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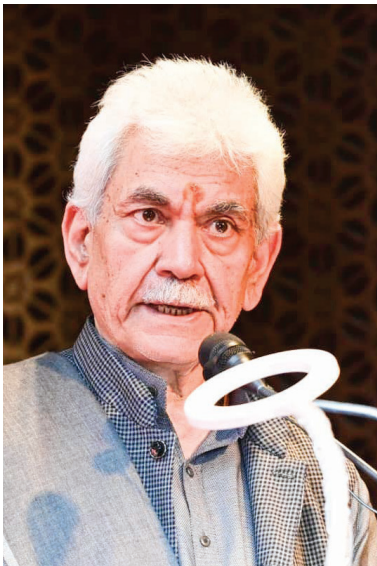
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Today's Gathering Marks The Beginning of New Era for Small-Scale Industries in J&K: LG Manoj Sinha

Flags Off First-Ever Self-Reliant India Fund Outreach Programme In Srinagar

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 1: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that Jammu & Kashmir must capitalise on its inherent strengths, modern infrastructure, and stronger financial linkages to bridge the funding gap for startups and MSMEs. He was addressing the first-ever "Self-Reliant India (SRI) Fund Outreach" event held in Srinagar, aimed at connecting J&K's emerging entrepreneurs with venture capital firms and institutional investors. Congratulating the Union Ministry of MSME, NSIC Venture Capital Fund Ltd (NVCF), JKEDI and the J&K Industries & Commerce Department



LG Manoj Sinha Visits J&K's First Chrysanthemum Theme Garden in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, NOV 1: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday visited Jammu & Kashmir's first-ever Chrysanthemum Theme Garden at the Botanical Garden in Srinagar, where hundreds of blooming varieties have turned the autumn landscape into a major floral attraction. Spread over 100 kanals, the exclusive garden has been developed by the Department of Floriculture, Gardens & Parks and has quickly

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Operation SINDOOR Aimed at Eradication of Terror Ecosystem : Army Chief

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 01: Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday said that India, during Operation Sindoor, targeted only terrorist bases in Pakistan and avoided civilian or military installations.

He said the operation was conducted with precision, guided by the principles that define India's military conduct.

"Operation Sindoor was successful because we fought with the combined strength of our principles and technology. We made it a point that no innocent civilians in Pakistan suffered. We only targeted terrorists and their bosses," General Dwivedi said while speaking to reporters after attending an event at his alma mater, Rewa Sainik School, during the All India Sainik Schools National Games 2025, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

He urged citizens to contribute to nation-building and help achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047.

He said the armed forces ensured that no action was carried out during prayer hours. "We attacked only places that had the presence of terrorists. We did not target innocent civilians or defence installations. We achieved our goal in Operation Sindoor and sent a message to Pakistan that we are not like them," he



added. Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which killed several civilians.

The operation targeted terrorist hideouts located in territories under Pakistan's control. The airstrikes and counter-attacks continued for four days before both sides agreed to halt military actions on May 10.

General Dwivedi said Operation Sindoor remains active and will continue until the Army considers its objectives fully met.

At the same event, Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla presented mementoes of the white lion symbol of the Vindhya region to General Dwivedi and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi. In return, the

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Disparity Will Be Undone ; Both Srinagar and Jammu Will Fetch Due Share in Development : CM Omar Abdullah

Laid Foundation Stone For Four-laning of Boulevard Road from Nehru Park to Kral Sangri



■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 1: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday laid the foundation stone for the widening and four-laning of the Boulevard Road from Nehru Park to Kral Sangri, announcing that his government will correct years of disparity in infrastructure develop-

ment between Srinagar and Jammu.

The ₹19.94 crore project, to be executed by the Public Works (R&B) Department, will upgrade a 5-km stretch of the city's iconic lakefront road, easing traffic congestion and enhancing its tourism appeal.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Chief

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Tourists Visiting JK Must See Chrysanthemum Garden: Farooq Abdullah

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 1: Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said the recently opened Chrysanthemum garden here would be a beautiful attraction for the tourists visiting the Valley in the autumn season.

Abdullah, the president of the ruling National Conference (NC), visited the Valley's first Chrysanthemum garden, also known as Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood, at the



Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden here. The garden was opened to the public by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on October 25.

"This is a beautiful garden. None of the flowers here have been imported; they have been grown here. I think after the Tulip Garden this will be the garden which would require less maintenance," the senior Abdullah told PTI Videos.

The former Chief Minister of the

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Light rain, snowfall likely in J&K on Nov 4–5; MeT advises farmers to halt field work

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 1: The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has issued a fresh weather advisory for Jammu and Kashmir, forecasting a spell of light rain and snowfall in parts of the Union Territory on November 4 and 5.

According to the MeT, the weather will remain mainly dry across both Jammu and Kashmir divisions from November 1 to 3. However, a Western

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Terrorism can't break Kashmir's spirit: Director Tourism

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 01: Director of Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob, on Saturday said that the upcoming Kashmir Marathon 2025 will be the biggest event in the Valley since the Pahalgam attack, asserting that terrorism cannot break the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

Yaqoob said participants from across India and several foreign countries will take part in the run, which aims to boost both national and international tourism.

"Post-Pahalgam incident, this is the biggest event taking place. A strong message is being sent through this marathon that no matter what kind of terrorism occurs, it cannot break the spirit of Jammu and

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J&K Police arrests 09 drug peddlers

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 01: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 09 drug peddlers in Shopian, Budgam & Pulwama and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Shopian, a police party of Police Station Zainapora at a checkpoint established at Kashwa–Zainapora axis, intercepted

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Saffron production in Pampore drops by nearly 90%, say growers

Seek urgent govt intervention: 'Act now or it will be lost forever'

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 01: Kashmir's famed saffron sector is once again staring at a severe crisis, with growers warning that this year's output has plunged by nearly 90 per cent.

Farmers in Pampore — known as the "Saffron Bowl of Kashmir" — say that production this season is barely

10–15 per cent of normal levels, pushing thousands of families into economic distress.

Growers, who spoke to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), expressed concern that if corrective measures are not taken immediately, the crop, which has defined Kashmir's identity for centuries may vanish.

"This year the corms haven't sprouted properly at all," said Abdul Majeed Wani, president of the Saffron Growers Association J&K.

He said, "Production is hardly 15 per cent. It isn't even half of last year's crop, which itself was only about 30 per cent of the normal harvest. Every year it is decreasing, and the

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Srinagar Court convicts two former Bank officials for fraud, forgery

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, NOV 1: Two former bank officials were convicted by a Srinagar court on Friday in separate cases of fraud and forgery that had been pending for nearly two decades.

City Judge Srinagar, Abdul Bari, delivered the two judgments, highlighting the long legal process required to address financial crimes within institutions.

In the first case (State vs. Mohammad Shafi Bandy), the court found Mohammad Shafi Bandy, the former Managing Director of J&K Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Limited, guilty of serious charges.

Investigations by the Crime Branch revealed that Bandy had manipulated his date of birth, declaring it as September 1, 1939, instead of the actual June 26, 1932. He achieved this by producing a forged certificate, which allowed him to overstay in his position for more than seven years.

The prosecution successfully argued that this act resulted in wrongful gain for the accused and a corresponding loss to the state exchequer. Sixteen

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Crackdown on Fake / Pseudo Journalists, A Welcome Step

Better Late Than Never; J&K Govt Draws the Line Between Journalists and Impersonators

■ ABU HASNAIN

■ HT- SPL. CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR NOV01: We at Headlines Today have been highlighting the all important issue of mashroom growth of Pseudo Journalists bringing bad name to the noble profession. A decisive move to restore credibility in the media ecosystem is finally underway in Jammu & Kashmir. In a strong administrative push

against the growing menace of self-styled "digital journalists," the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) has issued a landmark circular aimed at regulating media access, filtering out impersonators, and protecting the integrity of the profession.

The order, issued under the supervision of Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari, Joint Director Information (Kashmir), instructs district officers to verify press credentials, limit

entry at official events to accredited journalists only, and initiate action

For years, the information landscape in Kashmir like the rest of

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against individuals misusing press identity for influence or blackmail. The move signals the government's first serious attempt to separate genuine journalism from social media driven theatrics.

India has been overwhelmed by a new breed of "reporters" armed with smartphones, YouTube channels, and self-issued press cards. With no editorial supervision, no newsroom accountability, and no

organisational backing, many of these pages operate as unregulated platforms for opinion, manipulation, or extortion all in the name of "journalism."

The DIPR's instruction, therefore, is not seen as a curb on free speech, but as a much-needed regulation in the public interest. The core argument is simple:

Freedom of expression is a right. Journalism is a profession. And

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3 Day The International Film Festival of Srinagar "TIFFS" 2025 Starts from November 12

■ GULFAM BARJI

JAMMU, NOV 01: The organizers of The International Film Festival of Srinagar (TIFFS) today held a press conference in Jammu to share key updates about the upcoming 4th edition of TIFFS, one of North India's most vibrant cultural and cinematic events.

The Festival Director, Rohit Bhat announced that the opening ceremony will be held on the evening of November 12, 2025, at the historic Tagore Hall, Srinagar, marking the beginning of three days of cinematic celebration from November 12-14, 2025.

This year, TIFFS received over 100 film entries from 20 countries, out of which 30 projects from 14 countries have been shortlisted by an eminent jury panel for screening. These include 20 short films, 6 feature films, and 4 documentaries. The selected feature films represent countries such as India, Poland, Russia, and Sri Lanka, while

other participating nations include the USA, France, Germany, Turkey, and Switzerland, among others.

The distinguished jury panel for TIFFS 2025 comprises: Manzoor Mir – Jury Head, Ayash Arif – Actor, Director, Producer, Bihari Kak – Actor, Producer, Director, Kamal Razdan – Actor, Director, Raahul Sharma – Director, Gul Reyaz – Actor, Director, Producer, Varun Sharma – Director and Tariq Khan – Producer, Director

Festival Directors Rohit Bhat and Rakesh Roshan Bhat observed that TIFFS has evolved into a symbol of Kashmir's artistic resurgence, drawing filmmakers and audiences from across the world which inspires them to make TIFFS a global platform for creative exchange. "This year's response has been phenomenal, and we are excited to showcase some truly outstanding cinema that bridges cultures and celebrates storytelling", they added.

Sanjeev Kak, from The Avanti



ti Foundation, a presenting partner of TIFFS, added in his message said that Avanti Foundation has always believed in supporting initiatives that nurture culture and education.

TIFFS stands as a shining example of how art can build bridges and foster dialogue through cinema.

Pankaj Lidhoo, from Landmark Crafts Ltd, another presenting partner said, "We are proud to associate with TIFFS 2025. This partnership aligns with our vision of supporting creative platforms that bring global attention to Kashmir's

talent and potential. We see this as the beginning of a long and meaningful collaboration."

Amit Raina and Uphar Kotru from KOA USA, which is co-powering TIFFS 2025, conveyed their greetings from the United States, extending their best wishes for the festival's success and applauding the participants for their contributions to cinema and culture.

Bhavna Pandita, Advisor to Vomedh, shared, "TIFFS represents the perseverance and creativity of Kashmir's artists. It's wonderful to see it grow into a festival of international repute."

Dr. Amit Wanchoo, Advisor to TIFFS, remarked, "The growing scale and diversity of TIFFS mirror Kashmir's emergence as a global destination for art, culture, and storytelling."

Aryan Ramesh, Operations Head for TIFFS present at the press briefing added, "We're thrilled to see the energy building up to this edition. The participation from so many countries reflects the credibility and reputation TIFFS has built over the years."

Rohini Vaishavi, Marketing Head for TIFFS expressed happiness that TIFFS has established itself as a brand to reckon with is poised to grow further with upcoming editions.

TIFFS is also proud to announce its association with Snowtales, an upcoming OTT platform from J&K that will be launching around the same time. This collaboration aims to give local and regional filmmakers a dedicated platform for showcasing their work globally.

The festival is presented by Vomedh, The Avanti Foundation, and Landmark Crafts Ltd, Co-Powered by KOA USA. Rohit Bhat thanked the other sponsors also for their association with TIFFS especially LIC HFL, Space Communications and AMEAK. Asha foundation, VR Events, Kanwal Spices, Uncle advertising and Rising Kashmir as also sponsors for 4th edition of TIFFS.

Mega Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign Held in Beerwah

Organized by Social Activist Muzamil Mehmood in Collaboration with Budgam Police

■ HT NEWS DESK

BUDGAM, NOV 1: A Mega Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign was today organized by renowned social activist Muzamil Mehmood in collaboration with the Budgam Police, with active support from the



Sub-Divisional Administration Beerwah.

The rally commenced from Police Station Beerwah and culminated at the Main Bus Stand Beerwah, where participants raised slogans and carried placards spreading a strong message against the menace of drug abuse.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Trade Association Beerwah, Transport Association Beerwah, Budgam Police, students from various educational institutions, youth groups, civil society members, and officials of the Sub-Divisional Administration Beerwah.

GGHSS Bhaderwah Class 9 Results Out: "Toppers Honored, Success Celebrated"

■ AMIR IQBAL KHAN

BHADARWAH, NOV 1: Government Girls' Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Bhaderwah witnessed a wave of celebration as the eagerly awaited class 9 results were announced here on Saturday with Principal Shafayat Ali commending the outstanding performance and spirit of the students.

