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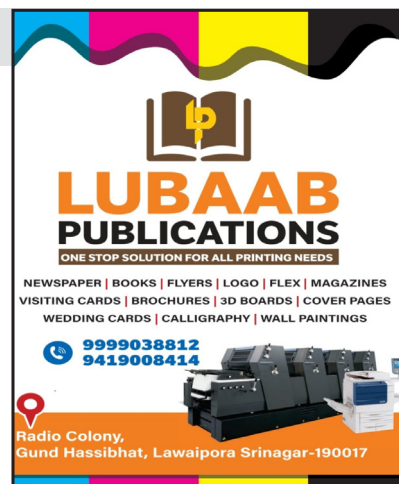
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LG Manoj Sinha Clears Key Development Projects

Pushes Eco-Tourism & Wildlife Conservation at J&K Wildlife Board Meet

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 29: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on Monday chaired the 6th meeting of the Wildlife Board for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Lok Bhavan, clearing several crucial development proposals while underlining the need for sustainable biodiversity management.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs Shri Javed Ahmed Rana; MLAs Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and Shri Mian Mehar Ali; Chief Secretary Shri Atal Dulloo; Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor Dr. Mandeep K. Bhandari;



Commissioner Secretary Forest, Ecology & Environment Ms. Sheetal Nanda; senior forest and wildlife officials, representatives of the Army, conservationists, ecologists, environmentalists and NGOs working in the wildlife sector.

During the meeting, the Wildlife Board accorded clearance to multiple projects and recommended several proposals to the National Board for Wildlife for final approval. These included initiatives related to 4G saturation, Jal Jeevan Mission works, re-alignment of transmission lines, establishment of border security posts, development of horticulture nurseries and installation of avalanche

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Governance Must Be People Centric: LG Manoj Sinha

Interacts With IAS Trainees of the 2025 batch on Jammu Study Tour

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 29: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on Monday interacted with IAS Officer Trainees of the 2025 batch during their visit to Jammu under the Winter Study Tour (Bharat Darshan Programme), offering them an in-depth perspective on governance, public service,

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2026-27 Budget

PM Modi to meet economists today

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI, DEC 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet eminent economists and sectoral experts on Tuesday to seek their views on the upcoming Budget, a senior government official said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to present the Union Budget for 2026-27 on February 1.

She will present the Budget against a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainties and a steep 50 per cent US tariff on shipments from India.

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Issues of Kashmir Tourist Drivers to get swift resolution: Satish Sharma

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 29: Minister for FCS&CA, IT, Youth Services and Sports, Transport, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, today assured that all genuine issues raised by the Kashmir Tourist Drivers Coordination Committee will be addressed within shortest possible time.

The assurance was given by the Minister during a detailed meeting held here today.

The meeting was attended by MLA M Y Tarigami and President CITU besides Secretary Transport, Avny Lavasa and senior officers of the Transport Department. Representatives of the Kashmir Tourist Drivers Coordination Committee also participated in the deliberations.

During the meeting, the Coordination Committee presented a comprehensive memorandum highlighting several pressing issues being faced by the tourist taxi operators in Kashmir region. A key demand raised was the introduction of a uniform colour-coding system for tourist taxis, on the pattern followed in

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White New Year on the Cards: Fresh Snow Spell Likely to Blanket Kashmir, Hilly Jammu

■ HT NEWS DESK

SRINAGAR, DEC 29: Kashmir is set to welcome the New Year under a blanket of fresh snow, as meteorological conditions indicate a strong likelihood of widespread snowfall across the Valley and the higher reaches of Jammu division, senior meteorologist Sonam Lotus said on Monday.

According to Sonam Lotus, an active western disturbance is

expected to impact the region around December 31 and January 1, triggering moderate to heavy snowfall in most parts of Kashmir. Upper reaches of Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian are likely to witness intense snowfall, while plains may also see fresh accumulation during the period.

The wintry system is also expected to bring snowfall to the hilly districts of Jammu, including



Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Poonch and Rajouri, further tightening winter's grip across the region. In Ladakh, widespread snowfall is forecast for Kargil district, with isolated snowfall likely in parts of Leh, particularly in higher altitude areas.

Weather data suggests the approaching system will lead to a notable drop in temperatures, especially during night hours.

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With Over 1.58 Crore Visitors in 2025 Tourism Shows Notable Resilience Despite Security Setbacks

■ HT NEWS DESK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 29: Despite a year marked by security challenges and intermittent travel disruptions, Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector demonstrated notable resilience in 2025, attracting more than 1.58 crore visitors across the Union Territory, officials said. Data accessed by Kashmir News

Observer (KNO) shows that while overall footfall fell short of the record-breaking 2024 season, tourism activity remained robust, anchored largely by pilgrimages in Jammu and sustained leisure and adventure travel in the Kashmir Valley.

The Jammu region emerged as the backbone of tourism, recording

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CBK Records All-Time High Case Disposal in 2025

■ HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 29: The Crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) has achieved its highest-ever case disposal in 2025, marking a milestone in its performance and internal efficiency.

The official year-end figures paint a picture of improved efficiency across key units of the agency, from crime investigations and vigilance to complaint redressal and verification, signaling a strong institutional focus on backlog reduction and procedural accountability.

Official data accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), reveals a notable rise in case clearances, departmental vigilance and public complaint resolution compared to the previous year.

OVERALL CRIME DISPOSAL

In 2025, the CBK handled 1,108 crime cases, including an opening balance of 932 and 164

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Longer power cuts likely for high loss zones

PDD likely to roll out new power curtailment schedule

■ HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

SRINAGAR, DEC 29: The Power Development Department (PDD) is likely to announce a new power curtailment schedule for consumers in

the Kashmir division, which will include extra hours of load shedding in the high AT&C losses.

Sources informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO)

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MHA Approves Forensic Institute In J&K After AIIMS Proposal

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SAMBA, DEC 29: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has

approved a proposal of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu, for a state-of-the-art Forensic Insti-

tute in the Union Territory.

The proposal had been sent to establish an institute to

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Hangul Numbers Rise to 323 in South Kashmir, Marking Major Conservation Success

LG Stressed The Need to Prioritise Sustainable Biodiversity Management

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 29: In a significant boost to wildlife conservation in Jammu and Kashmir, the population of the endangered Kashmir stag, locally known as Hangul, has shown steady and encouraging growth at the Hangul Breeding Centre in Tral, South Kashmir.

Officials on Monday said the Hangul population at the centre has increased to 323, a remarkable rise from just 127 animals recorded in 2008. The growth is being

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Defence Ministry Clears Procurement Of Military Hardware Worth Rs 79,000 Cr

■ HT NEWS NETWORK / UNI

NEW DELHI, DEC 29: The defence ministry on Monday approved procurement of long range rockets, missiles, radar systems and military platforms worth Rs 79,000 crore to bolster the military's combat prowess.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, green-lighted the proposals.

The DAC approved procurement of loiter munition systems for the Army's artillery regiments.

