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Nation Stands With Families of Martyrs: LG Manoj Sinha

HANDS OVER APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO KINS OF NOWGAM BLAST VICTIMS

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday met the families of the police personnel who lost their lives in the accidental blast in Nowgam last month and handed over appointment letters on compassionate grounds, reaffirming the administration's commitment to the welfare of martyr families.

The LG paid solemn tribute to the fallen policemen and said the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with their families, ensuring they live a life of dignity and comfort. He reiterated that the sacrifices made in the line of duty strengthen the resolve of the people and the government to

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CM Sets Ball Rolling for Appointment of State Election Commissioner, Sakina Ittoo Joins Selection Panel

■ HT NEWS DESK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: The Jammu & Kashmir government has formally initiated the process to appoint a new State Election Commissioner (SEC), following Lok Bhavan's approval to raise the upper age limit for the post from 65 to 70 years.

Authoritative sources told KNO that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has nominated senior cabinet minister Sakina Ittoo

as a member of the high-level selection panel, which he heads.

The panel also includes the Minister In-charge of Panchayats, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the Opposition, and another senior minister to be nominated by the CM.

With Ittoo's nomination, the selection committee stands fully constituted, and the government is expected to call its first meeting shortly to finalise a recommenda-

tion for the Lieutenant Governor, who formally appoints the SEC.

"The selection committee meeting will be convened soon," sources confirmed.

The amendment allowing enhancement of the SEC's maximum age to 70 has already received assent from LG Manoj Sinha, clearing the way for the appointment.

Jammu & Kashmir is currently without elected Panchayats and Urban Local

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Kashmir's Vanishing Fields Push Region into Rising Food Insecurity

34,000 Hectares Lost Since 1996; Rice Deficit Nears 0.9 Million Tonnes

■ HT NEWS DESK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: Kashmir's growing appetite for land conversion—from fertile paddy fields to housing colonies, commercial complexes, orchards and other non-agricultural uses—is rapidly eroding the region's food security and deepening its dependence on imported rice.

Official data shows that the Valley has lost nearly 34,000 hectares of cultivable land between 1996 and 2023, a decline agricultural experts describe as "deeply worrying and unsustainable."

With population growth and consumption demands rising steadily, the Valley's shrinking farmland has severely dented domestic food production.

Kashmir now produces only 0.45 million tonnes of food grains against a requirement of 1.34 million tonnes, leaving a deficit of 0.89 million tonnes. Projections indicate that the shortfall could touch 36 per cent next year and may cross 50 per cent by 2030, pushing the region into even heavier reliance on supplies from Punjab, Haryana and other states.

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1 Killed, Three Others Injured In Kishtwar Road Accident

■ M S NAZKI

JAMMU, DEC 12: At least one person was killed while as three others were injured in a road accident Jhinhini Nala near Thanalla Naka area of Kishtwar district on Friday morning.

Officials said that an Alcazar vehicle was involved in a fatal accident near Thanalla this morning, leaving one person killed and three others injured.

The deceased has been identified as Rinku Ram son of Nandu Ram resident of Chamba and injured have been identified

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Grenade-Carrying JeM Aide Nabbed in Awantipora, Says Police

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: In a significant strike against the terror network, Jammu & Kashmir Police on Friday arrested a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) associate

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Valley-Wide Egg Inspection Begins

■ HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: After serious concerns were raised over reports of 'nitrofurans and nitroimidazole residues' in eggs, the Food Safety Department on Friday launched a valley-wide inspection drive, collecting samples from

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CS reviews PM Ujjwala Yojana implementation across J&K



■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 12: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired a review meeting on the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and assessed the LPG stock availability in the Kashmir Valley for the forthcoming winter months.

The meeting besides Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA and Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir was attended by

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CS Seeks Faster Grievance Disposal

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 12: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today chaired a detailed review meeting of the JK Samadhan public grievance redressal system,

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Doctors, Preacher Remanded as Delhi Court Extends Custody in Red Fort Blast Case

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: A Delhi court on Friday sent three doctors and a preacher, arrested in connection with the November 10 Red Fort blast, to 12 days of judicial custody, tightening the legal noose around what investigators describe as a "white-collar terror module."

Those remanded include Dr Muzamil Ganai, Dr Adeel Rather, Dr Shaheena Saeed and Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay, who were produced before the court following the expiry of their four-day NIA custody. Proceedings were conducted under heavy security at the Patiala House Courts, with media barred from entering.

Another accused, Dr Bilal Naseer Malla, was also produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandra for authentication of his voice sample. Malla, arrested in Delhi on December 9, is the eighth person held so far in the case.

According to the NIA, Malla "knowingly harboured" the deceased accused Umar Un Nabi, allegedly offering him

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Nation Stands.....

eliminate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir. Lauding the Jammu & Kashmir Police for its recent achievements, the LG said the country is proud of the force for "stopping terror in its tracks" by unearthing and dismantling a major terror network last month. He praised the meticulous investigation and coordinated efforts that led to detection, disruption and prevention of terrorist activities. The Lieutenant Governor directed senior officers to intensify measures to choke terror financing and counter radicalisation attempts by separatist elements, stressing that such efforts are crucial to safeguarding peace and stability in the region. The event was attended by senior officers including Special DG Coordination PHQ S.J.M. Gillani; Principal Secretary Home Chandrakar Bharti; ADGP CID Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to LG Dr. Mandeep K. Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; IGP Kashmir VK Birdi; DIG CKR Rajiv Pandey; SSP Srinagar Dr. GV Sundee Chakravarthi; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, besides officials from police and civil administration.

CM Sets Ball.....

Bodies. The term of municipalities expired in November 2023, while elected Panchayats completed their tenure on January 9, 2024. The appointment of the State Election Commissioner is being seen as a significant step toward restoring the electoral framework for local governance in the Union Territory.

Kashmir's Vanishing.....

Farmers say they have witnessed the transformation firsthand. "We once cultivated enough rice for our entire family and even stored some for later," said Abdul Rashid, a farmer from Pulwama. "Now half the land around our village has turned into housing areas and other structures. Many young people prefer selling land instead of farming it." Growers argue that the unregulated conversion of agricultural land—combined with low incentives and poor economic returns in farming—has driven many away from agriculture. Agricultural experts warn that the trend, if left unchecked, could have severe long-term consequences. "Kashmir is steadily losing its food self-sufficiency," said a senior agricultural economist. "If 34,000 hectares disappear in less than three decades, imagine the scenario in the next 20 years. Our dependence on external markets will only intensify."

Officials in the Agriculture Department admit that rapid urbanisation is a major factor behind the loss of farmland. Though laws to prevent indiscriminate conversion exist, weak enforcement and population pressure continue to undermine them. "We are promoting modern farming techniques, land conservation and awareness programmes," an official said. "But the challenge is immense and demands stronger inter-departmental coordination."

In 2022, new government rules further eased land conversion, lifting the earlier cap of 400 square metres for commercial or industrial use. Under the revised system, a district-level committee headed by the District Collector must decide applications within 30 days, with landowners paying 5 per cent of the land's market value as a fee. Permissions lapse if the approved use is not executed within two years.

With local production unable to meet demand, Kashmir imports vast quantities of rice annually. Residents say this dependence leaves the Valley vulnerable to price shocks and disruptions in road connectivity. "Every household survives on rations from outside states," said a Pulwama resident. "If the highway shuts even briefly, prices shoot up. Our entire food system is fragile."

Civil society groups, experts and farmers are urging stronger action to protect what remains of the Valley's fertile land, warning that future generations will pay the price if current trends continue. "If land continues to vanish at this pace, the next generation will have nothing left to cultivate," said a farmer from north Kashmir. "Agriculture has always been Kashmir's backbone—but it is weakening fast."

1 Killed, Three.....

as Kalash Kumar(41) resident of Pota Chamba, Jairam Singh son of Baghi Ram resident of Bhajrota Chamba and Chandher Bani son of Chamaru Ram resident of Bhajrota Chamba. Soon a team of police and locals to the spot and shifted the injured to nearby health facility for treatment. Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this issue.

Grenade-Carrying.....

in Awantipora and recovered a grenade from his possession. According to a police handout, security forces received credible input regarding the

movement of a suspicious individual in Namer Midoora. A joint search operation was immediately launched by J&K Police, 42 RR and 180 BN CRPF.

During the operation, the suspect—identified as Musaab Nazir, son of Nazir Ahmad Teli of Ladhoo Khrew—was apprehended. Police said he was working as an associate of the banned terror outfit JeM.

A grenade was recovered from him, following which an FIR (No. 257/2025) under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Awantipora. Further investigation is underway.

The statement added that J&K Police remains steadfast in its resolve to dismantle the terror ecosystem and ensure lasting peace in the district.

Valley-Wide.....

both organised and unorganised markets. The concerns were first raised on Thursday by MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, who took to social media, urging authorities to investigate immediately, trace sources and take strict action against violators.

In a series of tweets, Sadiq said, "Deeply concerned by reports of nitrofurans and nitroimidazole residues being detected in eggs, drugs that are strictly banned in food-producing animals because of their carcinogenic and toxic effects. This issue becomes even more serious because eggs are consumed heavily by children, senior citizens, and patients."

He added, "Doctors often prescribe eggs as a primary source of protein, making this a direct public-health risk. I urge the Hon Health Minister @sakinaitoo Sahiba and Hon. Food and Supplies Minister @satishsharmajnk ji and their Department of Food & Supplies and Food Safety authorities to immediately investigate, conduct residue testing across markets, trace the source, and take strict action against violators. For the safety of our people, there can be no compromise. This must be treated with utmost urgency."

The tweet also referenced a nationwide report titled "Cancer-Causing Eggs by Eggogz? The Lab Report That Sparked a Nationwide Food Safety Panic".

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Food Safety teams conducted market checks and collected multiple samples for laboratory analysis. Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety Srinagar, Yameen ul Nabi, told the media, "No physical inspection can confirm contamination. Reports are expected soon, and only then can the situation be clarified. Consumers are urged not to panic until results are officially released."

He said the department is continuing inspections across supermarkets and local markets, and any product found will be immediately sampled in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

In a related move, the Office of the Assistant Commissioner/DO Food Safety Anantnag prohibited the sale of Priyagold Butter Delite biscuits (Batch No. E25KP02FB). "Laboratory tests conducted by the National Food Laboratory, Ghaziabad, confirmed that the biscuits contained sulphite levels above permissible limits, posing a health risk to consumers. The sale ban will remain in effect until further orders," the official order accessed by KNO reads.

Representing traders, Tariq Ahmad, who deals with eggs and is part of a larger traders' group, told the media at Srinagar Mandi: "We fully support the department's drive. We want complete transparency. Results should be made public. Our families consume these products too. Any issue must be clarified after sampling."

Meanwhile, officials from the Food Safety Department assured the public that monitoring and testing will continue, stressing that consumer safety remains the top priority—(KNO)

CS reviews.....

Director, FCS&CA, Jammu/Kashmir; and senior officers from Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), who shared district-wise progress, implementation challenges and preparedness under the newly extended phase of PMUY.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the performance under the first phase of PMUY and directed Deputy Commissioners to intensify enrolment of eligible beneficiaries, increase the number of subscription vouchers and conduct vigorous Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns to raise awareness about e-KYC and Aadhaar seeding.

He stressed that completion of e-KYC is vital in view of the latest instructions from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG), under which targeted subsidies will be processed only after e-KYC is completed. He emphasised that OMCs and district administrations must ensure 100% e-KYC compliance so that beneficiaries do not face delays in receiving their entitled subsidies.

The meeting was informed that under the newly approved extension of PMUY, 25 lakh new LPG connections will be provided nationally during FY 2025–26. The eligibility criteria have been simplified into a single

unified category of "adult women from poor households submitting a Deprivation Declaration", replacing the earlier 14-point declaration.

It was added that OMCs have introduced a revamped Standard Operating Procedure to streamline enrolment, verification and connection release processes. Moreover the budgetary support per connection has been enhanced to 2,050, while LPG stoves and the first refill will continue to be provided by the OMCs. Aadhaar and ration card-based electronic de-duplication mechanisms have also been strengthened to ensure that households do not receive multiple connections, the meeting was apprised.

Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Saurabh Bhagat informed that District Ujjwala Committees (DUCs) have been established in all districts and are actively monitoring application pendency, beneficiary identification, awareness generation, installation checks and cases of low or no refills.

He stressed the importance of expanding the LPG distribution network, especially in remote and underserved areas, and urged Deputy Commissioners to flag requirements for additional distributors so that gaps may be filled promptly through OMCs.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the LPG stock position in the Kashmir Valley and was informed that 3,660 MT of LPG is the storage capacity along with an additional 200 MT of "on-wheel" stock from IOC and BPC, ensuring up to seventeen days of assured availability once storage tanks are fully replenished.

To further strengthen winter preparedness, HPCL's Pampore plant has deployed 212 dedicated tank trucks, while a multi-source supply plan has been activated with consignments dispatched from Bhatinda, Loni/Bahadurgarh, Jammu and Kandla. The projected stock buildup at Pampore is expected to reach 1,400 MT by December 15, 2,500 MT by December 20 and the optimum capacity of 3,000 MT by December 22.

To strengthen last-mile service delivery, the Chief Secretary also called for expansion of the Common Service Centre (CSC) network, particularly in far-flung areas lacking LPG distributors. He was briefed that their MoU with CSCs has been extended till November 2027 and mobile app access for all three OMCs has been enabled for CSC Village Level Entrepreneurs, allowing them to support PMUY enrolments, refill bookings, delivery authentication and grievance redressal.

Reiterating the government's commitment to ensuring household energy security and timely rollout of the new phase of PMUY, the Chief Secretary urged all departments and OMCs to work in mission mode to achieve 100% e-KYC compliance, improve last-mile service delivery and ensure uninterrupted LPG supply throughout the winter season.

CS Seeks Faster.....

taking an extensive assessment of grievance disposal performance across departments, districts, and their allied offices.

The review meeting attended by all the Administrative heads along with Secretary Grievances, Niraj Kumar and other concerned officers was based on the latest data updated till 11 December 2025.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to note that JK Samadhan has emerged as the central platform for transparent citizen-services monitoring and emphasized the need to further streamline responsiveness, improve appeal mechanisms, and enhance integration with CPGRAMS for seamless grievance handling.

During the review, the Department of Public Grievances (DoPG) informed that the platform has received 1,02,110 grievances to date, of which 88,091 have been redressed, reflecting an overall disposal rate of 86.27. The redressal patterns were also analysed separately for Samadhan-origin grievances (87.59% disposal) and CPGRAMS-linked grievances (76.35% disposal).

The Chief Secretary appreciated the progress in district-level citizen registration under JK Samadhan, noting that several districts have achieved exemplary household coverage with Ganderbal leading with 115%, Shopian (105%), and Kishtwar (101%) leading the list. The overall registration coverage across the UT stands at 69% of target households, the Secretary apprised the meeting.

A comparative month-wise trend analysis showed consistent citizen engagement, with grievance inflow peaking at 7,087 cases in February 2025, and sustained levels in subsequent months.

The meeting reviewed department-wise grievance loads and disposal efficiency. Key departments such as Revenue, PWD (R&B), Rural Development, Power Development, Housing & Urban Development, Home, and Jal Shakti reported the highest grievance traffic and were directed to ensure faster disposal and improvement in public satisfaction ratings. Several departments displayed strong performance, maintaining disposal rates above 85%, while others were instructed to reduce pendency further.

Performance of other major organisations including J&K Bank, Universities, BSNL, EPFO,

SMVDSB, and Central Government entities was also examined. The Chief Secretary stressed the need for all stakeholder agencies to adopt uniform standards of citizen responsiveness.

A separate assessment of average time taken for grievance disposal revealed notable inter-departmental variations. While departments such as Tribal Affairs, Labour & Employment, Food & Civil Supplies, and Social Welfare demonstrated swift disposal times, others with higher workloads were advised to reduce delays and streamline follow-up processes. District-level analysis also highlighted Budgam, Ganderbal, and Anantnag among the faster-performing districts in grievance resolution.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the citizen feedback dashboard, which recorded feedback on 8,704 grievances. While many departments received favourable satisfaction ratings and high responsiveness scores, certain departments were advised to improve citizen communication, especially in cases where users reported not receiving follow-up calls or messages from officials.

The DoPG apprised that BISAG-N has deployed a new system build (Version 2.6.2 RM) today morning, aimed at addressing existing technical issues. Initial observations, however, indicate areas that still require improvement, including the appeal mechanism, MIS synchronisation, feedback modules, and CPGRAMS integration.

The Chief Secretary directed the DoPG to continuously engage with BISAG-N to ensure full stabilization of the platform and resolution of the highlighted issues.

Reiterating government's commitment to accountable and citizen-centric governance, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo stressed that timely, transparent, and empathetic grievance redressal is a core responsibility of every department.

He urged all Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, and District Administrations to bring down pendency levels, improve departmental communication with complainants, and ensure that every grievance stands resolved up to the satisfaction of the complainants.

Doctors, Preacher.....

logistical support and helping destroy evidence linked to the attack. Investigators claim Umar, who died in the explosion, was driving the explosive-laden i20 car that detonated outside the Red Fort on November 10, killing 15 and injuring several others.

The NIA says the terror network described as sophisticated and largely operated by professionals had been searching for a suicide bomber since last year, with Umar allegedly emerging as the key executor of the plot.

The agency continues nationwide searches alongside state police forces to trace more suspects and unravel the full extent of the conspiracy.

AMID DRY SPELL, COLD WAVE DEEPENS IN KASHMIR

■ HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: Cold wave conditions continued across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh on Friday, with most parts of the Valley recording sub-zero night temperatures, while Jal Shakti officials assured residents that adequate measures are in place to maintain water supply amid the ongoing dry spell.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) Pulwama remained the coldest at minus 5.5°C, followed by Shopian at minus 5.0°C and Baramulla at minus 4.7°C. Srinagar recorded minus 3.6°C, while Srinagar Airport registered minus 4.0°C. Pahalgam recorded minus 4.6°C, Awantipora minus 4.2°C, Budgam minus 4.3°C, and Bandipora minus 3.6°C. Gulmarg settled at 0.0°C.

Anantnag recorded minus 4.6°C, Kulgam minus 0.6°C, and Kokernag minus 0.7°C. Ganderbal settled at minus 2.6°C, while Sonamarg recorded minus 1.3°C. Zethan Rafiabad reported minus 4.8°C.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded 8.5°C, Banihal and Ramban 4.2°C, Baderwah 1.9°C, Rajouri 1.6°C, Samba 3.2°C, and Udhampur 2.8°C. Katra, Kathua, and Reasi settled at 9.4°C, 7.6°C, and 6.6°C, respectively.

In Ladakh, Leh recorded minus 7.8°C, Kargil minus 7.0°C, and Nubra Valley minus 6.3°C. Cold and dry weather is likely to

continue over the next few days. Jal Shakti officials said the Union Territory currently faces no major water shortages despite the ongoing dry spell.

The department operates five major water treatment plants in Nishat, Sukhnag, and Ganderbal, supplying around 92 million gallons of treated water daily. Discharge from the plants is normal, and water supply remains uninterrupted.