The announcement ceremony held on campus amid palpable excitement, saw jubilant students and proud teachers turning out in large numbers to mark the occasion. In his address, Ali

extended heartfelt congratulations to the achievers highlighting their remarkable accomplishments and the collective resolve that drove their success. "You have set the bar high by excelling in your academic pursuits. My applause goes out to every student who has brought pride to our institution," he remarked eliciting applause from the gathering.

The Principal lauded the teaching staff for "going the extra mile" and nurturing young minds with logical understanding. "Our teachers have pulled out all the stops to ensure each student reaches new heights. Their ded-



ication has laid a solid foundation for future achievements," he said.

In a gesture to recognize exceptional merit, the top performers were feted with mementos drawing admiration from their peers and mentors alike. Addressing the young scholars, Shafayat Ali urged them to "reach for the stars" and keep raising the bar underlining the value of perseverance and hard work.

The school administration encouraged successful candidates to carry forward the legacy of excellence that has become hallmark of GGHSS Bhaderwah.

Devyani Rana amplifies voter outreach in Nagrota; seeks support, massive public participation in By-Elections

■ HT NEWS DESK

MATHWAR, NOV 01: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the upcoming by-elections to the Nagrota Assembly seat, Ms. Devyani Rana, today continued her grassroots outreach across the constituency, meeting residents from various walks of life, seeking vote and support.

Speaking during a series of interactions at Bhagani, Rabta, Orak, Kharand, Galali, Sarote, Ms. Rana called upon all stakeholders for realizing the collective vision of a developed and harmonious Nagrota.

Referring to the progress witnessed by Nagrota in recent years, Ms. Rana said the constituency has benefitted from several ongoing ini-

tiatives, adding that there is always more to be done. She stressed that the focus should remain on consistency in development, touching all stake holders.

Ms. Devyani Rana expressed her gratitude to the people of Nagrota for the trust and support shown to her late father, Shri Devender Singh Rana, during his tenure as their representative, recalling his commitment to the cause of inclusive and sustained development. She said that her efforts would be guided by the same commitment.

Reiterating the BJP's ethos of governance marked by "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas", Ms. Rana said the party's policies under the leadership of Prime Minister Naren-

90 Bn CRPF Celebrates 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with Inspiring 'Run for Unity'

■ FAROOQ RATHER

SRINAGAR, OCT 31: In a heartfelt tribute to the Iron Man of India, 90 Battalion CRPF celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with an inspiring 'Run for Unity' event on Thursday. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff of Saint Xian's International School. The programme aimed to promote the enduring values of unity, integrity, and national integration that Sardar Patel championed throughout his life.

Addressing the gathering, Commandant of 90 Bn CRPF, Shri Kamendra Pratap Singh, highlighted the monumental role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in unifying the nation and emphasized the relevance of his ideals in contemporary India. He urged participants to embody the spirit of unity and collective strength for the nation's progress and harmony.



The Commandant also administered a pledge to all participants, reaffirming their commitment to uphold national unity and contribute toward strengthening the fabric of the nation. Teachers and students took part in the run with great zeal and enthusiasm, symbolizing their shared dedication to the values of brotherhood, peace, and unity. The 90 Bn CRPF reiterated its commitment to honoring India's great leaders and continuing efforts to promote the ideals that keep the nation united and strong.

Mega Awareness Camp-cum-Loan Mela Held at GDC Women's Baramulla

■ HT NEWS DESK

BARAMULLA, NOV 01: A Mega Awareness Camp-cum-Loan Mela was today organized by the J&K Women's Development Corporation (JKWDC), sponsored by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Baramulla, at Government Degree College (Women), Baramulla.

Managing Director JKWDC, Ms. Purnima Mittal, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Principal GDC (Women) Baramulla, Ms. Neelofar Bhat, attended as the Guest of Honour. Both dignitaries were warmly welcomed by District Manager JKWDC Baramulla-Kupwara, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Wani, along with his team.

Mr. Gh. Nabi Kataria, District Manager SC/ST Corporation, was also present on the occasion.

During the event, awareness was raised about various welfare and self-employment schemes implemented by JKWDC and NMDFC aimed at empowering women, particularly those belonging to minority communities. Thousands of students, ICDS workers, and local women entrepreneurs participated in the pro-



gramme, making it a grand success.

Both Ms. Purnima Mittal and Ms. Neelofar Bhat shared valuable insights and information with the participants, encouraging women to take advantage of government schemes for their economic independence.

Adding colour to the event, students of the college presented vibrant cultural performances, showcasing local talent and enthusiasm.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants and stakeholders for their active involvement in promoting women's empowerment and financial inclusion.

Javid Dar visits Kulgam, launches stocking of imported Brown Trout Seed

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 01: Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar today visited Kulgam and launched stocking of imported Brown Trout seed across various streams of Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking after the launch, the Minister highlighted immense potential of trout farming in the region, noting that it can play significant role in boosting local economy and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.

He emphasized that the Government is promoting aquaculture and self-employment avenues



aimed at empowering youth and strengthening the economy through innovative livelihood initiatives.

During the launch, the Minister was informed that around 3 lakh imported Brown Trout seeds from Denmark, developed and reared at the Trout Hatchery in Tchanser Kulgam, will now be stocked across different streams of Jammu and Kashmir to enhance fish production.

DDC Chairperson, Kulgam, Mohammad Afzal Parrey; MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroze; Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan; Director Fisheries Abdul Majeed Tak and other senior officers from the district administration and Fisheries department were also present on the occasion.

Bhaderwah: Distribution of sanitary napkins held at village Thanala to promote menstrual hygiene

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

DODA, NOVEMBER 01: Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (Sankalp HEW) and One Stop Centre (OSC), under the guidance of the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), organised a menstrual hygiene awareness programme today at Thanala, Bhaderwah.

During the event sanitary napkins were distributed among women and adolescent girls. The initiative aimed to promote safe menstrual practices and eliminating the stigma associated with menstruation,



particularly in rural areas.

During the programme, participants were sensitised about the importance of maintaining menstrual hygiene including regular changing of sanitary pads and proper disposal to prevent infections and health complications.

The team also highlighted the importance of educating adolescent girls about their menstrual cycle and encouraging open conversations to foster awareness and confidence.

Myths and misconceptions related to menstruation were addressed to develop a healthy and informed mindset within the community.

The session also raised awareness about various government schemes aimed at improving women's health and welfare, motivating them to benefit from these initiatives. Residents of the area participated enthusiastically, acknowledging the significance of adopting hygienic menstrual practices. The initiative not only provided essential supplies but also empowered women and girls with vital knowledge and dignity.

"Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" program held at Sports Stadium Doda

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

DODA, NOVEMBER 01: District Administration Doda in collaboration with Shaheen Educational Trust, organised a grand event at Sports Stadium Doda to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) and commemorate the Birth Anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai



Patel.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and SSP Sandeep Mehta. The event witnessed a glittering display of Tiranga by lighting 3,000 lamps symbolising unity, peace and national integrity.

The lamps, illuminated by SSP, ADC Doda, ACD Doda, Officers of 10RR, senior government functionaries and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce & Industries Doda, marked the grand celebration of national unity.

Students from Shaheen Public Higher Secondary School and other institutions, besides PariShaw learners enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. The DC and SSP highlighted Sardar Patel's tremendous contribution in uniting India and called upon students and citizens to remain committed to nation-building, unity and social harmony. They encouraged youth to contribute actively to society and work collectively towards making India a developed nation.

Chairman of Shaheen Educational Trust and Managing Director of Shaheen Public Higher Secondary School Hafizullah Khurwani expressed gratitude to the District Administration, participating schools, volunteers and the public. He emphasised the pivotal role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in unifying the nation, reiterating the message of unity, patriotism and collective responsibility in strengthening India.

This unique celebration marks the first-ever event in Jammu & Kashmir by a private Educational Institution from Doda to light thousands of lamps in honour of National Unity Day.

District Admin Budgam Intensifies Voter Awareness through Nukad Nataks, Rallies, and Information Drives

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 1: As part of the ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, the District Administration Budgam, in collaboration with the School Education Department Budgam, today organised a series of voter awareness activities in Gogo and Humhama areas identified as low voter turnout pockets in the district.

The initiatives aimed to enhance voter awareness, promote ethical voting, and encourage greater participation in the upcoming electoral process.

The day-long programmes included Nukad Nataks (street plays), voter awareness rallies, distribution of informative pamphlets, and the instal-



lation of hoardings and banners carrying key messages on the importance of voting. Students, teachers, and local residents participated enthusiastically, pledging to cast their votes responsibly and motivate others to do the same.

Through engaging performances and interactive sessions, participants

were sensitized about the power of the vote, the importance of informed and ethical participation, and the role of each citizen in strengthening democracy.

On the occasion, officials from the District Administration emphasized that such outreach initiatives are essential for bridging voter awareness gaps and ensuring inclusive participation across all areas of Budgam. They reiterated the commitment of the administration to make the electoral process accessible, transparent, and participatory.

The programme witnessed active coordination between the Education Department, Electoral staff, and local institutions, reflecting the collaborative spirit of the SVEEP mission to build a vibrant and informed electorate in Budgam.

Srinagar Admin Organizes Training Programme for School, College Teachers on Student Counselling and Drug Prevention

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 01:- As part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the District Administration Srinagar on Saturday organized a training programme for Schools and Colleges Teachers on identification and counselling of students to prevent drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free life. The teachers were trained by the experts of IMHANS, SMHS Srinagar.

The programme was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, who attended as the Chief Guest here at Sri Pratap College.

While Superintendent of Police, Umar Shah; Joint Commissioner SMC, Suhail-ul-Islam; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; District Social Welfare Officer, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad; Principal, S.P. College, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Sheikh, HOD IMHANS, Dr. Yasir along with other Resource Persons, Experts, and Teachers from Higher Secondary Schools and Degree Colleges of the District were present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of the

day-long training and orientation programme, aimed at equipping teachers with the knowledge, skills and understanding required to effectively respond to the growing challenge of substance abuse.

He emphasized that the teachers trained under the programme will serve as brand ambassadors in saving youth from the menace of drugs. The DC said the trained teachers will now act as vital assets to society, equipped to identify early signs of drug abuse, implement intervention strategies and provide counselling and motivation to affected students. He noted that the trained staff will also help train other staff members on the techniques shared by the resource persons during the programme.

The DC further underlined that the true impact of this initiative lies in transforming awareness into action through teachers, ultimately helping to safeguard youth and society as a whole from the ill effects of drugs.

On the occasion, the Superintendent of Police elaborated on the legal aspects and enforcement measures in place to curb drug



trafficking and substance abuse, and called for active public cooperation in the fight against this social menace.

The Joint Commissioner, SMC also highlighted the collective responsibility of society and the administration in addressing the

issue of drug abuse and creating a supportive environment for youth.

Earlier, Principal S.P. College extended a warm welcome to all participants.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner distributed Certificates of Appreciation among the Resource persons and Certificates of Participation among the trainee Teachers from Higher Secondary Schools and Degree College of Srinagar District.

During the event, Resource persons and Experts stressed the crucial role of teachers in the early detection of behavioural changes among students and the importance of timely counselling and awareness. Participants were sensitized about various government initiatives and community-based approaches to combat substance abuse.

The DC appreciated the efforts of all participating institutions and reaffirmed the District Administration's commitment to continue collaborative efforts with the education sector to achieve the goals of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by the District Social Welfare Officer.

71 PMGSY projects completed in Kishtwar District, work on 46 in progress

DC emphasises timeline completion, adherence to quality standards

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of road infrastructure projects being executed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) across all sub-divisions of the district.

During the meeting, the Executive Engineers (PMGSY) briefed the Deputy Commissioner on the current status,

physical achievements and challenges encountered in the execution of various projects. A detailed PowerPoint presentation was also given outlining project-wise progress and timelines.

It was informed that in Division Kishtwar, out of 99 sanctioned projects, 58 have been completed, while work on 41 are in progress. In Marwah Division, 13 out of 21 schemes are complete and work on 5 others is underway.

The DC took a detailed review of the road projects taken up



under different phases of PMGSY implementation, including the road projects from Gahan to Chandali, Ikhal to Lopara, Margi to Sukhnai, Cherji to Semna Bhata, Hidyat to Hargadi, Afani to Jar, Shashoo to Sazar, Shiwas to Ongayee, Atholi to

Palali and Kandni to Ohli, among others. The progress of bridge projects taken up under the scheme was also reviewed.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the PMGSY engineers to ensure timely completion of all works while maintaining strict

quality standards. He directed them to take disciplinary action, including blacklisting against non-performing contractors. He directed the Engineers to submit the list of contractors who have abandoned or delayed works, so that appropriate action can be

initiated against them.

Emphasizing the importance of environmental protection, the DC directed the Executive Engineers to ensure proper disposal of muck at identified locations to avoid any damage to forest areas during the construction.

He strictly directed to safeguard forest land during the execution of works and stressed the need to undertake plantation drives along road alignments to maintain ecological balance.

Reiterating the district administration's zero-tolerance

policy towards substandard work, the DC underscored the need for rigorous quality monitoring and accountability to ensure durable, sustainable and environmentally responsible rural connectivity in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Idrees Ione; CPO Akhil Thakur; Ex-En PMGSY Kishtwar Rajesh Sharma; Ex-En PMGSY Marwah, DFO Kishtwar, AEEs besides other Officers and Concerned Staff.

