his eyes distant yet steady, "Divorce didn't break me, sir. People's judgment did. It's strange, we are allowed to mourn deaths with compassion, but not broken marriages with empathy."

In these stories, of Komal, of Raju, of countless others whose names remain unspoken — lies a collective truth about our society's discomfort with choice, especially when that choice is made in defiance of endurance.

The Paradox of Faith and Culture

What makes this stigma more tragic is the contradiction we live with. The faith we profess, Islam, neither glorifies nor prohibits divorce. It treats it as a last but legiti-

mate resort, a means to preserve peace when love and respect have perished. Yet, in practice, our cultural pride often overrides our spiritual wisdom.

We would rather see two people live in quiet misery than part with dignity. We glorify the endurance of suffering but ridicule the courage of release. Our social gatherings overflow with discussions about others' "failures," while we ignore our own lack of compassion.

Divorce, in its essence, is not rebellion; it is the final act of honesty — the moment when two people admit that their hearts no longer share the same rhythm.

The Fear of Beginning Again

Even more heartbreaking is how divorce, or even a broken engagement, becomes a lifelong label that shadows people in their pursuit of new beginnings. The moment a woman or man is described as "divorced," potential alliances vanish. Families hesitate, whispers begin, and the same society that once pushed them into marriage now denies them another chance at happiness.

A young woman from Marmat Goa once told me, "It's not divorce that frightens me, it's how the world will look at me after it." Her fear is not misplaced. Our community's gaze is harsh and unrelenting. We speak of forgiveness, of second chances, of destiny, yet we deny those very things to the living, breathing people before us.

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Health Department Seals Six Unregistered Diagnostic Labs in Khag and Beerwah

■ Ubaid Mehdi

BUDGAM, OCT 15: In a continued drive to curb unauthorized medical practices, the Health Department Budgam on Wednesday sealed six unregistered diagnostic laboratories operating illegally in Khag and Beerwah towns of the district Budgam.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of District Health Officer (DHO) Budgam, Dr. Lahoot Hassan, in coordination with the Block Medical Officers (BMOs) of Khag and Beerwah, and a special enforcement team from the district health office.

Officials said the action followed a series of complaints from locals alleging that several diagnostic labs were functioning without registration, valid licenses, or qualified technical staff. During the inspection, the team found these establishments operating in viola-



tion of health and safety regulations, prompting immediate sealing.

Dr. Lahoot Hassan said the Health Department is determined to enforce the Clinical Establishments Act and ensure that all diagnostic and medical centers operate within legal boundaries.

No one will be allowed to compromise public health. We will continue to inspect, identify, and take strict action against unregistered and unqualified facilities across the district," said Dr. Lahoot Hassan.

He added that similar inspection drives will be intensified in other medical blocks to ensure compliance with the Biomedical Waste Management Rules and other statutory requirements.

The Health Department has also warned that strict legal proceedings will be initiated against violators found running diagnostic centers without valid authorization.

Red Cross J&K holds CPR awareness programme at Amar Singh College

■ HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, OCT. 15: The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory (J&K UT), Srinagar Chapter, successfully conducted an Awareness Programme on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) today among students of Amar Singh College, Srinagar. The programme was organised on the directions of General Secretary, Mr. Rohit Khajuria.

The initiative aimed to empower the youth with life-saving skills to respond effectively to cardiac emergencies. The programme was presided over by Mr. G.A. Qureshi, Honorary Treasurer, IRCS-J&K, who emphasized the critical



importance of CPR in saving lives during sudden cardiac arrests. "In situations where every second counts, basic CPR knowledge can be the difference between life and death. We are committed to spreading this vital awareness across communities," Mr. Qureshi stated.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with the Zonal Medical Office, Batamalloo, the session featured hands-on training and demonstrations led by expert medical professionals Dr. Mudasir Hakim and Dr. Aasia Noor. The doctors imparted essential basics of CPR, including chest compressions, rescue breaths tailored for non-medical participants. Over 30 number of students actively engaged in practical exercises, fostering confidence in applying these techniques in real-life scenarios.

Mr. G.A. Qureshi, highlighted the society's ongoing mission to promote disaster preparedness and public health education. "Under the guidance of the Indian Red Cross, we are bridging the gap in emergency response training, especially in educational institutions, to build a safer J&K," he added. The event underscores IRCS-J&K's dedication to community resilience and aligns with national efforts to enhance bystander intervention in cardiac emergencies.

Beauty Tips For The Perfect Diwali Look



■ Shahnaz Husain

Diwali is just around the corner! What better time than now to make sure you shine your brightest.

The days running up to Diwali are more hectic than wedding season in terms of cleaning, shopping, house decoration etc which generally dampens your mood leaving you looking exhausted, tired and dull at the end of the day. Diwali involves joy, celebrations, family dinner and a whole lot of great excitement. As we immerse ourselves in the festivities, women and men set to Sparkle brighter than the fireworks and shine more than the diyas to look perfect this Diwali..

Most of us seek quick solutions to fix our beauty woes and tend to laden up the skin with numerous varieties of chemical laden costly cosmetics to look natural, youthful and evergreen. As you indulge in family gatherings and step out to celebrate, it's time to get a radiant glow with organic homemade ingredients for Diwali which is an absolute favourite with most Indians.

Here are simple things to shine brighter than the festive lights from the comforts of your home.

