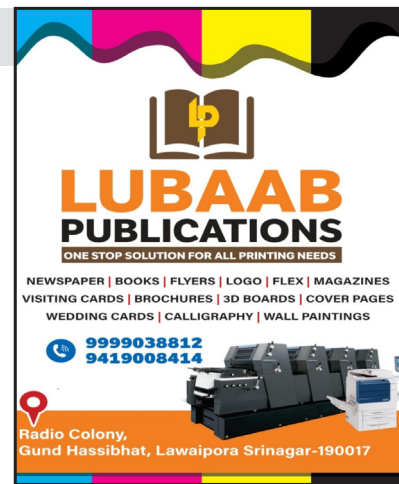


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Amit Shah Reviews J&K Security Grid in Jammu, Signals Zero Tolerance to Terror

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JAMMU, FEB 6: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday chaired a high-level security review meeting in Jammu, bringing together the top brass of the armed forces, central security agencies and the Jammu and Kashmir administration to comprehensively assess the prevailing security scenario and fine-tune the counter-terror strategy in the Union Territory.

The meeting, attended by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi and senior civil, police and intelligence officials, assumes critical significance in the backdrop of intensified anti-terror operations in the Jammu region that have led to the elimination of four hardened

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JAMMU, FEB 6 : Placing tourism at the heart of Jammu and Kashmir's economic revival, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on



Friday announced a major push to strengthen pilgrimage infrastructure, promote sustainable tourism and revive cultural heritage, proposing ₹180 crore for modernisation of facilities

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Custom High-Altitude Train Design Ready ;
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NEW DELHI, FEB 6: The Centre on Friday signalled fresh momentum on the long-awaited Jammu Metro project, with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw telling the Rajya Sabha that a special train design suited for high-altitude regions is ready and a decision on its rollout is imminent. At the same time, he urged the Kerala government to extend full cooperation to resolve land and environmental issues delaying major railway projects in the state.

During Question Hour, BJP-nominated MP Gulam Ali sought clarity on plans for a Metro system in Jammu. Responding, Vaishnaw said that while Metro projects fall under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Railways has prepared a customised design to address the technical challenges of operating trains in the demanding terrain of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Rail operations in high-altitude areas are complex and require special engineering solutions.

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200 Units Free Power for AAY Families Near Approval

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SRINAGAR, FEB 06: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, today informed the House that the government is committed to provide monthly 200 units of free electricity to every household of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) category in Jammu and Kashmir and the project, in this regard, is at its final stage of approval.

The Minister stated this while replying

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Army Chief Reviews Jammu Security Grid, Honours Hero Cop for Anti-Terror Operation

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JAMMU, FEB 6: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday visited the headquarters of the White Knight Corps (XVI Corps) in Jammu to assess the operational preparedness of troops and review the prevailing security situation in the region, reaffirming the Army's commitment to maintaining peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit, the Army Chief was briefed on the counter-terrorism grid and ongoing security operations. He appreciated the close coordination and operational synergy among the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and other security agencies, describing it as crucial for effectively countering terrorism and ensuring public safety.

In a significant highlight of the visit, Gen Dwivedi decorated Majalta Station House

Officer (SHO) Sub-Inspector Abdul Satar Choudhary with a Commendation Disc in recognition of his exceptional courage and leadership in a recent operation in the Joffer forest area of Ramnagar in Udhampur district. The joint operation led to the neutralisation of two hardcore Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit.

The Additional Directorate General

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Railway Push in Kashmir: DPRs Finalised for Qazigund-Budgam Doubling, Baramulla-Uri New Line

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NEW DELHI, FEB 6: The Centre on Thursday announced that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared for two major railway projects in Jammu and Kashmir — doubling of the Qazigund-Srinagar-Budgam section (118 km) and a new rail line from Baramulla to Uri (40 km) — in a significant step towards expanding rail connectivity in the Kashmir



Valley and strengthening infrastructure in the border areas.

Replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said the projects are aimed at enhancing passenger and freight movement, improving strategic connectivity and accelerating economic development in the region.

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Nine-Month Closure of Key Kashmir Tourist Spots Cripples Local Economy

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JAMMU, FEB 06: Prolonged closure of some of Kashmir's most prominent tourist destinations has pushed hundreds of families dependent on tourism into economic distress, with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday assuring that the issue will be taken up with the Union Home Minister for early reopening and relief measures.

Replying to a question by MLA Khansahib Saif-ud-Din

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Sub-Zero Nights Continue, No Major Snowfall Expected In J&K Till Feb 16

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SRINAGAR, Feb 6: Night temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir continued to remain below normal, with all weather stations in the Kashmir Valley recording sub-zero minimums, even as the Meteorological Department predicted largely dry weather over the coming days.

According to the department, no major spell of rain or snowfall is



expected across the union Territory till February 16

MeT said indications suggest a possibility of light snowfall at a few higher reaches of north and central Kashmir on February 6, mainly towards late evening or night. However, February 7 and 8 are expected to remain generally dry across most parts of the region.

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Dairy sector a key engine of agricultural economy

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SAMBA, FEB 6: "The dairy sector has emerged as one of the most dynamic pillars of the rural economy of Jammu and Kashmir, playing a transformative role in improving the socio-economic condition of small, marginal and landless farmers", stated Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, during his visit to the Animal Farm at Bari Brahmana, Samba, on Friday.

The Minister said that the J&K government has identified the dairy sector as a key growth engine of the agricultural economy and a cornerstone for strengthening rural livelihoods. Under the Dairy

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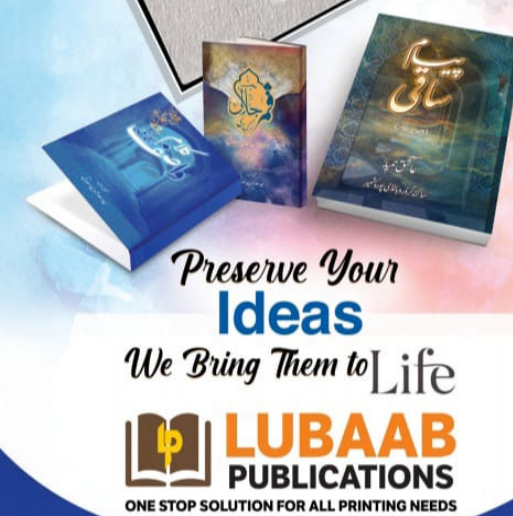
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Tech-Driven.....

solutions to ensure foolproof border management.

Addressing Border Security Force (BSF) personnel during his visit to forward posts along the International Border in Kathua district, Shah underlined that while the commitment and alertness of troops remain the backbone of border security, modern threats such as drone-based infiltration, high-tech surveillance and cross-border smuggling require equally sophisticated countermeasures.

“The challenges faced on the borders today are vastly different from those of the past. Along with constant vigilance, technological advancement has become indispensable,” the Home Minister said while interacting with jawans at Gurnam and Bobiyian border outposts in the Hiranagar sector.

Shah was accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Home Secretary Govind Mohan, IB Director Tapan Kumar Deka and BSF Director General Praveen Kumar.

He said the government has resolved to mark the 60th year of the BSF as the year of modernisation and welfare, announcing that a dedicated team in the Ministry of Home Affairs is working on improving infrastructure, surveillance systems and service conditions of BSF personnel.

“We are ready to invest whatever is required to modernise border security. Better infrastructure and high-tech equipment will not only strengthen surveillance but also reduce the hardships faced by our soldiers,” Shah said.

The Home Minister also praised the BSF for its exemplary role during Operation Sindoor, during which 118 enemy posts and three terror launch pads across the border were destroyed under the Jammu frontier.

“This remarkable operation has become a golden chapter in BSF’s glorious history. Your courage and resolve ensured that the borders remained secure even during the most challenging times,” he said.

Paying tribute to martyrs Sub-Inspector Mohammad Imtiyaz and Constable Deepak Chingtham, Shah said their supreme sacrifice symbolised the highest traditions of bravery and duty. He later laid a wreath at the martyrs’ memorial at Bobiyian.

Shah’s visit comes amid heightened anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir, which have resulted in the elimination of four hardcore Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists in Kathua, Udhampur and Kishtwar districts over the past two weeks.

Highlighting the BSF’s contributions beyond border guarding, Shah said the force has also played a crucial role in counter-insurgency operations, Maoist-affected regions and disaster relief efforts, including last year’s flood response in Punjab.

“Wherever the nation has needed you — from Kashmir to the Northeast and from anti-Maoist operations to disaster relief — the BSF has always stood firm with unmatched courage and dedication,” he said.

Shah concluded by saying that the entire nation sleeps peacefully because of the relentless commitment of BSF personnel guarding the borders day and night.

Amit Shah Reviews.....

Pakistan-based terrorists linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and a series of encounters across Kathua, Udhampur and Kishtwar districts over the past two weeks.

This was the second major security review chaired by Shah within a month. Earlier, on January 8, he had presided over a comprehensive review in New Delhi, directing all security agencies to pursue counter-terror operations, dismantle terror networks and choke terror financing in a focused “mission mode,” while reiterating the government’s resolve to achieve a terror-free Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

Friday’s meeting at Lok Bhavan was attended by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lt Gen P K Mishra, Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, Border Security Force Director General Praveen Kumar, CRPF Director General G P Singh, and other senior officers from the Army, paramilitary forces, police, civil administration and intelligence agencies.

Officials said the deliberations focused on reviewing the ongoing counter-terrorist operations, strengthening the anti-infiltration grid along the International Border and the Line of Control, and stepping up measures to counter drone-based activities from across the border. Special emphasis was laid on intelligence-driven operations and enhanced coordination among security agencies in view of inputs indicating possible infiltration attempts by terrorist groups.

The meeting began shortly after Shah returned from the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district, where he visited forward border outposts and interacted with Border Security Force personnel, reviewing their operational preparedness and ground-level challenges.

Senior officials said the Home Minister underscored the need for sustained pressure on terror networks, rapid response mechanisms, and seamless inter-agency coordination to consolidate security gains and ensure lasting peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tourism Takes.....

for the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra in the Budget for 2026–27.

Presenting the Budget in the Legislative Assembly, Abdullah said tourism has emerged as a key pillar of growth and livelihood generation in the Union Territory, which recorded over 1.61 crore tourist visits in 2025 despite security challenges and natural calamities, reflecting renewed confidence in J&K as a global destination.

“The government is committed to building a sustainable, inclusive and year-round tourism economy, balancing infrastructure expansion with environmental conservation and community participation,” the Chief Minister said.

A significant focus of the Budget is on pilgrimage and environmental infrastructure. Abdullah said more than 200 projects were completed during 2025–26 to improve facilities for pilgrims, while the proposed Rs.180 crore outlay in the coming fiscal will further modernise infrastructure in collaboration with the Border Roads Organisation.

To safeguard fragile ecosystems, the government has prioritised green initiatives, including the sanctioning of a 3.2 MLD sewage treatment plant at Gulmarg, upgradation of solid waste management facilities and similar projects planned at Sonamarg. Restoration of heritage sites and shrines will also be undertaken through the culture department.

The Chief Minister said the government aims to develop world-class tourist destinations, strengthen tourism circuits and position Jammu and Kashmir as a global tourism brand, with financial and technical support from the Union Ministry of Tourism.

Tourism diversification will be accelerated through winter sports, adventure tourism and water sports, with new facilities coming up at Wullar–Manasbal and Bani–Basohli, while sports tourism will be promoted through flagship events such as the Kashmir and Jammu Marathons.

Highlighting the success of such initiatives, Abdullah said the second Kashmir Marathon held in 2025 attracted over 3,000 participants from 27 states and 11 countries, generating significant economic activity through sponsorships and registrations.

In a bid to boost cultural tourism and creative industries, the government will organise an international film festival in 2026–27 in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation.

The Chief Minister also announced the launch of the JK Tourism mobile app, offering real-time verified information, integrated booking services and AI-based assistance to tourists.

Under the homestay policy, more than 1,900 homestays have been registered across J&K, easing accommodation shortages and providing income opportunities to local families, supported by concessional loans from J&K Bank.

Emphasising employment generation, Abdullah said a dedicated skill mission will be launched to equip youth with industry-ready skills, internships and on-the-job training. The tourism and youth affairs sector has been allocated Rs.472 crore under capital expenditure, marking a substantial increase over last year.

On cultural preservation, the Budget proposes restoration of the Mughal-era Nishat Garden, modernisation of the SPS Museum, strengthening of the public library network and establishment of new cultural centres across multiple districts, with Rs.109 crore earmarked for the culture department.

“The Budget sets the roadmap for a vibrant, resilient and inclusive tourism-driven economy in Jammu and Kashmir,” the Chief Minister said.

Jammu Metro.....

The design is ready, and we are close to taking a decision,” the Minister said, raising hopes for improved urban transport infrastructure in the region.

He also said the Railways would avoid laying spurs off the main railway line in orchard belts, particularly in apple-growing areas, in view of strong objections from farmers and concerns over damage to horticulture.

In Zero Hour, Vaishnaw highlighted the hurdles confronting railway expansion, especially in Kerala, where land acquisition and environmental clearances have significantly slowed down several projects, including the ambitious Silver Line semi-high-speed rail corridor.

“The Silver Line project has major environmental implications. Land acquisition is extremely difficult, and many important railway projects are pending because of these issues,” he said, calling on the state government to work closely with the Centre to remove bottlenecks.

The House also witnessed demands for enhanced premium train connectivity, with BJP MP Dr Medha Vishram Kulkarni pitching for the introduction of Vande Bharat Sleeper services on the busy Delhi–Pune route to cater to rising passenger demand.

In a politically charged remark on the long-stalled Angamaly–Sabarimala rail line, Vaishnaw said that the project would be expedited once the BJP assumes power in Kerala, underscoring the Centre’s push to accelerate infrastructure development across opposition-ruled states.

The statements brought renewed focus on the pace of railway modernisation, Centre–state coordination, and the challenges of executing large infrastructure projects in ecologically

sensitive and densely populated regions.

200 Units Free.....

to a question raised by Shakti Raj Parihar regarding Power sector on behalf of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The Minister stated that Doda district currently faces power cuts ranging from 3 to 6 hours daily, as per the load curtailment programme, excluding additional shedding by the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) due to overall power availability. She noted that certain areas of the district, including Prem Nagar, Dhara, Thathri, Bhatyas, Gandoh, and Bhalessa, experience extra curtailment due to system constraints such as long feeder lengths, capacity limitations, voltage issues, and technical losses.

She said that the government has launched the Amnesty Scheme for Domestic power consumers by waiving of interest/surcharge on accumulated dues, which is expiring on 31.03.2026.

The Minister added that the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is a Government of India (GoI) initiative aimed at improving the distribution infrastructure and enhancing the efficiency of the power distribution system in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. She said that PESL Limited has been engaged as Project Implementation Agency (PIA) on behalf of JPDCL in Doda district and RDSS Doda Package has been awarded to M/s Vijay Electricals by PESL on 08.09.2023.

The Minister informed that the overall physical progress of RDSS works in Doda district stood at 31% as of January-end. She added that out of 41 feeders, 15 fall under Doda West Constituency, with execution works currently underway on 13 feeders.

She said that the smart metering is under implementation in three phases in J&K viz. Phase-I and Phase-II under PMDP and Phase-III under RDSS. She added that under PMDP, a total of 6,45,738 smart meters have been installed, comprising 1,25,367 under PMDP Phase-I and 5,20,371 under PMDP Phase-II.

The Minister also informed that the process for recruitment of Junior Engineers, Tech-III, Junior Assistants and Junior Stenographers under direct recruitment quota has been initiated. She added that for vacant posts of promotion quota, concerned DPCs have been directed to fill-up these posts by conducting District Level Departmental Promotion on immediate basis.

Army Chief.....

of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army said the COAS reviewed the security environment in detail, commended the efforts of all stakeholders, and underscored the need for sustained vigilance and a people-centric approach while conducting operations.

Expressing confidence in the leadership and troops of the White Knight Corps, Gen Dwivedi said he was assured of their steadfast dedication to safeguarding peace, security, and stability in the region, even in the face of evolving security challenges. (With inputs from AGENCIES)

Railway Push....

The Minister informed the House that a survey for a Sopore–Kupwara (34 km) new line had also been sanctioned and a DPR prepared, but the project was later dropped after being found technically and economically unviable.

Vaishnaw said that after the preparation of DPRs, project sanctioning involves consultations with various stakeholders, including the State Government, and statutory approvals from agencies such as NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Finance. “As project approvals are a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines for sanction cannot be fixed,” he said.

Highlighting the transformative role of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), the Minister said the 272-km-long all-weather rail corridor, recently commissioned, has revolutionised connectivity across key districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Srinagar, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla.

He said the mega project has generated over five crore man-days of employment, providing a major boost to livelihoods in the region. In addition, the construction of more than 215 km of approach roads, including a tunnel and 320 small bridges, has significantly improved access to remote areas and strengthened local socio-economic conditions.

“With seamless rail connectivity of the Kashmir Valley to the national railway network, tourism is expected to receive a major boost, besides facilitating trade, investment and overall development,” Vaishnaw told the House.

The proposed new projects, once sanctioned, are expected to further consolidate Jammu and Kashmir’s integration with the national transport grid and accelerate growth in the strategically important border belt. (With inputs from AGENCIES)

Nine-Month.....

Bhat in the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister said that Doodpathri, Tosamaidan and Yousmarg, internationally known tourist hubs, have remained shut for nearly nine months due to security considerations,

severely affecting the livelihoods of local communities.

Holding the Tourism portfolio, Omar Abdullah said the prolonged shutdown has hit the local economy hard, impacting ATV operators, transporters, pony-walas, guides, stall owners and small vendors, many of whom rely entirely on tourism for survival.

“The closure has also caused deep distress among local youth, particularly those who had availed loans from financial institutions to establish tourism-related ventures. The government is examining the possibility of a relief package to support those affected,” he told the House.

The Chief Minister said he would personally take up the reopening of these destinations with the Union Home Minister, who is presently visiting Jammu and Kashmir, while clarifying that the decision involves security assessments beyond the immediate jurisdiction of the Tourism Department.

He informed the Assembly that a DO letter from the MLA Khansahib regarding the matter has already been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner Budgam for necessary action.

Omar Abdullah further said that the Snow Skating Games at Doodpathri had to be cancelled following an unfortunate incident at Pahalgam and the restrictions imposed thereafter by the district administration.

On the proposed ropeway at Tosamaidan, the Chief Minister said that the Gondola/Ropeway project has been cleared in principle under the Parvatmala Scheme through National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), offering fresh hope for long-term tourism revival in the region.

Sub-Zero Nights.....

On February 9, light rain or snow may occur at isolated higher altitudes during the night hours. This will be followed by generally cloudy conditions on February 10, with a chance of light rain or snow accompanied by gusty winds at many places.

The weather on February 11 is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy, with light rain or snow possible at scattered locations. Thereafter, February 12 and 13 are forecast to remain dry.

Cloud cover is likely to increase again on February 14, with a possibility of light snowfall at isolated higher reaches, while February 15 and 16 are expected to remain partly to generally cloudy without any significant precipitation.

“Overall no major rain or snow forecast over the entire J&K till February 16,” MeT said. Meanwhile, night temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir continued to remain below normal, with all weather stations in the Valley recording sub-zero minimums

According to MeT, minimum night temperatures stayed 1–2 degrees Celsius below normal at many places in the Kashmir division, while scattered locations in the Jammu division also recorded temperatures 1–2 degrees below average.

In Kashmir, the hill resort of Sonamarg in Gandharb district emerged as the coldest place, recording a minimum temperature of minus 8.3 degrees Celsius. Another popular resort, Pahalgam in Anantnag

district, registered a low of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius, while the ski resort of Gulmarg recorded minus 7.8 degrees Celsius.

Srinagar city also remained under the grip of cold, with the minimum temperature settling at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

In the Jammu division, Bhatnagar emerged as the coldest place with a minimum temperature of minus 1.5 degrees Celsius. (Agencies)

Dairy sector a.....

Development Project of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), the government has adopted a mission-mode approach to enhance the milk productivity and overall production, with the objective of ensuring higher farm incomes, improved profitability and sustainable livelihoods for dairy farmers.

He informed that Jammu and Kashmir currently produces around 30 lakh metric tonnes of milk annually and the government has set an ambitious target to increase this making to 43 lakh metric tonnes by 2030, thereby bridging the demand–supply gap and positioning the Union Territory as a net milk exporter.

Highlighting a historic milestone, the Minister announced that for the first time ever, the UT government has imported elite breeding bull calves from the United States of America to accelerate genetic upgradation of the bovine population through large-scale Artificial Insemination (AI).

“Sofar, 35 high genetic merit bull calves have been imported while five more are currently under quarantine in the USA. After completing mandatory quarantine at the Animal Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, 23 bull calves reached Jammu and Kashmir yesterday while the remaining 12 are in transit,” he said.

Out of the imported bull calves, 18 have been allotted to the Semen Station, Hakkal (Jammu) and 17 to the Semen Station, Ranbirbagh (Kashmir), significantly strengthening the semen production capacity across both the regions. These bull calves belong to the top one percent of global genetic merit, selected through rigorous scientific evaluation.

The Minister said that during their productive breeding life of about eight years, these elite bulls are expected to generate around 1.2 crore semen doses, leading to the birth of nearly 15 lakh high-yielding dairy cows across the Union Territory.

Describing the initiative as a game-changer, he said it will substantially boost the milk productivity, enhance farmer incomes, create large-scale employment in dairy farming and processing besides firmly placing Jammu and Kashmir on the path of becoming a net exporter of dairy products in the coming years.

He added that the Government of India is closely monitoring and appreciating the proactive efforts of the J&K government in making strategic investments in agriculture and allied sectors, reflecting a shared commitment to farmer welfare, rural prosperity and sustainable economic growth.

Among those present during the visit were Managing Director HADP Sandeep Kumar, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Samba and other senior officials of the department.

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DC Budgam oversees arrangements for upcoming Maha Shivratri Festival

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BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 06: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, today conducted a meeting to review the arrangements being made for the ensuing festival of Maha Shivratri-celebrated annually.

The festival having great religious and cultural significance is scheduled to be celebrated on February 15 and is celebrated by the faith followers specially by the Kashmiri Pandit community with great zeal and enthusiasm.

While taking review, the DC directed concerned departments to ensure all basic arrangements are put in place for the devotees of the migrant colony Sheikhpora Budgam.