Officials warned that extended dry conditions could affect water availability in tail-end areas. To mitigate this, around 80 departmental water tankers are operational, with an additional 30 hired and more to be arranged if required.

Measures to conserve water include temporary closures, installation of barriers, and monitoring to prevent wastage.

Preparations for the upcoming winter include mobile generator sets, fuel reserves, protection against pipe frosting, insulation of exposed pipelines, and spare pipelines for emergency replacement.

Officials also said rainwater harvesting and other conservation initiatives under national schemes are being implemented, with staff directed to ensure 24x7 availability in case of emergencies.

The officers urged residents to cooperate with conservation measures and assured that all steps have been taken to maintain normal water supply during the dry spell and harsh winter conditions—(KNO)

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Innovation boost: KU selects six startups for MeitY GENESIS EIR Cohort-2

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SRINAGAR, DEC 12: The University of Kashmir (KU) has selected six innovative startups for the MeitY GENESIS—Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) Cohort-2 funding support. The selected startups include Net Gear (Faizan Fayaz Khan), Vision Cosmos (Murtaza Abbas Khan), Rawa Lab (Najeeb), Homeway (Junaid Qazi), Vande IOT (Naveed

Qadir), and Big Brick (Saurabh Kumar and Aryan Kumar).

Under the EIR programme, the founders will receive incubation support, expert mentorship, product development guidance, capacity-building workshops, and access to key networking and funding opportunities within KU's growing innovation ecosystem.

In her message, Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, congratulated

the innovators and said, "This cohort reflects the talent, ambition, and creative strength of our youth. The University is committed to nurturing ideas that can transform society and contribute to regional and national growth."

Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, extended his best wishes, noting that the University aims to provide an enabling environment where innovators feel supported through

out their entrepreneurial journey.

Coordinator, NewGen IEDC KU, Dr. Irfana Rashid, said that the new cohort reflects KU's strengthening innovation culture and assured the founders of continued institutional support.

The six startups were selected from 135 applications after a rigorous evaluation of innovation potential, feasibility, market relevance, entrepreneurial aptitude, and alignment with GENESIS priority sectors.



J&K Tourism Showcased at IITE Madurai 2025; Two JKAS Officers Represent Union Territory

FAROOQ RATHER

MADURAI, DEC 12: The Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department has deputed two JKAS officers to represent the Union Territory at the India International Travel Exhibition (IITE) Madurai 2025, being held from December 12 to 14 at the Maditasya Auditorium, Madurai.

The official delegation includes Babu Ram Tandon (JKAS), CEO Bani Billawar, and Mohd. Rouf Rahman (JKAS), CEO Kokernag Development Authority. IITE Madurai, one of the country's prominent travel and tourism exhibitions, features participation from several international destinations such as Malaysia and Nepal, along with major Indian tourism states including Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. A large number of stakeholders, tour operators, and travel indus-



try professionals are attending the event.

The J&K Tourism team is actively promoting the tourism potential of the Union Territory, showcasing its unique attractions across all four seasons. The officers are highlighting J&K as a vibrant, diverse, and independent tourist destination, with a special focus on adventure tourism, scenic landscapes, cultural heritage, and year-round travel opportunities.

They also briefed visitors and industry partners about the department's preparedness and continuous efforts to accommodate tourists throughout the year.

The participation of Jammu & Kashmir in IITE Madurai 2025 is expected to further enhance its national and international outreach and attract a greater influx of travellers in the coming seasons.

Kashmir Witnesses Surge in Mushroom Production as Department Intensifies Support

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SRINAGAR, DEC 12: Kashmir is witnessing a surge in mushroom production, with all districts reporting bumper harvests from Controlled condition cropping Rooms (CCCRs), (DCTCs), and private grower facilities. This remarkable growth reflects the Agriculture Department's sustained efforts to transform mushroom cultivation into a high-yield, employment-generating sector across the region.

A major contributor to this success is the department's extensive technical support. Experts like Mushroom specialist, scientists & experts are providing guidance on scientific cultivation practices, and disease control, ensuring growers have easy access to professional advice and modern resources. In addition, the department is supplying high-quality spawn, compost,

and essential inputs, enabling farmers to maintain production & quality standards.

Financial assistance has further strengthened the sector, with subsidies and incentives under various schemes allowing growers to expand operations and adopt advanced technologies. This combination of technical, material, and financial support has helped create a thriving mushroom industry, generating income for both rural and urban communities.

Senior officers, scientists, and experts of the Agriculture Department remain deeply committed to elevating the sector. Their focus on capacity building—through regular training programs, demonstrations, and workshops—has equipped growers with the latest techniques. Stringent quality assurance measures ensure that all inputs meet standards, while



improved market linkages are helping growers secure stable

prices.

Dr. Younis Ali Sofi, an expert at the Integrated Mushroom Development Center (IMDC) Lalmandi, Srinagar, emphasized the department's mission-driven approach. He credited the visionary leadership of the Director Agriculture, Kashmir, and the Joint Director, PCM, & the senior officers of mushroom wing of the department for steering this progress. "Mushroom cultivation is ideal for both urban and rural settings, as it requires no agricultural land & is totally an indoor activity" he said, highlighting the growing number of successful women mushroom entrepreneurs across the Valley.

With new mushroom strains under trial and advanced technologies being introduced, the department aims to further accelerate production, solidifying Kashmir's position as a leading mushroom hub.

TRIBAL AFFAIRS TO OVERSEE FOREST RIGHTS ACT IN J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: The Jammu and Kashmir government has designated the Tribal Affairs Department as the nodal agency for implementing the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, replacing the Forest Department.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Office of the Chief Minister, J&K, stated this in a post on X. "Addressing a

long-pending demand of the tribal population of J&K, the Government has designated the Tribal Affairs Department as the Nodal Department for implementing the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, replacing the Forest Department," it said.

"This step will ensure more effective implementation of the Act while safeguarding the rights of our tribal communities," the CM office added.

Notably, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, or Forest Rights Act (FRA), aims to address concerns raised by forest-dwelling communities from time to time.

It recognises individual and community rights over forest land and resources for Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

The law became applicable to J&K only after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019—(KNO)

Police enforcement drive targets vehicles in Kashmir

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: Jammu and Kashmir Police and transport authorities have intensified enforcement drives across multiple districts to ensure compliance with mandatory vehicle transfer and re-registration rules, officials said on Friday.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Police teams were deployed in Awantipora, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, and Budgam to inspect vehicles for proper documentation, updated ownership records, and adherence to the Motor Vehicles Act.

They said that vehicles found violating transfer norms, bearing outside-state registration numbers without mandatory re-registration, or involved in rash driving were seized, and legal proceedings initiated.

In Shopian, 144 vehicles were targeted in a week-long drive, while in Budgam, authorities seized 11 vehicles lacking re-registration. In Ganderbal, a joint drive with the Motor Vehicles Department checked compliance of vehicles brought from outside the Union Territory.

Pulwama Police said the initiative aims to prevent misuse of non-transferred or non-local vehicles and enhance overall traffic safety.

The Police said such lapses not only violate the law but also create administrative and enforcement difficulties and pose potential security risks. The Police added that similar drives will continue in the coming days to ensure road safety, streamline vehicle records, and maintain discipline on roads across the Union Territory.

In Kupwara, the Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer issued a public notice directing all vehicle owners who purchased vehicles from outside the UT to complete mandatory re-registration within 15 days.

Officials said that while No Objection Certificates have been issued by the respective states, many owners have failed to carry out re-registration.

They warned that failure to comply would result in seizure or impounding of vehicles and initiation of penal action under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Vehicle owners were urged to adhere to the statutory rules to avoid legal consequences and administrative complications, the officials said. They also reminded citizens to maintain valid documents, avoid rash driving, and cooperate with enforcement teams.

The combined action by police and transport departments, they said, is aimed to ensure that vehicle ownership records are updated, unregistered vehicles are removed from roads, and statutory compliance is maintained throughout the valley—(KNO)

GDC Kulgam Hosts One-Day Capacity Building Programme on Disaster Management

FAROOQ RATHER

KULGAM, DEC 12: The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Club of Government Degree College (GDC) Kulgam organised a one-day Capacity Building Training Programme on Disaster Management on 10 December. The event aimed to enhance awareness among students and faculty members about effective response to natural and human-induced disasters and to promote a culture of safety and resilience within the academic community.

The programme brought together experts, frontline responders, academics, and students for an interactive and informative training session. The event formally began with a welcome address by Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad Paul, Convener of the DRR Club and Assistant Professor of Geology. He highlighted the growing frequency of disasters globally, India's vulnerability to various hazards, and the specific suscep-

tibility of the Himalayan region—particularly Jammu & Kashmir—to earthquakes, landslides, cloudbursts, and flash floods. He stressed the importance of institutional preparedness and community awareness to reduce disaster-related risks. This was followed by an address from Prof. Mohammad Abbas Shah, Principal, GDC Kulgam, who underscored the significance of disaster management education in academic institutions. He said that in the face of increasing climatic uncertainties and geographical risks, students must be equipped with the right knowledge and practical skills to respond effectively during emergencies. The Principal also formally launched the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Club of GDC Kulgam and appreciated the department for initiating this important step.

A key highlight of the programme was a special expert lecture delivered by Dr. Abdul Qayoom Paul, Director and In-Charge Offi-



cer at the Geological Survey of India, Srinagar Office. He gave an insightful presentation on the geological hazards of Jammu & Kashmir, elaborating on the region's tectonic settings, seismicity, landslide-prone zones, and climate-induced disaster challenges. His detailed

analysis, combined with scientific approaches for hazard assessment and mitigation, received great appreciation from the audience.

The practical session featured live demonstrations by professional teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Kulgam

and the Fire & Emergency Services Kulgam. Experts provided hands-on training in fire safety measures, use of extinguishers, rescue techniques, emergency evacuation procedures, and basic first-response actions. Students actively participated in the drills and benefitted from real-time demonstrations by experienced responders. Faculty members, staff, and students from various colleges attended the programme. The organisers expressed gratitude to the Higher Education Department, J&K, for its continued support and for facilitating such impactful initiatives. The event concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the contributions of resource persons, SDRF and Fire & Emergency Services teams, faculty, and students. GDC Kulgam reaffirmed its commitment to organising more training programmes, workshops, and awareness sessions to build a safer and more disaster-prepared campus community.

JKEDI starts 4th MDP batch; 270 Entrepreneurs, MSMEs begin training across 13 districts under RAMP scheme

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SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 12: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Friday launched the fourth batch of Management Development Programmes (MDPs) across 13 districts of the Union Territory under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme.

The initiative is funded by the Union Ministry of MSME and implemented in J&K by the Industries & Commerce Department.

MDPs were simultaneously inaugurated in Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Srinagar, Jammu, Kathua, Reasi, and Udhampur districts. A total of 270 participants, including 253 women, have enrolled for the 30-hour training programme scheduled over six days.

The district-level programmes are witnessing active participation from local MSMEs, who will receive practical training on modern business management. The



initiative aims to upgrade managerial, financial, and operational capacities of entrepreneurs, enabling them to scale their enterprises, enhance competitiveness, and adopt sustainable business models.

The MDP curriculum features modules on business planning, marketing, digital tools, financial literacy, compliance, innovation, and leadership. It also includes case studies, mentorship, and experiential workshops to offer real-world exposure.

Over the next six days, entrepreneurs, aspiring business leaders, and MSME operators will engage with industry experts, JKEDI faculty, and certified trainers.

The parallel rollout of MDPs in 13 districts ensures inclusive access to enterprise training, especially in remote areas.

Earlier MDPs conducted under the RAMP initiative in Kupwara, Kishtwar, and Ramban have successfully trained 58 participants, contributing to improved business practices and enhanced livelihood opportunities across the UT.

Mega DEAF Awareness-cum- Settlement camp under Phase-8 held at Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 12: A Mega Camp under Phase-8 of the DEAF (Depositor Education and Awareness Fund) initiative of the DFS was conducted today in the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The programme witnessed a significant public turnout along with the presence of bank officials, including the LDO RBI, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Regional Head Grameen Bank, and officers from the district Administration.

During the event, the LDO RBI briefed the gathering about the DEAF scheme and the procedure for claiming unclaimed deposits. The Cluster Head J&K Bank, in a technical session, highlighted the bank's role and the strategies adopted to trace and support eligible clients.

The LDO RBI also briefed the gathering about the UDGM Portal of the Reserve Bank of India, a unified platform designed to help citizens easily search and identify their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks. He urged all participants and the general public to check their status on the portal and promptly claim any unclaimed amounts. He further appealed to people to approach their nearest bank branch for assistance in case of difficulties, ensuring that no legitimate depositor or legal heir



is deprived of their rightful dues.

The LDM Bandipora also apprised participants about the objectives of the programme and encouraged the public to raise queries and seek clarifications.

The camp witnessed substantial progress with 17.48 lakh settled on the spot with 16.72 lakh through J&K Bank and 0.76 lakh through Grameen Bank.

A total of nine claims were processed, and the beneficiaries were handed cheques by Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Maqbool Lone during the camp.

Beneficiaries also shared their experiences, expressing gratitude to the banks particularly J&K Bank for their proactive outreach and assistance in facilitating the claim process.

On the occasion, all participating banks were urged to intensify efforts and ensure maximum settlements under the ongoing DEAF initiative.

DLSA Budgam convenes District Monitoring Committee meeting

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BUDGAM, DECEMBER 12: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam today convened the first meeting of the District Monitoring Committee under the guidance of Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman DLSA Budgam, O. P. Bhagat.

The meeting was convened by Secretary DLSA Budgam, Tabassum Qadir Parry at the ADR Centre, District Court Complex, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued in WP (Cr) No. 295/2012 titled S. Rajasekaran vs Union of India & Ors.



The meeting was attended by Dy SP DADR Budgam Ghulam Mohi-ud-din, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam Afroza Bano, as the Claim Enquiry Officer/Member of the Committee. During the meeting, the Committee reviewed the framework laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, discussed the district-level mechanism for processing claims, and examined the preliminary status of cases requiring action.

The deliberations focused on establishing coordinated procedures among concerned departments, ensuring timely verification and documentation, and enhancing facilitation mechanisms for victims to streamline claim submission and processing.

The meeting concluded with key decisions aimed at strengthening the monitoring structure within the district, minimizing procedural delays, and ensuring strict adherence to the mandate issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Dir SEK reviews Srinagar's Educational Status

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SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 12: Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani today chaired an important review meeting in Srinagar to assess the overall educational status of the district.

The meeting was attended by Personnel Officer Dr. Iqbal Hussain Mir, Joint Director, Muhammad Mushtaq, Chief Education Officer Srinagar, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Bhat and all Zonal Education Officers of the district.

During the meeting, CEO presented a detailed briefing on

the ongoing activities, administrative functioning and the progress of various educational initiatives across the district.

While addressing the officers, Director laid special emphasis on strengthening foundational learning of students.

He said that primary education is the backbone of our entire academic system.

"If we build strong foundations in the early grades, the outcomes at higher levels will automatically improve", he remarked.

Wani further urged the officers to thoroughly review all preparations for the upcoming academic session and submit



complete details to the Directorate through concerned Chief Education Officers.

He directed all concerned officers of Kashmir Division to personally visit every school within their jurisdiction, assess facilities and promptly inform the Directorate regarding required interventions.

While reviewing key issues such as PARAKH, New Enrolments, infrastructure gaps and the National Achievement Survey (NAS), Director instructed officers to resolve bottlenecks at their level and ensure 100% effective monitoring system through regular school visits.

DC Kulgam chairs meeting on PM-SYM Implementation

Stresses enhanced mobilisation and time-bound saturation

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KULGAM, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today convened a detailed meeting to review the district-wide implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme, aimed at providing social security to unorganised workers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the significance of accelerating the coverage of eligible beneficiaries, noting that PM-SYM plays a crucial role in safeguarding the livelihood security of unorganised sector workers, including labourers, vendors, domestic workers and other low-income earners.

Highlighting the need for coordinated action, the DC directed all line departments to intensify mobilisation efforts at the grassroots level and ensure door-to-door outreach through field functionaries. He stressed that awareness activities must be held in every panchayat, market area, and labour-intensive zone to inform workers about the benefits and enrollment

procedures of the scheme.

Each department was tasked with identifying eligible workers within their respective jurisdictions and conducting focused awareness camps. The DC also assigned department-wise targets and instructed officers to strictly adhere to timelines while ensuring transparency in the enrolment process.

To streamline district-wide progress, the DC directed officials to submit weekly progress reports and maintain real-time tracking of enrollment figures. He emphasized the need for close coordination between field staff, CSC centres, PRIs, labour officials, and other concerned agencies to facilitate hassle-free on-spot registrations.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon all departments to work with commitment and synergy so that Kulgam district achieves 100 percent saturation under the PM-SYM scheme within the stipulated timeframe. He reiterated that enabling social security for unorganised workers remains a top priority for the district administration.

DLSCC clears 8 SRO-43 cases at Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 12: The District Level Screening-cum-Coordination Committee (DLSCC) today cleared eight SRO-43 cases during a meeting held under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reiterated the significance of expediting SRO-43 cases to provide timely support to the families of deceased government employees. She underscored that prompt disposal of these cases is not only an administrative priority but also a humanitarian responsibility, aimed at offering immediate assistance to families facing distress. The DC directed all departments to ensure strict adherence to laid-down norms, proper documentation, and seamless coordination while processing cases. She emphasised that no eligible applicant should face delays due to avoidable procedural gaps and asked the officers to maintain transparency and accountability at every stage of scrutiny.

The committee also reviewed the pendency of cases and discussed measures to further streamline the verification, documentation, and approval processes. The DC urged the officers to identify bottlenecks and adopt a proactive approach



to ensure that pending cases are processed within minimal time.

The meeting was attended by the Senior Superintendent of Police Bandipora, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, representatives from 14 RR, 13 RR and 27 RR, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Bandipora, Deputy Superintendent of Police CID Bandipora, District Information Officer Bandipora, and other concerned officials.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders and stressed continued inter-departmental cooperation to ensure smooth and timely implementation of SRO-43 provisions in the district.

ADC Kupwara chairs SPCA meeting, reviews implementation measures

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KUPWARA, DECEMBER 12: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Gulzar Ahmad Khan today chaired a crucial meeting of the District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) to review ongoing welfare initiatives and chalk out strategies for strengthening animal protection measures across the district.

The meeting witnessed participation from Chief Animal Husbandry Officer

Kupwara, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Teli, officers from the Forest and Wildlife departments, Municipal Committees, Sheep Husbandry, Police, Rural Development, and other line departments. The officials presented a detailed overview of the implementation status of SPCA guidelines and current facilities available for animal care and protection.