Nighttime cleansing is an absolute must, especially for city dwellers. Chemical air pollutants, dirt and grime hang in the air. They are potent skin irritants. Make up should also be removed at night. All these can cause dryness of the skin, or disrupt the normal acid-alkaline balance of the skin, leading to rashes and other eruptive conditions, like pimples and acne.

As Diwali approaches, the weather also changes. Seasonal changes also influence the skin. The humidity becomes less and the skin loses moisture to the atmosphere. So, one needs to keep the skin moisturised and also protect it from sun exposure. For normal to dry skin, cleanse twice a day, with a cleansing gel, containing ingredients like aloe

vera. Massage the cleanser lightly into the skin and remove it with moist cotton wool. Then apply rose water or skin tonic, using cotton wool. During the day, use a sunscreen, before going out in the sun. Or, use moisturizer, if you are indoors. Moisturisers are available in cream and liquid form. For dry skin, at night, after cleansing, apply a nourishing cream and massage it on the face. Wipe off with moist cotton wool. You can apply a serum afterwards.

Oily skins also need moisture. But, if they apply creams, they can get pimples. To moisturise oily skin, mix one teaspoon pure glycerin with 100 ml rose water. Keep it in an airtight jar in the fridge. Use a little of this lotion after cleansing. This moisturizes the skin, without making it oily. Use cleansing milk or face wash to cleanse the skin.

The use of facial scrubs helps to brighten the skin and add a glow. Use a facial scrub twice a week. Mix ground almonds (badaam) or rice powder with curd and a pinch of Haldi. You can also add dried and powdered orange and lemon peels. Apply on the face and rub gently on the skin with small circular movements. Then wash off with water. Apply a sunscreen before going out in the sun. So, you can look for a sunscreen lotion or cream, depending on your skin type. You should also look for day creams, nourishing or night creams and serums.

As Diwali and winter approach, try some home remedies to relieve dryness. Apply honey on the face daily for 10 minutes and wash off with water. If you have an aloe vera plant at home, the gel, found in the inner portion of the leaves, can be applied on the face to moisturize it.

Grate carrots and apply on the face for 15 to 20 minutes. Carrot is rich in Vitamin A and good for nourishing the skin in winter. It suits all skin types.

Mix half a teaspoon honey, one teaspoon rose water and one teaspoon dried milk powder. Mix into a paste and apply on the face. Remove after 20 minutes with water. Suits normal to dry skin. Applying mayonnaise or egg yolk on the skin also helps to relieve dryness. Suits dry skin.

Nourish the hair with oil treatments. Heat olive oil and apply on the scalp and hair. Then dip a towel in hot water, squeeze out the water and wrap the hot towel around the head, like a turban. Keep it on for 5 minutes. Repeat the hot towel wrap 3 or 4 times. This helps the hair and scalp absorb the oil better.

Egg white is a wonderful natural cleanser for oily hair

and its protein content helps to add body. Apply egg white on the hair about half-an-hour before your shampoo. To nourish dry hair, massage egg yolk or mayonnaise into the scalp. Leave it on for half an hour and then wash the hair. It helps to soften the hair and is very useful for hair that has suffered damage through colouring, straightening or perming.

If you have been working hard just before Diwali, a few "pick me up" tips will help. Give yourself a manicure and pedicure the day before. In fact, after soaking the hands and feet in warm water, massage with a rich cream, so that the skin is smooth and soft. A good pick-me-up treatment for the hands is to rub them with sugar and lemon juice. Pay attention to details like waxing and threading too, at least a day in advance.

A "pick-me-up" face mask can leave your skin clean and glowing. Cleanse the skin. Mix honey with egg white and apply it on the face. Wash off with water after 20 minutes. For those with very dry skin, mix half a teaspoon honey, egg yolk or pure almond oil and one teaspoon dried milk powder. Mix into a paste and apply on the face. Leave it on for half an hour and rinse off with water. After washing off the pack, give the skin a compress with cotton wool pads soaked in rose water.

For hands and nails, mix almond oil and honey in equal parts and massage into the nails and cuticles. Leave on for 15 minutes and wipe off with a moist towel. Mix together 3 tablespoons of rose water with one tablespoon each glycerin and lemon juice. Apply on hands and feet and leave for half an hour. Wash off with plain water.

If your hair is looking dull give it a quick conditioning treatment before your shampoo. Mix one teaspoon each of vinegar and honey with one egg. Beat them together well. Massage the mixture into the scalp. Then wrap the hair in a hot towel for twenty minutes, before washing the hair. Your hair will have more body and look shiny and manageable. Give your hair a tea-water and lemon rinse after shampoo, to add shine. Boil used tea leaves again in enough water. After boiling, you should have about 4 cups of tea-water. Cool and strain it. Then add the juice of a lemon and use it as a last rinse after shampoo.

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Agriculture Minister Javid Ahmad Dar Visits SKUAST-K Wadura; Launches Rabi Sowing and Inaugurates Key Facilities

■ Dr. Ab Qayoom

BARMULLA, OCT 15: In a significant step toward strengthening agricultural education and innovation, the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election, Jenab Javid Ahmad Dar, visited the Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Kashmir, Wadura, on Wednesday to review academic, research, and infrastructural advancements. The Minister was warmly received by Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, along with, Director Extension Prof Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Research Prof Haroon Rashid, Deans, and senior university officers. During the visit, the Minister inaugurated several new facilities aimed at enhancing teaching, research, and student welfare. He also initiated the Rabi Sowing Campaign under the Viksit Krishi Sankalp program at the faculty farm, covering major rabi crops including oats, mustard, wheat, and kala zeera. The event highlighted the university's progress in precision and smart agriculture, with the Minister personally participating in a drone-based spraying demonstration to promote modern farming techniques.

