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AI Summit a Turning Point: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI, FEB 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the India AI Impact Summit proved to be a turning point in the trajectory of how the world will utilise the power of artificial intelligence in the future, and asserted that global leaders were impressed with the breakthroughs achieved by India in the domain.

In his monthly radio broadcast Mann Ki Baat, Modi also asked people to remain vigilant against online financial fraud and digital arrest, and appealed to all to comply with requests from banks for doing KYC (know your customer) as it is crucial for an individual's bank account's safety.

The prime minister said the country recently witnessed an achievement during the AI Summit held in the city where leaders from many countries, industry leaders, innovators, and people associated with the start-up sector came together.

"This summit proved to be a turning



point in the trajectory of how the world will utilise the power of AI in the future," he said.

At the summit, Modi said, he showed myriad things to world leaders, especially two things which impressed them a lot.

He said the first product was at Amul's booth where it was explained how

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PM Modi Announces Lutyens Statue Replacement at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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NEW DELHI, FEB 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Sunday that a statue of British architect Edwin Lutyens, which has stood in Rashtrapati Bhavan, will be replaced by a statue of C Rajagopalachari, the first Indian governor-general of independent India.

During his monthly radio address, 'Mann Ki Baat', Modi noted that, unfortunately, even after independence, statues of British administrators remained in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, while those of India's great leaders were not honoured with a place there.

However, the country is moving away from symbols of colonial rule and is

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J&K records above normal day temperatures



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SRINAGAR, FEB 22: Several parts of the Kashmir Valley on Saturday recorded maximum temperatures 8 to 11 degrees Celsius above normal, reflecting an unusual spike for this time of the season, according to data compiled by Kashmir Weather.

Srinagar recorded a high of 20.7°C, which is 9.7°C above normal, while Qazigund registered 21.5°C, 11.4°C above the seasonal average. Pahalgam settled at 17.5°C, 10 degrees above normal, and Kupwara recorded 20.8°C, 10.7°C above normal.

Kokernag recorded a maximum of 19.0°C, Turn on Page 2

3 JeM terrorists Killed in Kishtwar Encounter

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JAMMU, FEB 22: Three members of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kishtwar district on Sunday, officials said.

The bodies of all the slain terrorists were charred beyond recognition as the mud house they were hiding in caught fire during the gunfight, they said, adding that preliminary assessments by security agencies suggest that one of the deceased is Saifullah, a notorious JeM commander.

He had reportedly infiltrated into J&K nearly five years ago

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India's Next Agricultural Revolution To Be AI-Driven: Dr Jitendra

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MUMBAI, FEB 22: India's next agricultural revolution will be driven by artificial intelligence, Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh said today, positioning AI as the central pillar of farm policy, research and investment architecture at the AI4Agri 2026 Summit in Mumbai.

Addressing the inaugural session of the "Global Conference



on AI in Agriculture and Investor Summit 2026" here, the Minister said AI offers, for the first time, scalable solutions to structural challenges that have long constrained farm productivity – erratic weather, information asymmetry and fragmented markets. "What AI offers is not a new diagnosis. It offers, finally, a prescription that can scale," he said, noting that even a 10% productivity gain for the 600 million

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Hindi Embodies India's Cultural Continuity: LG Gupta

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NEW DELHI, FEB 22: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, today addressed the International Hindi Olympiad – Prize Distribution and Amrit Kumbh Samman Ceremony 2026 organised by the Hindi Olympiad Foundation at the C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, New Delhi.

Addressing a distinguished gathering of students, educators, scholars, and eminent guests from across the country and abroad, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised that Hindi is not merely a language of communication but the living expression of India's civilisational consciousness.

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Delhi Police bust LeT-linked Bangladeshi module

Kangan resident Mastermind among 8 arrested

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NEW DELHI, FEB 22: In a major counter-terror operation, the Delhi Police Special Cell has dismantled a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT)-linked Bangladeshi terror module operating across multiple states, arresting eight operatives and naming a Kangan-based handler as the mastermind behind the network.

Raids at multiple locations in Delhi, Kolkata and Tamil Nadu dismantled a Bangladeshi module of highly radicalized individuals affiliated with Lashkar-e-Toiba. The Special Cell arrested eight cadres linked to a LeT handler.

Seven of the accused are Bangladeshi nationals who had procured Indian IDs to conceal their identity and had entered

India illegally. They were recruited and handled by a trained Kashmiri LeT handler operating from Bangladesh. The module had conducted reconnaissance of vital installations in India.

The module head, Shabir Ahmad Lone R/o Village Kangan, District Srinagar, J&K (presently based in Bangladesh),

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Terror era over, next century belongs to India and its Youth: Satish Sharma

We represent tourism, our neighbour represents terrorism, they need to mend their ways

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

GULMARG, FEB 22: Jammu and Kashmir Sports Minister Satish Sharma on Sunday said that the era of terrorism has ended and the coming century belongs to India and its youth.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the inaugural function of the 6th edition of the Khelo India Games at Gulmarg, Sharma, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said every-

thing has an expiry and terrorism too has seen its end.

"Everything has an expiry and the era of terrorism has ended. The coming time belongs to India and India will lead from the front," he said, adding that the large participation of youth in sporting events reflects a new and confident Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting the scale of the 6th edition of Khelo-India winter games, the Minister said more than 500 to 600 athletes from

different parts of the country have arrived in Gulmarg to participate in the prestigious games. He said the overwhelming response is a clear sign that peace and normalcy have returned to the Union Territory.

Referring to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Sharma said that "Omar Sahib went to all parts of the country to promote tourism. Today people are coming from everywhere and we are not even getting rooms," he remarked, pointing towards the

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CS Reviews ECCE Framework in J&K

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JAMMU, FEB 22: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, held a meeting of all the stakeholders to take assessment of the interventions proposed for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) by the Social Welfare Department.

Speaking in this meeting he called

for a time-bound, outcome-driven "Whole-of-Government" approach to transform Anganwadi Centres into vibrant hubs of holistic child development across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare; Project Director, Samagra Shiksha; MD, Mission Poshan; MD, JKRLM;

Director, School Education, Jammu/Kashmir; and other senior officers of the concerned departments.

Highlighting the transformative role of early childhood development in light of the National Education Policy and the vision of 'Viksit Bharat', the Chief Secretary observed that no nation can dream of sustainable development without productively

investing in its children.

He described children as the guarantee of a prosperous tomorrow and the real wealth of any nation. He emphasized that even nations endowed with abundant natural resources ultimately depend on the quality of their human resources for productivity and growth, and

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ED Targets 500 Chargesheets This Fiscal

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NEW DELHI, FEB 22: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has set a target of filing 500 chargesheets in money-laundering cases in the current financial year and investigating officials have been directed to ensure that once a case is registered, the probe should be completed within one to two years, except in "complex" matters, the agency said on Sunday.

These measures were discussed and finalised during the federal probe agency's 34th Quarterly Conference of Zonal Officers (QCZO) held in Assam's capital, Guwahati, on December 19-21 last year. The meeting

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AI Summit a.....

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is helping people in the treatment of animals, and how farmers keep track of their livestock with the help of 24x7 AI assistance.

The prime minister said the second product was related to Indian culture and leaders from all over the world were amazed to see how, with the help of AI, India is preserving ancient texts, knowledge, manuscripts and adapting them in accordance with today's generation.

"At the India AI Impact Summit, world leaders were impressed by these AI breakthroughs," he said.

At the summit, the world got to see India's amazing capabilities in the field of AI and during the event, India also launched three Made in India AI models, he said, noting it was the biggest AI summit ever.

On the growing incidents of digital arrest and digital frauds, he said many senior citizens and innocent people have become victims of such financial crimes and hence it was very important to remain alert and vigilant.

"Sometimes, when you receive messages from your bank asking you to update KYC or re-KYC, the question arises in your mind: I have already done KYC, then why this? I urge you not to fret; this is just for the safety of your money," he said.

The prime minister also referred to many Indian origin players playing for other nations in the T-20 World Cup, noting it gives joy to the people

"The Canadian team has the highest number of players of Indian origin. Team captain Dilpreet Bajwa was born in Gurdaspur, Punjab. Navneet Dhaliwal is from Chandigarh. This list includes many names like Harsh Thakar and Shreyas Mowa, who are raising the pride of not only Canada, but India as well," he said.

He said this was the hallmark of Indianness and wherever Indians go, they remain connected to the roots of their motherland and contribute to the development of their 'karambhoom', the country they live and work in.

The prime minister said during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, he spoke about attaining "freedom from the mentality of slavery" as part of it, the country is leaving behind the "symbols of slavery" and has begun to value symbols related to Indian culture.

He said the Rashtrapati Bhavan has also taken an important step in this direction and on Monday will celebrate 'Rajaji Utsav' during which a statue of C. Rajagopalachari will be unveiled in the central courtyard of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Rajagopalachari was the first Indian Governor General of independent India.

Modi also had a message for students appearing for various final examinations.

Calling students "exam warriors", he said their worth is not determined by their mark sheet.

"Yes, it's natural to have some doubts at such times. Sometimes you wonder if you'll remember everything or not! Sometimes you wonder if you'll run out of time. Children of every generation have experienced these feelings; you're not alone. Remember, your worth isn't determined by your mark sheet. So, trust yourself. Write wholeheartedly about what you've studied," he said.

During the address, the prime minister also paid tributes to former chief minister of Tamil Nadu J Jayalalithaa, whose birth anniversary falls on February 24, and also mentioned about Kerala's centuries-old Mamangam tradition, often called the Kerala Kumbh, which has come alive again after nearly 250 years. (Agencies)

PM Modi Announces.....

beginning to embrace symbols of Indian culture, the prime minister stated.

"A statue of British architect Edwin Lutyens also stood in Rashtrapati Bhavan. Now, this statue will be replaced by a statue of Rajaji (C Rajagopalachari)," he said.

Modi mentioned that during the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', he had discussed the 'Panch-Pran' from the Red Fort, highlighting the importance of freeing oneself from the mentality of slavery.

Affirming that the Rashtrapati Bhavan is taking a significant step forward in this regard, he announced that the 'Rajaji Utsav' will be celebrated on February 23, during which the statue of C Rajagopalachari will be unveiled in the central courtyard of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Rajagopalachari was among those who saw power not as a position but as a service. His conduct, self-restraint, and independent thinking in public life inspire us even today," the prime minister said.

Additionally, an exhibition on Rajagopalachari will take place during the Rajaji Utsav, running from February 24 to March 1. "Do pay a visit there, to have a look, whenever possible," Modi said.

Edwin Lutyens, in collaboration with Sir Herbert Baker, designed several monumental buildings in New Delhi, including Rashtrapati Bhavan, North Block, South Block, and India Gate.

In recognition of his contribution, a part of New Delhi is also known as 'Lutyens' Delhi'. (Agencies)

J&K records.....

