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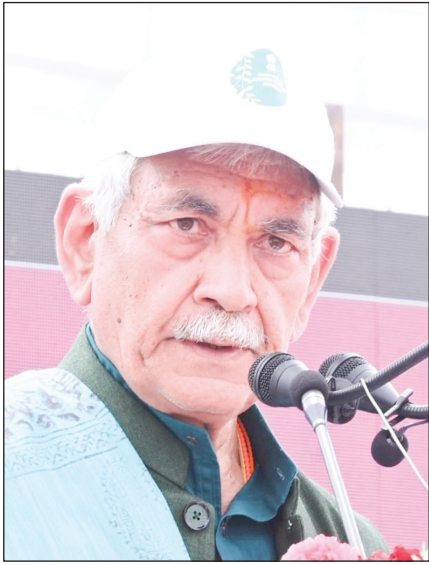
Every Household Should Become a "Fortress of Resistance" as Nasha-Mukt J&K Abhiyan Gathers Momentum : Manoj Sinha

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday led a large-scale padyatra in Udhampur under the Nasha-Mukt Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan, calling for a united and sustained public movement to eliminate the menace of drug abuse from society.

Joining thousands of residents, the Lieutenant Governor described the campaign as a "shared war" that demands collective responsibility and active participation from every citizen. He stressed that unity and unwavering resolve are essential to safeguard the youth and secure the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the war against drugs, unity will be our shield and resolve our weapon."
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LG dedicates Indoor Stadiums to the youth of Marh and Jourian

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated the state-of-the-art Baba Jitto Indoor Stadium at Marh and Indoor Sports Stadium at Jourian, Akhnoor.

Dedicating the sports facilities to the youth, the Lieutenant Governor said that new indoor Sports Stadiums, equipped with modern shooting
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Omar Abdullah Pushes for AI-led Growth in Tourism With Cultural Preservation



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JAMMU, APRIL 27: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday inaugurated the 11th National Conference and Exhibition on Emerging and Innovative Trends in Engineering Technology (NCEITEET) at Government College of Engineering and Technology Jammu, calling for a
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Want Increase in Frequency, Capacity of Trains: CM

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JAMMU, APR 27: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that the upcoming train service from Jammu Terminal to Srinagar, scheduled to begin on Thursday, will significantly boost the tourism sector in the Union Territory.

In a major boost to rail connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, a specially designed Vande Bharat Express will operate between the twin capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar from April 30, officials said.

The premium train service, which has been running between Shri Mata
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BJP Set to Form Govt in West Bengal, "Will Attend Oath Ceremony": PM Modi

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KOLKATA, APR 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed strong confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will form the next



government in West Bengal, asserting that he would return to the state to attend the oath-taking ceremony after the assembly election results are declared on May 4.

Addressing a rally in Barrackpore
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Farmers' Interests Supreme in FTAs, No Deal with US Yet: Chouhan

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan rejects Rahul Gandhi's claims, assures protection for apple growers

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday firmly stated that India's free trade agreements (FTAs) are being executed with the highest priority accorded to farmers and national interests, dismissing allegations by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi that the Centre had compromised the agricultural sector.

Refuting the claims targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chouhan



said such accusations were politically driven and unfounded. He maintained that no FTA has been signed with the United States so far and emphasized that all agreements are carefully structured to safeguard domestic stakeholders.

Addressing apprehensions among apple growers over a potential trade arrangement with New Zealand, the minister assured that imports are regulated strictly under India's terms. He reiterated that the government
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Chouhan To Launch 330 New Road Projects Costing Rs 3,550 Cr In J&K

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch on Tuesday 330 new road projects covering 1,600 kilometres at a cost of Rs 3,550 crore under the Batch-II of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
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India Nears Entry into Elite Club of Nations with Commercial Fast Breeder Reactor : Dr Jitendra Singh

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 27: India is on the verge of joining an elite group of nations with the capability to operate a commercial fast breeder nuclear reactor, with Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announcing that the country will soon become the second after Russia to achieve this distinction.

Addressing a workshop on Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) for MPs and MLAs, the Minister said India has crossed



a significant milestone with the
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ACB Files Charge-Sheet Against Former PWD Official in ₹4,000 Bribery Case

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday filed a charge-sheet against a former Computer Operator of the Public Works Department (PWD), R&B Circle Ganderbal, in a bribery case involving Rs. 4,000.

The charge-sheet has been presented before the Court of the Additional Special
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SSP Anantnag Orders Suspension of IO Over Lapses in GMC Anantnag Assault Probe

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ANANTNAG, APR 27: In a significant disciplinary action, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amod Ashok Naggure on Monday suspended an Investigating Officer (IO) of Police Station Anantnag for failing to follow mandatory arrest procedures in connection with the recent assault and vandalism incident at Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag.
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SSP Orders Heightened Surveillance to Safeguard Peace in Reasi

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JAMMU, APR 27: In a significant move to bolster security in the sensitive Reasi district, Senior Superintendent of Police Mukund Tibrewal on Sunday directed security forces to maintain a high degree of surveillance on anti-national elements and overground workers (OGWs) to prevent any disturbance

to peace.

During an extensive visit to the mountainous areas of the Arnas sub-division, the SSP inspected police posts, minority pickets, and operational units in Thanole, Narkote, Ladha, Panassa, and Chakalhawala. The review focused on strengthening deployment strategies and ensuring operational readiness in remote and vulnerable locations.

At Narkote, Tibrewal emphasized the need for a structured roster system for long-range patrols to enhance vigilance. He also called for the integration of technology-driven policing practices and underscored the importance of close coordination with local communities and Village Defence Guards (VDGs), particularly in far-flung areas.

Inspecting pickets at Ladha and Chakalhawala, the SSP assessed ongoing area domination exercises and reviewed synergy between security forces and VDGs to reinforce the local security grid.

At Thanole Police Post, he examined key facilities including the malkhana and record room, directing officers to ensure proper
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Ministry of Corporate Affairs to examine issues flagged by J&K stakeholders: Dir North Mishra

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: Stating that direct engagement helps in assessing ground realities and aligning policy responses, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Regional Director (North) Ramesh Mishra on Monday said issues raised by stakeholders in Jammu & Kashmir reflected genuine operational challenges and would be examined.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Mishra made these remarks during an interactive session with the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) in Srinagar.

KCCI president Javid Ahmad Tenga welcomed the visiting officials and said it was the first time that a Regional Director from the Ministry had visited the Chamber office for direct interaction with the business community.



During the meeting, KCCI demanded that the RoC office in Srinagar be made fully functional on the earlier Darbar Move pattern. It said the office had become largely inactive with no effective staff presence, and stakeholders were being asked to route issues through the Jammu office, causing delays and inconvenience.

The Chamber said the issue was significant
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Iran Offers To Ease Strait Of Hormuz Tensions, Seeks U.S. Sanctions Relief

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CAIRO, APR 27: Iran has signalled about easing its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for relief from U.S. sanctions, according to regional officials, in a move that underscores ongoing diplomatic maneuvering but leaves core disagreements unresolved.

The proposal, conveyed to the United States through Pakistan, offers to restore normal shipping through the vital oil transit corridor without addressing Tehran's nuclear program a key demand of Washington. The development comes amid continued tensions in the region despite a fragile ceasefire.
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Every Household.....

We must shape a society where young people can carve free destinies, families remain strong, and communities flourish," Sinha said.

Warning that the threat of narcotics is both real and pervasive, he urged people to remain vigilant and proactive. "No authority can wage this battle alone. It must ignite within every heart. Let every village, hamlet, and city become a fortress of resistance, and every household a vigilant bastion," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that Jammu and Kashmir is rising with renewed determination to reject the drug menace. He called upon all sections of society to ensure that April 27 is remembered as a turning point when a collective resolve was forged in Udhampur to combat substance abuse.

Emphasizing a compassionate approach, Sinha said individuals affected by addiction should be treated as victims in need of care and rehabilitation rather than social stigma. He underlined the need to restore their dignity and reintegrate them into mainstream society.

Outlining the roadmap ahead, the Lieutenant Governor said the anti-drug campaign will unfold in phases, focusing on awareness, accountability, and community participation. He highlighted the critical role of families, particularly women and youth, in identifying early signs of addiction and preventing its spread.

On the occasion, Sinha flagged off an anti-drug awareness bike rally, launched Mini-Olympics under the campaign, distributed sanction letters to individuals who have recovered from substance abuse, and felicitated winners of the Nasha Mukta Ideas Championship.

The event witnessed enthusiastic public participation, signaling a strong and unified push towards building a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

LG dedicates....

ranges and versatile indoor courts, are designed to inspire excellence and cultivate the champions of tomorrow.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu & Kashmir is emerging as a sports powerhouse where world-class facilities are no longer restricted to major cities but are reaching the grassroots.

He also interacted with the youth of Marh and Akhnoor through virtual medium and reiterated his commitment to ensure inclusivity in sports development and encourage greater participation among young aspirants.

The Lieutenant Governor also called upon all sections of society, particularly women and the youth to lead the movement for a 'Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir'.

The Lieutenant Governor urged citizens to report substance abuse and actively support the rehabilitation of victims. He said the police and civil administration are working tirelessly to dismantle the drug smuggling network.

The indoor sports stadiums, developed by District Administration Jammu in collaboration with HDFC Bank under its CSR initiative, are equipped with world-class amenities. These include a modern rifle shooting range, top-quality badminton and table tennis courts, dedicated rooms for indoor games such as carrom and chess, and a well-furnished reading room for the youth and locals.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Shri Vidhu Shekar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu and representatives of HDFC Bank attended the inaugural ceremony at Lok Bhavan.

Shri Surinder Bhagat, Member of Legislative Assembly Marh; Shri Mohan Lal Bhagat, Member of Legislative Assembly Akhnoor, senior officials, prominent citizens and locals from Marh and Jourian also joined through virtual mode.

Omar Abdullah.....

balanced approach that blends cutting-edge technology with the preservation of cultural heritage.

Organised in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur and supported by the World Consortium of Universities, the two-day conference has brought together leading academicians, researchers, industry experts and students from across the country to deliberate on emerging technological trends shaping the future of engineering.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed School of Architecture building at GCET, built at a cost of 19.71 crore. Stressing the importance of context-sensitive design, he urged budding architects to innovate while remaining rooted in the region's cultural and historical ethos.

"Modernity must not come at the cost of identity. Our infrastructure should reflect who we are and where we come from," he said, expressing concern over the growing neglect of traditional architectural elements in contemporary construction.

Highlighting the relevance of the conference theme, Abdullah described discussions around artificial intelligence and machine learning as timely, particularly in the context of Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector. He noted that the integration of AI can significantly improve visitor experience, streamline destination management and enhance service delivery.

At the same time, he cautioned that technological advancement must go hand in hand with employment generation. "Technology should support human effort, not displace it. Tourism remains a critical source of livelihood, and we must safeguard jobs while embracing innovation," he added.

Underlining the need for consistent quality to encourage repeat tourism, the Chief Minister pointed to the region's diverse offerings, including pilgrimage tourism at Mata Vaishno Devi, border tourism at Suchetgarh, and leisure tourism across various destinations.

Addressing infrastructure requirements at GCET, Abdullah announced that funds would be allocated this year for the construction of an auditorium to facilitate academic and cultural activities. Responding to student demands, he also assured the establishment of an incubation centre to promote entrepreneurship and innovation within the institution.

"We may not provide government jobs to everyone, but we can certainly create opportunities for our youth to become entrepreneurs and innovators," he said, reaffirming the government's commitment to building a robust startup ecosystem.

During his visit, the Chief Minister released the e-proceedings of the conference featuring 28 shortlisted research papers and toured exhibition stalls showcasing innovative student projects. He interacted with participants and reviewed demonstrations, appreciating their creativity and technical acumen.