In a landmark development for campus welfare, the Minister laid the foundation stone for a new Medical Centre. He also inspected the University Auditorium, directing officials to equip it with high-tech LCD systems to support academic

of faculty members, students, and farmers, the Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to fostering agricultural research, innovation, and rural development. He urged for stronger linkages between scientists and farmers to ensure effective technology transfer and upliftment of the farming community. Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, in his address, briefed the Minister about the university's major achievements and future strategic plans, expressing confidence that continued government support would further strengthen the institution's contribution to sustainable agriculture. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone, Head, Division of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura.



Marking a major leap in crop research, the Minister inaugurated the High Throughput Phenotyping System and Speed Breeding Facility, which will significantly reduce crop breeding cycles and aid in developing climate-resilient varieties. He also inaugurated a 50,000-accession capacity Ex-situ Gene Bank, established with NABARD's support, to conserve vital crop genetic resources. The Minister also declared open the Annual Sports Week, encouraging students to balance physical activity with academic excellence. Later, he visited various faculty stalls showcasing innovative research and student projects, lauding their creativity and practical orientation. Addressing a large gathering

of faculty members, students, and farmers, the Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to fostering agricultural research, innovation, and rural development. He urged for stronger linkages between scientists and farmers to ensure effective technology transfer and upliftment of the farming community. Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, in his address, briefed the Minister about the university's major achievements and future strategic plans, expressing confidence that continued government support would further strengthen the institution's contribution to sustainable agriculture. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone, Head, Division of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura.

Faheem Ul Islam Honoured with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam National Excellence Award 2025

■ HT News Desk

SRINAGAR, OCT 16: On the birth anniversary of India's former President and the "Missile Man of India," Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the Tretayug Foundation conferred the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam National Excellence Award 2025 upon Faheem Ul Islam, recognizing his outstanding contributions as an



inspiring public speaker, writer, and social educator. The award celebrates individuals who embody Dr. Kalam's vision of dedication, service, and the courage to dream and do. Expressing his gratitude, Faheem Ul Islam said, "This honor on Dr. Kalam's birthday inspires me to continue serving the community through education, writing, and social awareness. Dr. Kalam's life reminds us that dreams transform into reality through determination and action."

Srinagar Police Nab Trio Involved in Qamarwari Axe Attack

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, OCT 15: Srinagar Police have arrested three accused involved in the Qamarwari axe attack case during a series of overnight raids, bringing swift resolution to an incident that left one youth injured on yesterday.

Police said the victim, identified as Noman Yaqoob Khanday, was attacked with an axe by unidentified persons in the Qamarwari area on Tuesday evening. Following the assault, police launched a comprehensive investigation and tracked down the culprits through technical and field surveillance.

The accused have been identified as Sahil Yaqoob Grustoo, son of Mohammad Yaqoob Grustoo; Farooq alias Farhan Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Nabi Dar; and Bilal Ahmad Guroo, son of Zahoor Ahmad Guroo, all residents



of Boatman Colony, Bemina.

According to police, the weapon of offence used in the attack has been recovered from the possession of the accused. The trio were apprehended in coordinated overnight operations carried out by multiple police teams.

Officials said that legal proceedings have been initiated under relevant sections of law, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the motive behind the attack.

Police commended the swift response of the investigating teams and reiterated their commitment to maintaining law and order in the city. Authorities have urged the public to cooperate in ensuring peace and promptly report any criminal activity.

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Corrigendum 01 for Date Extension

Name of work:- Supply of Anti skid Tyre Chains for Snow Clearance Machines of Sub Division II (SCCR Shalteng Srinagar) & Sub Division I (SCCR Budgam)

Reference:- This office e-NIT No.: - MDSK/TS /2025-26/49 Date:29-09-2025
(Tender ID: 2025_PWDJK_290192_1)

For wider participation, the following amendment is made in the above referred e-NIT,

Clause as per e-NIT	Description as per NIT	Amended to
Eligibility Criteria	The bidder shall furnish satisfactory performance report of the quoted brand NS Chains from any Govt/Semi Govt or PSU during the last 07 years through OEM/dealer/re-seller..	The bidder shall furnish satisfactory performance report/Gem crack of the quoted brand NS Chains from any Govt/Semi Govt or PSU during the last 07 years through OEM/dealer/re-seller..

Also ,the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT is extended as under:-

S.No.	Description	Previous Dates	New Dates.
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	14-10-2025 upto 06:55PM	23-10-2025 upto 09:00 AM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	15-10-2025 at 02:00 PM	23-10-2025 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.
No: MDSK/TS/3252-56
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1	Construction of link road from Bunshoor to Hardshoor at Kashi Mohalla	9.82	600/-	19640/-	20 days	UT Sector	D/C	4.00	R&B Deptt.	2 nd

Position of AAA: **Accorded** Position of T.S: **Accorded** Position of funds: **Assured**