10.2°C above normal, while Gulmarg, a major ski resort, registered 10.0°C, which is 8 degrees above the average for this period.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 25.0°C, 2.7°C above normal. Banihal registered 21.2°C, 8.1°C above average, while Batote recorded 19.1°C, 6.5°C above normal.

Bhaderwah settled at 20.3°C, 6.1°C above normal, and Katra recorded 24.0°C, which is 3.9°C above the seasonal average.

In Ladakh, Leh recorded a maximum of 7.8°C, while Kargil and Nubra Valley both registered 9.4°C. Data on departures from both in the Ladakh region was not immediately available.

The above-normal temperatures across the Valley come amid a prolonged dry spell, with no major

rain or snowfall reported in recent days. Weather observers have noted that such deviations from seasonal averages could have implications for agriculture and water resources if the trend continues. (KNS)

3 JeM terrorists.....

ago and had since remained active in the region, allegedly masterminding several deadly attacks on security forces, including one in July 2024 that left four soldiers dead.

Saifullah had escaped a number of encounters in the past.

The officials said the body of the third terrorist, along with a weapon, was retrieved from the gutted hideout of the ultras in the evening.

Earlier, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma complimented the White Knight Corps troops for their "swift and precise" action to neutralise the terrorists.

"The Army Commander commends the commanders and troops on ground for their persistence in challenging terrain and weather conditions. Northern Command remains committed to ensuring a terror-free J&K," the Army said in a post on X.

The terrorists were neutralised during the "Trashil" operation in the general area of Passerkut in the Chatroo belt and two AK-47 rifles, along with ammunition, seized.

"Pursuant to credible intelligence inputs collated from J-K Police, IB (Intelligence Bureau) and own intelligence sources, a deliberate joint operation was launched in the Kishtwar region under operation Trashil-I to track and neutralise terrorists operating in the area.

"Following successful contact established earlier, troops of CIF (Counter-Intelligence Force) Delta, in close coordination with police and CRPF, re-engaged the terrorists today at approximately 11 am in challenging terrain," the White Knight Corps said in a post on X.

Displaying tactical precision, seamless synergy and resolute aggression, the troops dominated the encounter site, the Army said.

"The hunt continues—those who seek to disturb peace will find no sanctuary," it added.

Sharing preliminary information, the officials said the terrorists were hiding inside a mud house on the foothills and opened fire on the approaching search parties, leading to an intense gunfight.

The mud house caught fire during the gunfight and was gutted.

The charred bodies of the terrorists were retrieved from the scene and efforts are on to identify them, the officials said, adding that the intelligence inputs had suggested the presence of Saifullah and two of his associates, both Pakistani nationals.

The Chatroo forest belt has witnessed nearly half-a-dozen gunfights between terrorists and security forces since January 18, resulting in the killing of a soldier and a Pakistani terrorist. While the soldier lost his life on January 18, the terrorist was eliminated on February 4.

With the killing of the three terrorists on Sunday, a total of seven JeM ultras have been eliminated by security forces in separate encounters in the Jammu region this year. Earlier, two terrorists were killed in the Ramanagar forest in Udhampur on February 4 and one was neutralised in Parhetar village of Kathua on January 23.

Meanwhile, a truck driver was detained for questioning after some Pakistani contact numbers were found on his mobile phone during checking at the Pangdour chowk in Samba district late on Saturday evening.

The truck was on its way to Kashmir when police stopped it at a checkpoint and found several Pakistani numbers on the driver's phone, the officials said, adding that further investigation is on. (PTI)

India's Next.....

farmers across the Global South would amount to what he described as the single largest poverty-reduction opportunity of the century.

Framing agriculture as a strategic sector rather than a legacy one, Dr. Jitendra Singh linked the AI push to the Rs. 10,372-crore India AI Mission, which is building sovereign compute capacity, datasets and startup infrastructure at scale. He highlighted BharatGen, India's government-owned large language model ecosystem, which has already released "Agri Param", a domain-specific agriculture model operating in 22 Indian languages, enabling farmers to access advisory support in their own language. "This is AI that speaks to a farmer in Marathi, Bhojpuri or Kannada," he said, underscoring the importance of linguistic inclusion.

The Minister said the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is supporting an open, interoperable India AI Open Stack to ensure that agri-AI solutions developed anywhere in the country can plug into a national framework. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation is funding deep-tech and AI research in collaboration with IITs, IISc and ICAR, including agriculture applications.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed to drone and satellite mapping that is already strengthening Soil Health Cards and the Swamitva Mission by providing verified land and soil data, and to investments in climate intelligence where Earth Sciences and AI are being integrated into early warning systems to help farmers "plan, not panic". The role of biotechnology, he said, would be critical in developing resilient and disease-resistant crops, including early asymptomatic detection of pest and plant diseases, and in advancing a circular crop economy.

Highlighting the scale of opportunity, Dr. Jitendra Singh said India's 140 million farm holdings, most of them small and marginal, could together generate an estimated Rs. 70,000 crore in annual value if AI-enabled advisories help each farmer save even Rs. 5,000 a year through better input timing, pest prediction and market linkage. He cited Maharashtra's Rs. 500-crore MahaAgri-AI Policy 2025-29 as

a model, adding that the Centre would align and amplify such state-level initiatives.

Hindi Embodies.....

He stated that language carries the essence of a nation's traditions, values, and cultural continuity, and serves as the foundation of intellectual self-reliance. Describing the event as a "Mahakumbh of linguistic awareness," Shri Kavinder Gupta remarked that in the age of globalization, cultural identity is the strongest pillar of national strength, and language is its most powerful instrument. He observed that true freedom is incomplete without linguistic confidence and that thinking, innovating, and creating in one's mother tongue strengthens both individual self-belief and national character.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that Swami Vivekananda advocated Hindi (Hindustani) as a vital link for national unity. While respecting all mother tongues, he believed Hindi could connect diverse regions and make knowledge accessible to the masses, strengthening India's cultural identity and fostering true national awakening through language. He further said that former Late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee elevated Hindi to new heights of global recognition by articulating India's voice in Hindi at international forums, demonstrating that language is a symbol of national self-respect.

Shri Kavinder Gupta further stated that Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi is carrying forward this proud legacy by consistently promoting Hindi on global platforms. He observed that the Prime Minister's use of Hindi at international forums reflects India's rising confidence and reaffirms the nation's cultural identity and linguistic self-respect. He maintained that the Prime Minister's address at the India AI Summit in Hindi sent a powerful message that even in deliberations on cutting-edge technologies and artificial intelligence, India articulates its vision with confidence in its own language—symbolizing the seamless confluence of tradition and innovation in a New India.

Highlighting India's multilingual heritage, Shri Kavinder Gupta clarified that Hindi complements all Indian languages and serves as a unifying link across diverse regions. He stressed the need to expand the use of Hindi beyond literature and administration into science, technology, research, artificial intelligence, startups, digital innovation, and the judiciary. He also underlined the opportunities created by the National Education Policy in promoting Indian languages as mediums of knowledge and innovation.

Speaking about the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Lieutenant Governor described it as a symbol of cultural resilience, spiritual depth, and patriotic commitment. He highlighted Ladakh's rich linguistic diversity, including Ladakhi, Balti, and Purigi, and stated that Hindi plays a significant role in connecting the region with the national mainstream. He also referred to Ladakh's progress in renewable energy, sustainable development, and self-reliance, noting that its youth are confidently embracing both their mother tongues and Hindi as instruments of growth and national integration.

The ceremony was presided over by Shri Rajesh Vats, President of the Hindi Olympiad Foundation, and coordinated by Mrs. Hemlata, who presented an overview of the Foundation's initiatives aimed at promoting Hindi globally. Among the distinguished guests present were Master Jai Bhagwan Yadav, Deputy Mayor of Delhi; Dr. Pradeep Kumar (IRS), Joint Director, GST; Dr. Renu Singh, Principal Director, Amity International School, Noida; Mrs. Sunila Athale, and educationist Dr. Ayushi Kethkar. The proceedings were conducted by Shri Gopal Sharma.

Delhi Police.....

was previously arrested and convicted in a Special Cell case in 2007 along with recovery of arms and ammunition including an AK-47 and a grenade. Shabbir Ahmad Lone later fled to Bangladesh to revive the terror network of LeT in India and to activate sleeper cells of Bangladeshi operatives based in the country.

In a major counter-terror operation, a team of the Special Cell led by Insp. Sunil Rajain and Insp. Dheeraj under the close supervision of Sh. Rahul Vikram, ACP/NDR, and overall supervision of Shri Amit Kaushik, DCP/Special Cell/NDR, conducted multiple raids in Kolkata (West Bengal) and Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu).

These actions led to the dismantling of the LeT module and the arrest of eight operatives. The timely apprehension of these individuals averted possible terror strikes in India.

Arrested persons in the West Bengal module include Umar Faruk S/o Akhtar Hossain R/o Aswin Tola, District Malda, West Bengal, aged 31 years, and Robiul Islam S/o Ramjan Ali R/o District Thakur Gaon, Bangladesh, aged 31 years.

Those arrested from the Tamil Nadu module include Md. Mizanur Rehman S/o Md. Afsar Rehman R/o District Bogura, Bangladesh, aged 32 years; Md. Sefayat Hossain S/o Md. Zulfikar Ali R/o District Jhalakathi, Bangladesh, aged 34 years; Md. Zahidul Islam S/o Abdul Jabbar R/o District Bogura, Bangladesh, aged 40 years; Md. Liton S/o Md. Ajmal R/o District Bogura, Bangladesh, aged 40 years; Md. Uzzal S/o Md. Abjad Sarkar R/o District Bogura, Bangladesh, aged 27 years; and Umar S/o Ajzul R/o District Bogura, Bangladesh, aged 32 years.

On 08.02.2026, a written complaint was given by the CISF shift in charge to SHO P.S Supreme Court Metro regarding affixing of pro-Pak and pro-terror posters by unknown individuals at Janpath Metro Station. During enquiry and verification, similar posters were found affixed at a few other locations in Delhi.

The posters contained photographs idealizing slain Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist Burhan Wani and others. One of the posters read "India stop genocide & Free Kashmir" along with some terms

in Urdu which translated to "Hum Pakistani Hain, Pakistan Hamara Hai" and "Kashmiri Ek jut-ta Divas".

Accordingly, a case was registered at P.S Supreme Court Metro vide FIR No. 01/26 under sections 152/196/197 BNS and 3 DPP Act, and investigation of the case was transferred to Special Cell/NDR due to its sensitive nature.

After registration of the case, a team led by Insp. Ajay Kumar, SHO P.S Supreme Court Metro, under the close supervision of Sh. Kushal Pal Singh, IPS, DCP Metro, traced the initial trail which was subsequently developed into actionable operational data.

The Special Cell was already working on gathering intelligence regarding activities of Lashkar-e-Toiba operatives and their Bangladeshi connections following recent developments in Bangladesh.

