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Shah Orders Massive Manhunt After Delhi Blast, NIA Takes Over Probe

Death Toll at 12, Around 20 Injured in Explosion Near Red Fort; Centre Treats Incident as Terror Attack



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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday ordered a nationwide manhunt to track down and bring to justice every individual involved in the deadly car blast near Red Fort that killed 12 people and

injured 20 others on Monday evening. Chairing two consecutive high-level security review meetings at North Block, Shah directed senior officials to ensure that no one responsible for the attack escapes the reach of the country's security agencies.

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Rajnath Vows Stern Action: "No One Behind Delhi Blast Will Be Spared"
Defence Minister Says Probe Moving Swiftly

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NEW DELHI, NOV 11: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday vowed uncompromising action against those responsible for the deadly blast near Delhi's Red Fort, declaring that "no one involved in this heinous act will be spared."

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LG Manoj Sinha Reviews Security Scenario in J&K, Calls for Heightened Vigil

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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a high-level security review meeting at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar, to take stock of the prevailing security situation across Jammu and Kashmir and evaluate ongoing measures aimed at maintaining peace and public safety.

The Lieutenant Governor directed all security and intelligence agencies to maintain constant vigil and seamless coordination at every operational level. Stressing a unified approach among the J&K Police, Army, paramilitary forces, and intelligence agencies, he said joint efforts were crucial to effectively tackle emerging

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MHA hands over probe to NIA

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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday handed over the investigation into the blast near the Red Fort to the National



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Investigation Agency (NIA), official sources said. The move clearly indicates that the government is treating the explosion, which has so far claimed 12 lives, as a possible act of terror — since the NIA is specifically mandated to investigate terrorism-related cases.

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Red Fort Blast: Pulwama Doctor Was Driving Car, Had Links To Interstate Terror Module

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NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Police on Tuesday investigated the Red Fort blast as a possible terror attack and zeroed in on a Pulwama doctor, who was driving the car that exploded and had links to a terror module busted with the recovery of explosives mainly from Faridabad.

Dr Umar Nabi is believed to

have died in the blast that killed at least 12 people on Monday evening. On Tuesday, Jammu and Kashmir police took a DNA sample from his mother to establish the connect.

"We have taken the DNA sample in order to match with the parts found at the scene of the blast," an official said in Srinagar.

The case has been handed over to the National Investigation

Agency (NIA), a decision taken after a review meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Red Fort blast on a busy Monday evening came hours after eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar

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Kashmir Condemns Delhi Attack, Calls It an Assault on Humanity

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 11: People across Jammu and Kashmir, cutting across political, social, and religious lines, have strongly condemned the deadly terror attack in New Delhi that claimed several lives and left many injured.

A high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station in the Chandni Chowk area on Monday evening. The blast killed at least 13 people, injured over 24, and gutted several vehicles, sending shockwaves across the nation.

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J&K Bye-Elections: Nagrota records 74.82%, Budgam 50.01% voter turnout

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JAMMU, NOV 11: Polling concluded successfully in 27-Budgam and 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituencies in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The vacancies in respect of 27-Budgam and 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituencies in the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir were caused due to the resign of Omar Abdullah, being



elected from two Assembly Constituencies, and the death of Davinder Singh Rana, respectively.

Election Commission of India announced the bye-elections to these two Assembly Constituencies along with General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Bihar on 6th October, 2025.

Nomination process started on 13th October, 2025 and the last date of

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Complete all JTFRP works by August 2026: CS

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, NOV 11: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of remaining projects under the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), emphasizing strict adherence to the extended completion deadline of August 2026.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Planning, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma; Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department; Principal Secretary, Home;

Secretary, Health & Medical Education; Managing Director, JKMSCL; Chief Executive Officer, J&K ERA, Shreya Singhal; and other senior officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a detailed, project-wise appraisal of all ongoing works and sought specific timelines for their completion. He directed the Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) to ensure that all projects are completed well before the extended deadline and instructed the agency to submit weekly progress reports for his review.

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CS Reviews Financial Inclusion & Welfare Schemes in J&K

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JAMMU, NOV 11: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Finance Department to assess the progress made in promoting financial inclusion and extending coverage of key welfare and

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Retired Headmaster, Two Others Charge-Sheeted in Job Scam

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 11: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch Kashmir has filed a charge sheet before the Court of Sub Judge, Chadoora, in connection with a fraudulent appointment and salary drawal case registered under FIR No. 95/2022.

According to officials, the charge sheet has been produced against three accused persons identified as Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Gazi, a retired Headmaster and son of Ghulam Mohammad

Gazi of Zaindar Mohalla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar; Mubeena Kawsar; and Ifra Nissar.

The case stemmed from a communication received from the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, pointing to irregularities in appointments and manipulation of service records made under SRO-43. Following the communication, a formal case was registered at the Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch Kashmir.

Investigations revealed that the original

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After Delhi blast, security beefed up in Kashmir

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Following a car bomb blast near Red Fort in New Delhi, which left more than 10 people dead on Monday, authorities on Tuesday beefed up security across Kashmir as a precautionary measure.

A senior security official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that high-tech surveillance equipment was deployed and area domination exercises were carried out by security personnel.

"The security forces have increased frisking, checkpoint surveillance in major towns and along highways. Sensitive areas in Kashmir are witnessing enhanced security, vehicle checks, security cordons and search operations," the official said.

He said a strict vigil is being maintained on anti-national elements. Checkpoints have been established in Srinagar and other district headquarters, particularly at key entry points, where random vehicle checks and frisking are being conducted to prevent the movement of subversive elements.

"Security forces also searched residential houses in Habbakadal, Srinagar, during a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO)," the official added, stating that security has been tightened at Railway Stations as well.

At the Navyug Tunnel—the main entry gateway into Kashmir—Kulgam Police and CRPF launched intensive frisking and vehicle checking using high-tech equipment.

SSP Kulgam, Anayat Ali Choudhary, said:

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White-Collar' Terror Plot Under Lens: How Accused Amassed Huge Cache of Ammonium Nitrate

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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Security agencies are zeroing in on how an alleged "white-collar" terror module managed to procure and store a massive quantity of explosives, including Ammonium Nitrate the substance suspected to have been used in Monday's deadly blast near Delhi's Red Fort that claimed 12 lives.

The sophisticated nature of the operation has raised alarm within intelligence circles, highlighting the ease with which a restricted chemical like Ammonium Nitrate can still be diverted for nefarious purposes.

Officials are now mapping the supply chain and financial network of the recently busted inter-state terror module linked to Pakistan-based outfits Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGH).

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The Red Fort explosion came just hours after eight individuals including three doctors were arrested in connection with the same network, with investigators seizing nearly 2,900 kilograms of explosive material. The arrests, spanning Jammu and

Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, point to what officials describe as a "white-collar terror nexus" that used professional fronts to conceal the logistics of a large-scale attack.

Ammonium Nitrate, a dual-use chemical widely employed as a nitrogen fertiliser and in controlled quarry blasts, becomes highly volatile when mixed with other substances such as Potassium Chlorate and Sulphur. When combined with fuel oil, it produces ANFO Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil a powerful compound capable of causing massive explosions.

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Javid Dar lays foundation stones for various developmental projects across Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, NOV 11: In a significant step towards strengthening rural infrastructure and grassroots governance, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative, and Election departments, Javid Ahmad Dar today laid foundation stones for multiple developmental projects across various blocks of Baramulla district under the UT Capex and District Capex schemes.

At Nadihal, the Minister laid the foundation stone for the Construction of a Block Development Council Office Building under UT Capex, with an approved cost of ₹125.16 lac. He

also laid the foundation for a Bridge on Nallah Daikal Ladoor, costing ₹25.00 lac under UT Capex.

During his visit, the Minister addressed the gathering, highlighting the government's commitment to improving rural connectivity and administrative facilities.

At Rohama Block, the Minister laid the foundation stone for Community Hall cum Multipurpose Centre at Humdub Panzalla under District Capex/BDC Grants, costing ₹65.00 lac. In Rafiabad Block, he laid the foundation for construction of RCC Box Type Culvert at Bud-den Saripara under UT Capex, with an estimated cost of ₹32.90 lac. The Minister



engaged with local residents, stressing the importance of participatory development and the role of community infrastructure in uplifting rural life.

In Kandi Rafiabad Block, the Minister laid the foundation stones for two key projects, Community Hall at Kangroosa under District Capex/PRI Grants costing ₹80.00 lac, and Block Development Council Office Building at Kangroosa under UT Capex with an approved cost of ₹125.16 lac. Addressing public gatherings at these sites, the Minister emphasized the government's focus on inclusive growth, better governance, and strengthening rural institutions.

The total investment of over ₹4.5 crore under these projects marks a major boost to public facilities, administrative infrastructure, and connectivity in rural areas of Baramulla.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, SA Raina and Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla, Mudasir Hussain Choudhary accompanied the Minister during the visit and briefed him about the progress and expected impact of these developmental projects.

Local residents expressed their gratitude for the government's sustained efforts in promoting inclusive and sustainable development in the district.

Nepalese National Held with Charas During Anti-Narcotics Drive in Kulgam

FAROOQ RATHER

KULGAM, NOV 11: In a major breakthrough under its ongoing anti-terror and anti-narcotics campaign, Kulgam Police on Tuesday apprehended a Nepalese national found in possession of charas during an extensive checking operation across the district. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kulgam, Anayat Ali Choudhary (IPS) while addressing the media, said the operation was part of the police's intensified efforts to curb both terrorism and drug trafficking in the region. "For the past few days, we have been conducting a large-scale crackdown against terrorism. Today, as part of that effort, we launched a special vehicle-checking drive not only on highways



but also across more than 75 locations in Kulgam's interiors," the SSP said.

He added that during the operation, police teams intercepted a man carrying suspicious luggage, and upon inspection, recovered charas concealed inside. "The accused, a Nepalese national, thought he could evade checking due to odd timings, but our alert teams intercepted him and made the recovery," SSP Inayat Ali Choudhary (IPS) added. Officials said the arrest underscores the police's continued vigilance against cross-border narcotics trafficking and its possible links to terror funding networks. An investigation has been launched to trace the source of the contraband and identify others involved in the supply chain.

The SSP reiterated that Kulgam Police will continue its multi-layered operations to dismantle the nexus between narcotics smuggling and terror financing in South Kashmir.

Student of GDC Baramulla Represents J&K at "Know Your Leaders" Programme in Parliament

Becomes Sole Representative from J&K to attend the programme at the Parliament

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BARAMULLA, NOV 11: In a proud moment for Jammu and Kashmir, Rawhaan Rafiq Buhroo, a final-year Political Science student of Government Degree College (GDC) Baramulla, has made history by becoming the sole student from J&K to address the Parliament under the "Know Your Leaders" programme.

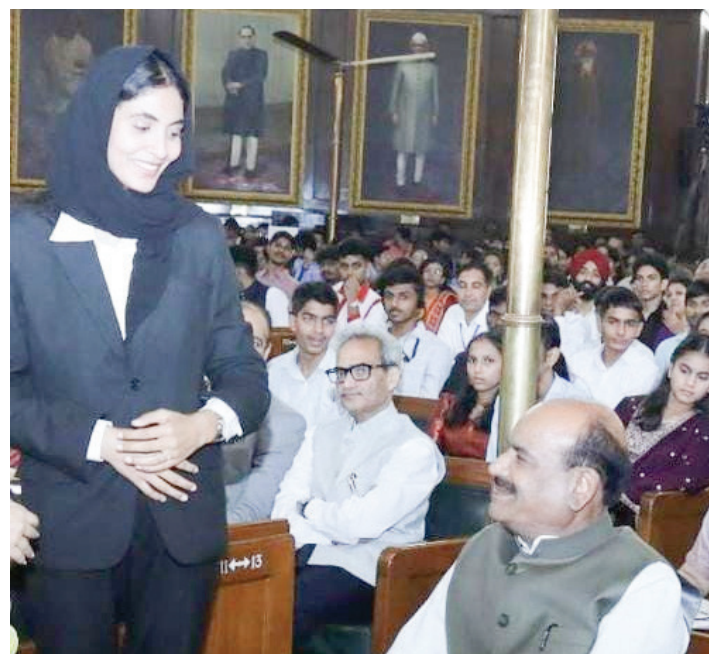
At the event, Rawhaan paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 150th birth anniversary, delivering an eloquent address highlighting Patel's remarkable role in shaping India's unity and integrity. Her participation marked a milestone in her journey from the serene valleys of Kashmir to the national stage.

Overcoming challenges of

limited exposure and socio-political constraints, Rawhaan has emerged as a symbol of resilience, intellect, and determination.

Pertinently, "Know Your Leaders" Programme in Parliament is an initiative that brings selected youth from across India to the Parliament's Central Hall to pay homage to national leaders, commemorate their birth anniversaries, and learn about their contributions.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla felicitated her during a special ceremony held at GDC Baramulla, in presence of the Principal, faculty members, and students. The DC lauded her performance and extended congratulations on behalf of the district administra-



tion.

The Principal of GDC Baramulla praised Rawhaan's dedication, attributing her success to parental support, teacher guidance, and her unwavering spirit.

Rawhaan has earlier received several honours for academic and extracurricular excellence and multiple awards from district administration for youth leadership and empowerment.

A distinguished debater and public speaker, Rawhaan continues to represent J&K with distinction on national platforms. Her journey stands as a beacon of inspiration, especially for young girls in remote regions, proving that with education, confidence, and courage, every dream is achievable.

Urgent Need for a Passenger Shed at Galander Stop Pampore

WANI ARFAT

PAMPORE, NOV 12: Galander Stop pampore has become a crucial waiting point for residents and students, particularly after 3:30 p.m., as they wait for buses and other means of transport. Among them are school and college students, elderly citizens, and daily commuters – all compelled to stand for long hours amid harsh weather conditions.

The absence of a proper passenger shed at this spot has caused persistent inconvenience for the public. During winter, the cold wind blowing from the nearby Jhelum River makes waiting unbearable, while in summer, the scorching heat and lack of shade add to people's distress. The problem worsens during rainfall, as commuters are left completely exposed without any roof or shelter. Female students, in particular, face greater discomfort during these long and uncertain waits.



It is noteworthy that this location serves as the main waiting area for students of Ramzaan College of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences, many of whom rely on this stop for their daily commute. Standing for extended periods in such conditions not only causes fatigue but also affects their well-being and punctuality.