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

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15-10-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16-10-2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	16-10-2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	24-10-2025 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	25-10-2025 11:00 AM
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (Dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) with NIT No., Serial No. and name of work to be deposited in **M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender inviting authority)**.
- All the bidders must upload Earnest money /Bid security equal to **2%** of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to **Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority)** (The Date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the Bid Submission start date and Bid submission End date, otherwise bids shall be rejected).
- The Successful bidder will have to provide performance security **@ 5%** of contract value in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to **Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority)** as per rule-171 (I) of GFR 2017. The earnest money/ Bid security **@2%** shall be released to the **successful bidder only on receipt of Performance Security @ 5% of Contract value which shall be released after successful completion of DLP /maintenance period.**
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority).
- The earnest money/ Bid security in favour of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of original Treasury Challan.**
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 day s from the date of opening of Technical bids.**
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Illegal Constructions Along Sindh: Flood Control Department Acts Against Violators

■ HT News Network

KANGAN, OCT 15: An inspection team comprising officers from the Flood Control Department, Revenue Department, and Block Development Office on Wednesday carried out a joint operation across various areas of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, halting illegal construction activities along the banks of the Sindh Nallah in compliance with court orders.

Officials said the action followed strict directions from the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, who had instructed authorities to ensure implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court's 2013 order that prohibits all types of construction within 100 meters on either side of the Sindh Nallah.

Assistant Executive Engineer, Flood Control Ganderbal, Saeed Asif Qadri, told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the inspection covered multiple locations, including Dr's Colony,



Wussan, Hayen Kangan, and Mammarr Kangan, where several illegal structures were found being raised in violation of the court directive. "We have stopped all such works immediately and prepared a detailed report that will be submitted to the District Development Commissioner," Qadri said.

He added that two individuals in Dr's Colony, Prang, who had earlier obtained No Objection Certificates (NOCs), saw their approvals revoked after officials confirmed that their construction activities fell within the restricted zone. "The sites where construction was underway clearly violated the High Court's standing

order," he stated.

Meanwhile, locals said that despite the decade-old ban, certain individuals had continued to undertake construction projects along the riverbanks, allegedly hiring labourers from outside districts. They said these unchecked activities were not only degrading the natural beauty of the Sindh Nallah but also amounted to open contempt of the High Court's ruling.

Sources within the administration said enforcement agencies had been directed to maintain regular inspections and ensure no fresh violations occur along the Sindh Nallah in future. [KNT]

Public outreach camp held at Panchayat Chill - Assar

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

DODA, OCTOBER 15: In line with the government's commitment to ensuring citizen-centric governance, a Public outreach camp was held today at Panchayat Chill (Block Assar).

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh presided over the event aimed to facilitate a direct interface between the public and administration for the redressal of public grievances, discuss developmental issues and review the ongoing government schemes.

A large number of locals and students attended the program, with all District and Sectoral Officers present to respond to public demands and provide on-the-spot solutions.

The residents raised numerous demands, seeking road maintenance from Assar to Chill, construction of a pakka pathway to the cremation

ground, installation of crash barriers, review of the Chill-Kashi Kundi road survey, replacement of damaged pipelines and restoration of flood-affected structures.

The People also sought establishment of a receiving station in the area to perk up power supply, augmentation of school infrastructure, adequate teaching staff and filling up of medical staff positions in local health centers. Issues related to the JJM (Jal Jeevan Mission), PMGSY roads and compensation for damaged houses and crops were prominently highlighted.

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh issued on-the-spot directions to concerned departments, instructing XEN PWD (R&B) to immediately start pending road works in the area. The XEN PHE was asked to re-view ongoing JJM projects and inspect the water reservoir to ensure safe drinking water,



while the XEN PDD was asked to replace damaged electric poles and resolve power-related complaints.

The local Tehsildar was instructed to conduct verification of houses damaged due to recent rains, while the XEN PMGSY was told to expedite the clearance of landslide debris and initiate protection work along affected road stretches. The DC also directed the local SDM to regulate auto, e-rickshaw and matador fare.

The DC further emphasized promoting adventure tourism near Trungal Bridge urging for the installation of signage along the highway to highlight its tourism potential. He directed the Education Department to address staff shortage in schools, while the Social Welfare Officer was asked to review pending cases under the Marriage Assistance Scheme.

The ACD was instructed to

organize special camps for resolving labour card-related issues. The DC also called upon the CMO to ensure sufficient staff availability at local health centres. He directed the RDD and Education department functionaries to jointly visit schools to assess infrastructure needs. He urged the public to avail benefits of HADP and Kisan Khushal Gaon (KKG) initiatives to enhance livelihood.

The Public outreach camp concluded with a strong assurance from the District Administration to take prompt action on all projected issues and continue such initiatives to strengthen public trust, promote transparency and ensure equitable development across rural areas of the district.

The event also featured departmental stalls showcasing various government-sponsored schemes and awareness materials for public benefit.

Chairman DLSA Jammu chairs 4th UTRC - 2025 meeting at District Jail Amphalla Reviews civic, other facilities made available for inmates

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: A team of senior officials today visited the District Jail Amphalla, Jammu to review the condition of under trial prisoners, assess jail facilities and conduct 4th meeting of the Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC).

The 4th UTRC meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Y. P. Bournay, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority & (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Jammu and was attended by Anusya Jamwal, Additional District Commissioner (Adm), Jammu; Dr. Smriti Sharma, Secretary DLSA Jammu; Vivek Shekhar, Superintendent of Police Jammu North; Prashant Mahajan, Deputy Director Prosecution

Jammu; Anil Mangotra, Chief Prosecution Officer Jammu; Veerinder Kumar Bhat, Superintendent of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu; Dharminder Katoch, Superintendent of District Jail Amphalla Jammu and Anil Sharma, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel Jammu.