Human sources were deployed at various places. The application of these resources bore fruit and details of movement of the accused persons in Delhi and Gurugram were obtained. The available details were extensively analysed and developed into actionable and operational intelligence. (KNC)

Terror era over.....

heavy tourist rush in the Valley.

From the famous ski resort of Gulmarg, the minister said he wanted to send a message of love and peace to everyone, including neighbouring countries. "We represent tourism, they represent terrorism. We want to tell them that they need to mend their ways," he said.

Recalling the challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir, Sharma said 2025 had been a difficult year for Jammu and Kashmir. "In 2025, we saw war, the Pahalgam terror attack and nature's fury as well. It was a tough year for J&K," he said, adding that in the past few months the government has worked hard to get back on its feet.

He urged people from across the country to visit Jammu and Kashmir without fear. "My message to all countrymen is that they should come to J&K. I assure them they will not face any problems. This time we are going to create a record," he said.

In a lighter vein, Sharma said he prefers to interact directly with the people. "Usually ministers don't behave like this, but I behave like a sarpanch as I am their sewak. It is the direction of my leader Omar Abdullah Sahib," he added.

The Sports Minister also expressed hope that Jammu and Kashmir's cricket team would emerge victorious in the Ranji Trophy final. "We should pray that we win the Ranji finals. It is for the first time we have entered into the finals," he said.

Calling for responsible journalism, Sharma said the region needs unbiased and good media, adding that the Chief Minister has envisioned several initiatives for the welfare of journalists as well—(KNO)

CS Reviews.....

asserted that there is no better way to create quality human capital than through timely and strategic early childhood interventions.

Stressing clarity of goals and adherence to timelines, he directed all departments to work in close coordination to achieve measurable improvements in nutrition, school readiness and foundational learning outcomes.

The Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, Sarmad Hafeez took this occasion to reveal that ECCE services are being delivered through 28,190 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the Union Territory, integrating preschool education (3-6 years), supplementary nutrition, immunization, growth monitoring, early identification of developmental delays and inclusive services for Divyang children.

He added that the pedagogical framework is anchored in Navchetna (0-3 years) and Aadharshila (3-6 years), promoting play-based and activity-oriented learning across five developmental domains as that of cognitive learning, language, socio-emotional, physical and cultural development.

While throwing light on the proposed interventions under the roadmap of ECCE, the MD, Poshan, Sajad Hussain Ganai informed the meeting that a key pillar of the roadmap is structured as inter-departmental convergence. He elaborated that with the Health Department, integrated home visit protocols for AWWs and ASHAs, ECD-focused Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs), co-counselling sessions and developmental delay screening mechanisms have been institutionalized.

Additionally under this new strategy the School Education Department had ensured 100 percent mapping of AWCs with nearby primary schools has been completed, and 657 AWCs have been identified for co-location to ensure seamless transition from preschool to Grade 1 and alignment with Foundational Literacy and Numeracy goals under the NIPUN Bharat Mission.

Innovative mentorship models are being implemented to bridge Anganwadis and primary schools, with mentor teachers providing pedagogical support and on-site guidance. In addition to that internship collaborations are being rolled out with the engaging students from local Universities as Poshan Mitras and ECCE interns to strengthen service delivery at the grassroots.

The roadmap also envisages digital transformation forming it another major component

of the strategy. QR-enabled Anganwadi profiling, the "One Child, One Card" initiative and integration with Poshan Tracker, RCH and UDISE platforms are going to streamline the monitoring and service delivery.

Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, APAAR IDs are being generated for preschool children to enable seamless academic tracking, with 94 percent of Aadhaar-seeded children already covered and full saturation targeted by March 2026.

To strengthen transparency and community ownership, District-Level Monitoring Committees and a biannual Social Audit framework involving PRIs, SHGs, Mahila Mandals and parents is going to be instituted. Community-Based Events under POSHAN Abhiyan including Godhbharai, Annaprashan, Pratham Diwas and Vidyarambh ceremonies are slated for regular conduct to promote behavioural change, enrolment and parental engagement.

The meeting also reviewed the impact of some best practices in vogue here such as "Poshan on Wheels" facilitating doorstep delivery of services, on-the-spot registration under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Aadhaar generation and screening of malnutrition and developmental delays.

ED Targets.....

was chaired by ED Director Rahul Navin.

The agency has been holding this once-in-three months conference outside Delhi since last year, with the last two editions held in Kevadia (Gujarat) and Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir).

"The decision to hold the conference in northeastern region reflects the directorate's recognition of the strategic and operational importance of the region," the ED said in a statement.

It added that the meeting was significant as it was the last before the end of the current fiscal (March 31). Officials were told that the focus must be on "meaningful" achievement of targets, logical conclusion of investigations, timely filing of prosecution complaints and ensuring that attachments and penalties are legally sustainable and effectively realised.

"The target of filing 500 prosecution complaints in the current financial year was reiterated and all field formations were urged to make concerted efforts to achieve the same while also preparing for an enhanced target in the next financial year.

"The need for this enhanced target is to proactively conclude long-pending investigations and to systematically reduce the life cycle of new investigations to a reasonable time frame of one to two years except in exceptionally-complex cases," the statement said.

The ED officials were also told that the powers given to them under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) come with a corresponding responsibility and they should exercise those with caution, fairness and accountability.

"It was advised that officers must remain mindful of the impact of enforcement actions and ensure that summons and other statutory notices are issued judiciously, based on clear necessity and proper application of mind," the statement said.

The conference also discussed issues related to "priority areas" like intensifying efforts to track illicit assets abroad, identifying trade channels being misused for money laundering, misuse of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and prioritisation of digital-arrest and cyber-fraud cases, instances of which are witnessing a "sharp" rise.

ED investigators were also asked to check the proliferation of illegal betting and online-gaming platforms in the country, money laundering through share-market manipulation, and remain vigilant against foreign funding channels that may be used for unlawful narrative building, destabilising activities or anti-national purposes.

The officers were also advised to leverage mechanisms, such as Interpol, using the domestic BHARATPOL, including issuance of colour notices, especially "Purple" notices.

The "Purple" notice issued by the Interpol aims to seek or provide information on the modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals.

The officers were also directed to complete the adjudication of all pending cases registered under the now-repealed Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) by March 31.

Challenges related to delays, getting sanctions for prosecution, non-cooperation by police in some states, limited manpower, logistical constraints in remote regions, the lack of digitised land records and valuation issues relating to volatile digital assets were also discussed, the statement said.

It added that the officers were also "encouraged" to make full use of formal channels of cooperation with foreign countries, including Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) requests, letters rogatory (judicial requests) and extradition processes.

"The value of building direct professional relationships with foreign enforcement counterparts was highlighted as early informal engagement often facilitates quicker intelligence sharing and ultimately, a smooth transition to formal requests, thereby strengthening ED's effectiveness in handling cross-border money-laundering and asset-recovery cases," it said.



Javed Rana reviews ongoing works of Mendhar; stresses quality and timely completion

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEB 22: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today chaired a virtual review meeting to assess the progress of ongoing development works being executed by Public Works Department (PWD) in Mendhar.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Pir Panjal, Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Mendhar and other concerned officers of the department.

During the review, the Minister took a detailed appraisal of projects being executed under SAsCI, works related to EMRS infrastructure, various road projects under the UT Capex Budget & NABARD, and the ongoing works on the drainage system in Mendhar Town. He emphasized upon main-



taining quality standards, adherence to timelines and removal of bottlenecks to ensure timely

completion of all projects.

The Minister exhorted upon the officers to ensure quality execution so that the system effectively addresses public concerns.

The Minister directed the officers to expedite the pace of execution, particularly in road connectivity projects, keeping in view their public importance. He emphasized close field-level monitoring and asked the officers to submit regular progress reports.

Reiterating the government's commitment towards balanced and inclusive development, the Minister said that infrastructure upgradation in border and remote areas like Mendhar remains a priority and all ongoing works must be completed within the stipulated timeframe for the benefit of the local population.

Secretary Sports Council reviews arrangements for 6th Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg

HT NEWS NETWORK

GULMARG, FEB 22: Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, conducted a detailed review of the arrangements for the forthcoming 6th Edition of the Khelo India Winter Games scheduled to be held at Gulmarg from February 23-26, 2026. The review meeting was attended by officers of the J&K Sports Council entrusted with the successful conduct of the prestigious national winter sports event. The J&K Sports Council, in close coordination with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and the Department of Youth Services & Sports, has put in place elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of competitions across disciplines including Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Snowboarding and Ski Mountaineering.

The Council has ensured seamless planning for technical conduct, athlete logistics including food and accommodation, transportation and ceremonial arrangements. Hosting the games at Gulmarg since their inception, the J&K Sports Council continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening Jammu & Kashmir's stature as India's premier winter sports destination with participation of over 1000 athletes and officials from 25 States and Union Territories.

'AAG' Highlights Drug Menace at Sunday Theatre

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEB 22: Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'AAG' staged here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at Rani Park, Jammu under the direction of Neeraj Kant. The play showcases how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations and thus crippling the developing nations. The youth of the country, the most energetic human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into the world of drug-addicts.

The play was not based on one story-line but as an experiment multiple stories were woven by the playwright in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a fire, taking the toll of the important work force of the country. In a sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a variety of intoxications. In another sequence a rural inhabitant particularly the men-folk is shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and ailments are attributed to the growing consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings for alcohol. Having drunk he has lost his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night the drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for not receiving him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having bad intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses damages his household property as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of drug menace which is to be fought unitedly. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Pawan Verma, Vishal Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Kartik Kumar and Kananpreet Kaur.

DC Doda inaugurates construction of Motorable Path at Nehru Chowk under District Capex

HT NEWS NETWORK

DODA, FEB 22: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh today inaugurated the construction work of a motorable path from Nehru Chowk to the residence of Dr. Bashir Ahmed Minto under the first phase of the District Capex Plan.

The project, being executed by the PWD (R&B) Division Doda at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 lakh, aims to strengthen local infrastructure and provide improved connectivity to residents of the area, ensuring safer and more convenient access for commuters and near-



by households.

Officers and officials from PWD (R&B) Division Doda, the Executive Officer Municipal Committee

(MC) Doda, senior citizens and prominent local residents were present on the occasion.

During the visit, the Deputy

Commissioner Doda interacted with senior citizens and local residents, patiently listening to their concerns and suggestions

regarding civic amenities and developmental needs.

He assured them that the administration remains committed to inclusive and people-centric development.

The DC Doda also conducted an on-site inspection of the area and directed the executing agency to ensure quality workmanship and timely completion of the project while adhering to prescribed standards.

The local residents appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to the district administration for addressing their long-standing demand for improved road connectivity.

DHS Jammu undertakes comprehensive review of Health facilities in Rajouri District

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEB 22: Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu, conducted an official visit to Rajouri district to review the functioning of health institutions and assess the quality of healthcare services being delivered to the public.