The DC instructed for ensuring hassle-free traffic movement for the devotees to the adjoining city areas, besides adequate facilities at the designated place for parking of the vehicles. He also directed for ensuring uninterrupted supply of electricity, besides illumination of the temple inside premises.

He directed executive engineer Jal Shakti Budgam to ensure adequate drinking water facility is available at the venue so that devotees may not face any inconvenience.

The DC also directed the Health Department to deploy a Medical



team at the venue with the availability of all

medicines and first aid facilities. He asked for the stationing of an

ambulance with an oxygen support system to handle any medical

emergency.

He directed department of floriculture to ensure availability of sufficient quantities of flowers at the colony. AD FCS&CA was directed to ensure availability of sufficient food grains there and AD fisheries was instructed to install stalls of fish, walnut, almonds, lotus stem, saffron, honey, etc inside the Premises of the sheikhpora colony.

He also stressed on maintaining proper sanitation at the Temple premises and at the entire colony before, during and after the ensuing holy festival and directed MC Budgam for the same. The BDOs were directed to ensure cleanliness and sanitation of the temples falling in rural areas.

While concerned police authorities were asked to take all measures to ensure adequate security arrangements in and around the Colony.

The DC directed the officers of all line departments to ensure all necessary arrangements required for smooth celebration of this pious occasion of the Maha-Shivratri are put in place on time.

Besides CPO Budgam, CMO, Assistant commissioner Food safety, AD food, AD fisheries, Executive Engineers of KPDCL, PHE, representatives of all other concerned departments were present in the meeting.

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Seed Multiplication Farm Padgampora to assess ongoing activities

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 06: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, today visited the Seed Multiplication Farm at Padgampora, Pulwama, to assess ongoing activities and review the progress of seed production initiatives.



During the visit, the Director specifically inspected the Section Vegetables, where he evaluated the current status of vegetable seed multiplication efforts. He reviewed the overall working of the section, including field operations, crop management practices, and preparations for quality seed production to meet the region's agricultural requirements.

The Director emphasized the critical role of departmental seed multiplication farms in achieving self-reliance in quality seeds for various crops, particularly in the vegetable sector, to support farmers and enhance agricultural productivity in Kashmir.

Seed Production Officer, Kashmir, Mir Ajaz Hassan, briefed the Director on the technical aspects and ongoing interventions in the vegetable seed production program. Farm Manager, Padgampora, Mohammad Munaf Bhat, was also present on the occasion and provided detailed insights into farm management, infrastructure, and day-to-day operations.

The Director interacted with field staff and officers, directing them to adopt modern scientific practices and work in a mission mode to ensure timely availability of certified seeds to the farming community. He reiterated the department's commitment to upgrading seed multiplication farms and strengthening post-harvest management for better outcomes.

This visit underscores the Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir's continued focus on strengthening seed infrastructure and promoting sustainable agriculture practices across the valley.

Two Day Training Programme for Krishi Udyamis concludes at KVK Bandipora-1

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BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 06: The two day training programme for Krishi Udyamis of Bandipora district, organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra KVK Bandipora-1 in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Bandipora, concluded successfully today. The programme focused on strengthening agri entrepreneurial skills and promoting scientific and sustainable agricultural practices. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Tariq Sultan, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Bandipora 1. He briefed the participants on the objectives and significance of the training programme. He highlighted the role of Krishi Udyamis in agricultural diversification, value addition, and income enhancement, and emphasized the adoption of modern technologies in agriculture and allied sectors.

Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora, Javid Iqbal Samoon addressed the participants and shared his professional experience. He highlighted various initiatives and schemes of the Department of Agriculture aimed at supporting agri entrepreneurs. He appreciated the efforts of KVK Bandipora-1 in capacity building and assured continued departmental support. Subject Matter Specialist Vegetable Science, delivered technical lectures on improved practices in vegetable cultivation and highlighted opportunities in vegetable based enterprises and allied activities.

Subject Matter Specialist Agricultural Extension, delivered technical sessions on extension approaches, government sponsored schemes, and institutional support mechanisms for Krishi Udyamis. He emphasized effective technology transfer and farmer oriented extension services.

Subject Matter Specialist Entomology, delivered a brief presentation on major insect pests, integrated pest management practices, and the importance of scientific pest management for sustainable agriculture.

Resource person from the Department of Agriculture, along with other experts from the Agriculture Department, also delivered lectures on relevant topics related to agri enterprise development and departmental support systems.

A large number of Krishi Udyamis from different areas of Bandipora district participated in the programme. The training witnessed active interaction between scientists, departmental experts, and participants. Issues related to agri enterprise development, market linkages, and adoption of improved agricultural practices were discussed in detail.

The programme concluded successfully, with participants expressing satisfaction over the knowledge gained and appreciating the initiative of Krishi Vigyan Kendra KVK Bandipora-1 in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Bandipora.

Two-Day Krishi Udyami training programme concludes at KVK Shopian

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 06: The two day Krishi Udyami Training Programme organized by the Agriculture Department, Shopian at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Shopian, concluded today with a focus on strengthening agri-entrepreneurship and enhancing farmer's income through value addition and market-oriented approaches.

The training programme was designed to equip Krishi Udyamis with practical knowledge on agri value chains, brand packaging, digital marketing strategies and business development for agri-based enterprises, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs),

start-ups and rural entrepreneurs.

Head KVK Shopian, Dr. Zaffer Ahmed Badri while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the objectives of the training programme stated that KVK is committed towards capacity building, innovation and promotion of sustainable agri-entrepreneurship in the district. He delivered a comprehensive session on scientific orchard management, sensitising Krishi Udyamis and orchardists about the need for timely and judicious use of recommended pesticides to effectively prevent scab and other orchard-related diseases. He stressed strict adherence to scientifically approved spray schedule, balanced use of agro-chemicals and

adoption of integrated disease and pest management practices to safeguard orchards from diseases.

Dr. Badri further emphasized the adoption of modern scientific technologies to improve fruit quality and ensure sustainable and profitable horticulture in the district.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, wherein participants shared feedback and were encouraged to effectively utilize available government schemes for strengthening their agri-based ventures.

Among others, the programme was attended by officers from Agriculture Department, scientists from KVK and Krishi Udyamis of the district.

District Admin Budgam hosts Day 2 of 'Naqsh-e-Meeras' at NIFT Budgam

Records enthusiastic participation from students, artisans and local community

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 06:- The second day of the three-day cultural and heritage workshop "Naqsh-e-Meeras" was today successfully conducted at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Budgam, with enthusiastic participation from students, artisans, youth and members of the local community.

The workshop, being organised by the District Administration Budgam under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-din Bhat, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and NIFT Budgam, aims to promote,

preserve and revive the rich traditional art and craft heritage of Jammu & Kashmir, while strengthening connections between younger generations and authentic handcrafted traditions.

Day 2 of the programme witnessed vibrant cultural and creative activities focused on showcasing Kashmir's indigenous crafts and artistic skills.

Multiple stalls displayed a wide range of traditional art forms including Paper Machie, Kani weaving, Sozni embroidery, Kangri making, cooper making, wood carving and other age-old crafts, attracting large footfall and appreciation from visitors.

Live demonstrations of traditional techniques were also

organised, allowing participants to closely observe and understand the intricate processes involved in heritage crafts. Activities such as yarn weaving and other traditional methods provided hands-on learning opportunities, helping bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and modern audiences.

Various creative competitions and interactive sessions were held for students and young artists, including painting, sketching and calligraphy, aimed at nurturing creativity and encouraging appreciation for cultural heritage among youth.

An exclusive art gallery continued to draw attention, featuring iconic paintings depicting old Jammu & Kashmir,

offering visitors a visual journey through the region's rich cultural, historical and artistic legacy.

Besides, guests from Indra Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Senior district officers including GM DIC Budgam Zahid Rashid, SDM Beerwah Taufeq Gazi, Chief Planning Officer Budgam Javid Ahmad Najar, along with other officers of the district administration, visited the venue and interacted with artisans, students and organisers.

Large participation was recorded from students of various schools and colleges, local youth, Self Help Groups (SHGs), traditional artisans and members of the general public, reflecting strong community engagement and

growing interest in heritage preservation and promotion of local crafts.

The ongoing workshop continues to serve as an important platform for artisan empowerment, youth engagement and promotion of indigenous crafts, while aligning with the spirit of Vocal for Local by encouraging the adoption and support of locally made, authentic handcrafted products.

The three-day workshop will conclude tomorrow with further cultural activities, exhibitions and interactive sessions aimed at strengthening sustainable livelihood opportunities for local artisans and preserving the region's rich cultural identity.

All J&K Shia Association Condemns Islamabad Imambargah Blast, Holds Protest at Zadibal

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SRINAGAR, FEB 06: All Jammu & Kashmir Shia Association today held a peaceful protest outside Imambargah Zadibal against the brutal blast at Imambargah Khadijat-ul-Kubra, Tarlai, Islamabad, Pakistan. The protesters offered special prayers for the martyrs and for the swift recovery of those injured in the attack.

The protest was led by Maulana Sheikh Zakri. Participants carried



banners appealing to the Government of India to take up the issue with the United Nations and the international community to address

and stop the systematic persecution of Shias in Pakistan.

Condemning the attack, the Association said that targeting places

of Ibadat and innocent worshippers is an act of inhumanity and against the teachings of Islam.

The Association also posted on social media:

"We strongly condemn the blast at Imambargah Khadijat-ul-Kubra, Tarlai Islamabad. Those who target places of Ibadat are enemies of humanity and Islam. May Allah's curse be upon the perpetrators. We mourn the martyrs and pray for the injured. May Allah grant sabr to the families."

SWD conducts Awareness-cum-Sensitization program for Senior Citizens at Srinagar

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 06: Social Welfare Department (SWD) Srinagar today organized an awareness-cum-sensitization programme under the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY) at the Narwara Community Hall, Eidgah, to educate senior citizens and the general public about laws, rights, entitlements and welfare services available for the elderly.

The programme aimed to create awareness about the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, various social security schemes, healthcare facilities, old age homes, legal

aid provisions and other government support mechanisms for senior citizens.

Participants were sensitized about grievance redressal mechanisms, dedicated helplines and services being provided under AVYAY, along with other centrally sponsored and UT-level schemes.

Officers from the Social Welfare Department, subject experts from IMHANS and legal background emphasized the importance of dignity, care and protection of elderly persons, while highlighting the crucial role of families and society in ensuring a safe, secure and respectful environment for senior citizens.

49 Water Supply Schemes serving 50 villages in Lolab, Machil: Jal Shakti Minister

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 06: Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, today informed the Legislative Assembly that 49 operational Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) are catering to the water requirements of 50 villages in Lolab and Machil area.

He was replying to a question raised by MLA, Qaysar Jamshaid Lone.

The Minister apprised that the water supply schemes are being regularly maintained which continue to meet the drinking water needs of the population.

The Jal Shakti Minister further stated that to address water scarcity in deficit areas, the government has established 16 new borewell/dugwell sources and 17 new spring/nallah sources under various ongoing programmes over the last three years.

He added that four more sources are currently under development, covering 22 new Water Supply Schemes (WSS) under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and UT CAPEX. Out of these, 12 schemes are already operational, while the remaining are at various stages of implementation.

He added that upon completion, these schemes will substantially strengthen the water supply



infrastructure and ensure sustainable access to safe drinking water as per the prescribed standards (55 LPCD).

The Minister further said that the department is taking necessary

measures to address the drinking water shortage areas through tanker service, whenever and wherever needed.

Legislators Qaysar Jamshaid

Lone, Saifullah Mir and Javid Hassan Baig raised supplementaries on the question.

Qaysar Jamshaid Lone highlighted that significant improvements have been achieved due to the timely intervention of the Minister but stressed that the existing network requires urgent upgradation to meet the growing demands.

Responding to the concerns, Javed Ahmed Rana acknowledged that challenges persist and noted that the situation has been further compounded by drought conditions and other natural disasters. He thanked the Chief Minister for his continued support and stated that efforts are underway to address the constraints.

The Minister further assured that issues faced by the rural and hilly areas would be examined on priority, with necessary directions to be issued accordingly.

The Minister also said that directions have been issued to the concerned officers for timely utilization of resources so that sanctioned funds are not surrendered. He emphasized that Legislators who raised the supplementaries, must actively monitor the implementation of works to ensure timely and effective execution.

DC Bandipora holds Public Darbar at Sumbal

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BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 06: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Friday convened a special public darbar at Dak Bungalow, Sumbal, with participation from delegations representing Sonawari, members of the Trade Federation, civil society representatives, PRI members, social activists, and officers from various line departments.

During the public darbar, the Deputy Commissioner patiently listened to the grievances and concerns raised by various delegations and assured them of timely redressal in coordination with the concerned departments.

On the occasion, she also urged the public, PRI members, and representatives of various delegations to actively participate and extend cooperation in strengthening waste management initiatives, emphasizing shared responsibility in maintaining cleanliness and environmental hygiene.

Representatives from Civil Society Sonawari, Tehsil Coordination Committee Hajin, PRI members from different blocks of Sumbal Sub-Division, Municipal Committee Hajin, Municipal Committee Sumbal corporators, and delegations from Nowgam, Ganastan, Naidkhai Block, and Sumbal Block raised issues related to development works, civic amenities, and basic public services, including concerns pertaining to local connectivity and access, particularly for residents of Sumbal town.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to take immediate action on genuine issues and emphasized the need for strengthening inter-



departmental coordination to ensure effective public service delivery. She reiterated the district administration's commitment to addressing public concerns at the grassroots level through such outreach initiatives.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Transit Accommodation at Odina, Sumbal, where she interacted with migrant employees residing at the facility and reviewed the available amenities to ensure adequate standards of safety, convenience, and welfare. She also took stock of the arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming Maha Shivratri festival at Odina.

The Deputy Commissioner sought feedback from the migrant employees and assured them that all genuine issues would be addressed promptly, reiterating the administration's commitment towards their well-being.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal and other senior sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

Urs of Hazrat Syed Usman (RA) and Other Sadat-e-Kiram Observed in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, FEB 6: The Urs of Hazrat Syed Usman (Rahmatullah Alaih) along with other revered Sadat-e-Kiram was observed today with great devotion and reverence at the blessed shrine located at Nehru Park, Srinagar, Kashmir.

The day-long religious gathering witnessed the recitation of Khatmaat Mozamaat, Mawlood Shareef & Awrad-e-Fatah, presented by Maulana Showkat Hussain Keng Sahib and Mohammad Ashraf Inayati



Sahib, who were both present on the occasion. Devotees participated in the spiritual proceedings, offering prayers and seeking blessings.

Atif Hameed and Mubashir Yousuf, Khadims of the Ziyarat, made special arrangements for the devotees and facilitated the smooth conduct of the religious rituals.

On the occasion, Maulana Showkat Hussain Keng Sahib delivered a message highlighting the teachings of the Awliya Allah, emphasizing peace, unity, love, and devotion to Almighty Allah. He urged people, especially the youth, to follow the path of righteousness, humility, and service to humanity as exemplified by the great saints.

The Urs concluded with collective prayers for peace, harmony, and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir and the entire nation.

DC Budgam chairs Road Safety Committee meeting

Stresses Black Spot Rectification and Emergency Response

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BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 6: Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee at the Conference Hall Budgam to review the status of road safety measures and enforcement of traffic regulations across the district.

The meeting focused on strengthening coordinated efforts to minimise road accidents and ensure safer travel for the public.

During the meeting, the DC emphasised the urgent need for strict and effective implementation of all road safety regulations in letter and spirit. He called upon all concerned departments to reinforce road safety mechanisms, identify and rectify accident-prone black spots, improve road infrastructure, and intensify enforcement of traffic rules to reduce violations and enhance overall road discipline.

The DC reviewed the district's road safety framework in line with the directions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) and the provisions of the J&K Road Safety Council Act, 2018. He highlighted that the district is

aligned with the national vision to achieve a 50 percent reduction in road accidents and fatalities by 2030, and stressed the need to focus on the 4 Es of Road Safety that are Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Care.

On the engineering front, the DC directed departments to prioritise black spot identification and rectification, improve road geometry, install adequate signage, road markings, crash barriers, rumble strips, pedestrian crossings, footpaths and traffic calming measures to address local risk factors and improve road user safety.

On enforcement, he called for strengthened monitoring and strict action against over-speeding, drunk driving, non-use of helmets and seatbelts, overloading and violations of lane discipline.

He stressed close coordination among Traffic Police, Transport Department and other enforcement agencies to ensure consistent compliance.

Emphasizing education and awareness, the DC directed that road safety awareness programmes be organised in schools, colleges and other institutions, and that print, electronic and social media



be effectively utilised to promote safe and responsible road usage, especially among youth, elderly and specially-abled persons.

While discussing traffic and safety measures concerning the ongoing Ring Road construction, the DC issued firm directions to ensure complete compliance. He instructed that all entry and exit points leading to the under-construction Ring Road shall remain closed for public movement and commercial vehicular traffic,

DC Kupwara reviews Public Grievances Redressal

Emphasis Quality and Time-Bound disposal

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KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 06: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara chaired a comprehensive review meeting today to assess the status of public grievances redressal handled by Revenue officers.

During the meeting, the DC examined the tehsil-wise status of grievances registered on the JK-SAMADHAN Portal. Concerned Tehsildars presented detailed updates on the action taken against various revenue-related grievances.

The DC laid special emphasis on the quality of grievance disposal and issued firm directives to all Tehsildars for ensuring time-bound redressal of all complaints. He further instructed Tehsildars to enforce accountability on field functionaries for any delays observed without justifiable cause in the redressal process.

The DC also underscored the need for intensified awareness campaigns and enhanced citizen registrations on the JK-SAMADHAN Portal, aimed at facilitating seamless grievance registration for the general public.

In addition, the meeting deliberated on pendencies under



the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), redressal of migrant-specific grievances, alongside progress in digitization initiatives and implementation of the SVAMITVA scheme.

The meeting was attended by

the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Mufti Fareed-ud-Din; Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kupwara and all Tehsildars.

DC Bandipora Inaugurates Vaccination Drive for Haj Pilgrims

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BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 06: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Friday inaugurated a vaccination drive for Haj pilgrims of the district at Old District Hospital Bandipora. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the pilgrims and highlighted the importance of timely vaccination and strict adherence to all required protocols. She



urged the pilgrims to complete all necessary formalities well in advance to avoid any inconvenience during the pilgrimage. She said the vaccination drive aims to ensure the health and safety of pilgrims undertaking the sacred journey, adding that the District Administration has put in place all necessary arrangements to facilitate the smooth conduct of the vaccination process at designated centres across the district. Among others, CMO Bandipora Dr. Nisar Ahmad, and other concerned officials were present on the occasion.

HT EDITORIAL

Take practical steps and fill posts in health sector

The successive governments in Jammu & Kashmir have claimed that the health sector is one of the pivotal sectors and the sector is always on the priority list of the government. There is no denying in this claim but at the same time the claim has to be substantiated by actions on the ground. On this front the governments have failed and the action has not been up to the expected lines of the people.

Few days back the legislative assembly that is in session at Jammu was told that there is a severe shortage of manpower in the health department. Thousands of posts at different levels are vacant in the health department and the delay in filling up these positions is impacting the overall healthcare across the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. It is imperative that the government acts tough in this regard and takes practical steps to fill the vacant posts at the earliest.

It must be kept in mind that for running the health services in an able and professional manner all the necessary positions are filled in a particular health centre or a hospital. All the medical professionals should be available at the health centres and absence of a single post would disturb the overall balance of the system. This means that the government has to pull up its socks and fill the vacant positions of doctors, para-medicals, technicians and other posts.

It has been observed that there are scores of health institutions in the government sector where there is shortage of doctors. At the same time there are many others where there is shortage of para-medical staff and trained staff like technicians or technologists. The irony is that the sanitation staff that is very important in a health institution is appointed on stop gap arrangement or through contract. It is imperative that the sanitation staff is appointed on a permanent basis so that there is no compromise on the hygiene and sanitation of a hospital or any other health institution.

Once the sanitation staff is appointed on a full time basis there would be better accountability of the system. Nobody from the sanitation staff would come out with an excuse once they are held accountable for dereliction of duties in any health institute. As on date this type of staff is hijacking the system with the overall sanitation of the hospitals getting compromised.

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Residential Houses Should Be Built as per Climatic Conditions

Houses in Kashmir Need More Modifications



■ SAHIL MANZOOR BHATTI

The Kashmir Valley is unique in the world, and every corner of it has preserved different cultures for centuries. This valley is blessed by Almighty Allah with countless blessings, and every part of Kashmir holds great importance. The waterfalls, water springs, and green, carpet-like grass attract everyone.

One of the great poets beautifully described the Kashmir Valley: "If there is paradise on earth, it is this, it is this, it is this."

The sky-touching lofty mountains appear completely white during peak winter when snowfall blankets their shoulders. These mountains attract nature lovers and reflect the divine power of Almighty Allah.

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah (SWT) says that every sign in the universe from giant bodies to microscopic organisms is a symbol for those who have strong faith in Allah and believe in the Day of Judgement.

In this article, I want to share my views on how the construction of houses in the Kashmir Valley is not suitable for our climatic conditions. For the last couple of decades, people



have preferred constructing "Sheesh Mahal"-type houses with large windows and big glass panels. Kashmir experiences four seasons, and we have scorching heat only for about two months from mid-June to mid-August mainly in cities. In remote villages near forests, people still use earthen fire pots (pots used to keep fire for heating).

Why Do We Follow Trends?

Unfortunately, we follow trends instead of understanding the climatic needs of our region. Kashmir lies in the extreme northern part of the country, so we experience harsh winters. Our houses should be designed in such a way that everyone feels comfortable in all seasons.

Sheesh Mahal style houses are not suitable for a healthy lifestyle in Kashmir.

First of all, the government should design building guidelines based on climate. There must be a full-fledged architectural department. No construction should take place without prior permission from the authorities because many people lack awareness about structural safety. Due to ignoring engineering techniques, houses often collapse during harsh weather.

How Construction Usually Happens in Kashmir

People in Kashmir usually follow a simple trend: when constructing a house, we look at someone else's home, get excited, and start building

on the same pattern. We do not even consult an engineer, nor do we ask whether a design is suitable for our land or climate.

Recently, I met a friend who is planning to build a house. His idea was lengthy and lacked experience. I advised him to consult an engineer who could suggest the right design based on the area. But he replied, "Oh dear, I have a mason who is more experienced than any engineer. Why should I give money to an engineer for no reason?"