It was informed that revalidation of SPCA registration, as mandated under the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019, is now a compulsory requirement. To expand the

institutional framework of the SPCA, the district administration will soon open membership to Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs), NGOs, veterinary professionals, and civil society representatives to ensure wider community engagement and participatory governance in animal welfare. Reviewing ongoing initiatives, the ADC directed departments to immediately start the process of companion animal registration, stressing that a systematic database of pet animals will help in monitoring population,

preventing abandonment, and ensuring accountability of pet owners. He also instructed the Municipal Committees to identify suitable land parcels for constructing dedicated animal shelters, equipped to provide temporary care to abandoned, injured, and rescued animals. Officers informed the meeting that Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres are functional at District Veterinary Hospital Kupwara and Tehsil Veterinary Hospital Handwara. The ADC asked the concerned departments to scale up sterilisation

drives and ensure regular monitoring of ABC procedures as per Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) guidelines.

The ADC further called for a coordinated strategy to address issues related to stray animals, cruelty cases, illegal transportation of livestock, and management of animal emergencies. He directed the enforcement agencies to take strict action against any violations of animal welfare laws and ensure timely redressal of complaints received from the public.

Emphasising awareness

and outreach, the ADC instructed departments to conduct community-level awareness programmes on responsible pet ownership, prevention of cruelty, adoption of stray animals, and humane handling practices. He urged officers to collaborate with educational institutions, local bodies, and volunteer groups to build a more compassionate, informed, and responsive society.

The ADC also stressed the importance of regular inspections of livestock markets, poultry outlets, and areas prone to animal-

related violations to ensure compliance with prescribed norms. He directed that quarterly progress reports on SPCA activities be submitted for review to ensure continuous monitoring and effective implementation. Reaffirming the administration's commitment to animal welfare, the ADC said that strengthening SPCA mechanisms remains a priority and asked all departments to work in close coordination to establish a robust, humane, and well-regulated animal care system in the district.

2 week training for Legal Assistants of Ladakh concludes

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), Arun Palli and guidance of Chairperson and Members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, the Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy today concluded the two week training programme for Legal Assistants of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The programme was conducted from December 1 to 12 at the J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu.

The valedictory session was graced by Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Governing Committee for the J&K Judicial Academy. His presence served as a source of encouragement for the participants and the Academy.



During the programme, the participants were trained on a wide range of legal, administrative and governance-related subjects. These included constitutional framework, administrative structure of UT governance, land laws, vigilance mechanisms, RTI, CCS Rules, provisions of BNS/BNIS applicable to public servants, drafting skills, tendering and e-procurement procedures, GFR rules, contract law and drafting

of government notifications and orders. A field visit was also organised for the participants to provide them practical exposure to the institutional functioning.

The resource persons for the programme included eminent jurists, senior advocates, academicians, former judges and domain experts. They enriched the sessions with their expertise, practical insights and interactive teaching methodology.

During the valedictory session, Justice Rajnesh Oswal interacted with the participants and enquired about their learning experience, key takeaways and suggestions for future programmes.

The participants expressed satisfaction with the structure and quality of the training and appreciated the Academy for organising a highly informative and engaging programme.

In his address, Justice Rajnesh

Oswal underscored that honesty, dedication and punctuality must remain the key attributes of every public servant, emphasising that these values form the foundation of efficient and accountable public administration. He commended the initiative of the Judicial Academy in designing a comprehensive, practice-oriented training module. He encouraged the participants to apply their newly acquired skills to enhance institutional efficiency in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Later, he distributed certificates among all the participants.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Naseer Ahmad Dar expressed gratitude to all the resource persons and participants for their active engagement. He reaffirmed the Academy's commitment towards supporting the training needs of various institutions and departments of the UT of Ladakh.

Director Agriculture Jammu reviews progress under departmental schemes

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: A comprehensive review meeting was today held under the chairmanship of Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta to evaluate the physical and financial progress achieved under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, HADP, CAPEX Plan and NABARD.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director (SLUB/Farms), Aman Jyoti Sharma; Deputy Director Planning, Yaqoob Zargar; CAO, Manohar Lal Sharma; DAO Vinod Khajuria; Technical Officer HADP (DoA), Raj Kumar besides other officers and staff of the Directorate. The Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs) also participated



through video conference.

The Director Agriculture directed the concerned officers to submit the latest and updated Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs) to the Directorate at the earliest. He instructed the CAOs to expedite ongoing works under Per Drop More Crop (PDMC), ensuring timely completion of the same. He also emphasized prompt submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs) and called for timely achievement of MIDH targets. "All scheme-related targets must be completed by December 31, 2025, without any lapses. The NABARD works shall be completed on priority with focus on coordination among all stakeholders," the Director emphasized.

Reviewing the implementation of Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), the Director Agriculture instructed the CAOs to accelerate registration of farmers for Rabi season 2025-26. He highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts between field functionaries and insurance companies to achieve coverage of the maximum number of eligible farmers.

DC Kishtwar reviews strategy for stray dog management

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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 12: In pursuance to the Supreme Court directions, the District Administration Kishtwar today convened a key meeting to review and discuss the management of stray dogs.

The meeting was chaired by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pankaj Kumar Sharma and focused on strengthening measures for effective stray dog management.

The DC directed the Heads of line departments to ensure the mapping of all offices functioning from government buildings and private accommodations, and to ensure that their premises are properly fenced, gated, and secured in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court.

During the deliberations, the CEO Municipal Council apprised the meeting that designated feeding spots for stray animals have been identified within municipal limits, and installation of signages is in progress.

"These feeding points must be clearly earmarked, officially notified, and regularly maintained to ensure public convenience while upholding humane treatment of animals," the Deputy Commissioner maintained.

The DC emphasised the need to launch a joint mass awareness campaign by the concerned departments. "The campaign will focus on prevention of animal cruelty, canine sterilization, importance of designated feeding points, legal consequences of cruelty and dissemination of IEC material at public locations such as markets, bus stands, schools, and other prominent places," he added.

The Municipal Council and Animal Husbandry Department were directed to ensure the humane lifting, transportation, sterilization, vaccination, tagging, and re-release of stray dogs strictly in line with Rule 11 of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. The DC stressed the establishment of a dog-friendly and humane environment, including temporary resting areas and safe zones.

The Animal Husbandry Department apprised the DC that the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) has already been constituted, registered and is functional.

Pertinently, the Deputy Commissioner has already directed the Animal Husbandry Department to establish a full-fledged Animal Shelter-cum-ABC Centre on the allotted 10 kanal state land at Village Dool. The upcoming facility will house an operation theatre, post-operative wards, vaccination and feeding zones, along with a comprehensive record-maintenance system to streamline stray dog management efforts in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal; ACR Idrees Lone; ACD, Manoj Kumar; ACP Neeraj Sharma; EO Municipal Council Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal; ARTO Tasleem Wani; Ex-Ens, DSHO, Dy. CEO besides other officers and concerned staff.

DC KATHUA REVIEWS SAFETY, SECURITY MEASURES FOR STRAY ANIMALS IN DISTRICT

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of safety, protection and welfare measures for stray animals in the district.

The DC impressed upon the district officers, especially those from Municipalities, Higher Education, School Education, Health and Rural Development Department to strictly adhere to their mandated role and responsibilities for securing, managing and maintaining stray animals within their respective jurisdictions.

The DC directed the officers to furnish detailed Action Taken Reports, clearly indicating the status of boundary walls, gate structures and availability of watchmen, besides nomination of



designated Nodal Officers for each office to supervise the implementation of stray animal management protocols.

The ADCs, SDMs and Executive Officers of Municipal Committees were instructed to identify and notify earmarked locations for dog feeding in consultation with local bodies and relevant stakeholders. It was noted that regulated dog feeding points would help in systematic monitoring and

improved management of stray canine populations.

The Rural Development Department was tasked to conduct field inspections of stray dog management facilities along with elected representatives and committee members to ensure functionality, hygiene, and safety standards. The DC also stressed the need for inter-departmental coordination, regular monitoring and public awareness on responsible stray animal care, including timely reporting of injured animals and ensuring humane handling practices.

The meeting was attended by ADC Vishavjeet Singh; GM DIC Mushtaq Chaudhary; POICDS Mohammad Sayed Khan; Chief Education Officer, EOs from Municipal Bodies, district officers from line departments. The ADCs and SDMs joined virtually.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS REVIEWED IN RAMBAN

DC PITCHES FOR UNINTERRUPTED ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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RAMBAN, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting to assess district's preparedness for the winter season. The meeting held in his office chamber reviewed in detail the arrangements put in place for smooth delivery of public services during harsh weather conditions.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; ACD Sehzaz Ahmed; CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather; SDMs and senior officers from Revenue, Jal Shakti, JPDC, R&B, PMGSY, Transport, Health, Education, Municipalities, FCS&CA and other stakeholder departments attended the meeting.

MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen also joined the meeting virtually and highlighted key issues related to winter challenges while suggesting several practical measures for timely redressal.



The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed stock of the district's preparedness, reviewing critical aspects such as the power supply scenario, availability and stock of essential commodities including ration, LPG, fuel, functioning of healthcare institutions, availability of essential medicines, and status of snow clearance machinery. He

emphasized the need for seamless movement of vehicles, ambulances and essential service providers even during heavy snowfall.

Deliberations were held on the Winter Action Plan, focusing on minimizing risks associated with heavy snowfall, cold waves, icy roads, and snow avalanches. The meeting discussed snow clearance

for roads, shelter management, resource deployment and activation of emergency response systems.

The DC directed the Executive Engineers of PWD and PMGSY to prepare and submit a comprehensive action plan for snow clearance to ensure all major and link roads remain motorable throughout the winter. He instructed them to keep all machinery, manpower, and logistics in a state of readiness for immediate deployment.

The Executive Engineer JPDC was asked to ensure uninterrupted power supply across the district, maintain adequate buffer stock of transformers at vulnerable locations, and ensure full functionality of transformer workshops at Batote and Banihal for prompt replacement of damaged units. The Executive Engineer of STD Division was also directed to arrange additional power support to mitigate overload issues in Banihal and Ramsos subdivisions.

Reviewing the healthcare arrangements, the DC instructed

the department to ensure round-the-clock medical services at all health institutions, maintain sufficient stock of life-saving drugs, and station ambulances at sensitive locations to tackle emergencies without delay.

He directed the AD FCS&CA to ensure advance distribution of three months' ration in snow-bound areas, besides maintaining a buffer stock of LPG to meet the increased winter demand.

The DC further instructed the SDMs and Tehsildars to keep tehsil-level control rooms functional 24x7 for prompt public response. The SDM Banihal, SDM Ramsos, and Tehsildar Batote were directed to ensure heating, bedding, and other necessary arrangements at designated shelters for commuters during emergencies.

The Emergency and Fire Services Department was directed to ensure full readiness by augmenting machinery, equipment, and manpower for quick response to fire incidents during winter.

JKTPO organises Export Awareness cum E-Commerce On-boarding Drive in district Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 12: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), under the aegis of the Industries & Commerce Department J&K on Friday organized an Export Awareness cum E-Commerce On-boarding Drive in District Kishtwar.

The event formed part of ongoing district-level export promotion series under the District as Export Hub (DEH) and One District One Product (ODOP) initiatives.

The drive aims to strengthen the export ecosystem of the district and provide local producers with improved access to domestic and global markets.

Held under the guidance of Managing Director JKTPO Sudershan Kumar, the workshop

was coordinated by District Administration Kishtwar, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO), Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

Specialists from these institutions shared insights on export documentation, compliance requirements, market opportunities and digital trade interventions to support emerging exporters.

Kishtwar is well-positioned to contribute to exports through its unique offerings including saffron, Rajma, walnuts, artisanal crafts and medicinal herbs. Enhancing the capacity of MSMEs, artisans, farmers, SHGs and FPOs with practical export knowledge will help them improve



competitiveness and connect with broader market opportunities.

Officials from DGFT briefed the participants on IEC

registration, digital export procedures, and available export facilitation schemes. The FIEO shared guidance on packaging standards, branding strategies,

and global buyer expectations, while encouraging producers to participate in trade fairs and buyer-seller meets.

The ECGC representatives

explained the importance of export credit insurance for managing financial risks and enhancing credibility with international buyers. The GeM

team demonstrated onboarding and cataloguing processes, highlighting the platform's benefits for local entrepreneurs seeking access to government procurement channels.

The sessions also explained export financing, logistics planning, quality certification, pricing strategies, packaging solutions and role of e-commerce platforms in expanding visibility. Participants sought clarifications on market access, product certification, buyer outreach and shipping procedures.

The workshop recorded participation from around 80 artisans, women entrepreneurs, MSMEs, farmers, SHG members, FPOs and youth-led enterprises, reflecting growing interest within the district to explore export and e-commerce avenues.

HT EDITORIAL

Clear the air about egg controversy at the earliest

National Conference leader and legislator from Zadibal constituency, Tanvir Sadiq stirred a hornet's nest when he claimed that the eggs being supplied to the people in Kashmir by a particular company carry chemicals that are carcinogenic in nature. He said that due to the presence of these chemicals people fall prey to the deadly cancer disease and as such asked the people to stop consuming eggs at least for the time being.

As soon as the claim of the National Conference leader started making rounds on different social media platforms the union territory government acted swiftly. A probe was ordered in the episode and directions were issued to the legal metrology department to complete the probe and submit the report within two days. Different teams have been formed in this regard and these teams have lifted eggs from different locations of Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley.

The teams comprising officials of the different government departments have been entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out the analysis of the eggs lifted from the market. Since eggs are an important component of breakfast the presence of carcinogenic elements in the same has sent shock waves among the people. The people are somewhat skeptical about the use of eggs and want the controversy to end at the earliest. The probe teams need to pull up their socks so that the people are made aware of the truth about the presence of carcinogenic elements.

It would be in place to mention that the demand of eggs in Kashmir is primarily met by import from outside. While most of the eggs are imported from neighbouring states like Punjab and Haryana other eggs are procured from the other states. Even though the poultry sector has progressed by leaps and bounds in Kashmir in the recent past still then a lot needs to be done to enhance the production of eggs. Efforts are on in this regard and self sufficiency in this sector is not far away.

As far as the controversy surrounding eggs is concerned it is imperative that the probe is completed within two days so that the people come to know about the truth. Once the probe results are made public the common masses would feel relieved. Since only one egg company has been mentioned by the National Conference legislator it is important that things are not generalized and fingers are not pointed towards other companies.

Grateful Families Don't Forget Their Legends: Remembering Syed Sharif-ud-Din Bukhari of Kreeri



BY SGM ANDRABI

On this day, 13 December 2025, the people of Kreeri and all those touched by his wisdom remember a towering yet humble figure—Syed Sharif-ud-Din Bukhari, who left this mortal world exactly 29 years ago, on 13 December 1996. His life, spanning from November 1917 to 1996, was a remarkable journey of service, spirituality, scholarship, and social reform. He belonged to the direct lineage of Hazrat Syed Haji Muhammad Murad Bukhari (RA) of Kreeri, a heritage he carried with dignity and responsibility.

A Childhood Rooted in Spirituality and Service

Born as the first male child among five siblings, Syed Sharif-ud-Din Bukhari was adopted at a young age by his uncle, Moulana Syed Attullah Bukhari, a highly regarded spiritual guide in Wazir Bagh, Srinagar. His uncle's home was a hub of social, spiritual, and political activity where nobles, officials from the Maharaja's court, and common people alike sought guidance. Growing up in this rich environment deeply shaped his personality, values, and intellectual foundation.

A Scholar Formed in Turbulent Times

Educated at SP High School (Matric 1937), Punjab University Lahore (FA), and Aligarh as Munshi Fazil in Urdu and Persian, Sharif-ud-Din came of age during the politically volatile 1930s and 1940s. Srinagar was a battleground of ideas, with leaders from both the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League frequently visiting the Valley. Young and idealistic, he actively participated in the struggle against autocratic rule.

Service Through Education, Healing, and Administration

In 1944, pushed by economic hardship and political unrest, he joined government service as a teacher in Muzaffarabad. After illness forced his return in 1946, the turmoil of 1947 saw him assisting his uncle in relief work and, notably, protecting Sikh families in Dardpora, Kreeri, by sheltering them in Muslim homes—a courageous act of humanity



rarely recorded but never forgotten.

Once normalcy returned, he served first in the Education Department and later in the Health Department, where he discovered his true administrative calling. His remarkable command over drafting, service rules, and official procedures made him indispensable to senior officers. The Directorate of Health Services for the entire state and the Prison Department relied heavily on his expertise.

His contributions directly transformed the socio-economic landscape of the Kreeri region. During his tenure, scores of young men from Kreeri and adjoining areas entered government service, forming the foundation of a new middle class that continues to flourish.

Institution-Builder of North Kashmir

Few individuals have shaped Kreeri the way Sharif-ud-Din Bukhari did:

Upgraded Government High School Kreeri (1959) — one of only five such schools in North Kashmir, becoming a beacon of education.

Established Primary Health Centre Kreeri (1969) — a turning point in local healthcare.

Helped bring J&K Bank Branch to Kreeri (1976–77) through personal efforts and relationships with senior bank officials.

His commitment extended beyond civil administration into religious and community institutions. In 1960, he helped formalize the management of Ziarat Sharif Kreeri, creating a six-key safe system that ensured transparency and integrity in donations—an extraordinary early example of institutional accountability.

In 1978, recognising his administrative excellence, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, as Chairman

of Muslim Auqaf Trust, appointed him Controller of Auqaf at the revered shrine of Hazrat Baba Payam-ud-Din Reshi (RA). For six years, he modernised facilities, increased revenue, streamlined construction, and improved amenities for devotees. To this day, the people of Tangmarg, Hajibal, Kandi, and Chounth Pathri remember his service with warmth and gratitude.

A Man of Letters, Prayer, and Quiet Strength

After retirement in 1972, his life remained anchored in community service, scholarship, and devotion. The loss of his wife in 1987 deeply affected him, but he turned inward to prayer, study, and reflection. A keen listener of radio broadcasts, a lover of Persian poetry, and an authority on Iqbal, he could quote Rumi, Jami, Khusrau, and Iqbal with effortless relevance.

His mastery over English, his unmatched drafting skills, and his disciplined clarity of thought left an imprint on every office he served. Colleagues in the Health Department remembered him simply as "Bukhari Sahib"—a man of dignity, precision, and unshakeable integrity.

The Final Journey

His declining health in the early 1990s restricted his mobility, but not his spirit. On 9 December 1996, sensing his frailty, family members brought him back to his ancestral home in Kreeri. There, in the tranquility of familiar surroundings, he spent his final four days in peace before departing this world on Thursday, 13 December 1996. He rests today in the ancestral graveyard beside the Ziarat Sharif he served with devotion.

A Legacy That Demands Preservation

The life of Syed Sharif-ud-Din Bukhari is not merely a biography—it is a chapter of Kashmir's social history. His role as a teacher, administrator, reformer, protector, institution-builder, and spiritual seeker deserves documentation.

His contribution shaped generations, uplifted families, and strengthened institutions that continue to serve thousands today.

As one who was personally shaped by his wisdom, I write these lines not only as tribute but as a reminder:

Some lives become silent pillars of a community—felt everywhere, forgotten nowhere.