During the visit, a comprehensive review meeting was convened at Community Health Centre Thanamandi of Block Darhal, which was attended by Incharge Medical Officers, Block management unit, District Resource Persons, BAC, MLHPs and Nodal Officers of various health programmes.

Detailed deliberations were held on the implementation of National Health Programmes, service delivery indicators, infrastructure status, manpower deployment, availability of essential drugs and proper maintenance of records.

Block Medical Officer, Dr. Ruksana



delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the performance of the block, achievements under various schemes, gaps identified and the action plan for further strengthening healthcare services.

Director Health emphasized strengthening patient centric services, ensuring discipline and accountability, maintaining updated registers and enhancing monitoring mechanisms at all levels. He directed all concerned officers and officials to work with dedication and professionalism to further improve health-

care delivery in the district.

The meeting was also attended by the Divisional Coordinator, ASHA & Community Processes, Jonson Chandail along with District Resource Person, Romesh Kumar who actively participated in the review proceedings.

Local residents also expressed gratitude to the Director Health Services Jammu for visiting the remote area and personally reviewing healthcare facilities, appreciating the department's commitment towards improving medical services in the district.

ADC Baderwah leads plantation drive at Village Domanda

HT NEWS NETWORK

BHADERWAH, FEB 22: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baderwah, Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today led a massive plantation drive at Village Domanda to promote environmental conservation and greenery in the region.

The drive was conducted in collaboration with the Forest Department and local community members. DFO Baderwah Davinder Kumar, Tehsildar Baderwah Kamalpreet Singh, along with officials and staff members of the Forest Department, actively



ly participated in the event.

During the plantation drive, more than 500 saplings of Deodar and Kail were distributed among the locals. The plantation drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from villagers, who joined hands with the administration to plant the trees and spread awareness about the importance of preserving the environment.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC emphasized the need for collective efforts to protect forests and maintain ecological balance. He appreciated the active involvement of the local community and encouraged them to take responsibility for nurturing the planted saplings to ensure their survival and growth.

The event concluded with a pledge by the participants to continue such initiatives in the future for a greener and cleaner Baderwah.

CBC holds Day-2 pre-publicity programme at Gujjar & Bakerwal hostel ahead of Multi Media exhibition

HT NEWS NETWORK

UDHAMPUR, FEB 22: The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office, Udhampur organized the second day of its pre-publicity programme at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel, Udhampur in continuation of the upcoming Multi Media Exhibition scheduled from 23rd to 27th February, 2026 at Government Degree College Boys Udhampur.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of stu-

dents, staff and people aiming to engage the youth and spread awareness about flagship schemes and developmental initiatives of the Government of India.

A series of IEC activities including a quiz contest, drawing competition and seminar were organized.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Gulshar Ahmed Assistant warden, who appreciated CBC Udhampur for conducting awareness activities at their hostel.

Vikram Uppal from CBC Field

Office Doda also delivered a brief address, motivating students to stay informed and play a proactive role in Nation-building efforts. He said the forthcoming Multi Media Exhibition will focus on key national themes such as Viksit Bharat, Mission Aroha, Startup India, and VB-G RAM G. through exhibitions, audio-visual presentations/ Aids, cultural programmes, and interactive sessions. The event aims to highlight transformative initiatives contributing towards inclusive growth and the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The quiz contest was conducted by Farhat Roheen, Accounts Assistant of the Hostel encouraging students to participate enthusiastically.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurnam Singh from CBC Field Office Udhampur elaborated on the significance of public awareness and community participation in ensuring effective implementation of Government programmes at the grassroots level. He also extended his gratitude to the Warden, Staff of Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel for their coordination and support and invited them to

participate in ensuing Multi Media Exhibition with Family and Friends

Gulzar Hussain, Warden of Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel, graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of CBC Udhampur in spreading awareness among students and encouraged them to actively participate in the upcoming exhibition to gain maximum knowledge about various welfare schemes.

The programme culminated with the prize distribution ceremony.

HT EDITORIAL

Winter in the Valley and the Burden on Teachers : Time for Thoughtful Scheduling

In the Kashmir Valley, winter is not merely a season, it is a disruption. Heavy snowfall, freezing temperatures, blocked roads, and prolonged power cuts shape daily life for months. Against this backdrop, the recent directive asking teachers to resume duties from February 20 while students are scheduled to return on March 1 has triggered debate across the Valley's education community.

The logic of early attendance may appear administratively sound. Schools require preparation after extended winter vacations. Classrooms need cleaning, records need updating, and lesson plans must be organized before students walk back into schools. In principle, a preparatory window can strengthen academic readiness.

However, in the Valley's harsh winter conditions, practicality matters as much as policy. Many teachers commute from far-flung areas—Kupwara, Shopian, Bandipora, Gurez, or remote belts of Anantnag—where snow clearance and transport remain uncertain even in late February. Heating facilities in several schools remain inadequate. Reporting to poorly heated buildings with limited structured work raises legitimate concerns about the utility of such early attendance.

Teachers endure the same winter hardships as students. If weather conditions are considered severe enough to delay students' return until March 1, the question naturally arises: what meaningful academic engagement justifies teachers' earlier presence for ten days?

This is not to argue against preparation. On the contrary, the Valley's education system needs stronger planning than ever. Learning disruptions over recent years—due to harsh winters, internet shutdowns in the past, and pandemic setbacks—have widened academic gaps. A structured preparatory period could help teachers assess learning deficits, design remedial strategies, align syllabi, and coordinate teaching plans.

But such a period must be clearly defined and purpose-driven. Are there organized workshops? Curriculum review meetings? Training modules? Infrastructure readiness audits? Without a structured roadmap, early attendance risks being perceived as procedural compliance rather than educational reform.

Policy decisions in Kashmir must always consider ground realities. Winter here is unforgiving. Administrative orders, however well-intended, must reflect climatic conditions, transportation challenges, and the morale of teaching staff. Respect for teachers' professional time is essential if we expect them to inspire and deliver quality education in classrooms.

If the ten-day gap between teachers and students is to serve the Valley's academic interests, it must be used strategically—with clear objectives, proper facilities, and administrative coordination. Otherwise, the directive may unintentionally strain those already working under challenging circumstances.

Kashmir's education system deserves thoughtful planning, not mechanical scheduling. When teachers feel supported rather than burdened, students ultimately benefit. And in a region where education is seen as the strongest bridge to stability and progress, every policy decision must be both practical and purposeful.

Historical Origin and Significance Of Fasting In Ramadhan



MOOL RAJ

Ramadan is a profound spiritual institution that transforms individuals and societies. Its teachings offer timeless guidance for humanity, emphasising self-discipline, justice, compassion, and accountability.

The arrival of the holy month of Ramadan marks a profound spiritual transformation for millions of believers across the world. It is not merely a period of abstaining from food and drink from dawn to dusk but a comprehensive system of moral training, social responsibility, self-discipline, and spiritual awakening. Fasting during Ramadan represents one of the most significant acts of devotion in Islam, shaping both individual character and collective conscience.

In today's world, where corruption, moral decline, social inequality, and administrative inefficiencies challenge governance and public trust, the teachings of fasting offer timeless guidance for humanity. For public servants, particularly the revenue officials and patwaris of Jammu and Kashmir, Ramadan carries a special message—a call to honesty, accountability, justice, and service to the people. This article explores the history, philosophy, and spiritual significance of fasting in Ramadan, its universal ethical message for humanity, and its particular relevance to public servants entrusted with maintaining land records, protecting public rights, and ensuring administrative justice.

Historical Origins of Fasting in Ramadan

Fasting is not unique to Islam. It has been practised in various forms across civilisations and religions since ancient times. However, in Islam, fasting attained its most comprehensive spiritual and social form through divine command. The obligation of fasting was formally established in the second year after the migration (Hijrah) of Prophet Muhammad from



Mecca to Medina. The commandment is explicitly mentioned in the Qur'an: "O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may attain righteousness." This verse reveals two fundamental truths: first, fasting has universal historical roots; second, its ultimate objective is the development of righteousness—the purification of the soul and refinement of character. The month of Ramadan itself holds immense historical importance because it was during this sacred period that the first revelation of the Qur'an descended upon Prophet Muhammad in the Cave of Hira. Thus, Ramadan represents not only physical discipline but also the birth of divine guidance for humanity.

Philosophy and Spiritual Meaning of Fasting

Self-Discipline and Control of Desires: The primary purpose of fasting is self-control. Humans are naturally inclined toward desires, comfort, and material satisfaction. By voluntarily abstaining from lawful necessities such as food and drink, a person learns to control unlawful temptations including dishonesty, greed, and injustice. Fasting teaches that true strength lies not in power or authority but in the ability to restrain oneself.

God-Consciousness (Taqwa): Ramadan cultivates a deep awareness of divine accountability. Even when no human authority is watching, the fasting individual refrains from wrongdoing. This consciousness develops integrity—the foundation of ethical governance and social trust.

Equality and Empathy: By experiencing hunger and thirst, the wealthy understand the suffering of the poor. This fosters compassion, charity, and social justice. Ramadan strengthens the sense of shared humanity beyond divisions of class, status, or profession.

Purification of Soul and Character: Fasting is not limited to abstaining from food; it requires abstaining from lying, cheating, slander, exploitation, and injustice. It purifies both inner intention and outward conduct.

The Ethical Dimensions of Ramadan: Ramadan establishes a complete moral framework for society.

Truthfulness: Fasting teaches that falsehood invalidates the spirit of worship. Truth becomes the cornerstone of personal and professional conduct.

Honesty in Dealings: Islamic teachings emphasise fairness in transactions, transparency in administration, and accountability in public service.

Although Ramadan is an Islamic practice, its ethical principles carry universal relevance. The values it promotes—self-restraint, compassion, honesty, discipline, and justice—are essential for human progress in any society. In an age marked by materialism and individualism, Ramadan reminds humanity that spiritual development must accompany economic and technological advancement. It teaches that sustainable progress depends on moral responsibility and ethical governance. The month also strengthens social unity. Families gather, communities share meals, and societies experience collective spiritual renewal. The principles of fasting align closely with the

responsibilities of public officials. A fasting public servant is reminded that authority is a trust, not a privilege. Power must be exercised with fairness and honesty. Decisions must serve justice rather than personal interest. For administrative institutions, the spirit of Ramadan offers a model of ethical reform rooted in self-accountability. The teachings of Ramadan carry profound relevance for this vital institution. Ramadan calls upon patwaris to maintain absolute honesty in recording facts.

Accountability Before God and Society: Ramadan teaches that every action is accountable before the Creator. Ramadan encourages officials to treat them with dignity, patience, and fairness. The discipline learned through fasting should translate into an efficient work culture and timely service delivery. Ramadan strengthens moral courage to resist unethical practices and uphold administrative purity.