Satish Sharma lays foundation stone for upgradation of playfield at Dooru Verinag

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ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 01: In a major stride towards the holistic development of sports infrastructure in South Kashmir, Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, IT, Transport, Satish Sharma today laid the foundation stone for the pgradation of the Playfield at Dooru Verinag here.

MLA Dooru, G. A. Mir; Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul; senior officers of Youth Services and Sports Department, local representatives, and large gathering of locals, students, and budding sportspersons were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said that the Government is steadfast in its mission to transform Jammu and Kashmir into a vibrant hub of sports activity by ensuring state-of-the-art infrastructure at the grassroots level. He emphasized that sports not only foster discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being but also empower youth to lead meaningful and purpose-



driven lives.

"The vision of Government is to ensure that every district and

block has quality sports infrastructure so that our youth can train, compete, and excel at state, na-

tional, and international levels," the Minister remarked. He further assured that Verinag's upgraded playfield will serve as a cornerstone for nurturing young talent in the area and inspire greater participation in games and fitness activities.

In his address, MLA Dooru, G. A. Mir expressed gratitude to the Minister for prioritizing aspirations of youth of Dooru Shahabad. He said the upgraded facility will not only enhance sports culture in the area but also contribute to the overall well-being and social development of the younger generation.

Pertinently, the upgraded playfield will feature modern turfing, boundary fencing, spectator stands, changing rooms, and other amenities essential for hosting inter-school, inter-district, and regional-level tournaments. The project has been conceived to provide a safe, inclusive, and well-equipped environment for sports enthusiasts across the area and after completion it is expected to become a vibrant centre for sporting excellence and youth engagement in Verinag area.

PCCF inaugurates Technical Workshop for Preparation of APOs for 2026-27 at Dachigam

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 01: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Suresh Kumar Gupta today inaugurated a Day-long technical workshop for preparation of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) for the financial year 2026-27 at NIC Dachigam.

The workshop was aimed to guide the implementing Agencies in preparation of scientific, output oriented and people centric APO for the next financial year.

The PCCF stressed on having meaningful consultation with panchayats in formulation of APOs so that the demands of local communities for fodder, medicinal plants and firewood and other forest produce are met from CAMPAA plantation closures. He also stressed on making scientific proposals in accordance with the working plan prescriptions.

The PCCF also released two booklets viz. "CAMPAA Success stories, The Seeds of Hope" and "Forest Fire Management Plan of JV Forest Division".

Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the significance of Compensatory Afforestation Management and Funding Agency (CAMPAA) in Rehabilitation of degraded forests, Soil and moisture conservation practices, Forest Fire Management, Human Wildlife Conflict management, Conservation of protected areas and Biodiversity projects. PCCF directed the implementing agencies to prepare APOs as per the CAMPAA guidelines.

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Kashmir, Irfan Rasool Wani in his address highlighted the achievements made under CAMPAA since its inception in the year 2010-11. He inferred that under CAMPAA 18000 hectares of degraded forest land has been treated so far with planting of 2.25 crore quality saplings. He said, Forest Department has also established 56 nurseries with an annual plant production potential of 75 lakh conifer and broadleaved plants.



He stressed on improving the survival percentage of planted saplings with focus on economically viable plants, diversification of species and modernization of nurseries.

Chief executive officer CAMPAA, Dr. K.S. Jaychandran advised the implementing agencies to prepare Technically correct APO's within the prescribed timelines with focus on greening activities, soil and moisture conservation works and other ancillary activities. He asked the forest officers to adopt landscape and watershed approach in the treatment of forest areas in a holistic manner.

The workshop showcased various success stories of CAMPAA presented by respective Conservators of Forests of respective Forest Circles.

Field officers including DFOs also spoke on quality plant production and modern practices in nursery management, development of muck dumping sites, Forest Fire management and Habitat improvement for Wildlife and Management of Human Animal Conflict.

The workshop concluded with a brainstorming panel discussion involving all participating officers.

Officers from different departments including Forest Protection Force, Social Forestry, Wildlife and other sister departments also participated in the technical workshop.

ADDC Shopian Reviews progress under HADP and JKCIP

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SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 1: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone today presided over a comprehensive review meeting to take stock of the progress under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and JKCIP here at the Mini Secretariat.

The meeting aimed to assess the progress of various ongoing initiatives and projects being implemented under various flagship programmes to boost the agricultural and allied sectors in the district.

While reviewing the sector-wise progress, ADDC emphasized the need for effective inter-departmental coordination and convergence of resources to ensure time-bound and result-oriented implementation of all components of HADP and JKCIP.

The ADDC highlighted that these programmes are designed to bring a transformative change in the agriculture ecosystem by integrating modern technologies, ensuring sustainable livelihood opportunities and enhancing farmer's income through diversification and value addition.

He stressed upon the officers to strengthen the Krishi Kalyan Goshtis (KKGs) across all panchayats, ensuring the active participation of farmers, PRIs and extension workers.

The meeting also discussed issues related to infrastructure development, credit linkage, marketing of agri-produce and convergence of departmental resources under JKCIP. The ADDC assured full administrative support to remove bottlenecks and expedite implementation.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Lead District Manager, Area Marketing Officer, besides representatives from Fisheries, Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry and other concerned.

ADC Handwara Chairs Grievance Redressal Camp at Hachmarg

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HANDWARA, NOVEMBER 1: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, today chaired a grievance redressal programme at Panchayat Ghar Hachmarg in Sub-Division Handwara.

During the programme, the ADC along with officers from various departments

listened patiently to the issues and grievances raised by the local residents. Several matters were resolved on the spot after due discussion and directions from the ADC to the concerned officers.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Handwara urged the general public to actively participate in these weekly grievance redressal programmes, as they provide an important platform for people to voice their concerns and demands at their doorsteps.

Bringing advanced medical care closer to people

322 Surgeries performed at Multispecialty Camps held across Kathua District

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KATHUA, NOVEMBER 1: Marking a major stride towards strengthening healthcare accessibility and outreach, a series of Mega Multispecialty Surgery Camps were successfully organized across Kathua district from October 27 to 31, 2025, bringing advanced medical care closer to the people.

The initiative was held under the leadership of the Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha and the guidance of the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar.

The camps were held in collaboration with Rotary International led by Dr Dushyant Chaudhary, reflecting a strong partnership between the administration and voluntary organizations in extending healthcare benefits to the community.

The camps were conducted under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh



Sharma, Director Health Services Jammu, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar, Principal GMC Kathua, Dr Surinder Attri and Chief Medical Officer Kathua, Dr Vijay Raina, ensuring quality healthcare services through effective coordination and teamwork among medical professionals and support staff.

Organized at Government Medical College Kathua, CHC Basohli, CHC Bani and CHC Nagri Parole, the Mega Camps offered specialized surgical services in Ophthalmology, Gynecology, Orthopedics and General Surgery, catering to hundreds of patients from far-flung and rural areas of the district.

The objective of these camps was to provide free aid to high-end surgical interventions to the underprivileged sections of society, particularly to those residing in far-off and isolated areas who often face difficulties in accessing advanced medical care. The initiative was a part of District Admin-

istration Kathua's resolve to deliver quality healthcare at the doorsteps of people who cannot afford expensive medical treatments and surgeries.

Over the course of five days, a team of expert doctors performed 322 surgeries, including 156 cataract operations, significantly improving the quality of life of patients and ensuring timely access to specialized medical interventions.

The successful conduct of the Mega Camps reflects the robust coordination between the District Administration and the Health Department, showcasing the government's commitment to providing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to all sections of society.

The initiative has been widely appreciated by beneficiaries and local residents, who hailed it as a landmark step towards comprehensive and inclusive healthcare delivery in Kathua district.

Pulwama Celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with Awareness Session at Aripal

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PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 01: As part of the nationwide celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025, the District Administration Pulwama today organised an awareness session at Aripal to honour the rich legacy, culture, and invaluable contributions of tribal communities.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local tribal representatives, students, and community members.

On the occasion rich tributes were paid tributes to the legendary tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda and the pivotal role played by tribal communities in India's freedom struggle and nation-building was also highlighted

On the occasion, various government departments including Health, Education, Rural Development, Agriculture, Horticulture,



Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Forest, and

others set up informative stalls. These stalls facilitated real-time beneficiary registration, on-spot enrolments, and provided personalised consultations regarding welfare and livelihood schemes.

Adding vibrancy to the programme, cultural performances depicting tribal art, music, and traditions captivated the audience and reflected the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities.

The awareness programme forms part of a series of activities being organised across the district to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

The District Administration has chalked out a fortnight-long schedule of events to be held in various tribal blocks of the district to celebrate and promote awareness about the achievements, heritage, and rights of tribal communities.

District Admin Shopian organises exposure visit under Youth Engagement Programme

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SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 01: District Administration Shopian today organised an exposure visit for 25 youth of the district to the Industrial Estates Gargen and Aglar under the Youth Engagement Programme. During the visit, the participants were familiarized with processes and operations of various manufacturing and service-based Industries operating within these industrial estates.

They gained valuable insights into the supply chain mechanisms and functioning of diverse industrial units.

The participants were also exposed to horticulture-based Industries at Industrial Estate Aglar, where they obtained valuable insights into Controlled Atmosphere (CA) stores, grading and packing lines, as well as the manufacturing of packaging materials including cardboard cartons and fruit trays.

The visit also provided an opportunity for the youth to interact with successful industrial unit holders, who shared their entrepreneurial experiences and success stories, inspiring participants to explore self-employment avenues and innovation in local industries.

HT EDITORIAL

Water transport may be a reality in Srinagar soon

In a significant development the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Jammu & Kashmir government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the urban water transport system in Srinagar. This water transport system has been modelled on the lines of Kochi water metro. The step is likely to decongest the transport system in Srinagar and provide alternate means of transport to the people who wish to move from one destination to another in the district.

The MoU was signed by Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir and Chief Engineer (Transport & Logistics) IWAI. The MoU outlines a comprehensive framework for collaboration in developing and promoting an integrated, water-based urban transport network connecting key destinations along Dal Lake and Jhelum. The initiative aims to ease traffic congestion, enhance intra-city connectivity and promote sustainable, eco-friendly mobility within Srinagar. Under the agreement, the J&K government will provide administrative and logistical support, including necessary clearances, land acquisition and development of allied infrastructure.

It will also ensure efficient first and last mile connectivity, integrating the water metro into the broader urban transport ecosystem of the union territory. The IWAI will provide technical expertise and guidance for the project, oversee maintenance of navigational channels and aids and facilitate capacity-building programmes for inland water transport personnel. It will also ensure navigation safety and adoption of modern operational systems. The proposed Rs. 900 crore project envisions establishing water transport connectivity through electric-hybrid boats for local passenger movement—featuring five routes with 10 terminals on Dal Lake and two routes with eight terminals on Jhelum.

This collaboration marks a major stride toward developing a reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible public transport system in Srinagar. The project is expected to enhance urban mobility, boost tourism and create new livelihood opportunities by introducing a modern, sustainable mode of transport. A similar inland water transport model is also being explored for Jammu, reflecting the government's broader vision to harness the potential of the region's waterways for integrated urban transport development. It is expected that both Srinagar and Jammu would become models of water transport systems in the country.

More than a decade back then the government of Jammu & Kashmir had formulated a plan to introduce water transport in the Srinagar city. For reasons best known to the people at helm the idea was dropped and as such this means of transport could not be introduced in the summer capital of the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

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Blossoming Kashmir: A Culture of Flowers and Home Gardens



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Modern techniques like grafting and genetic engineering have expanded the range of available plant varieties. For instance, genetic engineering has produced fascinating hybrids such as the "pomato," a combination of tomato and potato. These innovations strengthen the horticulture, floriculture, and agriculture sectors, providing better yields and profitability.