Observing this situation daily is disheartening for the locals, who feel

neglected despite repeated concerns. Therefore, it is humbly requested that Honourable MLA Pampore, Hassan Masoodi Sahab kindly intervene and facilitate the construction of a passenger shed at Galander Stop.

Such an initiative would not only provide comfort and safety to students and elderly commuters but also reflect a thoughtful step toward addressing a long-standing public need.

Apni Party Working Committee to Meet in Srinagar on November 18

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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party has convened a crucial Working Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at the residence of Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari in Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar.

According to a party communiqué a copy of which lies with KNS, the meeting will commence at 11:00 AM sharp under the chairmanship of Altaf Bukhari. Senior party leaders and members of the Working Committee are expected to participate in the deliberations. The agenda for the meeting includes discussions on the prevailing political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, challenges faced by local businesses, the tourism sector, and the overall security situation in the region.

Party sources indicated that the leadership is likely to review recent political developments and formulate a strategy ahead of possible future political scenario. The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, led by Bukhari, has been positioning itself as a centrist political force advocating for peace, development, and restoration of democratic processes in the Union Territory.

Pandit Abhay Sopori received Sangeet Ratna Award

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SRINAGAR, NOV 11: Pandit Abhay Rustom Sopori, the eminent Santoor Maestro & Music Composer, has been awarded the Sangeet Ratna Award 2025 by the Kirana Gharana Ustad Ashique Ali Khan Art and Music Trust. The function was held at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi.

Pt. Abhay Sopori, the present custodian (Khalifa) of the ancient Santoor tradition of India and the Sopori-Sufiana Gharana of Kashmir, the oldest known tradition of Santoor, the Shatatantri Veena.

He carries forward a legacy rooted in Shaivite-Sufi musical tradition of India. He has played a pivotal role in introducing cultural policy in Jammu and Kash-

mir, and integrating music as a formal subject in academic institutions, fostering a cultural renaissance, and nurturing thousands of budding musicians.

His relentless dedication to music, cultural preservation, and philanthropy solidifies his place as a cultural ambassador shaping the future of Indian classical music. He was awarded for his

contribution and achievements in the field of music especially Indian Classical Music (Santoor).

He expressed his gratitude to the selection committee and Ustad Aslam Ali Khan for honouring him and shared that he felt blessed as his father and Guru, the great Saint Music Legend late Pandit Bhajan Sopori was also honoured with this award around 2 decades back.

The award was also presented to some of the jewels of Indian Classical music like Pt. Rajendra Prasanna & Pt. Chetan Joshi (Flute), Ustad Akram Khan & Pt. Mithilesh Jha (Tabla), Ustad Saeed Zafar (Sitar), Ustad Asghar Hussain & Pt. Santosh Nahar (Violin), Pt. Vijay Shankar Mishra (Musicologist), Vidushi Uma Garg and many others.

Deputy Chief Minister reviews progress of National Highway Projects across Jammu division

Stresses on standard designing, quality work execution

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here today, to review the progress of ongoing and upcoming National Highway projects across Jammu region.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, Anil Kumar Singh; Engineer-in-Chief PW(R&B), Director Geology and Mining, Regional Officer NHAI/J&K, Chief Engineer Project SAMPARK, Regional Officer MoRTH Jammu, Executive Directors NHIDCL Jammu and Srinagar, and Chief Engineer PWD Zone Pir Panjal, besides senior engineers and officers of the department.

During the review, the Deputy Chief Minister took a comprehensive assessment of projects

being implemented by various central agencies like NHAI, NHIDCL, and Project SAMPARK. The officers presented detailed updates on the physical and financial progress of projects, issues related to land acquisition, DPR approvals, utility shifting, and inter-departmental coordination.

The Deputy Chief Minister reviewed projects including Lakhanpur-Srinagar (NH-44), Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway (NH-5), Jammu Ring Road (NH-244A), Srinagar Ring Road (Phase-I, II & IIA), Chenani-Patnitop-Nashri (Old Alignment) NH-244, Jammu-Akhnoor (NH-44) and Chenani-Sudhmahadev, Goha-Khellani, and Chatroo-Khanabal (NH-244A).

It was informed that a total of 37 projects under NHAI, 8 under Project SAMPARK, and 14 under NHIDCL Jammu are presently



under different stages of execution in the Jammu province, while several others have already been completed.

The Deputy Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the pace of certain works but emphasized the need to expedite all ongoing projects to ensure their timely completion.

He directed all executing agencies to strictly adhere to the set timelines and maintain the highest standards of design and construction quality. He reiterated that the Government is fully committed to upgrading the road infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring smooth connectivity

and promoting regional development.

While reviewing the status of the Mangam-Dodhpathri-Shopian-Surankote section of NH-701A, being executed by Project SAMPARK, the Deputy Chief Minister instructed the concerned agencies to expedite the remaining works and resolve

issues related to DPR modifications and Treasury releases at the earliest.

He asserted that work on all roads, tunnels and bridge projects be expedited across all highway projects to ensure timely completion of these projects.

The meeting also discussed the Srinagar Ring Road Phase-IIA project from Manigam to Pandach, directing the concerned to fast-track compensation processes to avoid delays in execution.

He further underscored the importance of inter-agency coordination between PW(R&B), NHAI, NHIDCL, and MoRTH for overcoming procedural bottlenecks. He instructed officers to adopt a proactive approach in identifying field-level issues and resolving them promptly in consultation with the concerned departments.

cerned departments.

Deputy Chief Minister stated that the expansion and upgradation of national highways will not only strengthen connectivity within Jammu and Kashmir but also boost trade, tourism, and socio-economic growth in the Union Territory.

The Deputy Chief Minister also took detailed assessment of restoration work of roads, bridges and other connectivity in Jammu. He called upon concerned to ensure speedy restoration of all affected infrastructure for public convenience.

He appreciated the efforts of engineers and field officers while urging them to redouble their efforts in delivering results that reflect efficiency, accountability, and excellence in execution.

DEO Inspects various Polling Stations across 27-AC Budgam

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BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 11: District Election Officer (DEO) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, today visited several polling stations across 27-Assembly Constituency Budgam to take firsthand assessment of the polling process during the ongoing Bye-Elections.

During the visit, the DEO inspected polling stations at Sheikhpora, Ompora, Main Budgam Town and various other locations to review the arrangements, voter turnout, and overall conduct of polling.

The DEO expressed satisfaction over the smooth and peaceful polling process and appreciated the efforts of polling personnel, security forces, and sectoral officers and zonal police officers in ensuring a



well-coordinated and secure electoral exercise.

"Polling is going on smoothly across all polling stations in the constituency. We are committed to ensuring free, fair, transparent, and inclusive elections," said the DEO.

He added that special efforts were made to encourage higher voter turnout through continuous voter awareness and facilitation measures.

He also interacted with voters, polling staff, and security personnel to take feedback regarding facilities and arrangements at the polling stations.

The District Election Officer commended the cooperation of citizens and urged all eligible voters to come forward and exercise their right to vote, strengthening the democratic fabric of the nation.

The DEO reiterated the district administration's commitment to uphold the sanctity of the electoral process and ensure a comfortable and accessible voting experience for all, including women, senior citizens, and persons with special abilities.

Besides, ASP Budgam, Syed Sajjad Bukhari, other concerned officers also accompanied the DEO.

DC Kulgam Reviews Patient Care Services at District Hospital

Directs for Expediting Ongoing Health Projects

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 11: To ensure better healthcare facilities in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today visited District Hospital (DH) Kulgam to take stock of ongoing health projects and patient care services.

During the visit, the DC expressed satisfaction over the progress of the 50-bedded Emergency Critical Care Unit, and also reviewed the additional block for maternity and child health, renovation and upgradation of the main hospital building, new ticketing

counter-cum-waiting area, and the development of additional car parking space.

The DC conducted a detailed review of hospital functioning by visiting various IPD wards, where he interacted with patients and enquired about the facilities being provided.

He directed the executing agency to expedite the remaining work of the old hospital building so that it can be fully utilized for patients at the earliest.

It was informed that the hospital infrastructure has been significantly upgraded, including the



installation of a digital X-ray plant, anesthesia station, orthopedic surgery theatre, and machinery for the dialysis centre.

It was also shared that a dedicated mortuary area has been completed.

The DC was accompanied by ADC, Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah; CMO, Dr. Showkat Ahmad; Medical Superintendent, Dr. Syed Masood; Exen R&B, Shabir Ahmad Tak; AEE R&B, CEO MC Kulgam, and the administrative staff of District Hospital Kulgam.

MC Sumbal organizes Waste Management and Skill Training Programme on Waste Composting

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 11: Municipal Committee (MC) Sumbal organized a comprehensive Waste Management and Skill Training Programme on Waste Composting at the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plant, Sumbal, aimed at promoting sustainable waste disposal and eco-friendly composting practices.

The programme witnessed the participation of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Bandipora, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) Bandipora, SDO Sumbal, officials from SKUAST-Kashmir and representatives from Magnite Agri Tech, along with officials from various departments and local stakeholders.

Representative from SKUAST-K delivered an enlightening address on the scientific importance of waste composting and elaborated on the role of Ribozymes in enhancing composting efficiency. He also conducted an on-site demonstration of advanced composting techniques, providing practical insights to participants.

Representative from the SDO Office emphasized the need to promote eco-friendly manures to ensure sustainable agricultural practices, while Assistant



Registrar of Cooperative Societies highlighted the crucial role of cooperatives in strengthening community-based waste management systems and the growing significance of organic manure in modern farming practices.

Speaking on the occasion, the SDM Sumbal lauded the collaborative efforts of all departments, experts, and stakeholders in advancing sustainable waste management initiatives and promoting environmental responsibility at the grassroots level.

Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Sumbal, reiterated the Municipal Committee's commitment to strengthening sustainable waste management systems, promoting organic composting, and fostering a cleaner, greener future for the area.

The event also witnessed active participation from municipal workers, scrap dealers, and other local stakeholders, whose engagement provided valuable on-ground perspectives on practical waste management challenges and solutions.

Vande Mataram 150th Anniversary celebrations continue across all blocks of Shopian

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 11: In continuation of the ongoing celebrations marking 150 years of National Pride, 'Vande Mataram', a series of events were organized today across all blocks of District Shopian with great enthusiasm and patriotic zeal.

The events were coordinated by the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, respective BDOs of Ramnagri, Shopian, Kanjulliar, Chitragam, Imamsahib, Zainapora, Kaprin, Keller and Hermain.

Principals and staff of various Higher Secondary Schools took a leading role in organizing activities under the Vande Mataram theme.

Among the Institutions that actively participated, were HSS Zainapora, HSS Imamsahib, GHSS Shopian, HSS Kellar, HSS Narpora, HSS Hermain, HSS Kaprain, HSS Kanjulliar and HSS Ramnagri.

The schools held cleanliness drives, paintings, beautification initiatives around public buildings,



DC Kupwara Inspects ongoing Construction of Cooperative Super Bazar

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse today conducted an inspection of the ongoing construction work of the Cooperative Super Bazar Kupwara.

He was accompanied by the Chief Planning Officer Kupwara, Executive Engineer, R&B Division Kupwara, and Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Kupwara.

During the visit, the DC took a detailed review of the progress and quality of work being executed



at the site. The Executive Engineer informed him that the building, approved at an estimated

cost of Rs. 4.24 crore, is at its final stage of completion and is expected to be completed within

a week's time.

The DC appreciated the efforts of the executing agency for main-

taining pace and quality of work and emphasized timely completion so that the facility can be dedicated to the public at the earliest.

He said that the upcoming Cooperative Super Bazar will provide a convenient and affordable shopping facility to the people of Kupwara and also boost the co-operative sector in the district.

The DC directed the officers to ensure all finishing works, including electrical fittings and interior arrangements, are completed within the stipulated timeline.

walls, main roads, symbolizing respect for the national song and love for the motherland.

Students, teachers, members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions also took part in awareness campaigns and cleanliness drives promoting Swachh Bharat Abhiyan ideals in connection with the celebration. Patriotic songs, speeches, interactive sessions were conducted to educate students and the general public about the historical cultural significance of Vande Mataram in India's freedom struggle and national unity.

Rana inaugurates 2-day Jammu Language Conference at University of Jammu

Advocates for establishing Research Centre for regional languages

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, inaugurated two-day Jammu Language Conference, 'Jammu-iet aur Zaban-o-Adab' at University of Jammu here today.

The event is being organized by the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Himalayan Education Mission, Rajouri.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister commended the Department of Urdu for undertaking the challenging task of organizing a seminar that brings together scholars and enthusiasts of multiple languages.

He emphasized that such academic initiatives play crucial role in strengthening the region's cultural and linguistic heritage.

He lauded the efforts of department in uniting experts from diverse linguistic backgrounds and highlighted that platforms like this are essential for enrichment of literary pursuits.

Stressing the importance of



institutional support, the Minister advocated for establishment of Research Centre for all regional languages at the University, aimed at promoting study, documentation and preservation of the region's linguistic diversity.

"The proposed Centre should spearhead research in language development, analysis and usage across Jammu and Kashmir," he said, underlining the need for systematic approach to linguistic scholarship.

Highlighting Urdu's role as a

linguistic bridge across regions, Rana praised the writers and poets of Jammu for capturing the life, culture and natural beauty of the region through their literary works.

He emphasized that every language requires dedicated

cultural and literary initiatives for its propagation and revival, particularly in a region as linguistically diverse as Jammu and Kashmir.

Acknowledging the plurality of languages in Jammu, he noted that the region is home to Bhardwahi, Gojri, Kishtawari, Pahari, Pogli, Siraji, Gaddi, Kashmiri, Dogri and other dialects, each carrying unique cultural significance.

He added that writers from Jammu have historically played a vital role in documenting local lifestyles, traditions, and natural landscapes.

The Minister also called upon civil society to actively participate in the preservation and promotion of native languages, stressing that community involvement is essential for safeguarding the region's rich linguistic heritage.

Rana also praised the Department of Urdu for successfully initiating a conference on a subject that has received limited attention in the literary history of Jammu and Kashmir and extended his best wishes for the success of the event.

Commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram; Pulwama Admin organizes Mega event at Awantipora

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PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 11: As part of the ongoing district-wide celebrations marking 150 Years of national "Vande Mataram", a mega commemorative event was organised today at Government Higher Secondary School, Chersoo Awantipora.