This mindset is dangerous and leads to unsafe houses.

What Type of Houses Should Be Built in Kashmir

I believe Hammams should be mandatory, especially for elderly people who suffer during harsh winters and are more vulnerable to viral infections, common cold, and cough.

There should be rooms specially designed for winter with fewer windows, no cement layer on the walls, mud layering instead, and wooden panelling in the kitchen and rooms meant for elderly persons.

We must take care of our elders because they have played a vital role in our lives. Whatever we are today is because of them. Their comfort should be our priority. We should also keep ample space inside the house so that children can play indoors and remain healthy during winter.

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Greatest battles fought by Indian army



■ M S NAZKI

This is a tribute to 4th Grenadiers! The best defensive battle ever to be fought by Indian army and it is compared to the Battle of Kursk!

The region were the flat plains of Punjab, Khem Karan sector!

But first the theme of the battle: Watan walo watan na bech dena, Ke dharti yeh gagan na bech dena, Shaheedon ne jaan di hain watan ke vaaste, Shaheedon ke kafan na bech dena, Doston saathiyon hum chale, De chale apna dil apni jaan Taake jeeta rahe apna Hindustan!

Historical facts: The Battle of Kursk, also called the Battle of the Kursk Salient, was a major World War II Eastern Front battle between the forces of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union near Kursk in southwestern Russia during the summer of 1943, resulting in a Soviet victory. The Battle of Kursk is the single largest battle in the history of warfare.

It ranks only behind the Battle of Stalingrad several months earlier as the most often-cited turning point in the European theatre of the war. It was one of the costliest battles of the Second World War, the single deadliest armoured battle in history, the largest tank battle in history, and the opening day of the battle, 5 July, was the single costliest day in the history of aerial warfare in terms of aircraft shot down.

The battle was further marked by fierce house-to-house fighting and hand-to-hand combat.

The battle began with the launch of the German offensive Operation Citadel (German: Unternehmen Zitadelle), on 5 July, which had the objective of pinching off the Kursk salient with attacks on the base of the salient from north and south simultaneously. After the German offensive stalled on the northern side of the salient, on 12 July, the Soviets commenced their Kursk Strategic Offensive Operation with the launch of Operation Kutuzov (Russian:) against the rear of the German forces on the same side.

On the southern side, the Soviets also launched powerful counterattacks the same day, one of which led to a large armoured clash, the Battle of Prokhorovka. On 3 August, the Soviets began the second phase of the Kursk Strategic Offensive Operation with the launch of the Belgorod–Kharkov offensive operation (Operation Polkovodets Rumyantsev,) against the German forces on the southern side of

the salient.

The Germans hoped to weaken the Soviet offensive potential for the summer of 1943, by cutting off and enveloping the forces that they anticipated would be in the Kursk salient. Hitler believed that a victory here would reassert German strength and improve his prestige with his allies, who he thought were considering withdrawing from the war.

It was also hoped that large numbers of Soviet prisoners would be captured to be used as slave labour in the German armaments industry. The Soviet government had foreknowledge of the German plans from the Lucy spy ring. Aware months in advance that the attack would fall on the neck of the Kursk salient, the Soviets built a defence in depth designed to wear down the German armoured spearhead.

The Germans delayed the offensive while they tried to build up their forces and waited for new weapons, giving the Red Army time to construct a series of deep defensive belts and establish a large reserve force for counter-offensives, with one German officer describing Kursk as "another Verdun".

The battle was the final strategic offensive that the Germans were able to launch on the Eastern Front. Because the Allied invasion of Sicily began during the battle, Adolf Hitler was forced to divert troops training in France to meet the Allied threat in the Mediterranean, rather than using them as a strategic reserve for the Eastern Front.

As a result, Hitler cancelled the offensive at Kursk after only a week, in part to divert forces to Italy. Germany's heavy losses of men and tanks ensured that the victorious Soviet Red Army held a strategic initiative for the rest of the war.

Battle of Asal Uttar:

The Battle of Asal Uttar (8–10 September 1965) was a decisive Indian victory in the 1965 Indo-Pakistani War, fought near Khem Karan in Punjab. Indian forces, led by the 4 Mountain Division, halted a major Pakistani armored thrust using a "horseshoe" defensive, destroying or capturing over 100 Patton tanks, turning the area into a "Patton Nagar" (Graveyard).

Context: Pakistan's 1st Armoured Division aimed to capture Punjab by taking Khem Karan and breaking through to the Beas River.

Strategy: Indian forces, under Maj. Gen. Gurbaksh Singh, fell back to a, forming a horseshoe-shaped defensive position. They flooded the sugarcane fields at night, making the ground unsuitable for Pakistani tanks.

Key Heroism: Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid (4 Grenadiers) destroyed multiple enemy tanks with a recoilless gun, earning the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest gallantry award.

Outcome: The Pakistani 1st Armoured Division was severely crippled, losing over 97 tanks, which halted their offensive and turned the tide of the 1965 war in India's favor.

Significance: It is considered one of the largest

tank battles since World War II.

The battle is commemorated annually, and its success is a pivotal part of Indian military history.

The Battle of Asal Uttar (8–10 September 1965) was a decisive Indian victory during the Indo-Pakistani War, where Indian forces destroyed over 100 Pakistani Patton tanks in Punjab's Khem Karan sector. Indian troops trapped the Pakistani 1st Armoured Division by flooding sugarcane fields, creating a "Patton Nagar" (graveyard of tanks).

The Attack: Pakistan's 1st Armoured Division and 11 Infantry Division launched a major offensive, capturing the Indian town of Khem Karan.

Indian Strategy: GOC 4 Mountain Division ordered a tactical fall-back to create a "Horse Shoe" shaped defensive position around Asal Uttar.

The Trap: Indian troops breached the Rohi Nallah (canal) at night, flooding fields and turning them into swampy traps for the advancing Pakistani M-47 and M-48 Patton tanks.

Outcome: The Pakistani armor was severely crippled, stopping their advance towards Punjab and shifting the war in India's favor. Dushmano se milo dushmano ki tarah, Jeena kya marna kya buzdilon ki tarah, Keh raha yeh watan yeh zameen aasmaan, Maaon ne apne bete diye, Naujawan soch kar aur kya, Taake jeeta rahe apna Hindustan!

Indian defensive ops at Asal Uttar

The Battle of Asal Uttar (September 8–10, 1965) was a decisive Indian defensive victory during the Indo-Pakistani War, halting Pakistan's 1st Armoured Division advance in Punjab. Indian forces used a "horseshoe" defensive, flooding sugarcane fields to trap superior Pakistani M-48 Patton tanks. Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra for destroying seven tanks.

Key Aspects of the Battle: Location: Near Khem Karan, Tarn Taran district, Punjab.

Strategy: The Indian 4th Mountain Division, under GOC Major General Gurbaksh Singh, fell back to create a 'Horse Shoe' shaped defensive position near Asal Uttar.

Terrain Manipulation: Indian troops breached the Rohi Nala canal to flood the area, creating muddy conditions that bogged down Pakistani tanks, reducing their mobility.

Key Units: 18 Rajputana Rifles, 1/9 Gorkha Rifles, 4 Grenadiers, 9 JAK Rifles, 9 Deccan Horse, and 3 Cavalry.

Outcome: Over 100 Pakistani tanks (mostly Pattons) were destroyed or captured, creating "Patton Nagar" (City of Pattons). The battle is often compared to the Battle of Kursk in World War II.

Bravery of Abdul Hamid:

Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid PVC (1 July 1933 – 10 September 1965), was an Indian soldier. He was posthumously given India's highest military decoration, the Param Vir Chakra, for his actions during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.

India's Relation with Europe: Literature and Culture



■ DR. RATAN BHATTACHARJEE

The treaty between India and European Union is signed and it is being branded now as 'Master of all the deals'. The relationship between India and Europe has always been more than a matter of trade, diplomacy, or political encounters. It is a relationship woven through centuries of contact, conflict, curiosity, admiration, and continuous cultural exchange. Literature and culture have served as the two most enduring bridges across which ideas, aesthetics, philosophies, and intellectual sensibilities have travelled between the two regions. Whether through classical encounters in antiquity, the age of exploration, the colonial period, or the modern globalised era, India and Europe have shaped each other's literary imagination in ways far deeper than conventional historical narratives often acknowledge. The story of India–Europe relations is, therefore, a story of reciprocal influence—sometimes harmonious, sometimes fraught, often hybrid, but always dynamic.

The earliest traces of this relationship can be found in antiquity when Greek travellers such as Megasthenes tried to understand the vast and complex land they called "Indika." Though limited by their own frameworks, these early European observers were nonetheless struck by India's philosophical depth, its ascetic ideals, and its social structures. This set the foundation for a long-standing European fascination with Indian thought. Centuries later, the Enlightenment in Europe rediscovered India in a new way. German thinkers like Herder and Schopenhauer saw in Indian texts—particularly the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita—an alternative wisdom that challenged Western rationalism and offered a metaphysical richness absent in contemporary European thought. India became a "mirror" in which Europe examined its own spiritual aspirations and philosophical limitations. Romanticism further deepened this engagement, as poets such as Goethe, Novalis, and later W. B. Yeats found inspiration in India's spiritual and poetic traditions. India thus emerged in Europe as both a real and symbolic space—a land of ancient wisdom, lyrical beauty, and metaphysical depth.

Yet this literary admiration existed

alongside colonial realities that complicated the dynamics of cultural exchange. The Orientalist scholars of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries—William Jones, Max Müller, and others—played a decisive role in recovering and translating India's ancient texts. Their works introduced Sanskrit literature to Europe, giving the Western world the first systematic access to the Vedas, epics, and classical poetry. While orientalism has rightfully been critiqued for its condescension, essentialism, and complicity with colonial power, it remains undeniable that these translations profoundly changed the landscape of European intellectual life. Schlegel's romantic philology, Nietzsche's re-evaluation of morality, Emerson's transcendentalism, and even the modernist experiments of T. S. Eliot—all were influenced, directly or indirectly, by encounters with Indian literary and philosophical traditions.

Colonialism created an asymmetrical relationship, yet it also became the medium through which Indian writers encountered modern European literary forms. Raja Rammohan Roy absorbed the rationalist ethos of the British Enlightenment even as he worked to reinterpret Indian texts through modern frameworks. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay blended the novelistic form—imported from England—with indigenous narrative modes to produce works that spoke to a changing Indian consciousness. The rich bilingual world of colonial India fostered writers who navigated multiple identities: Rabindranath Tagore, the first non-European Nobel laureate in literature, stands as the most striking embodiment of this encounter. His poetry and prose absorbed the rhythms of Bengali tradition while engaging deeply with European Romantic and Symbolist aesthetics. His relationship with Yeats, his influence on European musicologists, and the philosophical resonance of Gitanjali across the West testifies to how Indian literature offered Europe a new vocabulary of universality, spirituality, and lyricism.

In the twentieth century, as colonialism waned and India emerged as an independent nation, the relationship between Indian and European literatures assumed a new dimension—one marked less by hierarchy and more by dialogue, critique, and collaboration. Writers of the postcolonial era such as Mulk Raj Anand, R. K. Narayan, and later Salman Rushdie crafted narratives that explored the hybridities, fragmentations, and resistances born out of colonial history. Europe, no longer a distant ideal or a colonial authority, became a space of migration, exile, intellectual debate, and creative self-fashioning. Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*, influenced by

Latin American and European magical realism, revolutionised postcolonial narrative structures while interrogating the legacies of colonialism. Similarly, Amitav Ghosh's historical novels trace the entangled destinies of Indians and Europeans across oceans, trading routes, and plantation societies—revealing how the histories of both continents are inseparable.

The relationship is equally evident in the reverse direction—European literature too found renewed life in India. Shakespeare has become almost an Indian classical playwright, translated and adapted across languages and theatre traditions. The works of Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Kafka, and Camus entered Indian intellectual life through translations, shaping modernist movements in Bengali, Malayalam, Hindi, and Marathi literatures. The Progressive Writers' Movement across Urdu and Hindi was deeply influenced by European socialist and humanist thought. Modern Indian drama, especially in the twentieth century, was reshaped by Brechtian techniques, existentialist questions, and the psychological realism of European theatre. Indian poets such as Jibanananda Das, A. K. Ramanujan, and Arun Kolatkar engaged European modernism with an originality that created new forms of poetic expression—forms that were fully Indian yet unmistakably global.

Cultural exchanges between India and Europe have not been limited to literature alone; they permeate music, art, philosophy, cinema, and education. The arrival of European art schools in colonial India transformed aesthetic practices, leading to a synthesis of Western techniques and indigenous themes. The Bengal School of Art, led by Abanindranath Tagore and later Nandalal Bose, attempted to reclaim Indian artistic identity while simultaneously engaging with Japanese and European styles. In cinema, Satyajit Ray's works—steeped in Bengali literary traditions but influenced by Italian neorealism and French humanist cinema—captured European admiration and redefined world cinema. Likewise, European filmmakers and philosophers increasingly looked towards India for narrative inspiration, spiritual motifs, and philosophical grounding.

Indian performing arts, especially classical dance and music, also travelled extensively through Europe. From Uday Shankar's dance productions in the 1930s to the global tours of Bharatanatyam, Kathakali, and Hindustani classical musicians, Europe became a major stage for the Indian cultural renaissance. These performances not only introduced Indian aesthetics to new audiences but also influenced European musicians and composers who

experimented with Indian ragas, rhythms, and spiritual motifs. Ravi Shankar's collaborations with European and American artists transformed global music culture, illustrating how artistic encounters can transcend national boundaries and create new, hybrid worlds.

At the philosophical level, Europe's engagement with India continues to be marked by a persistent fascination with Indian spiritual traditions. Advaita Vedanta, Buddhism, Yoga, and various forms of meditation have profoundly impacted European intellectual and cultural life. From the Theosophists of the nineteenth century to contemporary global movements in mindfulness and wellness, India's philosophical richness remains deeply intertwined with European cultural imagination. Meanwhile, Indian intellectuals and spiritual leaders—Vivekananda, Aurobindo, Gandhi—shaped European debates on ethics, politics, freedom, and humanism. Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence directly influenced European leaders such as Martin Buber and intellectuals across the continent grappling with fascism and war.

In contemporary times, literature and culture continue to form the backbone of India–Europe relations in new and transformative ways. The Indian diaspora across the UK, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, and the Nordic countries has created a vibrant transnational literary world. Writers of Indian origin living in Europe—such as Jhumpa Lahiri (in Italy), Hari Kunzru, Anita Desai, Meena Kandasamy, and Tahmina Anam—contribute to a hybrid literary space where themes of identity, migration, language, and belonging acquire fresh dimensions. Meanwhile, European writers travel more frequently to India, participate in its literary festivals, and engage with Indian languages through translation movements that seek to bring regional Indian literature to European audiences.

Translation itself has become an important cultural bridge. Works from Malayalam, Tamil, Bengali, Assamese, and Marathi are increasingly being translated into European languages, allowing Europe to encounter India not merely through English but through the diversity of its indigenous voices. Conversely, Indian translators continue to bring European classics to millions of Indian readers, ensuring that cross-cultural conversations remain active, evolving, and mutual.

India's modern cultural diplomacy also recognises the power of literature and the arts in strengthening global relationships. European cultural centres in India—such as Goethe-Institut, Alliance Française,

Instituto Cervantes—along with India's missions in Europe promote festivals, workshops, film screenings, and artistic collaborations. These interactions foster not only mutual understanding but also a recognition that cultural exchange is one of the most enduring forms of diplomacy, often outlasting political disagreements or economic tensions.

The relationship, however, is not without its challenges. Postcolonial anxieties, debates over cultural appropriation, and differing political values sometimes shape the discourse. But literature and culture offer spaces where these tensions can be explored with sensitivity and depth. Indian writers interrogate Europe's colonial past even as European writers confront their own histories through Indian perspectives. This mutual questioning is not a sign of division but of intellectual maturity. Cultural relationships survive because they allow room for debate, criticism, and re-interpretation.

Ultimately, the literary and cultural relations between India and Europe demonstrate that civilisations meet most meaningfully not through conquest or commerce but through imagination. The dialogues between poets, philosophers, storytellers, musicians, and artists have created a shared intellectual landscape that belongs neither solely to India nor to Europe, but to a larger human tradition of creativity and inquiry. The Indian epics reimaged by European scholars, the Shakespearean tragedies transformed on Indian stages, the Rabindric songs interpreted in European conservatories, the philosophical conversations across centuries from Plato to Gandhi—these testify to a relationship that is both ancient and ever-new.

India and Europe, despite their differences in geography, history, and worldview, continue to influence each other in profound ways through literature and culture. It is a relationship that has evolved from admiration to interrogation, from hierarchical curiosity to equal partnership. In a fragmented world, such cultural bridges remain essential, reminding us that understanding across civilisations is not only possible but also enriching. The story of India and Europe is, in essence, a story of shared humanity, where literature and culture serve as the most enduring vessels of memory, imagination, and hope.

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Talk Of Every Tongue-Excel In Competitive Exam

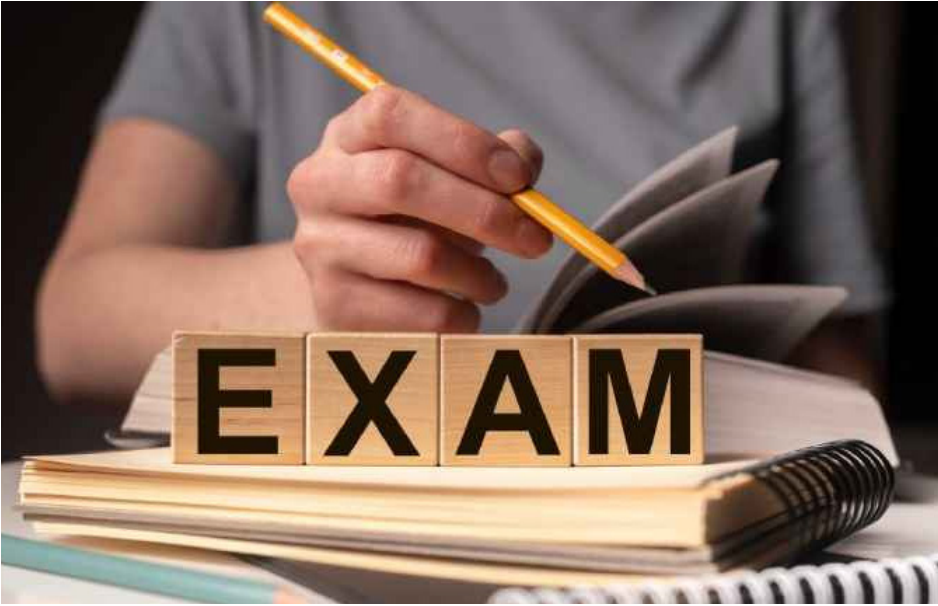


■ MOOL RAJ

The world-wide coronavirus pandemic has coerced us to adopt new ways and techniques to cope up with its adversities. Every human soul is trying his best to minimize its adverse impacts on diverse aspects of human society by creating new ways of living and performing daily routine activities which otherwise would have come to standstill due to ongoing pandemic. As it has been said necessity is the mother of all inventions, obviously we would have not been introduced to new tactics and approaches to life in the absence of this pandemic. But it is a common know fact that no new invention comes sans its side effects in the absence of its proper management and utilization, so was the case with new methods and ways of living formulated during this period. Likewise other departments, our education department shifted to new methods of teaching learning process and besides making the common masses and traditional students aware about the new mobile teaching apps, they were introduced to many new terms of online teaching. Now our traditional classroom teaching has changed to online teaching and accordingly our common student has transitioned to 'online student'.

Our 'new online student' is vastly different from 'old common student' in many aspects as he is availing the benefits of modern scientific technology in his learning process by attending online classes

through various mobile teaching applications, appearing in online examinations and finally achieving the goal of promotion from one class to another though he hasn't entered the school premises due closure of educational institutions from last two and half years. This new worldwide group of students try to attain knowledge from their teachers through electric signals flowing into their smartphones through multiple teaching applications instead of attending real classrooms. The standards of intelligence and punctuality for online students are different from those of traditional students. Among traditional students, the intelligent, punctual, bright and regular students attend their classrooms daily without any failure. They remain alert in the classroom and listen to their teachers attentively and note the important points of the lecture. Further they give satisfactory answer to the questions asked to them by their teachers. But these parameters have changed for online students. Now cunningness is preferred over intelligence. Those students who remain virtually present in online classes instead of being absent in reality are marked as punctual and brighter. Now glowing of green signal before their name on the mobile application is marked as their presence though they may be enjoying some other activities like online gaming, online chatting or video watching. Weak internet signal or malfunctioning of teaching applications is made an excuse for not being able to answer the questions and miscommunication between student and the teacher. The duty of remaining alert in the online classes is shared between the online classmates in different subjects so that other fellows may enjoy secondary activities or enjoy an unconscious slumber without any disturbance. The old traditional students were well aware about moral values and used to maintain discipline



in the classroom but our new online students have forgotten the lessons of morality and try their utmost to create mess in the online classrooms. They are totally incontinent for the teacher as the teaching learning process is virtual. Few weeks ago a video had gone viral on the social media where a group of male students was seen making strange voices in an online classroom as soon as teacher was trying to start the lecture while as a group of female students was seen singing Kashmiri folk songs in an online classroom. Despite repeated attempts by the teacher, the students were totally uncontrollable for the teacher and finally he had to end the class. Such videos are the vivid examples of modern online students creating indiscipline in the online classrooms.

When we look at the homework performance of the online students, the scene is totally different from that of traditional students. Traditional students used to com-

plete their homework individually and prepare their notes secretly so that no other student could compete with them. But our new online students are friendly with each other in this matter and just one hardworking student completes his homework and shares its images with his other mates. To the surprise of teachers, every students appears in the next online class with his readymade homework which totally lacks individuality and originality. Finally our traditional students had to work hard for appearing in the annual examinations. They had to study twenty four hours of the day to secure high marks but securing marks in the online examinations is the easiest thing for modern online students. As soon as the teacher sends link for question paper to the online students, they swiftly search for the answers in the Google and their textbooks and send back their answer scripts before the allotted time. At

this stage, some online students find themselves lucky enough as their family members are much cooperative with them in this connection and help them in searching the answers on internet and later feel proud for their collaborative success. Online copying in the examination and sharing photocopies of their answer scripts through various medias is a friendly gesture of online students towards their fellows beings.