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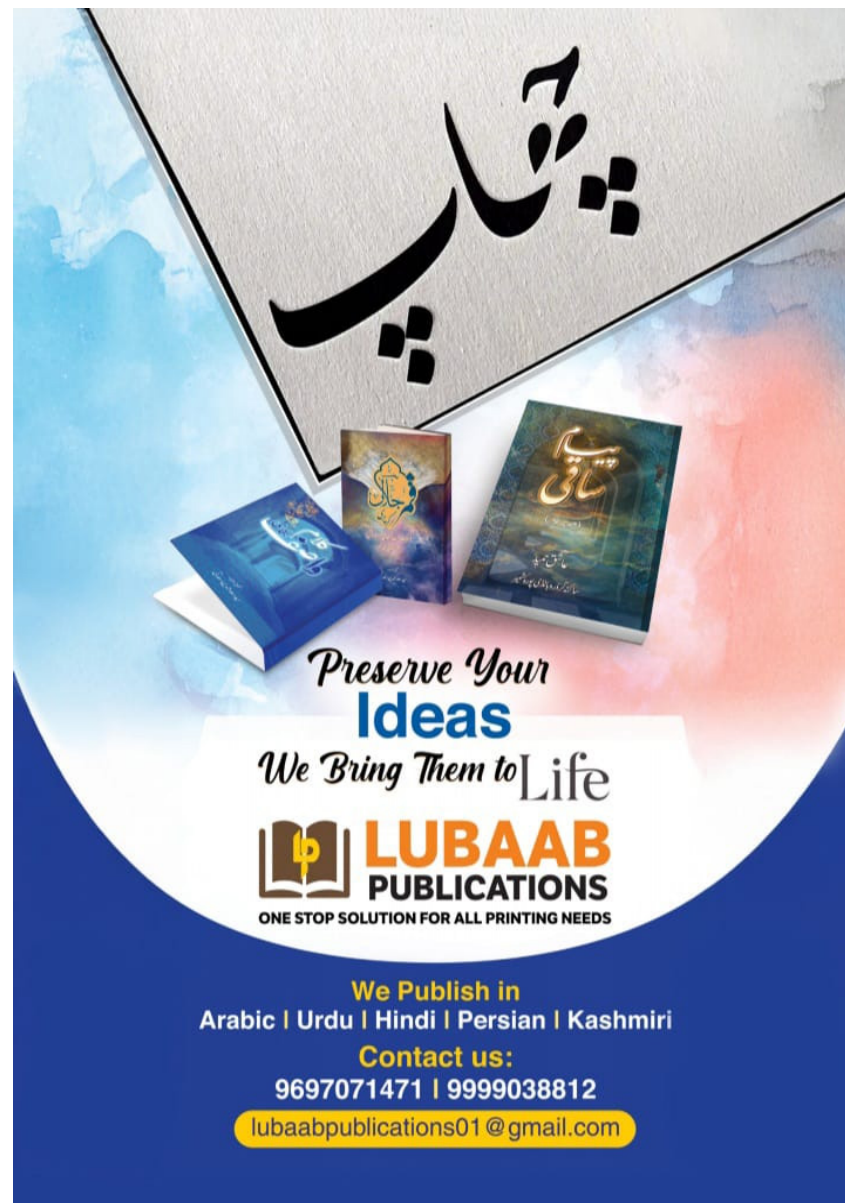
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Power reforms in Kashmir moving on right track

Few days back chief minister Omar Abdullah in a social media post provided heartening news related to the power scenario of the Srinagar district. In his post Omar said that 48 percent of the population of Srinagar district is receiving round the clock power supply since the cabling and metering is completed in these areas. In other words, it can be said that almost half of the population of Srinagar district is not facing any power cut.

The chief minister in his post further said that 108 areas of the Srinagar district have been covered under cabling and metering system following which the people living in these areas are entitled to 24x7 power supply. In addition to the Srinagar district there are many areas in the other districts of Kashmir valley where cabling and metering has been completed. In such areas round the clock power supply is provided to the people and they are relieved of many problems.

Given this fact one must admit that reforms in the power sector across the Kashmir valley are going on but it is important that the reforms pick up pace. The higher-ups of Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) should set a deadline with respect to power reforms in the valley. The target set for the completion of cabling and smart metering in the left-out areas of Srinagar and other districts of Kashmir should be met without any further delay.

Once the power reforms are completed across Kashmir valley the people would receive quality power and that too without cuts. Soon-er it is done better it will be for both the common masses and the people at helm. The reforms in the power sector would mean that there is very less pressure on the system and there would be less breakdowns when it comes to power supply. This would also mean that nobody would be allowed to resort to hooking and other illegal means.

At the same time, it is important that KPDCL carries out a crackdown on the people using power illegally. The illegal connections need to be regularized so that the people enjoying free power are taken to task. Once the illegal connections are regularized the power supply would be regulated and there would be an increase in the revenue of power receipts. The line staff should take up this task seriously so that a change is made in the overall set-up with people as a whole heaving a sigh of relief.

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Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather: A Distinguished Name in Kashmiri Literature



JAMEEL ANSARI

Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather stands among the most distinguished contemporary scholars who have significantly enriched Kashmiri language and literature through his deep scholarship, critical insight, and creative excellence. A scholar of rare commitment and intellectual integrity, he has played a pivotal role in preserving, promoting, and expanding the literary and cultural legacy of Kashmir.

Hailing from Aswara, Kanelwan in the Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, Gulzar Ahmad pursued higher education in Kashmiri language, earning his M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees. Alongside his academic achievements, he also completed professional qualifications including B.Ed. and M.Ed., reflecting his strong grounding in pedagogy. His academic excellence was further endorsed when he qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET), a significant milestone in scholarly achievement.

Currently, he serves as Assistant Editor (Kashmiri) at the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. In this capacity, he has been actively involved in promoting Kashmiri language and literature through research, publications, and cultural initiatives. His contributions at the institutional level have played a vital role in integrating Kashmiri literary discourse with the broader national cultural framework.

Gulzar Ahmad's literary contribution spans research, criticism, editing, and translation. His scholarly works encompass a wide range of genres, including classical Sufi literature,



literary criticism, and modern literary studies. Among his notable publications are Peer Mohi-ud-Din Miskeen te Masnavi Zeba Nigar, Hikayat-e-Rumi (edited), Kulliyat-e-Sultan Mohammad Sultan, Kashmir Hamud te Munajat, Peer Mohi-ud-Din Miskeen senz Sohni Mahiwal, and Ghulam Nabi Aatash: Personality and

Literary Contributions. These works stand as significant academic resources in Kashmiri literary studies.

He has also made remarkable contributions to translation studies by rendering important works of Indian literature into Kashmiri. His translated works include Representative Indian Short Stories and the Kan-



nada novel Chooma Sund Dol, thereby fostering inter-linguistic and cultural exchange. Additionally, his editorial efforts such as Nama-e-Longun and educational publications under the Baman series highlight his commitment to nurturing literary understanding among younger generations.