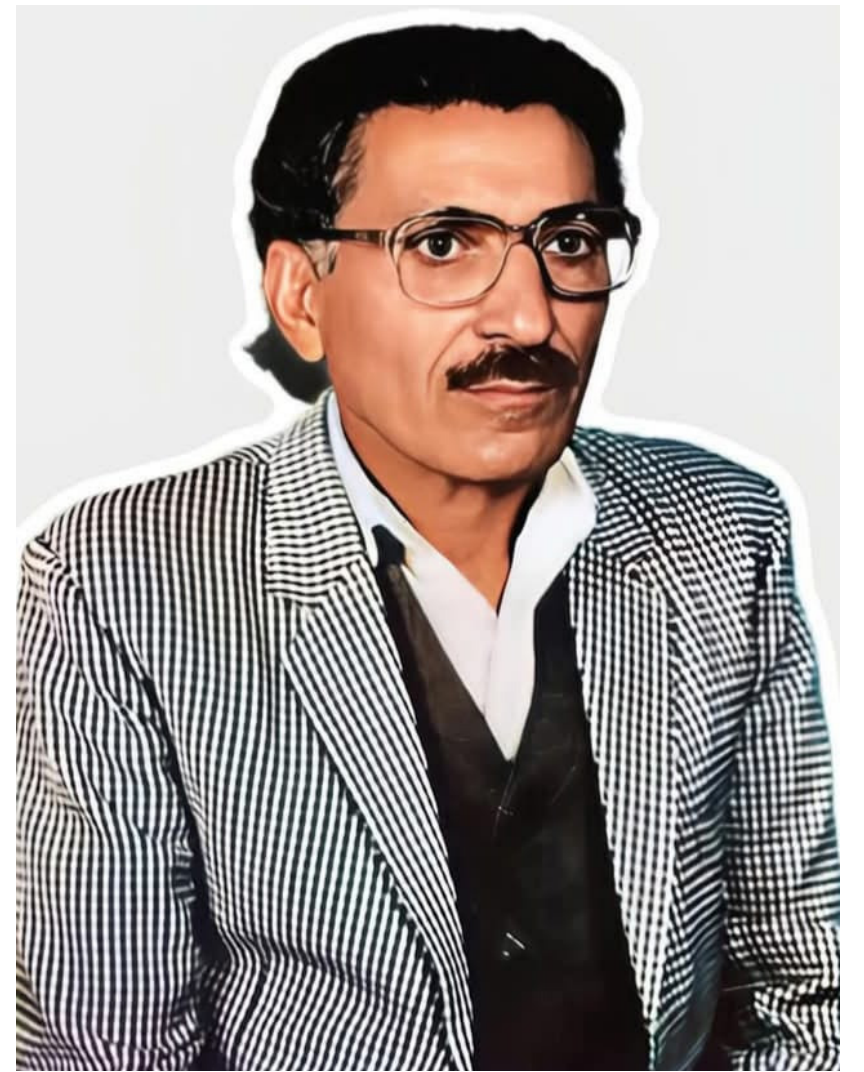
Khuda rahmat kunad an kasan ra...
ki din-o-muddat ra ba khalq asan kardand.
May God's mercy be upon those noble souls who made faith and life easier for others.

Nishat Ansari!
A Cherismatic Personality!
24th death anniversary!

Tribute to Nishat Ansari!

Nishat Ansari was a dynamic personality of an exceptional talent who worked through out his life for the promotion and propagation of Kashmiri Language, Literature and culture. Nishat Ansari has a tall stature among the scholars of Jammu and Kashmir and is rare among the rarest Kashmiri Language teachers who worked through out his life with vision and mission. Nishat Ansari has authored dozens of books besides authoring articles, talks and features that have been published, broadcasted and telecasted from time to time. Nishat Ansari has at his back five famous poetic collections and his famous poetic collection Gulnaar stands awarded by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and languages. Nishat Ansari has authored a famous monograph on Prof. Mohi-ud-din. Hajini. Nishat Ansari translated Shruks of Shaikh-ul-Aalam (RA) in to Urdu and this work was published by JKAACL under the title "Salsabeel". Nishat Ansari translated few famous books of Dr. Zakir Hussain (Ex. President of India) into Kashmiri language and this great translation work was awarded by Sahitya Akademi New Delhi. Nishat Ansari remained affiliated through out his life with National Institutions like All India Radio, Doordarshan Kander, Sahitya Akademi, JKAACL, JKBOSE and contributed a lot to these institution out of his Adbi capabilities. Nishat Ansari contributed his best to Adbi

organisations. He was founder member of Adbi organisation Daira-Adab-Delina and Adbi Markaz Kamraz - a literary umbrella organisation having its deep roots through out J&K. He served as Vice president and General Secretary of AMK and is known best office record keeper of this great Adbi organisation. Adbi journey of Nishat Ansari is an inspiration for all Adab lovers Nishat Ansari was born on 23th of December 1928 at Delina Baramulla. Nishat was his pen name and his name as per school records is Ghulam Mustafa Ansari. Nishat Ansari passed Matric Examination in 1969 from JKBOSE. Nishat Ansari started his government service career in the department of Co-Operatives J&K but later on resigned from this department and joined School Education Department as per his inner choice. He served in School Education Department for long twenty three years with dedication, commitment, sincerity and honesty. On merit basis Nishat Ansari was awarded The Best Teacher Award by School Education Department. Bottom Line Nishat sahab was a well rounded Individual-a multifaceted personality, a poet of repute, a writer, researcher, translator, critic, teacher, educationist, language and culture activist and above all a good human being. Nishat passed away on 25th of August 2000 at his Delina residence Baramulla. May! his soul rest in Jana-tul-Firdous (Ameen).



The Torchbearer of Kashmiri Folk Theatre

A Tribute to Mohammad Subhan Bhagat



■ **DR. MOHIUDIN ZORE KASHMIRI**

"It was only in the theatre that I lived"
Oscar wilde

I fondly recall the tranquil days of my childhood during the 1980s, a time when I was still a school-going boy, lost in a vibrant and imaginative world of curiosity and wonder. Every evening, after supper, I would sit beside the radio, a humble companion in the corner of our home. The crackling sound of Radio Kashmir Srinagar would often break the silence:

"Hello Listeners, this is Radio Kashmir Srinagar;

It is 9:30 p.m. Today, you will listen to 'Bhand Jashan' by Mohammad Subhan Bhagat and his party."

As the melodic rhythm of dholak and

In 1961, Bhagat took a bold step by organizing a meeting of Bhand across the Valley.

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the haunting strains of surnai filled the air, I would be transported to another world. My cousin, a keen admirer of art and literature, would turn to me and ask, "You know, Bhagat is among the finest dramatists of the Bhand tradition, perhaps in all of Kashmiri theatre. Ali Mohammad Lone stands at the summit in modern drama, do you aspire to illuminate your name like theirs in the literary world?"

Time has marched on, and with it, the fabric of our socio-political and cultural life has undergone profound changes. Yet, memories of these vibrant evenings and the contributions of artists like Mohammad Subhan Bhagat continue to resonate deeply within me.

Though I never saw Bhagat in person, I still hear the echo of his commanding voice:

"Hooh... Haah... Hoooooh... maskhara! (Oh, clown! Oh, clown!)

Let us have a Pather for the entertainment of the people."

Kashmir: A Cradle of Culture

Kashmir has always been more than a scenic marvel. It is a land of Sufi saints, scholars, poets, and artists. Our legacy

stretches deep into the realms of Sanskrit and Persian literature. In every era, Kashmir has birthed intellectuals and creative minds, whether in bustling towns or remote mountain villages. Among these luminaries stands Mohammad Subhan Bhagat, a name forever etched in the history of Kashmiri folk theatre. He is widely regarded as the pioneer and modernizer of Bhand Pather, our traditional theatrical form.

Understanding Bhand Pather: Kashmir's Indigenous Folk Theatre

Unlike conventional theatre performed in formal auditoriums, Bhand Pather is an open-air, rustic, and deeply community-rooted art form. The term itself, drawn from Sanskrit, combines Bhand (actor or clown) with Pather (dramatic representation or dance). This unique form blends satire, music, dance, and improvisational drama. Traditionally, it was performed in village squares, often under the shade of ancient Chinar trees, during festivals and marriages, without any elaborate stage or seating.

Cultural historians like J.C. Mathur believe that Muslims preserved this tradition throughout the medieval period, while ancient texts like Rajatarangini by Kalhana Pandit trace its roots back to the 8th century.

Today, only a few villages continue to uphold this tradition. Among them, Bamrad (Magam) and Wathora in Budgam district, Tangepan (Pulwama) and Akhangam in Anantnag, are particularly renowned. Akhangam, near the famed tourist destination Achabal, is where Mohammad Subhan Bhagat was born on 27th May 1927.

A Legacy Passed Down Generations

Bhagat hailed from a family historically involved in folk theatre. His ancestry includes notable names like Faqeer Bhagat, Rehman Bhagat, Salam Bhagat, Habib Bhagat, and Kamal Bhagat. Intriguingly, they trace their origins to a community of Kashmiri Pandit performers known as the Shawlas, who were temple-based dramatists performing "Shire Bhagati."

Despite receiving only elementary education up to the fifth grade, Subhan Bhagat was immersed in theatrical traditions from an early age. Under the mentorship of his uncle Ustad Kamal Bhagat, he became proficient in traditional instruments such as the surnai and nagarah, and honed his acting skills.

A Turning Point: From Fields to Radio Kashmir

In a twist of fate, Bhagat was discovered in 1960 by a team from Radio Kashmir Srinagar during their visit to Koker-nag. At the time, Bhagat was toiling as a field laborer. The radio officials invited him for an audition, and he was promptly recognized as a natural talent. That year marked his formal entry into professional theatre.

He soon founded the Akhangam Dramatic Club, and although his debut play "Zoon te Rahman" failed to impress due to technical shortcomings, his next play, "Grees Pather", became a hit. It was broadcast from Radio Kashmir Srinagar and was appreciated for its authenticity, resonating with rural audiences.

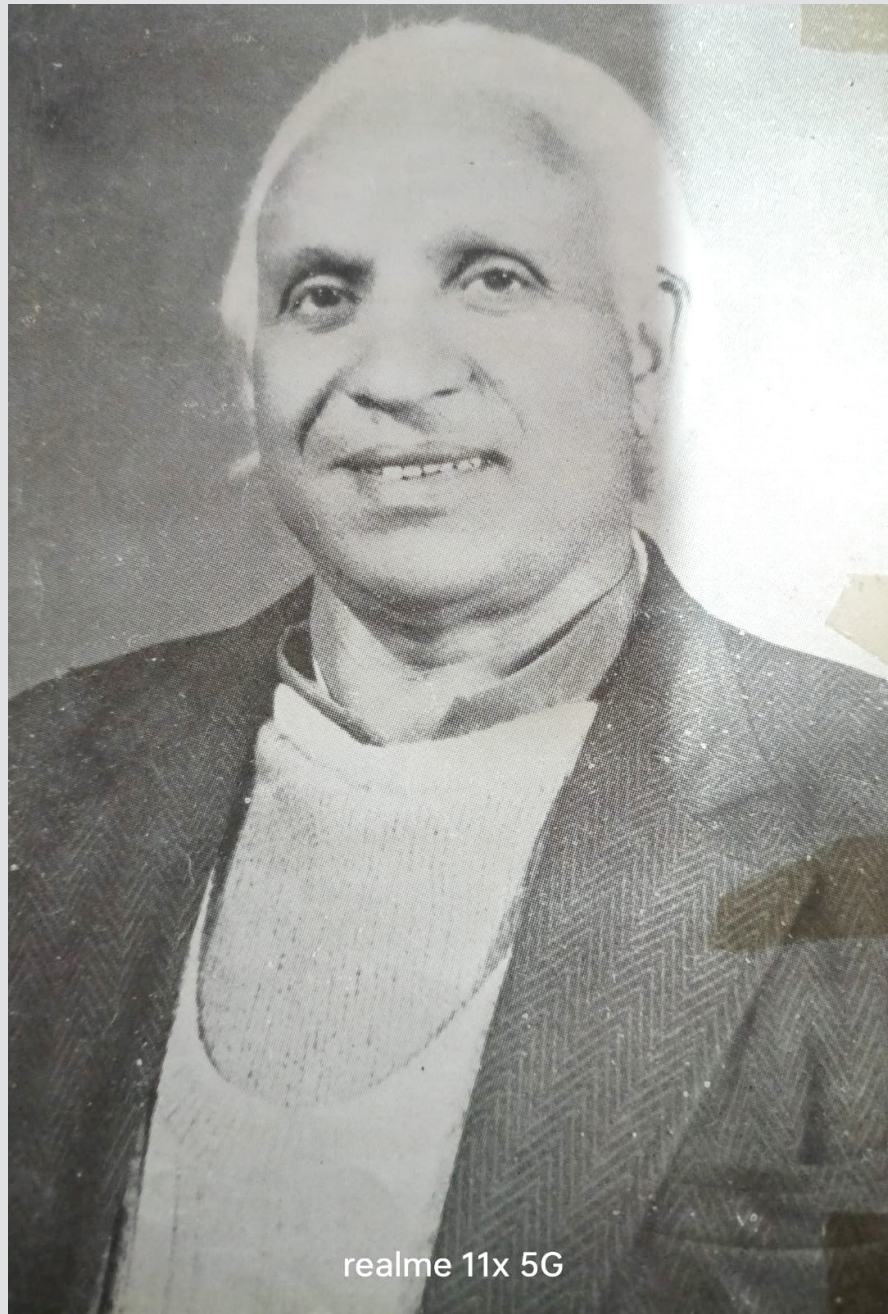
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Bhagat's Contributions: From Local Fields to National Stages

Under Kemmu's mentorship, Bhagat's theatre evolved dramatically. His acclaimed play "Pouz Apuz" (True and False) was staged at Tagore Hall, Srinagar in 1966. In 1969, "Bhagat Theatre Akhangam" was officially registered. By 1971, it received state funding and 12 of its members were awarded fellowships.

Over the years, Bhagat took Kashmiri folk theatre beyond the valley:

- 1971 & 1973: Performed in New Delhi on Independence Day and at a Folk Art Festival by Sangeet Natak Academy.
- 1974: Awarded an Emeritus



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- Fellowship.**
- 1982: His play "Goosain Pather" was performed in a modern-traditional fusion format.
 - 1983: His celebrated drama "Kune Sesh" was featured in the literary magazine Soan Aadb.

Bhagat also performed in front of dignitaries, including then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and was known for his dynamic stage presence and powerful narratives that reflected Kashmiri society's struggles and beauty.

Major Literary Works

1. **Kashur Lok Theatre - A scholarly work documenting various forms of Bhand Pather, such as:**
 - Derza Pather (it symbolically depicts cruel rule of Afgan Governors in Kashmir)
 - Razah Pather (King's drama)
 - Gosain Pather (Ascetic's drama)
 - Watal Pather, Angrez Pather, Bakerwal Pather, and Shikargah Pather.

Published in 1979 by the University of Kashmir, it became part of the M.A. Kashmiri syllabus.

1. **Bhand Jashan - A rich survey of Bhand artists, costumes, musical traditions, and village histories. It explores aspects like Dhamal (traditional dance) and the genealogy of Bhand families.**
2. **Taqdeer - A collection of three social plays:**
 - Poz Apuz (Truth and Falsehood)
 - Yeti Chu Banwuni (This Must Happen)
 - Taqdeer (Fate), which reflects post-1947 Kashmir and its lingering socio-economic issues.

Awards and Recognition
Bhagat received numerous accolades for his unmatched contribution to Kashmiri theatre:

1. **Best Playwright Award - 1967**
2. **Best Production - 1967, 1968, 1969**
3. **Gold Medal - 1970**
4. **Khalati-e-Fakhrah - 1973**

5. **Best Book (Doovi Rang) - 1982**
6. **Sadiq Award - 1982**
7. **Sangeet Natak Academy Award - 1984**
8. **Best Book (Bhand Jashan) - 1984**
9. **Bakshi Award - 1989**
10. **Posthumous Gold Medal - Cultural Academy**

Bhagat's Legacy: Resurrecting a Dying Art

In a time dominated by TV, cinema, mobile phones, and social media, traditional arts like Bhand Pather have struggled to survive. But Mohammad Subhan Bhagat preserved and modernized this art form, much like Habib Tanveer, Badal Sarkar, and Girish Karnad did in other regions of India.

Unlike earlier Bhand, who mostly improvised due to lack of formal education, Bhagat scripted his plays a revolutionary move that gave structure and sophistication to folk theatre. His work has been compared to dramatists like Shakespeare and Agha Hashar Kashmiri in terms of volume and influence.

Even Bollywood, in films like Vishal Bhardwaj's "Haider", has drawn from the essence of Kashmiri folk theatre. (Bismill Bismill sung by Sukhwinder Singh picturised at Martand Sun Temple)

According to Prof. Shafi Shauq, Bhagat was "the most influential force in reviving the flagging tradition of Bhand Pather." Many local Bhand remember Bhagat as a beacon of guidance. "He came to our village in 1983 and told us never to abandon our ancestral art," recalls Faqeer Bhagat of village Soibugh Budgam.

Conclusion: An Artist Beyond Education

Subhan Bhagat may not have had formal degrees, but he possessed wisdom beyond the classroom a deep, intuitive understanding of life, society, and art. His plays remain culturally relevant, offering social critique, humor, and emotional depth.

As the Encyclopedia of Indian Literature aptly describes:

"While adapting the tradition to suit the present milieu, he scrupulously preserved the inherent simplicity, humor, and colorfulness of the conventional form..." (Vol. 1, p.420)

Bhagat didn't just perform drama, he resurrected its soul, redefined its reach, and immortalized its impact. He died on

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24th June 1993 but he lives on in the heart of every Bhand performance, every rustling Chinar leaf, and every Kashmiri who still believes in the transformative power of art.

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Dengue Fever: A Health Concern



DR. TASADUK HUSSAIN ITOO

Dengue fever is a viral infection transmitted by two specific types of mosquitoes, the *Aedes aegypti* and the *Aedes albopictus* species. The global incidence of dengue has grown dramatically during recent years.

As per a recent global estimate, provided by the World Health Organization - as many as 100 to 400 million new cases occur every year across the world and as many as 500,000 people, mostly children, develop the more severe form of dengue fever that require hospitalization. Sadly, about 13,000 of those people die.

The problem is becoming a growing public health concern in India as well. In Jammu and Kashmir UT, there is emergence of dengue infection to a concerning extent. Many cases are being received in primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitals on daily basis. As per experts in medical sciences, the primary goal of treatment is on supportive measures with emphasis on recognizing the more severe forms of the infection in order to promptly seek medical attention.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Once bitten by a mosquito that is carrying dengue fever, the average time for symptoms to begin is four to seven days. While the average incubation period is from four to seven days, one may experience symptoms as early as three days or as late as two weeks after being bitten.

A high fever is the first symptom to appear. Fevers with dengue fever are high, ranging from 102°F to 105°F (38.9°C to 40.6°C). The high fever lasts for two to seven days, returns to normal or even a little below normal, then can rebound. One may develop a high fever again that can last for several more days.