Ramadan emphasizes economic fairness and discourages exploitation. It promotes charity, fair trade, and responsible use of wealth. Fasting enhances patience, focus, and self-control. These qualities improve decision-making and reduce impulsive actions. Ramadan nurtures the qualities necessary for just administration—integrity, discipline, compassion, and accountability. A society guided by these values experiences sustainable progress, social harmony, and institutional stability.

Conclusion: Ramadan is a profound spiritual institution that transforms individuals and societies. Its teachings offer timeless guidance for humanity, emphasising self-discipline, justice, compassion, and accountability. If the spirit of Ramadan is truly understood and practised, it can reform institutions, strengthen governance, and promote social harmony. It reminds humanity that true success lies not merely in material achievement but in moral excellence and service to others.

As societies move toward modernisation and digital governance, the ethical framework provided by Ramadan remains indispensable. Its lessons of integrity, compassion, and accountability illuminate the path toward a just and humane world.

Great People Never Die



SAHIL MANZOOR BHATTI

Great people contribute to humanity without any personal gain. Education means becoming civilized and achieving life goals for a better standard of living. Education does not mean getting a government job and earning illegal assets. Education is a class apart, and it truly opens the doors of vision to the blind. Education always offers a helping hand to helpless people.

It is unfortunate that we have developed the mindset that education only means getting government jobs, earning illegal assets, and living a comfortable life without dedication or sacrifice for the nation. In developed countries, people willingly engage in research with the sole aim of uplifting the entire world.

Who are visionary people? Visionary scholars are never selfish; they dedicate their great work to the benefit of humanity. An educationally qualified person is one who devotes his or her research to humanity and has no intention of personal gain.

We have exemplary personalities who have given their best to the world without any personal benefit. Their names are written in golden letters, and people remember them for their great contributions to humanity.

The education system should be based on curiosity. The greater the curiosity towards educational goals, the more support should be provided, including full-fledged scholarships. Education should offer fair opportunities to apply for and appear in entrance examinations. Proper

counselling at different levels should be provided so that we can identify those who are more curious and inclined towards research. Such follow-up with researchers can make the nation proud by producing great scholars.

Today's era demands extraordinary talent to lead the nation forward in technology. Technology plays an immense role in uplifting the country and generating employment.

Every country in the world is emphasizing the strengthening of its education sector. Where education is well-developed, other sectors grow automatically. Sensible people always give their hundred percent effort to any task assigned to them by their seniors. Achieving success in a short span of time is never possible unless we have educated and well-trained staff.

Today, we are witnessing a world that seems to be completely run by machines. Machines are made of materials like iron, plastic, and other elements. All types of machines are created by well-educated youth, and ultimately, machines are controlled by humans.

There are many tasks we perform daily, such as using photocopiers, smartphones, and vehicles, all of which are human inventions. The Almighty has blessed us with a powerful brain that has potential beyond imagination. Only a few people utilize their brains to a certain extent and bring revolutions to the world by inventing things beyond our thinking. According to some studies, scientists utilize only about 30 percent of their brain power and still make great inventions. Therefore, we can say that a normal individual may use only 8 to 10 percent of his or her brain throughout life, while the rest remains unused.

Some people aim to become good teachers. We should always support the interests of learners and never force them against their will. Every individual has immense potential in different ways. Some are interested in the medical field and should never be pushed into other fields unwillingly. Today, the government has initiated

various schemes so that everyone can achieve their dreams.

Some individuals are interested in the engineering field. Support their interests, and they will become great engineers, develop the nation, and contribute to the economy.

The world is full of opportunities. If you believe in yourself, your talent will never go in vain. You can change the world and become an influencer. Every individual has different skills, abilities, and talents, and each talent has great scope worldwide. Today, we are connected through social media. Never remain idle, as idleness rusts abilities. Always engage yourself productively and try to understand your strengths. The day you recognize your talent is the day you achieve real success in life.

Today, we have great opportunities to become what we want to be, but we need patience, perseverance, consistency, and hard work. In the past, learning resources were limited, but today everything is at our fingertips. We have unlimited resources to learn, stay updated, and acquire knowledge in various fields.

In this article, I will now explore how we can score good marks in examinations.

Handwriting
Handwriting plays an important role in examinations. Always keep your handwriting neat and legible, and avoid cutting and overwriting. First, attempt the questions you are confident about. Prepare yourself from the very first day of a new class. "Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today." Procrastination makes tasks difficult and creates problems.

Always write to the point and avoid unnecessary or irrelevant details. Use a ruler and leave proper space between answers to keep your answer sheet neat. Write your roll number and other required particulars carefully before submitting the answer sheet.

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Kharga Corps is poised to strike at the very heart of the adversary!



■ M S NAZKI

Like a small boat, on the ocean, sending big waves, into motion, like how a single word, can make a heart open, I might only have one match, but I can make an explosion!

Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, #ArmyCommander Western Command, reviewed operational preparedness of Kharga Corps.

He lauded the formation for its invaluable contribution during Op Sindoor and towards Nation Building and exhorted all ranks to incorporate lessons learnt in Op Sindoor, continue refining operational plans, tactics and procedures, while maintaining highest standards of operational preparedness, to prosecute operations at short notice.

The II Corps, famously known as the Kharga Corps, is a premier, elite strike formation of the Indian Army Western Command, headquartered in Ambala. As one of the army's three main strike corps, it is designed for rapid, high-intensity offensive operations, particularly in the plains sector against Pakistan.

Role & Function: It is a key "Strike Corps" with 50% of the Indian Army's strike capacity, specializing in swift offensive actions, cross-border strikes, and high-mobility, technology-intensive operations.

Significance: Known for its "Scythe" (Kharga) symbol, it represents destruction of enemy forces in battle.

History: Raised on October 7, 1971, by Lt Gen T N Raina, it played a critical role in the 1971 war and later moved to Ambala in 1985.

Modernization: The Corps frequently conducts exercises like "Kharga Shakti" to integrate modern technology, including drone operations, swarm drones, and advanced surveillance systems (often referred to as the "Invisible Third Eye").

Operational Readiness: It maintains high combat readiness, regularly validated through large-scale, integrated war exercises with the Air Force.

Key Historical Details of II Corps:

Raising and 1971 War: Raised just before the 1971 conflict, the Corps operated under Eastern Command. It secured major victories, including the capture of

Jessore, Khulna, Jhenida, Magura, and Faridpur.

Post-1971 Role: Following the war, the Corps was moved to the Western Theatre, initially located at Chandimandir Cantonment before establishing its headquarters in Ambala.

Significance: As a major Strike Corps, it is designed for offensive operations and regularly conducts exercises to validate operational doctrines.

The Corps is renowned for its rapid actions in the 1971 war, which were instrumental in the liberation of Bangladesh.

Why is it called as Kharga Corps?

The II Corps of the Indian Army, based in Ambala, is called the Kharga Corps because of its role as a premier offensive "strike corps" and its formation sign, which represents the Kharga (a sword or scimitar). It signifies the immense destructive power and swift, sharp-edged, Blitzkrieg-style combat capabilities it brings to the battlefield, often used to cut enemy territory during war.

Key facts about the Kharga Corps:

Formation & Role: Raised in 1971 by Lt Gen T N Raina, it is a crucial strike force under the Western Command responsible for rapid offensive attacks.

Significance of "Kharga": The name means "sword" in Sanskrit, often associated with the weapon of goddess Durga/Kali, symbolizing the ability to destroy the enemy.

Battle History: The Corps played a major role in the 1971 Indo-Pakistani War, capturing key towns such as Khulna, Jessore, and Faridpur. It was also deployed in the desert sector during the Kargil conflict and Operation Parakram.

Capabilities: It is designed to be a lethal, versatile, and networked force, often conducting major exercises like "Vijayee Bhava" to validate its combat readiness.

And all those things I didn't say, were wrecking balls inside my brain, I will scream them loud tonight, Can you hear my voice this time?

The II Corps of the Indian Army, known as the Kharga Corps or "Scorpion Strike," is a premier strike formation based in Ambala, renowned for its crucial role in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and subsequent operations. Key figures associated with this elite corps include legendary leaders like General T.N. Raina, Lt. Gen. Z.C. Bakhshi, and Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane.

Key Commanders and Historical Figures:

General Tapishwar Narain Raina: A distinguished commander who led the corps.

Lieutenant General Zorawar Chand Bakhshi: Known for his leadership in



past conflicts.

General Manoj Mukund Naravane: Former Chief of Army Staff who commanded the Kharga Corps.

Lieutenant General Hanut Singh: Known for his leadership of the 17 Horse during the 1971 war, which operated under the, then, command structure.

Operations and Recent Contributions: 1971 War: The corps played a pivotal role in the liberation of Bangladesh.

Airawat Vayu Rakshaks: Recognized for excellence in air defense, notably during exercise Airawat Vayu Kavach.

Humanitarian Aid: "Kharga Sappers" gained recognition for courageous rescue operations, such as helping civilians during the Punjab floods in 2025.

Adventure and Resilience: Teams from the corps, such as the one led by Major Puneet Kumar, demonstrate high-altitude combat readiness and resilience.

The Kharga Corps continues to serve as a formidable force for the nation, frequently highlighted for its operational readiness, specialized training, and commitment to the welfare of its personnel and veterans.

Here are key stories of valor associ-

ated with the Kharga Corps:

Battle of Basantar (1971): Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, a 21-year-old hero, showed immense courage during this battle. Despite his Centurion tank being hit, he continued to fight and destroyed seven enemy Patton tanks before sacrificing his life, denying the enemy entry into Indian soil.

1971 War - Chhachro Raid: The 10th Para Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel (later Brigadier) Sawai Bhawani Singh, conducted a daring raid deep into enemy territory to conquer Chhachro town in Pakistan's Sindh province.

Punjab Flood Relief (2021/2025): In a display of compassion and bravery, Kharga Sappers rescued a bedridden cardiac patient and her family in the flooded village of Sammoval. When boats could not reach the area, they carried her on her bed through knee-deep water to safety. In another incident in Kapurthala, they rescued a mother and her 15-day-old newborn from a flooded house.

High-Altitude Training & Operations: The Corps recently demonstrated excep-

tional, resilience, teamwork, and determination during a 100 km high-altitude trekking expedition through the Pin Parvati Valley, highlighting their operational preparedness.

1971 War - Battle of Longewala: Lieutenant Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri showed extraordinary leadership at Longewala, holding off a much larger Pakistani tank regiment with a small, determined unit.

Role in Op Sindoor:

The Kharga Corps continues to be a crucial part of the Indian Army's strike capacity, with a legacy of bravery and, as their motto suggests, the ability to destroy the enemy in the battlefield.

The Kharga Corps (II Corps) played a critical role in Operation Sindoor, showcasing high-tempo, technology-driven, and precise strike capabilities. As a premier strike formation of the Indian Army, they demonstrated exceptional operational readiness, using advanced surveillance, drone technology, and long-range strikes to dismantle enemy infrastructure.

Key Aspects of Kharga Corps' Role in Op Sindoor:

Precision Strikes: The Corps conducted swift, agile, and accurate strikes on high-value military targets, significantly impacting the adversary.