The event witnessed the presence of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Awantipora, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone; Tehsildars of Awantipora and Pampore, BDOs of Awantipora and Pampore, Principals of various educational institutions, besides students, youth and the general public.

The day-long programme commenced with the recitation of the National Anthem by a group of students, followed by a march past featuring contingents from various educational institutions of the area.

Furthermore, an exhibition was also organized on the occasion, where students displayed artworks, paintings and portraits of freedom fighters, and models highlighting India's rich cultural and historical heritage. The venue resonated with patriotic fervour as participants together took the Viksit Bharat Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to contribute to the nation's progress and unity.

A musical concert was held where students rendered soulful performances of Vande Mataram and other patriotic songs, celebrating the spirit of India's freedom movement.

Moreover, a plantation drive was also carried out on the occasion to symbolise growth, harmony, and environmental responsibility.

Additionally, a short film on the history and legacy of national song "Vande Mataram" was screened highlighting the history and legacy of "Vande Mataram".

To engage youth through sports and teamwork, a cricket match and tug-of-war competition were also held, drawing enthusiastic participation from students. The event culminated with the Unity Pledge, echoing the ideals of oneness and national pride.

Meanwhile, as part of the year-long action plan to commemorate 150 Years of "Vande Mataram", commemorative events and pledges were held across various tehsils, blocks, government offices, and educational institutions of the district to create wider awareness about the historical and cultural significance of Vande Mataram among all sections of society

DLSA Srinagar organizes awareness Programme on Right to Education

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 11: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar organized a Legal Awareness Programme on the Right to Education on the eve of National Education Day in collaboration with the Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Forum J&K at the premises of Foundation World School, Illahi Bagh. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, Tasleem Arief and under the supervision of Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Sajad Ur Rehman, who also graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The programme featured insightful addresses from speakers, who spoke on various dimensions of the Right to Education and its significance in empowering future generations. In his address, Sub-Judge/Secretary DLSA Srinagar, highlighted the key provisions of the Right to Education (Amendment) Act, 2002, which inserted Article 21-A into the Constitution of India, guaranteeing free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of six and fourteen as a Fundamental Right. This awareness initiative not only reaffirmed the commitment towards the promotion of education but also resonated with the vision of the National Education Policy, emphasizing inclusive, accessible, and quality education for all. The programme was attended by Chairman of Foundation World School, Faizan Ul Islam; President of Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Forum, Mudassir Ahmad Naikoo, students, teachers, staff members, and Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar.

Fisheries Department Kupwara organizes Training Programme on Cooperative Management

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KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 11: Department of Fisheries, Kupwara, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kupwara, organised a one-day training programme on "Basic Procedures on Management of Cooperatives and Relevant Business Activities."

The training aimed to enhance the managerial and business competencies of fisheries-based Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for improved governance and sustainability. A total of 30 members representing two fisheries FPOs from across the district participated in the programme.

The event was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Kupwara, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad, who in his address, highlighted the importance of cooperatives in promoting self-reliance and inclusive growth among rural communities. He appreciated the efforts of the Fisheries Department and KVK Kupwara in empowering local fish farmers through training and awareness initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Director Fisheries Kupwara, Dr. Salman Rauoof Chalkoo, underscored the department's commitment to building strong fisheries cooperatives in the district. He encouraged participants to adopt modern management practices, maintain transparency in op-



erations, and explore new business models for sustained growth. "Our objective is to transform fisheries co-operatives into viable business entities that create livelihood opportunities and strengthen the local economy," he remarked.

Head KVK Kupwara, Dr. Kaiser Malik lauded the joint initiative and emphasised the importance of inter-departmental collaboration for fisheries development. He stated that regular capacity-building and exposure programmes help entrepreneurs understand both the technical and managerial aspects of cooperative functioning.

"Training and innovation are key drivers for transforming fisheries into

a profitable and sustainable enterprise," he added.

Experts from both institutions delivered technical sessions on cooperative management, record keeping, marketing strategies, and value addition in fisheries products.

The programme concluded with an interactive session where participants shared their experiences and suggestions.

The participants expressed their gratitude to the Department of Fisheries Kupwara and KVK Kupwara for organising such an informative programme and assured that the knowledge gained will be effectively applied to strengthen their respective FPOs.

DC Reasi flags off 40 progressive farmers on Exposure-cum-Training visit

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REASI, NOVEMBER 11: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik today flagged off 40 progressive farmers on an Exposure-cum-Training Visit organized by the Department of Horticulture under the ATMA and MIDH schemes. The event was attended by the Chief Horticulture Officer, DL-SMS and other district officers.

During the five-day visit, the farmers would get hands-on exposure to modern horticultural practices, advanced technologies and scientific innovations being implemented in other regions.

During the tour, the farmers would visit Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSKHPKV) Palampur, the Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) and the Bee Research Station, Nagrota Bagwan, where they will interact with scientists and experts to gain practical insights.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Reasi Nidhi Malik said that such exposure visits play a vital role in em-



powering farmers by familiarizing them with innovative technologies and successful models adopted elsewhere. She emphasized the importance of adopting modern and scientific horticultural practices to increase productivity, ensure sustainable growth and enhance farmers' income.

She encouraged the participants to make the most of this opportunity by learning new techniques and implementing them in their fields for better

yields and economic upliftment.

The training programme will focus on modern fruit cultivation techniques, integrated pest and nutrient management, protected cultivation, post-harvest management and scientific beekeeping practices.

This initiative aims to enhance farmers' understanding of sustainable horticulture, promote income diversification and encourage the adoption of high-value crops and allied activities.

Poshan Maah" celebration, district level awareness programme held at Bharderwah

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DODA, NOVEMBER 11: As part of the ongoing Poshan Maah celebrations, a series of awareness activities were organized at Community Hall Bharderwah, aimed at promoting nutritional awareness, health education, hygiene and community participation under the Poshan Abhiyaan initiative. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials, Anganwadi workers, social activists and local women, reflecting the district's collective commitment to building a healthier and more nourished society.

The programme was held under the overall guidance of District Programme Officer (DPO), Akhtar Hussain Qazi and in collaboration with the Child Development Project Office (CDPO) Bharderwah.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Sunil Bhutyal was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Also present were field functionaries from line departments and prominent citizens of the area.

In his address, ADC appreciated



the ICDS department for its sustained initiatives to promote nutrition, cleanliness and health awareness among women and children. He emphasized the importance of balanced nutrition, hygiene and regular health check-ups in creating a strong and healthy nation. He also encouraged community members to actively support the govern-

ment's vision of "Suposhit Bharat, Sashakt Bharat" — a nourished and empowered India.

During the event, a variety of engaging activities such as skits, poems, speeches and demonstrations were presented to spread awareness about Swachhta, PMMVY, Poshan, Breast-feeding and the significance of a balanced diet. A drawing competition was also organized among Poshan beneficiaries on the themes of cleanliness, nutrition and women's health. The activities received enthusiastic participation and appreciation from all attendees.

CDPO, along with supervisors and Anganwadi workers, showcased several Poshan Maah initiatives, including recipe demonstrations. They spread awareness about nutrition and community pledge drives aimed at combating malnutrition and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The programme concluded with an interactive session between the officials and community participants, followed by the singing of Vande Mataram as a tribute to national unity and collective responsibility.

HT EDITORIAL

Absolute neglect leads to dip in Saffron production

Over the past few years the Department of Tourism through its directorate in Kashmir has been organizing the saffron festival in the saffron town of Pampore. This time around the department has not made any announcement with respect to holding this festival. Since the season of plucking the saffron flowers is coming to a close there are few chances that the saffron festival would be held at Pampore in the coming days.

The basic reason for no holding of the festival is the tremendous dip in saffron production this year. Ground reports and media reports point out that hardly 10-15 percent of saffron production has been recorded in the saffron town of Pampore and its adjoining areas. The dip in saffron production has virtually broken the back of the people whose economy is dependent on saffron and its production. The union territory government through its different departments have been claiming that a lot of improvement has been taken with respect to the saffron production.

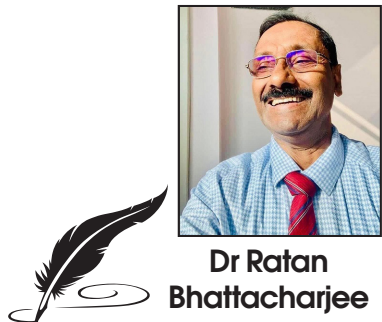
The people at helm may have spent a lot of money on the advertising and publicity of saffron and its production but on ground the concerned department has failed to make the necessary interventions. The National Saffron Mission launched many years back with pomp and show has failed to deliver results vis-a-vis increasing the production of saffron. Although huge funds were allocated under the mission the desired results have not been achieved. The interventions that were supposed to be carried out under the mission were not done.

Under the National Saffron Mission bore wells were to be constructed in the saffron fields and these were supposed to be connected with the drip irrigation system. Although bore wells were constructed in most of the saffron fields these were not connected with the drip irrigation system. The failure to establish a drip irrigation system has virtually doomed the saffron crop and its production. Since water is not available at the appropriate time the saffron corms don't get requisite moisture and as such they are not able to develop properly.

At the same time the rodents have caused havoc to the saffron production and these rodents make holes while consuming saffron corms. Since the authorities are dumping garbage in a huge expanse of saffron field along the Srinagar-Jammu national rodents, eagles and other birds make a beeline to the garbage dumping site. As a result of this the rodents make holes in the saffron fields and eat up the saffron corms thus leading to dip in production.

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Fayaz Dilbar's Poetry Served as Both Mirror and Map



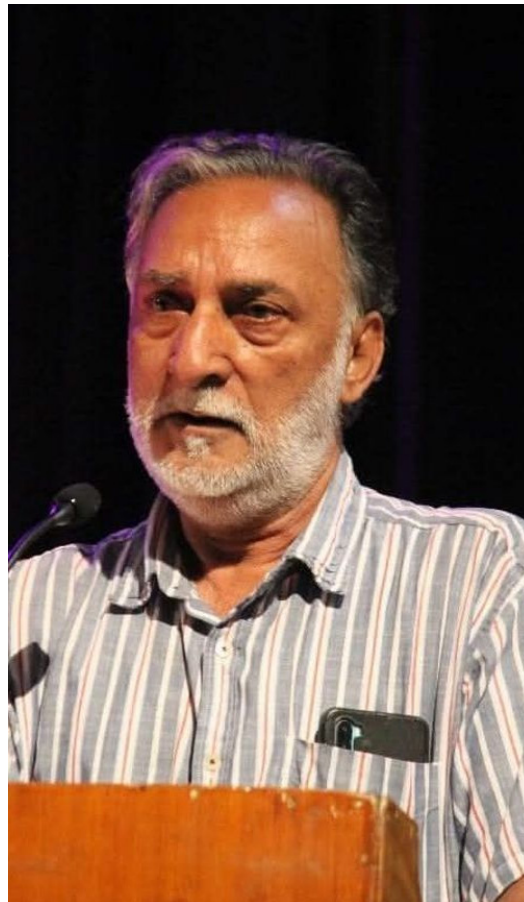
Dr Ratan Bhattacharjee

The valley of Kashmir, known for its ethereal beauty, has long been a crucible of art, poetry, and the ceaseless struggle between silence and song. Among its most resonant voices was Fayaz Dilbar — a poet, critic, and literary conscience whose words mirrored the pain and purity of his homeland. His passing is not merely the loss of a writer but the silencing of a conscience that spoke for the soul of Kashmir. For decades, Dilbar's poetry served as both mirror and map — reflecting the tragedies of his time and guiding readers toward the moral landscapes of truth, compassion, and endurance. One of his most quoted poems, "The River Forgets Nothing," written after a particularly violent year, captures his moral anguish: "The river forgets nothing, not even the blood / That tried to hide beneath the ripples. / I touch the water, and my hand returns / Heavy with memories." This was Dilbar's genius — the ability to turn grief into moral insight, to transform pain into poetry that heals rather than hardens. To call him the "literary conscience of Kashmir" is not a metaphor. It is a statement of fact. When opportunism and polarization crept into the world of letters, Fayaz Dilbar remained steadfast in his integrity. He refused awards that he felt compromised by politics. He lived simply, almost austere, in a small house overlooking the Jhelum, surrounded by books and the silence of the mountains. He often said that solitude was a poet's truest companion. Yet those who visited him remember his laughter — soft, self-effacing, filled with warmth.

His literary conscience was rooted in the Kashmiri ethos of insaniyat — the deep humanity that transcends all divisions. Whether he wrote in Kashmiri, Urdu, or Hindustani, his words carried the cadence of compassion. He belonged to that rare tradition of writers who refused to turn away from the fire of their times. Like Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Dilbar believed that poetry could not be confined to beauty alone; it must also engage with injustice. His verses spoke of lost homes, displaced dreams, and the delicate endurance of those who continued to love the land even when it burned. Yet he never allowed bitterness to overwhelm his art. His sorrow was tempered by a quiet faith in the resilience of the human heart. His humanism was not abstract; it was born of lived experience. He walked through curfews, witnessed exodus, and listened to stories of mothers waiting for sons who never returned. Yet he never succumbed to despair. Even in his final years, his writings radiated an almost saintly serenity. In one of his late poems, he wrote, "Even when the night refuses dawn, light hides inside the heart of a song." That faith in the redemptive power of art defined his entire life.

Born in the tranquil yet turbulent heart of Kashmir, Fayaz Dilbar grew up surrounded by the contradictions that define the valley — the serene beauty of Dal Lake alongside the haunting echoes of conflict. His earliest poems, written in the early 1970s, were suffused with a tenderness that would later deepen into an unflinching awareness of suffering. He began as a romantic, inspired by the lyrical mysticism of Habbra Khatoon and the moral idealism of Mahjoor, but he soon evolved into a poet of conscience — one who could not close his eyes to the pain around him. His pen became both sword and balm, carving through deceit and healing through empathy. Dilbar's poetry carried a rare moral clarity. He refused to be seduced by power, ideology, or partisan narratives. For him, poetry was not an escape from the real world but a way of confronting it. His verses often began with personal grief and expanded to embrace collective sorrow. In one of his best-known couplets, he wrote, "The wound I hide beneath my sleeve / Is the wound of every tree and leaf." Those lines became a kind of moral compass for a generation of Kashmiri youth who found in Dilbar not only a poet but a witness — someone who bore testimony when many chose silence.