Speaking at the event, Education Minister Sakeena Itoo emphasized that innovation and research are central to the evolution of modern education systems. She called upon institutions to transform into hubs of excellence and urged students to emerge as job creators and leaders of change.

The event also featured addresses by MLA Nagrota Devyani Rana, Organizing Chairperson Prof. Raja Dutta of IIT Kharagpur, and GCET Principal Sameru Sharma, who highlighted the importance of collaboration, research and innovation-driven growth.

The conference is expected to serve as a vital platform for knowledge exchange and technological advancement, reinforcing GCET Jammu's role as a premier institution fostering innovation and skill development in the region.

Want Increase.....

Vaishno Devi Katra and Srinagar for over nine months, will now be extended up to Jammu Tawi.

Reacting to the development, Abdullah said that the enhanced capacity of the train service would allow more passengers to travel, thereby improving connectivity and supporting tourism.

"It will definitely give a boost (to the tourism sector). You may recall that I have repeatedly pointed out that the train's capacity has been limited so far. Only an eight-coach train was running between Katra and Srinagar. Now, it will be a twenty-coach train, which means more passengers will be able to travel," he told reporters here.

Abdullah further said that such services should continue, and we want both the frequency and capacity of trains to increase.

The chief minister added that any additional issues or suggestions regarding the service would be raised during the official function on April 30 in the presence of the minister concerned.

On the startup ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah, while acknowledging that his state lags behind many states that started their startup initiatives earlier, said, "We can learn from their experiences, and the mistakes they made do not need to be repeated by us."

He noted that the startup policy announced in 2024 has laid the foundation for growth, with budgetary provisions now in place to support funding and development.

"We are trying to build an ecosystem for startups here," he said, adding that during his recent visit to the Government College of Engineering and Technology, a demand was raised for setting up an incubation centre.

"We will work on establishing an incubation centre there this year," Abdullah said.

He also inaugurated the School of Architecture (SoA) building on Monday at the college in Jammu, marking a significant step towards strengthening technical education infrastructure in the state.

Minister Sakina Itoo and MLA Nagrota Devyani Rana were present on the occasion. The new facility is expected to enhance academic capacity and provide improved learning opportunities for students in the region.

BJP Set to Form.....

in North 24 Parganas district on the final day of campaigning, the Prime Minister launched a sharp attack on the ruling All

India Trinamool Congress (TMC), accusing it of presiding over "syndicate raj", political violence and economic decline.

"The mood I have sensed in West Bengal clearly indicates that I will return here for the oath-taking ceremony of the BJP government," Modi said, amid loud cheers from the gathering.

Invoking the historical significance of Barrackpore, he said the region had played a key role in the Indian Rebellion of 1857 and was now preparing the ground for political change in the state.

Stressing that West Bengal's progress is vital for the country's overall development, Modi highlighted the importance of the eastern region in India's growth trajectory. "My responsibility is to serve, secure and safeguard West Bengal," he said.

Drawing parallels with recent electoral gains in neighbouring states, the Prime Minister said that after Odisha and Bihar, the BJP was poised to expand its footprint in West Bengal as well.

He alleged that the TMC had strayed from its founding slogan of "Maa, Maati, Maanush" and lacked a clear vision for development. Claiming that industries were shutting down while criminal networks were expanding, Modi urged voters to end what he termed as "syndicate raj".

Accusing the ruling party of resorting to abuse, threats and misinformation, he said such tactics had replaced governance, adding that derogatory remarks had been made against constitutional institutions and the armed forces.

Farmers.....

remains committed to protecting farmers' interests while engaging with global markets.

Highlighting the domestic apple economy, Chouhan noted that India's annual consumption stands at around 26 lakh metric tonnes, with domestic production accounting for nearly 20 lakh metric tonnes. The deficit of approximately six lakh metric tonnes is met through imports, which, he said, are subject to duties and price regulations designed to shield local producers.

The minister also announced that he will launch the next phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV, Batch-II) in Srinagar on Tuesday. Additionally, 4,568.23 crore will be released to 24 states and Union Territories under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission, reinforcing the Centre's push to enhance rural livelihoods and empower women through initiatives such as 'Lakhpati Didi'.

Chouhan To.....

The Batch-II under the PMGSY-IV will accelerate development in Jammu and Kashmir through the construction of 330 new roads covering 1,600 kilometres at a project cost of Rs 3,550 crore, benefiting 363 habitations across the region, an official spokesman here said.

"Jammu and Kashmir is set to witness a significant milestone in its development journey tomorrow, as Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development will launch Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-IV, Batch-II at a special programme at SKICC, Srinagar," the spokesman said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary are also scheduled to attend the event.

He said that since 2000, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed the construction of 3,328 roads under PMGSY, creating a road network of 19,851 kilometres along with 257 bridges.

Chouhan said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the initiative reflects the government's commitment to moving beyond announcements and delivering tangible development on the ground.

He emphasised that the focus is on ensuring that roads, services and other facilities reach even the remotest villages.

The minister also underlined that infrastructure development is being viewed as a key driver to further integrate Jammu and Kashmir into the national development mainstream. (Agencies)

India Nears.....

indigenously developed 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakam attaining first criticality on April 6, 2026.

Designed by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and built by BHAVINI, the PFBR marks the beginning of the second stage of India's three-stage nuclear power programme. The reactor uses uranium-plutonium mixed oxide fuel and is capable of generating more fuel than it consumes, a feature that positions India to eventually tap its vast thorium reserves in the final stage of the programme.

Highlighting the global context, Dr. Singh noted that while several countries—including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Japan, Germany and China—have experimented with fast reactor technology, most such programmes have been discontinued, leaving Russia as the only nation currently operating commercial fast breeder reactors.

He underlined that the successful commissioning of the PFBR places India among a select group of countries with advanced nuclear capabilities and strengthens its long-

term energy security.

Emphasising the role of nuclear power in India's clean energy transition, the Minister said the government is targeting 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047. He pointed out that emerging sectors such as artificial intelligence, data infrastructure and advanced manufacturing will increasingly rely on stable and continuous sources of clean energy.

Dr. Singh also highlighted the importance of Small Modular Reactors and enabling policy frameworks, including the proposed SHANTI Act, to boost private sector participation. Under the government's Nuclear Mission, with an allocation of 20,000 crore, five SMRs are planned to be operational by 2033.

He added that SMRs hold promise for industrial use, densely populated regions, remote areas lacking grid connectivity, and repurposing existing thermal power plants.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to sustainability, the Minister said a balanced energy mix combining nuclear, renewable and other clean sources will be key to achieving India's Net Zero target by 2070.

ACB Files....

Judge, Anti-Corruption Court Srinagar, where the matter is scheduled for the next hearing on June 10.

According to an official statement, the case pertains to FIR No. 07/2022 registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 at Police Station ACB Srinagar. The accused, identified as Rafiq Ahmad Sheikh, was serving as a Computer Operator in PWD (R&B) Circle Ganderbal at the time of the incident.

The case was initiated on March 2, 2022, following a written complaint alleging that the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs. 4,000 for issuing a D-Class contractor card. Acting promptly, the ACB laid a trap and apprehended the accused while he was accepting the bribe amount from the complainant.

Officials confirmed that the tainted money was recovered from the accused on the spot. Chemical examination later established the presence of phenolphthalein on his hands, substantiating the acceptance of the bribe.

The ACB stated that the investigation, supported by credible evidence, has established the commission of an offence under the relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

After completing all necessary legal and departmental formalities, the charge-sheet was filed before the competent court on April 27, 2026, for judicial determination.

SSP Ananatnag....

Officials said the action was taken after it came to light that the IO did not adhere to prescribed legal protocols while detaining accused persons in FIR No. 118/2026. Terming the lapse serious, the police stressed that strict compliance with due process is non-negotiable in all investigations.

The case relates to an incident in which a group of agitated attendants allegedly vandalized hospital property and assaulted medical staff following the death of a woman from Srigufwara village in Bijbehara. According to doctors, the woman had suffered a cardiac arrest and, despite immediate resuscitation efforts upon arrival at the hospital, could not be saved.

Subsequently, four individuals were arrested for their alleged involvement in the attack. However, they were later released on bail due to lack of sufficient evidence, officials confirmed.

The incident triggered protests by doctors, who strongly condemned the violence, describing it as "sheer hooliganism," and called for stringent action against those responsible.

Police sources revealed that the suspended IO failed to fulfil mandatory procedural requirements during the arrests, prompting SSP Nagpure to take immediate action.

Reaffirming its commitment to transparency and accountability, Anantnag Police stated that adherence to the rule of law remains paramount and that any deviation from established procedures will be dealt with firmly.

SSP Orders.....

documentation and operational efficiency. He further instructed officials to analyze past militancy-related incidents and maintain sustained monitoring of suspicious elements.

The visit, officials said, reflects the police department's firm commitment to maintaining a robust security framework and ensuring the safety of residents, pilgrims, and tourists in the district.

Ministry of.....

as nearly 55 per cent of the total com-

panies in the Union Territory are based in Kashmir Valley. It also sought a camp office or at least a functional helpdesk in Ladakh to facilitate access to RoC services.

KCCI also raised concern over the low participation of J&K-based companies in the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, saying that only J&K Bank figures among the 2,000 participating companies. "While a large number of applicants from J&K are seeking opportunities, local openings remained limited," the Chamber said. It urged the Ministry to facilitate greater participation of companies from other states to benefit local youth.

The KCCI further highlighted persistent technical glitches on the MCA21 portal, including server downtime, non-availability of forms, failed SRN generation, payment failures and issues in uploading or retrieving documents. The problems, it said, were causing delays in company incorporation, approvals and access to historical company records.

The Chamber flagged delays in approval of charge forms, complications in Section 8 company registrations, pendency in adjudication and compounding matters, recurring issues in Director KYC filings, DIN activation and DSC validation. It also sought clarity in compliance requirements for small companies, startups and producer companies.

It reiterated concern over multiple Director Identification Numbers (DINs) issued in the past due to a lack of awareness, saying current provisions impose a fixed penalty of Rs 50,000 along with an additional Rs 500 per day. It demanded a one-time amnesty scheme to resolve such legacy cases.

The meeting was attended by Registrar of Companies (RoC) J&K and Ladakh, Haamid Bukhari, KCCI office bearers, past presidents, executive members, chartered accountants, company secretaries and representatives of various companies and institutions.

Responding to the concerns, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Regional Director (North) Ramesh Mishra said such interactions provide direct feedback from the ground and help policymakers understand practical difficulties faced by stakeholders.

RoC Haamid Bukhari said many concerns, particularly those related to DIN KYC, DSC validation and delays in form processing, were system-driven and assured stakeholders that genuine grievances would be addressed. "Such interactive sessions would be institutionalised and held at least once every six months," he assured.

The meeting concluded with a detailed exchange of views, with KCCI reiterating its commitment to work with the Ministry for improving regulatory efficiency, reducing compliance burden and strengthening the corporate ecosystem in J&K-(KNO)

Iran Offers.....

U.S. President Donald Trump has indicated that any agreement must go beyond maritime security and include strict limits on Iran's nuclear ambitions, casting doubt on the prospects of the proposal gaining traction. "We have all the cards. If they want to talk, they can come to us," he said in remarks to a U.S. broadcaster.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi arrived in St. Petersburg on Monday for consultations with Vladimir Putin, as Tehran engages key regional and global players to navigate the standoff. His recent diplomatic tour included visits to Islamabad and Oman, which shares control of the Strait.

Speaking ahead of his meeting in St. Petersburg, Araghchi described the visit as an opportunity to coordinate with Moscow on evolving regional developments, including the ongoing conflict involving the United States and Israel.