As we all are well aware about the fact that pandemic has not ended yet and it will take a long time for the re-opening of educational institutions. So currently there is no scope for real teaching learning processes and we have to go with virtual methods. Our traditional students have to remain in the absentee mode for time being due to pandemic and we have to go with the online students. But the question arises how long our online students will make fun of online teaching learning process and when they will be serious about it? How long they will go in their life with their easy earned success? They need to take this process in a serious tune and inculcate and redevelop their moral values. Discipline and mutual interaction in online classes is must for smooth and fruitful online teaching learning process otherwise all this is going in vain. They have to awaken their consciousness and be honest with their online studies. They must bore in mind that they are cheating themselves in the long run and ruining their career by cheating in online classes and examinations. Our online students must remember that the future examinations of their lives are not as easy as their online examinations rather they have to work hard to be successful in their lives as they are living in a world where competition is talk of every tongue.

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SPECIAL INTERVIEW

Global Recognition for a Life of Healing

An exclusive interview with Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo on his honour by the World Book of Records, London

HT HEALTH DESK

Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo, a distinguished physician, academician and public health advocate, has been honoured by the World Book of Records, London, in recognition of his sustained contributions to healthcare, medical education, leadership and community service. The global acknowledgement marks a major milestone in his professional journey and places him among internationally recognised medical leaders.

In this exclusive interaction with daily Headlines Today Dr. Itoo speaks about the significance of this honour, the evolving challenges of healthcare, the importance of mentorship, and his vision for the future.

Q. Congratulations on your recognition by the World Book of Records. What was your reaction when you received the news?

Dr. Itoo: Thank you. It was an emotionally overwhelming moment. I felt a deep sense of humility, gratitude and responsibility. While personal recognition is encouraging, what mattered most was that years of sincere work in healthcare, education and public service were acknowledged at a global level. I see this honour as a reminder to remain committed to ethical and meaningful service.

Q. How would you describe your professional journey for our readers?

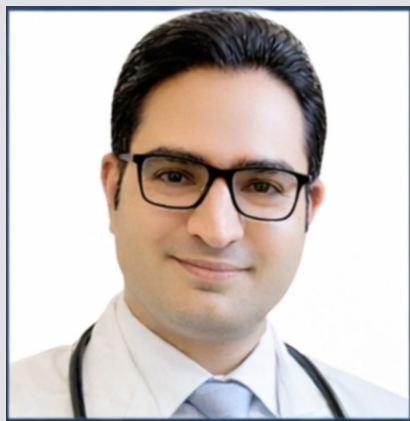
Dr. Itoo: My journey has been one of continuous learning and growth. I started as a clinician driven by curiosity and compassion. Over time, my interests expanded into public health, academics, leadership and policy engagement. I have always believed that medicine is not just about treating illness, but also about prevention, education, advocacy and building stronger healthcare systems.

Q. What factors do you believe led to this international recognition?

Dr. Itoo: I believe it reflects sustained effort rather than any single accomplishment. My work across patient care, teaching, leadership roles and community initiatives has been guided by consistency, integrity and service. Recognition naturally follows when intentions are sincere and efforts remain focused on impact rather than visibility.

Q. How important is international recognition for healthcare professionals?

Dr. Itoo: It is meaningful because it validates the universal value of one's work. It also helps amplify important healthcare messages, enabling collaboration, research partnerships and policy dialogue. However, recognition should never become the objective; the primary



focus must always remain patient care and public service.

Q. What are the key challenges facing healthcare professionals today?

Dr. Itoo: The challenges are multidimensional. We face increasing disease burden, emerging infections, workforce burnout, limited resources and growing misinformation. Addressing these requires not only clinical competence but also leadership, communication skills, emotional intelligence and a strong public health perspective.

Q. You actively engage in both clinical practice and academics. How do you manage this balance?

Dr. Itoo: I see clinical and academic roles as complementary. Clinical practice

keeps teaching grounded in reality, while academics sharpen critical thinking and innovation. Clear priorities, discipline and a strong sense of purpose help maintain this balance.

Q. Mentorship appears to be central to your professional philosophy. Why is it so important?

Dr. Itoo: Mentorship ensures continuity and growth. I have been fortunate to learn from inspiring mentors, and I consider it my responsibility to guide young doctors and students. Supporting emerging professionals helps build ethical, competent and compassionate healthcare leaders for the future.

Q. How do you view the role of interdisciplinary and international collaboration in healthcare?

Dr. Itoo: It is indispensable. No single discipline or nation can address modern healthcare challenges alone. Collaboration promotes innovation, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building, ultimately improving patient outcomes and public health systems globally.

Q. Has this recognition influenced your future goals?

Dr. Itoo: It has reinforced my commitment to service. Recognition brings responsibility, and I aim to use this platform to advocate for ethical leadership,

evidence-based healthcare policies and inclusive growth in healthcare systems.

Q. What advice would you like to give young doctors and healthcare professionals?

Dr. Itoo: Focus on purpose rather than prestige. Build strong clinical foundations, uphold ethics, remain curious, and engage with communities. Success is most meaningful when it contributes to the well-being of others.

Q. How do you personally define success at this stage of your career?

Dr. Itoo: Success means alignment between values and actions. The trust of patients, respect of colleagues, and growth of those I mentor are far more valuable than titles or awards.

Q. What does the future hold for Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo?

Dr. Itoo: Continued engagement in healthcare leadership, medical education, public health advocacy and international collaboration. There is still much to be done to strengthen healthcare systems and ensure equitable, ethical and accessible care for all.

Dr. Itoo's global recognition stands as a testament to the power of dedicated service, ethical leadership and lifelong learning values that remain central to advancing healthcare in India and beyond.

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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application ADIL HASSAN NAJAR S/O GHULAM HASSAN NAJAR R/O KALANTRA PAYEEN Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward classes in favor of self

PUBLIC NOTICE

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5...MEHJABEEN AKHTER sister in Law 36 years H/W
6...ADIL HASSAN NAJAR self 21 years student
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Government Of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KALANTRA / KREERI

Subject: Application of MOHD SHAREEF DEADER S/O SARDER MOHD for the issuance of R/O..BANDI BALA (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar and Bakerwal)in favour of SHAGUFTA BANO, IRAM JAN , MOHD IMRAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, the applicant has submitted the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of ST . In this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in village BANDI BALLA and belongs to the ST caste and GOJER DEADER community, having annual income is 107000 the details of the family of the applicant are as follows
1...MOHD SHAREEF self 51 years Labour
2.... RAFIQA BEGUM wife 48 years H/W
3....SHAGUFTA BANO daughter 25 years H/W
4...SHAHID HUSSAIN Son 15 years student
5..IRAM JAN daughter16 years //
6....MOHD IMRAN Son 12 years //

The applicant has applied for Issuance of ST (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar & Bakerwal) certificate in favour of Self.
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NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application BISMA SHABAN D/O MOHD SHABAN NAJAR R/O KALANTRA PAYEEN Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward classes in favor of self

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4..UMAR SHABAN Brother sister in Law 27 years
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Subject: Application MUSHTAQ AHMAD SOFI S/O ABDUL GANI SOFI R/O SHEIKHPORA for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of self for the issuance of RBA in his /her / their favor

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2..GULSHANA BEGUM wife 46 years H/W
3... SEERAT MUSHTAQ self applicant 16 years student
4...MOHSIN MUSHTAQ son 12 years student
5...MASROOR MUSHTAQ son 07 years student

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I have lost Registration certificate (RC) of my Vehicle ALTO K10 bearing registration number JK05N 4942.Now i am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/ She may contact ARTO Baramulla within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.
**MOHAMMAD RAMZAN MIR S/O GH RASOOL MIR
R/O KREERI BARAMULLA**

Public Notice

I, Ab Majeed Mir, S/o Ghulam Ahmad Mir, R/o Authoora Reshipora, Tehsil Kreeri, District Baramulla, ut of jk.

That my name has been inadvertently recorded in my Driving Licence as "Ab Majeed Mir."

That my correct and full name is "Abdul Majeed Mir."

That both the names "Ab Majeed Mir" and "Abdul Majeed Mir" refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself.

That I have applied before the RTO Baramulla for correction of my name in the Driving Licence from "Ab Majeed Mir" to "Abdul Majeed Mir."

If any person has any objection regarding the above said name correction, he/she may file the objection before the concerned authority within the stipulated period from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, the correction shall be treated as final.

**Abdul Majeed Mir, S/o Ghulam Ahmad Mir
R/o Authoora Reshipora
Tehsil Kreeri, District Baramulla**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of. HAFEEZA BEGUM S/O Lt BASHIR AHMAD GANAIE R/O RESHIPORA for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that BASHIR AHMAD GANIE S/O MOHD RAMZAN GANIE has passed away on 23/09/2022 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below
1.... , HAFEEZA BEGUM 67 wife ,48 widow
2.... HILAL AHMAD GANIE son 32 years labour unmarried
3....TANVEER AHMAD son 23 years Labour unmarried
4....JABEENA daughter 35 years H/W married outsatate
5...NUSRAT daughter 25 years H/W married

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate in favour of Self
If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

This is for information that I, GHULAM HASSAN MOCHI S/O ABDUL RAHIM MOCHI R/O Kalantra Payeen, bearing electricity JKPDD consumer ID Q212040002261, wish to inform that there are some corrections required in my name and address in the bill. I want to correct my details as follows:

**Current details: HASSAN SHEIKH S/O REHMAN SHEKH
R/O Kalantra Bala**

**Corrected details: GHULAM HASSAN MOCHIS/O ABDUL
RAHIM MOCHI R/O Kalantra Payeen**

If anyone has any objection to this correction, they should file their objection in the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer JKPDD Sub Division Watergam Wagoor within 7 days from the date of publication. No objections will be entertained after that.

**GHULAM HASSAN MOCHI
JKPDD Consumer ID: 0212040002261**

Public Notice

I am applying for fresh Pesticide License situated at Dangerpora sopore 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.

**TASLEEMA AKHTER , W/O....MOHD SADIQ DAR
Address.DANGERPIRA SOPORE**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoor a)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertainingto Birth of KHATEEJA BEGUM S/O MOHD SULTAN ALIE R/O WARIPORA PAYEEN Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 20/01/1998 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection.

If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.
Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoor a)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertainingto Birth of SADAF NASEER D/O NASEER AHMAD SHAH R/O PUSNAG Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 04/11/1999 and event has been shown to be occurred at HOME for issuance of delay order .In this connection .

If anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained.
Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

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6th to 10th All Subjects

11th to 12th Med/ Non Med/ Arts

S.No	Name	Qualification	Experience
01	Ishfaq Majeed Bhat	P.G. Physics	3 Years
02	Syed Irfan Bukhari	P.G. Botoney	3 Years
03	Reyaz Ahmad Mir	P.G. Chemistry	4 Years
04	Sheikh Mansoor Ahmad	P.G. Urdu; B.ed	5 Years
05	Shahid Majeed Mir	P.G. Math	3 Years
06	Bilal Ahmad Parray	P.G. Pol Science	4 Years
07	Sheikh Ab Raqeeb	P.G. English; B.ed	5 Years
08	Sumaya Akhter	P.G. Education; B.ed	5 Years

Fee Structure

6th -8th.	800/month
9th -10th.	1000/month
11th-12th.	4000/month

Contact No.7006692419

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Directorate of Family Welfare Maternal Child Health & Immunization

Barzulla Srinagar / Nagrota Jammu

Subject: Final selection list for the posts of Steno Typist, advertised vide Notification, No.02 of 2021 dated: 26-03-2021.

Notice

Whereas, this Directorate have received final Selection List of Candidates in respect of category of Steno Typist posts advertised vide Notification No. 02 of 2021 dated: 26-03-2021 by the service selection Board communicated vide No. JKSSB-Scry/11/2025-06 (E-7704003) Dated: 07-08-2025 received through Administrative Secretariat (H&ME) vide communication No: FW/14/2023-02(CC. No.7150382) Dated: 19-09-2025; and

Whereas, on the basis of said selection this office has issued notice Vide No: DFW/JK/EST/Slec/S.Typ/2025/3057-60 Dated: 24-09-2025 for selected candidates to submit credentials and mobile number for registration under EVS for verification of Character and Antecedents within the prescribed period of 10 days; and

Whereas, out of 10 (ten) selected candidates 07 (seven) candidates submitted their credentials and mobile number and the following 03 (three) candidates (Sr. No. 2, 3 and 10 of the selection list) failed to submit their credentials till date; and

S.No	Name of the Selectee(s)	Item No	Cadre of the post	Category
01	Irfan Latief Wani S/o, Mohammad Latief Wani R/o, 337, Gowherpora, Chadoora Budgam	298	District Cadre Poonch	OM
02	Arif Showkat Wani, S/o Showkat Ahmad Wani R/o 115-Rambagh Payeen Chanpora/ Natipora Srinagar.	299	District Cadre Srinagar	OM
03	Aamina Yousuf D/O. Mohammad Yousuf Dar R/o Rangeen Kultreh, Chadoora Budgam.	305	District Cadre Baramulla	OM

Whereas, this office had intimated the Administrative Department H&ME J&K vide No: DFW/JK/Est/Sel/StenoTypist/6505 Dated: 15-12-2025 for the non respond of above named candidates, and

Whereas, the Administrative Deptt. H&ME J&K in response vide No: HD-FW/ 24/2023-02 (CC-7150382) Dated: 30-01-2026 directed to issue final notice to the above mentioned candidates to submit their credentials and mobile number for verification of Character and Antecedents.

In view of above, the selected candidates mentioned above who fails to submit his / her credentials and Mobile number previously, shall now hereby again conveyed for submission of their credentials and Mobile number in this Directorate within a period of 07 (seven days) positively, failing to which, it shall be presumed that the candidates are not willing to opt for such appointment in Department of Family Welfare MCH & Immunization and shall forfeit the right of appointment without any further notice.

No: DFW/JK/EST/Slec/S.Typ/2025/9182-86

Dated: 06-02-2026

DIPK: 10685/25 | Dated: 06-02-2026

**Sd/ (Dr. Poonam Sethi)
Director Family Welfare MCH & Immuz. J&K**

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Govt allots 5 marla land to 506 families under PMAY-G across J&K, 435 others under consideration: Javid Dar

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, FEB 6 : The Government today informed the House that 506 families have been allotted 5 marla of land across J&K under PMAY-G while 435 such other cases are under consideration of the Revenue authorities. .

This was stated by Minister Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, while replying to a question raised by Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami.

The Minister added that the government has taken necessary steps for assessment and survey of landless and houseless families under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that under PMAY-Gramin Phase I (RDD), a comprehensive survey has been conducted to identify the landless and houseless families from the Permanent Waiting List (PWL), which has been fully saturated across the Union Territory.

The Minister further said that the beneficiary-wise list, including that of Kulgam district, has been finalized and land has been



allotted to the eligible beneficiaries after due verification in accordance with the scheme guidelines. He added that as per PMAY-G norms, the eligible beneficiaries are entitled to allotment of land measuring 5 marla and are

required to complete construction of their houses within one year from the date of sanction.

Regarding urban areas, the Minister informed that an assessment/survey has been undertaken by the Housing &

Urban Development Department under PMAY-Urban 2.0 to identify the landless and houseless families across Jammu & Kashmir. He added that the identified beneficiaries from the Permanent Waiting List available on the

Awaas Soft Portal have been forwarded to the concerned Deputy Commissioners for necessary verification as per the prescribed norms.

The Minister said that PMAY-Urban 2.0 does not provide for allotment of land, instead the eligible landless and houseless families are provided housing support mainly through flats under the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) vertical, subject to eligibility and availability.

Regarding construction timelines, the Minister stated that houses under the BLC vertical are typically completed within 12-18 months from the release of the first instalment, while those under the AHP vertical, constructed by implementing agencies, are usually completed within 18-24 months from the date of sanction.

The Minister assured the House that the government is committed to provide housing to the landless and houseless families in a transparent and time-bound manner. He emphasized that no eligible beneficiary will be deprived of benefits under PMAY, while due process and scheme guidelines will be strictly followed.

J&K closes 158 Stone Crushers, Hot Mix Plants for environmental violations: Javed Rana

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, FEB 6 : The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered closure of 158 Stone Crushers and Hot Mix Plants from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2026, found operating in violation of established norms.

Replying to a question raised by MLA Ajaz Ahmad Jan, Forest, Ecology & Environment Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana said that the J&K Pollution Control Committee has issued directions under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of



Pollution Act, 1974 for closure of these 158 units.

Regarding the compliance of Stone Crushers and Hot Mix plants with the established norms, he informed the House that the units are granted Consent to Establish only if they comply with the criteria and after checking of adequacy of Pollution Control Devices (PCDs) as prescribed by JK PCC under Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

He said that the directions issued by National Green Tribunal and Supreme Court of India from time to time have been complied in letter and spirit and legal action is initiated against the violators under the environmental Law.

The Minister further underlined that specific steps are being taken to protect the river ecology, prevent pollution linked to illegal mining and ensure accountability within JKPCB under environmental laws.

Javed Rana said that all river bed mining projects in Jammu & Kashmir are being mandatorily regulated through the Environmental Clearance (EC) mechanism.

The Minister stated that the Jammu & Kashmir Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA) prescribes standard and project-specific environmental conditions when granting Environmental Clearance (EC). These conditions are legally binding and aim to protect river ecology, prevent pollution and environmental degradation from mining activities and ensure accountability of project proponents and regulatory authorities, including monitoring and compliance with the environmental laws.

Javed Rana stated that Project Proponent are mandated to undert

DDC Poonch reviews progress under Capex Budget, CSS

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

POONCH, FEBRUARY 06: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the physical and financial progress of works under the District Capex Budget 2025-26, along with Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and UT Sector Schemes across the district.

The DDC conducted a detailed sector-wise review of ongoing and upcoming developmental projects. During the meeting, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) and Executive Engineer PMGSY presented detailed briefings on the physical and financial status of works approved under various heads, including PWD Roads, DDC Grants, Health, Secondary Education, NFB, Untied Funds, ULB, CDF, TSP Roads, YSS, Fisheries, Forest Protection Force, Archaeology, Education M&R and other sectors.

The DDC also reviewed progress under NABARD-Roads, Samagra, PMAAGY, BADP, NABARD-AH, Tourism, Apni Mandi Horticulture, SASCI and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan among other developmental initiatives and stressed the need for early completion of all works.

The meeting also discussed major infrastructure projects including the Mini Secretariats at Mendhar and Poonch, motorable bridges and other key works.

While accessing the status of roads, bridges and other developmental works, the DDC reviewed completion timelines, tendering status and conducted a division-wise assessment of projects under PWD (R&B) and PMGSY.

He stressed on the importance of enhancing expenditure, expediting implementation and ensuring completion of all projects within stipulated timelines. He also directed concerned departments to accelerate the pace of execution and closely monitor progress.

The meeting was attended by CPO Shama Un Ahmed, SE PWD (R&B), Mehmood Ahmed, DFO (Territorial), Muneshtaq Ahmed, Executive Engineer PMGSY Poonch, Mendhar & Surankote, CEO Mukhtar Ahmed Manhas, CMO, Dr. Parvaiz Ahmed Khan, DYSSO Mohd. Qasim, CEO Municipality Poonch Khalil Ahmed Bandy, EO Municipality Surankote and other concerned officers.

DC listens to public issues at far flung Block Parlidhar

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 06: To strengthen grassroots governance and ensure an effective grievance redressal mechanism, the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, today conducted a public outreach-cum-grievance redressal programme at remote Block Parlidhar. During the camp, former PRI members and local people of adjoining panchayats raised several important issues and demands, including the construction of a Patwar Khana building, upgradation of the tractor road from Kawa to Dhanwalt, construction of a forest hut at Parlidhar, footbridge at Malti, upgradation of the High School to Higher Secondary level, Road connectivity and water supply at Dhanwalt, construction of a pucca path to Chanotra Mandir and development of a playground at Parlidhar.

The public also highlighted the shortage of staff in various educational and health institutions.

While Interacting with PRIs and the general public, the DC said that the main objective of the outreach



programme is to obtain a firsthand appraisal of issues at the grassroots level. She added that such camps help deliver governance at people's doorsteps and strengthen the public service delivery mechanism. She further assured that their genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner. Officers from the Agriculture,

Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Departments briefed the participants about various government schemes.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner distributed plants among local farmers, an initiative organized by the Horticulture Department to promote sustainable and income-generating farming practices.

DLSA Reasi organizes awareness camp on legal, welfare services for senior citizens

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

REASI, JANUARY 06: Under the leadership of Khalil Choudhary, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Reasi) and the able guidance of Pooja Gupta, Secretary, DLSA Reasi, a Legal awareness programme for senior citizens to guide them on accessing legal services and welfare schemes was conducted at Govt. High School Dhanori, Katra.

Adv. Rachni sensitized the

participants about the rights, welfare schemes and legal remedies available to senior citizens under various laws including the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act.

The resource person also highlighted the role of Legal Services Authorities in providing free legal aid, counseling and assistance to elderly person.

Another awareness programme on Lok Adalat and Mediation Campaign 2.0 was conducted by the Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs)

of TLSC Mahore at different places and by Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of DLSA Reasi at District Court Complex.

The programme aimed at promoting amicable settlement of disputes through Lok Adalat and mediation mechanisms, thereby reducing litigation burden and ensuring speedy, cost-effective and accessible justice for the common people.

They were sensitized to actively participate in the campaign with the shared objective of enhancing

legal awareness, promoting amicable dispute resolution and strengthening access to justice for all.

Besides, an awareness programme on "Bal Vivah Mukhat Bharat" was also organized at AWC Didi Bangal, Aghar Jitto (Katra) by the Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of TLSC Katra.

The main objective of the programme was to educate the general public about the ill effects of child marriage and to promote the vision of a child-marriage-free

society.

Another awareness programme was successfully carried out by PLVs of DLSA Reasi at LLC Tote/Sahri on "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao".

In this programme, the objectives of the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" scheme were highlighted and also elaborated upon various government schemes meant for the welfare, education and empowerment of girls including scholarships, health benefits and legal protections.

ADC Nowshera reviews status of collateral damages, BRO works

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

NOWSHERA, FEBRUARY 06: On the directions of DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, a meeting was chaired by ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa to review the status of assessment and compensation of collateral damages caused due to the construction of Jammu-Poonch National Highway (NH-144A) in the Nowshera section, besides taking stock of various issues related to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) projects.

The meeting was attended by officers from 57 RCC (BRO), Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Nowshera, Tehsildar Nowshera and other concerned officers.