The initial symptoms that develop after the fever begins are generally non-specific, and are described as flu-like in nature. Common symptoms that occur after the fever begins include severe frontal headache, pain behind the eyes, severe joint and muscle pain, nausea and vomiting, fatigue, and a rash. Dengue fever was once called "break-bone fever"



due to the severe pain that is sometimes felt in the joints and muscles.

Other common symptoms caused by the virus can create hemodynamic changes, or changes that alter the flow of blood in the body. Examples of blood flow changes seen with dengue fever include nosebleeds, bleeding from the gums, and areas of bruising. Additional symptoms related to changes in blood flow may be evident by reddened areas in the eyes and a sore or inflamed throat.

The other warning signs indicating one's body may be having trouble maintaining the integrity of blood vessels include the following: persistent nausea and vomiting - vomiting up blood or coffee-ground material, blood in urine, abdominal pain, difficulty breathing.

The rash usually begins three to four days after one developed the fever, can get better for one to two days, but then can come back. The initial rash often involves the facial area, and can appear as flushed skin or spotty and reddened areas. The rash does not itch. The second rash begins on the trunk area, then spreads to the face, the arms, and the legs. The second rash can last from two to three days. In some cases, a rash that is made of small dots, called petechiae,

may appear anywhere on the body as the fever subsides. Other rashes that sometimes occur include an itchy rash on the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet.

Usually signs and symptoms would suffice in establishing diagnosis. However, changes in platelet count can often be checked to help verify the diagnosis. People that are infected with dengue fever have often lower than normal platelet counts.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS

The symptoms may persist beyond seven days, involving problems with continued vomiting, vomiting up blood, severe abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, purplish areas under the skin similar to bruises, and continued problems with nosebleeds or bleeding gums, leading to 'dengue hemorrhagic fever' - a serious and life-threatening medical condition.

The tiniest blood vessels in one's body, become more permeable, or leak. The leaky capillaries allow fluid to leak from blood vessels and accumulate in chest and abdominal cavity, causing conditions medically termed as ascites and pleural effusions.

Dengue shock syndrome, another complicated entity is recognized by early symptoms that include a decrease in appetite, continued fever, continued vomiting, and persistent symptoms associated with dengue fever. The maximum risk of shock is between the third and seventh day of illness. Dengue shock syndrome can be fatal. Moreover, the person may experience brain disease, loss of brain function, liver damage, or seizures.

TREATING DENGUE FEVER

While there is no specific treatment for dengue fever, the risks of developing bleeding problems caused by the infection warrant medical care. While most people recover from dengue fever in about two weeks with general supportive care, many people, especially adults, continue to feel tired, and somewhat depressed, for several weeks to months following an infection with dengue fever.

The most common methods of treating dengue fever is to take steps to allow one's body to heal. Getting plenty of bed rest, drinking lots of fluids and taking medications to control fever. Treatment for dengue shock syndrome will include controlling the loss of blood, fluid

replacement, attempts to establish a normal blood pressure, oxygen, and possibly a transfusion to restore platelets and provide fresh blood to vital organs.

PREVENTING DENGUE FEVER

- Mosquitoes that carry dengue fever most often feed during the day, usually in the early morning and late afternoon hours. Staying indoors during those times, keeping the air conditioning on, and keeping screen doors and windows closed. Travelling during the times of day when the mosquitoes are less active.
- Taking steps to cover one's skin. Wearing full-bodied clothing. Trying to wear long sleeves, long pants, socks and shoes, and even work gloves, when one needs to be outside during the times of day when the mosquitoes are more active. Sleeping under mosquito netting.
- Mosquitoes that carry dengue fever are most often found close to dwellings. They like to breed in water that is held in artificial containers, like gallon drums, flower pots, pet dishes, or old tires. Getting rid of any standing water containers that are not needed. Checking for hidden sources of standing water - clogged drains or gutters, wells, manholes, and septic tanks may have areas of standing water. Cleaning these areas or repairing them so that they no longer hold unwanted water.
- Eliminating containers that hold standing water around or near the outside of one's home. Cleaning flower pot saucers, birdbaths, fountains, and pet dishes at least once a week to get rid of any larva. Maintaining swimming pools and put mosquito-eating fish in small ponds. Making sure doors and windows have screens that fit tightly, and all doors and windows close properly.

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ALUMINIUM FOIL - THE SILENT HEALTH KILLER



SURINDERPAL SINGH

Aluminium foil is a familiar household item used for cooking, baking, storing and packaging food. Its convenience has made it a daily essential, yet growing research highlights several hidden risks associated with its use. These concerns range from health-related issues to environmental and safety impacts, all of which deserve careful attention from consumers.

One of the most prominent concerns is the leaching of aluminium into food. When foil is used to wrap or cook acidic, spicy or salty dishes, especially at high temperatures, aluminium particles can migrate into the food. Scientific studies have shown that cooking with aluminium foil significantly raises the aluminium content in meals. While the human body can eliminate small amounts of aluminium, continuous exposure may lead to long-term accumulation, creating potential health risks.

There is also ongoing debate about the possible link between aluminium exposure and neurological disorders. Some studies suggest that excessive aluminium in the body may be associated with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease. Although these findings are not yet definitive, many health specialists recommend reducing prolonged and unnecessary exposure to aluminium

as a precautionary measure. In this context, being mindful of the frequent use of aluminium foil becomes increasingly important.

Beyond health concerns, aluminium foil has a noticeable environmental footprint. The production of aluminium is highly energy-intensive and begins with the extraction of bauxite ore, a process known for causing deforestation, soil degradation, habitat loss and various forms of pollution. Furthermore, the refining procedure emits significant amounts of greenhouse gases, contributing to global climate challenges. Even though aluminium is a recyclable material, aluminium foil often ends up in landfills because food-contaminated foil is difficult to recycle. This improper disposal contributes to environmental degradation and adds to the burden on waste management systems.

Safety hazards also arise from the misuse of aluminium foil. When used incorrectly in microwave ovens, aluminium foil can become a fire risk. It can spark or produce electrical arcing if it touches microwave walls or is scrunched into a tight ball. These sparks can potentially cause fires, making it important to follow appliance guidelines strictly and avoid using aluminium foil in microwaves unless specifically instructed.

Food safety issues must also be considered. Storing hot food directly in aluminium foil can trap moisture and heat, creating conditions favourable for bacterial growth. Without proper cooling and refrigeration, this can lead to foodborne illnesses. Additionally, certain foods, especially those with high acidity like tomatoes and citrus fruits, can react with aluminium. These reactions may change the taste of

the food and produce unwanted chemical compounds, raising concerns about repeated consumption of aluminium-reactive dishes.

As awareness grows, many people are turning towards safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives. Options such as parchment paper offer a safer baking method without the risk of chemical leaching. Beeswax wraps provide a reusable, sustainable alternative for wrapping food. Glass containers have become popular for both storage and reheating, as they are non-reactive and long-lasting. Stainless steel containers and cookware are also gaining attention for their durability and absence of health risks associated with leaching.

While aluminium foil remains a convenient kitchen aid, the potential hazards linked to its use should not be overlooked. From the leaching of aluminium into food and possible health implications to environmental damage and fire risks, understanding these aspects allows individuals to make informed decisions in the kitchen. Shifting to alternative materials and adopting safer food-handling practices can significantly reduce these risks. This not only promotes better personal health but also supports environmental sustainability.

Being conscious of how we cook, store and handle food is part of a broader commitment to responsible living. As we rethink the reliance on aluminium foil, small changes can lead to meaningful improvements in health and ecological well-being.

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CBK chargesheets PWD employee

SRINAGAR, DEC 12: The Special Crime Wing (Crime Branch) Kashmir has filed a chargesheet in a case against a Public Works Department (R&B) employee accused of forging his date of birth to obtain illegal regularization.

In a statement, the chargesheet was submitted before the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Handwara, on 11 December 2025. The case stems from a communication received from the Under Secretary to the Government, Public Works Department (R&B), seeking an investigation into the alleged fake date of birth of Abdul Rashid Lone, son of Mohammad Ahsan Lone, a resident of Chogal, Handwara, working as a Helper in the R&B Division.

An initial enquiry by the Crime Branch revealed that the accused had produced a fabricated medical certificate indicating his date of birth as 01.04.1968 at the time of his regularization. However, school records showed his actual date of birth as 04.04.1950. Based on these contradictions, FIR No. 07/2022 under sections 420, 468, 471, and 201 of the RPC was registered, and a detailed investigation was launched. Investigations established that the accused, in criminal conspiracy, forged and used the fake certificate to unlawfully secure government benefits. The probe confirmed evidence of cheating, forgery, destruction of evidence, and conspiracy.

The Special Crime Wing Kashmir reaffirmed its firm stance against falsification of records and fraudulent practices, asserting its continued commitment to uphold the rule of law through transparent and uncompromising investigations.

Public Notice

It is hereby informed to the general public that Izfan Ahmad Wani, S/o Rashid Wani, R/o Charepora, Tehsil Sangus, District Anantnag, has found that his name has been incorrectly recorded as Izfan Rashid Wani in the school records.

The correct name is Izfan Ahmad Wani, which appears on all his other official documents.

Any objections regarding this correction may be submitted to the concerned authorities within 7 days of publication of this notice. After that, no claims shall be entertained.

**Name: Izfan Ahmad Wani
S/o: Rashid Wani
R/o: Charepora, Tehsil Sangus, District Anantnag**

Public Notice

I Showkat Ahmad Bhat, father of Abdul Hadi Bhat, resident of Safa Kadal, Srinagar, hereby inform the general public that my son's name and his mother's name were recorded incorrectly in some school records. The incorrect details are:-

Name of Student: Abdul Hadi
Mother's Name Rabia
The correct details are:-
Name of Student Abdul Hadi Bhat
Mother's Name Flabbyia. In future, he will be known as Abdul Hadi Bhat, son of Showkat Ahmad Bhat and Mothers Name Rabiya
Any objections may be communicated within 7 days of this notice.

**Showkat Ahmad Bhat
F/O:-Abdul Hadi Bhat**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application ZUBAIR AHMAD DAR S/O ABDUL HAMEED DAR R/O NAGBAL for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of self Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his/her/their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of NAGBAL of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the DAR community having annual income 450000// the details of family of the applicant are as follows

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2. ZAREENA BAGUM Mother 55 years H/W
3. MAYSARA BANO sister 20 years student
4. YASMEENA BANO sister 18 years //
5. ZUBAIR AHMAD DAR self 17 years //
6. MEHNAZA BANO sister 12 years //
7. UZAIR AHMAD Brother 08 years //

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application FIRDOUS AHMAD HAJAM S/O Lt. ABDUL REHMAN HAJAM R/O AUTHOORA RESHIPOR Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward classes in favor of self

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of OBC in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of AUTHOORA RESHIPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the HAJAM community having annual income 130000// (One lakh thirty thousand) the details of family of the applicant are as follows

1. FIRDOUS AHMAD HAJAM self 32 years contractual
2. HILAL AHMAD HAJAM Brother 38 years Labour
3. NAZIR AHMAD HAJAM Brother 42 years Labour

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

I have lost my 10Th pass marks card under roll no 13125265 session Annual Regular 2020 .Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Board of School Education (BOSE) Srinagar within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

**ULFAT RASHID RESHI S/O ABDUL RASHID RESHI
R/O SHEIKHPORA KREERI**

Public Notice

I have lost my Date of Birth certificate of class 10Th Session Annual Regular 2020 under roll no 12430225, registration number 192100000520027. Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may Contact Board of School Education (BOSE) Srinagar within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

**MOHAMMAD UMAR MIR S/O GHULAM MOHI UD DIN
MIR R/O LALPORA KHARKHAL KUNZER KUNZER
Pin code 193404**

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written as Mohammad yaqoob Dar on my aadhar aadhar under number 9020 5720 3022 ,while my correct name is Yaqoob Bashir s/o Bashir Ahmad Dar as per birth records which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard, he/she may contact with uidai office within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

**Name: Yaqoob Bashir, S/o: Bashir Ahmad Dar
R/o: Khise Pora Kreeri**

Public Notice

I am applying for fresh Pesticide License under the name MOHD IRFAN DAR. In this regard if anybody is having any objection may file the same to PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within the time period of 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Name: MOHD IRFAN DAR, S/O AB RASHID DAR
R/O ...PUTHAR AUTHOORA BARAMULLA**

Public Notice

I have changed my name from (Old Name) PEERZADA FAYAZ AHMAD to (New Name) FAYAZ AHMAD PIR in future I will be known as (New Name) FAYAZ AHMAD PIR if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact with passport Office Srinagar within 7 days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Public Notice

I have lost my Date of Birth certificate Session Annual Regular 2020 .Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may Contact Board of School Education Sub office Baramulla within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

**MOHAMMAD UMAR MIR S/O GHULAM MOHI UD DIN
MIR R/O LALPORA KUNZER**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION ANANTNAG NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS | E-NIT NO. 31 of 2025-26

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K U.T , e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on "Percentage basis" (Single Click) from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K U.T Govt./ CPWD/Railways/Other Governments/ Union Territories for the following works:-

| S. No | Name of work | Advt. Cost (Rs in Lacs) | Earnest Money Deposit (Amt in Rs) | Time for completion | Class of Contract | Cost of Tender Document (Rs) | Major Head of Account | Tender Opening Authority |
|-------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 01. | Protection of nallah Gujerpura wani mohalla / Deedadh mohalla at Magribal | 10.00 | 20000/= | 10 Days | DEE/CEE | 500/= | CDF Grants Of Hon'ble MLA D.H Pora Constituency | Executive Engineer |

Position of Funds: Budgetary allocation 2025-26.

Position of Administrative Approval: Accorded

Position of Technical Sanction: Accorded

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, set of terms and conditions, and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

| | | |
|---|--|------------------------|
| 1 | Date of issue of Tender Notice | 12-12-2025 at 10:00 AM |
| 2 | Date of start of downloading | 12-12-2025 at 10:00 AM |
| 3 | Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial | 12-12-2025 at 10:00 AM |
| 4 | Bid submission end date | 22-12-2025 at 06:00 PM |
| 5 | Date & Time of opening of Bids (online). | 23-12-2025 at 10:00 AM |

Terms and Conditions:

01. Bids must be accompanied with proof of the cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Anantnag (tender inviting authority) the name of the work shall be legible along with NIT number and item number neatly written on the face of TR. Any deficiency/ correction will lead to cancellation of the tender also the date of treasury challan should be in between the date of start of Bid and bid submission end date.
 02. The successful bidder shall have to submit the hardcopy of EMD @2% in the shape of CDR/FDR and duly uploaded, treasury challan and other allied documents.
 03. The Affidavit must be in between the date of NIT i.e from the uploading time of E NIT to the Closing time of E NIT refer Condition 5(H)
- All other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form).

No: FCD/Ang/2025/6339-61 | Dated : 11-12-2025

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Flood Control Division Anantnag**

DIPK: 8951/25 | Dated: 12-12-2025

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama

Notice Inviting Tenders | e- NIT No: 146/2025-26 | Dated: 08-12-2025

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

Call (As indicated)

| S.No | Name of the work | Block | Est./ Advt. Cost | Class | MH |
|------|---|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | RDDDC2526100454-(CONST OF 03 NO HAND PUMPS 1 NEAR HOUSE OF MOHD ALTAF BHAT 2 LAND OF GULZAR AHMAD AND 3 HOUSE OF MOHD IQBAL RESHI AT SHAHABAD) | Dadsara | 1.76 | DEE/ Other / Adj | PRI 2nd Call |
| 2 | FINDC2526101036- Constt. Of Bore Well near HO Ab. Hamid Beigh and Farooq Ahmad Yattoo & Nisar Ahmad at Bonpora Dadoora Pulwama | Pulwama | 1.188 | DEE/ Other / Adj | DDC 6th Call |
| 3 | FINDC2526101139- Constt. Of 2 No. of tube wells 1) near the HO Gulzar Ahmad Dar SO Ali Mohd. At Wathdus Ashminder road at Ganie Mohalla Murrana 2) near Masjid Sharief Ganie Mohalla at Murrana | Pulwama | 0.800 | DEE/ Other / Adj | DDC 6th Call |
| 4 | C/O Community soakage pit near jamai masjid Shareef Newa | Newa | 0.825 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |
| 5 | C/O Community soakage pit near Panchayat Ghar Parigam Newa 0.825 200/= 2% DEE 30 Days 2SBM II nd call | Newa | 0.825 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |
| 6 | C/O Community Soakage pit near Hanfia Darasgah Hamzahpora Parigam B | Newa | 0.825 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |
| 7 | C/O Community Soakage pit near Masjid Ayesha/Playground Urwan | Newa | 0.825 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |
| 8 | Construction of Bridge Culvert Sakidaji Nehama Khondasood Kakapora Pulwama | Kakapora | 4.742 | DEE | CD PYT 1st Call |
| 9 | Constt. of community soakage pit near the house of Ajaz Ahmad Bhat and others at Dangepora Arihal | Litter | 0.8116 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |
| 10 | Constt. of community soakage pit near the house of gulzar Ahmad Rather and others at Arihal | Litter | 0.8116 | DEE | SBM II 2nd Call |

Cost of tender documents (in Rupees): 200/-

EMD (In %): 2%

Time of Completion: 30 days

Position of A/A: - Accorded Position of T/S: - Accorded

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

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| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 08-12-2025 |
| 2. | Online Bid submission Start Date | 08-12-2025 from 06:55 PM |
| 3. | Online Bid Submission End Date | 16-12-2025 up to 06:55 PM |
| 4. | Date and time of opening of Online Bids | 17-12-2025 at 10:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama |
| 5. | Note: Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. In case The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules. | |

Special Condition 01:

Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call 1st only).

SC02: Contractors Strictly not eligible

The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24/2024-25 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/ who had not started/taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Conditions for Bidders:

Every Participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the Bank Account No. which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No Payment shall be released by Govt. Deptt./Agency to any other Bank Account except the one linked with GST Registered number of the Successful bidder. As per Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08/07/2025 issued by Govt. of JandK Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar.

1. As per Government Order No. 238-F of 2021 Dated 07-09-2021, in case of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining Panchayats will be permitted (i.e in 2nd call of tendering preceding condition will be applied).

2. Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for tendering for the current financial year (2025-26). 3. Any Bidder who will go down more than 10% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S. No 09 (Non uploading of Additional Security will lead to the rejection of the tender).

4. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama (Tender receiving authority).

5. In Addition to Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security), the 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 05 days before fixation of contract. The EMD (Bid Security/Earnest money) of 2% of advertised cost of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

6. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) shall submit all the hard copies of uploaded documents within 05 Days before fixation of Contract. Failure to produce the documents shall render the L1 as non-responsive and he shall be debarred to participate in any tendering process up to 12 months after forfeiting the CDR and case for debarring of the Contractor is forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

7. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR of the unsuccessful Bidder shall be released after opening the Tender on production of Treasury Challan.