Officials said Pakistan has been attempting to revive stalled negotiations between Tehran and Washington, though planned talks in Islamabad over the weekend did not materialize. The White House had earlier considered dispatching envoys to pursue discussions, but the effort was shelved amid a lack of progress.

Tehran has blamed Washington's "excessive demands" for delaying negotiations, while U.S. officials have pointed to internal uncertainty within Iran's leadership as a complicating factor.

The Strait of Hormuz remains a focal point of global concern, with disruptions in the narrow passage — through which a significant share of the world's oil supply flows — continuing to keep energy markets on edge.

Diplomatic observers say the latest proposal reflects a tactical attempt by Iran to secure economic relief while sidestepping more contentious issues, leaving the broader standoff far from resolution. (Courtesy - Video interview of Araghchi with - IRNA)



DC Srinagar leads plantation drive under ongoing 100-day intensive Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan

Initiative reflects our dual commitment to environmental sustainability and a drug-free society, paving way for a healthier and greener Srinagar: DC

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 27: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Monday led a plantation drive at Lasjan-Panthachowk integrating environmental conservation with social reform and reinforcing the message of a cleaner, greener and drug-free society under ongoing 100-day intensive Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

The plantation drive was organized by the District Administration Srinagar in collaboration with the Urban Forestry Division, signifying a collective responsibility towards environmental sustainability and a shared commitment to achieving the objectives of a drug-free society. The event witnessed the participation of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadi Fareed; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar; District Social Welfare Officer, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad; DFO Urban, Dr. Mehrj Ud Din Sheikh; other senior Officers from the District Administration and Forest Department, as well as enthusiastic College and School students.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner planted a deodar sapling and highlighted the importance of such initiatives in increasing green cover, mitigating the effects of climate change and fostering environmental awareness among citizens. The DC emphasized that the plantation drive reflects the administration's sustained commitment to realizing the objectives of the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, while also reaffirming its shared responsibility towards fostering greener surroundings and enhancing the overall well-being of society. He further stated that the initiative promotes environmental sustainability and reinforces continued efforts towards achieving the goals of the 100-day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan.

The plantation drive witnessed overwhelming support from the local community, environmental volunteers and social activists, who joined hands with officials at the venue, adding a spirit of collective responsibility and public enthusiasm to achieve the objectives of a Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan.



The DC emphasized that the plantation drive reflects the administration's sustained commitment to realizing the objectives of the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, while also reaffirming its shared responsibility towards fostering greener surroundings and enhancing the overall well-being of society. He further stated that the initiative promotes environmental sustainability and reinforces continued efforts towards achieving the goals of the 100-day Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan.

Dr Itoo conferred prestigious European CME Accreditation Certification award

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: Dr Tasaduk Hussain Itoo has been awarded 10 European Continuing Medical Education Credits (ECMEC®s) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACME) operating under the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), following his successful completion of the 34th ESE



Postgraduate Training Course in Clinical Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism organized by the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE). This internationally recognized accreditation is awarded to medical professionals who undertake advanced continuing education meeting rigorous European standards of academic quality and professional development. By earning this certification, Dr Itoo has demonstrated continued dedication to expanding his expertise in clinical endocrinology, diabetes, thyroid disorders, adrenal diseases, and metabolic medicine through globally recognized educational platforms. The prestigious postgraduate course brought together leading endocrinologists and specialists from across Europe, offering advanced scientific updates and evidence-based clinical learning in key areas of endocrine and metabolic health. Successful participation and accreditation through EACME® reflect a commitment to excellence in modern medical practice and lifelong professional learning. Dr Itoo's latest academic distinction further adds to his growing portfolio of international recognitions in medicine, medical education, and public health, reinforcing his standing as a clinician-academic committed to advancing healthcare through knowledge, scholarship, and global engagement.

KU-NTM begins workshop on translation in Kashmiri and Sanskrit

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: A three-day skill development workshop on "Translation in Indian Languages—Kashmiri and Sanskrit" began at the Main campus of the University of Kashmir (KU). The workshop is being organised by the varsity's Department of Kashmiri in collaboration with the National Translation Mission (NTM), Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore.

It aims to build translation skills among participants, promote linguistic exchange, and encourage the use of Indian languages in academic and literary contexts. Speaking at the inaugural session, Vice-Chancellor, KU, Prof. Nilofar Khan, said, "Translation plays an important role in connecting languages and knowledge systems. Strengthening such skills can help make academic and literary content more accessible across linguistic boundaries."

Dean Academic Affairs, KU, Prof. Shariefuddin Pirzada, in his remarks, said that initiatives like these are important for promoting multilingual scholarship and preserving linguistic diversity.

Registrar, KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, said that the University continues to support programmes that encourage academic engagement with Indian languages and translation practices.

Officer In-charge, NTM, Dr. Tariq Khan, in his virtual address, spoke about the objectives of the National Translation Mission and highlighted the role of translation in knowledge dissemination and cultural exchange. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dean, School of Arts, Languages and Literature and Head, Department of Kashmiri, KU, Prof. Aejaz Mohammad Sheikh, highlighted the importance of such workshops in developing practical translation skills and strengthening academic engagement with regional languages.

The three-day workshop includes expert lectures, practical translation exercises, and interactive sessions focused on Kashmiri and Sanskrit texts. It is being attended by students and research scholars of languages from across the campus.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, faculty at Department of Kashmiri KU, while Jnana Murthy B R, resource person from Central Institute of Indian Languages NTM, delivered the vote of thanks.

FPO Conclave Held in Srinagar to Strengthen Farmer Collectives and Market Linkages

Experts, financial institutions and agri-stakeholders deliberate on sustainable growth of FPOs in J&K

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SRINAGAR, APR 27: A one-day Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) Conclave was held today at Nowgam's Hotel Home of Paradise in Srinagar, bringing together key stakeholders from the agriculture, horticulture, and financial sectors to discuss strategies for strengthening farmer collectives and enhancing market access across Jammu & Kashmir.

The conclave was organized by Indian Agribusiness Systems Limited (AgriWatch), a semi-government organization dedicated to empowering FPOs and fostering a robust agricultural ecosystem in the Union Territory. The programme was conducted under the guidance and support of Agricultural Produce and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), with a focus on creating sustainable market linkages and providing continuous handholding support to farmer groups.

AgriWatch, recognized as a Cluster Based Business Organization (CBBO) under flagship Government of India schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and the Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, has been playing a pivotal role in building institutional capacity among farmers and promoting sustainable agribusiness practices.

The event witnessed participation from prominent officials and experts, including Shrimati Baskar, Finance Director, AgriWatch; Ashok K. Burman, Vice President, AgriWatch; Dr. Aaqib Hassan, State Lead and Crop Expert, AgriWatch Kashmir; Qazi Showkat Ahmad, Deputy Director Agriculture Kashmir; Irshad-ul-



Islam Khanday from the Horticulture Department; Naveed Bhat from SKUAST-Kashmir; Dr. Azhra and Peerzada Basit from APEDA; senior representatives from J&K Bank, State Bank of India, and Punjab & Sind Bank; as well as various business partners from input and output sectors.

Speakers at the conclave shared valuable insights on enhancing the operational capacity of FPOs, improving their access to national and international markets, and ensuring long-term financial sustainability. The role of financial institutions in providing credit support and the importance of value chain integration were also emphasized during the discussions.

At present, AgriWatch is supporting 22 FPOs across Jammu & Kashmir, covering 11 districts in the Jammu division and six districts in the Kashmir division, including Shopian, Pulwama, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, and Ganderbal. Representatives from all 22 FPOs participated in the conclave from their respective divisional locations, making it a comprehensive platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration.

The conclave concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to work collectively towards strengthening farmer-led institutions and driving inclusive agricultural growth in the region.

Anti-Drug Awareness Programme Held at Amar Singh College Srinagar

Theatre Performance "Miyouth Zahar" Wins Acclaim

JAMEEL ANSARI

SRINAGAR, APRIL 27: An impactful and purpose-driven anti-drug awareness programme was organized at Amar Singh College Srinagar under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. The event was jointly conducted by the District Administration Srinagar in collaboration with the Cultural Academy and the Department of Information and Public Relations, Jammu & Kashmir.

The programme aimed to sensitize students and

youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote the vision of a healthy, drug-free society. A large number of students, faculty members, and participants attended the event and showed keen interest in the awareness activities.

On the occasion, Cultural Academy Officer Dr. Syed Iftikhar Ahmad welcomed the participants and shared his views on the significance of such initiatives. The programme commenced with the screening of an informative video prepared by the Department of Information, highlighting the social, psychological, and medical consequences of drug abuse. The video effectively raised awareness about the growing menace of substance abuse and emphasized the need for collective efforts to combat it.

A major highlight of the event was a thought-provoking theatrical performance titled "Miyouth Zahar", presented by the Mehak Dramatic Club Srinagar under the aegis of the Cultural Academy. The play powerfully depicted the devastating impact of drug



addiction on individuals, families, and society, earning widespread appreciation from the audience. The performers Farhat Siddiqui, Hilal Ahmad Khan, Mehjabeen Inksari, Mohammad Ali Mehdi, Saqib, and Riyan, were applauded for their compelling performances. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the college, Prof. Ajaz Ahmad Hakak, who was the chief guest, highlighted the importance of such programmes and urged students to stay away from drugs and actively contribute to building a drug-free

society. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers and artists, describing the initiative as meaningful and socially significant.

Students and faculty members also lauded the programme and stressed the need for organizing more such awareness initiatives to educate the youth.

At the conclusion of the event, all participants collectively pledged to contribute towards the mission of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and work towards creating a healthier, drug-free society.

DC Srinagar, SSP review Anti-Drug measures; Call for intensified crackdown on Drug Networks

Anti-Drug Drive Intensifies: 26 FIRs, 39 Arrests, Licences Suspended & Vehicles Seized

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 27: Monthly District Level Committee on Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held today, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess the effectiveness of ongoing enforcement and preventive strategies being implemented in the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Dr. Sandeep Chakravarthy was also present in the meeting.

During the meeting, it was emphasized that intensified enforcement actions must be taken against drug peddlers and their networks. The participants called for strengthened inter-agency coordination among enforcement, regulatory, and health departments to ensure sustained action against drug-related activities.

At the outset, the Committee conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing enforcement measures particularly under the ongoing 100 days campaign of Jammu and Kashmir Nasha Mukht Abhiyan.

The Committee emphasized intensified enforcement actions against drug peddlers and their networks calling for a sustained crackdown on drug peddling and its networks. It also stressed stringent enforcement, stronger strategy to combat narcotics trafficking in Srinagar district, besides more NDPS-linked confiscations to crush the drug networks.

The Committee strongly emphasized the need to intensify Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, particularly in educational institutions and coaching centres,

to effectively sensitize youth about the severe and far-reaching consequences of drug and narcotic substance abuse. It further called for a sustained awareness drive to build resilience among young people against drug addiction.

Directions were also issued to actively promote sports and recreational activities among youth, especially in identified drug-sensitive and hotspot areas, as a proactive preventive strategy to channelize their energy in constructive pursuits and safeguard them from the menace of substance abuse.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to further strengthen inter-agency coordination among enforcement, regulatory, health departments and other stakeholders to ensure sustained, coordinated and effective action against drug-related activities in the district. He highlighted the critical need to systematically dismantle the logistical and support networks facilitating drug peddling operations.

The DC also directed the RTO, Drug Controller and Police authorities to continue strict and resolute action against the persons found involved in drug trafficking or facilitating drug peddling, making it clear that no leniency would be tolerated.

He further called for the comprehensive approach comprising focused enforcement, preventive awareness campaigns, and robust rehabilitation interventions to effectively address and eradicate the drug menace in Srinagar district.