The BRO officers informed that the assessment of damaged structures has been completed by the Public Works (R&B) Department and the assessed



compensation amount has been projected to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for sanction.

It was apprised that the compensation will be disbursed to

the affected people as soon as the sanction is accorded.

The ADC was further informed that in certain stretches of the highway, landslides have occurred, posing a threat to nearby residential houses. In this regard, the executing contractor has been directed to construct proper protection and retaining walls to prevent any further damage and ensure the safety of the residents.

Various other issues pertaining to the construction of NH-144A and other BRO roads in the sub-division were also discussed in detail.

The ADC directed the BRO authorities to expedite the pace of work and ensure adherence to safety and quality standards.

Dr. Thapa also urged the BRO officers to speed up the construction work on the Beri-Pattan Jallas Road to provide better connectivity and convenience to the people of the area.

SWD organises awareness camp for senior citizens at Bhaderwah

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BHADERWAH, FEBRUARY 06: The Department of Social Welfare, under the able guidance of the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah and the District Social Welfare Officer Doda, organised a comprehensive awareness camp for senior citizens at Bhaderwah with the objective of sensitising elderly citizens about various welfare schemes and legal provisions aimed at ensuring their protection, dignity and overall wellbeing.

The programme was organised under the supervision of Tehsil Social Welfare Officer (TSWO), Bhaderwah, Shah Nawaz Ahmad, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of ensuring dignity, care and social security for senior citizens. While addressing the gathering, the TSWO elaborated on various welfare



schemes being implemented by the Social Welfare Department for the benefit of elderly citizens including pension schemes and other supportive initiatives.

Resource Person, Advocate Isha Hitaishi delivered a detailed awareness

session on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. She sensitised the participants about their legal rights, provisions for maintenance and the responsibility of children and relatives towards elderly parents. The participants were also informed about the procedure for seeking legal assistance under the Act.

The event was also attended by Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bhaderwah, Vijay Kotwal, who interacted with the senior citizens and appreciated the initiative of the Social Welfare Department.

A large number of senior citizens from Bhaderwah and adjoining areas participated in the camp and appreciated the efforts of the department in organising such informative programmes. The programme was also attended by Advocates and staff members from the District Legal Services Authority Bhaderwah.



RBI keeps repo rate unchanged, maintains ‘neutral stance’ amid benign inflation

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, FEB 6 : The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Friday unanimously decided to keep the key policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent, citing resilient domestic growth, a benign inflation outlook and rising global uncertainties.

The decision was taken at the MPC's 59th meeting held from February 4-6, under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 5.00 per cent, while the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate continue at 5.50 per cent. The MPC also opted to retain its neutral policy stance, indicating a calibrated approach going forward.

The central bank noted that the global economy showed notable resilience during 2025, supported by front-loaded trade activity, fiscal stimulus and accommodative monetary policies across major economies.

However, rising geopolitical tensions, fiscal pressures and divergence in monetary policies continue to inject volatility into global financial markets.

On the domestic front, India's real GDP growth for 2025-26 is estimated at 7.4 per cent, according to the First Advance Estimates. Growth has been largely driven by robust private consumption and



fixed investment, even as net external demand remained a drag due to higher imports.

On the supply side, real gross value added (GVA) is projected to grow at 7.3 per cent, supported by buoyant services activity, a resilient agriculture sector and signs of revival in manufacturing.

Looking ahead, the RBI expects domestic demand to remain strong, aided by healthy rabi prospects, GST rationalisation, monetary easing and a benign inflation environment. Investment activity is likely to maintain momentum on the back of high capacity utilisation, robust credit growth and the government's continued thrust on capital expenditure.

The MPC also highlighted that merchandise exports could benefit from the prospective India-US trade deal, while recent trade agreements with the European Union, New Zealand and Oman are expected to diversify exports and strengthen the external sector.

Taking these factors into account, the RBI revised its real GDP growth projections for the first two quarters of 2026-27 upwards to 6.9 per cent and 7.0 per cent, respectively, with risks evenly balanced.

On inflation, headline CPI remained exceptionally low at 0.7 per cent in November and 1.3 per cent in December 2025. Food prices continued to remain in deflation, while fuel inflation stayed moderate.

Core inflation also remained benign despite an increase in precious metal prices. Excluding gold, core inflation stood at 2.6 per cent in December.

The near-term inflation outlook remains favourable, supported by healthy food supply conditions, adequate buffer stocks and stable core inflation.

However, the RBI cautioned that geopolitical tensions, volatile energy prices and adverse weather events pose upside risks. CPI inflation for 2025-26 has been projected at 2.1 per cent, with Q4 inflation expected to rise to 3.2 per cent due to unfavourable base effects. For Q1 and Q2 of 2026-27, inflation is projected at 4.0 per cent and 4.2 per cent, respectively.

Explaining the rationale behind the policy decision, the MPC said that while external headwinds have intensified, the overall domestic growth and inflation outlook remains positive. Most members agreed that the current policy rate is appropriate, though one member, Prof. Ram Singh, reiterated his preference for a shift from a neutral to an accommodative stance.

The RBI said future policy actions would be guided by evolving macroeconomic conditions and data from the new GDP and CPI series, based on 2024 as the base year. The minutes of the MPC meeting will be released on February 20, 2026, while the next policy meeting is scheduled for April 6-8, 2026. UNI

KoSSII inaugurates World's Largest Single-Site Mycorrhiza Facility in Hyderabad



■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

HYDERABAD, FEB 6 : In a significant boost to India's agri-biotech and sustainable farming ecosystem, Koppert Sustainable Solutions India Limited (KoSSII) inaugurated one of the world's largest single-location Mycorrhiza production facilities in Hyderabad, responding to rapidly growing global demand for eco-friendly agricultural solutions.

The facility was inaugurated by Aron Oosthoek, Managing Director of the Netherlands-based Reka BV Group, in the presence of delegates from Europe and South America and representatives of leading Indian agrochemical companies.

With global agriculture shifting toward biological and low-carbon inputs, the Hyderabad plant is expected to strengthen KoSSII's export-led growth strategy while ensuring supply-chain resilience, the company said in a release here on Thursday.

The unit is designed to meet stringent European quality standards, enabling seamless access to regulated international markets.

In his address, Oosthoek said the joint venture is built for scale and long-term value creation.

"Through KoSSII, our joint venture with Agrilife, we are addressing global soil health challenges, beginning with Mycorrhiza and expanding into a broader portfolio of microbial consortium products," he noted, underlining the company's ambition to diversify revenues through biological solutions.

Dr. Venkatesh Devanur, Managing Director of Agrilife, said the project reflects deep domestic capability building. Over a decade of end-to-end R&D—from strain isolation to commercial-scale production—has been executed in India, translating into cost efficiencies and intellectual property development within the country. UNI

Budget 2026 puts MSMEs at centre of India's growth strategy: Infomercs CEO

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

MUMBAI, FEB 6 : The Budget 2026 sends a clear signal that micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) remain central to the country's growth agenda, with a series of targeted measures aimed at improving credit access, easing compliance and expanding demand opportunities, analysts said.

Mohit Rana, Chief Executive Officer of Infomercs Analytics, said the budget takes a "strong and pragmatic" approach to addressing structural challenges faced by MSMEs, particularly in financing and scalability. A key announcement is the creation of a Rs 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund, which is expected to provide patient capital and support the expansion of viable small businesses across sectors.

Liquidity access is also set to improve with further strengthening of the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS), enabling faster cash flows for MSMEs supplying to larger corporates and

government entities. In addition, enhanced capital support for the Self-Reliant India Fund is likely to deepen equity funding options for growth-oriented enterprises.

Rana highlighted the budget's focus on compliance facilitation as equally significant. The proposed rollout of Corporate Mitras in Tier II and Tier III cities is expected to reduce regulatory friction and operational burdens for smaller enterprises, many of which struggle with compliance costs and administrative complexity.

Beyond direct MSME interventions, continued emphasis on public capital expenditure and climate-aligned investments is expected to generate downstream demand across supply chains, benefiting MSMEs in manufacturing, infrastructure and green technologies.

Overall, Rana said the budget strikes a careful balance between fiscal prudence and targeted support, reinforcing MSMEs as resilient drivers of employment, innovation and sustainable economic growth amid global uncertainty. UNI

Failure of big corporate could wipe out year's earning of South and Southeast Asian Banks: S&P Global

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

CHENNAI, FEB 6 : Loan concentration is a major risk, and any large loan default by a large corporate could wipe out the full-year earnings of some banks in India, Malaysia and Indonesia, said S&P Global Ratings in a latest report titled "South and Southeast Asia Stress Tests Show Loan Concentration Could Blindside Banks".

"Banks in Brunei, the Philippines, and Thailand are the most exposed to loan concentration risk," said Geeta Chugh, a credit analyst at S&P Global Ratings.

"In these countries, banks could lose more than a full-year's earnings before tax because of high concentration and, in some cases, due to relatively weak earnings. That said, extreme stress could wipe out the full-year earnings of some banks in Malaysia, India, and Indonesia, too," Chugh said.

Any crash of a titan in South and Southeast Asia's corporate sector could have deep repercussions for banks. Concentration risks are significant for a few banks but manageable

for most others, S&P Global Ratings said.

The credit rating agency said its stress test assesses the impact of a default by the largest borrower on earnings and risk-adjusted capital at banks.

"We assume that loans to large corporations are either not backed by collateral (unsecured) or that the value recovered from these loans in the event of default is very low. While this likely overestimates direct losses—most corporate loans involve some level of recovery—it serves as a proxy for the unquantified risk of supply chain contagion," S&P Global Ratings said.

In practice, major corporate defaults trigger domino effects. As the defaulted company halts payments, suppliers lose cash flow required to service their own debt, and a secondary wave of defaults occurs. By maintaining a zero-recovery assumption on the primary loan, we have built a cushion that accounts for these secondary systemic shocks, the credit rating agency said. UNI

RBI holds rates at 5.25%, keeps neutral stance as inflation outlook improves

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

MUMBAI, FEB 6 : India's central bank on Friday kept its key policy rate unchanged and maintained a neutral policy stance, citing easing inflation pressures, strong economic fundamentals, Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra said after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously decided to hold the policy repo rate at 5.25% at the conclusion of its monetary policy review. All other policy rates were also left unchanged.

Malhotra said, "Indian economy remains resilient; Monetary policy will be guided by new inflation data based on revised series."

Malhotra added geopolitical tensions remain elevated and global trade pressures are rising, but the Indian economy continues to show resilience.

The RBI projected retail inflation at 3.2 percent in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year and 2.1% for the full year. Inflation is expected to rise to 4.0% in the first quarter of FY27 and 4.2% in the second quarter, largely due to a sharp increase in gold and silver prices, the governor said.

The central bank maintained that monetary policy decisions going forward would be guided by incoming inflation data based on a revised series.

India's foreign exchange reserves stood at a healthy USD 723.8 billion at the end of January, Malhotra said, adding that the current account deficit is expected to remain moderate during the current fiscal year.

He added that trade agreements with the European union and the United States, which are either concluded or in sight, are expected to provide further momentum to growth.

The RBI projected gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 7.3% for the current fiscal year and raised its growth forecasts for the first and second quarters of the next fiscal year to 6.9% and 7.0%, respectively.

The central bank had cut the repo rate by a cumulative 1.25 percentage points over four moves last year. In its previous meeting in December, it reduced the rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% UNI

Abhi Eggs targets ₹100 Cr revenue in FY26; Explores Middle East and South East Asia markets

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HYDERABAD, FEB 6 : Abhi Eggs, the nutri-enriched egg brand from Abhi Foods, is targeting revenues of ₹100 crore in FY26, nearly doubling its year-on-year turnover.

The growth is driven by scale-up in production, enhancing supply chain management, portfolio expansion, the Hyderabad based company said in a release here on Thursday.

Abhi Eggs follows a fully controlled, antibiotic-free farming model, with eggs produced in-house at its poultry farms in Ravulapalem, Andhra Pradesh.

The brand focuses on preventive bird health management, vegetarian feed, and nutrient fortification to ensure consistent quality and nutrition.

Maintaining end-to-end control over farming, feed, and

bird health, Abhi Eggs delivers clean, food-based nutritional benefits without the use of antibiotics, supported by regular testing through NABL-accredited laboratories.

Commenting on the growth plans, S. V. V. Dora Reddy, Co-founder, Abhi Eggs, said, what started as a small family effort to provide better nutrition to the next generation has grown into a purpose-driven brand focused on everyday health.

Having closed FY25 at ₹47.47 crore, we are confident of crossing ₹100 crore in FY26, driven by scale, portfolio expansion, and wider market reach, he said.

Looking ahead, we are actively exploring export opportunities in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, where there is growing demand for clean, nutritionally enriched food products. Our focus remains on scaling responsibly while maintaining complete control over quality, farming

practices, and nutrition, he added.

Currently operating at a daily capacity of 18-20 lakh eggs, Abhi Eggs' portfolio includes India's first D.O.S.E egg, along with Vitamin D3, Nutri and Gold variants.

The brand has a pan-India presence across 50 cities in 17 states and three union territories and is available through modern trade, quick-commerce platforms, e-commerce, and leading regional retail chains. UNI

Life insurance giant LIC logs higher PAT, premium income

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

CHENNAI, FEB 6 : One of the Asian life insurance giants, the government-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) today said it had logged higher net profit for the first nine months of FY26.

The Board of Directors of LIC approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results for the nine months ending December 31st, 2025.

The life insurer said its profit after tax (PAT) for the nine months ended December 31st, 2025 was Rs. 33,998 crore as compared to Rs. 29,138 crore for the nine months ended December 31st, 2024, registering a growth of 16.68%.

In terms of market share measured by First Year Premium

Income (FYPI) (as per IRDAI), LIC continues to be the market leader in Indian life insurance business with overall market share of 57.07% for nine months ended December 31st 2025 as compared to 57.42% for nine months ended December 31st 2024.

For the nine months ended December 31st, 2025, LIC had a market share of 35.84% in Individual business and 71.36% in the Group business.

The Total Premium Income for nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 was Rs. 3,71,293 crore as compared to Rs. 3,40,563 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st 2024, registering a growth of 9.02%.

Individual New Business premium income for the period under review was Rs. 44,941 crore as compared to Rs. 42,441

crore for the previous year corresponding period.

The Individual Renewal premium income for nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 was Rs. 1,91,050 crore as compared to Rs. 1,78,975 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st 2024, registering an increase of 6.75%.

The Total Individual Business Premium for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 increased to Rs. 2,35,991 crore from Rs. 2,21,416 crore or the comparable period of previous year, registering an increase of 6.58%.

The Group Business total premium income for nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 was Rs. 1,35,302 crore as compared to Rs. 1,19,147 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st 2024, registering

an increase of 13.56%.

A total of 1,16,63,856 policies were sold in the individual segment during the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 as compared to 1,17,10,505 policies sold during the nine months period ended December 31st, 2024, registering a decrease of 0.40%.

On an Annualized Premium Equivalent (APE) basis, the total premium was Rs. 44,007 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025. Of this 62.61% (Rs. 27,552 crore) was accounted for by the Individual Business and 37.39% (Rs. 16,455 crore) by the Group Business.

Within the Individual Business, the share of Par products on APE basis was 63.54% (Rs. 17,507 crore) and balance 36.46% (Rs. 10,045 crore) was due to Non Par products. The Individual Non

Par APE has increased to Rs. 10,045 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 from Rs. 6,813 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2024 registering a growth of 47.44%.

Therefore, on APE basis, our Non Par share of Individual business has increased to 36.46% for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025, as compared to 27.68% for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2024.

The Value of New Business (VNB) for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 was Rs. 8,288 crore as compared to Rs. 6,477 crore for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2024, registering a growth of 27.96%.

The Net VNB margin for the nine months period ended

December 31st, 2025 increased by 170 bps to 18.8% as compared to 17.1% for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2024.

The Solvency Ratio as on December 31st, 2025 increased to 2.19 as against 2.02 on December 31st, 2024.

For the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025, the persistency ratios on premium basis for the 13th month and 61st month were 75.75% and 61.09%, respectively. The comparable persistency ratios for the corresponding period ended December 31st, 2024 were 76.66% and 61.84%, respectively.

For the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025, the persistency ratios on number of policies basis for the 13th month and 61st month were 64.28% and 49.06%, respectively.

The comparable persistency ratios for the corresponding period ended December 31st, 2024 were 66.47% and 49.22%, respectively.

The Assets Under Management (AUM) increased to Rs. 59,16,680 crore as on December 31st, 2025 as compared to Rs. 54,77,651 crore on December 31st, 2024 registering an increase of 8.01% year on year.

The Overall Expense Ratio for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 decreased by 132 bps to 11.65% as compared to 12.97% for the nine months period ended December 31st 2024.

The Yield on Investments on policyholders' funds excluding unrealized gains was 8.77% for the nine months period ended December 31st, 2025 as against 8.82% for nine months period ended December 31st, 2024. UNI





'Our flight is booked, we're going': Suryakumar

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MUMBAI: Even as that question hangs heavy like the thick and suffocating Mumbai smog over the T20 World Cup 2026, Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav said his team will travel to Colombo whether the match happens or not.

"(Our) Mindset is pretty clear," Suryakumar said at the captains' media briefing on Thursday in Mumbai. "We did not refuse to play them. The refusal came from them (Pakistan). ICC organised the fixture. BCCI and (Indian) government decided to play in neutral venue in coordination with ICC. Our flight to Colombo is booked. So we are going. We'll see what happens later."

Defending champions India begin their World Cup campaign on the opening day - February 7 - against USA in Mumbai. India start as firm favorites based on their phenomenal domination in the format in this World Cup cycle. Suryakumar's team provided further evidence of that on Monday evening in Navi Mumbai where they nudged aside South Africa in the warm-up match. Such form has allowed Suryakumar to be more relaxed and light-hearted during media briefings and same was the case on Thursday.

Asked what the mood in the Indian dressing room was around the Pakistan match, Suryakumar said: "The discussion in the team is ekdum (absolutely) clear. First we play the match on February 7, then we will head to Delhi (Namibia on February 12) and then we will travel to Colombo."

Suryakumar's is the first formal response from the India side on the topic, and comes a day after

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said his government had taken a "considered stance" on boycotting the India match and did not want "politics in sport".

This is the second time in six months Suryakumar has found himself facing questions on how India-Pakistan matches were getting impacted due to the fraught political relations between the two nations, after the Asia Cup controversy last year. The BCCI had instructed the Indian team then to not shake hands with the Pakistan team, at the behest of the Indian government. India then refused to receive the Asia Cup trophy after winning the tournament from ACC president and PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi, who also declined to hand over the trophy.

Suryakumar said he could not do much about the current situation apart from turning up with his team in Colombo.

"Their (Pakistan) decision is not in my control," he said. "I wish I could take that decision. But then it's their (Pakistan) call. We've been told that we have to play on the 15th. We played the Asia Cup, we played three times. We played some good cricket against them. We won. We were happy. And, similarly, if we get an opportunity again in Colombo we will definitely play our game."

"I feel it is not an easy job. I'm sure they must be working out something. But if it (the boycott) has come from the other government or the nation, how can... It is a difficult call for them as well. I know it'll be a difficult situation. But, as I said, if we are told and the fixtures are ready we will definitely go ahead and play."



India ace record chase to make Under-19 World Cup final

■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: A classy century from Aaron George, a swashbuckling 33-ball 68 from Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and a half-century from captain Ayush Mhatre helped India Under-19 ace what looked like a tricky chase with ease and got them an entry into their tenth Under-19 World Cup final.

The odds were against India when centuries from Faisal Shinozada and Uzairullah Niazaif lifted Afghanistan Under-19 to 310 for 4. A target of this size had never before been chased down in Under-19 World Cup history. But the Indian top-order came to the party as they chased down the record 311-target with 53 balls to spare.

Both George (20) and Sooryavanshi (22) were dropped early in their innings but they cashed in, and Afghanistan were left to rue their errors. The duo added 90 runs for the opening wicket off just 57 balls. Mhatre and George then put up a century-stand before Vihaan



Malhotra and George all but sealed Afghanistan's fate.

India were up and away in a flash in the chase, with George effortlessly flicking fast bowler Abdul Aziz past mid-on first ball. Sooryavanshi had a couple of sighters and then went crash, bang and wallop, sending the Afghan bowlers on a leather hunt. It was butchering at one end and precision at the other. Sooryavanshi took on spinner Wahidullah Zadran, thrashing him for two fours and a six in the fourth over while George effortlessly got the boundaries away. Sooryavanshi was dropped at the start of the fifth over at backward point with Niazaif shelling a simple catch. He made them pay by thrashing Zadran for a four and six in the sixth over and then tonking Aziz for three fours and a six to rack up a fifty off 24 balls as India reached 73 for 0 after seven.

George was dropped at mid-on but soon put that behind him, smashing boundaries with a minimum of fuss. His impeccable drives and impenetrable defence made his innings a treat to watch. The bouncer once again consumed Sooryavanshi, but Mhatre ensured none of the momentum was lost. He's not had the best of tournaments, but was at his best when it mattered. Mhatre's first two scoring shots were sixes and he followed that up with a four. George, meanwhile, reached his fifty off 52 balls and Mhatre soon followed suit, bringing his up in 43.

Australia upbeat at T20 World Cup despite injury concerns

■ AFP

COLOMBO: Australia remain confident of a strong showing at the upcoming Twenty20 World Cup despite the absence of several frontline fast bowlers, captain Mitchell Marsh said on Thursday.

Pace spearhead Mitchell Starc has retired from T20 internationals, while his new-ball partner Pat Cummins has been ruled out of the 20-nation tournament with a back injury.

Josh Hazlewood is also doubtful for the first round after suffering a hamstring injury.



"We are well prepared for the World Cup and, yes, we will miss some of our key players,

but we are confident that we have all bases covered," Marsh told reporters at the captains'

briefing in Colombo.

Australia arrived in Sri Lanka after a 3-0 series drub-

bing in Pakistan, but Marsh dismissed concerns over their form.

"We have a few guys available here who didn't play in Pakistan and it's all about adapting to conditions," he said.

"We are confident that we will put up a good show in the World Cup."

The former world champions boast an impressive record since the last World Cup in the Caribbean and United States in 2024, winning 17 of their 21 T20 internationals.

The tournament, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, begins on Saturday.