In the Kashmir Valley, every season brings a new wave of beauty. After the vibrant tulips of spring, winter now welcomes the colorful chrysanthemums. Over the past few months, these flowers have been cultivated in abundance, showcasing a variety of hues and forms that not only enhance the landscape but also contribute significantly to the valley's economy. Every Kashmiri should nurture a love for flowers. Each household can maintain a small garden with new and diverse varieties. This habit offers countless benefits—fresh oxygen, natural fragrance, peace of mind, and a soothing environment that encourages families to enjoy their mornings and evenings surrounded by nature. Home Gardens: A Natural Oxygen Factory Kashmir's natural vegetation stretches from lofty mountains and plateaus to meadows and riverbanks, rich with herbs, shrubs, and grasses. Nature itself cherishes beauty, and we see picturesque scenes across every corner of the region. Modern techniques like grafting and genetic engineering have expanded the range of available plant varieties. For instance, genetic engineering has produced fascinating hybrids such as the "pomato," a combination of tomato and potato. These innovations strengthen the horticulture, floriculture, and agriculture sectors, providing better yields and profitability. Floriculture: Beauty with Economic Value Floriculture, or flower farming, plays a crucial role in economic development. It focuses on cultivating and marketing ornamental plants and flowers. Like other industries, floriculture generates employment and supports innovation through techniques like grafting and budding. This field holds immense potential for Kashmir's youth, offering opportunities in design, farming, marketing, and export. Vase or Flower Bed: Choosing the Right Option Vase arrangements are convenient and elegant, though they require regular care—watering,



pruning, and protection during harsh winters. Flower beds, on the other hand, create more natural and striking displays. By planting flowers in ascending height order, every bloom becomes visible, enhancing the beauty of the garden. Selecting the Best Flowers and Plants Different people have different preferences. Some love medicinal plants such as aloe vera and rose, while others focus purely on ornamental beauty. Roses are a great choice—they bloom every 6–8 weeks, often lasting into winter, and also help prevent soil erosion. Popular seasonal choices like hamish bahar and chrysanthemums give gardens an enchanting look. Among the attractive plants are plum, cypress, golden cypress, Italian cypress, peach blossom trees, and Canadian maple. The choice depends on the available space and climate conditions. Garden Maintenance and Sustainability Regular watering, appropriate use of fertilizers (cow dung or mild chemical fertilizers), and consistent maintenance are vital for healthy gardens. Flower lovers should install a 500–1000-liter water tank to ensure supply during droughts. Gardens enhance the beauty of our sur-

roundings, provide oxygen, reduce carbon dioxide, and promote overall well-being. During peak summer, the sight and aroma of blooming flowers relax the mind and uplift the spirit. Health and Employment Benefits. A well-maintained home garden becomes a companion for morning and evening walks, offering a peaceful environment for those unable to go outdoors frequently. Walking for 30–60 minutes on green surfaces improves physical and mental health. The gardening and floriculture sectors also create employment opportunities for skilled youth. Government administration should support this field by providing subsidized seedlings, training centers, and awareness programs to help gardeners learn modern techniques and boost production. Access to Plants and Seedlings. The best time to start planting is from mid-February. Fresh and high-quality varieties can be purchased from leading nurseries near the Botanical Garden in Srinagar, Tengpora Bypass, and main city markets across Kashmir.

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The Examination of Tiny Minds: Admission or Discouragement?



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It is truly astonishing and heartbreaking to hear that even today, admissions in our educational institutions, particularly in primary schools, are being denied simply because small children fail to answer a few questions posed by the "admissions body." What kind of cruelty is this, and what sorrow must we feel for the thinking of those individuals who gamble with a child's future based on such illogical criteria!

Where Did the Core Purpose of Education Go?

The purpose of a school is to provide the knowledge that a child does not possess. School is the place where a child first receives social training, where they are taught to read, write, and understand the world. If a child already knows the answers to all the questions, what is the need for them to be admitted to a school?

To expect these children, who are typically between the ages of three and five, to know General Knowledge or complex concepts is outright excessive and unjust. Their minds are still like raw clay that needs expert hands. Denying their admission merely because they gave wrong answers to a few questions is not only an injustice to the child but also an insult to the fundamental purpose of teachers and the educational system itself.

Mourning the "Wisdom" of the Admissions Body

The pity is directed at the "wisdom" of the people appointed to the admissions committees. Are they unaware that, psychologically, a small child feels fear and pressure in a strange environment, in front of unfamiliar people? Many inher-



ently intelligent and capable children, due to nervousness, are unable to answer even simple questions. Will you dismiss their natural ability based solely on that single moment of hesitation?

This attitude, in reality, promotes business rather than education. It is the elitist mindset that presumes only children from affluent families are "worthy of admission," having been prepped by expensive tutors and preparation courses by their parents. This is tantamount to shutting the doors on bright children from lower and middle classes who are unable to even climb the first step of school.

What Should Be the Right Criteria for Questions? The admissions committee should assess the child's soft skills and social readiness rather than testing their intelligence, memory, or information:

- Communication and Understanding: Can the child articulate their thoughts clearly?
- Physical Coordination: Can they walk,

move, and grasp objects with their hands?

- Parental Interest: Are the parents committed and ready to cooperate for the child's education?
- These are the fundamental criteria upon which the admission of young children should depend, not on rote learning.

An Appeal to the Government and School Management

We strongly appeal to the school administrations and the concerned government authorities to immediately abolish this inhumane and anti-educational admission procedure. School should not be a place of fear but a source of knowledge and a home of hope. Every child has the right to learn, and no child's admission should be denied merely because they failed to answer a few questions. Admit the child so they may gain knowledge, not because they are already.

A Reader's Reflections: Appreciating LitStream's Literary Excellence



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As a regular reader of LitStream, I eagerly anticipate each new edition, and the latest issue did not disappoint. The wealth of literary gems it presented was truly captivating, showcasing the richness and diversity of our literary heritage. In this article, I'd like to share my reflections on the various aspects of this publication that resonated with me.

A Captivating Article: Queen Habba Khatun

Prof. Aslam's exclusive write-up on Queen Habba Khatun, a historical figure recently making headlines, was particularly engaging. As someone with limited knowledge of literature and literary trends, I found the article informative and insightful, offering a delightful

glimpse into her life and legacy. The author's meticulous research and thoughtful analysis brought this fascinating figure to life, and I appreciated the way the article contextualized her significance in our cultural heritage.

Poetry that Resonates

The poetry section was equally impressive, featuring the works of Dr. Tripathi and Ali Shaista. Their poems masterfully captured life's essence, resonating deeply with me. It's a testament to poetry's power to evoke emotions and connect with readers on a profound level. The poets' ability to convey complex emotions and ideas through simple yet powerful language is truly remarkable.

Translation: A Delicate Art

I appreciated the translation of Shabnum Sahab's Kashmiri afsana, although I felt it could have captured the original's essence more effectively. As someone who values the art of translation, I believe that a good translation should be a form of trans-creation or trans-crispion, conveying the original's spirit rather than just literal meaning. Translation is a delicate art that requires a deep understanding of both languages and cultures.



Prof. Aslam's Notable Translation

In contrast, Prof. Aslam's translation

of my own Kashmiri verses was outstanding. As Prof. Shouq aptly puts it, "English version of Rafeeq Masoodi's Kashmiri verses by Prof. Aslam are very very near to original & if Prof. Aslam had not mentioned the para above all poems of Masoodi, they would look absolutely Original." This speaks volumes about Prof. Aslam's skill as a translator, and I'm grateful for his efforts in bringing my work to a wider audience.

Appreciation and Encouragement

I'd like to extend my appreciation to the Editor, Chief, and all contributors of LitStream for their hard work and dedication to promoting literary excellence. It's heartening to see a platform that showcases our literary talent and provides a space for readers to engage with meaningful content. To the LitStream team, I say keep up the fantastic work! Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I look forward to reading future editions.

In conclusion, LitStream is a valuable resource for anyone interested in literature and poetry. I appreciate its commitment to showcasing the best of our literary heritage and look forward to seeing more issues in the future.

Greetings of the day, and best wishes for continued literary success!

Military-Civil Fusion, The Art of War



M S Nazki

Someone asked me what is differential calculus? Though I was not good at maths and physics I still wondered what the question was all about!

My answer was on the ball!

Differential calculus is a branch of mathematics that studies the rate of change of functions. It was invented independently in the late 1600s by Sir Isaac Newton and Girlfriend Wilhelm Leibniz.

It is the branch of mathematics that studies the rates at which quantities change, with a focus on the concept of the derivative, which measures the instantaneous rate of change of a function.

It is used to find the slope of a curve at a specific point, solve problems involving non-constant rates, and determine maximum and minimum values of functions.

I'm sure that GOC 26 Div Maj Gen Mukesh Bhanwala must be knowing the same!

The Art of War contains principles that align with the broader concept of leveraging a nation's entire resources for military advantage, which is a core idea behind modern MCF strategies (That is of PLA). But I have a fair amount of knowledge as far as Art of war goes! -Sun Tzu's Principles Related to Resource Integration:

The general concept of using all state resources efficiently to avoid prolonged, costly warfare is central to Sun Tzu's philosophy. Relevant ideas from The Art of War include:

Avoiding prolonged war and resource exhaustion: "There is no instance of a nation benefitting from prolonged warfare." He emphasizes that a protracted campaign drains the state's resources and cripples the populace. This highlights the need to use all available resources efficiently and decisively to secure a quick victory.

Forging on the enemy: Sun Tzu advises, "Bring war material with you from home, but forage on the enemy... Each pound of food taken from the enemy is equivalent to twenty pounds you provide by yourself". This illustrates the principle of leveraging external resources to preserve one's own, a form of total resource utilization.

The importance of the "Moral Law" and the "State": Sun Tzu states, "The art of war, then, is governed by five constant factors... These are The Moral Law, Heaven, Earth, The Commander, and Method and Discipline". The "Moral Law" (or Dao in Chinese) refers to the alignment of the people's will with the ruler's, so they will follow him to death without fear.

This implies integrating the civil populace's spirit and loyalty with the military's mission, a crucial aspect of national power.

Unification of forces and national spirit: "He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks". This can be interpreted as aligning the entire nation (civilian and military) towards a common goal. Using all instruments of national power: Modern strategic thought interprets Sun Tzu's focus

on non-kinetic methods (e.g., diplomacy, deception, strategy) as leveraging all instruments of national power, not just the military.

While Sun Tzu did not use the phrase "Military-Civil Fusion," his work advocates for the efficient and total use of a state's human, economic, and technological potential to achieve victory with minimal cost, an underlying theme of modern MCF policies.

Carl von Clausewitz integrated civilians into his theory of war primarily through his concept of the "wonderful trinity" and his discussions of "people's war" (guerrilla warfare).

The "Wonderful Trinity"

Clausewitz's most famous model for the nature of war is the "wonderful trinity," which describes war as a complex interaction of three dominant tendencies: Primordial violence, hatred, and animosity (blind instinct), which largely concern the people.

The play of probabilities and chance (a free activity of the soul), which is the domain of the commander and his army.

The element of reason and policy, which is primarily the responsibility of the government.

In this framework, the civilian population is explicitly identified as the source of the passion, enthusiasm, and national animosity that can vitalize and energize the war effort. The degree to which these emotions are aroused influences the intensity and nature of the war.

Here we will tell you what happened? But before that a short story from Imphal?

This explores a challenging theme within a complex social setting, drawing inspiration from the general context of life in conflict-affected regions like Manipur.

The evening mist settled over the Loktak Lake, blurring the edges of the floating phumdis. For Leima, the mist was a metaphor for her life in Imphal, where the lines between peace and conflict, love and duty, were constantly shifting. Her days were spent helping at her mother's stall in the bustling Ima Market, her nights dreaming of a life less complicated than the one offered by her beautiful, yet troubled, homeland.

One day, amidst the cacophony of the market, a new face caught her eye. Captain Aryan Singh, a recent transfer to an army unit stationed nearby, was navigating the vibrant chaos with a look of respectful curiosity. Their first interaction was brief—a simple query about local handlooms—but the connection was immediate. Over the next few weeks, Aryan found excuses to visit the market, and Leima, against her better judgment, found herself drawn to his steady presence and kind eyes. They began meeting secretly, at the ancient Kangla Fort or by the serene Waithou Lake, away from the prying eyes of a society where trust was a rare commodity.

Leima knew the risks. The relationship between local communities and the armed forces in Manipur was fraught with tension and a history of mutual suspicion. Her own family had reservations about the army's presence, a sentiment common in the region.

Aryan, for his part, was deeply aware of the complexities of his posting, caught between his duty to the nation and the local grievances he encountered daily.

He often spoke of the difficult balance the army tried to maintain, operating without legal cover in some areas and facing constant challenges from various armed groups and disinformation campaigns.

Their love grew in the shadows of this conflict. They shared stories of their worlds: Aryan, of life across the country, of duty and sacrifice; Leima, of the rich his-

tory of Manipur, its vibrant culture, and the quiet resilience of its people.

They were two souls from different realities, finding solace in each other's company, a fragile bubble of peace in a turbulent environment.

Then came the night the bubble burst. Tensions in the region flared after a local incident. The army was put on high alert, and Aryan's movements became even more restricted.

Their last meeting was hurried and tense. He spoke of the dangers, the constant threat of violence, and the possibility of being moved to a more active zone. Leima spoke of her fear, the whispers she heard in the market about "outsiders" and the disapproval of her community. The challenges seemed insurmountable.

A week later, news spread of a heavy exchange of fire during a counter-insurgency operation. Leima, frantic with worry, scoured the local news for details. It wasn't Aryan's unit involved, but the incident highlighted the brutal reality they were trying to ignore.

The fear in her heart solidified into an inescapable truth: a future together in Manipur was a near impossibility. The deep societal and political divides were too vast for their love to bridge.

Aryan was transferred shortly after, a sudden move to a new location. Their farewell was a brief, tearful phone call, a shared acknowledgment that their love story, beautiful as it was, had been a casualty of the ongoing conflict.

Leima stayed in Imphal, a part of her heart forever with the officer who saw beyond the uniform and the conflict, who saw her. She continued her life, her dreams now tinged with a quiet melancholy, a testament to a love that bloomed briefly like the rare Shirui Lily in the hills, a beautiful but fragile memory in the land of jewels.

Anyway the civil -military fusion had begun!

Military-Civil Fusion Capsule Jammu: Highlights Whole-of-Region Approach:

The Military-Civil Fusion Capsule (MCF), an initiative by Indian Army under the aegis of Tiger Division of Rising Star Corps, aimed at fostering synergy between all the stakeholders of Jammu to include the Armed Forces, Civil Administration, BSF, J&K Police, CRPF, CIS, NDRF, Intelligence agencies, Academia, Media, Ex-servicemen & NGOs concluded at Jammu on 29 Oct 2025.

The capsule was spread over ten days wherein a series of structured engagements including exchange of ideas and brain-storming sessions, familiarisation and cross establishment visits, were undertaken.