Technological Integration: The operations showcased the integration of advanced technology, including unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for surveillance and targeting by specialized, such as the ASHNI, teams.

Operational Readiness: The Kharga Corps demonstrated the ability to operate at short notice, with commanders highlighting their operational agility.

Logistical Efficiency: They utilized a transformational logistics model (Forward Logistics Node) to maintain high operational tempo.

Air Defence: Airawat Vayu Rakshaks within the Corps were instrumental in ensuring the security of the skies, complementing the overall mission.

Op Sindoor highlighted a shift towards rapid, non-escalatory, and targeted operations, where the Kharga Corps acted as a primary enforcer of national will, effectively countering the adversary.

And thus we come to the last few lines: This is my fight song (Hey). Take back my life song (Hey). Prove I'm alright song (Hey, ha). My power's turned on (Hey). Starting right now, I'll be strong (Hey). I'll play my fight song (Hey). And I don't really care if nobody else believes (Ha). 'Cause I've still got a lot of fight left in meThe scorpion sting can be extremely painful!

HIV in Haryana: Detection strong, prevention still incomplete



■ DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

The Haryana government's testing of over 1.24 million people for HIV and identification of 5,877 positive cases in the financial year 2025-26 appears, at first glance, to be a testament to the proactiveness of the public health system, administrative will, and policy-level seriousness. Screening on such a large scale is neither simple nor easy for any state. It requires financial resources, trained manpower, institutional infrastructure, and continuous monitoring. From this perspective, this achievement reflects the capabilities and priorities of Haryana's health system.

This initiative also signals that the state has moved beyond the old, narrow perspective of seeing HIV as a widespread public health challenge confined to "limited communities" or "marginalized groups." However, these same statistics, when read more deeply, also offer a stark warning that the social, economic, and behavioral roots of the infection remain strong. The question is not how many people were tested, but how effectively the causes of infection were addressed.

The operation of 104 Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers (ICTCs) and 24 Anti-

Retroviral Therapy (ART) centers in the state indicates that efforts are being made to link patients to a continuous treatment regimen after diagnosis. The regular treatment of over 40,000 people makes it clear that the policy is not limited to mere announcements and paper plans. For a disease like HIV, which requires long-term and lifelong management, continuity of treatment is as important as early detection. Haryana appears to be relatively strong on this front, which could serve as a lesson for many other states.

The most positive and far-reaching impact of this campaign is reflected in the large-scale screening of pregnant women. Screening over 565,000 pregnant women and identifying 613 positive cases demonstrates that preventing mother-to-child transmission is being given serious priority. Medical science has demonstrated that if an HIV-infected pregnant woman receives timely treatment and counseling, the newborn can be almost completely protected from infection. This is not only a medical breakthrough but also a question of social justice, as an HIV-free infant does not face the stigma and discrimination that still limit the lives of infected children.

The Rs. 2,250 per month financial assistance scheme, implemented since December 2021—under which Rs. 54.3 crore has been distributed so far—signals that the state government is not viewing the disease solely as a medical problem. People living with HIV are often deprived of employment, social acceptance, and economic stability. The social fear and discrimination associated with the disease also limits livelihood opportunities. This financial assistance is an effort to maintain basic dignity in life along with treatment,



even if the amount appears inadequate in current economic conditions.

Nevertheless, a positivity rate of 0.47 percent compared to total testing should not be taken lightly. Public health experts have long recognized that HIV cases are often under-reported. Social stigma, fear, concerns about privacy, and a lack of information prevent a large number of people from voluntary testing. Therefore, the 5,877 cases reported likely represent only a small portion of the problem, not the full picture. This rate also points to social factors in the state that contribute to the spread of the infection—such as increasing drug abuse, unsafe sexual practices, rapid urbanization, and the unstable living conditions of migrant workers.

Sex workers, truck drivers, construction workers, and drug addicts remain at the highest risk in the transmission chain. Tar-

getted projects and opioid substitution centers are undoubtedly steps in the right direction, but their reach and impact remain limited. Limiting addition to treatment or drug distribution alone will not suffice. HIV control will remain incomplete unless it is combined with social rehabilitation, employment opportunities, and mental health support.

The biggest and most invisible obstacle in this fight remains stigma. People fear society's reaction more than the disease itself. HIV is still associated with morality, character, and "fault," even though it is a medical condition. This mindset prevents people from getting tested, delays treatment, and allows the infection to spread silently. Red Ribbon Clubs, radio jingles, and social media campaigns have raised awareness, but the message has yet to reach rural areas and traditional social structures with sufficient force.

It would be a major strategic mistake to consider HIV control solely the responsibility of the Health Department. Safe migration, worker welfare, drug de-addiction, gender equality, and scientific sex education—all of these issues are directly linked to this problem. Providing testing, counseling, and treatment at the workplace for migrant workers can not only control the infection but also increase their productivity and social security. Without coordination with the departments of transport, labor, education, and women and child development, no effort can yield lasting results.

States play a crucial role in achieving India's goal of "AIDS-free." Resource-rich and administratively capable states like Haryana, if they adopt a balanced approach to implementing the strategies set by the National AIDS Control Organization at the grassroots level, will not only achieve statistical success but could also emerge as policy models.

Ultimately, Haryana's HIV testing campaign is undoubtedly a major achievement. It has proven that large-scale public health interventions are possible with political will and administrative commitment. But this success will only be complete if the warnings associated with it are heeded seriously. If the state succeeds in breaking the stigma, prioritizing prevention over treatment, and sincerely addressing the social causes of infection, today's figures will become tomorrow's success story. Otherwise, these same figures will remain an early sign of a much larger and deeper crisis to come.

Dr. Satyawan Saurabh, PhD (Political Science), is a poet and social thinker

Div Com Jammu attends grand closing ceremony of 6th National Rafting Championship held at Shibnote, Doda

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

DODA, FEB 22: The four-day 6th National Rafting Championship, titled "The Ultimate River Battle," concluded today with a grand ceremony at Shibnote (Premnagar), Doda.

The ceremony was attended by the Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, DDC Chairperson Doda Dhananther Singh Kotwal, Municipal Commissioner Jammu Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek, Director Tourism Jammu Vikas Gupta, SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar, ADDC Doda Roshan Lal, ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal, CO, ACR Doda, SDM Thathri, CEO BDA, Joint Director Tourism along with officers from various departments, representatives of the Rafting Federation J&K, Team SDRF J&K, Chenab Rescue teams, Municipality officials, locals and visiting tourists.

Addressing the gathering, the Divisional Commissioner congratulated all participating teams and appreciated the efforts of all stakeholders for

making the event a grand success. He lauded the Directorate of Tourism for promoting adventure tourism in the Chenab Valley and highlighted the Government of Jammu & Kashmir's commitment to strengthening tourism across the Jammu Division.

He emphasized that destinations such as Guldanda, Bhaderwah and Jai Valley possess natural beauty comparable to the Kashmir Valley and noted that ongoing infrastructure development, including new roads and tunnels, will significantly improve connectivity and reduce travel time to these picturesque locations. He further informed that 75 tourist destinations have been identified by the Directorate of Tourism, including several in Doda and Bhaderwah, where new events and tourism initiatives will be promoted.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu also encouraged the promotion of local culture, folk dances and traditional music to provide the youth with platforms to showcase their talent and generate employment opportunities. He congratulated



lated the BSF men's and women's teams for winning top honours in the championship and appreciated the role of the Police and security agencies in ensuring smooth and secure conduct of the event.

DDC Chairperson, Dhananther Singh Kotwal, in his address, acknowledged the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Doda for encouraging both officials and locals to successfully host such

large-scale events across the district. He also appreciated the Directorate of Tourism and District Administration Doda for identifying new adventure tourism sites and promoting youth participation. Highlighting developmental achievements, he stated that 31 new roads were inaugurated in recent months, improving rural connectivity and benefiting local communities. He noted

that such events generate livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth and requested the Directorate of Tourism to organize more events during the summer season as well. He also expressed gratitude to the security forces for their support and protection.

Director Tourism Jammu Vikas Gupta expressed gratitude towards District Administration Doda, and all stake-

holders for ensuring the smooth conduct of the championship. He informed that while five previous rafting championships were organized in Reasi, hosting the sixth edition in Doda marked a significant step in expanding adventure tourism across the Chenab region. He encouraged local youth interested in rafting to connect with the Directorate of Tourism, assuring necessary permissions and institutional support to promote adventure activities.

He further announced that events like Sarthal Winter Festival and the Shibnote Rafting Championship would be incorporated into the official tourism calendar. Upcoming tourism projects for Guldanda and Padri along with a proposed Winter Carnival in Guldanda, were also highlighted as key initiatives aimed at boosting regional tourism. During the ceremony, dignitaries distributed mementos and cash prizes to winners of the rafting championship, including marathon and sprint events, securing first, second and third positions.

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, DDC Chair-

person, Municipal Commissioner Jammu Dr. Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioners of Doda and Reasi, Director Tourism, SSP Doda, CO and other dignitaries undertook a rafting expedition from the scenic rafting site of Shibnote (Premnagar) to Karara, covering an approximate distance of 15 kilometres, showcasing the immense adventure tourism potential of the Chenab River stretch.

The championship was held from February 19 to February 22, 2026 and was organized by the Directorate of Tourism Jammu in collaboration with the District Administration Doda, attracting participants, tourists and adventure enthusiasts from across Jammu & Kashmir and various parts of the country.

An avibrant musical programme was also organised yesterday at Bhaderwah by the Directorate of Tourism in collaboration with the District Administration Doda, which was attended by all dignitaries, officers, participants, locals and tourists, adding a cultural highlight to the celebrations.

Youth Engagement Programme-2026 ignites grassroots sports revolution in Kishtwar

"League of Classics" launched with Multi-Sport Selection Trials

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

KISHTWAR, FEB 22: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, District Kishtwar, today successfully organized the much-anticipated Youth Engagement Programme-2026 at Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar, marking a historic step towards strengthening grassroots sports culture in the district.

The programme witnessed the grand launch of the "League of Classics," featuring Block-Level Trium-Selection competitions in multiple disciplines, including Cricket, Football, and Volleyball for U/17 and U/19 boys categories at the Inter-Panchayat Block Level, Kishtwar and Municipal Council Kishtwar.

The mega sporting initiative was conducted under the directions of Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services & Sports, J&K and Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, whose visionary leadership continues to provide a dynamic platform for youth engagement and talent iden-



tification across the Union Territory.

The programme was organized under the close guidance and supervision of Jaffer Haider Sheikh, DYSSO Kishtwar, who emphasized the importance of structured competitions at the grassroots level to nurture hidden talent and channel the energy of youth towards constructive sporting activities.