8. The Tender Opening Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.

9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids

Xen/REW/Pul/9832-36 | Dated: 08-12-2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama

DIPK: 8943/25 | Dated: 12-12-2025

کاوپورہ کے منظور احمد ڈار کا انتقال



یہ خبر انتہائی افسوس اور دکھ ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ منظور احمد ڈار، ولد غلام رسول ڈار کاوپورہ سرائے ڈانگر پورہ 11 دسمبر 2025 شب جمعہ مختصر علالت کے بعد اس دارفانی سے کوچ کر گئے۔ مرحوم کاوپورہ ڈیولپمنٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹ میں کئی برسوں سے اپنے فرائض انجام دے رہے تھے۔ مرحوم کا رسم چہارم 15 دسمبر 2025 بروز سوموار کاوپورہ سرائے ڈانگر پورہ میں انجام دیا جائے گا۔

بذریعہ: سرفراز حسین ملہ (شادی پورہ)

سگوواران: فرہاد منظور

Satish Sharma for time bound action on issues relating transport sector

Attends Gen Zorwar's Martyrdom Day, pays homage

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: Transport Minister Satish Sharma today asserted that the transport sector is crucial for boosting the region's economy, emphasising the government's commitment to a transparent and efficient system in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Minister was interacting with the representatives of Transport Welfare Associations during a meeting convened to deliberate on the challenges being faced by the transport fraternity in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Transport, Avny Lavasa; IG Traffic; DG Finance in Transport Department; MD JKRTC, M.A. War; Additional Commissioner Kashmir; RTOs of Jammu, Kashmir and Kathua and other senior officers of the

Transport Department and representatives of Associations.

During the meeting, the associations presented a detailed memorandum highlighting several pressing issues impacting transporters' livelihood and day-to-day operations.

Satish Sharma assured that all concerns raised by the representatives will be taken up promptly with the concerned for speedy redress.

The Associations apprised the Minister of non-implementation of the already approved and finalized E-bus schedule in Jammu and Srinagar.

The Minister assured that he would personally review the matter to ensure structured and regulated E-bus operations, safeguarding the interests of existing transport operators.

Seeking enhanced ATS capacity, the associations



requested continuation of the existing MVD Fitness and Passing system.

The Minister acknowledged the operational difficulties faced by the transporters due to a limited number of ATSS and assured necessary corrective measures to ease the process.

The transporters expressed concern over the 200% increase in fitness and passing fees under new MoRTH guidelines, citing severe financial strain.

Satish Sharma assured that

the matter would be reviewed with sensitivity, keeping the economic conditions of the transport community in mind.

The meeting also deliberated upon the prolonged pendency of tariff revision, unresolved since 2021.

The Minister assured that the tariff revision process will be examined and advanced through proper consultations with all stakeholders.

The transporters also requested for streamlining of

the E-challan system in accordance with MoRTH guidelines and the provision of proper supporting documentation.

The Minister assured that the concerns would be taken up with traffic authorities to ensure rationalisation and transparency.

The Associations raised the issue of illegal adda fee collection on National Highways despite the existing government orders prohibiting such practices.

Satish Sharma assured strict

action against the violators and directed for immediate verification of complaints. He reiterated that all concerns discussed will be addressed on priority and reviewed regularly until resolved.

He emphasised that protecting the interests of transporters and ensuring smooth mobility across the UT remains a key priority of the government.

Earlier, Satish Sharma attended the Martyrdom Day ceremony of General Zorwar Singh, the legendary Dogra warrior known for his extraordinary courage, military brilliance and historic campaigns.

Speaking at the event, the Minister paid rich and heartfelt tributes to General Zorwar Singh. He described him as "one of the greatest military commanders in the history of India whose valour continues to inspire

generations."

He highlighted that General Zorwar Singh's unmatched leadership, strategic acumen, and spirit of sacrifice remain a proud chapter in the socio-military history of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister noted that the Dogra General's campaigns across Ladakh, Tibet, Baltistan and beyond showcased exceptional bravery and a deep sense of duty towards the nation.

The ceremony witnessed participation of ex-servicemen, civil society members, youth groups and senior government officials.

The Minister interacted with the attendees and emphasised the need to educate the younger generations about the heroic contributions of General Zorwar Singh and the rich martial legacy of the region.

Food Craft Institute Jammu hosts Junior Master Chef competition-2025

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: An inter-school Junior Master Chef Competition was organized today on the premises of Food Craft Institute Jammu.

Teams from multiple schools participated in the Competition organized in Non-Fire Category and Fire Category. The students of classes 6th to 8th participated and showcased their talent without using fire, while the fire category was organized for 9th to 12th standard students.

At the outset, Principal of the Institute Jyoti Bhatti spoke at length about the purpose of holding the competition. "We have provided a platform to the aspiring students of Jammu to pursue a career in the hospitality sector for which the Food Craft Institute Jammu can be their ideal destination," he added.

Special Secretary Skill Development Department J&K, Rajinder Kumar Sharma was the chief guest, while Additional Secretary Skill Development Department J&K, Rajeev Kumar attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. They encouraged the students to pursue a career in the hospitality sector for which there are ample opportunities at their doorstep.

As many as 86 students from 27 schools including government, private and Army schools participated in the event.

The elaborate menus prepared by the students ranged from regional ethnic cuisines and fusion dishes to continental cuisines.

A panel of experts consisting of Executive Chef Radisson Blu, Jammu Rajib Mitra; Chef Nayan from Amantaram Banquets & Restaurants and Chef Nikhil Sharma - an Entrepreneur judged the preparations in both fire and non-fire categories.

The Heritage School topped in the non-fire category, while Shri Ram Universal School emerged as 1st Runner up & Army Public School Ratnuchack as 2nd Runner up.

The winner of the fire category was Army Public School Nagrota, while Army Public School Ratnuchack ended as the 1st Runner Up & Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School R.S.Pura as the 2nd Runner Up. A formal vote of thanks was delivered by senior faculty of the institute Gagan Deep.

DC Reasi reviews preparedness for National Immunization Day

Stresses 100% coverage, community awareness

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

REASI, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today chaired a meeting of the District Task Force on Immunization to review and finalize arrangements for the National Immunization Day (NID)/ Pulse Polio drive 2025 scheduled for December 21, 2025, followed by mop-up house-to-house rounds on December 22 and 23.

The meeting was informed that the district has a target of immunizing 58,808 children (0-5 years) for which 384 vaccination booths are being set up across

four blocks. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed booth-wise arrangements, vaccine logistics, deployment of staff and detailed micro-planning for the campaign.

The DC directed the stakeholder departments to ensure 100% booth activity on NID and achieve zero missed children during the mop-up rounds through systematic house-to-house verification. "During house-to-house visits, teams must also verify whether all household members are covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, so that any uncovered



individuals can be identified and facilitated for enrolment," she

directed.

Highlighting the importance of reaching every child, the DC stressed special focus on High-Risk Areas (HRAs) such as slums, migratory settlements, nomadic groups, as well as transit points including railway stations, bus stands and markets. The DC also emphasized the role of religious leaders, PRIs and volunteers in spreading awareness and strengthening community participation.

The meeting was attended by PO POSHAN Sudershan Kumar; ACD Vijay Kumar; CEO and officials from the Health Department.

FDA issues Advisory on Environmentally Compliant Disposal of Seized Food Items

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 12: The Food & Drugs Administration (FDA) has issued a comprehensive advisory to all field enforcement units, mandating strict compliance with environmentally safe and scientifically approved methods for disposing of seized, rejected, and expired food items.

The directive comes in the wake of recent reports indicating the irresponsible dumping of unsafe food materials into rivers and other natural ecosystems, posing threats to public health and environmental safety.

Reaffirming the standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the guidelines of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the advisory reiterates that no food item unfit for human consumption—

along with its packaging material—shall be discarded in water bodies, forest areas, open fields, drains, or any location not authorized by the competent authority.

The FDA has clearly outlined approved disposal mechanisms that must be followed without exception. These include the use of authorized incineration units that meet Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) emission regulations, scientific disposal in designated sanitary landfills equipped with leachate-control systems, and sustainable treatment of biodegradable waste through composting or anaerobic digestion at certified facilities. Enforcement teams have been instructed to coordinate closely with municipal bodies, panchayats, waste management agencies, and other statutory authorities to ensure seamless execution.

To maintain transparency and prevent misuse of seized materials, the advisory mandates that every disposal operation be video recorded in the presence of at least two independent witnesses. Following the disposal, the supervising Food Safety Officer (FSO) must furnish a certificate of disposal to the Designated Officer, with mandatory copies to the Commissioner of Food Safety and the concerned Food Business Operator (FBO).

The advisory further instructs all Designated Officers to immediately map and identify suitable disposal units—including incinerators, composting facilities, and scientific landfills—in their respective jurisdictions. A consolidated list of these facilities must be communicated to the Commissioner of Food Safety for record and monitoring purposes.

SDM Gool convenes public grievances redressal camp at Femrote Block Sangaldan

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

RAMBAND, DECEMBER 12: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gool, Imtiaz on Friday convened an extensive public grievance redressal camp at Femrote in Block Sangaldan.

The initiative was aimed at providing an effective platform for residents to voice their concerns, seek assistance and engage with the administration in an open and transparent manner.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from locals, reflecting expectations from the Sub-Division administration Gool and their confidence in the grievances redressal mechanism. The large turnout highlighted the community's eagerness to participate in governance and collaborate with officials to resolve long-pending issues.

Naib Tehsildar Sangaldan, Mohammed Qayoom, BDO Sangaldan Mohammed Irfan, BMO Gool, Dr Mohammed Iqbal, CDPO Gool, Bashir Ahmed Malik, besides officials from Agriculture, Sericulture, Fisheries, PDD, Health, ICDS, PWD, Horticulture, Sheep Husbandry and Animal Husbandry, Revenue, Rural Development, Jal Shakti were present on the occasion. Their participation ensured comprehensive on-the-spot responses to departmental concerns raised by the public. During the interaction, residents put forth issues related to road connectivity, power and water supply, health services, agricultural support and welfare schemes. The presence of diverse departmental teams enabled many grievances to be addressed immediately, while others were noted for early resolution.

The SDM reaffirmed the administration's dedication to transparency, urgency and accountability. He assured that all genuine grievances will be addressed strictly as per norms and necessary directions have already been issued to concerned departments for timely follow-up.

The SDM emphasized that such outreach camps will continue across the subdivision to ensure that governance reaches every doorstep, especially in remote and far-flung areas. He also appreciated the active participation of the locals and encouraged them to remain engaged with the administration for better developmental outcomes.

The event concluded on a positive note, with the public expressing satisfaction over the platform provided and the administration's proactive approach.

DC Poonch reviews Animal Welfare Measures

Stresses strict enforcement of animal protection laws, establishment of shelter sheds and intensive public awareness campaigns

HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

POONCH DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a review meeting on animal welfare in the district and issued directions aimed to prevent animal cruelty and ensure humane management of stray animals.

The meeting centered on strengthening institutional mechanisms in strict adherence to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2023, the Supreme Court order dated 22 August 2025 and guidelines issued by the Animal Welfare



Board of India (AWBI).

Reviewing the prevailing situation, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for coordinated, time-bound implementation by all concerned departments. He directed the officials to work in close synergy for effective enforcement of statutory provisions governing animal welfare. Stressing the importance of community participation, the DC instructed all departments to collaboratively conduct extensive public awareness programmes to highlight the importance of preventing animal cruelty, benefits of sterilization, use of designated feeding spots.

Trump opens Gold Card citizenship programme to attract global capital, skilled talent

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, DEC 12 : President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced the official opening of applications for the Gold Card Citizenship programme, a flagship immigration pathway that will funnel global capital into the US, attract talent and fast-track residency processing.

This programme has huge financial and strategic value to reshape the US immigration and economic landscape through high-value capital inflows.

Trump broke the news on Truth Social, calling the launch a defining moment for his second-term agenda. "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S TRUMP GOLD CARD IS HERE TODAY! A direct path to Citizenship for all qualified and vetted people. SO EXCITING! Our Great American Companies can finally keep their invaluable Talent," he posted, saying the live application portal would open within minutes. His message highlighted the programme's dual purpose — attracting global



investors while helping American companies retain specialised, high-skilled professionals.

The Citizenship initiative comes after Executive Order 14351, signed in September, which established the Trump Gold Card investor-visa system. The executive order created

a framework promising "fast-track" permanent residency for individuals willing to make large monetary contributions to the US economy.

Under the new framework, applicants can choose from three tiers: the Trump Gold Card, the Trump Corporate Gold Card and

the Trump Platinum Card, each requiring substantial financial contributions in exchange for accelerated immigration processing.

For individual applicants, the Trump Gold Card entails a one-time, non-refundable "gift" of USD

1 million and a USD 15,000 processing fee charged by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Companies seeking expedited Green Cards for essential or highly skilled employees may opt for the Trump Corporate Gold Card, which requires a payment of USD 2 million in addition to the USD 15,000 DHS fee. The corporate card is transferable between employees, subject to a 5 per cent transfer fee and a DHS background check.

The highest tier, the Trump Platinum Card, demands a USD 5 million payment plus the USD 15,000 processing fee. It also grants holders the ability to spend up to 270 days a year in the US without being taxed on foreign income, a key draw for global investors.

After the submission of the application, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) conducts a comprehensive background check on the applicant and any accompanying family members. UNI

US-India partnership crucial to counter China: Bill Huizenga

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, DEC 12: Calling the U.S.-India partnership "a defining relationship of the 21st century," House Subcommittee Chairman Bill Huizenga warned that strengthening strategic alignment with New Delhi is essential for countering China's aggression, stabilising the Indo-Pacific and safeguarding democratic norms, as he opened a key Congressional hearing on bilateral relations.

Delivering opening remarks at a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee hearing titled "The US-India Strategic Partnership: Securing a Free and Open Indo-Pacific," Huizenga said the relationship "is no longer just important," but central to global stability, resilient supply chains and democratic norms.

"If America wants a free Indo-Pacific resilient supply chains and a world where democracy, not authoritarianism, sets the rules, then our partnership with India is critical. While the partnership has been nuanced since India gained Independence in 1947, and India's nonalignment posture shaped its strategic identity, the United States and the Republic of India share a common vision of a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific rooted in democratic values and a deep desire for freedom," he said.

He emphasised that the United States "does not see India as a temporary or transactional partner," noting that every American administration has worked to deepen ties with New Delhi since India's Independence.

However, he flagged recent developments that have raised concerns in Washington. "President Putin's warm visit to India last week and India's participation in China's SCO summit this September raised some understandable concerns," he said.

Huizenga also underscored US worries about India's continuing reliance on Russian oil.

"India has agreed to purchase more American energy, thereby significantly reducing its reliance on Russia." Sharing a conversation with Latin parliamentarians earlier in the day, he said, "The first thing they brought up was to please ask them to stop buying Russian oil so that they don't have the cash to be a threat to us. So, message received, message delivered."

He said, "Authoritarian powers like China and Russia are redrawing borders by force, undermining democratic norms and coercing their neighbors. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Indo-Pacific, where an increasingly aggressive China threatens regional stability, global prosperity and the open flow of commerce."

Turning to China's growing assertiveness, Huizenga warned that Beijing's expansionist posture was destabilising the region. "China's string of pearls ideology is no longer just a theory," he said. "We cannot allow this to happen. India knows these risks firsthand."

He noted that Chinese forces had killed Indian soldiers along the LAC since 2020, prompting New Delhi to "respond decisively" by pushing back militarily and limiting China's influence in the region.

Highlighting deepening defence and counterterrorism cooperation, Huizenga pointed out that the Trump administration designated Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and The Resistance Front (TRF) — the groups behind the "heinous attack in Pahalgam" — as Foreign Terrorist Organizations in July 2025. "This reflects our shared commitment to fighting terror wherever it occurs," he said.

The lawmaker also hailed strong people-to-people ties, calling the Indian-American community a "living bridge of shared values, democratic principles, and economic opportunity." More than five million Indian-Americans, he said, contribute significantly to the U.S. economy, military and innovation ecosystem.

On the economic front, Huizenga said India's rapid growth makes it a key partner for American businesses. "American companies increasingly see India not just as a market but as a partner to innovation," particularly in AI, communications and advanced technologies, he said. A new trade deal between the Trump administration and the Modi government, he added, "would chart a new beginning in our storied partnership."

Huizenga said the world's largest and soon-to-be third-largest economies must work together to "counterbalance China and preserve a free and open Indo-Pacific." UNI

Time magazine names 'Architects of AI' as its person of year for 2025

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW YORK, DEC 12 : The "Architects of AI" were named Time magazine's person of the year for 2025 on Thursday.

The magazine cited 2025 as the year when the potential of artificial intelligence "roared into view" with no turning back.

"For delivering the age of thinking machines, for wowing and worrying humanity, for transforming the present and transcending the possible, the Architects of AI are TIME's 2025 Person of the Year," Time said in a social media post.

The magazine was deliberate in selecting people — the "individuals who imagined, designed, and built AI" — rather than the technology itself, though there would have been some precedent for that.

"We've named not just individuals but also groups, more women than our founders could have imagined (though still not enough), and, on rare occasions, a concept: the endangered Earth, in 1988, or the personal computer, in 1982," wrote Sam Jacobs, the editor-in-chief, in an explanation of the choice. "The drama surrounding the selection of the PC over Apple's Steve Jobs later became the stuff of books and a movie."

One of the cover images resembling the "Lunch Atop a Skyscraper" photograph from the 1930s shows eight tech leaders sitting on the beam: Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, AMD CEO Lisa Su, Tesla CEO Elon Musk, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, the CEO of Google's DeepMind division Demis Hassabis, Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei and AI pioneer Fei-Fei Li, who launched her own startup World Labs last year.

Another cover image shows scaffolding surrounding the giant letters "AI" made to look like computer componentry.

It made sense for Time to anoint AI because 2025 was the year that it shifted from "a novel technology explored by early adopters to one where a critical mass of consumers see it as part of their mainstream lives," Thomas Husson, principal analyst at research firm Forrester, said by email.



AI was a leading contender for the top slot, according to prediction markets, along with Huang and Altman. Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope whose election this year followed the death of Pope Francis, was also considered a contender, with President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and New York Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani topping lists as well.

Trump was named the 2024 person of the year by the magazine after his winning his second bid for the White House, succeeding Taylor Swift, who was the 2023 person of the year.

The magazine's selection dates from 1927, when its editors have picked the person they say most shaped headlines over the previous 12 months.

Sri Lanka secures USD150m World Bank funding to strengthen primary healthcare

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

COLOMBO, DEC 12 : The Sri Lankan government has signed a financial agreement with the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group to secure USD150 million worth of funds, for financing a nationwide project aimed at upgrading the country's primary healthcare system, the government said.

The project, set to run from 2024-2028 across all districts of the island nation, will focus primarily on preventing and managing non-communicable diseases, expanding elderly and palliative care, strengthening community-level services, and improving resilience to climate-related emergencies, reports News Wire.

A major operational challenge identified during the planning phase was the shortage of transport facilities for frontline health workers, including Public Health Midwives, public health inspectors, primary care nurses and disease-surveillance teams.

In a bid to address this hurdle, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal from the Health and Mass Media Minister for the procurement of a large fleet of vehicles to operational support on the field, boost home-based care, enhance community outreach, and ensure the safe transportation of medical supplies and clinical waste.