It was inaugurated on 15 October and witnessed wide participation from all the stakeholders with the objective of institutionalizing coordination from operational to grassroots levels. The initiative was to know each other's strengths, challenges and collaboration towards achieving seamless integration and coordination.

Cross-establishment visits were undertaken to Army units, IIM Jammu, IIT Jammu, the Divisional Commissioner's Office, Jammu Zone Police Headquarters, and Border Outposts, encouraging firsthand experience and focusing on operational integration. Specialized sessions during the capsule included deliberations on Perception Management and Information Operations, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Synthesis of intelligence inputs and Joint Police - Army coordination mechanisms.

The final session held at Tiger Division, included talks from eminent speakers to include Directors of IIM & IIT, Divisional Commissioner Jammu

So we arrive at the final lines, "The Quantum Thread

The concept of civil-military fusion is the seamless integration of national civilian and military resources, talent, and technology to enhance national power and security.

This story illustrates that through the bond between a civilian tech genius and a military strategist.

The Protagonists: Dr. Anya Sharma: A brilliant, headstrong civilian quantum physicist and CEO of "Nexus Dynamics," a startup focused on advanced, secure communication networks. She is driven by a desire for global connectivity and scientific advancement.

Major Arjun Singh: A disciplined, pragmatic military intelligence officer, part of a specialized unit tasked with developing cutting-edge defense strategies and integrated systems. He is dedicated to national security and the 'service before self' ethos.

Anya and Arjun's paths cross at a high-level government seminar on Civil-Military Fusion. The military is seeking a solution to a critical vulnerability in their command-and-control systems, which they believe commercial companies can help solve faster than traditional defence procurement.

Anya's company has a breakthrough in quantum entanglement technology that could provide unhackable communication, a perfect solution for the military's needs. However, the tech is still in its nascent stages, and commercializing it for defence purposes requires navigating a complex web of bureaucracy, security protocols, and ethical dilemmas.

The Fusion: Their love story unfolds against the backdrop of this high-stakes collaboration.

The Conflict: Anya is initially wary of the military's strict protocols and potential for restricting the open-source potential of her tech. Arjun, in turn, finds Anya's civilian, 'move fast and break things' approach reckless with sensitive data.

The Collaboration: They are forced to work closely on a joint project, building a secure prototype system. As they face technical challenges and external threats (from rival nations trying to steal the tech), they begin to appreciate each other's worlds.

Anya learns the necessity of discipline and security, while Arjun sees the value of rapid innovation and cross-domain expertise. The Romance: Their professional respect deepens into a powerful personal bond. Their shared late nights, intellectual sparring, and mutual dedication to a greater purpose (securing the nation while advancing technology) bridge the gap between their different spheres.

The true fusion comes when their combined "civilian energy and military strength" is put to the test. During a simulated, real-time national security crisis, a critical piece of the existing military communication infrastructure fails. They must rely on their half-finished prototype and their combined understanding of both the technology and the strategic needs to avert disaster. They succeed, demonstrating the power of their united approach.

The incident fast-tracks the adoption of civil-military fusion policies. Anya and Arjun's relationship is a symbol of this new era of cooperation. They continue to work together in a new, integrated civil-military innovation centre, proving that when the "granite walls" between silos are collapsed, a nation's strength is maximized, both professionally and personally. Their love story is a metaphor for the fusion itself: two different, seemingly incompatible worlds coming together to form a stronger, more resilient whole.

The Science of Confidence



Surinderpal Singh

The Hidden Catalyst of Human Progress and Resilience

The Confidence is a cornerstone of human psychological health and social functionality. It acts as a determinant of decision-making, performance and resilience under stress. While often confidence is perceived as an intrinsic trait but confidence is in fact, a dynamic construct influenced by neurobiology, environment and conscious training.

The Essence of Confidence

Confidence is derived from the Latin word *confidere* meaning to have full trust which is a psychological state characterized by belief in one's abilities, judgment and value. In modern psychology, confidence is defined as a self-assured state of mind rooted in realistic self-evaluation and positive expectation. It is not merely emotional exuberance; it is a cognitive and neurochemical balance that influences how individuals perceive challenges, interact socially and adapt to changing environments.

From scientific observation, confidence functions as a psychophysiological regulator: it modulates stress hormones, enhances problem-solving capabilities and optimizes emotional equilibrium. Therefore, confidence is not just a personal virtue but a biological and social necessity.

The Medical and Neurobiological Basis of Confidence

Neuroscientific studies reveal that confidence arises from the interplay of multiple brain regions—primarily the prefrontal cortex, amygdala, and anterior cingulate cortex.

The prefrontal cortex governs decision-making and self-assessment.

The amygdala regulates fear responses; balanced confidence reduces its hyperactivity.

The dopaminergic system, particularly involving the ventral striatum, reinforces feelings of competence and success, releasing dopamine upon perceived achievement.

Furthermore, hormonal influences such as serotonin, testosterone and cortisol shape confidence levels. Serotonin fosters optimism and self-assurance; testosterone enhances assertiveness, while excessive cortisol—produced under chronic stress—can erode confidence and induce anxiety or learned helplessness.

Thus, confidence represents an intricate neurochemical equilibrium—a biological readiness to act in alignment with one's perceived capabilities.

Confidence in Adverse Times: A Psychological Shield

During adversity, confidence acts as a psychological immunization. It enhances resilience, coping mechanisms, and problem-oriented behavior. Individuals with higher confidence demonstrate:

Better stress tolerance, owing to reduced cortisol secretion.

Improved decision-making, as they engage the rational centers of the brain rather than reactive ones.

Faster recovery from failures, because they interpret setbacks as temporary and instructive.

In medical terms, confidence mitigates the physiological burden of chronic stress—protecting against hypertension, depression, and immune suppression. In socio-behavioral terms, it helps individuals maintain dignity, purpose, and rational optimism even in crisis, serving as a bridge between despair and hope.

Pros and Cons of Confidence

Pros:

1. Enhanced Performance:

Confidence activates motivation circuits in the brain, leading to persistence and higher achievement.



2. Mental Health Stability:

It guards against anxiety, social withdrawal, and depressive ideation.

3. Leadership and Influence:

Confident individuals are often perceived as reliable, making them natural leaders and communicators.

4. Physiological Benefits:

Optimism and self-belief promote better heart health and lower inflammation markers.

Cons:

1. Overconfidence Bias:

Excessive confidence can distort risk perception, leading to poor decisions or arrogance.

2. Reduced Adaptability:

If confidence turns rigid, it may hinder learning from criticism or failure.

3. Social Misjudgment:

Inflated confidence can alienate peers, fostering narcissistic tendencies or dominance behaviors.

Hence, optimal confidence—not inflated self-belief—is the psychologically healthiest form.

Nature Vs Nurture:

Is Confidence Innate or Learned?

Confidence is both biological and acquired. Genetic predispositions influence temperament and baseline self-esteem. However, neuroscience and behavioral studies affirm that confidence can be cultivated through experiences, environment, and neuroplasticity.

Childhood nurturing, positive reinforcement, and secure attachment patterns develop initial confidence frameworks.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and mindfulness training can restructure neural pathways associated with self-doubt.

Skill mastery and progressive success experiences activate reward centers, strengthening the neurochemical basis of confidence over time.

Thus, confidence is not a fixed trait—it is a developable neuropsychological skill.

Transformative Power of Confidence

Confidence introduces profound changes in both personal and collective dimensions:

Individual Transformation:

It enhances creativity, social engagement and goal-directed persistence. Confident individuals demonstrate greater adaptability to new knowledge and technology.

Societal Transformation:

Collective confidence in a community fuels innovation, civic participation, and social resilience. Nations with higher psychological confidence indices tend to exhibit stronger economies and healthier populations.

Educational and Medical Outcomes:

In education, confidence predicts academic perseverance. In medicine, patient confidence improves treatment compliance and recovery rates—a phenomenon known as the self-efficacy effect.

Confidence therefore becomes a multiplier of human potential a force that transforms uncertainty into purposeful action.

The Confidence stands at the intersection of biology, psychology and social evolution. It is not merely a personality trait but a neurobiological state of readiness that determines how humans interpret and act upon life's challenges. During adversity, confidence transforms chaos into clarity, despair into determination and inertia into innovation.

While overconfidence may distort perception, balanced confidence—rooted in self-awareness and humility—remains the bedrock of human progress. Ultimately, confidence is both an instinct and an art: innate in potential, but refined through experience, knowledge and conscious cultivation.

In the ever-evolving landscape of modern life, confidence is not a luxury—it is a biological necessity, a psychological shield and the invisible force that sustains human advancement.

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Spending long hours at your desk? These common foods could protect your heart



UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: If your job keeps you glued to a chair for most of the day, you're not alone—but your heart might not be thanking you. Sitting for extended hours has long been linked to poor circulation, higher blood pressure, and increased risk of heart disease. Now, a new study by researchers at the University of Birmingham, published in *Scientific Reports*, suggests that eating certain everyday foods may help counteract the harmful cardiovascular effects of a sedentary lifestyle.

The hidden dangers of sitting too long

The average office worker spends nearly nine hours a day sitting, whether behind a computer, in meetings, or commuting. Research has shown that this prolonged inactivity can reduce blood flow, stiffen arteries, and increase plaque buildup, all of which heighten the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Even regular exercise, scientists warn, cannot fully undo the effects of excessive sitting.

A team from the University of Birmingham set out to explore a potential

dietary fix. Their findings reveal that foods rich in flavanols—natural compounds found in plants—may help maintain healthy blood vessels during long sitting periods.

Flavanol-rich foods that support heart health

1. Tea (Green and Black)

Tea, especially green and black varieties, is one of the richest sources of flavanols.

The compounds in tea help relax blood vessels and improve blood flow, reducing strain on the heart. Regular tea drinkers have been shown to have better vascular health and lower blood pressure.

2. Cocoa and Dark Chocolate

Cocoa beans contain powerful flavanols that help the body produce more nitric oxide, which widens blood vessels and enhances circulation. Choosing dark chocolate with at least 70 percent cocoa can provide these benefits while satisfying your sweet tooth.

3. Apples

Apples, particularly with their skin on, are loaded with flavanols like quercetin and catechin. These antioxidants help combat inflammation, support artery health, and can contribute to

lower cholesterol levels when eaten regularly.

4. Berries

Blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries are not only rich in flavour but also packed with heart-healthy flavanols. They help protect blood vessels from oxidative damage and improve overall circulation, making them a smart snack for desk workers.

5. Grapes

Grapes, especially dark-skinned varieties, contain flavanols that promote nitric oxide production and improve artery flexibility.

How flavanols protect your heart

Flavanols increase the availability of nitric oxide in the bloodstream, helping to relax and widen arteries, which improves oxygen delivery throughout the body. According to nutritional scientist Professor Catarina Rendeiro, this mechanism helps offset some of the vascular strain caused by long sitting hours.

She explains that drinking or eating foods high in flavanols could "mitigate some of the negative impact of sitting on the body's arteries," helping those who work desk jobs maintain better cardiovascular health.

Small dietary choices, lasting heart benefits

While standing breaks and short walks remain essential for health, researchers say dietary habits can play a meaningful role too. Simple choices, such as sipping green tea during work, swapping snacks for fruit, or indulging in a small square of dark chocolate, can help maintain healthy blood vessels and support heart function.

Experts emphasise that these foods are not a replacement for movement, but they can complement an active lifestyle and offer protection when long hours at the desk are unavoidable.

So next time your workday keeps you sitting for hours, remember—a few small, delicious tweaks to your diet could give your heart the support it needs.

Vet services warn against canine distemper disease



UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

PANAJI: The directorate of animal husbandry and veterinary services (AHVS) on Thursday alerted that cases of canine distemper, a contagious viral disease affecting dogs, were recently observed in parts of the state. The disease is caused by the canine distemper virus (CDV), which primarily affects unvaccinated or inadequately vaccinated dogs. The AHVS has therefore warned pet owners to vaccinate their dogs, as there is no specific antiviral treatment for canine distemper. However, early veterinary intervention can help manage symptoms and prevent secondary bacterial infections.

"CDV is not transmissible to human beings. The disease spreads only from dog to dog through respiratory droplets, saliva, or contact with the urine and faeces of infected animals," the AHVS said.

As the disease progresses, the virus can affect the nervous system, leading to muscle twitching or convulsions, partial or complete paralysis, head tilt, circling movements, and seizures.

"Vaccination is the most effective preventive measure for this disease. Pet owners are advised to ensure that their dogs receive timely and regular vaccination as per the veterinary schedule, avoid contact between healthy dogs and stray or visibly sick dogs, and maintain good hygiene, nutrition, and stress-free living conditions for pets," the AHVS stated.

The department has further informed that there is no specific antiviral treatment for CDV. However, early veterinary intervention can help manage symptoms and prevent secondary bacterial infections. Recovery is possible in mildly affected dogs, but advanced neurological cases often have a poor prognosis.