The selection trials witnessed enthusiastic participation from young sports persons across different Panchayats and Municipal wards of Kishtwar, reflecting a massive response at the grassroots level. The competitions were conducted in a fair, transparent and merit-based manner by a panel of experienced officials and technical experts from the Department of Youth Services & Sports.

The presence of Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEO) Kishtwar and Nagseni further strengthened the supervision mechanism, ensuring the smooth conduct of trials and adherence to departmental norms. All officials of YSS Kishtwar actively coordinated the event, demonstrating remarkable teamwork and commitment.

The "League of Classics" is envisioned as a stepping stone for higher-level competitions at the District, Divisional, and UT levels, thereby opening pathways for young athletes to represent Kishtwar on prestigious platforms.

The Department of Youth Services & Sports, District Kishtwar, remains steadfast in its mission to create history in sports excellence and youth empowerment in the district.

CCF Jammu tours Nowshera Forest Division

Interacts with farmers, stakeholders to generate awareness on Khair Management Plan

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

NOWSHERA, FEB 21: A tour programme was conducted today by the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department in Nowshera Forest Division under the leadership of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, Dr. V. S. Senthil Kumar. He was accompanied by the Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri, Sat Paul.

The visit was undertaken in connection with the Khair Awareness and assessment Programme for formulation of the next ten-year Khair Management Plan with the proposed felling cycle from 2027-28 to 2036-37.

In Nowshera Forest Division, the Chief Conservator of Forests visited Sunderbani Range along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Nowshera, Shweta Deonia, DCF accompanied with field functionaries and staff of the department.

An interactive session was held



with local farmers of 35 Villages and other stakeholders like Ex-PRI Members, prominent villagers regarding the forthcoming ten-year Khair Management Plan

wherein farmers are at the centre stage for Khair trees assessment in their private land holdings and the data proposed by them will be used for formulation of Khair

Management Plan to be implemented from 2027-28 to 2036-37.

ADC Sunderbani, Ramkesh Sharma along with other revenue

officers/officials was also present on the occasion. The field staff distributed Khair Assessment Forms among the farmers to facilitate systematic data collection and ensure participatory planning.

On the occasion, Dr. V. S. Senthil planted a sapling in Nagar Van Charnote, symbolizing the department's commitment towards environmental conservation and promotion of indigenous species. The Chief Conservator of Forests emphasized the importance of scientific assessment, transparency in management practices and active community participation to ensure sustainable management of Khair resources and long-term ecological balance.

The programme concluded with directions to the field functionaries for timely completion of the assessment process and effective coordination with local stakeholders.

Awareness Camp organized at Mahore, District Reasi to boost Horticulture Development

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

REASI, FEB 22: An Awareness Camp was organized today at Mahore, District Reasi, by the Chief Horticulture Officer, Reasi, Rajinder Sharma, under the aegis of the Department of Horticulture.

The programme was graced by the Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed, as the Chief Guest. Among others present on the occasion were the Assistant Director Horticulture, Sunil Gupta; Horticulture Development Officer (Additional Charge), Mahore, Sansar Chand and other officers and field staff of the department.

During the camp, farmers were sensitized about various ongoing Centrally Sponsored and UT sector schemes aimed at the holistic development and enhancement of the horticulture sector. The Director elaborated on the benefits and objectives of flagship schemes such as the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), emphasizing their pivotal role in enhancing productivity, promoting quality planting material and augmenting income generation for orchardists.

Later, the Director visited Tuli Nursery, where a plantation drive was carried out. High-value walnut variety (Chandler) plants were planted in the orchard maintained and owned by Akhlaq Choudhary, a



beneficiary under departmental schemes. The Director appreciated the beneficiary for adopting modern horticultural practices and maintaining quality standards.

While interacting with the farmers, the Director stressed the adoption of advanced technologies, high-density plantations, and Ultra High Density (UHD) apple cultiva-

tion under various government-supported initiatives to enhance productivity and strengthen the horticulture sector in the district.

The programme concluded with an interactive session wherein farmers raised their queries, which were satisfactorily addressed by the officers of the department.

Women Empowerment & Cyber Safety Camp Held at Chinchora Chinta

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

DODA, FEB 22: On the directions of the District Social Welfare Officer, Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW) Doda in collaboration with One Stop Centre (OSC) Doda, organized an awareness programme at Village Chinchora Chinta in coordination with Dr. Amar Singh Memorial Public School.

The programme highlighted women-centric welfare schemes, helplines and support services. Participants were sensitized about Women Helpline 181 and Childline 1098 and informed about OSC and DHEW services including legal aid, counselling,



rehabilitation, and crisis intervention. Special focus was laid on cyber safety, cautioning adolescent girls against online exploitation and urging parents to monitor digital activities.

Awareness on menstrual hygiene was imparted, with sanitary napkins distributed among women and girls. Baby kits were also provided to newborn girls from BPL families, reinforcing maternal and child care support.

From Prediction to Prevention: How Online Tools Are Transforming Cardiovascular Care: Dr Sushil

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEB 22: With the aim of disseminating information regarding role of digital technology for prevention as well as treatment of cardiac ailments Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac Awareness cum health check up camp at Panchayat Ghar Kangrail Block Bhalwal Jammu so as to screen people at high risk and provide them information about correct use of digital and AI technology in reducing cardiac morbidity and mortality.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil Stated that Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the leading cause of mortality worldwide, silently progressing for years before manifesting as heart attacks, strokes, or heart failure. Traditionally, cardiology has focused on treating established disease intervening after symptoms appear or catastrophic events occur. However, the modern approach is rapidly shifting towards prevention, leveraging digital tools to predict and mitigate risk. The rationale for preventive cardiovascular care is grounded in the idea that most cardiovascular



events are predictable and preventable. Risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and poor diet often begin early in life, accelerating atherosclerosis and vascular aging. Online cardiovascular risk prediction tools address this challenge by providing personalized risk assessments, empowering clinicians and patients to take proactive measures.

He elaborated that online cardiovascular risk prediction tools represent a major leap forward in preventive care. These platforms use validated algorithms that integrate demographic data, clinical parameters, laboratory values, and sometimes lifestyle factors to estimate an individual's short-term and lifetime cardiovascular risk. What distinguishes

these tools is their accessibility and scalability. With minimal inputs, clinicians and patients can instantly visualize risk estimates, often presented as percentages, graphs, or "heart age" equivalents. This not only aids clinical decision-making but also enhances patient understanding turning abstract numbers into tangible health narratives.

He maintained that these digital platforms integrate demographic data, clinical parameters, and lifestyle factors to estimate short-term and lifetime cardiovascular risk. Accessible and scalable, they enable clinicians and patients to visualize risk estimates, fostering informed decision-making and shared responsibility. One of the key benefits of online tools is personalization. They offer tailored

risk assessments, accounting for age, sex, ethnicity, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and other factors. Some advanced platforms incorporate emerging risk markers, enabling targeted treatment strategies and balancing benefit with potential harm. Empowering patients is another crucial aspect of online risk prediction tools. By understanding their risk profiles, individuals can make informed lifestyle changes, such as weight loss, smoking cessation, or improved lipid levels, dramatically reducing future risk. Dr. Sharma emphasized that digital engagement empowers patients to take control of their heart health.

Dr Sushil Sharma while concluding laid emphasis on the fact that the advancement of preventive cardiovascular care through

online risk prediction tools marks a defining shift in modern medicine. He added that incorporating online risk tools into clinical workflows enhance efficiency and consistency in preventive care. They support evidence-based decision-making and facilitate meaningful clinician-patient conversations. At a population level, these tools hold immense promise for public health, enabling early detection of risk clusters, guiding resource allocation, and supporting data-driven prevention strategies, He said.

Prominent members of the area Vishal Verma, Manoj Sharma, Varinder Singh, Deepak Rajput, Sunny Choudhary and Subhash Sharma appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil Sharma and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up in their area and expressed their heartfelt gratitude. Others who were part of this camp include Dr Venkatesh Yellupu and Dr Adarsh Sharma. Paramedics and volunteers include Kamal Sharma, Rajkumar, Ranjeet Singh, Anmol Singh, Mohd Altaf, Paramveer Singh, Rajinder Singh, Vikas Kumar, Gourav Sharma, Shubham Sharma, Gokul Jamwal, Makhan Sharma and Nirvair Singh Bali.

Public Notice

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on the name AB HAMID GANIE S/L AB REHMAN GANIE R/O BARAMPORA PATTAN Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 021304008740 wants to be registered on my correct name BADUL HAMEED GANAEI S/O HABIB GANAEI R/O BARAMPORA .If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

**Name..ABDUL HAMEED GANAEI
S/O ... HABIB GANAEI
R/OBARAMPORA PATTAN**

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application RASHID GANI MIR & MEHRAJ GANI MIR S/O ABDUL GANI MIR R/O KAKOTHAL for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of self for the issuance of RBA in his/her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of KAKOTHAL of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the GANAI community having annual income 696560 // the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1.ABDUL GANI MIR Father 65 years Retiree employee
- 2.TASLEEMA BEGUM Mother 55 years House wife
- 3....YASMEENA GANI sister 25 years student
- 4...RASHID GANI MIR Applicant 19 years student
- 5....MEHRAJ GANI MIR Applicant 19 years do

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

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application SHIJA UL BASHIR HAJAM & KHALID BASHIR HAJAM S/O BASHIR AHMAD HAJAM R/O KREERI Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of OBC (Other Backward classes in favor of applications

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of OBC in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of KREERI of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the HAJAM community having annual income 514848 // (Five lack fourteen thousand eight hundred forty eight) the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1...BASHIR AHMAD HAJAM Father 65 years Retired govt employee
- 2.SHAMEEMA BEGAM Mother 60 years Housewife
- 3... KHALID BASHIR applicant 32 years student
4. SOBIYA BINT MAJID w/o KHALID 32 years H/W
- 5...MOHAMMAD IBIN KHALID S/O KHALID 04 years infant
- 6...ABIHA KHALID D/O KHALID 02 years infant
- 7...SHIJA UL BASHIR applicant 30 years private job

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written as RAFIQA BEGUM W/O ABDUL RASHID KOLAS in my Bank Account bearing account No ...007504080000448 while my correct name is RAFEEQA BEGUM W/O BASHIR AHMAD POSWAL R/O .BANDI BALA which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of J & K BANK, BRANCH CHANDUSA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

**Name....RAFAEQA BEGUM.
W/OBASHIR AHMAD POSWAL
R/O....BANDI BALA
DISTT....BARAMULLA**

Manjit Singh Seeks Recruitment Drive for Border Youth of Jammu Division

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

VIJAYPUR (SAMBA), FEB 22: All J&K Jatt Sabha President and former minister S. Manjit Singh has demanded a special recruitment drive for border residents of the Jammu Division.

According to a press release, a meeting was organised at village Rangoor in the Ramgarh subdivision of Samba district by the J&K Jatt Youth Sabha. The meeting was organised by District President Naveen Choudhary.