His friendships were as deep as his convictions. He corresponded with poets and thinkers across South Asia — from Karachi to Dhaka, Delhi to Lahore. Through these exchanges, he fostered a dialogue that transcended borders. He often spoke of the need for South Asian writers to resist the narratives of hatred imposed by politics. "Our languages know each other better than our governments do," he once said at a literary seminar, earning a standing ovation. In the literary circles of Srinagar, Fayaz Dilbar was both a revered elder and an unassuming guide. His evenings at the Press Enclave and the coffee houses near Residency Road were legendary — gatherings where writers, journalists, and students came to listen, argue, and learn. He spoke with humility, yet his insights were piercing. To young poets, he often said, "Write not what pleases, but what disturbs the conscience." He detested artifice and flattery, believing that the poet's first responsibility was to truth. He once remarked in



an interview, "If a poet's tongue does not tremble in the face of lies, his ink is wasted."

Fayaz Dilbar was a significant figure in Kashmiri and Urdu literature, primarily known for his contributions as a poet, author, playwright, and veteran journalist. His work can be compared to other poets based on his regional focus, the blend of humor and depth in his verse, and his connection to the Sufi tradition. Fayaz Dilbar distinguishes himself from other prominent poets through his blend of humor and deep sensitivity within a specific Kashmiri Sufi context, offering a unique voice that is both accessible and profound, different from the more politically charged or purely philosophical focus of many peers. Dilbar was a "comedian-poet" who captured hearts with humorous verse, a style that is less common among many classical and modern poets known for more somber or revolutionary themes. He spoke from an inner world where feelings were sincere and dignified, often finding profound meaning in simple moments. He was a prominent Kashmiri poet and writer, and his work often intertwined Kashmir's Sufi heritage with broader intellectual traditions. Beyond poetry, he was an author and playwright, showcasing a versatility in writing that extended beyond verse, unlike some poets who solely focused on a specific poetic form. Ghalib's poetry is deeply philosophical and highly intellectual, a major distinction from Dilbar's more accessible, often humorous and regionally-focused style. Faiz Ahmad Faiz's work overtly political and revolutionary stark contrast to Dilbar's introspective quieter reflection and focus on everyday human emotion. Nida Fazil and Dilbar however share some common ground in addressing the human condition and everyday life, but Dilbar's unique contribution lies in his specific humorous style and Kashmiri Sufi roots. Ahmed Faraz's romantic and bold style differs from Dilbar's more gentle, philosophical and humorous approach. Majrooh Rashid's style appears to be the most comparable to Dilbar's in terms of emotional depth and quiet reflection, focusing on the simple sincere aspects of human emotion and inner strength.

As a critic, Dilbar brought a rare depth of understanding to Kashmiri literature. His essays on modern Kashmiri poetry, particularly his analyses of Rasul Mir, Dina Nath Nadim, and Ghulam Ahmad Mahjoor, revealed both scholarly discipline and emotional resonance. He understood that the valley's literature was not merely aesthetic expression but a historical document of longing and loss. His book "Zameen aur Aasman ke Darmiyan" became an essential text for students of contemporary Kashmiri literature. In it, he explored how the Kashmiri poetic imagination oscillates between the tangible and the transcendental — between the earth that bleeds and the sky that forgives. His first poetry collection is reported to be titled "Kalam-e-Dilbar" (published circa 1956) according to a tribute article. Other collections mentioned include Aashiq Mashooq, Shama-te-Paonpar, Rubayat-i-Dilbar, Naat Nabi, Miraj Nama, Sooz-e-Ishq, Manqabat. In 2004 he published a collection called "Haarnis Taapas Andar" ("In the middle of hot summer sun"). "Kalam-e-Dilbar" most commonly refers to devotional poetry, specifically Sufi and Naat (praises of the Prophet Muhammad), by various poets and performers. The term can be a specific title, such as a collection by Asghar Nizami, or a more general description of poems about the divine or beloved figure. Examples include performances by artists like Dilbar Shahi and poems by poets such as Ziya Alvi, and the term is also used in the context of Kalam-e-Bahu and Kalam-e-Raza. It can refer to Nazr-e-Dilbar, also known as Kalam-e-Asghar, a work by poet Asghar Nizami. It is often used to describe devotional poems with a spiritual or mystical theme, frequently in the form of Naat or Sufi kalaam. "Kalam-e-Dilbar" is used in

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titles for performances by artists such as Dilbar Shahi, who recites poetry from different sources. It is featured in the titles of musical works, such as the song "Mein Koji Mera Dilbar Sohna" by Hazrat Sultan Bahu. These underscore that he was a prolific poet across Urdu, Kashmiri and possibly other languages. The full catalog of his books would require accessing local archives, literary journals or university theses from Kashmir.

Fayaz Dilbar was also a translator of rare skill. His Urdu and English renderings of Kashmiri poets opened the valley's literary treasures to the wider world. Through him, non-Kashmiri readers first encountered the haunting grace of Lal Ded's vakhs and the delicate defiance of Mehjoor's verses. Translation, for him, was an act of love and preservation. He believed that every language is a home, and to translate is to build bridges between exiled hearts. His life, however, was not one of academic detachment. The decades of turmoil in Kashmir touched him deeply. Friends recall that he often wept silently while reading news of yet another tragedy. His later poems bear witness to this anguish — spare, wounded, and luminous.

In his later years, illness confined him to his home, but his pen never stopped moving. He continued to write columns, letters, and short poems — reflections on memory, mortality, and the landscape of the soul. Even as his health declined, his spirit remained luminous. A week before his passing, he dictated a few lines to a student: "Do not mourn the poet; mourn the silence that follows him." Those lines, now circulating widely, feel like his final gift — a reminder that poetry is not immortal unless readers keep listening. The news of his death spread across the valley like the first snow of winter — quiet, inevitable, and deeply sorrowful. Writers, students, and common readers gathered by the banks of the Jhelum to light candles in his memory. Many recited his verses under the open sky. It was as if the entire valley had turned into a page of his unfinished poem. Because Kashmir's literary publishing (especially in Kashmiri and Urdu) often happened via regional presses, local journals or through small print runs, many of his works may not be digitised or widely catalogued online.

Fayaz Dilbar's legacy will endure not only in his books but in the moral vocabulary he left behind. He taught his readers that poetry is not just an ornament of language but a responsibility — a way of bearing witness, of refusing to forget. His influence on contemporary Kashmiri poets is unmistakable; many have admitted that their first encounter with literature was through his voice. He shaped not just their style but their sense of ethical duty. In the quiet lanes of Srinagar, where the chinar trees turn golden in autumn, his absence will be deeply felt. Yet one suspects that somewhere between the rustling leaves and the murmur of Dal Lake, his spirit lingers — still listening, still whispering truths that others fear to speak. He leaves behind not just verses but a vision: that even in a wounded world, words can still be pure, that conscience is the truest homeland. As we remember Fayaz Dilbar, we are reminded of the poet's eternal role — to dream for those who cannot, to speak for those who are silenced, and to remind humanity of its shared heart. Kashmir has lost a poet, yes, but it has also gained a conscience that will not fade. In every line he wrote, there is an echo of the valley's undying resilience — a belief that even amidst conflict, poetry can remain an act of peace.

The pen of Fayaz Dilbar now rests, but his words continue their journey through the air of Kashmir — over Dal Lake, through the saffron fields, across the bridges of Srinagar. His poetry, like the wind of his homeland, will keep returning, carrying whispers of conscience, compassion, and the unyielding beauty of truth. He is gone, but his voice remains — like a river that forgets nothing.

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The Dagger Division story!



By M S Nazki

There are times in our lives when we have to realize our past is precisely what it is, and we cannot change it. But we can change the story we tell ourselves about it, and by doing that, we can change the future.....MD! Officers and men of Baramulla Division!

If you want to fly in the sky, you need to leave the earth. If you want to move forward, you need to let go of the past that drags you down.....MD!

Like other ghosts, she whispers; not for me to join her, but so that, when I'm close enough, she can push me back into the world.....usually fugitives love these pieces but we do not!

I don't think humanity just replays history, but we are the same people our ancestors were, and our descendants are going to face a lot of the same situations we do. It's instructive to imagine how they would react, with different technologies on different worlds. That's why I write the truth and it is always bitter.....MD!

The arrow of time obscures memory of both past and future circumstances with innumerable fallacies, the least trivial of which is perception.....GOC Dagger Division!

Normality wasn't in the days I'd left behind me: it was only to be found in whatever fortune placed in my path each morning.....(A soldier who walks out every morning to guard you and your family)

Not many would be knowing Gaggar Hill?

Gagar Hill is a village in the Boniyar tehsil of Baramulla district, Jammu and Kashmir, and a government school is located there. It has recently been in the news for infrastructure projects, including the inauguration of a causeway to improve access for remote villages and the Indian Army's plan to upgrade its government school with modern facilities.

Infrastructure projects: Causeway: The Indian Army inaugurated a causeway in August 2023 to provide better connectivity for local residents, including faster access to emergency services.

School upgrades: The Army is planning to provide similar educational support to the Government School in Gagar Hill as it has done for other schools in border areas, including upgrading the school with modern technology and infrastructure.

Significance: The initiatives at Gagar Hill are part of a larger effort by the Indian Army to support development and improve the quality of life in remote border villages, aiming to empower the youth and foster civilian-military cohesion.

A brief peep into history:

Baramulla's ancient history includes being founded by Raja Bhimsina in 2306 B.C. and being a significant center for trade and culture in northern Kashmir. It was an important stop for travelers like the Chinese monk Xuanzang and was a gateway to the Kashmir Valley, with historical evidence of Buddhist, Jain, and

Hindu civilizations found through excavations of ancient ruins like Parihaspora.

Founding: According to some accounts, the city was founded by Raja Bhimsina in 2306 B.C..

Name: The name "Baramulla" is a corruption of its original name, Varmul, which is linked to the saint Varahak etra or the Varaha avatar of Vishnu.

Ancient route: The city was historically known as the "Gateway to the Kashmir Valley" and was an important stop for travelers.

Notable visitors: Chinese monk Xuanzang visited the area, and British historian William Moorcraft also traveled there.

Archaeological and historical evidence:

Excavations: Archaeological excavations in Parihaspora have uncovered ruins of a Buddhist stupa and monastery, along with temples and a chaitya (shrine) dating back to the ancient period.

Buddhist and Hindu sites: The nearby ancient site of Hushkapur (now Ushkur) was home to a vihara (monastery), stupa, and a Vishnu temple built by Hushka, likely Huvishka.

Temple remains: Ancient religious sites like Kotitirathamahatmya and the Ganganor temple and spring are located near Baramulla. Recent discoveries include a five-foot Shivlinga from the Jhelum river, suggesting a significant ancient religious heritage in the area.

Sultanate and Mughal periods: In 1508 A.D., Mughal Emperor Akbar visited Baramulla on his way to the Kashmir Valley.

Spiritual and cultural importance

Gurdwara Chhevin Patshahi: Located in Baramulla, this gurdwara commemorates the visit of the sixth Sikh Guru, Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, in 1620 A.D., where he stayed for seven days.

Shiva Linga discovery: A significant Shiva Linga was discovered in Baramulla, further highlighting the region's ancient religious importance.

Dagger Division: The Story Of The 19th Indian Division ...

The "Dagger Division" is the nickname for the 19th Infantry Division of the Indian Army, which earned the name from its formation badge that features a hand thrusting a dagger. This division has a long history, including service in World War II's Burma Campaign and engagements in other operations.

Historical Name: The 19th Indian Infantry Division was historically known as the "Dagger Division" due to its insignia.

Modern Day: The name is still used for its successor unit in the Indian Army, the 19th Infantry Division, which is headquartered in Baramulla.

Insignia: The original badge was a hand thrusting a dagger overhand, on a red background with yellow elements.

Historical Role: During World War II, the division was a key part of the British Indian Army and played a significant role in campaigns like the capture of Mandalay.

Modern Role: Today, the Dagger Division is responsible for security along the Line of Control in sectors like Gulmarg and Uri.

About Chotali:

Chotali is a village located in the Boniyar tehsil of the Baramulla district in Jammu and Kashmir, near the Line of Control. It is situated about 38 km from the district headquarters of Baramulla and is known for a recent initiative by the Indian Army to upgrade the

The classes of the school will be converted into smart classrooms with the latest amenities. It will be a game changer in the field of education. This gesture was aimed to provide students with a conducive environment that encourages learning and growth thereby getting in sync with modern technology in the remotest part of the country

local Government Middle High School, providing better educational infrastructure for students, as detailed by sources like Rising Kashmir and WION.

Location: Chotali is a village in the Boniyar tehsil of the Baramulla district, positioned near the Line of Control in north Kashmir.

Headquarters: The nearest sub-district headquarters is Boniyar, and the district headquarters is Baramulla, approximately 38 km away.

Educational Initiative: In November 2025, the Indian Army began an initiative to upgrade the infrastructure of the Government Middle High School in Chotali, which serves students from remote areas.

Purpose of Initiative: The project aims to provide a conducive learning environment with modern facilities, improve educational standards, and offer better opportunities for the local youth.

Community Response: Residents and teachers have expressed appreciation for the initiative, viewing it as a significant step toward developing education in remote border areas.

Population: According to the 2011 census, the village has a population of 1,105 people, with 595 males and 510 females.

We will start the second half with a short story:

An educated youth from Baramulla, Wajahat Farooq Bhat, is a symbol of transformation, moving from street protests to creating youth empowerment initiatives like the Save Youth Save Future Foundation (SYSF). His journey, and the work of others like him, illustrates the potential for educated youth to lead positive change through education, dialogue, sports, and awareness programs, even while navigating the region's complex history. Other stories highlight the struggles for opportunity and recognition, like the journey of Mir Iqbal, who dreamed of being an engineer while working various jobs, and those who face emotional and social challenges in a conflict-affected region.

Wajahat Farooq Bhat's transformation: From protest to empowerment: Wajahat Farooq Bhat, originally from the village of Sheeri in Baramulla, shifted his focus from participating in street protests to leading efforts for youth empowerment.

Founder of SYSF: He is the founder of the Save Youth Save Future Foundation (SYSF), a grassroots initiative aimed at changing the trajectory of thousands of young people. Focus on de-radicalization and dialogue: The foundation uses programs centered on dialogue, sports, education, and de-radicalization to create a positive impact.

Challenges and struggles: Economic and social pressure: The path for educated youth in Baramulla is not always easy, with many facing financial hardships and social stigma.