Public Notice

I am applying for fresh Pesticide and Fertilizer License under the name Pandith Pesticides & Fertilizers situated at Aglar Pattan. In this regard if anybody is having any objection may file the same to Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla and PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within the time period of 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Aamir Nazir Pandith, S/o Nazir Ahmad Pandith
R/o Aglar pattan, Cell No. +91 84929 25963)**

Public Notice

My son's name has been incorrectly mentioned as MOHAMMAD AATIF MALIK S/O ABDUL HAMID MALIK R/O DOULTHPORA while his correct name is MOHAMMAD ATIF MALIK S/O ABDUL HAMEED MAILK R/O DOULTHPORA as per adhar record which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his /her objection in the office of concerned authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

**Name....ABDUL HAMEED MALIK
F/O MOHAMMAD ATIF MALIK
R/O DOULTHPORA, TEHSIL....KREERI**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of SHABIR AHMAD RATHER S/O ABDUL RASHID RATHER R/O TAKIYA YOUSUF SHAH for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that FAROOQ AHMAD RATHER S /O ABDUL RASHID RATHER has passed away on 04/11/1993 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependant as tabulated below

- ... , FATIMA BEGUM Mother 80 years old aged married
- ,JAVID AHMAD Brother 52 years labour married
- ...MEHMOODA BEGUM sister 45 years H/W married
- ...MOHD ABBAS Brother 40 years labour married
-SHABIR AHMAD Brother 39 years labour married
-MUSHTAQ AHMAD Brother 33 years labour married

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

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

My son's Date of Birth has been incorrectly mentioned as 31/07/2012 while his correct Date of Birth is 31/07/2014 as per school record which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his /her objection in the office of GREEN LAND SCHOOL DAULATPORA KREERI within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

**Name....ABDUL HAMEED MALIK
F/O MOHAMMAD ATIF MALIK
R/O DOULTHPORA
DOB...31/07 /2014, TEHSIL....KREERI**

Office Of The President

JAMIA MASJID PARAPORA KUCHWA MUQAM

I president JAMIA MASJID PARAPORA KACHWA MUQAM wants to write that our Masjid committee has decided that we had previous name in our J& K BANK KALANTRA PAYEEN on name MASJID shareef Para Mohalla After that we Applied for Pancard obtained with JAMIA MASJID PARAPORA KACHWA MUQAM we want to change name as per Pan card on our JAMIA MASJID Bank Account

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NEW NAME ...JAMIA MASJID PARAPORA KACHWA MUQAM
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Public Notice

My Son's name has been wrongly written as JEHANGIR HAFEEZ S/O HAFEEZULLAH TELI in his school record while his correct name is JEHANGIR HAFIZ S/O HAFIZULLA TELI which needs to be corrected .If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his /her objection in the office of TEHSILDAR Wagoora/BDO Wagoora Within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

**Name... HAFIZULLAH TELI
F/O JEHANGIR HAFIZ
ZONE ...WAGOORA**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertaining to Birth of ZUBIDHA AKHTER D/O BASHIR AHMAD MIR R/O PUSNAG Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 02/03/1986 and event has been shown to be occured at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection.

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

ازنسیات ماگام

مضمون درخواست شیر احمد ڈار ولد غلام رسول ڈار ساکن بٹہ پورہ تحصیل ہندواڑہ نہایت حصول یگانہ بیرنگلیٹ

اشتہار بغض آگاہی ہر شخص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سال / سالہ کی درخواست دفتر خدا میں زیر سماعت ہے نہایت حصول یگانہ بیرنگلیٹ دفتر خدا میں زیر کارروائی ہے سال / سالہ کا یکنین بتاریخ **11 / 09 / 2001** کو فوت ہو چکی ہے متوفی کی یگانہ بیرنگلیٹ ہیں

1 غلام رسول ڈار ولد غلام محمد ڈار عمر **65** پیشہ مزدوری

2 ظریف بیگم زویہ عمر **63** پیشہ گھر بیگام

3 محمد یاکین پسر عمر **41** پیشہ مزدوری

4 اشفاق احمد پسر عمر **39** پیشہ مزدوری

5 شیر احمد ڈار پسر عمر **30** پیشہ مزدوری

6 سلیمہ احمد ڈار پسر عمر **26** پیشہ مزدوری

لہذا کر کے اگر کسی بھی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو اس بیرنگلیٹ کا اجراء کرنے میں تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر دفتر خدا میں پیش کریں میعاد ختم ہونے کے بعد کوئی بھی نذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

محکمہ ریاست رانہب تحصیلدار ماگام

ازنسیات ماگام

مضمون درخواست شیر احمد ڈار ولد غلام رسول ڈار ساکن بٹہ پورہ تحصیل ہندواڑہ نہایت حصول ڈیپنڈ بیرنگلیٹ

اشتہار بغض آگاہی ہر شخص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سال / سالہ کی درخواست دفتر خدا میں زیر سماعت ہے نہایت ڈیپنڈ بیرنگلیٹ دفتر خدا میں زیر کارروائی ہے سال / سالہ کا یکنین بتاریخ **11 / 09 / 2001** کو فوت ہو چکی ہے متوفی کی ڈیپنڈ بیرنگلیٹ ہیں

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محکمہ ریاست رانہب تحصیلدار ماگام

ازنسیات ماگام

مضمون پروینہ بیگم زویہ طالب حسین گو بریمیلو ساکن ماگام تحصیل ہندواڑہ نہایت حصول ایس کی بیرنگلیٹ

اشتہار بغض آگاہی ہر شخص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر سال / سالہ کی درخواست نہایت حصول ایس کی بیرنگلیٹ دفتر خدا میں زیر کارروائی ہے

1 محمد یونس ولد ستار محمد بریمیلو عمر **60** پیشہ مزدوری

2 روینہ بیگم بیوہ طالب حسین عمر **40** پیشہ گھر بیگام

3 لطیف احمد ولد طالب حسین عمر **17** پیشہ زیر تعلیم

4 جمیل احمد ولد طالب حسین عمر **15** پیشہ زیر تعلیم

اس کے علاوہ سال / سالہ کی ماہنامہ آمدنی ہے لہذا کر کے اگر کسی بھی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی نذر یا اعتراض ہو اس بیرنگلیٹ کا اجراء کرنے میں تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر دفتر خدا میں پیش کریں میعاد ختم ہونے کے بعد کوئی بھی نذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

محکمہ ریاست رانہب تحصیلدار ماگام

از دست رانہب کیلو مجسٹریٹ درج اول ماگام

مضمون درخواست عیدہ بشیر تیلی ولد بشیر احمد تیلی ساکن ماگام کی بابت تصدیق تاریخ پیدائش

اشتہار بغض آگاہی ہر شخص و عام

سائل عام کو بذریعہ اس اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ مندرجہ بالا عنوان کے تحت سائل عیدہ بشیر تیلی ولد بشیر احمد تیلی ساکن ماگام کی درخواست بابت تصدیق تاریخ پیدائش دفتر ایگرو کیلو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ماگام میں زیر سماعت ہے۔ ریکارڈ کے مطابق سال کی تاریخ پیدائش **28-02-2007** درج ہے۔ لہذا اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو اس بابت کوئی اعتراض یا عذر ہو تو وہ اس اشتہار کی اشاعت سے سات (**7**) دن کے اندر اندر دفتر ایگرو کیلو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول ماگام میں تحریری طور پر اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ میعاد ختم ہونے کے بعد موصول ہونے والا کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

محکمہ ریاست رانہب

ایگرو کیلو مجسٹریٹ درج اول ماگام

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Administration & Enforcement) Kashmir

(Excise & Taxation Complex, Solina Rambagh Srinagar – 190015)

Abbreviated Tender Notice

e-NIT No: 02 of 2025-26 | Dated: 01-11-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt Governor UT of J&K, E-tenders are invited under two bid system from the oil companies/ authorized and registered dealers for supply of High speed Diesel to Sales Tax Department, Solina, Kashmir as detailed below:

S.No	Particular of BID	Quantity (Approx)
01	Supply of High speed Diesel (HSD) for running the central Heating system during winter session of FY 2025-26.	72000 litres

- The tenderer shall have to deposit Rs 1000/= as tender fee in the shape Demand draft (DD)/CDR /FDR pledged to Accounts Officer with office of the Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department (Administration & Enforcement) Kashmir
- The tender shall be accompanied with earnest money in the shape of Demand draft (DD) /CDR of Rs 1.20 lakh (Rupees one lacs and twenty thousand only) drawn on any scheduled bank pledged to Accounts Officer with office of the Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department (Administration & Enforcement) Kashmir.

The Detailed tender document comprising of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and condition and other details can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per the scheduled dates mentioned here under.

Period of Downloading Tender Document	01-11-2025 (10:00 AM)
Tender submission date starts	01-11-2025 (10:00 am)
Last date of submission of tenders (online)	10-11-2025 (11:00 a.m)
Date of opening of tender online	10-11-2025 (12:00 Noon)

- Date of opening of Tender be considered on next working day in case of any eventuality.
- Intending eligible Tenderers may download the bid document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- For any clarification regarding any terms and condition of the Tender, tenderer may contact the office of the Administrative officer with Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department Kashmir from 01-11-2025 to 10-11-2025 during office hours.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject or cancel any Tender or all Tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

No: E-tender/2025-26/442-46 | Dated: 01-11-2025

**Sd/- Mr. Parvaiz Ahmad Raina (JKAS)
Additional Commissioner State Taxes
Department (A&E) Kashmir**

DIPK: 7705/25 | Dated: 01-11-2025

Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA), Circle Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

E-NIT 23/SE/PMGSY/S/DB , etendering 2025-26, Dated 31-10-2025 - 3rd Call

TheSuperintending Engineer, PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar on behalf of Government of UT of J&K invites the percentage rate/item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States/Central Governments

District	Package no.	Name ofthe work	EstimatedCost (Rs. Lakh)		Total (Rs. Lakh)	Tender cost Rs	Periodof Completio n	BidSecurit y (Rs. Lakh)
			Construction	Maintenance				
Ganderbal	JK16-4006	Construction and Maintenance of road L021-(Link) From Plang to Hayan via Akhal Road Km 1st Rd 780m to Panzindara , Category New, Stage Complete, Package No JK16-4006, Length = 2.60 km, Carriage way width- 3.75m Under PMGSY IV, Batch I, FY 2025-26, Block - Kangan, PMGSY Division Ganderbal	401.05	32.08	433.13	10,000/-	18 Months	8.66

- Dateofreleaseof Invitation forBidsthroughe-procurement:(dd/mm/yyyy) **01/11/2025**
- NameofWork
- MaintenancePeriod isfiveyearsfrom thecompletion Date.
- DateofissuueofNoticeInviting Bid (Date-Month-Year) **31-10-2025**
- Periodofavailability ofBiddingDocumentson website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in– From (Date-Month-Year) **01-11-2025** To (Date-Month-Year) **10-11-2025** Time upto / Hours**4:30 PM** (Date-Month-Year) **04-11-2025**
- Time,DateandPlaceofPre-bid Meeting (ifso required)Time Hours**11:30 AM**
- DeadlineforreceivingBidsonline,including on line payment of bid, security andcostofbiddocumentfromascheduled (Date-Month-Year) **10-11-2025**
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- Dateofsubmissionoforiginalaffidavit. (Date-Month-Year) **14-11-2025**
- Timeand Dateofopening ofPart-I ofthe Bid(TheTechnicalQualification Part) (Date-Month-Year) **11-11-2025** Time**10:30 AM**Hours
- Time and Date of opening of Part-II of the Bid (The Technical-Financial Part) of the Bidders whoQualify in PartI oftheBid. (Date-Month-Year) **15-11-2025** Time**10:30 AM**Hours (Or To be notified online) (Date-Month-Year) **09-02-2025**
- LastDateofBidValidity
- OfficerinvitingBids

SE/PMGSY/S/DB/e-Tendering/4996-95 | Dated: 31-10-2025

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PMGSY Circle Srinagar, Engineering Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar Kashmir

DIPK: 7681/25 | Dated: 01-11-2025

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR

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

Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar

Extension Notice 6th

Subject: Construction of 200 mm dia (DTH/ODEX) method Production Bore Well for Transit Accommodation at Migrant Colony Wandhama in District Ganderbal.

Reference: This office e-NIT No. **31-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26**, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./4787-98, dated: 13-08-2025, Tender ID No. 2025_PHE_284044_1.

Due to **“NO Response”** for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till **27-10-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM** are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	06-11-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	07-11-2025 11.00 AM

NOTE:

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

No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./10339-49 | Dated: 27-10-2025

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

DIPK: 7698/25 | Dated: 01-11-2025

Agriculture Minister inaugurates Floating Trout Feed Manufacturing Plant at Kokernag

Also lays foundation stone for NABARD-assisted Trout Fish Farming Project at Kathsoo Pahalgam

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 01: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar today visited Trout Fish Farming Project (TFFP), Kokernag and inaugurated Floating Trout Feed Manufacturing Plant/Mill, established under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.5 crores.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Kokernag, Zafar Ali Khatana; MLA, Rajpora, Gulam Mohi uddin Mir; MLA, Shangus-Anantnag East, Reyaz Ahmad

Khan; MLA Anantnag West, Abdul Majid Bhat; MLA, Pahalgam, Altaf Ahmad Wani; Director Fisheries, J&K, Abdul Majid Tak and other senior officers of the Agriculture Production and Mechanical Engineering and allied departments.

Significantly, the newly established plant has a production capacity of 400 kilograms per hour, aimed at catering to the growing requirement of quality feed for trout farming across the region.