In recognition of his outstanding literary services, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad has been honoured with several prestigious awards, most notably the Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize (2023). He has also received other notable accolades from esteemed literary and cultural organisations, acknowledging his enduring contribution to Kashmiri literature and scholarship.

Beyond authorship, Gulzar Ahmad has actively contributed as an academic organizer and cultural facilitator. He has coordinated numerous national seminars, literary conferences, and scholarly events, and has participated in hundreds of academic and cultural programs organized by the Sahitya Akademi, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, universities, and literary institutions.

Gulzar Ahmad's life and work reflect a rare synthesis of scholarship, dedication, and cultural responsibility. His contributions have not only enriched Kashmiri literature but have also strengthened its intellectual foundations for future generations. His name today stands as a respected and enduring symbol of literary excellence in the cultural history of Kashmir.

Kashmir Passion Towards Motivation

"First Time Kashmir"

Mushtaq Ahmad motivating with his boat



SAHIL MANZOOR BHATTI

There are several fields in our society, such as the government sector, the business sector, and the private sector. Many intellectual people say that no business is small or big. Business means business. It may start from zero and grow into hundreds of crores. It is a fact that many present-day billionaires once had nothing. Financially, they were weak and had very few resources, but today they are ruling the world. This has become possible only because of human power and the intellectual abilities that human beings possess.

In today's world, success does not depend only on degrees or government jobs. It depends on ideas, dedication, honesty, and hard work. A person who understands the needs of society and works sincerely can achieve success in any field. History is full of examples where people started from nothing and achieved great heights through passion and commitment.

I have met various people who gave up government jobs and engaged themselves in the private sector. Many of them are earning more than their expectations and are also generating jobs for hundreds of unemployed youth. This clearly shows how honest and dedicated they are towards their profession. They did not fear taking risks, and today they are successful and self-reliant.

One very unfortunate thing in our Kashmir Valley is that we have classified professions as small, big, or even ill. Some people think that certain professions are inferior, such as selling vegetables on carts, driving autos, or doing daily labour. This mindset is very harmful to society. No profession is bad if it is honest and legal. Every profession deserves respect.

A vegetable seller working hard from morning

This is truly impressive and deeply motivating. It teaches us that passion needs no specific degree. Passion needs direction and determination. A passionate person makes his path smooth and attractive and ultimately reaches his destination. When passion meets honesty and hard work, success becomes inevitable.

till evening is no less respectable than a person sitting in an office. The problem is not the profession; the problem is our thinking. We need to change this mindset and understand that dignity of labour is the foundation of a healthy society.

Today, even in remote areas of Kashmir, people are purchasing vegetables at almost the same rates as in Srinagar. This has become possible because people are becoming more aware and intelligent. They now understand how earnings are generated and how hard work plays an important role. Hard work has become a passion for many people.

Hard work is truly a passion for those who want to achieve something in life. There are people who generate their earnings even from deserts and difficult situations because they have learned how to attract customers. They do not sell rotten or outdated products. Instead, they focus on providing fresh and updated products. Customers trust them because they know they will not be cheated. Trust is the biggest capital in business.

One day, after having dinner, I was scrolling through Facebook. Frequently, a person appeared on my screen saying, "Hello, how are you? My name is Mushtaq Ahmad Kehwa. I am on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc." He proudly says, "First Time Kashmir." This simple line has now become his identity.

What impressed me the most is that this person never attended school regularly and does not have formal business education. Still, he manages to impress customers, earn a handsome income for

his family, and motivate unemployed youth. This clearly proves that success does not always require degrees. Sometimes, it only requires courage, confidence, and creativity.

Mushtaq Ahmad Kehwa is a living example of how passion can change destiny. He uses social media platforms effectively and presents Kashmir in a positive and attractive way. Through his simple videos, he promotes local businesses, culture, and tourism. He also gives hope to those youth who think they are failures because they could not complete their education.

This is truly impressive and deeply motivating. It teaches us that passion needs no specific degree. Passion needs direction and determination. A passionate person makes his path smooth and attractive and ultimately reaches his destination. When passion meets honesty and hard work, success becomes inevitable.

Kashmiri youth should think for a while and understand that nothing is impossible. They should not lose hope due to unemployment or lack of opportunities. Instead of waiting endlessly for government jobs, they should explore other fields such as business, entrepreneurship, agriculture, tourism, and digital platforms.

The youth of Kashmir should think beyond limits and be passionate about their goals. They must believe in themselves and their abilities. Every individual has some talent, but only those succeed who identify and polish it.

The government should also recognize such individuals who are positively motivating society. People like Mushtaq Ahmad Kehwa should be used for counselling and guiding unemployed and unskilled youth of Kashmir. Their real-life experiences can inspire many young minds and help them choose the right path.

In conclusion, we need to change our mindset. We must respect every profession, encourage innovation, and support those who are working hard to create opportunities. Kashmir has immense talent, and if guided properly, our youth can achieve great success. Passion, honesty, and hard work are the real keys to success.

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MCC of High Court organizes three-day course 'Conduct of Mediation- Advanced Course (Capsule Course), Training of Trainers Programme' at Jammu/Srinagar

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 29: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, the Mediation and Conciliation Committee (MCC) of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh today inaugurated three day training programme 'Conduct of Mediation- Advanced Course (Capsule Course), Training of Trainers Programme', simultaneously at Jammu and Srinagar campuses of J&K Judicial Academy (JKJA).

The course is being held in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy and J&K Legal Services Authority and is scheduled from December 29 to 31, 2025. This 20-hour advanced mediation training course is aimed at enhancing the skills of mediators across the union territory.

At the Jammu campus, the inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Director J&K Judicial Academy, Naseer Ahmad Dar, who highlighted the growing importance of mediation in strengthening the justice delivery system. He emphasized that advanced and practice-oriented mediation training plays a crucial role in equipping mediators with the skills required for effective conflict resolution. During his address, the Director also introduced the resource person and welcomed participants to the three-day programme.

At the Srinagar campus, the programme opened with a welcome address by Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar, Tabasum Qadir Parry, who underscored the relevance of mediation training in enhancing dispute resolution mechanisms. She encouraged participants to actively engage with the course content and practical exercises. The inaugural session at Srinagar was also attended by Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Anantnag, Mir Sayeem Qayoom.

The inaugural day featured Rita Das



Mouzumdar, Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Assam, as the Resource Person at the Srinagar Campus, and Suman Sharma, Advocate,

Gauhati High Court, Assam, along with Balbir Kour, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, as the Resource Persons at the

Jammu Campus. All the Resource Persons are accredited Mediation Trainers with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India.

As per the course curriculum, the first day included structured theoretical and practical modules focusing on advanced mediation concepts.

Session I dealt with Understanding Conflict and Conflict Resolution, covering the perception of conflict, causes of disputes, and resolution mechanisms. This session included a Role Play Exercise followed by group discussion and reflection.

Session II focused on Mediation, including its definition, components, and the role of the mediator, with emphasis on core mediation principles. Session III addressed Conduct of Mediation, covering joint sessions, individual sessions, techniques to break deadlocks, and methods of closing mediation proceedings.