Psychological impact of conflict: The long-standing conflict has a high impact on mental health, with high prevalence rates of depression among young people, especially in rural areas.

Balancing duty and dreams: Some youth, like Mir Iqbal, struggle with the conflict between their personal aspirations and the family's need for stability and security, which often means pursuing a conventional government job.

The changing narrative: Education as a key to progress: Initiatives are being implemented to provide quality education to all children, with upgraded schools on the border becoming symbols of progress and hope for the future.

Community and partnership: The success stories in Baramulla show the importance of a shared vision and partnership between local communities and leadership in achieving transformation.

Resilience and opportunity: Despite the challenges, Baramulla is increasingly defined by the progress being made, with young people reclaiming their identity and building a future grounded in collaboration and purpose.

The Indian Army, committed to fostering holistic development in the region, has undertaken an initiative to upgrade the infrastructure of Government Middle High School, Chotali (Baramulla District) located in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control. Recognising the pivotal role education plays in shaping the future of the youth, the Indian Army has decided to donate essential furniture and infrastructure to enhance the learning environment at the school hereby making it at par with any reputed school in any city or town.

The classes of the school will be converted into smart classrooms with the latest amenities. It will be a game changer in the field of education. This gesture was aimed to provide students with a conducive environment that encourages learning and growth thereby getting in sync with modern technology in the remotest part of the country.

The initiative is not limited to Chotali alone. The Indian Army plans to extend similar support to other schools in border villages, including Government School, Gagar Hill and Government Primary School, Somwali. By doing so, the Indian Army seeks to empower the youth in these areas with quality education, enabling them to build a brighter future for themselves and contribute to the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir and the Nation.

Teachers at Govt Middle High School, Chotali lauded the initiative as it will have a major impact on the standard of education in border areas. Students at school looked euphoric with this upgrade & conveyed their firm resolve to accrue maximum benefits out of this.

Through this initiative, the Indian Army reaffirms its commitment to the welfare and development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the youth and its dedication to creating opportunities that can help youth realise their full potential. This will also enhance civil military cohesion in the region by giving local populace access to the benefits of education.

The final lines: He wanted to leave the past a few hundred miles down the road, shake it off like dust. But that was the problem with the past. It kept finding him.....So find it out for yourselves.....MD!

Unity Wins: When Unrecognized, Passion Makes a Nation a Champion



■ DR. PRIYANKA SAURABH

The historic victory of the Indian women's cricket team is not just a sporting achievement, but a national message—unity in diversity is our greatest strength. When identities of religion, caste, language, or region are left behind and "India" stands forth, even the impossible becomes possible. We must take this team spirit beyond sports and infuse it into every aspect of life. Only then will we truly be able to say—together we are India, and India is our true victory.

A Sikh girl captained the team, a Christian girl won the semi-final, a Bengali girl's power-hitting helped the team reach close to 300, Shafali, a Jat girl, was named Player of the Match in the final, and Deepti, a Brahmin girl, was named Player of the Tournament—and ultimately, India became world champions. The question is, when their different identities don't hinder us from becoming world champions, why do we fight over these identities in the name of taking the country forward? We need a similar spirit for our country's progress.

These lines paint a true picture of today's India—an India where diversity is not a

division, but a strength. When the Indian women's cricket team created history by winning the World Cup, it wasn't just a victory of bat and ball, but a triumph of unity, equality, and Indianness. The team included daughters from every religion, every caste, every language, and every region, but when they stepped onto the field, they held only one identity—Indian. This sentiment reminds us that true strength lies not in our name, lineage, or creed, but in our collective effort and shared resolve.

Sports teach us that team spirit transcends any individual identity. When a wicket falls, no one cares about the bowler's state or religion, and when a boundary is hit, the crowd doesn't care about the batsman's caste. On the field, only one thing matters—performance, hard work, and dedication. And if we adopt this philosophy in our country's development, politics, society, and culture, India can become a "world champion" in every field.

Unfortunately, identity politics, divisions based on religion and caste, and an "us versus them" mentality are deeply ingrained in our society. From elections to everyday conversations, we often forget that our greatest identity is our Indianness. But sports remind us every time that when we play together, we become invincible. This unity is the soul of India's Constitution, culture, and civilization.

When Harmanpreet Kaur leads on the field, she's not just the daughter of Punjab, she's the captain of all of India. When Jemimah Rodrigues bats brilliantly in a

decisive match, it doesn't matter what her religion is—what matters is her contribution. When Shafali Verma fires up a storm in the final or Deepti Sharma shines with consistent performances throughout the tournament, they teach us that success speaks the language of ability and hard work, not caste or religion.

Today, India needs to learn a lot from these daughters. If every citizen puts aside their petty identities and works towards the nation's larger goals, neither will the pace of development slow down nor will social harmony be disrupted. We must understand that a nation is not built by a single class, language, or culture—but by the coming together of all. This is why India has always preached the message of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—the whole world is one family.

When the ball crosses the boundary line on the cricket field, the entire stadium resounds with a cry—"India! India!" In that moment, there is no Hindu, no Muslim, no Sikh, no Christian; everyone is simply Indian. This feeling is the true foundation of nation-building. It is this consciousness that empowers us to rise above caste violence, religious fanaticism, and regional narrow-mindedness.

Today, from politics to social media, we're repeatedly urged to view things through the lens of our identities. But the question is—is a country made solely by identities? No. A nation is made when people set aside their differences and unite for a common goal. India faces many challenges today—poverty, unemployment,

education, the environment, gender equality—but solutions to all of these are possible only if we think with a Team India spirit, not a narrow "my society" mindset.

Our women's cricket team accomplished what politics, society, and theology failed to do—they showed us how much "strength there is in unity." On the field, they proved that no one is inferior to another, and that everyone is dedicated to one another. Someone led the charge, someone swung the bat, someone lofted the ball, someone took the catch—and together, they made history.

This same model can be applied to India's social life. If every citizen fulfills their role responsibly—whether as a farmer, teacher, doctor, engineer, or soldier—no one can stop India's progress. Just as every player in a team plays their part, every citizen of the country must work honestly in their place. Only then will India achieve the dream of a "developed nation."

This victory holds another powerful message—one of women's empowerment. These daughters have challenged not only the sports field, but also the societal mindset that often believes certain fields are exclusively for men. They have proven that, given the opportunity and confidence, women can make the country proud in any field. Their success will serve as an inspiration for future generations of girls, who now know that "limitations" exist only in thinking, not in talent.

When we judge someone based on their

identity, we miss their true potential. But when we collaborate beyond identity, even the impossible becomes possible. This is the lesson our women's team has taught us—that serving the nation requires a union of hearts, not just resources.

What India needs most today to move forward is social unity and mutual respect. We may all speak different languages and follow different customs, but our dream is the same—a strong, prosperous, and happy India. And this dream will only be realized when we rise above the "I" mindset and embrace the "we" mindset.

The day all of us Indians embrace the fact that someone's success is our collective victory, India will become a world leader not just in sports, but in every field. This is the time to work as a team, not to blame each other.

So the next time someone asks "Who are you?", the answer should be simply this –

"I am Indian – and that is my biggest identity."

As long as we carry this identity forward, no force can stop us. Just as India's daughters returned victorious from the battlefield, our country will one day become a global champion of progress and unity—because a nation that learns to find unity in diversity never loses.

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Health Benefits of Oranges



Sahil Manzoor

Orange is one of the most loved fruits of Kashmiri people during winters. While most fruits become costly or even disappear in the valley due to the harsh season and frequent suspension of the National Highway—the main route that connects Kashmir with other states—orange remains widely available and affordable.

In winter, our diet in Kashmir often shifts toward red meat, mutton, chicken, fish, cereals, and other heavy foods. Though nourishing, overconsumption of these items can lead to fat accumulation and health problems. A balanced diet is what our body truly needs: adequate amounts of proteins, fats, vitamins, minerals, and fibers. Without balance, lifestyle diseases like fatty liver—now common both in Kashmir and across the globe—can develop. Fatty liver brings risks such as kidney issues, dehydration, and backache. Preventing these problems requires not just a mindful diet but also regular physical activity. Exercise doesn't always mean going to the gym—it can simply be staying active at home through daily tasks.

In this context, oranges come as a natural blessing. This citrus fruit, grown in warm climates across the country, offers numerous health benefits:

Nutritional and Health Benefits of Oranges

Rich in Vitamin C: Boosts immunity, fights harmful free radicals, and slows down age-related macular degeneration (a major cause of vision loss).

Supports Healthy Skin: Vitamin C helps the body make collagen, which heals wounds and keeps skin smooth.

Prevents Anaemia: Oranges enhance iron absorption in the body.

Good for Pregnant and Lactating Women: Oranges are a natural source of folate, vital for DNA formation, cell division, and preventing birth defects.

Strengthens Bones and Muscles: Being rich in calcium, oranges help maintain bone and muscle strength.

Improves Digestion: High fiber content supports bowel movement, prevents constipation, and keeps the body refreshed.

Regulates Blood Pressure: Potassium in oranges helps lower blood pressure and keeps the heart healthy.

Final Word

Oranges are a simple, natural way to maintain

health during winters in Kashmir when fresh local produce is scarce. For those with sensitive stomachs or medical issues, it is wise to consult a doctor before consumption. Otherwise, making oranges part of your daily winter diet can be one of the easiest steps toward staying active, balanced, and disease-free.

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Migraine relief: Top 5 cures and remedies

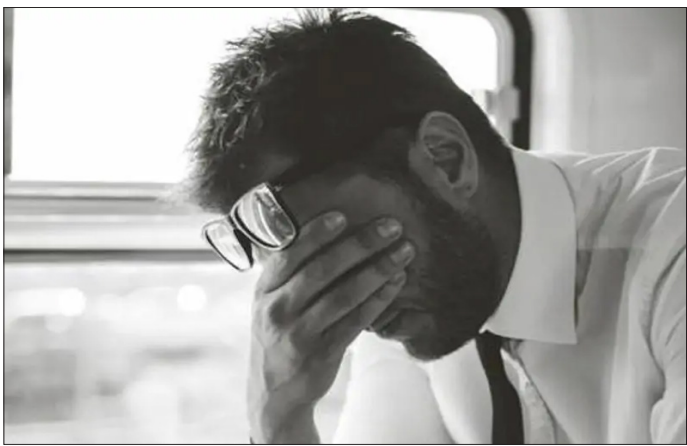
Migraine is a neurological disorder, where one experiences headaches along with symptoms associated with autonomic nervous system. This simply means, a person experiencing migraine will also experience nausea, sensitivity to light and sound, and environment. For migraine relief, there are some natural remedies that can help reduce the pain.

Causes of migraine

Migraine can last for hours and is caused when arteries are inflamed due to the release of chemicals. These chemicals are released when you have an allergic reaction, stress, sleeping pattern, menstruation, menopause, and fasting.

Natural cures for migraine

Vitamin B2: Consuming at least 400 mg of vitamin B2 helps



in reducing the symptoms of migraine significantly. The best sources of vitamin B2 are chicken, fish, eggs, legumes, dairy products, nuts, green leafy vegetables and fortified cereals.

Therapy: Try relaxation

therapy like head a massage, breathing techniques, yoga, tai chi, and meditation.

Ice: The best way to reduce inflammation is with ice. Cold therapy will give you quick relief from migraine.

Botox: Dr. Raj Shekhar Reddy, Consultant Neurologist, with Max Care Hospital from New Delhi explains the use of botox for migraine relief, "The benefit with botox is that it is rightly injected into the problem area, it is not time consuming and has a direct impact. When a patient suffers from migraine attacks, there is sensitisation in the area and the pain keeps knocking on that area. When botox is injected, the sensitisation is relieved by the action in that area. There is a complex chemical process involved where the botox works as a good agent to relax chronic migraines."

Niacin: Increase the intake of foods rich in niacin such as yeast, whole wheat, green leafy vegetables, tomatoes, nuts, sunflower seeds, liver and fish.

Courtesy Healthline

5 easy steps to deal with your periods

Ask any one - man or woman - what 'that time' of the month means and you'll hear words like avoid, detest, moody, cranky, irritable, hate; and those will be the polite people.

Enough evidence to concur that menstrual cycles or periods aren't loved or appreciated. But is there any way in which women can deal with their periods in a way that doesn't involve a knife and sounding board? Dr. Sadhana Kala, Gynecologist from the Moolchand Women Hospital, lets you in on how to do just that. Here are five easy steps to deal with your periods.

Healthy diet - During this period women should include lots of green leafy vegetables, seasonal fruits and also increase the intake of water and fluids in their diet. Apart from that having a glass of hot milk can also work. Avoid having spicy and oily foods which could further aggravate the problem.

Avoid puffiness and bloating - It is advisable to exercise regularly, preferably in

the mornings, and get eight hours of sound sleep every night. This will help keep bloating at bay, and that will help you fight most of the problems brought on by periods.

Personal hygiene - Frequently change sanitary pad every 4-6 hours and wash hands before and after changing. If there is any itching, discharge or smell then immediately consult the doctor.

Wash up and stay dry - Daily and frequent washing is very important as it helps stop odor and any possible chances of infection. If possible use vaginal hygienic wash solution. It is also very important to keep yourself clean and dry, and change undergarments twice or thrice a day.

Comfy clothes - Wear clothes that will put your body at ease. Tight denims and fitting tops will cause discomfort. Rely on colour therapy with bright clothes that make you feel happy and positive.

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Courtesy Healthline

Increasing coffee intake is bad for your brain!

While drinking your daily cup of coffee can help you stay sharp, modifying your habit by increasing coffee consumption over time may increase risk of mild cognitive impairment (MCI), early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and dementia, says new research.

"These findings from the Italian Longitudinal Study on Ageing suggested that cognitively normal older individuals who never or rarely consumed coffee and those who increased their coffee consumption habits had a higher risk of developing MCI," said one of the researchers Francesco Panza from the University of Bari Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy.

"Therefore, moderate and regular coffee consumption may have neuroprotective effects also against MCI - confirming previous studies on the long-term protective effects of coffee, tea, or caffeine consumption and

plasma levels of caffeine against cognitive decline and dementia," Panza noted.

The study involved 1,445 individuals aged 65-84 years.

An interesting finding in this study was that cognitively normal older individuals who modified their habits by increasing with time their amount of coffee consumption (more than a cup of coffee/day) had about two times higher rate of MCI compared to those with reduced habits (less than a cup of coffee/day).