The approved fleet includes: 26 clinical waste transport lorries, 26 double cab vehicles, 5 ten-seat vans, 2 buses with 42 seats each, 2,891 scooters for Public Health Midwives, with over 200 scooters for Public Health Nurses, and 1,350 motorcycles for public health inspectors.

Additional parts of the fleet include: 200 scooters for laboratory services, 20 trucks with refrigerators for the Medical Supply Division, 8 forklifts for the Medical Supply

Division, 1 crew cab for the Divisional Health Office - Puttalam, as well as an ambulance fleet for the Jaffna district

As per officials, the initiative is expected to significantly improve the efficiency of fieldwork, broaden community health coverage, and strengthen the overall primary health care infrastructure in Sri Lanka, as the country works towards the modernisation of its healthcare system.

Bipartisan Lawmakers warn of escalation after US seizes Venezuelan oil tanker

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, DEC 12 : Bipartisan lawmakers on Wednesday voiced strong concerns that the U.S. seizure of a Venezuelan oil tanker could dangerously escalate tensions with Caracas, even as the Trump administration defended the move as part of its broader crackdown on sanctioned oil shipments.

Republican Senator Rand Paul warned that the operation risked triggering a broader conflict. "It sounds a lot like the beginning of a war," Paul told NewsNation's Hannah Brandt, adding that "it is not the job of the American government to go looking for monsters around the world, looking for adversaries and beginning wars." Democrats voiced similar alarms. Senator Chris Coons said he had not been briefed on the incident but was "gravely concerned that Trump is sleepwalking us into a war with Venezuela."

Earlier Wednesday, President Trump told reporters the US had seized a "very large" oil tanker off the coast of Venezuela.

"And other things are happening," he added, without offering further details. "It was seized for a very good reason,"

Trump said, later telling reporters that the US would likely "keep the oil."

Attorney General Pam Bondi subsequently released video footage showing US forces descending onto the vessel by helicopter and taking control. Bondi said the FBI, Homeland Security Investigations, and the United States Coast Guard, with support from the Department of War, executed a seizure warrant for a crude oil tanker used to transport sanctioned oil from Venezuela and Iran. "For multiple years, the oil tanker has been sanctioned by the United States due to its involvement in an illicit oil shipping network supporting foreign terrorist organizations," Bondi wrote on social media. She said the operation was conducted "safely and securely" and that investigations would continue alongside the Department of Homeland Security to prevent the transport of sanctioned oil.

Republican Senators said they were still seeking information about the operation.

Senator Josh Hawley said that he would "look into it" after being informed on Capitol Hill while some Senators argue that they had not been briefed. Sen. Roger Marshall said that the US "should



be pushing back on Venezuela," but added he remains concerned about the South American country's alleged ties to drug cartels.

Sen. Chris Coons, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, noted that Congress had not been briefed on the administration's broader posture toward Venezuela, saying he lacked information on "the administration's plans for a potential war, the path forward or how to manage risks."

The tanker seizure is the latest in a series of aggressive steps by the administration against the government of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

During his second term, Trump has made curbing immigration a

central priority and has blamed Maduro for the large number of Venezuelan migrants arriving in the US.

Without providing evidence, Trump has accused Maduro of "emptying his prisons and insane asylums" and "forcing" their inmates to migrate to the United States. He has also intensified his focus on combating the influx of fentanyl and cocaine, designating two Venezuelan groups — Tren de Aragua and the Cartel de los Soles — as Foreign Terrorist Organizations, and alleging that the latter is led by Maduro himself. Since September, the administration has authorised at least 22 military strikes on alleged drug-smuggling boats in the Caribbean and eastern

Pacific, killing at least 87 people. The White House has described the targets as "narco-terrorists," but lawmakers from both parties have questioned the legality and oversight of the operations.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon has also expanded its presence in the US Southern Command area, deploying warships, Marines, fighter jets and surveillance aircraft. Trump confirmed in October that he had authorised CIA operations inside Venezuela. FBI Director Kash Patel said, "Our partners executed a seizure warrant for a crude oil tanker off the coast of Venezuela — used to transport sanctioned oil from Venezuela and Iran. The tanker has been used in recent years in an illicit shipping network supporting foreign terrorist organizations."

This administration's efforts to crush FTO's and cut off their resources will continue day and night." Venezuela-U.S. relations started deteriorated after the United States rejected the 2024 election as illegitimate and recognised opposition candidate Edmundo González as "president-elect." Asked whether he wanted Maduro removed, Trump told Politico earlier this week, "His days are numbered." UNI

Fifties from Conway, Hay extend New Zealand's advantage

■ SRESHTH SHAH

WELLINGTON: Despite a bright bowling performance from the West Indies seamers, half-centuries from New Zealand's Devon Conway and Mitchell Hay extended the hosts' advantage after an absorbing second day of the Wellington Test. New Zealand secured a 73-run first-innings lead before a double-wicket burst from their quicks left West Indies still 41 behind with eight wickets in hand.

West Indies produced bursts of quality with the ball to keep pegging New Zealand back, and several home batters contributed to their own dismissals with loose shots. But the visitors also offered enough scoring opportunities for Conway and Hay to make valuable inroads.

Conway's 60 - his first fifty against West Indies and 13th overall - anchored one end, while debutant Hay struck an enterprising 61 from No. 6. Their efforts allowed New Zealand to declare at 278 for 9, with the injured Blair Tickner not batting.

With the relatively new ball, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales, Ojay Shields and Anderson Phillip consistently challenged the batters as the ball swung both ways and occasionally jagged off the surface. Conway, however, punished the loose deliveries, hitting eight fours - mostly cuts and flicks - to keep New Zealand moving.

From the non-striker's end, he saw Tom Latham (11) lose his off stump to a nip-backer from Roach from around the wicket, before watching Kane Williamson (37) have his off stump pegged back by an Anderson Phillip delivery that squared him up. After lunch, Rachin Ravindra - who made 176 in Christchurch - was caught behind off Roach while chasing a wide one. Conway himself was then caught down the leg side off a poor Justin Greaves delivery, thanks to a superb diving take from Tevin Imlach. At that stage, New Zealand seemed to be wobbling at 117 for 4.

A fifth-wicket stand of 73 between Daryl Mitchell (25) and Hay - the latter playing in place of the injured Tom Blundell - brought New Zealand closer to West Indies' first-innings score of 205. Mitchell was conservative, while Hay leaned on his white-ball instincts to score his runs, producing strong cuts through the off side and, when tested with short balls, pulling confidently over the leg side.

Mitchell, like Conway, was eventually strangled down the leg side off Phillip. Hay later fell to the short-ball tactic: after striking back-to-back fours behind square leg, he miscued a pull off Shields straight to Roach at deep-backward square and walked back bitterly disappointed. At 213 for 6, New Zealand then leaned on Glenn Phillips (18) and the lower order to extend their lead.

West Indies continued to pepper Phillips with short balls in a cat-and-mouse exchange that



brought body blows and top-edges over the keeper. Seeking a change, captain Roston Chase turned to spin for the first time in the innings, and needed only four deliveries to tempt Phillips into a slog that failed to clear deep midwicket.

Zak Foulkes then batted 43 balls and frustrated West Indies with deflections off the seamers' through the gully region on his way to an unbeaten 23. Jacob Duffy added further runs with boundaries to long-off and long-on, and No. 10 Michael Rae joined a rare group of batters to begin their Test careers with five runs off an overthrow boundary. Rae reached 13 before the expensive Seales finally claimed his first wicket of the match, knocking back the debutant's leg stump.

New Zealand's batting may have been patchy, but their bowlers restored control with a sharp ten-over burst late in the day. John Campbell fell in the seventh over, beaten by a Rae delivery that zipped in to hit off stump. Next over, nightwatcher Phillip initially survived a DRS review for caught behind off Duffy, but a second look confirmed he was lbw instead. Brandon King (15*) and Kavem Hodge (3*) saw out the final few minutes, but West Indies still face a steep challenge when play resumes on Friday.

Tickner Ruled Out of Wellington Test

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

WELLINGTON: Blair Tickner will not bowl or field at all, and is unlikely to bat for the remainder of the ongoing second Test between New Zealand and West Indies in Wellington, after dislocating his left shoulder while diving to stop a boundary on the first day of the game on Wednesday.

Tickner, who was taken to hospital for treatment soon after his injury, which he suffered in the second session of the first day, has joined the squad at the ground but "is awaiting further specialist assessment to determine his return to play", New

Zealand Cricket said in a statement on Thursday.

Tickner, who led New Zealand's fast-bowling show on the opening day with a four-for, had to be stretched off in the 67th over of West Indies' innings when he attempted to prevent a boundary at fine leg. Chasing a flick from Tevin Imlach, he dived full-length near the rope and stayed down, prompting concern from his team-mates. The medical staff from the New Zealand camp and the venue attended to him before he was taken off the field - sitting up but in obvious discomfort - to warm applause from the Basin Reserve

crowd.

Playing his first Test since early 2023, Tickner had been drafted into the XI for this match after injuries to Matt Henry and Nathan Smith in Christchurch. His 4 for 32 from 16 overs made him New Zealand's best bowler on the day. His injury, however, added to an already lengthy list of unavailable fast bowlers for New Zealand this series, which includes Ben Sears, Will O'Rourke and Matt Fisher.

New Zealand are now facing the prospect of losing a third fast bowler this series. They were similarly reduced in Christchurch, which had

a knock-on effect and allowed West Indies to bat out a draw.

Before being forced off, Tickner trapped Brandon King (33) and Kavem Hodge (0) lbw, used a sharp bouncer to dismiss Shai Hope for 48, and uprooted Roston Chase's leg stump to put New Zealand firmly in control.

In Tickner's absence, New Zealand's bowling in West Indies' second innings will have to be shouldered by Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes and debutant Michael Rae, with the part-time spin trio of Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra and Kane Williamson and occasional medium-pacer Daryl Mitchell around to chip in as needed.



Arsenal crush Club Brugge to keep 100 per cent Champions League record

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

BRUGES: Noni Madueke and Gabriel Martinelli scored wonder goals as Arsenal outclassed Club Brugge 3-0 on Wednesday to make it six wins out of six in the Champions League, virtually guaranteeing automatic qualification to the last 16. Former Chelsea winger Madueke unleashed a thunderbolt from distance to give the table-topping Gunners a deserved first-half lead and headed in from point-blank range at the start of

the second half.

Brazil forward Martinelli then put the result beyond doubt, cutting in from the left and hitting a curling right-footed effort home from just outside the box -- competing with Madueke for goal of the night. The crushing win leaves injury-hit Arsenal top of the league phase of the Champions League with 18 points, with a top-eight finish all but assured with two games remaining.

Finishing in the top eight means automatic qualification for the

last 16, avoiding the need for a risky play-off.

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta praised his team's performance, particularly in light of their lengthy list of missing players.

"To play in the Champions League and to win away from home and especially when we have that many players out, it makes the task bigger but I talked to the boys," he told TNT Sports.

"It was about showing how much we wanted it, the resilience and how we prepared and I think

there were some great examples, for example Christian Norgaard, which is a player that probably prepares the best out of all of them."

Premier League leaders Arsenal, who have never been crowned European champions, travelled to Belgium after suffering their first defeat since August at the weekend -- a 2-1 loss at high-flying Aston Villa.

Ivan Leko, back at Brugge for a second spell as manager, was overseeing his first match after the Belgian club sacked Nicky

Hayen on Monday.

Arteta, juggling his resources, made five changes to the side that lost to Villa, with Norgaard starting at centre back and Viktor Gyokeres back in the starting line-up for the first time since November 1.

The visitors started brightly and were a whisker away from taking the lead when Gunners defender Piero Hincapie turned a wayward Myles Lewis-Skelly shot against the post midway through the first half.

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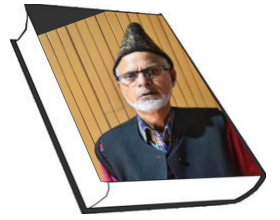
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منظور ہاشمی اوس زبردستی تہ ہمیر وول شخص۔ زندگی پندہن ڈٹھن و رین دوران ہتھ وولس واریاہ جھن۔ مشکلاتن تن و تھہ پک بز نہہ۔ ساری مشکلات اٹھن کا پتہ مگر استھما دود پھوڑس اکہ ہوتہ ژورہ ہتھ۔ اسی دادہ و تر تھہ پتھس یو ڈیا تر اوان۔ سہ منظور ہاشمی تہ سچوحت چہ ناسازی سببہ اٹھہ جتا ژ ہند امتحان ہتھک نہ و تھہ تہ بلکہ تہ تقریباً پانوان و رین ہتھ کام کر، سید اکہ وقتہ اعلیٰ پایہ تعلیم یافتہ منز شمار۔ یہ اوس اللہ تعالیٰ سندا پڑھن تہ منظور ہاشمی ہند مستحکم نتیجہ ز

پانوان و رین ہتھ کام کر نہ پتہ کوڑن اٹھہ جتا ژ ہند امتحان پاس۔ پتہ کوڑن پتھہ ٹھرس ستر مقابلہ تعلیم تھوان جاری۔ ایم اے، اے ایڈ ہتھ ڈگری یہ کرن حاصل تہ مطالعہ تھوون جاری۔ عرب و عجم کو واریاہو علی تہ ادبی ناگرادو پٹھہ تزییش چھتہ تہ

ہمیں سہ زیاڈ کھو تہ زیاڈ علم پڑا و لگ ڈسہ۔ اسلامی تہ اختلافی روایتن ہندس اوس پاسدار شریف انفس عالمس اوس خیر عام تہ ہمدردی ہند جذبہ بارگہ۔ سہ اوس نثر تہ نظم لکھنس منز استادانہ مہارت تھوان۔ شعر ہر آس پڑا پٹھو کا پتہ آہو۔ خوش یون تہ ہجولہ وڈن ہجولہ وڈن نثر اوس لکھان و گو و اتو و دون ستر تھن پٹھہ پنہ استادانہ مہارت فاض پتھہ کانہہ تام۔ اکہ یہ ز تعلیم ہندس مجلس منز اوس ٹیچر، ماس، ہڈا ماسٹر تہ زوئل ایجوکیشن آفیسر۔ ہتہ بدو طالب علمو کر جس نش تعلیم حاصل۔ دوہم یہ ز درجن واد ہاعر و ادبہ کو ترس نش کسب فیض۔ بین منز واریاہو کاتھ زبانی تہ ادب سبھاہ خدمت کر تھہ ناو پڑو۔ مثالہ پٹھی مرحوم غلام محمد تمکین، فیاض تلگامی، مرحوم نظام الدین سحر، تنہا نظامی، نذیر حسین حسین، سید سعد الدین سعدی، رنجور تلگامی ہتھ۔

پنہن کتھ یا بہلہ پایہ ہم عصر پنڈی پٹھی اوس منظور ہاشمی بس ادبہ کہ وسیع وصال مادانہ کس پتھہ گوشس تام پلو۔ سبھاہ حساس اوس، مطالعہ اوسس سون تہ مشاہد اوسس تیز۔ پتھہ کتھ شعر ذآ ژ منز گرن خیالہ با و تھہ۔ محقق تہ اوس تہ ترتیب کار تہ۔ ایسہ تہ لکھن تہ مقالہ تہ۔ سائنسی و ٹیکنیکو مقالہ تہ لکھن تہ معلوماتی تہ تجزیاتی مقالہ تہ۔ علم رل تہ اوس زنان۔ تشند کلامہ روڈ تمہہ زمانہ کن نامادار رسالن منز شایع

مجموعس تام کس تخلیق سفس دوران چھہ منظور ہاشمی ہندس کلاس رسہ رسہ چھہ ہر یا رتہ سپدان، سلاست تہ روانی چھس یوان تہ سہ چھہ پونہ کار شاعر تہ ماہرن پٹھہ ادبی دنیا س فنر پن قابل قدر حصہ ادا کران۔

منظور ہاشمی سندا نثر چھہ رپنہ پٹھی Communicative، یاں ز یہ وٹن چھس تہ چھہ سببہ و سببہ دکنہ پارو و آے و نان۔ تحقیقی نثر تہ لکھن تہ ادبی نثر تہ۔ سہ چھہ خیالیات لکھتھ ادبی محقق سندا مقام پڑاوان تہ کلیات امیر شاہ کزیری ترتیب تھہ محقق تہ مرتب سببہ صحتیہ تہ بز نہہ کن یوان۔ کلیات امیر شاہ کزیری یو دوسے وڈہ نامک چھہ، مگر سہ چھہ پڑی اکھ کارنامہ۔ منظور ہاشمی چھہ گو ڈنگ ہند ایسہ نگار۔ کس چھہ خبر زہ خصوصہ وول کاتھ اوس پانہ تہ اکھ انجن۔ تہند ادبی شخصیکو چھہ واریاہ پاس تہ انہار، ہم وڈہ بد کڈتے چھہ۔ یہ چھہ یو ز تہند حاصل حق پد تہ پتہ کوڑ ادبی مرکز کران پنہ ”پرتو“ رسالہ کہ ٹوہہ تہ ڈکوہہ (یہ چھہ گئے شاعر) شمارک اکھ گوشہ منظور ہاشمی ہند خاطر مخصوص۔ ۱۹۹۸ء تک دیرہ ادب و لک تک ”پرتو“ چھہ منظور ہاشمی نمبر، اما پتہ زاتھ منز چھہ خیالیات کتابہ پٹھہ ز تبصرہ تہ منظور ہاشمی بس متعلق اکھ مختصر تعارفی مضمون۔

۱۹۶۸ء پٹھہ ۱۹۹۷ء تام کس تخلیق سفس دوران وائ منظور ہاشمی ہتھ ژور شعر سہ سہ پران والہن نش۔ شاعر ی متعلق تشند نظریہ، سہ منز واریاہس حدس تام اصلا حی تہ اخلاقی عنصر تہ موجود چھہ بدلہ و سہ زانہہ۔ سہ تہ نیلو و کتھ فلسفہ تہ تہ و پھلو کتھ ازم (Ism)۔ روایت کہ ناگہ راہ سز بہہ تہ پتہ حاصل کران کران کران ویدہن قابل منز شاعر ہتھ۔ واریاہس کاسل کران شعر گوئی امین کامل ہندس اٹرس تل۔ یہ اثر رچو و تمہہ زمانہ کو واریاہو

شاعر و، بیو منز پتہ واریاہو امہ اثر تلمیہ نیر تھہ پن اسلوب پڑو۔ پن وکھر اسلوب قایم کران والہن منز چھہ منظور ہاشمی تہ اکھ۔ وڈن گوڈ وچتھہ یہ کتھوھا کامل صا بن منظور ہاشمی تہ تہنر شاعری متعلق چھو و تہ سپد پتہ ز ثابت۔ سہ اوس مشور ووان تہ تہ