The session provided participants with a comprehensive, start-to-finish overview of the mediation process. The sessions combined lectures, role-plays, and interactive discussions, enabling participants to apply theoretical principles to practical mediation scenarios.

The three-day advanced course aims to deepen participants' understanding of mediation processes, enhance practical skills, and strengthen the capacity of trained mediators across the Union Territory.

Across both centres, participants appreciated the hands-on, simulation-based approach, noting that the structured role-plays offered practical clarity on how mediation tools can be integrated into everyday work. The simultaneous conduct of the programme at Jammu and Srinagar reflects the on-going efforts of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh to broaden mediation awareness and strengthen ADR capacity across the Union Territory.

DLSA Srinagar organises Environmental Awareness Programme

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 29: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, in collaboration with Kashmir Concern (NGO), organized an Awareness Programme and Plantation Drive under the Pan India Environmental Legal Literacy and Community Protection Initiative "Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow".

The programme was conducted as part of ongoing efforts to promote environmental awareness, legal literacy, and community participation in environmental protection at the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar. The programme was conducted under the Chairmanship of Haq Nawaz Zargar, Chairman, DLSA (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Srinagar and under the supervision of Tabassum Qadir Parry.

Chairman, Kashmir Concern (NGO), Dr. Touseef Bhat, sensitized the participants on the growing environmental challenges and emphasized the importance of sustainable practices, individual responsibility, and community-driven initiatives for environmental conservation. His address highlighted the legal and social dimensions of environmental protection and encouraged participants to actively contribute towards safeguarding natural resources for future generations. Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC), DLSA Srinagar, also addressed the gathering and apprised the participants about the role of Legal Services Authorities in promoting environmental justice and access to legal remedies. She highlighted how legal aid mechanisms can be effectively utilized to address environmental grievances and stressed the importance of awareness at the grassroots level to ensure protection of environmental rights. The programme witnessed active participation from Staff Members, Legal Aid Defence Counsels, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar and volunteers of the collaborating NGO.

The event concluded with a plantation drive, reaffirming the collective commitment of the participants towards environmental sustainability and the objective of the initiative to protect the environment today for a secure tomorrow.

MLA Zadibal felicitates National Award winners in Kashmir Handicrafts

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 29: Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir, today felicitated four of its renowned artisans who were recently conferred with the National Awards and Certificates of Excellence by the President of India at New Delhi.

MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, presented Certificates of Excellence and mementos to the awardees including Manzoor Ahmad Khan for carpet weaving, Khawaja Nazir Ali for Sozni embroidery, Mir Arshad Hussain for papier mache and Mashkoora Begum, for Sozni embroidery, in a glittering ceremony, in IICT/ CDI premises at Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan, here.

Director, Handicrafts and Handlooms, Kashmir, Mussarat Islam; Director IICT, Zubair Ahmad; Joint Director, Handicrafts, Deeba Khalid and other senior officers of the Department, besides UT Awardees 2024 were also present on the occasion.

In his address, Tanvir Sadiq congratulated the winners for bringing laurels to the famed Handicrafts sector of Kashmir. He also praised the Department for organizing such functions, which act as an elixir and motivate many others to make unique handmade products for the ever-expanding niche markets for Kashmir Handicrafts, both within and outside the country.

In response to the demand for creating a Crafts Hall of Fame, Tanvir Sadiq assured the department of his full support as the same shall bring the highly skilled craftsmen of Kashmir into public domain.

Earlier, Director Handicrafts & Handloom presented a detailed overview of the activities of Handicrafts and Handloom Department, with focus on its brand promotion campaign under 'Soulful Kashmir' as well as development of a new software for GI QR labelling to secure the future of authentic handmade products from Kashmir.

DC Srinagar inspects progress of infrastructural works at Abhinandan School for Specially Abled Children

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR DECEMBER 29:- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo today visited Abhinandan Home Solina, Kashmir's oldest institution for specially abled children and inspected progress of infrastructure upgradation works on Rs 9.90 crore project for construction of new, state of the art Educational Complex and School for Specially Abled Children.

He also took stock of the ongoing finishing works of the Hostel-cum-Kitchen Complex being executed at a cost of Rs 1.66 crore for students of Abhinandan Home.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing infrastructure upgradation works for the construction of the School for Specially-Abled Children, being executed at a cost of Rs 9.90 crore.

The project is being developed on a state-of-the-art pattern under the Social Welfare Department and will be the first of its kind institution in the entire Kashmir Division catering specifically to children with visual and hearing special abilities.

While reviewing the progress of the key project, the DC stressed the need for close coordination among all line departments to ensure timely completion of the work. He emphasized the need for added efforts by the executing agency to accelerate the pace of work to complete the project ahead of the scheduled timeline, while maintaining strict adherence to quality standards.

The DC also instructed the executing agency to ensure timely procurement of lifts and completion of internal electrification works for School for Specially Abled Children



well in advance to avoid any delay in the overall execution of the project.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that the new facility will comprise a Principal's Office, Staff Room, Indoor Games Court, Gymnasium, Medical Room, Therapy Room, Classrooms, Washroom Blocks, Computer Lab, Library, Dormitory, and Dining Hall. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the under completion Hostel-cum-Kitchen Complex being executed at a cost of Rs 1.66 crore for students of Abhinandan Home. He directed the executing agency to expedite the finishing works so that the facility is made functional at the earliest.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad; Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer KPDCI, Executive Engineer Water Works, Tehsildar South, Deputy CEO, Officials from Abhinandan Home and other concerned.

DC Kupwara Reviews Arrangements for Republic Day Celebrations

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 29: To ensure smooth and hassle-free conduct of the ensuing Republic Day celebrations, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today convened a meeting of all concerned officers and reviewed the preparedness for the National event.

While addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for seamless coordination among departments and adherence to a fixed timeline to ensure that all arrangements are put in place well in advance. He stressed that collective efforts must be made to ensure the smooth conduct of the Republic Day.

The DC directed all departments to put up Tableaux during the Republic Day parade to showcase government schemes and achievements of their respective departments, with an aim to make the function more attractive and informative for the public. He also laid stress on maintaining proper protocol, particularly with regard to seating arrangements, and instructed the Police Department to ensure due respect to the National Flag and make foolproof security arrangements.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed that Republic Day celebrations be held at Sub-Divisional, Tehsil and Block levels with the same fervour and enthusiasm.

It was informed that the main Republic Day function will be held at the District Police Lines (DPL), Kupwara, where the National Flag will be hoisted and the VIP will take salute at the March Past comprising contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF, IRP, BSF, FPF, Home Guards, NCC cadets and school children.

The DC conducted a segment-wise review



of arrangements including power supply, water, sanitation, and seating, and directed the concerned departments to ensure timely completion of these arrangements.