They also had about one and a half time higher rate of MCI in comparison with those with constant habits (neither more nor less than one cup of coffee/day).

Moreover, those who habitually consumed a moderate amount of coffee (one or two cups of coffee/day) had a reduced rate of the incidence of MCI than those who habitually never or rarely consumed coffee.

TIPS TO REDUCE WEIGHT IN 10 DAYS

Do you wish to reduce weight within 10 ten days? If you eat right, perform the correct exercises and follow a healthy regime, you are bound to lose the excess pounds.

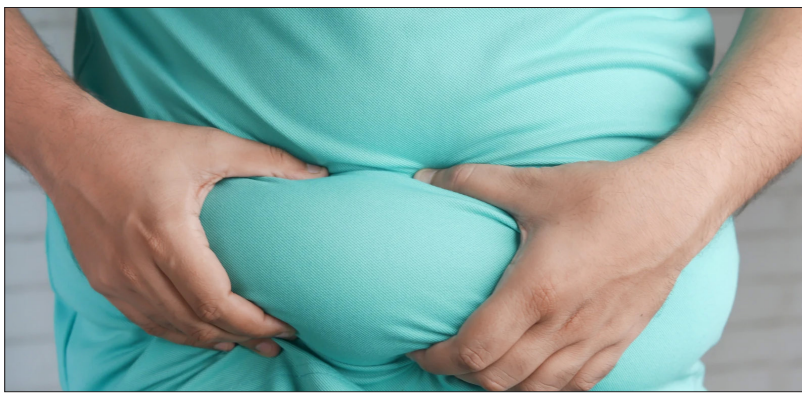
Manish Dagar, an expert at fitness club Celebrity Fitness, has doled out some tips:

- Diet: Diet rules for waist training are that a person has to be calorie deficit. Daily consumption of at least five to six small meals should also be on right amount of protein and healthy fats diet and low in carbohydrates (fats like Omega 3, Omega 6, Omega 9, flaxseed, extra virgin olive oil).

Consumption of green vegetables is extremely important because besides known for detoxing your body, they are known to be rich in fibers and complex carbohydrates.

- Crunches: Basic abdominal crunches, oblique crunch, knee-to-elbow, leg raises, full sit-ups are very effective.

Raise your head and shoulders off of the floor. Hold for three deep breaths, then return to starting position. You will feel tension in the muscles of your abdomen. Remember not to clasp your hands behind your head while doing abdominal crunches as well.



- Planks: The planks are one of the best exercises you can do for your core because it builds isometric strength to help sculpt your waistline and improves your posture. Depending on the type of plank, you can also engage your back, arms, shoulders, gluts, and hamstrings. The types of plank exercises that can be practiced are forearm planks, straight arm planks, plank with arm or leg lift, side plank, dolphin plank and one-legged plank.

- Waist training basics: It is one of the biggest myths that doing only crunches help reduce waist line. Crunches are essential, however they

only strengthen the core muscles and build endurance. To lose fat around waist line, it is very important to combine high intensity interval training (HIIT) moves along with crunches to get magnum results. Start with cardio moves like skipping, jumping jacks, burpee and hand walk.

- Jogging or running is a popular form of physical activity: Regular running builds strong bones, improves cardiovascular fitness and helps maintain a healthy weight. The difference between running and jogging is intensity, but both are forms of aerobic exercise.

Courtesy Healthline

WHAT KEEPS FROZEN FOODS FRESH?

Do you feel apprehensive about using frozen foods thinking they are not nutritious? Now put your doubts to rest about frozen food in cold storage.

Frozen food brand McCain Foods India has elucidated on the IQF technology to help users get over their inhibitions, said a statement.

There are 12 stages before a vegetable or fruit is frozen. First is the reception of the raw produce (actually a misnomer because the product which is perfectly ripe is brought to the factory for freezing). That is because the produce will not ripen any further once it is frozen and therefore it is best to harvest the crop at its ripest.

The other 11 stages are pneumatic cleaning, washing and de-stoning, visual inspection, trimming, shelling, sizing, pitting and skinning, blanching, cooling, sorting, individual quick freezing (IQF), grading, packing and storage.

The IQF method of freezing ensures that the quality of the end product is much superior compared to other methods of food preservation like dehydration, canning or bottling as it does not lead to any loss of nutrients, flavors, colors, shape or texture. The process also results in a longer shelf life (up to 18 months), reduced thawing loss and no product deformation.

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Condolence Meeting Organized in Memory of Fayaz Dilber by JKAACL

Speakers Remember Fayaz Dilber as a Sensitive Poet, Conscientious Writer, Visionary Filmmaker, and Ethical Journalist

■ JAMEEL ANSARI

SRINAGAR, NOV 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) today organized a condolence-cum-tribute function at the Conference Hall of Tagore Hall, Srinagar, in memory of the renowned Kashmiri poet, short story writer, dramatist, journalist, and filmmaker Late Fayaz Dilber. The event was held to pay glowing tributes to his immense literary and creative contributions.

The function commenced with Fateh Khawani (prayers) for the eternal peace of the departed soul. The session was presided over by eminent writer Prof. Majrooh Rashid, while Ideel Saleem, Additional Secretary of the Academy, delivered the inaugural address.

In his speech, Ideel Saleem reaffirmed the Academy's commitment to honoring literary and creative personalities who have played a vital role in the promotion of Kashmiri language, literature and culture. He emphasized that it is the Academy's moral and institutional responsibility to keep alive the



memory of such intellectual figures through commemorative events and literary initiatives.

The presidium also included Prof. Farooq Fayaz, Shabir Mujahid, Ayash Arif Ideel Saleem and Jawaid Iqbal. The function was attended by a large gathering of writers, poets, artists, filmmakers, producers, journalists, researchers and academicians, whose presence lent grace and dignity to the occasion.

Speakers from the presidium and the audience recalled Fayaz Dilber as a multidimensional creative personality a sensitive poet, a writer of conscience, a visionary filmmaker, and a journalist of integrity. They described him as an institution in himself, who dedicated his entire life to literature and the arts. In his presidential address, Prof. Majrooh Rashid said that Fayaz Dilber's short stories portrays the

beauty, struggle and emotional depth of Kashmiri life. He noted that Fayaz Dilber's creative canvas was vast who wrote for the newspapers, the stage, and the screen alike. Expressing deep sorrow over his demise, he remarked that Fayaz Dilber's passing has created a profound void in the intellectual and cultural landscape of Kashmir.

Highlighting his significant contribution to modern Kashmiri prose,

speakers said Fayaz Dilber was among the few creative minds who successfully merged social consciousness with artistic expression.

Prominent personalities including, Mohammad Amin Bhat, Imdad Saqi, Rahim Rehbar, Naushaad Ghayoor, Gulfam Barji, Bashar Bashir, Shamshad Kralawari, and Inayat Gul shared their personal and literary associations with the late writer and paid heartfelt tributes to his memory.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather. In his vote of thanks, Jawaid Iqbal Khan, Editor (Kashmiri), expressed gratitude to the participants and reiterated the Academy's plays a pivotal in preserving and celebrating the creative legacy of literary figures who have enriched the cultural identity of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that Fayaz Dilber's writings reflect a beautiful fusion of Kashmiri temperament and universal sensibilities and assured that the Academy will continue to honor his contributions through literary programs and publications in future.

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EPFO Kashmir Holds Awareness Camp on PMVBRY & EEC 2025 in Pulwama

■ HT NEWS DESK

PULWAMA, NOV 11: Employees Provident Fund Organization, Kashmir Organizes Awareness Session/Campaign on Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and Employment Enrolment Campaign (EEC) 2025 at IGC Lassipora, District Pulwama.

The Regional Office, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Kashmir, organized an outreach session on 11-11-2025 at Industrial Growth Centre (IGC), Lassipora, Pulwama to disseminate information about the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and the Employment Enrolment Campaign 2025.

The session was led by Shri Vinay Kumar, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II/OIC, along with a team of officers/officials of EPFO Kashmir. The event was organized in collaboration with the District Industries Centre, Pulwama and officials of the Labour Office, Pulwama.

The initiative aimed to educate employers and employees from the pharmaceutical and allied sectors about the benefits, eligibility criteria, and procedures under PMVBRY — a



flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, which promotes formal employment and encourages job creation in organized establishments.

During the session, the RPFC explained the incentives available for employers enrolling new employees under the scheme and highlighted the importance of compliance with the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. Participants were also informed about the digital facilities offered by EPFO for ease of registration and claim processing.

The programme witnessed active

participation from representatives of industrial units, employers' associations, and local authorities. The collaboration between EPFO, the District Industries Centre, and the Labour Office, Pulwama was appreciated by participants for ensuring a coordinated approach to spreading awareness about government employment initiatives.

The EPFO Kashmir team reiterated its commitment to supporting employers and workers in achieving the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" through inclusive and sustainable employment initiatives.

KU begins week-long EconFest 2025 on economic research, innovation, policy discourse

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, NOV 11: The Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (KU), inaugurated EconFest 2025 — a week-long academic festival dedicated to research, innovation, and policy dialogue in economics and allied fields.

The event, being held from November 11 to 15 at the Main Campus, aims to develop collaboration among scholars, policy-makers, alumni, and students through a series of academic sessions, exhibitions, lectures, and creative engagements.

Vice-Chancellor, KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, in her address, said, "We are proud to host a platform that not only celebrates economic scholarship but also connects our scholars, alumni, and experts with the pressing developmental priorities of our region and country."

She added that EconFest 2025 reflects the Univer-

sity's commitment to nurturing a dynamic academic space where research drives policy, ideas translate into action, and young minds engage with real-world economic challenges.

Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, said that such initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing research culture and interdisciplinary collaboration within the university.

Dean Research, KU, Prof. Mohammad Sultan Bhat, said that EconFest provides an excellent opportunity for students and faculty to explore innovative ideas and policy solutions for sustainable development.

Dean, School of Business Studies, KU, Prof. Mushtaq Darzi, highlighted the need to link academic research with real economic issues to promote evidence-based policymaking.

Earlier, in her welcome address, Head, Department of Economics, Prof. Effat



Yasmin, said that EconFest 2025 represents the department's vision to strengthen academic networks and inspire young economists to contribute to the regional and national economy. EconFest 2025 celebrates the department's legacy of scholarship while promoting meaningful conversations on developmental challenges, economic opportunities, and future-ready skills.

The festival features several flagship events, including an alumni meet, a high-level panel discussion on the economy of Kashmir, the Annual Economics Lecture by eminent

economist Prof. Farzana Afridi (ISI New Delhi), the 9th Annual CECFEE Research and Policy Workshop of ISI New Delhi, a thematic painting competition on shrinking wetlands, exhibitions by local entrepreneurs, and capacity-building workshops for young researchers.

The event proceedings of the inaugural session were conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Mariam and Dr. Rahul Kundal, faculty members at the department of Economics KU, while the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Jawaid Iqbal, organising secretary and faculty at the department of Economics KU.

The inaugural session witnessed the participation of prominent alumni, faculty members, scholars, and students of the University. Some of the distinguished senior alumni who have immensely contributed to the department were also felicitated on the occasion.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

Department of Tribal Affairs

Office of the Warden Gujjar and Bakerwal Girls Hostel Baramulla

Near Jetty Khojbagh Baramalla | Contact: 8191891232

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Admission Notice for Gujjar & Bakerwal Girls Hostel Baramulla for the Year 2026-27

Applications on the prescribed Performa are invited from eligible students belonging to the Gujjar and Bakerwal Community who are appearing in the ongoing 5th Class Examination, for filling up the vacant seats in Class 6th in the Gujjar and Bakerwal Girls Hostel, Baramulla.

The applicants must belong to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.

Admission forms can be obtained from the office of the Warden, Gujjar & Bakerwal Girls Hostel, Jetty Khojbagh, Baramulla, up to 10-12-2025 during office hours.

The Screening Test for eligible applicants shall be conducted on 17-12-2025 within the hostel premises. The selection will be made purely on merit basis, subject to the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions:

1. The applicant must belong to District Baramulla only.
2. The applicant must belong to the Gujjar and Bakerwal Community.
3. Only those applicants who fall under the BPL category are eligible to apply.
4. The applicant must not be involved in any criminal or anti-social activities.

Note: Incomplete applications or those received after the due date shall not be entertained.

Issued by:

Sd/- Warden

Gujjar & Bakerwal Girls Hostel, Baramulla

DIPK: 7982/25 | Dated: 11-11-2025

Office of the Block Medical Officer Shangus

No: Est/BMO/Shg/969-71 | Dated: 10-11-2025

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of U.T of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed tenders are invited from the reputed/ eligible / Registered Suppliers for the supply of LPG Gas (Commercial)

S.No	Name of Item	Item Description
01	Supply of LPG Gas (Commercial) for winter season 2025-2026	The bidder has to mention the amount of discount of Government Approved Rates (Per Cylinder) instead of full rate of the cylinder

The tender must be accompanied with the CDR of Rs 25000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) pledged in the name of Block Medical Officer Shangus.

Interested parties /firms may collect the details tender document from this office during working hours within 5 working days form the date of publication of this notice. The said parties must produce all the relevant documents (PANCard, Registration Certificate, GST Certificate etc) at the time of collection of tender documents.

The tender should reach to the office of the undersigned within 03 (Three) working days from the date of publication of this notice. The tender will be opened in the office of Block Medical Officer Shangus on a very next working day in presence of tenderer who may wish to present.

Specification as well as Terms and Conditions:

01. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
02. Incomplete /Conditional tenders will not be accepted.
03. The Successful tenders has to submit GST bill in Triplicate.
04. The bidder has to submit an undertaking wherein he has to mention that he will not force the department for the payment which is subject to the Budget and when available, The dealer has to keep the gas available 24*7, The Rates should be Govt. approved rates-(Minus)Amount of discount (per cylinder).
05. It will be the responsibility of the tenderer to attach the all required documents mentioned in the NIT failing which the tender shall be liable to be rejected.
06. The rates quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and loading/unloading. No separate tax/Levies will be allowed.
07. No representation regarding increase/decrease/altering/ withdrawal of rates already quoted in the tender shall be considered after the last date of receipt of tenders and no price escalation claim will be entertained at any stage.
08. The approved firms are bound to supply on the rates once approved by the committee. Any hike in tax on later stage will not be paid if not levied by the central/J&K Govt.
09. The Successful tenders shall have to abide by the standard terms and conditions as laid down in the J & K finance rules/ Codes and conditions as per the rate Contract.
10. The rates quoted should be for Block Medical Officer Shangus.