He stated that the District Administration is fully committed to safeguarding society, particularly



the youth from the adverse impact of drug abuse.

The SSP Srinagar on the occasion, asserted that stringent action against identified drug hotspots will be further intensified and that drug peddlers will be dealt with firmly through criminal prosecution and all other punitive measures available under law, with zero tolerance and no leniency.

The Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir and Deputy SP Headquarters also apprised the meeting regarding recent decisive enforcement actions taken against drug peddlers in the district.

During the meeting, it was informed that amid ongoing 100 days Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir campaign, the District Administration in coordination with the Police and other

stakeholder departments has launched a massive crackdown on drug peddlers and trafficking networks.

The NCORD meeting was informed that District Police has registered 26 FIRs and arrested 39 involved persons so far. Additionally nine Hotspot areas have been identified across the District and regular Naka checking /patrolling is being conducted on these hotspot areas and proper surveillance is being kept in order to prevent drug peddling in the District.

Moreover, 157 CCTVs cameras are installed on identified hotspots in District Srinagar for proper monitoring and surveillance.

Similarly, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir, as part of its anti-drug enforcement efforts, has disqualified 73 vehicle licences and seized 65 vehicles under the NDPS Act.

The Drug Control Department has also carried out large-scale inspections of pharmaceutical and chemist shops across various areas of Srinagar and suspended six drug licences under the relevant provisions of the Act.

Likewise, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) has also undertaken multiple enforcement actions against offenders and registered multiple cases under relevant provisions of law.

The meeting was attended by Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, Qazi Irfan, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, Dy SP Shah Sleeth, SDM West, Irfan Bahadur, SDM East Zubair Ahmad and officers from Excise, Drug Control Organisation, heads of Anti-Trafficking Forces and other concerned departments.

DDC Poonch reviews KKG functioning, emphasises AI, CSC Integration

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POONCH, APRIL 27: The Department of Agriculture Poonch, under the guidance of the District Development Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma today organized a one-day training programme for Krishi Udyamis engaged under the HADP project "Innovative Extension Approaches in Agriculture."

The programme, held under the chairmanship of DDC, also aimed to review the functioning of Krishi Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) established across the district.

The primary objective of the training was to strengthen the operational capacity and outreach of KKGs, which have been envisioned as "One Service Points" for farmers and the general public. These centers play a crucial role in delivering digital services and bridging the gap between rural communities and government schemes.

Addressing the participants, the DDC underscored the importance of expanding digital outreach in remote and border areas through KKGs, aligning with the core objectives of the HADP and JKICP initiative. He highlighted that the government has made significant investments in selecting and supporting Krishi Udyamis through a rigorous screening process. These Udyamis are now entrusted with delivering a range of services, including Government-to-Citizen (G2C), Government-to-Business (G2B) and Business-to-Citizen (B2C) services through CSC platforms. On spot grievance redressal was also done to redress the grievances of the KUs. Appreciation certificates were handed over to the top performing KUs for their remarkable work.

The DDC further emphasized the role of tele-consultation services in enabling farmers to access expert advice from Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), thereby enhancing informed decision-making, improving agricultural productivity and Weather forecast.

Chief Agriculture Officer Jograj Singh Slathia highlighted the growing significance of digital platforms and modern technologies in ensuring transparency, efficiency and accessibility in service delivery within the agriculture sector. He informed that the performance of Krishi Udyamis



J&K Relief Organisation rebuts news regarding ration distribution among migrants

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, APRIL 27: The Relief Organisation, J&K government, has strongly refuted the news item published in a local daily on April 26, 2026, regarding the ration distribution in terms of the Special Relief Ration Scheme for Kashmiri/Jammu Migrants.

"The report presents an incomplete picture and creates an unwarranted propaganda regarding implementation of the scheme," clarified the organisation while issuing an official rebuttal in this regard.

The organisation further clarified that ration distribution is being carried out by the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department in accordance with the Special Relief Ration Scheme for Kashmiri/Jammu Migrants notified vide Government Order No. 15-JK(FCS&CA) of 2026 dated 05.03.2026, from all 32 designated ration depots in Jammu district, including Mini Township Jagti which houses 5,252 migrant families.

All Relief Ration Card holders, whether PHH, NPHH, or Special Category, continue to receive 11 kg of free ration per person per month along with 1 kg of sugar, while migrants under the non-relief category such as pensioners, categorized as NPHH, are entitled to ration at government-approved NFSA rates.

The Government of J&K, through S.O. 392 and S.O. 393 of 2024 dated 13.08.2024, has amended the J&K Food Security Rules, 2021 and the Targeted Public Distribution (Control) Order, 2023 to integrate migrant ration cards into the NFSA database, thereby enabling the migrants to avail benefits of various social sector schemes. Further, Government Order No. 27-JK(DMRRR) of 2025 dated 16.05.2025 has clarified that the existing scale of ration distribution and norms for inclusion, deletion, bifurcation, conversion and corrections will continue under the Relief Organisation without change.

These clarifications have been widely communicated through public notices and information campaigns and approximately 450 migrant families have already availed benefits of social security and welfare schemes after this integration.

The department reiterated that the integration of migrant ration cards on the NFSA database scheme is being done in compliance with the relevant Government Orders and rules and the concerns raised in the said article are unfounded, misleading and contrary to facts, published without obtaining official version.

GCW Nawakadal organizes Awareness Rally, Marathon under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

Students, faculty pledge commitment towards drug-free society

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 27: Under the banner of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, an Awareness Rally and Marathon were organised today by the College Wellbeing and Anti-Substance Cell (CWASC) in collaboration with the College Sports Committee and NCC Unit of Government Degree College for Women (GCW), Nawakadal, Srinagar.

The programme commenced with an awareness rally from the college campus to Safakadal Chowk, aiming to disseminate a strong message against drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among the youth.

This was followed by a marathon in which students and faculty members participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their collective commitment to the cause.

The event was attended by Nodal Officer CWASC, Dr. Nuzhatjan; Convenor College Sports Committee, Ruksana



Shawl; NCC Officer, Prof. Humeera Yousuf, along with faculty members from CWASC and the Sports Committee.

On the occasion, the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Huda Galzai, appreciated the efforts of the organisers and participants. In her message, she underscored the importance of collective responsibility in combating drug abuse and encouraged students to act as ambassadors of a

drug-free society. She further highlighted that such initiatives play a vital role in building awareness and fostering a culture of health, discipline, and social responsibility among the youth.

The event concluded with participants taking a pledge to support and uphold the vision of a drug-free society.

JKEDI hosts District-Level Credit Facilitation meeting to strengthen Startup Financing under DBRAP

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: A District Level Credit Facilitation Meeting involving 25 startups was successfully organised today at the District Centre Jammu of the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute under the District Business Reforms Action Plan (DBRAP), an initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.

The meeting was held in pursuance of directions from Director JKEDI Khalid Jahangir to institutionalize District Level Credit Facilitation Meetings as a structured mechanism for strengthening coordination between startups and financial institutions. The initiative aligns with DBRAP objectives of improving access to finance, enhancing regulatory

transparency and promoting ease of doing business at the district level.

The session witnessed active participation from key financial stakeholders. Jammu & Kashmir Bank was represented by AGM (Incharge GSS & FID) Nishu Mahajan and Senior Manager Government Sponsored Schemes Mohit Hans. The office of the Lead District Manager was represented by Mohammad Imran Choudhary from State Bank of India, Rail Head Complex.

The meeting commenced with an overview of DBRAP reform priorities and the agenda by District Startup Nodal Officer JKEDI Jammu Rajesh Kotwal. Emphasis was laid on creating a transparent and time-bound credit facilitation ecosystem, reducing information asymmetry and enabling startups to effectively navigate institutional financing channels.



Serving as an interactive platform, the session enabled direct engagement between startups and banking representatives. Startups were sensitised about various government-sponsored schemes operational at the district level, with detailed guidance on documentation requirements, preparation of Detailed Project

Reports (DPRs) and procedural aspects for availing credit support under relevant Central and UT schemes. Banking officials addressed queries pertaining to eligibility criteria, appraisal processes, timelines and loan disbursement mechanisms, thereby promoting clarity and predictability in credit access. Participating startups

expressed appreciation for the initiative, particularly highlighting the value of direct interaction with banking officials and improved clarity on credit procedures.

"This platform has made the credit process much more transparent and approachable. Direct engagement with banks has helped us better understand requirements and timelines, which will significantly support our growth plans," said a participating startup founder.

The meeting concluded with a collective reaffirmation by all stakeholders to strengthen coordinated efforts towards improving credit facilitation systems. The initiative reflects JKEDI's continued commitment to advancing DBRAP reform objectives by fostering a supportive, transparent and efficient startup ecosystem in Jammu.

Deputy Chief Minister chairs Sub-Committee meet on Gair Mumkin Khads in Jammu

Committee asserts on identification of chronic areas to address public concerns

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today chaired a meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted to examine the issues related to Gair Mumkin Khads in Jammu and Kashmir at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The Committee stressed on protection of all flood zone areas, however, asserted on identification of chronic areas of Gair Mumkin Khads to effectively address the long-standing public concerns across all districts.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, as members of the Sub-Committee.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, briefed the Sub-Committee



on the current status of Gair Mumkin Khads.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed that chronic areas of Gair Mumkin Khads be identified on priority. Stressing on protection of all flood prone areas, he instructed the concerned departments to submit detailed reports in a time-bound manner. He further sought inputs and suggestions to address the issues faced by the public concerning Gair Mumkin Khads.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister underscored the importance of pro-public and practical decision-making to ensure the amicable redressal of genuine grievances. He directed the concerned authorities to expedite and ensure timely completion of zone-wise mapping, particularly in chronic areas.

The Sub-Committee held detailed deliberations on the existing status of Gair Mumkin Khads, daryas and nallahs, along with related concerns, with the objective of providing relief to the public wherever warranted. The Deputy Chief Minister

also called for sensitization of all stakeholders and emphasized the need for scientific mapping of Gair Mumkin Khads, nallahs and adjacent non-cultivable waste lands.

The members of the Sub-Committee put forth valuable suggestions and highlighted various public concerns requiring urgent attention.

Putting forward his suggestions, Minister of Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Javed Ahmad Rana said that coordinated efforts are required by the concerned departments to ensure timely resolution of public concerns.

Speaking at the outset, Minister Agriculture Production, Javid Ahmad Dar asserted on addressing the genuine concerns of the public.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Secretary Revenue Rajeew Ranjan, Chief Engineer I&FC, Special Secretary Revenue, and other concerned officers.

Symposium-cum-Theme Based cultural programme organised at SPMR Commerce College

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: As part of the ongoing "Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir - 100 Day Campaign", the Cultural Unit of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu today organised a Symposium-cum-Theme Based Cultural Programme here at SPMR Commerce College.

The programme aimed at creating awareness among youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraging them to actively contribute towards building a drug-free society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who expressed their views and concerns on the issue through the symposium.



The Chief Guest, Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, appreciated the initiative and stressed the importance of such awareness programmes in educational institutions.

He urged students to act as ambassadors of change and spread the message of a drug-free society in their communities.

The symposium was adjudged by Dr. Chetna Gupta and Dr. Ashu Manhas, while the programme was convened by Prof. Monika Mahajan and proceedings were conducted by Prof. Shaji Khan.

A number of students participated in the symposium and delivered thought provoking speeches on the subject. Amit, a student of B.Com Semester VI secured the first position for his impactful presentation, while Ridham and Taranpreet were adjudged second and third, respectively.

Adding cultural vibrancy to the programme, artists of the Cultural Unit Jammu presented theme-based songs in Hindi, Dogri and Punjabi, effectively reinforcing the message of "Nasha Mukht" and inspiring the audience through music and performance.