Other aspects reviewed included refreshments, deployment of magistrates, cultural programmes, barricading, availability of commentators, installation of DJ/Professional Sound System, hoardings, and fire tenders.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed all officers to ensure their mandatory presence along with subordinate staff during the Republic Day functions.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kupwara Syed Tahir Al Geelani; ADDC Kupwara, ADC Kupwara, ACR, and officers from line departments, Police, CRPF and BSF. ADC Handwara, SDM Lolab, DIO DIPR Kupwara, Tehsildars, and other concerned officers participated in the meeting virtually.

DC Kupwara inaugurates Center of Excellence for E-Governance at DC Office Complex

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 29: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today inaugurated the Center of Excellence (CoE) for E-Governance at the D.C Office Complex, here, marking a significant step towards strengthening digital governance and enhancing citizen-centric service delivery in the district.

The newly inaugurated Center of Excellence has been established with the objective of promoting and facilitating the enrollment of beneficiaries under different centrally sponsored schemes and availing of digital services.

Speaking on the occasion, the



Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of leveraging digital tools to improve accessibility, accountability, and timeliness of public services.

He highlighted that the CoE will play a crucial role in capacity building of government officials, streamlining workflows, and ensuring effective use of digital platforms for governance and public service delivery.

The inauguration reflects the district administration's commitment to

aligning with the broader vision of Digital India and ensuring that the benefits of technology reach citizens at the grassroots level.

The establishment of the Center of Excellence for E-Governance is expected to serve as a catalyst for digital transformation and innovation within the district administration, ultimately benefiting the general public through improved and hassle-free access to government services.

ACR Kupwara, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad; CPO, Parvaiz Ahmad, General Manager CSC SPV J&K, Faizan Manzoor, Manager CSC SPV, Shaheen Shah, District Manager, Javid Maqbool and concerned officials were present on the occasion.

KVK Budgam conducts Awareness on Livelihood Options in Secondary Agriculture

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

BUDGAM, DECEMBER 29: SKUAST-Kashmir, Krishi Vigyan Kendra – Budgam organised an Entrepreneurs Awareness Programme (EAP) on Livelihood Opportunities in Secondary Agriculture for rural youth at its campus today.

The programme approved through the Directorate of Planning and Monitoring of SKUAST-K, was aimed to create an enabling environment for enterprises to emerge and flourish thereby generating a skilled agri and allied sectors workforce in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Bhinish Shakeel, Senior Scientist and Training



Co-ordinator, presented a brief overview of role of KVK in skill training for entrepreneurship development through secondary agriculture. She urged the trainees to introspect their available resources and build their knowledge and skill sets through such trainings to establish newer livelihoods through diversification of these traditional agricultural occupations.

Dr. Shabeer Ahmad, SMS Plant Pathology briefed the trainees about

livelihood options in secondary agriculture. Trainees were further enlightened by Sana Aftab, a budding entrepreneur, in hand-made cold-process soap making shared her experience of utilising local flora, medicinal and aromatic plants for cosmetic purpose.

The programme witnessed participation of scientists of KVK and over 60 participants who expressed keen interest in the programme.

The programme underlines SKUAST-Ks commitment to foster a culture of agripreneurship, among the rural youth, through information dissemination under the Directorate of Extension, giving impetus to agriculture and allied sectors in the valley.

Satish Sharma lauds Bharat Scouts & Guides for shaping responsible citizens, nation building

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

JAMMU, DECEMBER 29: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, IT, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, today said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Jammu and Kashmir UT branch has been playing a pivotal role in shaping the character, courage and commitment of the youth for more than a century.

The Minister was speaking at the function organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides here today.

DG Youth Services and Sports, Anuradha Gupta, Secretary in the Agriculture Department, Rajinder Singh Tara, Rtd Wing Commander Manoj Joshi, other office bearers of the organisation and a gathering of Scouts, Guides, Rovers, rangers and unit leaders were present on the occasion.

The Minister conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the



Jammu and Kashmir government. He said that the J&K UT Branch of Bharat Scouts and Guides continues to grow from strength to strength, producing disciplined, responsible and socially aware citizens who are always ready to serve the nation.

The Minister conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the

way of life, guided by the Scout Promise and Law which instil in young people the values of duty to God and the country, service to others, physical fitness, mental alertness and moral integrity.

Highlighting the crucial role played by Scouts and Guides during emergencies, Satish Sharma said that in times of natural calamities

and crisis, they are always among the first responders. He recalled the exemplary services rendered by J&K Scouts and Guides during the devastating floods and other emergencies, when they worked tirelessly alongside the Armed Forces, NDRF and civil administration in relief distribution, running community kitchens and bringing hope to thousands of affected families.

"The spirit of 'Service before Self' displayed by the Scouts and Guides reflects the finest values of our society and strengthens the nation in times of adversity," the Minister said. Satish Sharma assured continued support of the government towards organisations that work for the holistic development of youth and contribute to build a resilient, disciplined and service-oriented society.

The Minister also announced a contribution of Rs 11 lakh out of his CDF for Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Implementation of RBD Act reviewed at Anantnag

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 29: To review the implementation of Registration of Birth & Deaths (RBD) Act 1969, a meeting of the District Level Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) on Registration of Births & Deaths (Civil Registration System) was held today at Anantnag.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Chief Medical Officer (District Registrar, Births & Deaths), District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (Additional District Registrar) and all the Registrars/ Representatives of Registrars of Births & Deaths (BDOs, Executive Officers of Municipalities and Medical Superintendents/ Officers of designated Government Hospitals) of the district.

On the occasion, DSEO (Additional District Registrar) presented a detailed presentation on the RBD Act, 1969 before the committee.

While reviewing the status of implementation of RBD Act, 1969 which makes the registration of births and deaths mandatory, the importance of timelines for registration of such events was

underscored.

It was given out that in February 2025, Government Hospitals were designated as Registration Units thereby facilitating the general public to get their registration certificates from these institutions.

During the meeting, it was decided that District Registrar (CMO) and Additional District Registrar (DSEO) shall monitor the registration process of the hospitals, which started the registration of births and deaths from May 2025.

The registration units will be inspected periodically to oversee the implementation of the Act and put a check on the surge of delayed registrations besides avoiding duplication in registrations.

All the Registrars were urged to undertake necessary steps for timely registration within their jurisdiction and ensure complete registration of events without delay.

They were advised to ensure registration of new births and deaths within the prescribed timeline through mass awareness at the grassroot during Gram Sabhas, public meetings and other community events.

SMVDSB Completes Renovation of 10 Government Schools under Social Support Initiative; Rest 5 to be completed soon

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

KATRA, DECEMBER 29: Reaffirming its commitment to community welfare in the region, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has successfully completed the renovation of ten Government schools out of a total of fifteen taken up under its flagship Social Support Initiative as per the directions of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT).

The renovated schools include Government High School, Sirla Bhaga; Government Middle Schools at Chack Bhagtha, Panthal, Parthal, Manoon and Kun Kanyala; Government Primary Schools at Hansali, Kalara Chanjute, Upper Sirla, Geeta Nagar, Purana Daroor and Chumbra in Reasi district; besides Government Primary School, Dhanno in Udhampur district.