The bids should be accompanied by following documents:

01. Valid Authorized Dealership Certificate from the company concerned.
02. GST Registration and GST Return.
03. EMD and Tender Fee.
04. Undertaking as mentioned in terms and conditions at S.No 04.

No: Est/BMO/Shg/972

Dated: 10-11-2025

Sd/- Block Medical Officer Shangus

DIPK: 7969/25 | Dated: 11-11-2025



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DIPR Jammu organises cultural events at Apsara Road, Raghunath Bazar to celebrate 150 Years of “Vande Mataram”

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11: In connection with the celebration of 150 years of the National Pride – “Vande Mataram”, the Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu today organised cultural programmes at Apsara Road and Raghunath Bazar, featuring colourful presentations on themes of unity, integrity and nationalism.

The programmes celebrated the 150 glorious years of the iconic National song “Vande Mataram”, a timeless symbol of India’s unity, strength, and freedom. The celebrations aimed to reignite the spirit of patriotism and remind citizens of the enduring legacy of the National song that continues to inspire generations.

Artists from the Cultural Unit DIPR, Jammu presented patriotic songs and



theme-based presentations, beautifully capturing the essence of national pride and cultural harmony. The

highlight of the event was the collective rendition of “Vande Mataram” by the artists of the Cultural Unit, which



resonated with patriotic fervour among the audience.

Adding grandeur to the celebra-

tions, the Jammu and Kashmir Police Band (JKP Band) presented soul-stirring patriotic tunes, evoking a deep

sense of national pride and drawing applause from the crowd gathered at the twin venues.

A large number of people, including locals, traders, students and visitors, witnessed the programmes with great enthusiasm. The events also witnessed the presence of officers and officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations and the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The twin events at Apsara Road and Raghunath Bazar formed part of the Phase-I of the celebration of 150 Years of “Vande Mataram”, being organised across the Country to spread the message of national unity, pride, and cultural togetherness through the medium of art and music.

The entire programme was conducted under the guidance of Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey and supervision of Cultural Officer Mukesh Kumar.

District-Level Programme held in Udhampur to commemorate 150 Years of Vande Mataram

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 11: To commemorate 150 years of Vande Mataram, the District Administration Udhampur organized a district-level programme here at Riwayat.

The event also featured saturation under key financial inclusion schemes such as PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY.

The programme witnessed the presence of PO Poshan Subash Dogra; Assistant Commissioner Development Om Parkash, district and sectoral officers, representatives of Beopar Mandals, prominent citizens and members of the general public. The sanitation workers and pensioners were enrolled for financial inclusion schemes.

Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai was the chief guest. The Agriculture, Horticulture, Health and ICDS departments had set up awareness stalls at the venue to disseminate information about welfare and flagship schemes of the Government.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the stalls, interacted with staff and beneficiaries and inquired about the on-ground impact of the schemes. She also took direct feedback from beneficiaries to assess the effectiveness of service delivery.



Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted that the Government has launched numerous welfare schemes aimed at improving the lives of common citizens. She urged the public to come forward and avail the maximum benefits of these initiatives. She further emphasized that the objective of organizing such programmes is to enhance awareness regarding government-sponsored schemes.

The DC also sensitized participants about PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY. She elaborated on the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which offers attractive subsidies for installing rooftop solar panels. She encouraged citizens to enroll for the scheme to contribute towards clean energy and environmental sustainability.

Adding to the patriotic spirit of the event, students of Bhartiya Vidya Mandir School recited the national song Vande Mataram, creating a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere.

District Doda resonates with patriotic fervour as educational institutions celebrate 150 glorious years of Vande Mataram

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

DODA, NOVEMBER 11: The entire District Doda came alive with patriotic zeal as schools and colleges across the district celebrated the 150th anniversary of the iconic national song Vande Mataram – a timeless symbol of India’s unity, strength and freedom.

The educational institutions organized a series of vibrant activities, including Vande Mataram singing, painting and essay writing competitions, quiz contests, plantation drives and cleanliness campaigns, truly reflecting the spirit of “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.”

The students at Government Higher Secondary School Girls Baderwah participated in Vande Mataram singing, painting and essay writing competitions and cleanliness drive. The celebration, held under the supervision of the School Principal Shafayat Ali, beautifully captured the essence of

unity, creativity and national devotion, concluding with a group selfie at the “Vande Mataram 150 Selfie Point.”

Similarly, Government Higher Secondary School Boys Doda, under the guidance of Principal, Rishi Kumar, hosted Painting and Essay Writing Competitions. Students showcased their patriotism, artistic expression and understanding of India’s cultural and historical heritage through their creative works.

The Government Degree College Kastigarh, under the leadership of Principal, Prof. Koshal Mangotra, organized two major events – a Quiz Competition and a Plantation Drive themed “Salute the Mother Earth”. Students Chandanjeet Singh, Amir Hussain and Kavita Devi secured the top three positions in the quiz competition. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Arjun Singh, while the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Anupam Lata.

The Plantation Drive carried out on the College Campus aimed to



promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Students actively participated by planting saplings and spreading the green message “Each One, Plant One” and “Save Tree, Save Life.”

GHSS Kandhote observed the celebration with a Cleanliness Drive symbolizing purity, unity, and national pride. Students and staff took a pledge to contribute to a Clean and Green India while singing Vande Mataram in unison, echoing the

spirit of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Government High School Seri celebrated the day with patriotic songs, speeches, and dances highlighting the historical and emotional significance of Vande Mataram. The event concluded with energetic slogans of unity and memorable pictures at the “Vande Mataram 150 Selfie Point.”

The Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Bhata Paryote organized Painting and Essay Writing Competitions where students expressed their love for the nation through art and writing. The event concluded with the collective singing of Vande Mataram, reflecting the true spirit of national pride and harmony.

The widespread celebrations across District Doda not only paid glowing tribute to the 150 glorious years of Vande Mataram but also strengthened the values of patriotism, environmental awareness and social responsibility among students – a collective expression of India’s unity, pride and cultural richness.

Sheep Husbandry Department Organizes “Vande Mataram” Themed Events under Ongoing Celebrations at Bandipora

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 11: As part of the ongoing “Vande Mataram” campaign commemorating 150 years of the National Song, the District Sheep Husbandry Department Bandipora and the Municipal Council Bandipora today organized a series of special patriotic and awareness events aimed at promoting national pride, cleanliness, and community participation across the district.

At the Mini Secretariat Bandipora, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zaffar Hussain Shawl, in presence of District Sheep Husbandry Officer (DSHO), Dr. Peer Irshad, flagged off a group of 30 sheep farmers for an exposure tour to SKUAST-Kashmir under the State Extension Programme (ATMA Scheme), a component of the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE).



Before the departure, the National Song “Vande Mataram” was played, and all participants including the ADC, DSHO, officials, and beneficiaries joined in singing the song with patriotic fervour, marking a spirited start to the event.

The exposure tour, organized to the Mountain Research Centre for Sheep and Goat (MRCSG), Shu-

hama, aimed to provide farmers an opportunity to interact with scientists and experts, gain exposure to modern livestock technologies, and learn about advanced breeding and management practices for improving productivity and livelihoods.

Meanwhile, at the Town Hall Bandipora, the Municipal Council



Bandipora organized a patriotic gathering, where the National Song “Vande Mataram” was played and sung collectively by participants with great zeal and enthusiasm. The event also included cultural performances and cleanliness drives to spread the message of unity and civic responsibility.

Similar programmes were

conducted in schools and colleges across the district, where students and staff took part in essay writing, debates, quizzes, painting, and slogan-writing competitions based on the themes of patriotism, national unity, and environmental awareness.

The week-long activities under the “Vande Mataram” campaign witnessed overwhelming participation from government departments, educational institutions, and the general public, showcasing Bandipora’s collective commitment toward fostering patriotism, harmony, and active citizen engagement.

Officials from the Sheep Husbandry Department and Municipal Council expressed that such events not only rekindle national pride but also motivate citizens, especially youth and farmers, to contribute positively to the nation’s progress through innovation, cleanliness, and self-reliance.

3 Doda YSS Officials shine with A-Grade in Kabaddi Referees Certification Exam

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

DODA, NOVEMBER 11: Three officials from the Youth Services and Sports Department Doda, Mohammad Imran, Koshal Sharma and Muzammil Hussain have secured A-Grade distinction in the prestigious Kabaddi Referees/Umpires Level-1 Certification Examination conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association (JKAKA).

This remarkable accomplishment highlights their exceptional understanding of game rules, sharp decision-making skills and technical proficiency, earning them eligibility for the upcoming Elite Level-2 Certification, a significant milestone toward national and professional-level officiating.

Secretary of JKAKA Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta congratulated the trio for their outstanding achievement and lauded their dedication to the sport. He also commended Doda’s growing prominence in promoting Kabaddi and contributing to the broader development of sports across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Doda has also commended the achievement of its officials, terming it an inspiration for young athletes and officials.

Series of vibrant activities organized across Ramban District spreading message of unity, patriotism

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 11: The spirit of patriotism resonated across District Ramban today as the District Administration, under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, organized a series of vibrant activities to mark the 150th anniversary of India’s National Song “Vande Mataram.” The day witnessed a unique blend of art, culture, and civic responsibility as people from all walks of life united to celebrate the timeless message of national pride and unity.

In a colorful display of creativity, participants painted patriotic murals, while cleanliness and beautification drives were carried out in the Municipal Committees of Ramban, Banihal, Batote, and adjoining areas—symbolizing both the aesthetic and moral spirit of “Vande Mataram.”

Adding to the fervour, a mass rally by the students and staff of Government Polytechnic College Ramban spread the message of unity and integrity. The rally, which began at the college campus and culminated near the PDC office, witnessed enthusiastic participa-



tion from students and faculty members alike.

Various events and competitions echoed throughout the district, with “Vande Mataram” programs held in several colleges and schools including GDC Ramban, Girls High School Ramban, Rajgarh, Government High School Jhatgalli, HS Gurwati and HSS Sanasar.

The celebrations also featured a joint event organized by the PWD Division Banihal and Municipal Committee Banihal, as well as another by the Sub-Division and PWD Batote in collaboration with MC Batote.

At Government Polytechnic College Ramban, an Essay Writing Competition and an Online Quiz Competition were held, drawing wide participation. Eleven candidates were short-listed for the essay competition, with Mohammed Maneer, Rahat Sideeq and Akshay Kumar emerging as winners. In the online quiz, Kartikay Raj Manahas, Satish Singh Bali and Deepak Singh secured the top three positions.

The ongoing celebrations have infused the district with patriotic zeal, reinforcing the eternal values of unity, sacrifice and love for the nation.





NIA takes over Delhi blast probe as terror links surface

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the investigation into the blast near Delhi's Red Fort, which sources confirm was a terror attack that killed at least 10 people and injured 24.

The case was officially handed over to the federal anti-terror agency at the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). NIA officials are now on the spot, examining the scene of the blast and meeting local officials to take charge of the probe.

This development follows the emergence of links between the Delhi blast and a recently busted terror module in Faridabad. The investigation has so far been a joint effort by the Delhi Police Special Cell, district police, and the Jammu & Kashmir Police.



The probe intensified after Delhi Police registered a formal FIR, invoking stringent sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act related to terrorist acts and their punishment, along with the Explosive Substances Act. Charges of

murder and attempt to murder have also been included.

A significant part of the probe has focused on tracing the movements of the suspects through the city's CCTV network. Nearly 200 police personnel examined footage

from multiple routes, including from the Badarpur Border to the Sunehri Masjid near Red Fort, and from Outer Ring Road to Kashmir Gate.

This digital dragnet has led investigators to question around 13 suspects.

A key line of inquiry involves the vehicle used in the attack. The investigation has revealed a chain of ownership for the car, which was initially sold by a man named Salman to another individual, Devender, in March 2025. The car then changed hands from Devender to a person named Aamir on October 29. It was subsequently passed on to Dr. Umar Mohammad, with a man named Tariq, also being privy to this exchange.

Both Aamir and Tariq are currently being questioned by a Delhi Police team as the probe continues. UNI

SC stays formation of community-based SIT in Akola riots assault case

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed an earlier directive requiring the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising police officers from both Hindu and Muslim communities to probe an assault case linked to the May 2023 communal violence in Akola, Maharashtra.

The stay comes as the Court issued notice on a review petition filed by the State of Maharashtra.

The matter was considered by a Bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chandran and NV Anjaria after a two-judge Bench, earlier examining the review petition, delivered a split verdict on whether the earlier SIT direction should stand.

Appearing for the State, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta contended that the earlier direction was unsustainable, submitting that neither the complainant nor the accused could seek the composition of the investigating agency.

He referred to the judgment in *Divine Retreat Centre v. State of Kerala*, to support the argument that the Court itself must determine the investigating authority without such community-based criteria.

The SG added that if required, the Supreme Court could itself designate officers for the SIT.

Taking note of the submissions, the Supreme Court directed, "Issue notice, returnable in four weeks. In the meantime, there shall be a stay of paragraph 24 of the judgment under review," the CJ ordered.

The stayed portion of the judgment had mandated the Maharashtra Home Department to constitute an SIT with senior officers "from both Hindu and Muslim communities," to probe the alleged assault on a 17-year-old survivor during the riots, and to initiate disciplinary action against police officials for al-



leged dereliction of duty.

Earlier, on September 11, a Bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and S.C. Sharma had criticized the handling of the investigation and directed the formation of the community-representative SIT.

However, on November 7, while hearing the State's review plea, the same Bench delivered a split verdict.

Justice Kumar declined to review the earlier direction, stating it aimed to ensure fairness in a communally sensitive case, while Justice Sharma issued notice on the review.

The communal riots in Akola in May 2023 were triggered by a social media post relating to Prophet Muhammad. The violence resulted in the death of one person and injuries to several others, including the respondent in the present case.

The respondent alleged that the police failed to register his complaint and instead filed cases against individuals who were not the assailants, prompting his plea seeking an impartial investigation and accountability of police personnel.

With the stay of the SIT direction now in place, the matter will be taken up again after four weeks. UNI

Prof Vidhu Verma awarded Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund (JNMF) has announced the Nehru Fellowship for 2025 for Prof. Vidhu Verma for her project titled 'Colonial Modernity and Epistemic Injustice: Politics, Ethics and Action in Gandhi, Ambedkar and Tagore.'