Following the inauguration, the Minister inspected Kokernag Trout Fish Farm, where he was briefed about the ongoing trout cultivation activities and mod-



ern techniques being adopted for enhancing production. He also inspected the breeding sec-

tion of the farm and interacted with officials and fish farmers. Later, the Minister visited

Kathsoo, Pahalgam and laid foundation stone of NABARD-Assisted Trout Fish Farming

Project. During the visit, he interacted with fish farmers and

beneficiaries, seeking their feedback and suggestions for promoting sustainable fish farming practices. He also inspected the ongoing works under the project.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of these events, the Minister said that the newly inaugurated trout feed manufacturing plant at Kokernag will play a vital role in ensuring the availability of high-quality feed, thereby improving trout production across South Kashmir. He emphasized that the fisheries sector has immense potential for employment generation and can become a key contributor to the rural economy in the near future.

Seminar on "Perils of Corruption" held at P.G. College Rajouri

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 1: As part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week, the NSS Unit of Government P.G. College Rajouri, in collaboration with the Departments of Sociology and Political Science, organized a seminar on the theme "Perils of Corruption" in the College Conference Hall.

The event was held under the esteemed patronage of Prof. Zameer Ahmed Mirza, Principal of the College and aimed to sensitize students



about the harmful effects of corruption on society while promoting values of integrity, transparency and accountability among the youth.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Murtaza Ahmed, Head of the Department of Political Science and Khaleeq Qazi, NSS Programme Officer. The session began with a welcome address by Anjima Gupta (NSS Programme Officer), who welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members and students and outlined the objectives of the seminar.

During the technical session, faculty members from the Departments of Sociology and Political Science deliberated on various facets of corruption and its far-reaching impact on socio-economic development. They underscored the importance of moral values, civic responsibility and active youth engagement in combating corruption at every level of society.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Zakir, who expressed gratitude to the Principal, coordinators, faculty members, and students for their support and participation, making the seminar a meaningful and enlightening experience.

The seminar, held under the Vigilance Awareness Week, served as an insightful platform to inspire young minds to uphold honesty and integrity as guiding principles in both personal and public life.

Kathua: Unity Padyatra held to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

DDC Chairman, DC flag off Run for Unity; Call for strengthening spirit of unity, nation-building

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KATHUA, NOVEMBER 1: The District Administration Kathua today organised a Unity Padyatra to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the "Iron Man of India."

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, youth, citizens and government functionaries, celebrating the ideals of unity, integrity and patriotism championed by Sardar Patel.

The programme, held at the Auditorium Hall of Government Degree College for Women, commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by floral tributes to Bharat Mata and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The atmosphere was filled with patriotic fervour as participants paid homage to the great leader who played a pivotal role in integrating the princely states to form a united India.

The Unity Padyatra was flagged off by DDC Chairman Col (Retd.), Mahan Singh in presence of Deputy Commissioner, Rajesh Sharma, senior officers from different departments, college faculty, students and general public.

The rally traversed through prominent locations of Kathua town, spreading the message of unity and patriotism, before culminating at the Auditorium of Government Degree College for Boys.

At the final venue, the students presented colourful cultural performances, highlighting the rich traditions and unity of the nation. The participants took a Unity pledge led by the Chief Guest, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the spirit of oneness and national integrity.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairman Col (Retd.), Mahan Singh paid glowing tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, describing him as the architect of modern India



whose visionary leadership and resolute determination ensured the political and territorial integration of the country. He urged

the youth to draw inspiration from Patel's life and dedicate themselves to the service of the nation with honesty and unity

of purpose.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Rajesh Sharma appreciated the active participation of students, educational institutions and line departments for making the event a grand success. He said that the Unity Padyatra serves as a reminder of Sardar Patel's unparalleled contribution to national integration and reinforces the message of unity amidst diversity. He appreciated DYO NYK Kathua, Koushal Mahajan for making efforts to make the event grand and inclusive.

As a mark of encouragement, mementos were presented to the students who participated in the Rangoli competition and cultural performances, acknowledging their creativity and contribution to the celebrations.

The event concluded with a collective pledge to uphold the values of integrity, brotherhood and national unity - the very ideals for which Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel dedicated his life.

ACB, Reasi Admin organise Vigilance Awareness Programme for JPDCL

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

REASI, NOVEMBER 01: As part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in collaboration with the District Administration Reasi, organized a vigilance awareness programme for employees of the JPDCL and allied departments here at the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The event, held under the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility," was graced by PO Poshan Sudershan Kumar, CPO Narinder Kumar, DySP Laxmi Kant, Inspector Bhushan Manhas and other senior officers.

The programme commenced with the administration of the Integrity Pledge,

wherein participants reaffirmed their commitment to promoting transparency, integrity and accountability in governance. Speakers emphasized the importance of the judicious and transparent use of public funds for societal welfare and development, urging all officials to uphold honesty and fairness in public service.

As part of the event, participants were introduced to the Kahoot App and registered themselves on the platform. A short film showcasing the achievements of the Anti-Corruption Bureau was also screened, followed by a detailed PowerPoint presentation on JPDCL. The presentation highlighted potential areas vulnerable to corruption and outlined preventive

measures to enhance transparency and efficiency.

Officers speaking on occasion emphasized the need for every government employee to remain vigilant and accountable in their duties. They underscored that ethical conduct and integrity are the cornerstones of good governance, essential to ensuring that public welfare schemes reach their intended beneficiaries without leakages or malpractices.

The District Administration Reasi expressed gratitude to the Anti-Corruption Bureau for organizing the awareness programme and for its sustained efforts in promoting transparency, integrity and ethical governance in public administration.

SCERT Jammu hosts 5-day workshop

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 1: In line with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to promote experiential and skill-based learning, a 5-day workshop on "Sensitisation and Contextualisation of Guidelines for Implementation of Bagless Days in Local Languages" was organised by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office Jammu from Oct 28 to November 1, 2025, bringing together a consortium of thirty teachers, master teachers, headmasters and lecturers from



across the Jammu Division.

The programme was organised by the Department of Art Education and Vocational Education, Academic Unit-I under the mentorship of Shantmanu, Financial Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary and Director JKSCERT and the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT Jammu Division.

The workshop aimed to familiarise participants with the PSSCIVE, Bhopal guidelines on Bagless Days and contextualise them into local languages; Hindi, Urdu, Dogri and Gojri, for effective implementation in schools.

During the workshop, participants engaged in group discussions, case studies and project-based activities, designing school action plans, developing local activity models and contextualising Bagless Days guidelines through field-based tasks.

Aiming for 100% paperless governance

2-Day e-Office 2.0 training concludes at Poonch

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

POONCH, NOVEMBER 1: A comprehensive two-day training program on the e-Office 2.0 concluded today here at the DC Office Complex Poonch. The critical initiative was pioneered by Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma, who is driving the district's ambitious goal to facilitate transition of all offices to digital and paperless working.

The training program concluded with an address by Additional District Development Commissioner Pankaj Magotra. The ADDC served as the primary driving force for the session's swift

execution, emphatically highlighting the critical importance of adopting eOffice across all departments.

"The successful implementation of eOffice 2.0 is not merely an option; it is an imperative for enhancing transparency, efficiency, and accountability in our district administration," stated ADDC Magotra. He further enjoined upon all District and Sectoral Officers to immediately commence the use of the eOffice platform at their respective departments to ensure a rapid and seamless migration to the new digital framework.

The training was strategically



structured over two days to ensure maximum impact and targeted instruction:

On Day 1 (October 31, 2025), sessions were conducted for Master Trainers and Helpdesk Staff

from various departments, focusing on creating a pool of highly skilled personnel to support the implementation.

The Day 2 (November 1, 2025) targeted all District and Sectoral Officers of District Poonch. To ensure full participation, officers stationed at the District Headquarters attended the session physically, while those posted at distant locations joined virtually via the Bharat VC (Video Conference) platform.

District Informatics Officer (DIO), NIC Parvinder Singh confirmed the district's readiness, stating that e-Office accounts, along with Web-VPN access, for

all departments have been successfully created and on-boarded onto the e-Office platform.

The sessions were jointly conducted by District Administration Poonch, NIC, Information Technology Department and JaKeGA (Jammu and Kashmir Governance Agency). The technical training was expertly delivered by Parvinder Singh (DIO, NIC Poonch) and Ieshan Sharma (ICT Resource Person, JaKeGA).

The conclusion of this highly successful training program marks a major step forward in fulfilling the Deputy Commissioner's vision of achieving 100% paperless administration in District Poonch.

US clarification on H-1B visa petitions allays asset-quality concerns around overseas education loans: CRISIL

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 01: The recent clarifications by the United States on the applicability of H-1B visa petitions for foreign nationals have partly alleviated concerns about the asset quality of the education loan portfolios on non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), said a CRISIL report today.

The US clarification is that the new, increased one-time fee applies only to foreign nationals outside the US. Further, it applies only to new H-1B petitions filed and not to transition from one type of visa to another, such as from F-1 to H-1B.

It brings relief to education-loan-focused NBFCs and other evolving policy uncertainties in the US that require close monitoring.

A key policy under scrutiny is the Optional Practical Training (OPT) programme. The restriction and elimination of this programme altogether could exert substantial pressure on the education loans as students may struggle to secure employment and repay their loans as previously anticipated.



The Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL) said that, nevertheless, the evolving and uncertain policy environment for foreign workers has already made the US, the largest market for higher education, a less attractive destination which will lead to slower education loan growth for NBFCs.

Malvika Bhotika, Director of CRISIL Ratings, said, "The recent clarification indicates that the increased H-1B visa fee does not apply to students who are already in the US. Additionally, these students can still work in the US for up to three years on an F-1 visa after completing their course under the Optional Practical Training

(OPT) program. This significantly mitigates concerns over future employability of these students and allays asset quality fears over existing loan portfolios of NBFCs in the education loan sector."

The rating agency said that around 85pc of the overall loan portfolio is under contractual moratorium where Equated

Monthly Instalments (EMIs) payments have not yet commenced. Specifically, for the US-linked portfolio, it's estimated that around one-third of the portfolio will be EMI paying by the end of fiscal 2026.

Sonica Gupta, Associate Director of CRISIL Ratings, said, "Given the significant size of education loan market linked to the US, a slowdown here cannot be entirely offset by growth in other geographies, including the domestic market. Consequently, growth in loan books for education loans of NBFCs is expected to remain modest at 10-15pc this fiscal, lower than our earlier expectation, and well below the 48pc and 77pc growth in fiscals 2025 and 2024, respectively."

The ability of NBFCs to maintain asset quality in their education loan portfolios amid the evolving US policy landscape warrants close monitoring. Moreover, as they expand into newer geographies, they will need to invest substantially in building robust databases and underwriting capabilities to ensure that asset quality is sustained, the CRISIL said.UNI

Ford to invest Rs 3,250 cr in Chennai Plant for next-gen engine production

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

CHENNAI, NOV 01: Providing a major boost to Tamil Nadu's automotive sector, American auto major Ford Motor Company will invest Rs 3,250 crore in its Chennai facility to manufacture next-generation engines beginning in 2029. The announcement follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the company and the Government of Tamil Nadu in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin at the State Secretariat today.

According to Industries Minister TRB Rajaa, the



investment will create over 600 new direct jobs as Ford restarts operations at its Chennai plant with the production of advanced technology engines designed for the future of mobility.

"This is not just the start of manufacturing at the existing Ford facility; it is the State taking yet another step towards the future of the automotive industry with the production of next-generation engines. We remain committed to supporting Ford's operations here," Rajaa said.

Ford had earlier signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the Tamil Nadu government in September 2024 to explore the restart of its manufacturing operations at the plant near Chennai.

"We are pleased to advance our plans and confirm the Chennai plant's vital role in Ford's manufacturing network," said Jeff Marentic, President, International Markets Group, Ford Motor Company.

The upcoming engine lineup will feature all-new technology, with specific details on engine types and export markets to be revealed closer to the start of production.

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Following site preparation and the commencement of investment activities later this year, the Chennai plant will have a planned capacity of 235,000 engines per annum, with production expected to begin in 2029.

With an initial expected investment of Rs.3,250 crore, the project is expected to create more than 600 jobs, plus indirect jobs across the industry.UNI

AT&T and Thales launching eSIM solutions to actively manage IoT deployments

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 01: AT&T, a leader in connectivity and IoT solutions, and Thales, specialized in cyber and advanced digital technologies, announced the launch of a new eSIM solution to assist businesses in remotely managing Internet of Things (IoT) devices, a Thales statement said.

An 'eSIM' refers to a digital SIM card that is embedded in a device, eliminating the need for a physical one.

The need for secure, scalable, and easy-to-manage connectivity is greater than ever with over 5.8 million IoT devices cellular connections expected globally by 2030.

The eSIM solution, which is powered by Thales Adaptive Connect (TAC), becomes a key part of AT&T's global IoT solution, AT&T Virtual Profile Management for IoT, and can support many industries worldwide, including automotive, smart cities, healthcare, and utilities.

New solution is compliant with the GSMA SGP.32 standard and enables customers to ship connected devices anywhere in the world with a single, pre-integrated eSIM from Thales and then seamlessly activate the correct local connectivity profile remotely, eliminating the need for any physical access to it.

Cameron Coursey, VP of AT&T Connected Solutions, said, "At AT&T, we deliver intelligent IoT solutions you can trust—highly secure, end-to-end, and built to scale. Our state-of-the-art approach, paired with Thales's solution, will help customers reduce friction and gain control of managing their own devices with reliable connectivity."