مشورہ رنان تہ۔ بینن ہند علمہ نغہ کسب فیض کر س اوس نہ پتھہ روزان۔ پروفیسر رشید نازکی، نشاط انصاری، مشعل سلطانی پتھہ اوسس کار باج تہ تہ کالیہ باج تہ۔ تنہا انصاری اوسس استاد روڈ مت تہ پروفیسر حنی الدین حاجی ہنر صحبت اوسس حاصل روڈ مت۔ منظور ہاشمی اوس ادبی مرکز کران کو بانی ممبر منز۔ اتھ تنظیم اوس کینوس کاسل نائب صدر تہ۔ کز وین کچرل فورم کزیری ورملیگ بانی کار تہ اوس۔ ہتھ پٹھی اوس سدا تھہ سترس پٹھہ تہ شاعر زبانی تہ اوچ خدمت کران تہ پتہ تحریر تہ تخلیق کاری ہند لیا قیہ ستر تہ۔

منظور ہاشمی ہند اسلوبیک پڑ ہنادان نشانہ چھہ مطرا قہ نش چھہ لفظ ورتا و۔ کز چھہ پنہ شاعری منز لفظ جرا ورتا و کتھ، عام ورتا و ک لفظ چھن ژا و تھہ ٹکو ہتھ تہ پنہن شعرن منز و اجن ہندن کز انکن ہند پٹھی فٹ گری ہتھ۔ کیم پٹھی چھہ تہندس کلاس منز سلاست۔ سلیس شعر موزون کران چھہ پتھہ مشکل۔ پٹھہ نیلہ ہتھن شعرن منز معنیہ پکو واریاہ امکانات آس تہ احسان ہند غار محسوس اظہار آسہ یا اکلیل چیزن تہ احسان ہنر Personification آسہ، شعر چھہ اعلیٰ پایہ مانہ یوان۔ سلیس لفظ ورتا وک مطلب چھہ تہ فیکو لوآ ژ ہم چھہ مٹر اوہ یوان۔ امہ قسم کن شعرن منز ورتا و ہتھ آہتھ پارو و ل چھہ پٹھہ تیران بلکہ شعرس خوش یون تہ توجہ طلب بناوان۔ گرامل شعر سہ سہ پٹھہ اچھہ چھلکے شعر

منظور ہاشمی اوس زبیر کھنہ کالیہ بوج۔ ڈوہا بہن و رین پند زچھر کاٹھرا اوس۔ لہذا ہیکہ نہ بہ جس جنت گارس دوس ڈتھہ گرجب تہ اوس تہ مشتق تہ۔ کتھ چھے ۱۹۶۸ سچ۔ اٹھی و رینس منز کو ڈ امین کاملن اٹو برس منز ”نیب“ رسالہ گو ڈینگ ٹھمار۔ بین دیت نوہن پڑا ہن کو یا ہاعر ن تہ ادبہن ہند نیب۔ نیب بڈو و سخن بل۔ بین کڈی کو یا نو آموز تھہ ہ۔ اٹھی سخن بس پٹھہ سملکہ سید منظور ہاشمی، اکر و شریف تہ فرد مہذب۔ اوس اوس نو آموز تہ ناپہ کتھ و ہر نراہ تک بندی کران مگر نیب و چتھہ گوس کامل صا بس سملکہ۔ سہ اوس کاٹھو مسیحہ مجلس منز فتح کدہ بسا۔ کھڈو کھڈو کھڈو تراس اندر۔ اہ و چھم اوئیل زا وئیل شخصہ کامل صا بس بز نہہ کتہ پتھہ۔ سہ کر سلام تہ کامل صا بن کو و علیکم کر تھہ۔ ہیگ اشاد۔ پنے ہر ہر پتھہ ہ اندس گن۔ او پڑ تھم..... ”ون سا کیاہ کام چھے تہ؟“ تہ نقل پٹھی و وٹس..... ”بہ صل چھس شاعر، نیب و چتھہ آس توہ نش۔ مینون تہ پھانڈی تو کتھہا۔“ جس آواس، و دہن..... ”چھاہ گرتھ لگہ وقت۔ لٹال کر پڑ نیب رسالہ با پتھہ کام۔ چتھس علاقہ منز و ڈ امہ با پتھہ خریدار بنا و تھہ۔ زیا ڈ کھو تہ زیا ڈ لاکھ گوس نیب ملے ہتھ پڑی۔“ سہ کوڑس اٹکار۔ حالاکہ کینون و رین روڈس بہ نیب چہ خریداری نوہہ ہر نہہ۔ ای ساہ وڈن کامل صا بن اوس بز نہہ کتہ پتھہ شخصس گن اشاد کران..... ”سہ زانہ ہنہ؟“ سہ وڈ پتہ۔ تور وڈ پنہ..... ”یو بے گو و منظور ہاشمی۔ اوس ستر کتھہ تعلق تھون۔“ سہ راو و منظور ہاشمی بس ستر اتھہ، جس کیاہ کتھہ با چکار سہ۔ مگر علی تہ حلاق تہ سان کوڑن کلام۔ یو بے اوس جس جنت گارس ستر تعلق بہ لگ، بس پتہ قائم روڈ۔ سہ کو رہیہ جس ستر سہ سلوک بس طالب علم استاد ستر اتھہ۔ مشاعر تہ جملن منز آس کتہ کتھ سملکان تہ خط و کتابت تہ آس کران۔ امہ ملاقات تہ وڑو جتھ سہ بلکل تھتھ۔ کتھ تہندی طالب علم مرحوم غلام محمد تمکین، بس اکھ نادور تہ قابل قدر شاعر اوس، بین شعرن منز پیش کو رمت چھہ۔ ہم چھہ تمہہ نظمہ پنڈی شعر ہم تمکین منظور ہاشمی ہندس۔ سہہ علمہ گدھہ کس موقس پٹھہ و ڈی ہتھ آس۔ منظور ہاشمی اوس ۱۵ مئی ۱۹۳۵ء کیئت زامت تہ ۱۳ جون ۱۹۹۷ء کیئت کوڑن انتقال:

بالاقد، نوڑک، بچہ پڑون پڑون
اسہ وڈہ ہوچہ مس گون گون رتہ تون
مدہوت ٹوٹھ بہارک یاون
چھہ کانہہ انسان توہہ ما وچھوون
اقبالن عرفان و دہنوادان
غالب سندا وجدان سمجھوان
خانڈ سندا دیوان پر نادان
بینن واریا ہن ہاعر ن ہند کلامہ پٹھی روڈ منظور
ہاشمی سندا کلامہ تہ پیش منز پتھہ چچان۔ امہ ستر اوس
ابن کامل ستر تعلق یاد گو مت۔ شعر و ادبک ذوق و
شوق اوسس کوچار پٹھتھ۔ گرس منز اوسس پاکیز

اُکس شہزاد ہنرکتھ



مظفر احمد ٹاک

پزلہ زمانہ اوس ملک رؤس اندر اکھ نیم وحشی بادشاہ راج کران۔ اُکس ہندو خیالات تہ اُکس اُکس وحشی پن ظاہر کران۔ سہ اوس خیالیں ہندوس دُنیاہس منزوراز پو ز اراڈک اوس پختہ۔ امہ خونی کُنی اوس سہ چنڑ خیالات چھینس منز بدلاوان۔ سہ اوس پانڈ پانس ستر کتھ تہ کران تہ بیلیہ تہ گنہ کامہ ہند اراڈ کر ہے سو کام اُس ضرور سپدان۔ بیلیہ ہند سلطنت سیاسی نظام جان پانچو پکان اوس سہ اوس خوش سپدان مگر بیہمہ و ز کانہہ تازہ کتھ مدہ نبر نبر سہ سہ اوس زیا دے خوش سپدان۔

دیان اُکس بادشاہن اوس اکھ عجیب تعمیر تیار کورمت پیہ زان انسانی تہ حیوانی طاق نمائش سپدان اُس۔ لہ اوس اُکس سہ وحشی پن ظاہر سپدان۔ تکیا زہ تعمیر اوس تہ لکن ہنر شکاؤ بوزہ موکھ کینیہ، بلکہ اوس امیگ اکھ بنا کتھ مقصد اُکھ اندراوس اکھ بڈ باہر ہال۔ سہ تھ ڈوپا کور ڈالان اُس تہ امیگ چھت اوس پراسرار، پیہ پرتکر پھل تہ برائی ہند سزا تقدیر کو غارجا بندار اُکھو میلان اوس۔

بیلیہ کانہہ شخمہ ہند و س کانہہ غلطی گوہان اُس تہ بادشاہ ہند طرفہ اُس پارے سپدان ز فلاڈی دہ سپدان فلاڈی شخصہ ہند تقدیر ک فاصلہ اُکھ تعمیر اندر۔ بیلیہ

لوکھ جمع اُکس سپدان بادشاہ تہ تہندک دربار اُکس اکر طرفہ بیہان۔ پتہ اوس بادشاہ ہند اشار ستر دروازہ موراوہ بیوان بیہمہ کُنی ملزم اندراوس اژان۔ ملزم ہند ڈھنہ تہ کھوور طرفہ اوس اکھ اکھ دروازہ آسان۔ بیہن منز سس خوش کرے سہ اوس ملزم پانے موراوان۔ اُکھ منز اوس تہس کانہہ تہ مدد کران۔ بلکہ اوس سہ اچانک اکھ دروازہ موراوان۔ اگر سہ اکھ دروازہ موراوہ ہے، امہ اندر اوس اکھ بوچھ ہوت بہہ نیران، یُس ملزم کھوان اوس۔ بیہ اوس بیوان ملزم ہنر غلطی ہند سزامانہ۔ اگر بیہمہ بڈ فاصلہ سپدان اوس ساری لوکھ اُکس کلمہ یون گن پڑھتھ پن پن گن گر گوہان..... مگر اگر ملزم بیان کھ دروازہ موراوہ ہے تہ اندر اُس اکھ حسین کور نیران یوسہ بادشاہن تہند خاطر ڈاڑھو اُس آسان۔ اُکس کور ستر اوس امی وقت سس شخصس کھاندر سپدان۔ بیہ اوس کور ہندے گوناہ آسنگ بدلہ سمجھتہ بیوان۔ امہ کتھ ہند اوس تہ کانہہ خیال بیوان کرے ز آیا اُکس شخصس چھکھا کھاندر کورمت کرے تہ یا اُکس کور چھانہ ہند کرے تہ سس تہ اوس گنہ تہ حالتس منز ستر کور ستر کھاندر پچوان کُرن۔ لوکھ اُکس امہ پتہ ڈر پتہ کپ کران۔ شری اُکس پوہر ورش بین پتھ کران تہ ہنر کُنی اُکس دووے باڈ خوش پانچ پن گر گوہان۔

بیہ اوس بادشاہ سُنڈ نیم وحشی طریقہ، بیہمہ ستر سہ انصاف نظام جلاوان اوس۔ ملزم اُس تہ بیہ پتاہ آسان ز کتھ دروازس پتھ پتھ بہہ تہ کتھ پتھ پتھ کور۔ بیہ زانہ ورے اوس اُس اکھ تہ اکھ دروازہ ضرور موراوان آسان۔ امہ عدالکو قونون اُکس سخت تکیا ز دیان جرمس اوس ضرور سزا میلان تہ بے گوناہس جزا۔ اُکھ فاصلس اوس تہ کانہہ تہ پانچ کران۔

دیان اُکس بادشاہس اُس اکھ کُنی کور۔ یوسہ سپٹاہ حسین اُس تہ بادشاہس اُس سپٹاہ ناٹھ۔ بادشاہ ہند دن دربارن منز اوس اکھ خوبصورت جوان لوکھ تہ یُس اُکس کور پتھ فدا اوس۔ شہزادہ تہ اوس اُکس لوکس ستر ح محبت، تکیا ز سہ اوس خوبصورت آسہ علاوہ پتاہ بہوور ز سارے سلطنتس اندراوس تہ سس کانہہ مقابلہ بہکان کر تھ۔ امہ عشقہ داستانک لوگ بادشاہس تہ پتاہ۔ تہ بادشاہن کور پن قونون جاری۔ نوجوان آوقاڈ کرے۔ محل خانہ کین سارے پنچن ژھاڑو تھ اواکھ سپٹاہ ظالم بہہ ژارے۔ امہ پتہ آسے سارے منکس ژھاڑو تھ سارو کھو تہ حسین کور ژارے۔ بیہ آوامہ موکھ کرے کہ اگر نوجوان سہ دروازہ موراوہ پانڈ کر کور آسہ، سس تہ میلہ اکھ خوبصورت زنانہ۔ اُکھ اندراوس تہ کانہہ شک زس اوس شہزاد ستر عشق مگر بادشاہ ہندس فاصلس اندر، بلکہ ہانہ کانہہ تہ دخل تھ۔ اُکھ منز سپد ہے قات تہ نوجوان دربار کور اہ شہزاد ستر عشق کر تھ جان کرے۔

مقرر کورمت دہووت تہ لوکھ آسے سپٹاہ دور پتھ تہ پتھ کور دالان منز، بادشاہ تہ تہندک باجے دربار تہ آسے۔ بادشاہن کور اشار تہ دروازہ آویلمہ تر اوس تہ شہزاد ہند عاشق ووت مادلس منز۔ سہ اوس سپٹاہ حسین تہ ز سٹھ قذک۔ بڑوٹھ گن پتھ کور نوجوان گوڈ بادشاہس سلام۔ مگر سس اوس تہ بادشاہ سُنڈ کانہہ خیال بلکہ اوس سہ شہزاد گن مدے گنڈتھ ڈچھان۔ یوسہ پنس مائس ڈچھنہ اندر پتھ اُس۔ اگر سہ سو وحشی آسہ ہے سو روز ہے تہ زانہہ تہ تہن موہو۔ بیہمہ وقتہ پتھ تہ فاصلہ اوس سپدمت ز کور ہندس عاشقہ ہند تقدیر ک فاصلہ تہ سپد اُنی، سو اُس دہو راتھ بی سوچان ز تہمہ وقتہ کیناہ پرتس کزان۔ امہ موکھ کور شہزاد پن رسوخ استعمال تہ بیہ راز کور ڈن ز کتھ دروازس پتھ آسہ بہہ تہ کتھ پتھ آسہ۔ سس اُس تہ ودلی پتہ یا تر خنر بلکہ اُس سو پانچو کور ستر تہ واقف، یوسہ کور ہندس دربار کور عاشقس بے گوناہی بدلہ میلن واڈر اُس۔ بیہ کور اُس اُکس دربار کور ہنر تہ شہزاد اُس وار پتہ لہ بیہ کور چھینس عاشقس گن لولہ ہنر و نظر و

دیان اُکس کور یہ سوال پانچو کلر تہ ودلی اوس سس جواب تہ اُکس ہے نظر منز دین۔ شہزاد نکل پن پن دچھن اُکھ تھو دیکم کور زان دچھن گن اشار۔ شہزاد ہند کور مجڈ بن ڈچھ تہ سہ بیہی ز دچھن گن تہ بیہ تیز قدمو ڈراو ڈچھنہ اندر کس دروازس گن۔ اوہر پور ڈچھنہ ورے موراوہ کورم یکدم سہ دروازہ۔

پتھ کہانی اندر چھتہ بیہ دچھنی ہنر کتھ زامہ پتہ امہ دروازہ اندر آسنا بہہ ذرا مت کرے کور۔ یوسہ پتاہ اُکھ سواس پتھ سوچنہ بیہ تہ پتاہ پتھ مشکل، بران والین چھتہ بیہ فاصلہ کُرن۔ بلکہ اُکھ سواس پتھ تھ سس نیم وحشی شہزاد ہند توفیق نظر ستر غور کُرن، سس سُنڈ رُوح تہ سہ ساسیہ نا وومیدی تہ حسد کہ نار دزان اوس..... نوجوان موراوہ دروازہ..... فاصلگ وق..... مگر شہزاد ہندس اشارس پتھ..... کور ہند ہے فاصلس پتھ اوس کور ہندس مجڈ بیہ ہنر زندگی ہند دارومدار..... سس اُس پانچو خنر ز کتھ دروازس پتھ پتھ بہہ تہ کتھ پتھ کور زانن واڈر اُس ونان ہنر اڈک باو پنس عاشقس زندگی ہنر تھ۔ تہ تم تہ اُکس شہزاد ہندس اشارس ہزاران..... شہزاد چھتے اُکس دروازس گن اشار ہوو۔ نوجوان موراوہ یکدم دروازہ تہ دویس ژہس منز اوس نوجوان بہہ ہندس اُکس اندر تہ پتھ کُنی کور سارے پتھ بیہ ظاہر شہزاد مارنوپن مجڈ رقابہ تہ کُنی.....!! بیہ اوس عشق انتہا ☆☆☆



مظفر حسین دلہر

چھ ہرن واو دتھمت آہ بدے کرہن نلگہ پوہنر لچہ تھ گزلیہ بدے نہر نہر نیرن چھ گومت کومت مشکل چھ رُوتھ زاگہ ڈمن ژھاہیہ بدے فٹھ دزاہد چھ زو تریہمہ دادے بیہ ہنر کُرن دزان تہ گزلیہ بدے تر کتھ تار گئیہ اُس مار منز باگ بیوان کم آہ ذمہ سٹھ ناہ بدے مٹھ کینا آڈنگ سے یار مظفر وکس شری پانہ سٹھ مایہ بدے ☆



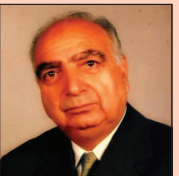
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اُکس لکھاں گس بھہ مے مصر چ سو داستان بے رنگ میانہ ڈنچہ چھ باز رہیہ گس کڈان بعضے گنان گمانہ ز کشکول چھم بدن بعضے بیہ خاک دان چھ اسمانہ ہیو رکھسان زڈتن تہند سہ رنگ تہ خوشبو تہ نوزکی ڈیو تو گلن بیبار کچو مینون جان جان شہزاد گوو قتل تہ پڑی اسمانہ کھو روڈے تہ کینیہ تکیا ز سہ موکلاں بیہ داستان کربل کہ گاٹھ قافلہ ساری چوان تریس زمزم کہ آہ کینا ز سہ ساراب ہم گوہان ☆



زاہد مختار

بیہ نظر س انتظارس آسہ ما نار لوگمت نو بہارس آسہ ما چھم خبر مس آسہ چھینس عالمس ژھاہے گاہو میانی یارس آسہ ما تھو کور کتھ شایہ دوبرتھ یاد میانی بوکھچہ کانہہ سس باری گارس آسہ ما دولہ دمویہ پتہ نظر اکھ پراڈی پانچو ڈکھ دوان کانہہ بوہ نارس آسہ ما ز اہدن تھو پان حزن منز کٹھ کانہہ دوان اڈ زول شعرن آسہ ما ☆



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چھم نہ ہمسوس کینا ز تر اوتھ ڈول چھم مے ہمسوس پام تھو تھ ڈول نار کڈلس تران تران وچھنس مینون جبروت آزماوتھ ڈول دروہ باکو گلاب پوناوتھ ڈول لالہ جگر س مے داغ تھو تھ ڈول اوپر تب وول مے دزونس بدنس شہل سورو، ڈوٹھ تر اوتھ ڈول خلوتس منز ٹکلن مے بدنس ویور بازرس منز مے پزناوتھ ڈول ☆