The programme was conducted under the direction of Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Mohit Sharma.

DLSA team inspects District Jail Amphalla Jammu

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JAMMU, APRIL 27: In furtherance of its mandate to provide free and competent legal services to the marginalized and vulnerable sections of society, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jammu undertook a visit to the District Jail, Amphalla.

The visit was led by the Learned Secretary DLSA Maleeka Sharma, who was accompanied by the Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC), Jammu Anil Sharma. The primary objective of the visit was to inspect the conditions of under-trial prisoners, assess pending legal aid cases and facilitate timely legal assistance to eligible inmates.

During the visit, the Learned Secretary also visited the Prison Legal Aid Clinic, where she reviewed its operations and issued specific directions to the Paralegal Volunteers (PLVs) to enhance case tracking, expedite legal aid applications and conduct regular awareness sessions for inmates. She further checked the barracks to assess living conditions firsthand. Additionally, she inspected the teaching classes for inmates, appreciating the ongoing educational initiatives and directing enhancements to promote rehabilitation and skill development.

A detailed interaction was held with the prisoners, including under-trials and women inmates. The DLSA team, along with the LADC, scrutinized jail records, identified cases requiring immediate legal intervention and ascertained the status of pending bail applications and trial proceedings.

Special emphasis was laid on under-trial prisoners who had been detained beyond the prescribed statutory period.

The Authority also reviewed the availability of basic amenities, medical facilities and legal literacy material within the jail premises. Necessary directions were issued for the dissemination of information regarding the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the procedures for availing free legal aid to the prisoners.

The Learned Secretary reiterated the Authority's commitment to ensuring access to justice for all, particularly for those from economically weaker sections of society. She emphasized that such jail visits form an integral part of DLSA Jammu's efforts to decongest jails, expedite trials and safeguard the fundamental rights of prisoners.

The visit concluded with a meeting with the jail authorities, during which cooperation was reaffirmed for the effective implementation of legal aid measures and the promotion of humane and dignified incarceration practices.

The DLSA Jammu shall continue to conduct jail visits and awareness programmes to strengthen the mechanism of legal aid delivery within correctional institutions.

Training for Field Trainers begins in Rajouri

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RAJOURI, APRIL 27: A three-day Training Programme for Field Trainers (FTs) for Census 2027 commenced today at Government Boys' Model Higher Secondary School Rajouri.

A total of 36 Field Trainers from 18 designated charges are participating in the programme. The training sessions are being conducted by Master Trainers-Assistant Director from the Directorate of Census Operations Sunil Kumar and Senior Lecturer GHSS Koteranka Vaneet



Kumar, District Coordinator Rahul Kumar also participated in the programme.

During the training, participants shall be acquainted with key aspects of census methodology, data collection techniques, use of digital tools and field-level coordination mechanisms to ensure accurate and efficient enumeration.

The district administration reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth, transparent and effective conduct of Census 2027 through systematic capacity building and comprehensive training of personnel.

GBMHSS Rajouri hosts mega PTM; constitutes Anti-Drug Club; Installs Nasha Mukht Complaint Box

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RAJOURI, APRIL 27: In a strong and meaningful initiative against drug abuse, the Government Boys Model Higher Secondary School Rajouri organized a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) today with a special focus on awareness, prevention and community participation.

The event witnessed an impressive gathering of hundreds of students along with their parents, while the teaching staff actively contributed to the success of the programme. The PTM served as a powerful platform to build awareness and reinforce the shared responsibility of school and families

in safeguarding the future of the youth.

The programme was graced by eminent resource persons - Adv. Ashfaq Ahmed (Former Additional Public Prosecutor), Dr. Ghulam Qadir (Nodal Officer Nasha Mukht Abhiyan Health Department) and social activist and former Councillor Sanjay Sharma - who delivered thought-provoking and awareness-oriented expert lectures. Their insightful addresses highlighted the grave physical, psychological and social consequences of drug abuse, inspiring students and parents alike to remain vigilant and proactive.

A major highlight of the event



was the administration of an Anti-Drug Pledge, wherein students and parents collectively resolved to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a drug-free society.

Further strengthening the initiative, the school formed an Anti-Drug Addiction Club, aimed at promoting sustained awareness and student-led action. Additionally, a 'Nasha Mukht Complaint Box' was installed within the campus to provide a safe and confidential platform for reporting concerns related to substance abuse.

The programme was highly engaging and impactful having the participation of hundreds of Parents, leaving a deep impression on the participants. Parents lauded the initiative and assured their full cooperation in guiding their wards towards a healthy and purposeful life.

Addressing the gathering, the

Principal Mohd. Muslim Wani emphasized that tackling drug addiction requires collective effort, continuous awareness and strong moral guidance. He appreciated the active participation of all stakeholders and urged students to remain focused on their goals and lead a disciplined life.

Earlier Shawls and flower bouquets were presented to the key resource persons as a token of love and remembrance. Proceeding of the program was conducted by Vikrant Sharma.

The event concluded with a Nasha Mukht Pledge and resounding message:

"Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Purposeful Living."

Mission YUVA: Business Help Desk inaugurated at Gool

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RAMBAN, APRIL 27: A Business Help Desk was today inaugurated at the SDM Office Gool to promote entrepreneurship and youth empowerment under Mission YUVA.

The initiative was launched under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan and inaugurated by SDM Imtiaz.

The help desk, set up under the supervision of AD Employment Amit Kumar, shall facilitate aspiring entrepreneurs, unemployed youth and small business owners in accessing

government schemes, financial assistance and skill development opportunities.

Speaking on the occasion, the SDM said "The help desk will function as a single-window platform providing guidance on business planning, registration, loan facilitation and market linkages," adding that Mission YUVA aims to empower youth through proper support and resources.

The help desk would be manned by trained officials who will assist individuals in preparing project reports, understanding eligibility criteria for various schemes and completing required documentation.

Tonga Rally raises awareness under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan in Sopore

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SOPORE, APRIL 27: Under the ongoing Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan, a unique Tonga Rally was organized by the Sopore Administration to spread awareness against drug abuse among the masses.

The rally was led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, S.A. Raina, and witnessed participation from civil and police officers, officials, and a large number of locals.

Around 70 tongas were used in the rally, reviving traditional transport to deliver a strong social message.

The rally commenced from Chankhan bridge and culminated at Fruit Mandi Sopore, drawing significant public attention along the route. Tongas decorated with placards and banners carried messages highlighting the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of a drug-free society.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Sopore emphasized the need for collective community efforts to combat drug abuse and urged people, especially youth, to actively support the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan for a healthier and safer society.

DC Ramban reviews status of Telecom Services

Directs strengthening of network coverage

HT NEWS NETWORK

RAMBAN, APRIL 27: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee to review the overall telecom services and network coverage in the district. The review focused on seamless and reliable connectivity across Ramban, with special emphasis on remote areas and the National Highway.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; Divisional Engineer; Bharat

Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); Luxmi Narayan Saini; Tehsildar Headquarters Reejuta Mahajan. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, other concerned officers and representatives of private telecom companies joined the meeting virtually. Reviewing the ongoing works, the Deputy Commissioner directed BSNL and representatives of private telecom service providers, including Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, to expedite the process of covering all identified shadow areas in the district. He emphasized improving connectivity in tunnels and along the National Highway from Nashri to Banihal, as well as at other vulnerable.

DC Rajouri reviews Action Plans for Vibrant Villages

Stresses tourism, livelihood generation for border people

HT NEWS NETWORK

RAJOURI, APRIL 27: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee and Village Nodal Officers to review and approve the Village Action Plans under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive review of the proposed plans and emphasized the need for inclusion of high-impact and need-based

works for holistic development of the border villages.

He laid special focus on strengthening basic infrastructure and according priority to development of playgrounds, construction of toilets in schools, establishment of smart classrooms and provision of drinking water facilities, installation of transformers and poles, high mast and solar lights and improvement of road connectivity to tourist destinations. He further stressed

on development of essential amenities like signages and parking facilities, besides exploring the feasibility of establishing sports stadiums in the identified villages.

Highlighting the tourism potential of the border areas, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized inclusion of projects like Vibrant Village Tourist Reception Centres and Tribal Theme Parks/Adventure Parks in the action plans to promote eco and border tourism.

Seeking focus on livelihood

generation, particularly in villages located near the Line of Control, he directed the stakeholder departments to incorporate sustainable income-generating activities based on local needs and resources. He stressed on branding, processing and marketing of milk-based products such as kaladi, barfi, khoya and milk cake. He also called for the establishment of meat processing units and strengthening of cooperative societies to enhance the local economy.

HT EDITORIAL

Regulate movement of school vans instead of taking them off from roads

A senior police official managing the traffic affairs of Srinagar city recently came out with a statement that did not go well with the people, especially the parents of the children receiving education in the different city schools. The concerned officer said that the department is contemplating phasing out the school vans from the Srinagar city so as to manage the traffic in the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir.

The police officer said that the vans of the different schools of Srinagar add to the traffic mess and as such they need to be taken off from the city roads. This police officer seems to be unaware of the ground situation more so when it comes to the movement of school children from their homes to schools and vice-versa. He must understand that the private vans are pivotal to the movement of school going children.

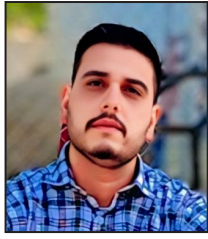
It is known to one and all that the school buses cannot reach each and every nook and corner of the city area and as such there has to be some alternative for such students. Since the vans are able to enter lanes and by-lanes of such areas the parents of the children living there hire vans so that their children reach schools without any fuss. In other words, it can be said that over the past few years the vans have come up as alternate means of transport for school going children.

Once the traffic police department decides to take such vans from the roads then it is quite obvious that there would be trouble for the children who board vans in order to reach schools. There would be chaos and confusion with the parents running helter-skelter so that their children don't miss out on their daily school routine. At the same time a huge force of unemployed youth would come up in Srinagar and it would be difficult for the people at helm to solve the issues of these youth.

Instead of taking the vans from the roads the traffic police department should regulate the movement of the school vans. Stern instructions should be issued to the van drivers not to board more than the prescribed number of students. It must be ensured that only 10 children are allowed to board a single van and whosoever is found to be violating this norm should be taken to task.

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The Peace of Not Knowing Everything



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There is a strange, quiet comfort in not knowing everything. In a world that constantly demands awareness, opinions, and vigilance, ignorance—when innocent and unforced—can feel like a soft shelter. It is not the ignorance of negligence, nor the blindness of denial, but rather the untouched state of a heart that has not yet been burdened by the weight of harsh realities. In that space, a person breathes freely. Thoughts are lighter, sleep is deeper, and trust flows without resistance. When one is unaware of the storms brewing behind the scenes, life appears gentle. Conversations feel genuine, smiles seem sincere, and relationships appear unbreakable. There is no overthinking, no second-guessing, no constant scanning for hidden meanings. The mind rests. The heart trusts. And in that trust lies a peace so pure that it often goes unnoticed—until it is lost. A person who does not know everything does not carry the unnecessary burdens of suspicion. They do not question every word, nor do they dissect every action. They believe. And belief, in its simplest form, is a beautiful thing. It allows love to grow without fear. It allows friendships to deepen without doubt. It allows a person to live in the moment rather than in imagined fears of betrayal or loss.

But life, as it unfolds, rarely allows such peace to remain untouched forever. There comes a moment—sometimes sudden, sometimes gradual—when the veil lifts. The unknown becomes known. Truth, in its raw and unfiltered form, makes its way into the heart. And with it comes a shift so powerful that it alters everything. The trust that once felt unshakable begins to tremble.