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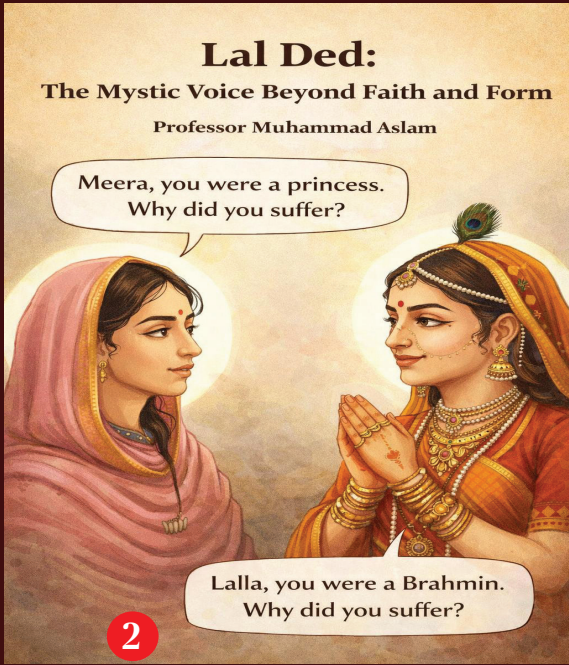
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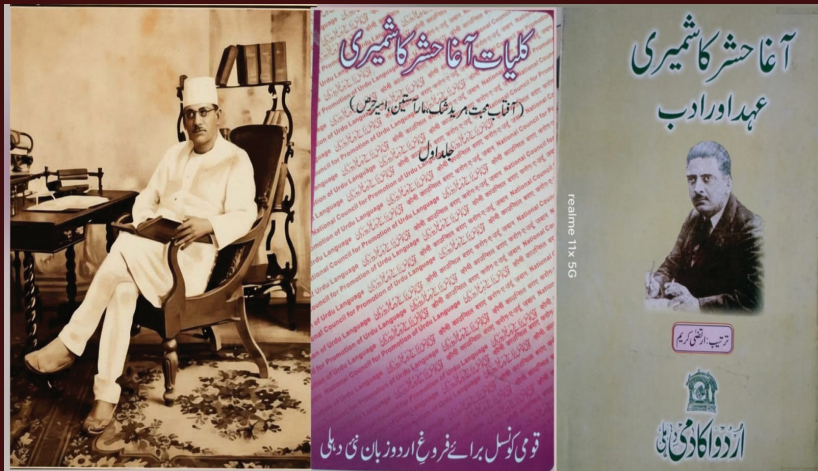


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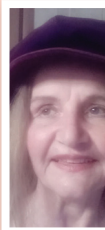
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Lal Ded, Lalla, Lalla Arifa, Lalleshwari, call her what you will, is as enigmatic a personality as another female poet of the 16th century, Habba Khatoon. We know very little about the life of Habba, and life accounts of Lalla are very scanty. Who was she, a Hindu or a Muslim saint? The legend has it that she was born to a Kashmiri Brahmin family somewhere between 1301 and 1320 at Sempore or Pandrethan, 5kms from the main city, Srinagar. She is believed to have died in 1373 and her grave is at Bijbehara, 45 kms from Pandrethan. Married at 12, Lalla was rechristened as Padmavati after marriage but continued to be called Lalla or Lalleshwari. It is said that her marriage was a disaster like that of Habba Khatoon as her mother-in-law, in particular, treated her very badly. This wouldn't have come to light, had a huge feast at her home not taken place. An unconfirmed report says that once there was a great feast at her in-laws. Lalla's friends, feeling envious, told her she was going to have a great lunch or dinner, but replied in verse:

honD maer'tan ya hakhur
lalli nilvatth tsalni zaan

Whether they kill a buffalo or a
bull calf.

Lalla always has a stone in her bowl of food.

According to legend, her mother-in-law would place a stone in her food bowl and cover it with a small amount of rice so the bowl looked full. The verse is believed to have exposed the cruelty of her in-laws. When things went beyond her patience, she left home and became a disciple of Siddha Srinkanth (Sed Boay), a Shaivite spiritual leader. Lalla was 24 or 26 at the time. "Legend tells of the harsh treatment Lalla Ded received from her husband and mother-in-law and extols her patience and forbearance. Twelve years after being wed, she left her home in order to dedicate herself to Shiva and became a wandering religious singer. Her poems and songs concern the longing for God and the joy she finds in the deity who lives within, as well as her disregard for conventional forms of worship such as image worship" (Britannica).

Historical accounts of Lalla's life are as scanty as those of Habba Khatoon. The first written record about her is in a 1587 collection of biographies of saints and religious figures by Mulla Ali Raina, entitled *Tazkirat-ul-Arifeen*. Baba Dawood Mishkat's *Asrar-u-Akbar* (1654) and Khwaja Azam Dedmari's *Tareekh-e-Azmi* (1736) are the latest descriptions of Lalla. It is said that she was a contemporary of Mir Sayyad Ali Hamadani, an Iranian Sufi saint, scholar and poet.

After breaking up with her

in-laws, Lalla adopted Shaivism as her only goal, like another female saint of her age, far away from her in Rajasthan, Meera Bai. Meera Bai (c. 1498-1547) was a Rajput princess and renowned Hindu mystic poet from Rajasthan, known for her intense devotion (Bhakti) to Lord Krishna, whom she considered her divine husband. Defying societal norms and challenging her in-laws' opposition, even surviving attempts to poison her, and eventually leaving

her royal life to live as a wandering saint, composing devotional songs (bhajans) that remain popular today, Meera became a true mystic. Her story highlights a life of spiritual rebellion, unwavering faith, and selfless love for God, making her an iconic figure in the Bhakti Movement. As mentioned earlier, Meera made Giridhar Gopal as her spiritual husband and sang *meyo* to Giridhar Gopal *dusro na koyi* (I have but Giridhar Gopal, no other

is mine) in his praise:

I have none but Giridhar
Gopal, no other is mine.

He who wears the peacock
crown—he alone is my beloved.

Father, mother, brother, kin—
none are truly my own.

I cast away the pride of lineage; what can the world do to me?

Sitting among the saints, I lost

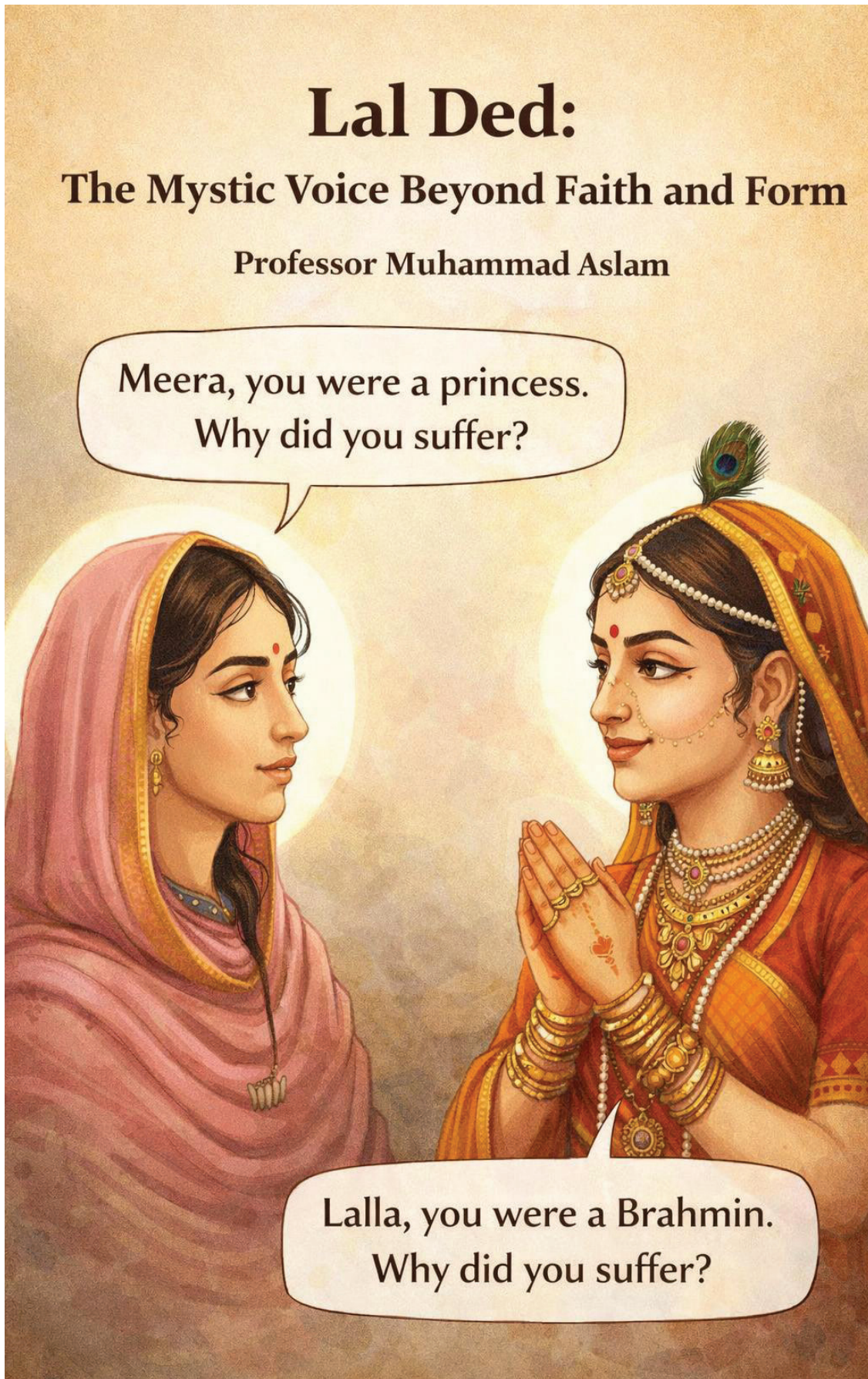
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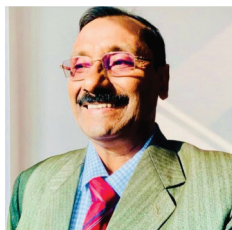
Meera, you were a princess.
Why did you suffer?

Lalla, you were a Brahmin.
Why did you suffer?



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Vandana Kumari Jena's Angkor Vat and Other Stories: A Captivating Collection



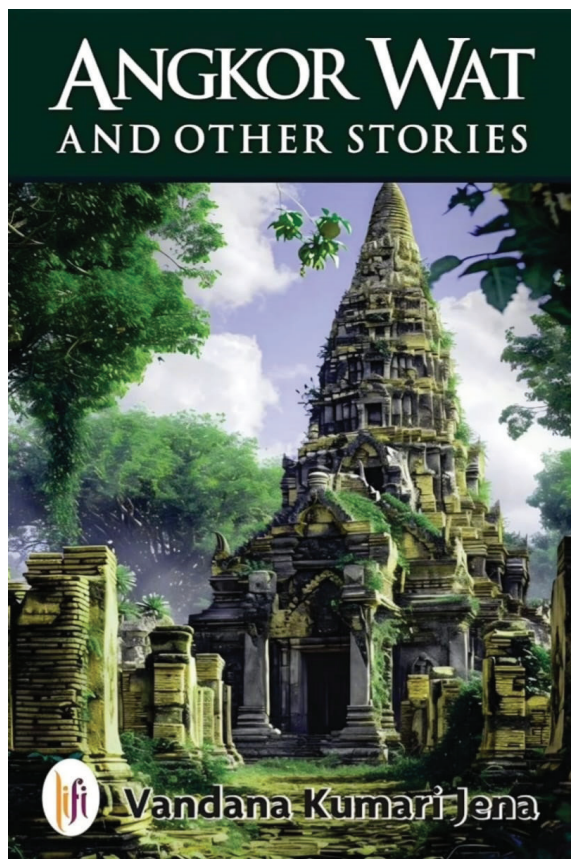
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The 206 page captivating collection of 24 stories capturing ordinary moments of daily life in an extraordinary way offers another, powerful, perceptive and deeply engaging fictional milestone for the readers of Vandana Kumari Jena. The power of the stories lies in suggestion rather than revelation. The occasional restraint that gives the prose elegance can also make it feel distant to those seeking overt drama or confrontation. Its quietness is not emptiness; it is the silence of meaning. The titular story 'Angkor Vat Angkor Vat' is the story of a girl whose marriage to Nishant does not have a fairytale ending and she returns home after seven months saying tersely, "we are filing for divorce." What went wrong? She is tight-lipped about it. The truth is revealed, quite accidentally, when the entire family leaves for Cambodia to visit Angkor Vat.

'The Prodigal Son' is the story of a doctor who, while on his honeymoon to Chikmagalur and Coorg, tells his wife that his brother had left his home three years ago and disappeared. His departure destroyed the family. His disappearance continues to haunt him. It is in Coorg, quite by chance, that the truth is finally revealed.' Hypnosis' is the story of star-crossed lovers who meet after fifteen years. Why did the girl leave him suddenly? What had happened at the night of the party? Why can't the man remember? Could hypnosis really offer a solution? 'Marriages are Made in Heaven' which earlier appeared in Dipankar Mukherjee's Readomania is included in this new collection 'Angkor Vat and Other Stories'. This has enriched the volume of stories. 'Fairplay' is the story of a couple Lalaj and Jyotsana whose world is torn asunder when their son is born with golden hair and blue eyes. There seems to be only one explanation for it, that his wife has committed adultery. But is that the real explanation?

'The Premonition' is the story of a Ravi, who suffers a stroke and is paralysed. While in the hospital, and suffering from hallucinations, he claims that he has a premonition that



his son Palash's life is in danger. His wife knows that he is delusional, but could Ravi be right? 'Lavanya' is the story of a woman who adopts a baby girl while her husband Rishabh is away in Canada. Her husband, on his return, throws her out, alleging that she committed adultery and the girl is her love child. Who is the little girl and why did she adopt her? And what happens after she grows up? 'Heart-break' is the story of Snigdha whose husband Vivaan appeared to have died of post operation complications after undergoing heart surgery. But the truth is very different. 'Crime in Panchgani' is the story of a boarding school in Panchgani where life came to a standstill when a boy Vishal was shot in the chest during the morning Assembly. How could a boy in a boarding school be shot? Who shot him and why? The story revolves around this, with a surprising denouement.

'Heart to Heartis' is the story of Jayant who visits Vietnam with his wife to explore the possibility of taking up a job in Vietnam. They spend a few idyllic days in Vietnam. But does he have a hidden agenda?'Marriages are made in Heaven-A satire' is a satire about a diamond merchant who is opposed to taking dowry but is not averse to streedhan, and his demands during his son's wedding led to an ignominious fate for him. 'Never Again' is the story of a widow who comes to Mumbai to spend some time with her son and daughter in law. The country came under the spell of Covid and she overhears her daughter in law telling her son to send her back. She

realizes how unwelcome she is here. When they visit her in Meerut months later, she is a woman transformed.

'Eyes wide shut' is the story of a woman who sinks into depression after miscarrying a seven-month-old foetus. She hears the baby whimpering, is delusional and even tries to commit suicide. She is afraid she is losing her mind. But the truth is different. 'The Transformation' is a story of a loving couple whose life is disrupted when their son begins to ask them embarrassing questions after reading a newspaper report of a man unknowingly marrying a genetic male. The question strikes close to home and threatens to disturb the couple's peaceful life and shatter a well-kept secret.

“The Sound of Music” is the story of a Ghazal singer Samarth whose songs mesmerize the whole world. But what happens when he develops throat cancer? Would he be able to revive his music career?

'An Unfinished Love story' is the tale of a man who takes a flight to Bengaluru and sees his ex-girlfriend at the airport. But she does not seem to recognize him. He learns later that she had met with an accident and lost her memory. She is now married and has a three-year-old son. But he is convinced that the boy is his and that she still loves him. Does she? 'Death in Laos' is about a newly married woman who follows her husband to Laos, where he is a consultant. While on a holiday, her husband begins to drown. He survives, but the woman who goes to rescue him, dies instead.

What really happened? ‘Nikhil and I’ is a love story with a difference. Anchal has an arranged marriage with Nikhil, a doctor based in the US, only to discover that a little girl called Padma, whose grandmother she has befriended, is Nikhil’s daughter, and is urgently in need of bone marrow transplant. Nikhil has a ready-made family he was not aware of. Is Anchal the outsider in this love triangle? Lily in *Lonavala*’ is the story of a girl who goes to Lonavala for a batch reunion, but in reality, to settle scores with someone for a crime committed years ago.

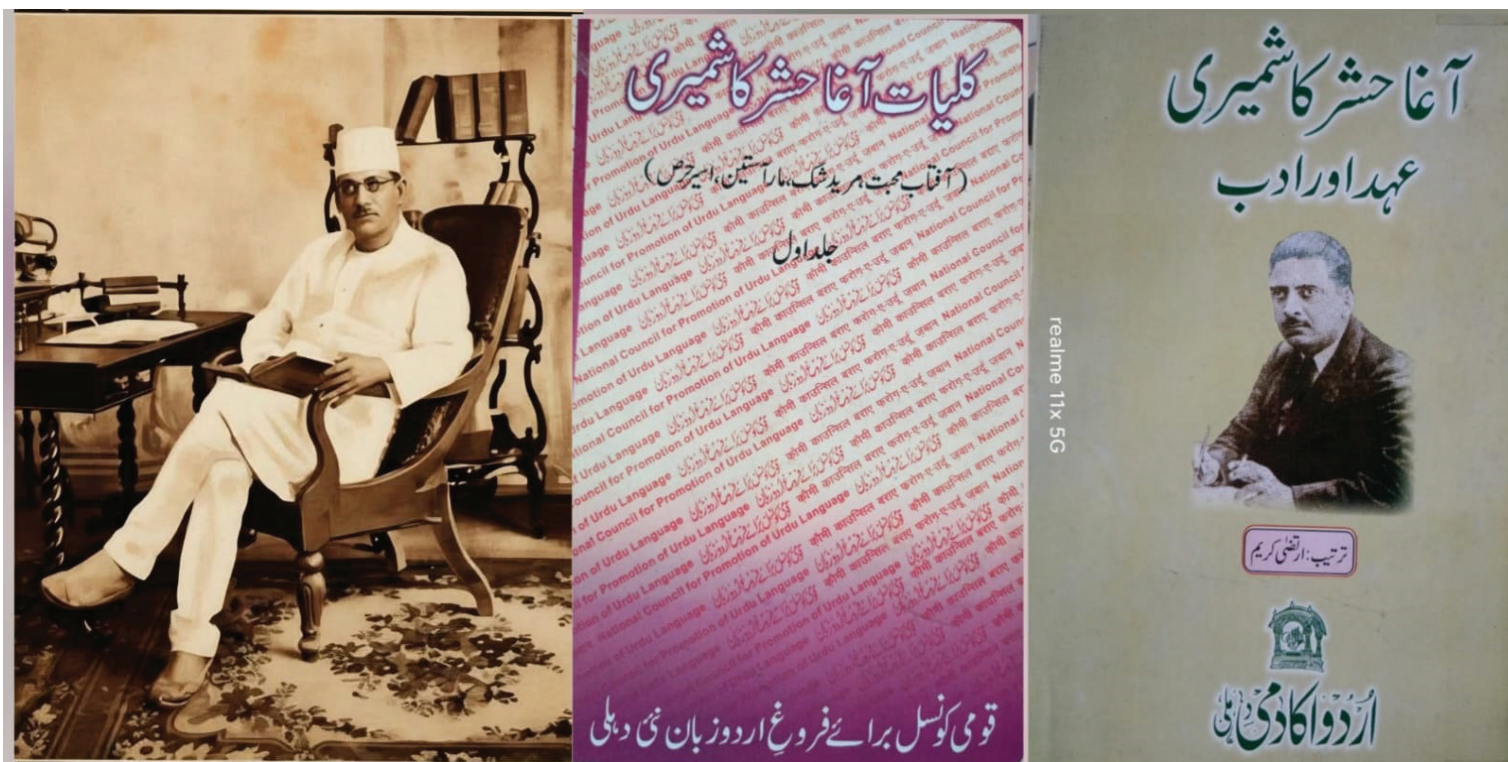
'Flying High' is the story of a flight which is inordinately delayed because a woman, after boarding the aircraft, insists on leaving it for personal reasons. This entails further delay and the passengers' grumble. But what were her compulsion to return home? And what happens when she returns?" 'The Killer Pages' is the story of a bestselling author who has a writer's block and is unable to meet the publisher's deadline. How she manages to overcome the writer's block forms the crux of the story. 'To the Manor Born' is the story of Swati whose life takes a drastic turn, when Sanjoy, her neighbour, who she suspects of being a psychopath, returns to her life. 'Honest Eyes' is the story of Anuradha who is accused of murdering her husband's boss. She has means, motive and opportunity. She protests that she is innocent, but is she?

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Revisiting Agha Hashar Kashmiri

An Indian Vision of Theatre

"In the traditional Indian theatre, the stage is a canvas, and the actor is the brush that paints the human condition" Habib Tanvir"



Dr. Mohiudin Zore Kashmiri

When we speak of Agha Hashar Kashmiri (1879–1935), we encounter a literary and theatrical personality of extraordinary depth, range, and influence. There is indeed much to say about such a towering creative and theoretical figure. To begin with, it is worth emphasizing that the Indian subcontinent has produced only two dramatists of truly world stature: Kalidasa of the Gupta Empire and Agha Hashar Kashmiri of the colonial period. It is a matter of immense pride that both these great figures trace their ancestral lineage to Kashmir, a land long celebrated for its intellectual and cultural fertility.

Agha Hashar Kashmiri was a personality who received recognition and admiration during his own lifetime, much like William Shakespeare, T.S. Eliot, or George Bernard Shaw in their respective cultural contexts. Unfortunately, after his death and particularly in the post-independence period, he did not receive the level of sustained critical

attention and scholarly engagement that his stature deserves. Researchers and critics largely neglected him, despite his foundational role in shaping modern Indian theatre.

He was born in the temple city of Banaras (Varanasi), worked extensively in Bombay (Mumbai) and other parts of India, and was eventually laid to rest in Miani Sahib, Lahore, during the colonial era. Ironically, neither India nor Pakistan has adequately commemorated him through major institutions, academies, or memorials bearing his name, despite his immense contribution to the shared cultural heritage of the subcontinent.