These schools were identified for renovation and upgradation following a detailed assessment of damages caused by adverse weather conditions. Priority was accorded to institutions where essential infrastructure such as classrooms, boundary walls and sanitation facilities had been severely affected.

The scope of work undertaken included construction of new classrooms, repair of damaged roofs with waterproofing, plastering and painting, structural strengthening, repair and replacement of doors and windows along with provision of electrification and flooring wherever required. Special emphasis was laid on the upgradation and strengthening of sanitation facilities to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for students and staff.

"Earlier, six Government schools had been successfully renovated and handed over to the District Administration, Reasi. With the completion of renovation works on another four schools under its flagship initiative, the Shrine Board has now raised the total count of renovated schools to ten. The remaining five schools are expected to be handed over before the commencement of the next academic session, further strengthening educational infrastructure in the region."

The Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Shri Sachin Kumar Vaishya said that the completion of renovation works in these ten schools under the Social Support Initiative will directly benefit a number of students and staff in the region by providing them with a conducive and improved educational environment. He further underscored that the initiative reflects the Shrine Board's sustained commitment to social responsibility and service beyond its spiritual mandate.

Br MSME DFO Srinagar organises PM Vishwakarma Marketing & Entrepreneurship Orientation programme at Shopian

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 29: Ministry of MSME, Government of India, through Branch MSME DFO Srinagar, in collaboration with the District Administration Shopian, today organised a PM Vishwakarma Marketing and Entrepreneurship Orientation Programme at Mini-Secretariat, Shopian.

The programme was presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner

(ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone.

Addressing the gathering, the ADDC emphasised the importance of empowering local artisans by equipping them with modern marketing and entrepreneurial skills to help their products reach wider markets. He stated that the programme aimed to sensitise artisans, craftsmen and aspiring entrepreneurs about effective marketing strategies, entrepreneurship development and the various benefits available

under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

Experts from the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) briefed participants on key aspects of advertising, trade promotion, branding and market linkages under the PM Vishwakarma programme. The experts shared practical strategies to enhance product visibility, build strong brand identities and adopt modern marketing tools to improve sales and market

outreach.

Assistant Director MSME, Saheel Alaqaband, highlighted the importance of innovation, quality enhancement and entrepreneurship-oriented training for traditional artisans.

The orientation programme primarily aimed to create awareness among traditional artisans and craftsmen about the objectives and benefits of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme with particular focus on equipping artisan entrepreneurs with market-oriented skills to

ensure their ventures become competitive and sustainable.

The programme witnessed active participation from Principal Government Polytechnic College Shopian, Manzoor Ahmed Kumar; Superintendent ITI Shopian, Fida Hussain; Functional Manager DIC Shopian, Ishaq Hassan, artisans, officials from various line departments and representatives of MSME.

Participants actively interacted with officials, who addressed their queries on the spot.

MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat Inaugurates Community Facilitation Centre at Kanjak Devi Sthan Bishnah

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BISHNAH, DECEMBER 29 : Strengthening the local infrastructure and honoring the spiritual heritage of the region, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, today officially inaugurated the newly constructed Community Facilitation Centre at the revered Kanjak Devi Sthan, Sultanpur, located within Panchayat Sehora-B, Block Bishnah.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted in the presence of senior officials from the Block Development Office Bishnah and a large gathering of local residents and political leaders. The establishment of this center is seen as a major step toward providing better amenities for the thousands of devotees who visit the shrine annually.

Before the formal inauguration, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat paid obeisance at the Kanjak Devi Sthan, seeking blessings for the prosperity of his constituency. The shrine holds immense cultural and religious significance, particularly known for the deep faith devotees have in its powers to heal skin diseases. People from all walks of life visit the Sthan throughout the year, making the need for a dedicated facilitation center a long-standing demand. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Bhagat emphasized



the government's commitment to developing religious and community hubs. "Kanjak Devi Sthan is not just a place of worship but a symbol of hope and healing for many. By providing this Community Facilitation Centre, we aim to ensure that every visitor experiences comfort and dignity," the MLA stated.

The event witnessed participation from several prominent figures, highlighting the collaborative effort in the region's development. Shri Vijay Saini, Vice President, OBC Morcha BJP JKUT, Smt. Meena Kumari, Secretary, OBC Morcha BJP JKUT,

Surjeet Singh (Neta), District General Secretary, Surjeet Singh (Sonu), Former Sarpanch, Surinder Singh Bubby, Former Corporator, Bishnah, Other notable attendees included Bishan Das Kerni, Chaman Lal, Dwarka Nath Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Lucky Sharma, Vinod Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Satish Sharma, and Dr. Ajeet Kumar.

The local community expressed their gratitude to the MLA for the timely completion of the project, which is expected to serve as a multipurpose venue for community gatherings and pilgrim support.

IGNOU launches PG Diploma in Bhartiya Darshan

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DECEMBER 29 : IGNOU has launched a Post Graduate Diploma in Bhartiya Darshan (PGDBD, offered by the School of Humanities (SOH). The programme is being offered from the ongoing January 2026 admission cycle. The PGDBD programme is offered in ODL mode only. It focuses on core Indian philosophies like Nyaya, Vaisheshika, and Charvaka, covering epistemology and metaphysics for a deep dive into Indian thought traditions. The programme introduces fundamental principles, worldviews, and logic of Nyaya, Vaisheshika, and Charvaka philosophies.



It explores epistemology (ज्ञानमीमांसा), metaphysics (पदार्थ-मीमांसा), theory of knowledge (प्रमाण-तत्त्व), realism, and materialism. The main objective of the programme is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the philosophical characteristics, logical methods, and contributions of these schools to Indian thought. This program is designed to offer specialized knowledge in classical Indian philosophies within IGNOU's flexible Open and Distance Learning (ODL) framework.

Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, Regional Centre Jammu revealed that PGDBD programme is ideal for graduates interested in Indian heritage, philosophy, and traditional knowledge systems. Dr. Sandeep also informed that this programme is recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and is considered equivalent to postgraduate diplomas from other Indian universities and the interested candidates must enrol themselves on SAMARTH portal <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> well before the admission closure deadline which is on 31st January, 2026.

DC Srinagar assesses progress of Mission Yuva in the district

Emphasis laid on enhanced capacity building of aspiring youth, swift disbursement of cases

■ HT NEWS DESK / DIPR

SRINAGAR DECEMBER 29:- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Monday assessed the progress and the performance of line departments and banks in the implementation of Mission Yuva initiative in a meeting held at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; SDM, West, Irfan Bahadur; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar; Deputy Director Employment, Zonal Head Jammu



and Kashmir Bank, LDM (Banks), officers of all line Departments

and senior Officers of J&K Bank.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed bank-wise and department-wise review of the progress achieved under Mission Yuva, a Government initiative aimed at youth empowerment, employment generation, skill development, and providing financial assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs.