This new solution also adds advanced automation to simplify the remote eSIM management of a large number of devices. It automates complex tasks such as switching subscriptions or updating fleet rules that will enable enterprises to spend less time on logistics and operations.

Eva Rudin, EVP of Mobile Connectivity at Thales, said, "We are entering a new era for remote eSIM provisioning ready to power billions of IoT devices, and we are proud to collaborate with AT&T in delivering smarter and safer IoT connectivity around the world. With Thales Adaptive Connect, we're ensuring that every connected device benefits from strong security, reliable service, and simplified management—from the first connection and through its lifetime.UNI

Digital transactions hit Rs 18.8 lakh crore as festival demand, GST 2.0 lift spending

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 01: The rollout of GST 2.0 and strong digital payment momentum helped in gathering steam for India's private consumption.

According to Bank of Baroda's latest analysis, the government estimates the new GST framework could add Rs 20 lakh crore to consumer spending, with its timing just before Dussehra and Diwali providing a further boost amid favourable macro conditions such as low inflation, good monsoon and strong sowing activity.

The analysis, based on Reserve Bank of India's daily payments data, shows that UPI transactions surged to Rs 17.8 lakh crore during the Dussehra-to-Diwali period, up from Rs 15.1 lakh crore a year earlier, an 18 pc jump.

Debit card payments also saw a sharp rise to Rs 65,395 crore from Rs 27,566 crore in the same period last year, while credit card payments moderated slightly to Rs 39,045 crore.

When combined, transactions through UPI, debit, and credit cards reached Rs 18.8 lakh crore, reflecting robust festival-led consumption and signalling a likely rebound in household demand this quarter. The report said the UPI merchant data for September 2025 revealed sharp spending growth across several consumer-oriented categories. These included men's and women's clothing at 68.5% YoY, online marketplaces: 64 pc, liquor shops: 98.8 pc, beauty and barber shops: 30.6 pc, Electronics outlets: 20.8 pc.

Average spending per transaction stood at Rs 1,052 for UPI, Rs 8,084

for debit cards, and Rs 1,932 for credit cards, indicating greater traction in small to mid-ticket transactions, the BoB analysis said. The report highlighted signs of frontloading of spending, where households make purchases earlier than usual, especially across apparel, electronics, and online retail platforms.

The GST rate cut, which took effect in October, is expected to further amplify spending patterns in coming weeks. "October 2025 data will provide clearer evidence of the GST benefit, but early signals point to a strong consumption revival," said Dipanwita Mazumdar, Economist at Bank of Baroda. Bank of Baroda expects private consumption demand to remain buoyant through Q2 and Q3 FY26, driven by the GST stimulus, improved consumer sentiment, and strong digital adoption.UNI

NEMETSCHEK AND CADD CENTRE GROUP JOIN HANDS TO UPSKILL PROFESSIONALS BY LEVERAGING BIM SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES IN INDIA

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 01: Nemetschek Group announced a strategic partnership with CADD Centre Group with an aim to upskilling professionals with world-class BIM (Building Information Modeling) capabilities.

The partnership will launch with the onboarding of two flagship centres in Chennai and Bengaluru as Nemetschek Authorised Training Centres. Both will initiate comprehensive BIM courses which are powered by Nemetschek's Archicad, Bluebeam, and Solibri platforms.

In a move to foster BIM training across India, CADD Centre is planning to expand Nemetschek BIM training to fifteen additional centres next-year with a motive to support industry-ready competence building nationwide.

On the other hand, CADD Centre will work closely with Nemetschek and its Corporate customers to build a talent pipeline of 'Job-Ready' BIM engineers through continuous competence-building initiatives.

Pete Nicholson, Senior Vice President of Key Accounts and High Growth Regions, said, "Our partnership with CADD Centre is

driven by a shared vision for upskilling professionals with world-class BIM capabilities. The expansion into multiple key cities will foster a culture of excellence in project planning, sustainability, and workflow optimization through Nemetschek software tools."

The Authorized Training Centre (ATC) & Corporate Training partner agreement was officially signed at CADD Centre Group's Chennai HQ in the presence of R. Parthasarathy, Chairman of CADD Centre Group, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Managing Director of Nemetschek India, Ritwick Parthasarathy, Chief Future Officer of CADD Cen-

tre Group and Deepankar Bhat-tacharya, Senior General Manager of Education, the official statement added.

R Parthasarathy, Chairman of CADD Centre Group, said, "At CADD Centre, our vision is to make India the Design and Innovation Capital of the World! We are delighted to build competence with Nemetschek's globally acclaimed BIM software solutions for our learners and corporates through this landmark partnership. As India's leading talent and competency-building brand, we believe this partnership will accelerate proficiency and innovation in de-

sign and construction workflows."

CADD Centre's network, comprised of more than 300 locations across India and abroad, has empowered more than 3 million professionals working in over 5,500 companies.

"CADD Centre's leadership and outreach will be pivotal in fulfilling Nemetschek India's goal of scaling BIM training for future-ready professionals. We look forward to building impactful learning journeys for thousands of engineers and architects," said Sanjay Kumar Singh, Managing Director of Nemetschek India. UNI

Hyd: Brihaspathi technologies secures over Rs 25 cr IP-based CCTV surveillance system upgradation project for kolkata metro

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

HYDERABAD, NOV 01: Brihaspathi Technologies Limited, one of India's leading CCTV surveillance system integrator companies, today said it has secured a prestigious Rs 25.34 crore project for the upgradation of the IP-based CCTV Surveillance System along the North-South (Blue Line) of Kolkata Metro Railway.

The Hyderabad based company, renowned for delivering smart security and monitoring solutions, continues to redefine safety standards across India's transport infrastructure.

The project focuses on improving public safety and metro security by replacing out-

dated analog setups with modern IP-based surveillance technology, the company said in a release.

The smart surveillance system will be implemented across all stations on the North-South corridor, increasing security coverage through high-definition IP cameras, AI-powered video analytics, and centralized command and control systems designed for real-time monitoring.

Under this initiative, Brihaspathi Technologies will integrate advanced video management software (VMS) and intelligent monitoring solutions to empower Kolkata Metro authorities with proactive threat detection and rapid response capabilities.

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Brihaspathi Technologies Wins Kolkata Metro CCTV Upgrade Project

Shri Rajasekhar Papolu
Managing Director & CEO,
Brihaspathi Technologies

The system will be operated seamlessly from a Central Control Room, ensuring 24/7 surveillance monitoring and complete situational awareness across all metro premises.

In support of this digital transformation, the Kolkata Metro administration is also planning to recruit 800 additional security personnel to enhance CCTV-based metro surveillance.

Currently, passengers undergo strict security screening, baggage checks, and frisking, and with this new smart CCTV network, the Metro will significantly improve its ability to detect suspicious behavior, manage emergencies, and ensure a safer commuting experience.

Speaking about the achievement, Rajasekhar Papolu, Managing Director & CEO of Brihaspathi Technologies, stated, "Our vision is to combine technological innovation with opera-

tional reliability to create safe, intelligent, and connected public spaces. This initiative is a milestone in implementing AI-driven video surveillance systems and IoT-based security solutions that upgrade passenger comfort and urban safety. We remain dedicated to delivering world-class CCTV solutions that empower India's smart infrastructure and urban mobility growth."

Brihaspathi Technologies continues to expand its footprint across national infrastructure and transport safety projects, reinforcing its position as a trusted leader in smart city surveillance, video analytics, and integrated security solutions. UNI

No Excuses Ahead of Australia Clash: McCullum

■ CAMERON PONSONBY

HAMILTON: Brendon McCullum conceded that England "clearly need to improve" in one-day cricket after they fell to a 3-0 clean sweep against New Zealand. 'Go harder' has been the mantra of this England team, with Harry Brook imploring his side to double down in their efforts with the bat after his side's first collapse in Mount Maunganui a week ago. Two matches and two further batting failures later, however, McCullum has reset the party line and called for England to adopt a more considered approach.

"Harry's said before that we need to put pressure back on the bowlers, and there are times when we do need to be a little braver and put some pressure on the bowlers," McCullum said following the defeat in Wellington. "And then there are other times where we've got to adjust to their lengths and lines."

"Not necessarily in a high-risk sort of way but just by being brave enough - whether that's coming down the wicket or moving around the crease - just get things going a little bit more and bounce off one another." Across the series, England lost 11 wickets in the opening 10 overs of the innings, compared to New Zealand's four, and were bowled out in all three matches.

Their innings in Wellington was their longest of the trip, batting for 40.2 overs before they were all out.

"I think when we're confronted with good, flat wickets, we're a very, very good cricket team," McCullum said. "I think we play a high-octane style of cricket and those conditions suit us. When the wickets have a little bit in them and they're a bit more challenging, whether that be spin or seam or swing, we probably can't quite adapt our tempo quick enough."

"We've got some talented players but, unfortunately, our performances at the moment in this form of the game aren't quite up to scratch and we need to rectify that."

England's top order combined for an historically poor series, managing just 84 runs between the top four, the lowest tally in one-day international history. Of the top six, only Brook, Joe Root and Jos Buttler made a score of 20 across the three matches.

McCullum, however, does not believe it is a concern heading towards the Ashes, where Australia are expected to serve up similar styles of wickets. In the longer format, he argues that England have been able to counter different conditions well.

"I like to separate it," McCullum explained. "I think in T20 cricket we're going really well and in Test

cricket we have a pretty decent idea of where we're at - and I think we've performed reasonably well, albeit we have a huge challenge ahead of us."

"One-day cricket is clearly the area we need to improve, and my comments are more directed at one-day cricket. I think when we do come across the trickier conditions in Australia and Test cricket, we have a pretty good understanding of how we're going to go about it. It doesn't guarantee us anything but it gives us a level of confidence going into that series."

He also believes that, despite a number of players experiencing a poor run of scores, the likes of Jamie Smith, Ben Duckett and Root will be "better for the run" after getting a number of games under their belt.

"They've marked centre a few times and gone through the process and I'm sure they'll be better for it. With the prep that we've had with the other Test guys who've been here for a while too, we'll have no excuses come Australia."

McCullum identified Jamie Overton as England's "huge win" for the tour, after the bowling allrounder contributed with the bat in all three matches and put together his finest performance in ODI cricket in Wellington, scoring 68 runs and taking two for 32 with the ball.

ESPN Cricinfo



K2K Cycling Expedition Flagged Off from Srinagar

■ HT SPORTS DESK

SRINAGAR: The much-awaited Kashmir to Kanyakumari (K2K) Cycling Expedition was ceremoniously flagged off today from TRC Stadium, Srinagar, by Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul.

The event marks the celebration of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary, symbolizing the spirit of national integration and unity that the Iron Man of India envisioned.

A total of 150 cyclists from across India have embarked on this remarkable journey, including 20 women and one cyclist from Kashmir, Rafiq Ahmad.

Speaking on the occasion, Nuzhat Gul said, "The K2K expedition is not just a test of endurance but a tribute to the spirit of unity and the diversity that



makes India truly great. Starting this journey from the land of Kashmir the crown of India gives it even deeper meaning. It reflects the nation's strength, inclusivity, and collective resolve to stay united and fit." Over the next 18 days, the cyclists will traverse 4,249 kilometres pedaling through diverse terrains, climates, and cultures as they move from the serene valleys of Kashmir to the southern tip of Kanyakumari.

The expedition embodies the message of "One Nation, One Spirit, One Journey", inspiring youth across India to embrace fitness, resilience, and national pride.

The event has been organized with the support of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Fit India Movement, Sports Authority of India, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The expedition also aims to promote the Fit India campaign and raise awareness about the importance of an active lifestyle.

The K2K Cycling Expedition stands as a vibrant symbol of how sports continue to connect hearts and bridge distances from the snowy mountains of Kashmir to the sunlit shores of Kanyakumari uniting India in motion, spirit, and purpose.

The flag-off ceremony was attended by young athletes, sports enthusiasts, and local citizens, who cheered the cyclists as they began their long journey from the heart of Srinagar, carrying with them the hopes, blessings, and goodwill of the entire nation.

Div Com Jammu flags off J&K Deaf Cricket Team to New Delhi for 9th IDCA Tournament



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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today flagged off the J&K Deaf Cricket team to New Delhi for its participation in the 9th All India T-20 Indian Deaf Cricket Association tournament

being held in the National Capital from November 3, 2025. The Divisional Commissioner extended his good wishes to the talented players and motivated them to give their best in the championship and act as ambassadors of Jammu & Kashmir. The cricket team is being led

by its Captain Suhail Ahmad Ganie. Sports administrator and Member of the Governing Council (Sports), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Ranjeet Kalra was accompanied the team.

Umar Ashraf, a member of the team, expressed gratitude to busi-

ness entrepreneurs Aman Modi and Khalid Malik for supporting the team with travel and accommodation logistics. He also thanked the Divisional Commissioner for the warm hospitality extended to the team. The team consists of Suhail Ahmad Ganie (Captain), Amir Rouf

(vice captain), Umar Ashraf (WK) Hilal Wani, Shakir Fayaz, Sharik Majeed, Bilal Bhat, Zaheer abass, Peer Mohammad Arif, M. Shafi, Syed Azhar, Tajala Gaffor, Muzaffar Ahmad, Hanuman Ram, Irfan Ahmad (Manager) and Sajad Chowdhary (Coach).

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