Prof Verma, a distinguished political scientist, currently serves as a Professor at the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal



Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

She has previously been a Visiting Fellow at Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, and a Senior Fellow with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Her research spans comparative political theory, feminist political theory, state, religion and democracy, affirmative action policies, and social justice in India.

She recently edited the volume "Secularism, Religion and Democracy" (Oxford University Press, New Delhi).

The Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship, instituted to promote advanced research in humanities and social sciences, is awarded for a period of two years. It carries a monthly stipend of Rs 1,00,000 and an annual contingency grant of Rs 75,000.

With this year's award, the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund has so far conferred 163 fellowships since its inception, continuing its legacy of supporting scholars engaged in pioneering and interdisciplinary research. UNI

By-elections in seven states see steady voter turnout amid tight security

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : Voting is underway in by-elections for eight assembly constituencies spread across seven states, with the Election Commission implementing stringent security protocols to ensure a smooth and fair polling process.

The constituencies going to polls include Budgam and Nagrota in Jammu and Kashmir, Antai in Rajasthan, Ghatshila in Jharkhand, Jubilee Hills in Telangana, Tarn Taran in Punjab, Dampa in Mizoram, and Nuapada in Odisha. Early reports from the Chief Elec-

tion Commission of India indicate encouraging voter participation. By 11:00 AM, Budgam recorded a turnout of 21.74 percent, while Nagrota saw 34.47 percent. Jharkhand's Ghatshila and Mizoram's Dampa registered turnouts of 34.32 percent and 34.38 percent, respectively.

Odisha's Nuapada had 32.51 percent, Rajasthan's Anta 28.74 percent, Punjab's Tarn Taran 23.35 percent, and Telangana's Jubilee Hills 20.76 percent. These by-elections are a significant political event, serving as a barometer for parties' strengths in their respective regions. UNI

SC acquits Surendra Koli in the last remaining Nithari case

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : The Supreme Court today acquitted Surendra Koli in the final case linked to the Nithari killings, bringing to an end the only remaining conviction against him in the 2005-2006 serial murder episodes in Noida.

The Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath allowed Koli's curative petition and ordered his immediate release.

"The petitioner is acquitted of the charges. He shall be released forthwith," Justice Nath announced while delivering the judgment.

Koli had been convicted and sentenced to death for the abduction, rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl, a conviction that the Supreme Court had upheld in 2011.

However, Koli approached the Court again after the Allahabad High Court, in October 2023, acquitted him in 12 other related Nithari cases, overturning earlier death sentences imposed by the trial court.

The High Court had also acquitted co-accused Moninder Singh Pandher in two matters.

While hearing the curative plea on October 7, the Supreme Court had noted that Koli's conviction in the present case appeared to rest primarily on a statement and the alleged recovery of a kitchen knife, especially when the evidence in the other connected cases had not been sustained.

The Nithari case came to national attention in December 2006 when human remains were discovered in a drain near



Pandher's residence in Nithari village, Noida.

Investigations revealed a series of disappearances and killings of minors and young women.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) took over the probe and charged Koli in multiple cases involving murder, rape, abduction and destruction of evidence, while Pandher faced charges in a separate case of immoral trafficking.

Koli was convicted in more than ten cases and was awarded the death penalty in several of them.

His review petition was rejected by the Supreme Court in 2014, though the Allahabad High Court later commuted his death sentence to life imprisonment due to delays in the disposal of his mercy petition.

However, the acquittals granted by the High Court in October last year prompted the victims' families and the CBI to approach the Supreme Court, which dismissed their appeals on July 31.

With today's order setting aside his last remaining conviction, Surendra Koli is now set to walk free. UNI

Delhi chokes again as AQI levels gets severe, triggering emergency measures

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : Delhi woke up on Tuesday to a thick, gray haze blanketing its skyline as the city's air quality deteriorated sharply overnight, prompting authorities to invoke emergency measures to curb pollution.

At 9 am, the Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 425, a level categorised as "severe", up from 362 recorded just a day earlier, according to official data.

The spike was attributed to calm winds, a stable atmosphere, and meteorological conditions that trapped pollutants close to the ground, officials said.

With the air growing increasingly toxic, the Commission for Air Quality Management's Sub-Committee ordered the immediate enforcement of Stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the National Capital Region (NCR).

The measures which are being implemented are reserved for severe air quality conditions when the AQI ranges between 401 and 450, come on top of restrictions already in place under Stages I and II.

Stage III restrictions include a ban on non-essential construction, closure of stone crushers and brick kilns, and curbs on diesel generator use, among other emergency steps aimed at preventing further deterioration.

The swift escalation underscores the seasonal pattern of air pollution that has long plagued Delhi and its surrounding areas, a toxic mix of vehicle emissions, in-

Delhi toughens pollution rules as smog chokes the capital



dustrial smoke, and crop residue burning from neighbouring states.

Each winter, stagnant weather patterns and low wind speeds trap these pollutants over the city, turning its air into a visible, hazardous shroud.

Despite years of policy interventions and judicial scrutiny, Delhi remains one of the world's most polluted capitals.

For millions of residents, the worsening smog has become an annual public health crisis, one that forces schools to shut, flights to delay, and children and the elderly to remain indoors.

By Tuesday afternoon, the haze showed little sign of lifting. Commuters moved through a pale sun, headlights on even in daylight, as authorities once again urged people to limit outdoor activity, a ritual that has come to mark November in India's capital. UNI

BIHAR NEEDS MODEL BASED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: KHARGE

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : As voting for the second phase of the Bihar Assembly elections gets underway, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge called for a new governance model centered on economic growth, social justice, and equality.

Kharge criticized the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, which has ruled the state for 20 years, describing it as opportunistic, corruption-ridden, and anti-poor.

Writing on X, he said, "Bihar needs a model filled with economic development, social justice, and equality. For 20 years, Bihar has endured an opportunistic, corruption-ridden government that is against the poor and

deprived. Today, the time for change has arrived."

Appealing to voters, he urged citizens to turn out in large numbers and encourage others to participate in the democratic process.

"The birthplace of democracy, Bihar, showed in the first phase how voters are enthusiastic for change. Today, in the second phase, I appeal to every citizen to vote and encourage relatives, friends, and neighbours to do the same. I make a special request to first-time youth voters to join this festival of change," Kharge added.

He also highlighted the need for justice and opportunities for marginalized communities.

"The time has come to deliver justice to Dalits, Mahadalits, backward

classes, extremely backward classes, economically weaker sections, and minority communities. Youth have the chance to get jobs, women to get security, farmers to get their rights, and a new chapter of public welfare for all has begun," he said.

The second phase of the Bihar polls began at 7:00 am across 122 constituencies in 20 districts, covering around 3.7 crore voters and 243 seats.

Meanwhile, by-elections are also being held in eight assembly constituencies across six states and one union Territory, including Budgam and Nagrota in Jammu and Kashmir, Anta in Rajasthan, Ghatshila in Jharkhand, Jubilee Hills in Telangana, Tarn Taran in Punjab, Dampa in Mizoram, and Nuapada in Odisha. UNI

US closer to seal trade deal with India, likely with cut in tariffs, hints Trump

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 : The United States is coming closer to sealing a trade deal with India, said President Donald Trump, adding that at some point, the US would bring down tariffs on India.

Trump's remarks came during the swearing-in of Sergio Gora as the Ambassador to India.

"We're making a deal with India. Much different than we had. Right now they don't love me but they will love us again. We're getting a fair deal. They're very good negotiators, so Sergio, you will have to take a look at that. I think we're pretty close to doing a deal that is good for everybody," the US President said.

He also said the US would lower tariffs "at some point". "Well, right now, the tariffs are very high on India because of the Russian oil, and they've stopped doing the Russian oil. It's been reduced very substantially. Yeah, we're going to be bringing the tariffs down. At some point, we're going to be bringing them down."

Recently, union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal had said the discussions on the proposed India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) are progressing smoothly, but many sensitive and serious issues remain to be resolved.

"Talks are going on very well. There are many sensitive issues, serious issues, so naturally, it takes some time," the Minister added.

India and US faced headwinds in the trade relations since Trump announced 25pc tariffs on Indian goods effective August 1.

A few days later, he imposed an additional 25pc tariff, taking the total to 50pc citing India's continued imports of Russian oil. These tariffs came into effect on August 27.

In the mid-September, a US delegation led by Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia, Brendan Lynch, held "positive and forward-looking" discussions with Indian officials in New Delhi.

Since March, five rounds of discussions have been held on the agreement's first phase, which was initially expected to conclude by the autumn of 2025. UNI



Fourth T20I Washed Out; New Zealand Remain 2-1 Up vs West Indies

Just 39 balls were possible in Nelson after New Zealand asked West Indies to bat under cloudy skies

■ ESPNCRICINFO

NELSON: It seems the weather deities didn't want New Zealand and West Indies to duke out two T20Is in successive days as rain in Nelson washed out the fourth game just 39 balls in. It means that New Zealand's

2-1 series lead is now unassailable. West Indies can level the series in the fifth and final game in Dunedin on Thursday.

Interruptions were expected at the start of the afternoon game as clouds hung low, and the weather forecast showed high chances of showers throughout the late

afternoon and early evening. While the toss and start of play happened on time, the first interruption, of about 30 minutes, came five overs into the game. The second one came nine balls later, and resulted in the whole thing being called off.

In the short period of play that did occur,

Kyle Jamieson and Jacob Duffy kept Alick Athanaze and Amir Jangoo in check with swing and seam. Both bowlers took advantage of the overhead conditions and hit disciplined lengths on a used pitch. A lot of swings and misses from West Indies made way for two fours and two sixes between

overs two and five.

James Neesham removed Athanaze in the sixth over. Jangoo finally got one off the middle to pick up a cover-driven boundary and end the 35-run powerplay. Soon after, the major weather interruption set in, and the game was eventually called off.



Rajasthan Royals set to trade Samson to CSK for Jadeja and Curran

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CHENNAI: In one of the most high-profile player trades in IPL history, Rajasthan Royals are set to trade wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson to Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in exchange of allrounders Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran.

It is understood that both franchises have spoken to all three players involved but neither franchise confirmed the development when ESPNcricinfo reached out to them.

Both RR and CSK have to send an expression of interest naming the three players involved in the trade to the IPL governing council. As per the trading rules, once the players' written consent comes in, the franchises can have further discussions for a final agreement, which will also be ratified by the governing council. Samson and Jadeja have been with their respective franchises for a long time. Samson has represented RR for 11 seasons, while Jadeja has played for CSK since 2012, barring the two seasons in 2016 and 2017 when the franchises were suspended. Samson had indicated after IPL 2025 that he was looking for a change and wanted to be released by RR.

Jadeja was retained by CSK ahead of the 2025 mega auction for INR 18 crore as the second player after captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. Along with MS Dhoni, Jadeja has been a constant part of their core. He has been part of three of CSK's five title wins.

Jadeja played a crucial role in CSK's win in the 2023 final, with his batting heroics in the last over against Gujarat Titans. It was also his best season with the ball as he finished with 20 wickets. He followed the feat with the bat in 2025, scoring 301 runs in the season, including two fifties.

Jadeja has played 254 IPL matches, the fifth-most in the tournament behind Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Dinesh Karthik. With 143 wickets, he is the highest wicket-taker for CSK with best bowling figures of 5 for 16. He has the most Player-of-the-Match awards (16) along with Dhoni too. In 2022, Jadeja was appointed CSK captain, but handed the captaincy back to Dhoni midway after a poor start to the season.

RR was the first team Jadeja represented in the IPL as a 19-year-old, and also the first team he won the title with in 2008. Jadeja played for RR for the first two seasons but was suspended in 2010 by the IPL for trying to negotiate a contract with Mumbai Indians directly. After the ban, Jadeja featured for Kochi Tuskers in 2011 before being bought by CSK for USD 2 million in 2012.

After an impressive maiden IPL in 2013, when RR finished third as well as runner-up in the Champions League T20, Samson was the youngest player retained at 19 ahead of the 2014 season. That first stint lasted until RR's two-year suspension in 2016-17 and Samson rejoined the franchise in 2018.

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Carlos Alcaraz, Alexander Zverev make winning starts at ATP Finals

■ AFP

TURIN: Carlos Alcaraz made a solid start to the ATP Finals on Sunday with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 win over Alex de Minaur, while former champion Alexander Zverev got underway with a straight-sets win over Ben Shelton.

It was the first time that the Spaniard had won his opening match at the finals. He lost to Zverev and Casper Ruud in the last two years. "This tournament is one of the best tournaments we have on tour," world number two Alcaraz said.

"I've been struggling in the past few years to come to the end of the year with motivation. This year is a little bit different, which I'm proud about (as) I'm doing the right things to give myself a shot

to try and win this tournament."

It was not all plain sailing in Turin. Leading 4-1 and pressing for 5-1 in the first set, Alcaraz suffered a sudden dip, struggling with his first serves and allowing seventh seed De Minaur to come back to level the score.

Trailing 3-1 and then 5-3 in the tiebreak, Alcaraz rediscovered his touch to level and then break De Minaur to win the first set.

In spite of dropping his service early, the second set was more straightforward as Alcaraz raced away to claim his fifth victory in as many meetings with the Australian. "It was a really difficult match," said Alcaraz.

"On this surface, Alex makes the most of the speed of the ball, he's super fast and really difficult on return.



"I'm just really happy to get through this really difficult challenge, and happy with how I'm playing."

Alcaraz and De Minaur are in the Jimmy Connors Group which also features American sixth seed Taylor Fritz and Italy's Lorenzo Musetti, a late replacement for

the injured Novak Djokovic of Serbia. Later on Sunday, third seed Zverev downed Shelton 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) in the first match of the Bjorn Borg Group, which also includes Italian top seed Jannik Sinner and Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime.

In a meeting between two of the biggest servers in the sport,

Zverev broke the American fifth seed twice in the opener to edge ahead after less than half-an-hour on court.

The second set then rumbled inevitably towards a tie-break with few break opportunities appearing for either player.

The 2018 and 2021 winner started the breaker sluggishly as Shelton soon brought himself up three set points at 6-3. But Zverev started the fight back with a superb backhand passing shot, before sealing match point at the first time of asking as Shelton hit long at the end of a lengthy rally.

"In the tie-break, he started off amazing," Zverev said. "I felt like I had to control the things that I could control. I did that well at the end of the tie-break and I'm super happy with that win."



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