Speaking at the meeting, Sabha's President S. Manjit Singh appreciated the organiser and welcomed the participants, who deliberated on important issues concerning the Jatt community, which he said has faced negligence and silence from the government and political parties in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that youth from the Jatt community and the border belt of the Jammu Division have remained neglected for decades, while unemployment has steadily increased over the years.

He stressed the urgent need to organise a special recruitment drive for unemployed youth from the border belt of the Jammu Division. "These border residents have sacrificed their lives during India-Pakistan conflicts and ceasefire violations. Their lives often remain unsafe," he said, urging the government to conduct a special recruitment drive so that border youth can be recruited into the defence forces, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and other paramilitary forces of the country.

Meanwhile, former MP and Chief Patron Tarlok Singh Bajwa expressed concern that the Central Government has not extended Other Backwards Class (OBC) benefits to Jatt youth of Jammu and Kashmir in central government services and educational institutions.

"The OBC benefit should be extended to Jatt youth of Jammu and Kashmir in central and professional colleges across the country for the educational, social and economic development of the community," he added.

Former minister and Senior Vice President Sukhmandan Choudhary also addressed the meeting. In his address, he referred to the pending one-time settlement instalment for displaced persons of 1947, 1965 and 1971. He said the pending compensation should be cleared in one go, and property rights should be granted to the displaced persons/Jatts of 1965 and 1971 for the properties they have been holding for decades following allotment.

He also raised the issue of providing compensation directly to land occupants instead of routing it through the concerned departments for defence use of land in border areas and in district towns and villages of Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts.

Meanwhile, Senior Vice President and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony demanded that the Jammu and Kashmir Government recognise Maharaja Ranjit Singh by installing his statue in Jammu district. Maharaja Ranjit Singh ruled Jammu and Kashmir

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Ex-Minister, Choudhary, Garu Ram, Former Corporator, Dwarka Choudhary, Prominent Businessman, Choudhary Jagar Singh, Spokesperson Jarnail Choudhary, Naresh Bittu, District President, Samba, Bachan Choudhary, District President, Jammu Rural, Manjit Jatt, Youth President Mandeep Randhawa, former Sarpanch Reena Choudhary, former Sarpanch Balvir Kour, District Secretary Jammu, Harvans Choudhary, Senior Vice President Youth Jatt Sabha, Ranjeet Singh Goldy, Ex-Sarpanch Kali Das, Ex-Sarpanch, Jagdish Raj, Ex-Sarpanch Mohan Singh Bhat-ti, Senior Jatt Leader, Vijay Choudhary and others.

Public Notice

It is to inform the general public that I have lost the RC of my vehicle bearing registration number- JK01BA 7076 . Now I want to apply for its duplicate, anybody having any objection may contact RTO Srinagar within the period of 7 days of this notice.

Arifat Jan, W/O- Zahoor Ahmad, R/O- Srinagar, Phone no- 9013725726

Public Notice

I want to change my name in Electricity Bill bearing Consumer no:0208020005858 From AB REHMAN KHANADAY ,S/o: AB KHALIQ KHANDAY ,R/o:BANGLA PATI WUYAN To FAROOQ AHMAD KHANDAY S/o: ABDUL REHMAN KHANDAY ,R/o:BANGLA PATI NEAR GOVT HIGH SCHOOL WUYAN .Now I am applying for change .In this regard if anybody is having any objection may file the same to Concerned Department/Sub Division:Pampore within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of FAHMEEDA BANO S/O BILAL AHMAD WANI R/O WARIPORA BALA for the issuance of Dependent certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned .The report of patwari halqa concerned and the death certificate issued by competent Authority reveals that BILAL AHMAD WANI S/O AB AHAD WANI R/O WARIPORE Bala Tehsil kreeri has passed away on 04/12/2025

More over family structure of the applicant is as under
1... FAHMEEDA BANO wife 38 years H/W widow
2...ABRAR BILAL WANI son 15 years student unmarried
3...MUZZAFAR BILAL son 09 years student minor
4...KATIFA SHOWKAT daughter 08 years student. //

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written as KAMRAN S/O UMAR ASADULLAH GANAIE in my Date of Birth certificate while my correct name is AHMAD BIN UMAR S/O UMAR ASSADULLAH GANAIE which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of concerned authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

**Name....AHMAD BIN UMAR
S/O ...UMAR ASSADULLA GANAIE
R/O...SHRAKWARA WAGOORA**

Public Notice

It is hereby informed to the general public that Late AB Rehman Reshi, R/o Khullchoher, Tehsil Shangas, District Anantnag, expired on 10/01/2026.

The following are his legal heirs:
Khatija Begum - Wife
Mohd Ashraf Reshi - Son
Gulzar Ahmad Reshi - Son
Reyaz Ahmad Reshi - Son
Jameela Banoo - Daughter
Atiqja Banoo - Daughter
Sakeena Banoo - Daughter
Hafeeza Banoo - Daughter
Mehmooda Banoo - Daughter

If anyone has any objection regarding the legal heirship, he/she may submit the same within 7 days from the date of publication. After that, no objection will be entertained.

**Sd/- Mohd Ashraf Reshi
R/o Khullchoher, Shangas, Anantnag**

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KALANTRA / KREERI

Subject: Application of GHULAM HASSAN DEADER S/O SARDAR MOHD DEADER for the issuance of R/O..BANDI BALA (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar and Bakerwal)in favour of TAHIR HASSAN DEADER, YASMEENA HASSAN , GHULAM HASSAN DEADER R/O BANDI BALA

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 GOJJER DEADER community, having annual income is 350000 the details of the family of the applicant are as follows

- 1...GHULAM HASSAN DEADER Head of family 53 years Labour
- SHAMSHADA BEGUM wife 45 years H/W
- ...ZAHID HASSAN Son 21 years Labour
- ...TAHIR HASSAN son 19 years student
- ...YASMEENA HASSAN daughter 12 years student

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

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NAIB TEHSILDAR KALANTRA

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KALANTRA

Subject: Application ABDUL HAMEED PARRAY S/O GH RASOOL PARRAY R/O KOHLINA for issuance of RBA certificate in favour of his son YASIR HAMEED PARRAY Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his/her / their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of KOHLINA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the PARRAY community having annual income 180000// the details of family of the applicant are as follows

- 1..AB HAMEED PARRAY Father 50 years Labour
- 2.SHAMEEMA BAGUM Mother 45 years H/W
- ...YASIR HAMEED self 19 years student
- ... MOHD ASIF Brother 17 years do
- ...INSHA HAMEED sister 16 years do
- ...SABAT HAMEED // 14 years do

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

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WI wary of steely Zimbabwe in T20 World Cup Super Eight clash



■ UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

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For the two-time champions the West Indies, it will be another test of their self assured approach in a format they truly thrive in and bring a flair which perhaps no other team does.

Daren Sammy's troops have rallied well to the call of creating their own "little piece of history" but consistency and rising up to the occasion would be paramount.

With four wins on the trot, the West Indies have ensured their series defeats in as many as seven bilateral affairs in the lead-up to the T20 World Cup is a matter of past.

The Caribbean side has once again emerged a force to reckon with, especially with commanding win over peers England and with dominating performances in which it brushed aside lower-ranked teams.

Shai Hope (155 runs, two 50s) has found his form, Shimron Hetmyer (134) has added a lot of firepower at No.3 and the two leaders in Jason Holder (7 wickets) and Roston Chase have chipped in with valuable performances along the way.

Sherfane Rutherford's (126) explosiveness is another important factor for the Caribbean camp along with all-round capabilities of Romario Shepherd (6 wickets), who in particular would lean on his IPL experience here at the Wankhede Stadium to deliver the goods.

On the other hand, Zimbabwe have made the cricketing world yearn for more with their inspirational run so far, one in which they have thwarted challenges from former multi-format world champions Australia and Sri Lanka with great aplomb.

Zimbabwe have ticked the boxes of earning "respect and recognition" which they had set out for apart from making it to the Super Eight.

But in a group consisting the indomitable South Africans, the West Indies and the title-favourites India, Zimbabwe will fancy their chances of causing maximum damage and see how far they can go.

Zimbabwe's self-belief and confidence matches their all-round strength as they now find themselves in the big boys' club where stakes are much higher than this band is used to.

The young Brian Bennett has been a star with the bat with two fifties and a total of 175 runs putting him at the top of Zimbabwe's run-scoring chart. But interestingly, the 22-year-old right-handed batter is yet to hit a six in this T20 World Cup, a fact that will not go unnoticed in the Caribbean camp at the planning stage.

In all, the Zimbabweans have hit a grand total of eight sixes in this tournament as opposed to 36 from the West Indies in four matches alone.

It is worth mentioning that the Sikandar Raza-led side played all their leagues games on more challenging pitches of Sri Lanka while the West Indies were based in India.

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CHENNAI: When former England batter Jonathan Trott took the reins as Afghanistan coach in 2022, he would not have expected his team to punch above their weight in his stint, going by the challenges he faced. The job was first offered to his compatriot and former cricketer Graham Thorpe but Thorpe fell sick, giving way to Trott.

On Thursday, Trott walked into the press conference room after his team's 82-run win over Canada in the T20 World Cup battling tears.

It was under his tenure that Afghanistan reached their first-ever T20 World Cup semi final finish in 2024, in addition to landmark tournament victories, his-

toric wins over top-ranked teams, and milestones that elevated Afghanistan's reputation in cricket.

"I always feel fortunate enough to have had a lot of memories as a player but also now as a coach as well. I think even at this ground (at Chepauk), beating Pakistan in the 50-over World Cup game, beating England, two games in St. Vincent, that's World Cup stuff," Trott said. He also mentions the wins against top cricketing nations like South Africa in bilateral series' as favourite memories. "We've beaten Pakistan, Bangladesh away, South Africa in bilaterals. So I'm very fortunate enough to have coached some really great players, some really good humans and a good bunch of guys and areas to im-

prove everywhere," he added.

When asked on why he is parting ways with the team, he said that it was not his decision.

"It's not my decision, so that's all I'll leave it at really. Maybe the time's right, maybe it's not. I don't know, but I wish everyone the best in the future. I'm very thankful for getting the opportunity. Graham Thorpe was supposed to be the coach, and he unfortunately couldn't take up the role. I then got offered the job and took it with both hands. But at the same time, Graham was huge in my development as a coach and he gave me great opportunities at the ECB and had full faith and belief in me as a coach," Trott said.

That way, he thanked Thorpe for

his guidance. "So I have a lot to be thankful for him for this role. So I'm here by chance. I gave it my all. I hope the players can see the love that I have for the game and the care that I have for them as players and as people," he added. Now that he has built a solid platform for the next incoming coach of this team, Trott emphasized the importance of grooming more pace bowlers who could support Afghanistan's spinners led by Rashid Khan.

"The consistency and development of some more seamers that will aid the spinners and not just be heavily reliant on spinners; develop some seam bowlers so that when the team plays in conditions perhaps like the World Cup in 2027.

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