The committee reviewed the status of under-trial prisoners in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court and the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). During the meeting, the committee reviewed various cases based on guidelines from the Supreme Court and NALSA SOPs, focusing on prisoners lacking proper representation or those who have spent substantial time behind bars.

The meeting concluded with



a series of recommendations aimed at expediting pending cases, improving coordination between prison authorities and investigating agencies and ensuring that every eligible under-trial receives benefit of speedy

justice as mandated by law. The District Legal Services Authority, Jammu reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the rights of undertrials and promoting access to justice through continuous review mechanisms like the UTRC.

Further, Y. P. Bournay, Chairman DLSA Jammu during the jail visit interacted with inmates to understand their grievances and emphasized the importance of timely legal assistance and inspected the jail premises and assured all necessary administrative and security support for the welfare of inmates.

Y. P. Bournay also held interaction with under trial prisoners, detainees and convicted prisoners in the ground area of the jail and took first hand stock

of facilities available there. The inspection covered a wide range of areas, including the Jail Legal Aid Clinic, Virtual VC rooms, interview area, Jail Prisoner calling system, Jail Hospital, Kitchen Area etc. The Medical Centre within the jail premises was also thoroughly inspected. They also checked the quality of the food prepared in Jail for the prisoners and also took stock of medical facilities and listened attentively to the inmates' concerns and grievances and provided them a platform for feedback on the services provided by District Legal Services Authority Jammu.

Later, the jail inmates also organised a cultural programme in the honour of Pr. District and Sessions Judge Jammu.

A G Mir reviews operational capabilities of SDRF Jammu

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: A G Mir, Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu and Kashmir, visited SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu today. He was accompanied by Mohammad Arshad - DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu.

Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu Zahid Naseem Manhas presented a detailed presentation on the achievements of SDRF 2nd Bn. in recent disasters that occurred in Jammu province including Chishoti (Kishtwar), Ramban, Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Katra, Kathua, low-lying areas of Jammu, Kalaban, Poonch and Rajouri.

The visiting officer was informed about the requirement of high value equipment, adequate transport facilities and manpower to improve the operational efficiency of SDRF 2nd Bn.

DIG Mohammad Arshad highlighted the role of HG and CD and the challenges faced by them. The Commandant General gave a patient hearing to the briefings and appreciated the role of SDRF personnel in mitigating disasters with quick response which helped save lives.

A display of high-value equipment and articles used by SDRF Jammu was also arranged, showcasing the capabilities and achievements of SDRF. The Commandant General took keen interest in understanding the working of CD/HG & SDRF, assuring all ranks that he would look into the matters being faced by them and take up the issues with higher authorities.

The visit demonstrated the commitment of the Commandant General to the welfare and operational efficiency of SDRF personnel.

Among others present on the occasion included Manzoor Hussain, DSP, Adjutant; Dinesh Gupta, DSP QM/Incharge Trgs. SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu; Tajinder Kour, DSP, SO to DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu; Naseem Akhter, DSP, Area Commandant HG Jammu; Satvir Singh, DSP, HG/CD Samba; Maroof Badhana, DSP, HG/CD Poonch; Barkat Hussain Qureshi, DSP, Area Commandant HG Rajouri; Masoof Mirza, DSP, Area Commandant HG Udhampur & Dev Raj, DSP, Principal, CTI HG/CD Jammu.

The visit concluded with a renewed commitment to enhancing the capabilities and welfare of SDRF personnel.

Jammu: Army, Civil Administration forge "One Team" strategy for regional security

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: The Military Civil Fusion Capsule (MCFC) commenced today with an inaugural session at the Tiger Division, Jammu where the General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division welcomed the gathering.

The capsule, scheduled from 15th to 29th October, underscores the critical role of synergy among the Armed Forces, Civil Administration and Security Agencies in ensuring stability and progress in the region.

The MCFC aims to deepen institutional collaboration, extending beyond strategic levels to the grassroots governance, which is crucial in addressing multidimensional challenges such as conventional security threats and emerging issues in the cyber and social domains.

The initiative brought together all key stakeholders — including the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Police, Civil Administration, Academia and Media — in a unified effort to strengthen coordination and cooperation across institutional and functional levels.

The capsule is being attended by academicians from IIT and IIM Jammu, and officials from multiple civil departments such as the Public Welfare Department, Rural Development, Flood Control, Information, Jal Shakti, Health, Education & Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, among others. Officers from the District Administrations of Jammu, Kathua and Samba are also participating, reflecting the region's commitment to strengthening civil-military synergy at all levels. Veterans and officials of the Zila Sainik Boards joined the proceedings, symbolising the continued contribution of the ex-servicemen community in fostering unity and nation-building.

The Indian Army and Indian Air Force are leading the military participation, while the BSF, CRPF and JKP represent the Paramilitary and Police forces. MCFC sessions are being conducted across various departments throughout Jammu, encompassing activities from the grassroots level to the highest administrative echelons. The capsule seeks to achieve synergy among all stakeholders through close coordination, cross-establishment visits and lectures by eminent speakers and dignitaries.

On the opening day, speakers highlighted Jammu's seven decades of exemplary cooperation between military and civil institutions — fostering confidence, coordination and resilience among the people. Citing Operations SINDOOR, RAHAT and SANJY, where joint efforts saved lives and restored infrastructure, they emphasised that fusion and collective action are the keys to regional progress.