On the occasion, the DC emphasized enhanced capacity building of beneficiaries as envisaged under Mission Yuva guidelines, to ensure swift clearance of pending cases so that benefits reach the beneficiaries in a timely manner. He also directed concerned officers to expedite the processing and verification of genuine

applications, ensuring that deserving candidates are covered under the scheme within stipulated timelines.

The DC appreciated the efforts made by various line departments and banks while expressing concern over the slow progress shown by some banks in Mission Yuva implementation. He directed the underperforming banks to improve their pace and ensure effective implementation of the scheme.

The DC further underlined the importance of seamless coordination among all stakeholder departments to ensure substantial coverage and successful implementation of Mission YUVA initiative across the district.

Commissioner Secretary H&UD reviews animal shelters, welfare facilities in Jammu

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, DEC 29: Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, today conducted an extensive tour of various animal shelters in Jammu to review the status of infrastructure, facilities and progress on ongoing works.

The shelters inspected included Bandhu Rakh, Chowadi, Bhagwati Nagar, Roopnagar and Gaushalla (cow shelter) at Panjgrai, Nagrota.

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, also accompanied the Commissioner Secretary during the tour.

The Commissioner Secretary inspected each location and assessed the overall arrangements for animal care and welfare available there.

During the inspection, Mandeep Kaur directed the concerned for construction of a new cow shelter at Bandhu Rakh on vacant land belonging to the Jam-

mu Municipal Corporation.

The ongoing Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme at Chowadi was also reviewed and directions were issued to further enhance the facilities and streamline the implementation.

At Bhagwati Nagar, where kennels for dogs have already been prepared, instructions were given to commence the Animal Birth Control programme at the earliest.

At Roopnagar Animal Care Centre, the Commissioner Secretary reviewed the renovation works currently underway. She directed that waste generated from construction activities be utilised for flooring purposes wherever feasible. She emphasised ensuring proper ventilation and making adequate arrangements so that animals do not face inconvenience during extreme summer and winter conditions.

Earlier, Mandeep Kaur reviewed the facilities for the animals at the Nagrota Gaushala, which currently

houses around 206 cows, bulls and calves, along with approximately 32 horses. The Jammu Municipal Corporation has made comprehensive arrangements for their care and upkeep.

The Commissioner Secretary visited all the five locations to assess animal welfare measures as well as the progress on construction and renovation works. She issued necessary directions to further improve the existing facilities.

Among others, Joint Commissioner Health and Sanitation Abdul Sattar, Director Building Centre Kafeel Firozi, Joint Commissioner Works Firdous Ahmed Qazi, Municipal Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jaswant Singh, Animal Welfare Officer Dr. Gaurav Chaudhary, VAS Dr. Priyanka Malhotra, Executive Engineers and other concerned field staff accompanied the Commissioner Secretary during the tour.

Public Notice

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that Mr. Bilal Ahmad Rather, S/o Nazir Ahmad Rather, R/o Brah, has applied for the grant of Fertilizer License for his shop namely Green Gold Pesticides, situated at Khullchohar, District Anantnag.

If any person has any objection with regard to the issuance of the said Fertilizer License, he/she may submit the same in writing along with valid proof to the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer, Anantnag, within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that no one has any objection and the case shall be processed further as per rules.

Bilal Ahmad Rather, S/o Nazir Ahmad Rather
R/o Brah Shop Name: Green Gold Pesticides
Place: Khullchohar

Public Notice

I want to transfer the Electricity Bill Under Cons. ID No: 020701009423 from Sh. Mohd Sheikh S/o Gh. Nabi R/o: Naibasti Anantnag To Towseef Hamad Sheikh S/o Abdul Hamid Sheikh R/o Nai Basti Anantnag. If Anybody has any object in this regard may contact Concerned Authority within a weeks time after that no objection will be entertained.

Towseef Hamad Sheikh
S/o Abdul Hamid Sheikh
R/o Nai Basti Anantnag

Public Notice

I, Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh, S/o Abdul Salam Sheikh, R/o Shalteng, do hereby declare that my name and particulars have been wrongly recorded in my Driving Licence No. JK-0120130082391.

My correct particulars are as under:

Name: Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh

Father's Name: Abdul Salam Sheikh

Address: Shalteng

This public notice is published to rectify the said error for all official and legal purposes.

If anyone has any objection to this correction, he/she may contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public and concerned authorities that Mr. Farhad Ahmad Mir, S/o Late Mir Ghulam Rasool Mir, R/o Karan Nagar, Srinagar, has applied for transfer of Electric Connection bearing Consumer ID No.0202030000910, presently standing in the name of Mir Ghulam Rasool, R/o Karan Nagar Srinagar.

If any person, has any objection regarding the said transfer, they are requested to submit their objection to the concerned PDD Department within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. After completion of time no objection will be entertained.

Farhad Ahmad Mir
S/o : Late Mir Ghulam Rasool Mir
R/o: Karan Nagar Srinagar, M:9906401525

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS | e- NIT No. 158/2025-26 | Dated: 23-12-2025

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 1st

S.No	Name of the Work	Block	Est/ Advt. Cost	T.D Cost	EMD	Class	Time	MHA
1	Construction of Flood Protection Bund Nallah Dubgi Pahoo	Kakapora	9.168	600/-	2%	DEE/ CEE	30 Days	DMRRR (UT Capex)

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.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-12-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	23-12-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	01-01-2026 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date and time of opening of Online Bids	02-02-2026 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 let 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.

Xen/REW/Pul/10808-14 | Dated: 23-12-2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama

DIPK: 9436/25 | Dated: 29-12-2025

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION ANANTNAG

NIT NO 126 OF R&B/Anantnag/2025-26 /E-TENDERING/ 10583-92, DATED 27-12-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost	T.D Cost	E/M	Time	MHA
1.	Restoration of link road BWO 1*3 Mtr span culvert near sumo stand khanabal.	7.53 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 6.38 + (18% GST Amount 1.15)	300	15060/-	60 Days	3054 – M&R

Class of Contractor: CEE, DEE Class & MSME's Only

Project Authority: R&B Department.

Position of Authorization: Authorized vide Order No. ARD/CESK/2025-26/90, Dated 22.11.2025.

Position of TS: Accorded vide Order No. CE (R&B) SK/TS/263 of 2025-26, Dated 22.12.2025.

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, 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 given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated	
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27-12-2025	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 27-12-2025 To 02-01-2026	(03:00 PM) (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 27-12-2025	(03:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 02-01-2026	(04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	03-01-2026	(11:00 AM)
	In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag.		

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag [Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (Tender receiving Authority). (The Date of EMD{CDR/FDR/BG} should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date and validity of EMD at the time of opening of Bids shall be a period of 45 Days beyond Bid Validity of 120 Days). The same EMD should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid.