Agha Hashar Kashmiri was a highly learned individual, well-versed in English, Persian, Sanskrit, and several regional languages. However, for his theatrical works he consciously adopted Hindustani, a language that bridges Hindi and Urdu, making his plays accessible to a wide and diverse audience. Because of this linguistic and cultural synthesis, he is rightfully claimed as both a Hindi and Urdu writer, much like Munshi Premchand, Chakbast, Upendranath Ashk, Dushyant Kumar, and other bilingual literary figures.

In Urdu scholarship, several critics and researchers, such as Waqar Azeem, Ibrahim Yusuf, Anjuman Ara, Mohammad Shafi, Shameem Malik, A. B. Ashraf, Manzar Sahib, Anees Azmi, and others have contributed valuable studies on Agha Hashar Kashmiri. The Delhi Urdu

Academy published a collection of seminar papers titled Agha Hashar Kashmiri: Ahad aur Adab in 2005. On the occasion of his 70th death anniversary, a significant commemorative event was organized in Karachi by the National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA), Pakistan. Furthermore, his descendants Agha Jameel Kashmiri and Agha Nihal Kashmiri in collaboration with Professor Yaqoob Yawar, compiled his complete works in eight volumes, published by NCPUL, New Delhi.

While these efforts are commendable, they are only a beginning. Much more remains to be done. There is a pressing need for sustained and collaborative research, particularly by Urdu and Hindi scholars working together, under a broader framework that situates Agha Hashar Kashmiri within the tradition of Indian theatre. His work must be studied not in isolation, but as a vital component of India's cultural and dramatic history.

At his core, Agha Hashar Kashmiri was a profoundly Indian writer in his themes, sensibilities, and creative vision. He wrote numerous plays, poetic works, and other literary texts. His famous play *Sita Banbas* is based on the great Indian epic *Ramayana*, demonstrating his deep engagement with indigenous cultural and mythological sources. At the same time, he skillfully adapted several Shakespearean plays, founding a Shakespearean theatrical company, which earned

him the popular title of the “Indian Shakespeare.” However, as rightly emphasized by Professor Gopi Chand Narang, Agha Hashar Kashmiri must be studied through an Indian critical lens, rather than merely as a derivative of Western dramatic traditions.

The period in which Agha Hashar Kashmiri flourished is often regarded as the golden age of Indian theatre. He was closely associated with the Madan Theatre Company and later established his own theatrical companies. When cinema began to spread and posed a serious challenge to traditional theatre, Agha Hashar Kashmiri successfully adapted to the new medium and joined the film industry. In his time, he was nothing less than a cultural superstar, enjoying popularity and influence comparable to later cinematic icons such as Dilip Kumar, Raj Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan, and Shah Rukh Khan.

In conclusion, Agha Hashar Kashmiri remains a foundational figure in the history of Indian theatre and modern dramatic literature. His legacy demands renewed attention, cross-linguistic scholarship, and institutional recognition so that his contributions can be properly understood, preserved, and celebrated by future generations.

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Iwould like to clearly mention I do not want pity or freebies from anyone, I want others to understand my pain physically and emotionally.

So here I begin as with most women in Kashmir, I do not smoke or drink, so nothing special about it. I loved my studies, so I studied hard. I got admission in MSc and subsequently completed my PhD from Kashmir university. I also qualified an examination conducted by the public service commission and got employed in Kashmir first in the private sector then in the government sector.

Before getting a government job , getting good matches for my marriage was a tedious job for my parents. But as soon as I got a government job, good proposals started coming in huge numbers. Finally I got married , and have two children but through cesarean section. I was happy and satisfied. During the time of my cesarean surgery there was no debate on whether sometimes cesarean surgeries are unnecessary and are done for commercial purposes only.

Evidence linking C-section directly to increased maternal cancer risk is limited and inconsistent:

Breast Cancer: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses (including recent 2025 publications) show mixed or null results. Some studies suggest a possible indirect link through metabolic changes or obesity post-C-section, but no strong, consistent evidence supports a direct causal increase in breast cancer risk from the procedure itself.

Ovarian, Endometrial, or Other Gynecological Cancers: No robust data indicates a significant elevated risk tied to C-section.

Colorectal Cancer (in Offspring, Not Mother): One 2023 study found that females born by C-section had higher odds of early-onset colorectal cancer (diagnosed before age 50), potentially linked to early gut dysbiosis, but this was not seen overall or in males. C-sections do not appear to substantially raise the mother's long-term cancer risk based on current evidence. Rest should be discussed by researchers and other stake holders.

And yes, the birth of a girl child back in 2009 was not something to be celebrated and rejoiced in Kashmir. I am mentioning KASHMIR here again and again as I have not lived in other places, so better not to generalize my personal experience. Anyway, still I was satisfied with the family I had and understood that no one lives a perfect life.

My troubles started in 2013, when I was diagnosed with Diabetes and Hypertension. But then again I consoled myself by saying everybody takes medicine for some ailment, hardly anyone is healthy nowadays. My blood sugar levels and hyperten-

LETTER FROM A FEMALE CANCER SURVIVOR



sion were in good control.

In 2015 I started to have severe pain in my right side, so visiting doctors of almost all specialties became routine for me. I visited all from Gynecologists to Surgeons to Endocrinologists. All investigations were normal including CT scan and MRI. While the pain continued, which was sometimes masked by my own hectic working schedule at the office and at home, in 2018 I was diagnosed with “Frozen Shoulder” by an orthopedic surgeon in a private hospital.

So medicine , physiotherapy became the new norm. I sought a second opinion from many orthopedics and they also said that yes it's "Frozen shoulder".

In 2019 I got the shock of my life when my investigations showed I had OVARIAN

CANCER - Stage 1.

Unfortunately most doctors are not trained to narrate such tremulous news to a patient, in Kashmir rates of all types of cancers have increased but training of doctors in breaking this news remains primitive. Investigations given in hand, asked to do various tests, and come back. Even in 2025 many confirmatory tests are sent outside JK, and a patient has to wait from day to month. Many patients will not survive this waiting period without doctors empathy or even if they survive they come out psychologically bruised. After one month, tests confirmed what doctors and I had feared. So the next stop in my journey begins with Chemotherapy at a government hospital. For 2 months I underwent

chemotherapy while my children were studying, how they passed their exams with distinction only they or God knows. During my visits to the government hospital for chemotherapy, waiting in queues became painful for me , so on the friendly suggestion of a surgeon working there I underwent surgery at a private hospital where the surgeon works on a part time basis. I was admitted there and

surgery was completed and I was discharged after 20 days. So I thought okay no issues now I will live a happy life, if not healthy.

I was disappointed when the Principal of the college I worked at sanctioned Casual leave for 3 months instead of medical leave for Cancer. So I thought that is still negligible as long as I am healthy. Now a slightly different topic , it's a fact most married women face domestic violence and so here also nothing to talk about. Women do face emotional and physical abuse, why? Maybe some men here also are stressed and do not seek help and some of them end up showing their anger on their wives. I cannot say all men do, but I can say many do.

In March I suspected that I was suffering from some never ending infection and visited my surgeon. The esteemed surgeon said mesh implanted during ovarian surgery was damaged[no reason given] and I just needed a few antiseptic dressings to stop the infection. What can ordinary patients like me do? Oblige, but these dressings became regular. I visited the private hospital 20 to 25 times and finally after a few months the surgeon said MESH needs to be replaced. So I underwent another surgery, remained in that private hospital for 15 days.

2023, 2024 I was thinking finally my health is improving.

In January of 2025 I noticed swelling in my breast, many gynecologists said it was nothing serious and I was exaggerating . Some even ridiculed me attending breast cancer awareness seminars. They said that they deal with such cases on a daily basis and my thoughts were obsessional. Finally in March they said that for my satisfaction I can do a few investigations which according to them will nullify my fears. Again 2025 I had another round of chemotherapy , surgery as I was diagnosed with Breast cancer stage 1. As usual some confirmatory tests had to be sent outside JK. So I visited a government hospital again.

but this time in 2025 queues were even longer , so I was told to wait. This shows how rates of even breast cancer have increased in Kashmir, although like most mothers I breast fed my children.

So I visited a private chemotherapy centre not far away from the hospital, where during installing a “chemo port” for my chemotherapy, my right hand was damaged and even in December 2025 I needed physiotherapy. To end my narration I am quick forwarding-went for breast removal surgery at the same private hospital where surgery of my ovary was performed. After 2 days of remaining in hospital after my surgery I was discharged. And now I am undergoing radiotherapy at a government hospital as radiotherapy is not performed in the private sector.

You can rightly say I feel bitter, but my case I have referred to God that is why I avoiding mentioning name of doctors or hospitals. Who knows from the beginning when the cesarean section was performed to my radiotherapy now - doctors are doing their best ? I just wanted to create awareness . Imagine how distressed one feels after a simple tooth extraction or dental filling, think of us -cancer survivors and our chemotherapy and endless procedures. Kindly do not pity cancer survivors like me, we do not need that, we need acknowledgement and validation of our traumas. Trauma does not just live in memory.

It lives in the body, in perception,
in how safe the world feels.

P.S-I tried best to not dilute words of survivor, but any clarification the survivor has given permission to me to be contacted for any queries including if someone wants to do something so that in future cancer patients do not face any such issues.

Lastly I hope that all readers have read about traumatic invalidation

For many trauma survivors, the true ongoing pain stems not from the original event itself, but from what follows: the dismissal, minimization, or debate of their fear and harm.

When such experiences are invalidated, the nervous system registers that even voicing or naming the harm feels dangerous and unsafe. This process is known as traumatic invalidation, which intensifies existing wounds and conditions people to doubt their own perceptions and reality rather than trust them. True safety cannot be rebuilt through logical arguments, explanations, or persuasion. Instead, it is restored through validation—by genuinely listening, believing the person's experience, and upholding their dignity. When someone expresses feeling unsafe, the most healing response is to pause rather than rush to explain or defend; simply being present carries far greater weight than trying to convince them otherwise. In essence, the piece emphasizes that emotional safety in relationships depends on empathetic presence and belief, not intellectual debate, as the nervous system prioritizes felt security over reasoned reassurance. This message aligns closely with trauma psychology principles (e.g., polyvagal theory and invalidation's role in retraumatization) and appears in therapeutic, survivor advocacy, and social media discussions around harm acknowledgment.

A Year of Visible Distinction: SKIMS Between Republic Day 2025 and 2026



Akram Sidioui

On a frost-bitten January morning, amid ceremonial precision and subdued fanfare, the administrative block of the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, stood draped in colour and intent. The campus, carefully prepared for the Republic Day celebrations of 2026, reflected more than festive readiness; it mirrored an institution poised to account for a year of work measured not in rhetoric, but in results.

The unfurling of the tricolour, symbolic yet resonant, marked not merely a national ritual but an institutional moment of reckoning.

By the time the flag rose on the 77th Republic Day, SKIMS stood ready to demonstrate what had transpired between two ceremonial milestones.

Republican Day addresses often brim with aspiration; what distinguishes institutions of consequence, however, is what remains after the speeches conclude, what enters the everyday machinery of governance, care delivery, and accountability. Between the Republic Day addresses of 2025 and 2026, SKIMS underwent a steady, visible transformation, characterised less by dramatic declarations than by the disciplined translation of commitments into action.

In his 77th Republic Day address, the Director, SKIMS reiterated his vision of world-class patient care and untiring research that would leave durable marks on the sands of time. Speaking in an affirmative and assured tone, he emphasised that the institute had not merely preserved its growth trajectory but has actively strengthened it. The priorities articulated a year earlier, enhancing clinical services, expanding functional infrastructure, and reinforcing academic and research capacity, remained consistent, signalling continuity rather than rhetorical reinvention.

These achievements acquired greater significance when viewed against the backdrop of persistent operational pressures inherent to a high-volume tertiary care institution. Rising patient inflows, complex referral patterns, and expanding institutional responsibilities continued unabated. Yet, instead of diluting focus, these pressures lent greater urgency and clarity to the administrative agenda, reinforcing SKIMS' role as the region's principal healthcare anchor.

The intervening year was neither



quiet nor uncomplicated. Rather than unveiling expansive new promises, the administration concentrated on narrowing the distance between commitment and completion. This deliberate emphasis on delivery lent credibility to the 2026 address, which functioned less as a projection of ambition and more as a statement of fulfillment.

A defining administrative development during this period was the resolution of long-pending staff progression matters. In a single, decisive exercise, nearly 1,200 employees across multiple cadres were granted promotions, many after stagnation extending over a decade and a half. This move addressed a chronic institutional grievance, restored a sense of procedural justice, and injected renewed morale into the workforce. In public healthcare institutions,

where human capital remains the most critical asset, such corrective measures often yield dividends far beyond their immediate administrative scope.

Simultaneously, the administration acted with urgency on one of the key priorities articulated in 2025: the upgradation of infrastructure with a direct bearing on patient care. Over the year, this commitment materialised through targeted capacity-building initiatives aimed at improving service efficiency and clinical throughput. Infrastructure expansion was guided less by architectural ambition than by functional necessity. Emphasis was placed on strengthening facilities that support diagnostics, therapeutic interventions, and patient comfort.

Service areas were rationalised, patient movement streamlined.

and infrastructural growth aligned more closely with clinical demand. These efforts were underpinned by substantial investment, with medical machinery and equipment worth approximately 90 crore procured across departments. The emphasis remained resolutely outcome-oriented, improving diagnostic accuracy, therapeutic reach, and procedural efficiency rather than cosmetic enhancement. The result was not a dramatic overhaul, but a steady elevation of operational standards.

Clinical continuity under strain emerged as a defining feature of the year. Despite mounting patient volumes and the complexity typical of tertiary referrals, SKIMS sustained and, in several areas, strengthened its service delivery. Maintaining quality in a high-pressure healthcare ecosystem often proves more challenging than initiating reform. Yet, the institute demonstrated its capacity to manage routine and complex cases alike without compromising institutional stability.

Incremental improvements in coordination, responsiveness, and inter-departmental communication reinforced SKIMS' standing as a dependable referral centre. These gains, while often subtle, accumulated into measurable strengthening of public trust. It is in this context that repeated affirmations of patient satisfaction and institutional credibility appeared across print and social media platforms, reflecting public recognition of SKIMS' role in regional healthcare delivery.

Institutions of national standing are judged not solely by the patients they treat, but by the professionals they train and the knowledge they generate. Between 2025 and 2026, SKIMS sustained its role as a major academic and mentoring centre. Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes, departmental workshops, symposia, and interdisciplinary conferences formed a steady undercurrent of professional renewal.

Across the year, nearly every major department contributed to dozens of structured educational engagements, reinforcing the principle that tertiary care excellence is inseparable from continuous learning. These initiatives extended beyond faculty to include residents, nursing professionals, and paramedical staff, while selected programmes opened their doors to practitioners from peripheral institutions. Through this outward academic engagement, SKIMS consolidated its position as a regional knowledge hub rather than a siloed service provider.

Parallel to academic consolidation, SKIMS expanded its interface with the public, a dimension increasingly recognised as integral to institutional legitimacy. Multiple public health

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awareness initiatives, patient education programmes, and community interactions were conducted over the year, aligned with national health observances and local epidemiological priorities. Awareness campaigns on non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, mental health, organ donation, and preventive care reinforced the institute's public health mandate.

Public interaction was not confined to outreach alone. Structured grievance redressal mechanisms, patient facilitation desks, and scheduled interaction forums strengthened two-way communication between the institution and the community it serves. This sustained engagement enhanced transparency and responsiveness, contributing to a perceptible improvement in patient confidence.

Innovation during this period manifested not through grand proclamations but through pragmatic refinements at the point of care. Several departments undertook innovative projects aimed at improving workflow efficiency, patient safety, and service coordination. These ranged from protocol optimisation in high-burden units to the introduction of digital tools for appointment scheduling, reporting, and internal communication.

While modest in scale, these initiatives produced tangible improvements by reducing procedural delays and improving predictability in patient pathways. Innovation at SKIMS was characterised by adaptation rather than disruption, solutions shaped by institutional realities rather than imported templates, ensuring sustainability and staff ownership.

Patient-friendly measures formed another critical strand of progress. Recognising that tertiary care environments can be intimidating, the administration prioritised interventions that enhanced accessibility, dignity, and ease of navigation. Improvements in signage, registration processes, waiting areas, and patient guidance systems contributed to a more humane care environment. Special attention was paid to elderly patients, persons with disabilities, and attendants navigating complex treatment regimens.

Staff shortages, a persistent structural constraint, continued to challenge service delivery. Acknowledging that infrastructure and technology cannot function independently of human resources, the administration devoted sustained effort to addressing this deficit. Long-pending posts were advertised through the Services Selection Board after prolonged engagement with regulatory channels. While recruitment remains subject to procedural timelines, the formal initiation of this process marked a decisive institutional step, offering cautious optimism for improved patient-to-staff ratios in the medium term.

What unified these diverse efforts was a discernible shift in institutional culture. The year between Republic Day 2025 and 2026 reflected coordinated engagement across clinical, academic, administrative, and sup-

port staff, often described internally as working “shoulder to shoulder.” This collective ethos emerged as a defining strength, reinforcing morale and underscoring the collaborative nature of healthcare delivery.

By Republic Day 2026, SKIMS had consolidated its position within the national healthcare landscape with growing confidence. Progress across clinical services, infrastructure, academic engagement, and governance indicated convergence with benchmarks represented by institutions such as AIIMS and PGI Chandigarh. This positioning was presented not as a declaration of arrival, but as a

waypoint, acknowledging remaining challenges while affirming measurable advancement.

Perhaps the most consequential outcome of the year was the embedding of accountability as an institutional norm. Commitments were tracked, priorities clarified, and outcomes reviewed within defined timeframes. The 2026 Republic Day address thus functioned less as ceremony and more as public accounting.

As SKIMS moves beyond its 77th Republic Day, the challenge will be to sustain momentum without complacency. The experience of the past year demonstrates that institutional

transformation need not be abrupt to be effective. Incremental, well-governed change, supported by investment, administrative continuity, and collective effort, can yield durable results.

In an era often marked by ambitious announcements and delayed execution, SKIMS' journey between two Republic Days serves as a reminder that institutional trust is built not by what is promised, but by what is achieved.

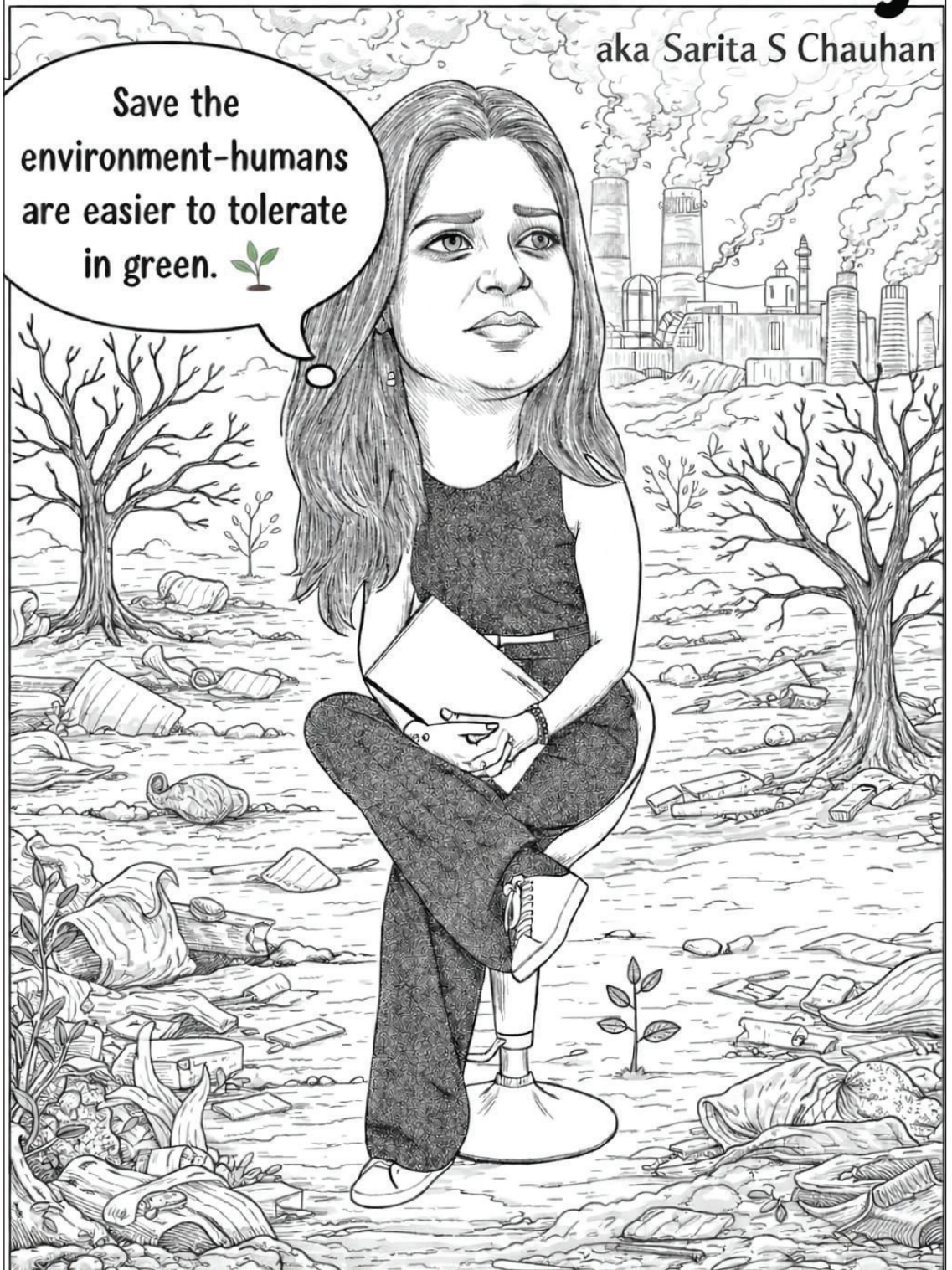
As per Moulana Rumi:

“Try not to resist the changes that come your way. Instead, let life live through you.”

Kitaab Waali Behanj

aka Sarita S Chauhan

Save the
environment-humans
are easier to tolerate
in green. 