A person who once believed wholeheartedly now starts to question. "Was it all real?" "Did I misunderstand everything?" "How long has this been happening?" These questions do not come gently. They arrive like waves, one after another, leaving no room for rest. The shock of realization is unlike any other pain. It is not just about what has happened—it is about what one believed before knowing it. The contrast between the past perception and the present reality creates a kind of emotional rupture. It feels as though the ground beneath one's feet has suddenly disappeared. Trust is a fragile thing. It is built slowly, carefully,

over time. It grows through shared moments, through words spoken with sincerity, through actions that align with promises. But once shaken, it does not return to its original form easily. The same heart that once trusted without hesitation now hesitates even in the presence of truth.

And then there are the bonds. Emotional bonds are not formed overnight. They are woven through countless moments—through laughter, through tears, through silence, and through understanding. These bonds create a sense of belonging, a feeling that someone truly sees you, understands you, and stands with you.

But when reality reveals itself in ways that contradict these bonds, the pain cuts deeper than expected. It is not just the bond that breaks—it is the meaning attached to it. Every memory begins to feel uncertain. Every shared moment is questioned. The mind revisits the past, trying to identify where things went wrong, where the truth was hidden, where the illusion began.

The shattering of an emotional bond is not loud. It does not always come with dramatic endings. Sometimes, it is silent. A quiet withdrawal. A slow fading of connection. A realization that what once felt permanent was, in fact, temporary. Promises, too, lose their strength in such moments. Promises are meant to reassure. They are meant to provide certainty in an uncertain world. When someone makes a promise, they are not just giving words—they are giving hope. Hope that things will remain, that feelings will endure, that the bond will not break.

But promises, when tested by reality, often reveal their true nature. Some promises are kept. But many are weakened by time, by circumstances, by changing intentions. And when a promise breaks, it leaves behind a silence that words cannot fill. It teaches a person that not everything spoken is meant to last. It creates a cautiousness—a reluctance to believe too easily again.

As these experiences unfold, one begins to see the world differently.

The world, which once appeared simple and manageable, now reveals its complexity. It is not always kind. It is not always fair. It is filled with contradictions, with hidden truths, with shifting loyalties. Day by day, it seems to grow more chaotic. People change. Situations evolve. What feels certain today may become uncertain tomorrow. In this chaos, a person often loses their sense of stability. There was a time when one's worth felt secure—when confidence stood at its peak. A person knew who they were, what they meant to others, and where they stood. There was clarity, and with clarity came strength.

But when trust is broken, when bonds are shattered, when promises fade, that sense of worth

begins to decline.

Self-doubt creeps in. "Was I not enough?" "Did I misjudge everything?" "Was my trust misplaced?"

These questions do not just challenge one's perception of others—they challenge one's perception of self. A person who once stood tall now begins to shrink within their own thoughts. The downfall is not always visible to the outside world, but internally, it feels immense.

And yet, within all this confusion, there is a path. A path that does not depend on people, on promises, or on circumstances. When everything else begins to feel uncertain, this path offers certainty. When human connections falter, this connection remains. It does not break. It does not weaken. It does not depend on changing emotions or external conditions. Turning towards Allah is not an escape from reality—it is a way to understand it. It teaches that not everything is meant to remain. That people are not permanent. That trust placed in humans, while natural, must always be balanced with trust in the Creator. It reminds a person that tests are part of life, and that pain, though difficult, carries meaning.

In the remembrance of Allah, the heart finds a different kind of peace—not the fragile peace of ignorance, but a deeper, stronger peace built on understanding.

This peace does not come from not knowing. It comes from knowing where to place one's trust.

A person who walks this path begins to heal. They learn that their worth is not defined by how others treat them. It is defined by their relationship with Allah, by their intentions, by their actions. They begin to rebuild themselves—not on the opinions of others, but on faith.

The chaos of the world does not disappear, but it becomes easier to navigate. The pain of broken bonds does not vanish, but it becomes bearable.

The memory of shattered promises does not fade, but it loses its power to hurt deeply.

And slowly, a new kind of peace emerges. Not the peace of not knowing everything, but the peace of accepting that not everything needs to be known. That some truths are better left in the past. That some questions do not need answers. That some losses are, in fact, protection in disguise. In the end, life is not about holding onto the illusion of permanence. It is about learning to let go, to grow, and to return—again and again—to the path that never fails.

The peace of not knowing everything may be beautiful, but it is temporary.

The peace found in faith, in acceptance, and in trusting Allah—that is the peace that endures.

Truth Lost in the Scroll



SURINDERPAL SINGH

In today's fast-moving digital world, misinformation has quietly become one of the biggest challenges people face. It often spreads unnoticed, shaping opinions, influencing decisions, and creating confusion in everyday life.

Misinformation refers to false information shared without harmful intent, while disinformation is deliberately created to mislead people. Though their intentions differ, their impact can be equally damaging. Both travel rapidly across digital platforms, reaching thousands within seconds and making it difficult to separate truth from falsehood.

In an already stressful and fast-paced world, such false information wastes valuable time and energy. People find themselves constantly verifying facts, engaging in unnecessary debates, or even making poor decisions based on incorrect data. Governments and organizations are also forced to spend significant resources correcting false narratives, which ultimately affects productivity and diverts attention from more important issues.

Beyond confusion and wasted effort, misinformation has a deep impact on mental health. Constant exposure to alarming or misleading news can increase stress, anxiety, and even depression. When people are bombarded with conflicting information, it becomes difficult to



determine what is true, leading to confusion and mental fatigue. Over time, this erodes trust—not only in news sources and institutions but also in people around us—leaving individuals emotionally drained and overwhelmed.

Digital media plays a major role in this growing problem. Platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and X allow information to spread instantly. While this speed is useful, it also

becomes dangerous when users share content without verifying its authenticity. Often, attention-grabbing headlines are prioritized over accuracy, and algorithms tend to show users content that aligns with their existing beliefs, further reinforcing misinformation.

Another serious concern is the impact of misinformation on society at large. It can influence public opinion during elections, create panic

during emergencies, and even damage social harmony by spreading rumors and hate. In sensitive regions or situations, a single piece of false information can trigger unrest, misunderstandings, or fear among communities. This makes it not just a personal issue, but a societal one that requires collective responsibility.

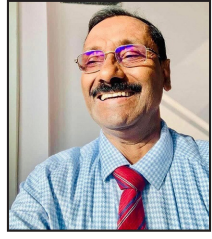
Education and digital literacy play a crucial role in addressing this challenge. People must be trained to identify credible sources, understand bias, and question the authenticity of viral content. Schools, institutions, and media organizations should actively promote awareness about responsible information sharing. At the same time, technology companies must also strengthen their systems to detect and limit the spread of false content without compromising freedom of expression.

In such an environment, awareness becomes the strongest defense. It is important to think before sharing any information and question its source. Relying on multiple sources, checking dates, and looking beyond sensational headlines can help in identifying the truth. Fact-checking tools and credible references should always be used before accepting any claim as real.

Misinformation and disinformation are not just digital inconveniences; they are serious threats to time, trust, and mental well-being. The responsibility to combat them lies with every individual. By staying alert, thinking critically, and verifying facts, society can take a strong step toward preserving truth in the digital age.

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The Last Mughal of Indian Music as Icon of Versatility



■ DR. RATAN BHATTACHARJEE

Known as “the last Mughal” of Indian Music Asha Bhonsle bridged classical, folk, cabaret, pop, and ghazals with ease. She shifted the image of playback singers from purely devotional or tragic to energetic, playful, and modern. Her partnership with R.D. Burman (and others like O.P. Nayyar) brought jazz, funk, and global sounds into Bollywood. In 1997, she was the first Indian singer to be nominated for a Grammy Award. Recognized by Guinness World Records in 2011 as the most recorded artist in music history. The legendary Indian playback singer passed away on April 12, 2026, at age 92 in Mumbai. With a record-breaking career spanning over eight decades, she recorded thousands of songs in multiple languages, holding a Guinness World Record for the most recorded artist. Her versatile voice defined Bollywood music across genres. She sang across varied genres, from cabaret numbers to soulful ghazals and romantic melodies. Asha Bhosle revolutionized Indian music over eight decades by redefining the versatility of a playback singer, transitioning from soft melodies to bold, westernized cabaret hits. As a Guinness World Record holder with over 12,000 songs, her innovative collaborations with R.D. Burman and others made her an indispensable, modernizing icon.

Ashaji's ability to constantly reinvent herself allowed her to remain relevant across generations, influencing both early Bollywood and contemporary pop music. She was awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000) and the Padma Vibhushan (2008). Recognized by the Guinness World Records as the most recorded artist in music history, with her recordings spanning over eight decades. She was honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2000 and the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honor, in 2008. Her voice starred in iconic films such as Teesri Manzil, Caravan, Umrao Jaan, and Ijaazat. She was known for bridging Indian music with international, modern sounds and worked with global artists like the band Gorillaz. Asha Bhosle's passing marks the end of a momentous era in Indian music, yet she leaves behind a timeless legacy that influenced generations.

There are moments in cultural his-

tory when language falters before greatness. When a voice, so fluid and eternal, refuses to be contained within the limits of time, mortality, or even memory, we are compelled to confront a paradox: how does one mourn someone who has never truly left? Today, no obituary can be written for Asha Bhosle, because she cannot die. Her voice—etched into the emotional fabric of generations—continues to breathe, to dance, to weep, and to celebrate long after the ephemeral body grows silent.

Born into the illustrious Mangeshkar family, Asha's destiny seemed intertwined with music from the very beginning. Yet, her journey was not one of easy inheritance. While her elder sister, Lata Mangeshkar, came to symbolize purity and classical perfection, Asha carved her own niche through bold experimentation and fearless versatility. If Lata was the sacred temple bell, Asha was the carnival—vibrant, unpredictable, and intoxicating. Her early years in the industry were marked by struggle and marginal roles. She sang for B-grade films, cabaret numbers, and songs that others often overlooked. But in these margins, she discovered her freedom. She experimented with tone, rhythm, and expression in ways that were unconventional at the time. She infused even the most ordinary compositions with a spark that made them unforgettable. And slowly, almost imperceptibly, the industry began to change around her. The turning point came with her collaborations with composers who recognized her boundless potential. Among them, her partnership with R. D. Burman stands as one of the most iconic in the history of Indian cinema. Together, they created a soundscape that was modern, global, and yet deeply rooted in Indian sensibilities. Songs like “Piya Tu Ab To Aaja,” “Dum Maro Dum,” and “Mehbooba Mehbooba” became cultural phenomena, redefining what playback singing could achieve.

But to confine Asha Bhosle to a single genre or style would be to misunderstand her essence entirely. She was as comfortable singing a classical-based ghazal as she was delivering a high-energy dance number. Her renditions of ghazals, especially under the guidance of composers like Khayyam, revealed a depth and maturity that silenced her critics. Albums like ‘Umrao Jaan’ remain timeless masterpieces, where her voice becomes an instrument of longing, dignity, and restrained passion. Equally remarkable was her ability to adapt to changing musical landscapes. From the golden era of black-and-white cinema to the digital age of remixes and global collaborations, Ashaji remained relevant. She sang for generations of actors, from the vintage

charm of the 1950s to the pulsating energy of the 21st century. She embraced pop music, collaborated with international artists, and even reinvented her classics for younger audiences. In doing so, she defied the most unforgiving law of art—the inevitability of obsolescence.

Language, for Asha Bhosle, was never a barrier but a bridge. Singing in over fourteen languages, including Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil, and even English and Russian, she demonstrated that music transcends linguistic boundaries. Each pronunciation, each nuance, was delivered with authenticity and respect for the culture it represented. Her Bengali songs, for instance, carry a lyrical softness that resonates deeply with the ethos of Bengal, while her Marathi renditions echo the cadence of her roots. And yet, beyond the statistics and accolades lies something far more profound—her emotional intelligence as a singer. Asha did not merely sing songs; she inhabited them. Whether it was the playful mischief of a romantic duet, the aching solitude of a broken heart, or the rebellious spirit of youth, she gave each emotion a voice that felt intensely personal. Listeners did not just hear her; they felt her, as though she were singing directly to their own experiences.