The event aims to refine and replicate models of co-operation beneficial to the nation. Warm appreciation was extended to all participants for reaffirming their commitment to unity, service and the "Whole-of-Nation" approach, which continues to define Jammu's enduring legacy as the Gateway to Jointness.

Relief Commissioner reviews progress of development works in Migrant Camps

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15: Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K Dr. Arvind Karwani today chaired a meeting with officers of line departments to review the ongoing development works in the migrant camps and to take stock of the day-to-day issues being faced by the migrants.

Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Vijay Kumar Sharma; Chief Accounts Officer Shiwani Bhan; Assistant Commissioner (Relief) Kailash Devi; As-

sistant Commissioner (Relief) Sanjeev Kumar and the officers from different Government departments and the Relief Organization attended the meeting.

Dr. Karwani reviewed the damages due to recent incessant rains and the steps being taken to fully restore the same. He also reviewed the ongoing development works and the works in the pipeline. He emphasised on the importance of adhering to the directions issued by the General Administration Department, wherein responsibilities of Transit Migrant Camps at

Jammu and Kashmir has been assigned to the Government Departments with the directions to nominate an officer, not below the rank of Executive Engineer for liaising /coordinating the execution/maintenance of works/projects about their department with the Relief Organization (M).

It was informed that the construction of four bore-wells in the Mini Township Jagti and two bore-wells in the Camp Nagrota to address the long-pending demand of the camp inmates shall be completed by mid-November.

Diwali Arrangements Discussed at Udhampur Emphasis on Green, Eco-Friendly Celebration

■ HT News Desk / DIPR

UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 15: In preparation for the upcoming Diwali festival, a comprehensive meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, to review and finalize arrangements for the celebrations across the district.

The meeting witnessed the participation of senior officers from Police, Fire and Emergency Services, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, Health, Municipal Council, Traffic, and other line departments. The discussions covered various aspects, including the installation of cracker stalls, security and crowd management, traffic regulation, sanitation, power and water supply, food safety measures, and emergency preparedness.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to make foolproof arrangements in advance to ensure smooth, safe, and joyful celebrations. She emphasized the importance of launching a mass awareness campaign



promoting a "Green and Eco-Friendly Diwali", encouraging residents to avoid the use of harmful firecrackers and instead celebrate with earthen lamps and sustainable decorations.

Highlighting the need to support local artisans and women entrepreneurs, the DC urged citizens to purchase eco-friendly diyas and decorative items made

by Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) and DUDA, thereby aligning the festivities with the "Vocal for Local" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives.

A multi-departmental committee was also constituted to conduct market inspections and monitor the rates, hygiene, and quality of sweets, eatables, and

fruits during the festive season to safeguard public health.

The DC further designated Subash Stadium as the only authorized venue for the sale of firecrackers. "Traders must strictly adhere to the designated venue, and the sale of firecrackers from private shops or unauthorized locations will not be permitted," she directed.

The Jal Shakti Department and

JPDCL were instructed to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply during the festival, particularly at Subash Stadium where large public gatherings are expected. The Municipal Council was tasked with conducting intensive sanitation drives across Udhampur town, with a special focus on the cracker sale venue and nearby areas.

The Health Department was directed to deploy medical teams and set up first aid facilities at Subash Stadium, while the Fire & Emergency Services Department was instructed to station fire tenders on standby to handle any eventualities.

The District Police and Traffic Police were asked to make comprehensive security and traffic management plans to avoid congestion and ensure public safety throughout the festive period.

Concluding the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner appealed to the people of Udhampur to celebrate Diwali responsibly, upholding the spirit of harmony, sustainability, and community well-being.

SC pulls up states for ignoring ICU safety directions; issues show-cause notices to 28 states, UTs

■ **Newspoint Bureau**

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: The Supreme Court today issued show-cause notices to 28 States and union Territories for failing to comply with its directions to frame uniform standards for patient safety in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and Critical Care Units (CCUs) across the country.

A Bench, comprising Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and N.K. Singh, directed the Additional Chief Secretaries or senior-most Health Department officials of the defaulting States and UTs to personally appear before the Court on November 20, 2025, along with personally affirmed affidavits explaining their inaction.

"Notice is issued to the concerned Additional Chief Secre-

tary/Senior-most Official of the Department of Health of all the concerned States/Union Territories, as to why action is not taken against them for such a casual approach shown towards the Court," the Bench observed, expressing strong displeasure over the continued non-compliance.

The Court made it clear that no excuses for absence would be entertained, stating, "It is made clear that the officers who have been directed to appear shall not cite any excuse, including any prior engagements or other programmes, which shall be rescheduled to give priority to the order passed today."

The defaulting States and UTs include Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Guja-

rat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

The issue dates back to 2016, when the Court took cognisance of medical negligence in private hospitals and the lack of uniform ICU and CCU standards nationwide.

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In earlier directions, the Court had asked the Centre and States to jointly prepare a compre-



hensive framework covering ICU/CCU operations, admission protocols, treatment standards, staffing, hygiene, and infrastruc-

ture. On August 5, 2025, the Court directed every State to hold consultations with stakeholders, including leading hospitals, and

ensure that top health officials approved the resolutions.

However, by October 13, the Bench noted that over two dozen States and UTs had failed to submit their reports or had filed them belatedly, despite multiple extensions. "We are more pained than shocked by the casualness shown by various States, that despite over indulgence shown by the Court with regard to the exercise, the orders of this Court have been taken very lightly by the officers concerned," the Bench remarked.