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The date of Performance Security (CDR/FDR/BG) should be after the date of issuance of letter/LOI to deposit the performance security. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released 60 Days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](#) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](#) to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

NOTE: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

Sd/- (Er. Syed Ishfaq Ahmad)
Executive Engineer, R&B Division Anantnag

DIPK: 9429/25 | Dated: 29-12-2025

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Dr Gul Junaid
MBBS,
General Physician

Dr Bazila Junaid
MBBS,
General Physician

Announcement

Dr. Gul Javid, a Gastroenterology specialist, is available for appointments daily from 9 am to 1 pm, including Sundays at the Shalimar Clinic, Main Road near Meerak Sahab Shrine, Shalimar, 190025. Appointments can be made by calling 7006027932 or 7006655759.

Cummins, Hazlewood Set for T20 WC Squad

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

MELBOURNE: Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Tim David are all set to be named in Australia's provisional T20 World Cup squad despite injury concerns, with Cummins to have another scan on his back in four weeks before a final call is made on whether he plays in the tournament.

David has been ruled out of the rest of the BBL with Hobart Hurricanes after picking up grade two right hamstring strain on Boxing Day but his recovery timeline gives him a good chance of being fit for the World Cup which begins in early February.

Cummins has played just one international match since suffering a lumbar stress injury in his back in July. He returned for the Adelaide Test against England off a shortened preparation and bowled superbly, but was immediately withdrawn from the remainder of the series with Australia not willing to take any further risks.

Coach Andrew McDonald said Australia would name him in a 15-man squad that is due before the ICC deadline on January 2, but a decision on his availability would be determined closer to the event. Cummins has not played a T20 since the previous World Cup in the Caribbean.

"Pat will have a scan, I think in an-

other four weeks, so that'll give us the information then on where he's at for the World Cup," McDonald said. "He'll be named in the squad of 15, and then we'll get that information as to where he's at."

Hazlewood, who bowled superbly in the T20Is against India earlier this season, is likely to be fit despite missing the entire Ashes series due to hamstring and Achilles injuries.

"Josh is returning to bowl," McDonald said. "He looks as though he should be right in terms of possible timeframes."

David, a crucial part of Australia's middle order, retired hurt in Hurricanes' chase against Perth Scorchers. "I think the time-frame will be kind on TD as well. So he should be available no matter what that injury is," McDonald said earlier on Monday.

Australia's first match of the World Cup is not until February 11 and their first two opponents in the group phase are Ireland and Zimbabwe. They do not face Sri Lanka until February 16 if they needed to give David more time.

The provisional squad could also change based off BBL form or other injuries before having to be locked in closer to the World Cup starting.

Australia will play three T20Is in Pakistan from late January as preparation for the tournament with the schedule meaning those involved will likely miss some or all of the BBL finals.



Bhutan's Sonam Yeshey sets new T20I record with eight-wicket haul

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GELEPHU: Bhutan left-arm spinner Sonam Yeshey has gone where no one has before, becoming the first bowler to pick up eight wickets in a T20 match, international or otherwise.

Yeshey, 22, achieved the feat in the third T20I against Myanmar in Gelephu Mindfulness City on Friday, returning 8 for 7 from his four overs to bundle out the opposition for 45 in response to Bhutan's 127 for 9. In what has been a one-sided series, Yeshey has 12 wickets from four matches at this stage, with the final game taking place on Monday.

Only two bowlers had picked up seven-fors in



men's T20 internationals prior to Yeshey's feat: Syazrul Idrus (7 for 8 for Malaysia against China in 2023) and Ali Dawood (7 for 19 for Bahrain against Bhutan in 2025). Even away from international fixtures, it has been achieved just two times, by Colin Ackermann (7 for 18 for Leicestershire against Birmingham Bears in 2019) and by Taskin Ahmed (7 for 19 for Durbar Rajshahi against Dhaka Capitals in 2025).

The best bowling figures in women's T20I (and T20) is 7 for 0, by Indonesia's Rohmalia, against Mongolia in 2024. That is one of four seven-wicket hauls in women's internationals, the others being in the names of Frederique Overdijk (7 for 3 for Netherlands against France), Alison Stocks (7 for 3 for Argentina against Peru) and by Samantha Dunukedeniya (7 for 15 for Cyprus against Czech Republic). A further four such instances have been recorded in women's T20 matches.

Yeshey made his T20I debut in July 2022 against Malaysia and made an immediate impact, returning 3 for 16. The wickets haven't come in such a rush since: he now has 37 wickets from 34 T20Is.

ICC rates MCG Boxing Day Test pitch 'unsatisfactory'

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MELBOURNE: The MCG pitch for the Boxing Day Ashes Test between Australia and England, which ended inside two days, has earned itself an "unsatisfactory" rating from the ICC match referee for the game, Jeff Crowe. As a result, the MCG will get one demerit point.

Under the ICC's four-tier pitch-rating system, "unsatisfactory" is the third ranking and characterises a pitch that "does not allow an even contest between bat and ball... by favouring the bowlers too much, with too many wicket-taking opportunities for either seam or spin". The MCG pitch had received the highest "very good" rating for the past three Boxing Day Tests.

"The MCG pitch was too much in favour of the bowlers," Crowe said. "With 20 wickets falling on the first day, 16 on the second day and no batter even reaching a half-century, the pitch was 'unsatisfactory' as per the guidelines and the venue gets one demerit point."

It was the second two-day Test at the ongoing Ashes, following the opening match in Perth where the surface was rated "very good". Australia won that and the next two Test matches before losing at MCG.

"We were disappointed for the fans holding tickets for days three and four, and also the millions of fans excited to watch the action in Australia and around the world, that the pitch did not provide the MCG's customary balance between bat and ball," James Allsopp,

Cricket Australia (CA) chief of cricket, said in a statement.

"We appreciate the outstanding work the MCC staff have done over recent years producing excellent Test match pitches. We're confident they will deliver first-rate surfaces for next year's Boxing Day Test against New Zealand and the hugely anticipated 150th Anniversary Test against England in March 2027."

A day after the Test ended, MCG curator Matt Page said he was in "a state of shock", having watched 20 wickets fall on the opening day and 16 more the next in a total of 142 overs.

Page's decision to leave 10mm of grass on the surface - informed by a hot forecast for the final three days of the match - had come under significant scrutiny after

7mm was left on against India last season which produced a Test that ended late on the fifth day.

The two-day finish is expected to cost CA up to AUD10 million on top of the significant loss from the opening Test.

Having two such finishes in a series - the first time it has happened in 129 years - prompted CA chief executive Todd Greenberg to float the possibility of the governing body having more of a say to curators who, traditionally in Australia, have been able to work independently.

Australia coach Andrew McDonald hoped that would remain the way and offered his support to Page, who started in Melbourne when McDonald was still Victoria coach, having been brought in from the WACA after the MCG received a "poor"

rating (under a previous ICC system) for the 2017-18 Ashes Test.

"I don't want to get to a situation... where we are asking for specific surfaces and tailor-made," McDonald said on Monday. "I don't think Australia will ever go there, and I don't think they've ever been there, to my knowledge."

"Sometimes these things can happen, but we support him in what he's done and really proud of the evolution of the MCG. We don't want to scare him off and get back to where we were. He's found a nice balance for a long period of time. We believe we're a better batting group than that, but what we did there says otherwise."



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