In an industry often defined by competition and comparison, Asha Bhosle's journey stands as a lesson in individuality. She did not seek to imitate; she sought to innovate. While comparisons with Lata Mangeshkar were inevitable, Asha transformed this dynamic into a source of strength rather than insecurity. She embraced her differences and turned them into her greatest assets. Her influence extends far beyond the realm of playback singing. She has inspired countless artists across generations, from classical vocalists to contemporary pop singers. Her willingness to experiment has encouraged others to break free from rigid conventions. In many ways, she democratized music, making it accessible, diverse, and inclusive. It is also important to recognize the cultural context within which Asha Bhosle emerged. The Indian film industry of the mid-20th century was undergoing rapid transformation, shaped by technological advancements, social change, and global influences. In this dynamic environment, Asha became a symbol of modernity—a voice that could embody both tradition and progress. She was the sound of a nation finding its identity in a rapidly changing world.

Her personal life, marked by both triumphs and challenges, adds another layer to her legacy. She faced adversity with resilience, navigating complex relationships and professional uncertainties with remarkable

grace. These experiences, perhaps, deepened her artistry, allowing her to connect with the emotional core of her songs in ways that few others could. To declare that Asha Bhosle cannot die is not a denial of biological reality but an affirmation of artistic immortality. Great art possesses the power to transcend time, to remain relevant and resonant across generations. In this sense, Asha's voice is not confined to the past; it continues to evolve, to inspire, and to exist in the present.

Ashaji is not a memory; she is a presence. This enduring presence challenges our conventional understanding of legacy. We often think of legacy as something that remains after a person is gone. But in Asha's case, her legacy is not separate from her existence; it is her existence. She lives in every note, every rhythm, every silence between the lines of her songs. The idea of writing an obituary for such a figure becomes not only premature but fundamentally flawed. An obituary implies an ending, a closure that allows us to move on. But there is no closure here, no finality. Asha Bhosle's music continues to be discovered, rediscovered, and reinterpreted by new audiences. Her songs are played at celebrations, whispered in solitude, and cherished as personal treasures. In a world increasingly defined by fleeting trends and ephemeral fame, her enduring relevance offers a counterpoint. It reminds us that true artistry is not bound by time or fashion. It endures because it speaks to something universal within us—the need for expression, connection, and beauty.

As we reflect on her extraordinary journey, we are also compelled to reflect on our own relationship with art and memory. Why do certain voices stay with us while others fade away? What makes a song timeless? Perhaps the answer lies not in the technical perfection of the music but in its ability to resonate with the human experience. Asha Bhosle's voice resonates because it is profoundly human. It captures the complexities, contradictions, and nuances of life in a way that feels authentic and relatable. It does not seek perfection; it seeks truth. And in doing so, it achieves a kind of perfection that transcends technical boundaries. Her story is also a story of India itself—a nation of diversity, resilience, and constant reinvention. Through her songs, we hear the echoes of different regions, languages, and cultures coming together in a harmonious whole. She is, in many ways, a cultural ambassador, carrying the essence of India to audiences around the world. In conclusion, to say that Asha Bhosle cannot die is to acknowledge the transformative power of art. It is to recognize that while

the human body is finite, the creations of a truly महान artist are infinite. Her voice, immortal and ever-evolving, continues to illuminate our lives, reminding us of the beauty and complexity of the human spirit.

Asha Bhosle, one of India's most iconic playback singers, has enjoyed a career spanning over seven decades, and her journey is decorated with numerous awards and recognitions that testify to her immense contribution to Indian music. Known for her versatility, she has sung in multiple languages and across genres, from classical and ghazals to pop and film songs, earning her a place among the greatest voices of the subcontinent. Her awards reflect not only her popularity but also the respect she commands in the world of art and culture. She has been honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest recognition in Indian cinema, which celebrates her lifetime achievements and her role in shaping the soundscape of Bollywood. In addition, she has received the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award, acknowledging her unparalleled contribution to the arts. These honors place her in the league of cultural icons whose work transcends entertainment and becomes part of the nation's heritage.

Beyond these formal recognitions, Asha Bhosle's greatest award is perhaps the love and admiration she continues to receive from millions of fans. Her voice has been the soundtrack to countless lives, and her songs remain timeless, resonating with both older and younger audiences. The awards she has received are not just personal milestones but markers of the evolution of Indian music itself. They symbolize the journey of a woman who broke barriers, redefined playback singing, and left an indelible mark on the cultural fabric of India. In sum, Asha Bhosle's awards and recognitions are a reflection of her extraordinary career, her versatility, and her ability to reinvent herself across decades. They stand as a testament to her artistry, her resilience, and her unmatched contribution to the world of music. No obituary can contain her, no silence can erase her, and no passage of time can diminish her. The legend may go silent in the physical sense, but in the realm of music, she sings on—eternal, unyielding, and profoundly alive.

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When Mind Poisons The Earth

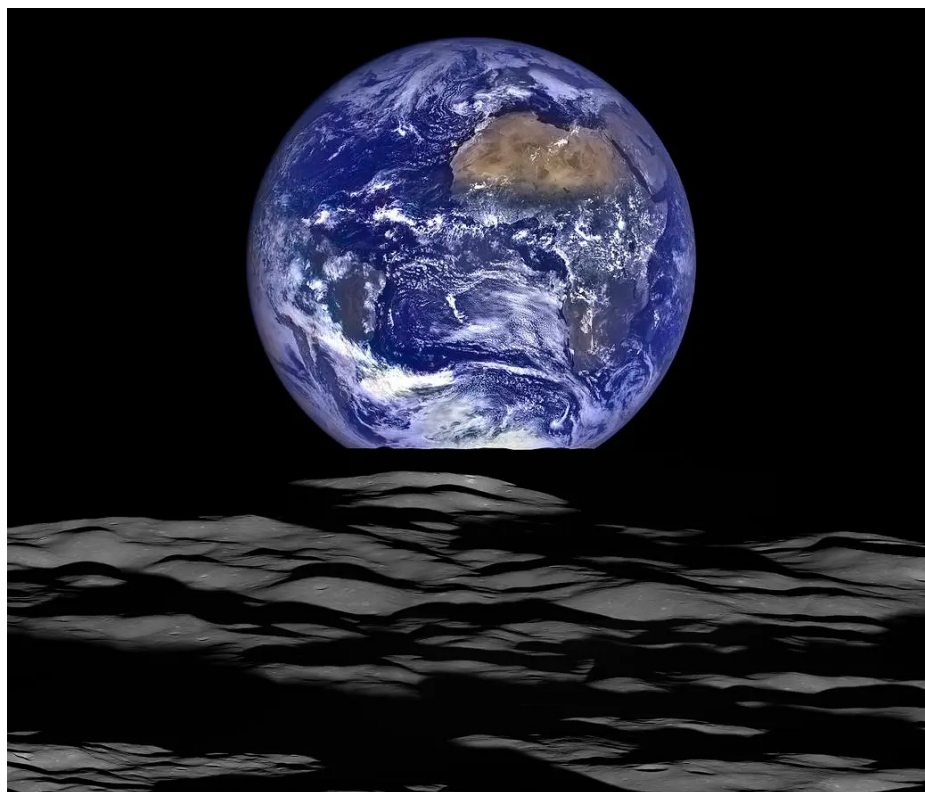


■ MOOL RAJ

Today, globally, every country is facing the consequences of pollution, contamination, or abuse of air, water, food, and even space on a very large scale, yet they are unable to find a foolproof solution to this dangerous threat to humanity. Environmental pollution, having been the focus of public attention during the last couple of years, is now increasingly being recognised as the result of humanity's wanton and often cruel treatment of planet Earth, leading to the ravaging and ruin of the atmosphere. The denudation of forests, the poisoning of lakes and rivers with pesticides and industrial waste, the pollution of the atmosphere with smoke from automobiles and factory chimneys, and the overuse of chlorofluorocarbons—resulting in ozone depletion—have brought the world to the brink of environmental disaster. Environmental

scientists now warn that the accumulation of CO₂ in the atmosphere will not only lead to the greenhouse effect but also increase the planet's average temperature by 3°F to 9°F. This, in turn, could cause sea levels to rise by several feet, flooding coastal areas, destroying vast tracts of farmland, and triggering further calamities. It is therefore being suggested that industries must re-examine their production processes so that industrial waste and emissions are reduced, waste products are recycled, and mass transport systems are encouraged in place of private automobiles.

If we look up the dictionary meaning of the word “pollution”, we may find something like “to destroy the purity of; to contaminate”. However, we as humans are largely aware only of material pollution—the branches of the polluted tree—while disregarding the root cause: thought pollution. Without addressing this root, the source can never truly be purified. It would not be an exaggeration to say that environmental pollution is, in essence, a reflection of the pollution of the human mind, which is often filled with selfishness, jealousy, greed, and anger. The problem of ecological imbalance stems from mental imbalance, and the disequilibrium in nature mirrors the disequilibrium within human consciousness.



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Secondly, the problem of pollution is closely linked to rapid population growth.

To meet the demands of an expanding population, there is an increasing need for electricity, fuel, energy, automobiles,

wood, water, paper, and industrial output—all of which exert significant pressure on the environment. Additionally, modern lifestyles have intensified the demand for energy and consumer goods. As a result, forests are cleared, farmlands are replaced by expanding urban spaces, and industrial waste and emissions of CO₂, SO₂, and other pollutants continue to rise. Without addressing population growth and transforming lifestyles and attitudes, the problem of environmental pollution cannot be effectively resolved. In this context, spiritual thought plays a crucial role. The solution lies not only in technology or policy but also in self-realisation and understanding our relationship with others and nature. Without moral and spiritual values, no problem can be resolved sustainably.

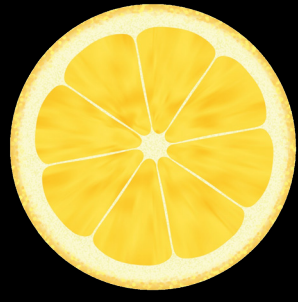
It is therefore essential to recognise our true nature beyond the physical self. Without this shift, scientific progress without spirituality could lead to serious global crises. Thus, we must combine scientific advancement with spiritual wisdom to cleanse thought pollution and live in harmony with nature.

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BENEFITS OF LEMON



■ SAHIL MANZOOR BHATTI

Lemon is one of the tastiest and most beneficial citrus fruits. It contains great health benefits such as reducing belly fat and playing an important role in the proper functioning of our kidneys. Lemon is packed with Vitamin C, which boosts our immunity and offers tremendous health advantages. During scorching heat, lemon juice is consumed in large quantities as it hydrates the body, gives a natural glow to the skin, and improves digestive health. Lemon juice is an effective way to lose weight as it raises the metabolic rate. Obese individuals use lemon juice on an empty stomach, which often results in weight loss. Adding lemon to a glass of lukewarm water has many health benefits. Lemon contains Vitamin B-complex, nutrients, vitamins, calcium, magnesium, potassium, and fibre.

Benefits of Lemon:
Lemon detoxifies your mouth and gives you fresh breath. It also helps relieve toothache.
Lemon helps in weight loss due to the presence of pectin fibre, which combats hunger cravings.
Lemon reduces inflammation. When consumed regularly, it may decrease various diseases and detoxify the body in many ways.
Lemon juice provides energy and keeps the body hydrated for hours.
Lemon juice is known to help relieve anxiety and depression.
Lemon juice has anti-viral properties and helps keep the body disease-free.
How to Use Lemon Water:
Squeeze half a lemon using a lemon squeezer and add it to a glass of water for those who want to lose weight. If you are overweight, squeeze a whole lemon into a glass of water and drink it in the morning. Add half a lemon to lukewarm water and drink it after a 30-minute walk. Repeat this for 30 days—you may experience surprising and excellent results.