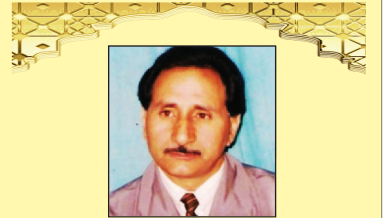


انسائیکلو پیڈیا

ہندو ذات نامہ درج ہے۔

امیر پتہ لیکھ پتی دی ایلڈرن (Pliny The Elder) قدرتی تواریخ (Natural History) ناؤ اکھ مشہور انسائیکلو پیڈیا یس واریا ہس کالس اکھ اہم تہ تھوڈ علی کارنامہ مانہ یوان اوس۔ یہ کتاب چھ نمبر ۷۹-۲۳ عیسوی منتر ترتیب دترہو۔ اتھ چھ ۳۷ جلد تہ ز ساس ڈور تھ تہ ترے باب۔

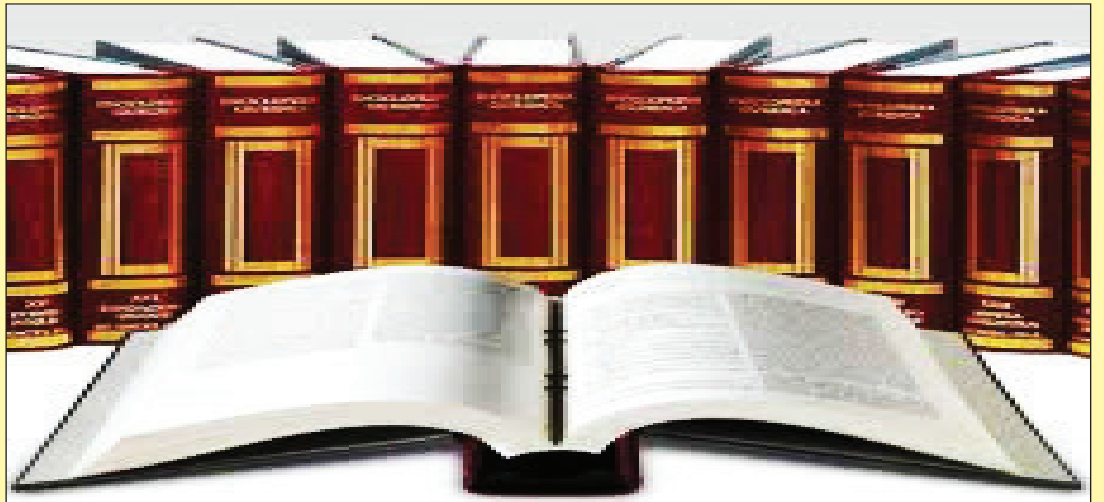
دعومہ صدی عیسوی منتر لیکھ الفارین عربی زبانی منتر بنا کھ انسائیکلو پیڈیا تھ پتہ (۹۵۰-۸۷۵) عیسوی لاطینی زبانی منتر ترجمہ کرنہ آو۔ اتھ کتابہ اوس سائنس متعلق کتاب الفہرس (Catalogus of the Science)



مجید سہی

لفظ انسائیکلو پیڈیا یا انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ علی کامہ یا کتابہ ونان تھ منتر عالمی سطحس پٹھ انسان تہ انسانس ستر وابستہ تمام شعبین ہند علم، امیر چہ تر لہ تہ پتہ منظر تہی حرفہ مطابق درج کرنہ آسہ آمت۔ اتھ چھ غلک خزائہ، علمہ آگر تہ عام معلومات ہند ڈریعہ تہ ونان۔

پٹھ کالہ آس انسائیکلو پیڈیا گہم پاٹھو آکر ہے موضوعس پٹھ یوان لکھنہ۔ انسائیکلو پیڈیا ہس منتر مختلف موضوعن پٹھ نوشتہ تہ بنیاد چھ اصلی یوانی فلسفہ داؤ تر آوہو۔ امیر قسملو انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ



(۲): اتھو دورس منتر آسہ علاجہ طور گزیر، سوانح حیات تہ تواریخ نویسی متعلق واریاہ ڈکشنری شائع کرنہ۔

(۳): تہی حرفہ مطابق مضمونن تہ اصطلاحن ستر وابستہ تہی مضمونن ہنر زانکاری آسہ کرناوہ۔ ساری رحمان مد نظر تھو اتھ ۳۰-۱۸۱۰ء منتر ایلڈین برگ انسائیکلو پیڈیا، ارداہن جلدن منتر شائع کرنہ تہ اتھو ستر آو ۲۴ جلدن پٹھ مشتمل وکس لونڈین سس Wilks Londinensis Ency (۲۹-۱۸۱۰ء) منتر چھاپنہ تہ (۱۸۳۳-۳۶ء) آو پی انسائیکلو پیڈیا (Penny Ency) شائع کرنہ، یس پتہ مشہور سپر ۱۸۳۵ء منتر آو انگریز زبانی منتر ۲۸ جلدن ہند انسائیکلو پیڈیا میٹروپالٹن (Metropolitan Ency) شائع کرنہ۔ دنیا بک ساروے کھو تہ یوڈ انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ چاہنر انسائیکلو پیڈیا مانہ یوان۔ یہ انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ پانہ ساس تہ تہن ۵۰۳۰ جلدن ہند۔

ناو۔ لفظ انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ علی دنیا ہس منتر گوڈنچہ لہ ۱۵۴۱ء یس منتر سوزر لینڈ کر ادیب ریکل برگن (Ringel Berg) استعمال کو امت۔ جوہان جاکوب ہوفمانن (Johan Jacob Hofmann) (۱۷۰۶-۱۷۳۵) کو ۱۷۲۲ء دون جلدن منتر لیکسن یونیورسل ہسٹری (Ioxicon Universal History) ناؤ انسائیکلو پیڈیا شائع۔ یہ کتاب چھ جرمن زبانی ہند شاہکار مانہ یوان۔ اتھ منتر چھ مشہور لوکن تہ جاین ہنر ڈکر شامل۔ امیر پتہ کڑی جوہان جاکوب بن پیہ ز جلد اتھو ناوس پٹھ شائع۔ تھ منتر آو چارواہن ہنر تواریخ، لگو کڑ، دھات، انسان تہ انسانہ ہندو معاملات، قانون، جوڈگری تہ واریاہن موضوعن پٹھ لیکھ۔

انگریز زبانی ہند گوڈنیک انسائیکلو پیڈیا سپر ۱۷۰۶ء یس منتر شائع۔ مختلف موضوعن پٹھ مشتمل لیکسن ٹیکنیکم (Lexicon Technicum)

سفر اٹن تہ ارسطو ہن تہ لکھو ستر۔ یوانی آس انسائیکلو پیڈیا ہس انکائیکلو پیڈیا Enkylo Paideia یا انکائیکلوس پیڈیا Enkyklos Paideia ونان۔ سیمیک مطلب جزل ایجوکیشن یا عام تعلیم گو۔ روٹیس چھ امیر اعتبار دنیا ہس منتر گوڈنیک معلوماتی انسائیکلو پیڈیا ترتیب ونگ اتیار حاصل۔ ٹرنٹس وارتو Terentens Varro ناؤ آکر روی عالمن چھ انسانی تواریخ، ادب، سوانح حیات تہ ایچرن تہ اصطلاحن متعلق اکھ قاموس ترتیب دہنت سیمہ ستر تہی باقین ہند خاطر انسائیکلو پیڈیا ترتیب دچہ ٹوچ بارس آنی۔ اوس متعلق چھ یوان وینہ ز سارے ادبی دنیا ہس منتر لچھ آو انسائیکلو پیڈیا کس طرزس پٹھ گوڈنچہ لہ لاطینی زبانی منتر وارتو ہندو لفظی تصویر (Varro's Portraits) ناؤ اکھ کتاب ۱۱۶-۲۷ ق م۔ یہ گوڈنیک انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھ ستن ہن خاکن ہنر سوبرن تھ منتر مختلف روٹین

امریکی چھاپن تر لہ (اشانتن) ہند ساروے کھو تہ یوڈ کارنامہ چھ دی انسائیکلو پیڈیا امریکانا، یس ۱۹۳۹-۴۷ء منتر چھاپنہ آو۔ امیر علاوہ چھ امریکا ہس منتر بچن ہنر عام تعلیم تہ علمہ ہاتھ واریاہ انسائیکلو پیڈیا چھاپنہ آمت، یمن منتر دی ورلڈ بک انسائیکلو پیڈیا The World Book Ency تہ کامپٹن پکچر ڈ اینڈ فیکٹ Compton's Pictured anact Index خاص پاٹھو بڈن ہند ہاتھ قابل توجہ تہ منتر چھ۔ امیر مزید چھ امریکا ہس منتر واریاہن موضوعن پٹھ الگ الگ انسائیکلو پیڈیا شائع آمت کرنہ یمن منتر نیم زبانی پین مشہور چھ۔

- ۱..... انسائیکلو پیڈیا آف امریکن ہسٹری
- ۲..... امریکن پیپلز انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۳..... سنڈارڈ انٹرنیشنل انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۴..... دی جوش انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۵..... دی کیتھک انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۶..... دی ڈکشنری آف امریکن بیوگرافی
- ۷..... کالس انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۸..... انسائیکلو پیڈیا انٹرنیشنل
- ۹..... دی چلڈرنز انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۰..... دی امریکن پیپلز انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۱..... انسائیکلو پیڈیا کلچرل
- ۱۲..... دی ورلڈ بک انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۳..... میڈنر ماڈرن انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۴..... دی چلڈرنز بزنس انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۵..... دی آکسفورڈ جونیئر انسائیکلو پیڈیا
- ۱۶..... دی امریکن ایجوکیشن انسائیکلو پیڈیا

امیر مزید چھ دہمہ صدی عیسوی منتر فرانسیسی زبانی منتر دی انسائیکلو پیڈیا ڈی اسلام (The Encycloepedia dslam) ۱۹۰۸-۳۴ء چھاپنہ آمت، یس پتہ انگریز یس منتر ترجمہ سپر ۱۹۵۳-۶۲ء انسائیکلو پیڈیا آف اسلام ناؤ ٹون جلدن منتر شائع سپر۔

۱۹۴۰ء منتر آو ترکی زبانی منتر اسلام انسائیکلو پیڈیا Islam Encycloepedia شبن جلدن منتر چھاپنہ۔ امیر پتہ آوے شائر انسائیکلو پیڈیا آف اسلام A shortar Ency of Islam ۱۹۵۳ء منتر ترتیب دہ۔

۱۹۵۴ء منتر سپر اسلام متعلق شخصیات ہنر سوانح حیات اردو زبانی منتر وین جلدن ہند انسائیکلو پیڈیا شائع۔ پاکستان تہ کوہ انسائیکلو پیڈیا آف اسلام شائع یس اکہ مغربی انسائیکلو پیڈیا بک ترجمہ چھ۔ تھہ کئی آوے دہمہ صدی منتر مختلف زبانن اندر تہی حرفہ مطابق واریاہ انسائیکلو پیڈیا شائع کرنہ۔

..... (جاری).....



غزل

گلشن بدرنی

چُر گئیس شہر کُ گامن ہُند ملہار بے دُون
اُنڈر وُس منز خصلت بیون وِہ ہار ہدُون
سائنس شہرس تاپچے، نئے چھس شہن دزان
گامن سانہن پھو رُمُت وچہ سزار بے دُون
پرنتھ دُؤس منز وودپان آہتو پوش وُئز
اسہ ما کڈنی گُٹے تگُو زانہہ خار بے دُون
گس نہ یٹھان اوس نارِ الاوس ہُمہ راؤن
وُی کوڑھینو ژھینو ماڑھو روہی چھ نارہے دُون
یتھ ریش واریچہ از تہ ہڑھلو دُریاو گزہران
سگہ وُن کس کس بے چھس دعوادر بے دُون
گُشن آگُن چون چُھ اُنچ پوشرہ پُتھر
اتھ منز پھوکُوتو از تامتھ گُردار بے دُون

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غزل

علی شیدا

کوتاہ مؤذرتہ میٹھ یہ حمدوشا وچھم
 اُتھر لازوال شفقست آور دُعا وچھم
 عالم تہ بے پناہ وچھم تہندے اشارے وے
 سُدس تہ بے پناہ زیتھ عالم پناہ وچھم
 بگوش وگماں ز اوس ہی ماتم گھٹن اندر
 آخریئے تہ سوز دل دادین دوا وچھم
 کرے کرم ز خاک تاں بالا شرف بضو
 یک شایہ نادلو بےس تہ سے جابجا وچھم
 فکر اندر تہ تھاؤو نم بری بری بلم گلاب
 ز کرن اندر تہ لا الہ ساؤک صدائ وچھم
 کتھ کتھ نہ نعمتس کرس شکرانہ گریز روئے
 کتھ کتھ نہ حالے سناں میں سناں خدائ وچھم

☆☆



غزل

شاید و لنوی

رَاوَر مَتَر شُرِي دِيَان پھرتھ آکھ
 مَتَر ملکنن تھچے یہ سچے باکھ
 زیڈھ صحراو تریشہ پیہڑو لَوکھ
 کریڈھ سفا قدم قدم وَاُنَاکھ
 پیہہ بچن تل چھے زُو دِوان مِنہ مَر
 وَجھ یہ منظر چُھ کُوت بآئتھ ناکھ
 کیندہ باپتھ چھ سولبو سول کم خاب
 بازس منز مگر نہ گنہ کاٹھہ گراکھ
 چون دُوربر ، بہ کیناہ مثال دِس
 سر یہ للہ وان چھ زن گلن ہندی آکھ
 اَلی تَرَاوَتھ چھ کُوت گرشہان شامس
 جانہ وارن و چھانہ گُلبن ہندی شاخ

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غزل

عزیز حاجتی

لبن لکھان میں خلاف اُس یر مینا
پڑس پوان میں بکار اُس شار مینا
بیو نہ مینا دُونے سے رتر وچھ اچھو
تمن چھے پے زو نہ چھ تھئی تم بہار مینا
ستیس کران میٹھی پدن اُس کم کُلاش
کُنی رُنی چھے دیان ازو سٹالہ مار مینا
تُمس چھ دُسم دوسنیو مت ووں پُر پٹھی
تُمس کرن نہ کینہہ ووں ڈل تہ آبشار مینا
پھبان مے وچھ نہ شان پنڈز زانہہ تہ پُر پٹھی
منفر بے ولیہ پٹھی تھلان گے جہار مینا
گہ ٹلان کر اُلکھو کن جھم مے ٹاٹھی باے
گہ چھکان مے نون چھو کن دوسرا مینا

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گواہ نہ ہی۔“ پھر ان وٹس ”بیلہ ہی اُس گواہ
جوانی پر ان تہ پتہ حیوانی، اما وٹنی چھتے گواہ
حیوانی پر ان تہ پتہ حیوانی۔“

اُمس بچا تو رنہ یہ فلسفہ فکر۔ چہرَن اُمس
تعب و زحمت کے تہ ذرا یہ بچا رگرگرن۔ امہ و چھ
سڑک و چھنی تہ کھو وری واریا کور تہ لڑکہ پائی
پانس سڑک تھ کران۔ یکن نہ پکان پکان پتہ ہوش
روزان ز کاٹہ پٹھ مایو و کراونہ۔ یہ دب صاب
اُس اُتھر حاس ٹھتہ زا کھ چھلے موہے جوانا آو
اُمس لائے۔ یہ پیچہ پتھر تہ یہ جوان تہ آو تھ کڑ
پتھر لائے۔ دب صاب اُس لوڑ کُج زن، او کڑ
وڑھ یہ جل جل تہ امہ میزت یہ جوان ٹٹن، اما
یہ وچٹن و نہ تہ پانپے سڑک کیا ہتام وان۔ بیلہ
یہ ہناسیہ اُمس تہ او لوگ اُمس پے ز اُمس
چھ کن منز کیا ہتام تہ یہ چھنہ کاٹہ ہنز کتھے
بوزان۔ وار وار تو اُمس پندہ کور ہند تہ فکر زس
کوٹھ چھ پڑکس۔

بڑوٹھ اُسی وانان ”گِر وِندہ ہے گِر ساسا، پر
نیر ہے نہ زانہہ“۔ اِوِڈی چھہ پر نیر نے تہ ساری
گِر مہر آسان۔ بڑوٹھ اوس بوے بایس پتھر
آستھ تہ پُشت پناہ، اماوڈی چھہ اُمس گزاکھ،
واڈی، کارِ بوج، شک در، پتوارُک، پلسہ دول،
حاکم ہتیر سورے کینہہ گرک باڈ، پیئہ بوے،
مول موج۔ یم چھہ وڈی اُمس واتانے کینہہ۔
بین تتر چھہ رشتہ زبک مر نک۔ باقہ چھہ
سورے لین دین، لوہ لنگر نیر مین تتر۔

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گڑھ ہاتھ دھو، جس، تہ تیغ، کھس، منہ پتھ
نفرس اوس پے لگان لگس چھ ہمارے اُمس
کچھ کڑو اتہ علاج۔ از چھ گرس منہ پتھ کھس
منہ زن تہ سینما چلان آسان۔ میو، رک، ویڈیو
فیلم، ویڈیو گیم چھ انسان پنہن گر باژن،
ہساین تہ آشنائون نشیوت دوتھوان زن
نہ اُمس بین ستر کاٹھہ تعلق آسانے چھ۔ خیر
چھ اُمس سارے کھس منہ واتان اما صرف
چھس نہ گرس منہ لسن بسن والین باژن ہند پے
وزان۔

حال حاظر گئیہ اکھ ڈنی پیرس نش تہ
وؤئس ”میناے کورض چھ زن جن پرکس۔“
پیرن پڑٹھس ”ڈے رکھ کڈ تو زے فکر زن جن
پھس پرکس۔ پیترہ بنے اوتاہ فون پھ، پیترہ بنے
بندوق چھ، ژوپا رک پھ شینسٹرے شینسٹر، تم کتہ
ورن وڈی جن پیترہ۔ یہ چھ انسائے بنس پیترہ
تھ کھنڈ چھ ز وئہ چھ بستی مین مز۔“ یور
وؤئس امہ دبد صابہ ”ہتہ حض پیر صابہ کیناہ
پھکھ ونان، مے چھا تاپہ ستر یہ ٹوپ
چھرووومت۔“ پیرن وؤئس ”کیشہ پرواے
چھنہ، جوان کور متعلق چھ“ تھرشک گروہان۔ سو
آسہ پانی پانس ستر اسان، مئزری آسہ کاڈ کڈان،
مئزری آسہ ووش تز اوان، مئزری آسہ زن تہ پانس
ستر کھ کران۔“ ہتہ حض پیر صاب ”بلاہ حض
لکے، بی حض پھس تکر جن کورمت۔“ پیرن
وؤئس غم مہ بر، جوئی مئز چھ یہ گروہان۔ یور
وؤئس امہ ”اسہ جھنا جوئی و پھچھو۔ اسہ کناز

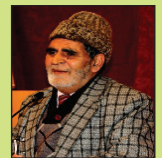
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زکس ووتھتہ دزاوتہ زواویر۔

بزدل تھ اُس ساری اچھ مٹر لکھان۔ اوے
 اُس بعضے گنہ تحریریں مٹر لکھان، 'بقلم خود'۔ وُنی
 پھ امیہ چہ جابہ سیکورٹی ہنڈس ناول پٹھہ چٹھہ گرتھ
 ہوان۔ پتھ کالہ اُس ان پڑھ انگوٹھ کران، اما
 وُنی پڑھ پڑھ متین تہ انگوٹھ کُرن لَی۔ انگوٹھ
 یوت کینا زبلمہ سار ہنے انگوٹھن ہنڈ چھاپ۔ پتھ
 کالہ اوس انگوٹھ پچ آسان مردس تہ راست
 مسو راتن، وُنی موکلہ پتہ فرق تہ۔ کتھ اُس پنہ
 اچھ پانہ قلمہ مٹر پچ۔ وُنی چھ ساری کمپیوٹس
 پٹھ لکھان۔ اتھ چھ ہوی اچھرتہ دستخط۔
 بزدل تھ اُس خوشطی الگ نمبر، وُنی چھ ساری
 خوشخط۔ وُنیو زگرس کینا واٹھ پھ اتھ مٹر، ستر
 وُنی واٹھ کتھ ہاٹھ پچھ یکن بانہ واڈ۔

بڑو فہمہ کالہ اوس انسان پنہنہ ضرور تہ، استعداد
تہ تہ شوقہ موجوب گربناوان۔ اماؤنی چھس انچنر
نقشہ بناوان، میونسپٹی یا ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی یا
ٹاؤن ایریا کمیٹی اتھ ڈپٹی وائٹ کران۔ شہر منر
بسان آسہ، تبلیہ چھس ڈل ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی تہ
پتہ۔ ییمہ سارے اتھارٹی چھہ اُمس پنڈو اتھارٹی
ضبط کران تہ تہ کرناوان تیج کائسہ تہ اتھارٹی
بھنہ۔ بہر حال نتیجہ چھہ یہ ڈگر چھہ ہوی، ہر گاہ
برہمن ناو لکھو لکھو آسن تہ انسان اٹا کہ بدل
ہینس گرس۔

کاشتر گر اوس پتہ کالہ یتھ
Transpereant زہر گاہ گنہ سُکھ مزہ وائے

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کاشرگر



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گر چھتہ ٹکڑے مکاں، چار دیواری یا دوسرے دیوار بلکہ چھ پیہ تین ٹون پائون یا زیناڈ فی رُوحن ہُنڈ یکہ وِط اُکس جلیہ اندر بُسن تہ لُسن۔ کاٹھر گر اوس کیتھو وچہز وکتر پوان آسانی سان یڈن ناوے، اماوڈن چھ تھمڑ ہناڈ ڈیت سپدان۔ باڈن چھ آسان یکہ وِط مکاں منڑ، امایرن چھنہ گر باسان۔

چھہ کالیم یامہ اگر گر کی باڑ آسان آس، تمن اوس
گوڈنی پے آسان زکس کینہہ چھہ کران۔ کالمہ
منز چھا کسم بے کار چھ، مز اذ کیتھ چھس،
عادت کتھر چھس۔ اماؤنی چھ ساری پانس
پانس۔ اکو ہے مکاس منزرو تھہ تہ چھہ بین
اکھ اکو سٹد پے آسان۔ بز فہہ کالیم ییلہ بیم
سولہر منز پیکہ وٹہ بینان آس، اکھ اکس مٹی کتھ
باتھ کران۔ پٹن سوکھ مہم دا پران۔ چنڈک
ہاوان تہ ووغڈک ہاوان۔ اماؤنی ییلہ تہ زانہہ بیم
بوچھ گئی مینن تہ نظر چھہ کسم نہ اکھ اکس گن
آسان، اد کناہ ساری ٹیلی وجہہ کس ریکر پنس