To facilitate the process, the Court had earlier appointed a three-member expert committee comprising Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, Amicus Curiae Karan Bharihoke, and Dr Nitish Naik (Professor of Cardiology, AIIMS, New Delhi).

The States were instructed to submit draft frameworks by September 30 and forward them to the committee by October 5.

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The matter will be taken up next on November 20, 2025, when top health officials from across the country are expected to personally appear before the Supreme Court. UNI

Sri Lankan PM Harini Aamarasuriya arriving on maiden visit

■ **Newspoint Bureau**

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Dr. Harini Aamarasuriya is visiting India from October 16-18, in her first visit after assuming office. She will meet with Indian political leaders to discuss bilateral issues of mutual interest.

The Sri Lankan media said she is to hold several high-level meetings, including with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Sri Lankan PM will deliver the keynote address on "Steering Change in Uncertain Times" at the 'NDTV World Summit' on October 17, organized by



NDTV and Chintan Research Foundation in Delhi.

Dr. Harini Aamarasuriya, who is also the Education Minister of Sri Lanka, will visit Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi as well as NITI Aayog to explore avenues of collaboration in the domains of education and technology.

The PM of Sri Lanka, a distinguished alumna of the Hindu College of Delhi University, will also visit her alma mater.

She will also participate in a business event to strengthen commercial linkages between the countries, an Indian readout said. This visit continues the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Sri Lanka, advancing the deep and multifaceted bilateral ties. It will further strengthen the bonds of friendship, reinforced by India's 'MAHASAGAR Vision' and its 'Neighbourhood First' policy, it added. UNI

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■ **Newspoint Bureau**

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a two-day conference here tomorrow on issues of international police cooperation to track fugitives and coordinate efforts to bring them back to face criminal justice in India.

The Conference 'Extradition of Fugitives-Challenges and Strategies' will deliberate on issues including effective use of formal and informal channels, use of technology in locating fugitive criminals, strategic approach for extradition of fugitives and analysis of financial footprint of wanted fugitives.

Law enforcement agencies and experts will deliberate on various challenges to find a roadmap for expeditious extradition of these fugitive criminals.

The Conference being organized by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), will focus on Narco, Terror, Cybercrime, Organized crime and Economic offenders.

During the conference, senior police officers from various Central and State Police agencies will participate. Officials from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will also participate.

The Home Minister had, in July

this year, called for a coordinated approach to bring back wanted fugitives from abroad. "It is with this objective in mind that CBI has organized the conference to deliberate on bringing back fugitives through appropriate legal and diplomatic channels in a time bound manner," an official spokesman said.

There are more than 300 extradition requests pending with various foreign countries about wanted Indian fugitives. There has been a concern of delays in these matters and fugitives often take recourse different avenues to impede the efforts of their extradition from these countries. UNI

Safdarjung Hospital's burns department readies for Diwali influx

■ **Newspoint Bureau**

NEW DELHI, OCT 15: As Delhi prepares for the Diwali festivities, the Burns Department at Safdarjung Hospital has announced it is fully geared to handle any emergencies during the festival period.

The hospital has implemented a comprehensive plan to manage a potential surge in burn-related cases. The department has mobilized extra manpower, including additional doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff.

Logistics have been strengthened with arrange-



ments for extra dressing materials, drugs, and vital equipment.

To ensure swift patient movement, the hospital has also arranged for additional ambulances and trolleys.

Key operational measures include keeping operating theatre services functional round the clock and managing extra space to accommodate a large number of patients.

Specifically, the department has reserved 20 regular beds for Diwali-related cases and set up 10 extra beds in the burns casualty area.

For holistic patient care, the hospital is mobilizing support from other specialties such as Orthopedics, Anesthesia, and Ophthalmology to provide integrated treatment under one roof.

The hospital reminds the public to exercise caution while celebrating the festival of lights. UNI

NSA Ajit Doval in Bishkek for India-Central Asia security meet; holds talks with Kyrgyz counterpart

■ **Newspoint Bureau**

BISHKEK/NEW DELHI, OCT 15: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who is visiting the Kyrgyz Republic, today held talks with his Kyrgyz counterpart Lt. Gen. Baktybek Bekbolotov during which both sides agreed to enhance collaboration on countering terrorism and extremism.

NSA Doval is to participate in the 3rd India-Central Asia National Security Advisers' Secretaries of the Security Councils meeting in Bishkek.

Earlier, NSA Ajit Doval was warmly welcomed by First Deputy Secretary of the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic

Melis Satybaldiev on arrival at Bishkek.

NSA Ajit Doval met Secretary of the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic Lt. Gen. Baktybek Bekbolotov today at Bishkek. Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation and agreed to enhance existing collaboration on countering terrorism, radicalisation, extremism and drug trafficking.

They reviewed bilateral defence cooperation and discussed regional security issues. Both sides also emphasized the need to coordinate positions on issues of common concern at regional and multilateral fora, the Indian embassy said on X.

The first meeting of the India-



Central Asian NSAs was held in New Delhi in December 2022. The key outcomes included a joint communique on combating ter-

rorism, prioritizing connectivity projects like the Chabahar Port, and discussing the situation in Afghanistan -- just over a year

after the Taliban overran Kabul.

The second meeting was held in 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan, during which India emphasized the importance of connectivity projects but stressed that they must respect the sovereignty of a country.

These meetings have focused on Afghanistan, cross-border terrorism, terror financing, and improved regional connectivity.

Notably, India's relations with the Kabul government have improved considerably, with the Afghan Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi paying a five-day visit to India, during which he held talks with the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. UNI

Gambhir On Rohit, Kohli: 'Focus On Present'

■ ESPNcricinfo

BIRMINGHAM: Are Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli still part of India's plans for the 2027 World Cup? The ODI captaincy has passed from Rohit to Shubman Gill, and both Rohit and Kohli are now in their mid-30s and retired from Tests and T20Is. What does their selection for the ODI series in Australia later this month say about their future?

India head coach Gautam Gambhir isn't looking that far ahead.

"Look, 50-over World Cup is still two-and-a-half years away, and I think it is very important to stay in the present," he said in a press conference after India beat West Indies 2-0 in their Test series. "That is very important. Obviously, they are quality players, they are coming back, their experience is going to be a handful in Australia as well. Hopefully, those two guys will have a successful tour, and more importantly, as a team, we will have a successful series." As Test and ODI captain and T20I vice-captain, Gill can expect a packed schedule with little scope

for taking breaks between series. Gambhir felt he was in a good space to do this.

"First and foremost, I need one," Gambhir joked when asked if Gill could benefit from having a mental-conditioning coach. "I think he is scoring runs, so he does not need any bit of it. So probably I think he is in a good space. I think all of us are in a good space.

"I think when you get the results, you are always in a good space. But if you don't get the results, I think it is my responsibility to keep him and the entire group in a good space. That is my job. Sometimes it is not only about skills, but it is also about the mental aspect of the game as well. Especially guys who are playing all the three formats. It is not only about Shubman, it is about everyone in that dressing room. I have equal responsibility towards everyone."

One of the selections for the Australia tour that has attracted comment from ex-players in the media is that of Harshit Rana, with the fast bowler part of both the ODI and

T20I squads. Among those who have commented on the selection is former India captain and chairman of selectors Kris Srikkanth, who alleged in his YouTube channel that Rana was only part of the squad because he was Gambhir's yes-man.

"Look, it's a bit shameful. And I will be very honest with you. If you do not spare even a 23-year-old boy to run your YouTube channel, it's unfair," Gambhir said. "Because ultimately (Rana's) father is not an ex-chairman (of selectors) or an ex-cricketer or an NRI. He plays cricket on his own merit. And he will continue to play on his own merit."

"Targeting someone individually is not fair. You can target people's performance. And there are coaches and selectors who target people's performance. But if you say such things to a 23-year-old kid, then social media amplifies it more, and in social media, you are told things in such a way, imagine (what it does to) the mindset (of the player). In the future, your child can also play cricket, anyone's child can play cricket."



Tireless Bawne will 'put the body on the line' again to try and win the Ranji Trophy

■ Deivarayan Muthu

NEW DELHI: Maharashtra's marathon man Ankit Bawne is entering his 13th Ranji Trophy season after having made his debut as a 15-year-old against Karnataka in Ratnagiri back in December 2007. Eighteen years on, he still relishes the domestic grind and is motivated to perform.

Being the second-highest run-getter among active Ranji players, behind Jammu & Kashmir professional Paras Dogra (9505), with 7244 runs, and the highest run-getter overall in the 50-over Vijay Hazare Trophy with 4010 runs is a testament to the 32-year-old's durability and consistency.

"I'm the only child for my parents and I've been staying away from home since I was 14," Bawne told ESPNcricinfo in the lead-up to the new domestic season. "It has been a great journey, but still a long way to go and I believe there's still a lot of runs left in me."

"I feel the grind is important no matter what level of cricket you play. Some play for India, some play for the state and maybe some players will stay at the league level and



they won't get higher honours. But I feel that attitude and discipline should always be there. I want people to remember me as a hard-working person and not somebody who has scored 10,000 runs or the all-time top-scorer in Vijay Hazare and all. It's okay if they [selectors] drop me because I'm not scoring enough runs, but nobody should drop me because I'm not fit and just pushing my career."

Bawne was able to translate his domestic success to the India A level in red-ball cricket - he scored 663 runs in 19 innings at an average of just over 55 - but an opportunity at the next level didn't come

to pass. It has been more than five years since he last represented India A - the team management has moved on to a new pool of emerging players post Covid-19 - but that hasn't deterred him from toiling away in domestic cricket.

"I just want to control the controllables. Selection is not in my hands," Bawne said. "I have got some centuries against good sides and captained India A. Suddenly, I was not part of India A, but I'm a player who doesn't question the selection committee and whatever is written for me, I'll do that. See, some umpiring decisions are not in your hands. Like that, the

weather is also not in your hands (laughs)."

After managing only two outright wins in seven matches in the previous Ranji season, Maharashtra have revamped their team, hiring two new professionals in Prithvi Shaw and Jalaj Saxena. They have also brought in Shaun Williams, the former Victoria batter and Bangladesh coach, as their director of cricket.

"As a domestic cricketer, you have to live a boring life. You have to wake up early. You have to look after your meals. You have to work out twice a day. So when you do that for 365 days, you will get used to this and this has been my life for the past 17 years"

While Saxena was a late signing, Shaw has already eased his way into the Maharashtra set-up with a century on debut in the pre-season Buchi Babu tournament in Chennai. Shaw even got a taste of Maharashtra captaincy in the KSCA's K Thimmappiah Memorial Trophy. Bawne, who will captain Maharashtra in the upcoming Ranji Trophy, believes that the change in personnel will bring about a change in fortunes.

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