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Moringa: Nature's Green Power

■ SURINDERPAL SINGH

Moringa oleifera, commonly known as the drumstick tree, has moved from traditional kitchens and herbal remedies to global recognition as a powerful superfood. Once a staple of rural diets, it is now valued worldwide for its exceptional nutritional richness and health-supporting properties.

Moringa leaves are among the most nutrient-dense plant foods known. Even small quantities provide essential vitamins such as A, B-complex, and C, along with key minerals like iron, calcium, magnesium, and potassium. It is also rich in proteins and amino acids that support body growth and muscle repair. In addition, antioxidants such as flavonoids, phenolics, and carotenoids help protect the body from cellular damage. A single serving of fresh leaves can significantly contribute to daily nutritional needs, making it highly effective in combating deficiencies.

What makes moringa truly unique is its composition. It contains complete plant protein, which is rare among plant-based foods, along with essential amino acids needed for tissue repair. It also includes healthy fatty acids like oleic acid and more than 90 bioactive compounds. Key compounds such as

Quercetin support heart health, while Chlorogenic acid helps regulate blood sugar. Isothiocyanates contribute to reducing inflammation. Together, these elements support immunity, metabolism, and overall cellular repair.

Moringa is often called a "miracle plant" because of its wide range of health benefits. It may help reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, support heart health by managing cholesterol levels, and assist in controlling blood sugar. It also boosts immunity, improves skin health, and may help protect against chronic diseases such as Diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular conditions. Its ability to address multiple health concerns naturally makes it highly valuable in modern diets.

Though moringa has been used in traditional medicine for centuries, it has now gained global popularity as a functional food. Today, it is available in various forms, including powders, capsules, herbal teas, and nutritional supplements. Its role in addressing malnutrition, particularly in developing regions, has also drawn international attention.

In an age dominated by processed foods, moringa offers a simple and affordable way to maintain balanced nutrition. It helps fill dietary gaps, supports energy levels, improves digestion, and provides

a reliable source of plant-based nutrition, especially for vegetarians. Regular inclusion in meals can significantly enhance overall well-being.

One of moringa's greatest advantages is its ease of use. Fresh leaves can be added to vegetables, dals, and curries. Powder can be mixed into water, milk, or smoothies, or sprinkled over salads and soups. Dried leaves can be brewed into herbal tea, while drumstick pods are widely used in dishes like sambhar. Moringa oil is also valued for cooking and skincare purposes.

Despite its many benefits, moderation is important. Excessive consumption or use during pregnancy and certain medical conditions should be discussed with a healthcare professional to ensure safe intake.

Moringa stands at the meeting point of traditional wisdom and modern science. With its rich nutrient profile, wide-ranging benefits, and easy accessibility, it is more than just a food—it is a natural tool for improving health. As the world looks for sustainable and affordable nutrition, moringa proves that some of the most powerful solutions grow quietly in nature.

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Participatory Medicine Could Reshape Liver Care

PARTICIPATORY medicine could help transform hepatology by widening public involvement in research, prevention and education, according to a new conceptual study.

The approach centres on collaboration between clinicians, researchers, laypeople and AI to strengthen trust and engagement while generating insights beyond traditional clinical settings.

Liver disease, which includes conditions such as alcohol-associated liver disease, metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease and viral hepatitis, remains a growing health burden despite being largely preventable.

More than nine in ten liver disease cases are considered preventable, yet rates continue to climb.

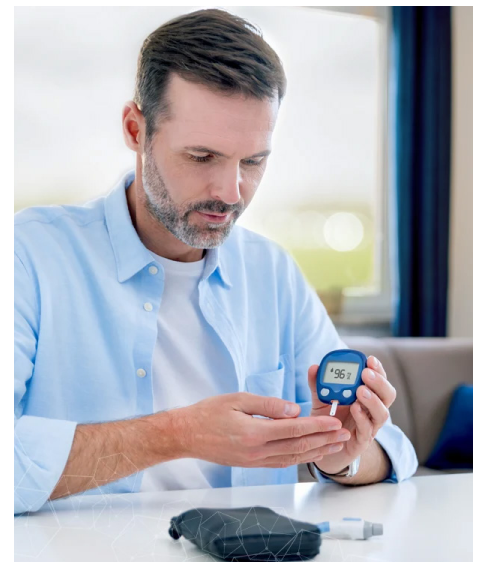
In the UK, premature liver-related deaths have increased by 93% over two decades. Hospital admissions have doubled in ten years, and liver disease remains the only major cause of death with steadily rising rates since the 1970s, a trend that may partly reflect changes in death certification practices.

Liver-related health information in the UK is fragmented across NHS platforms, unlike more coordinated national campaigns seen in cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.

For these reasons, broader societal involvement is increasingly viewed as a way to address gaps in awareness and early risk identification.

The study draws on established citizen science models, defined as scientific work undertaken by the public in collaboration with professional researchers. Such approaches have been used in fields such as astronomy, molecular biology and meteorology, and shows how large-scale participatory and AI can create co-learning systems.

The study outlined six hepatology-focused concepts. Public-led initiatives include Liver Zoo for imaging annotation, Liver Cache and LiverQuest for prevention and behavioural awareness, and Heporama for community-based toxin surveillance. Patient-centred projects include a Liver Cancer Wisdom Bank and Liver4Mind, which targets



neurocognitive monitoring in cirrhosis. Stigma linked to liver disease, often tied to alcohol use, obesity or drug use can deter involvement. AI also introduces complexity, influencing how data are collected and interpreted.

Participation often focuses on diagnosed patients, potentially missing at-risk populations.

The proposals remain conceptual and are not yet tested in practice. Challenges include sustaining engagement, ensuring diverse participation and maintaining data quality.

Volunteer-generated data may introduce bias, which could limit generalisability and affect predictive models.

Despite limitations, the framework outlines potential ways to expand prevention efforts and strengthen public trust.

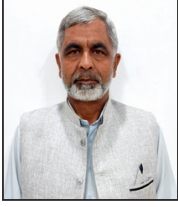
By integrating community input with clinical expertise and digital tools, participatory medicine could support earlier intervention and more representative data collection.

For hepatologists and policymakers, the findings suggest new, scalable approaches to engage populations beyond traditional healthcare settings, particularly those at risk but not yet in care.

Courtesy EMJ

FATEH KHAWANI

It is with profound grief and sorrow that we inform the sad demise of **Mohammad Yousf Bhat S/O Late Abdul Aziz Bhat R/o Darbagh, Harwan, who left for his heavenly abode on 26-04-2026.**



The Fateh Khawani will be held at his residence on 28-04-2026 (Tuesday) at 6:00 AM.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul.

From: Nissar Ahmed Bhat, Naseer Ahmed Bhat
Call: 7780868862, 789490294

Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my Name spelling has been wrongly mentioned in my Driving license bearing Driving Licence No JK09 20160081580 Naseer Ahmad Sofi S/O Ghulam Ahmad Sofi instead of Naseer Ahmed Sofi S/O Ghulam Ahmad Sofi as fo regards now I have applying for it's correction of the same if any person have any objection in this regards may file the same to the office of the ARTO office Drugmulla Kupwara within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

NASEER AHMED SOFI, S/O GH AHMAD SOFI R/O HANDWARA TEHSIL HANDWARA DISTRICT KUPWARA

Public Notice

IT is hereby notified that I Altaf Raqeeb Mir applying for Birth certificate of my Daughter Born at office of the Block Medical officer Langate Kupwara Birth certificate Apply at municipal committee Langate namely Aira Altaf Mir DOB 24/03/2023 S/O Altaf Raqeeb Mir R/o Sanzipora Kutlari Tehsil Qalamabad District:kupwara.if anybody having any objection in this regards he/she may file his /her objection in the office of the Municipal committee Langate within 07 days .After that no objection shall be entertained .

Name AIRA ALTAF MIR DOB 24/03/2023 D/O ALTAF RAQEEB MIR R/O SANZIPORA KUTLARI TEHSIL QALAMABAD DISTRICT KUPWARA

Public Notice

My Name and Parentage wrongly mentioned in my service book as Ajaz Ahmad Khan instead of Ajaz Ahmad Khan and my Parentage as Samad Khan instead of Ab Samad Khan .Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Concerned authorities within seven days from the publication of this notice after no objection will be entertained.

AJIAZ AHMAD KHAN S/O AB SAMAD KHAN R/O TERKI BATPORA TEHSIL KUNZAR P/S TANGMARG DISTRICT BARAMULLA Contact 9906592297

Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my daughter DOB has been wrongly mentioned in adhar regards bearing aadhar no 4504 6507 6579 Hadiya Mohi ud din DOB 20/07/2013 instead of Hadiya Mohi ud din DOB 20/03/2014 D/O Ghulam Mohi ud din Magray as for School regards now I have applying for it's correction of the same if any person have any objection in this regards may file the same to the office of the Block Development Office Langate/concerned authority /Adhar seva within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

HADIYA MOHI UD DIN DOB 20/03/2014 D/O GHULAM MOHI UD DIN MAGRAY R/O WAHPORA TEHSIL LANGATE DISTRICT KUPWARA

Public Notice

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer id no 0214010013299 From Hilal Ahmad Bhat S/O Gh Rasool Bhat ,R/O Rajpora Tehsil Zachaldara, District Kupwara to Rafiq Begum W/O Gh Rasool Bhat R/O Rajpora Tehsil Zachaldara if anybody having any objection in this regards he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the P.D.D Department chotipora Handwara within in 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be entertained.

Rafiq Begum , W/O Gh Rasool Bhat R/O Rajpora Tehsil Zachaldara District Kupwara

Public Notice

I want to change the name of electricity connection rigistread in the of Myt Maymmona W/O Bashir Ahmad R/O Umar coloneyIII having consumer Id No 0203010016339 Installation No:-25194R1 to Shabir Ahmad. If any body have any objection regarding this He/she can contact Execative Engenaar Division Shreengagh. Sub Division Watal kadal Srinagar within aperioid of seven days .After that no objection will be entertained.

Name: Shabir Ahmad

Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my Name spelling has been wrongly mentioned in my Driving license bearing Driving Licence No JK09 2016008158 Naseer Ahmad Sofi S/O Ghulam Ahmad Sofi instead of Naseer Ahmed Sofi S/O Gh Ahmad Sofi as fo regards now I have applying for it's correction of the same if any person have any objection in this regards may file the same to the office of the ARTO office Drugmulla Kupwara within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

NASEER AHMED SOFI, S/O GH AHMAD SOFI R/O HANDWARA TEHSIL HANDWARA DISTRICT KUPWARA

Public Notice

It is hereby notified that my Name DOB Address has been wrongly mentioned in adhar regards bearing aadhar no 8574 8463 4822 Fahmeeda Begum DOB 16/11/1973 W/O Javid Iqbal Bhat R/O Malik Mohallah Handwara instead of Fehmida Bano DOB 12/12/1973 W/O Javid Iqbal Bhat D/O Abdul Majid as for regards now I have applying for it's correction of the same if any person have any objection in this regards may file the same to the office of the Block Development Office Kralgund/ Tehsil office Kralgund concerned authority /Adhar seva within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

FEHMIDA BANO, DOB 12/12/1973 W/O JAVID IQBAL BHAT D/O ABDUL MAJID R/O MALIK MOHALLA MARATGAM TEHSIL HANDWARA DISTRICT KUPWARA

Public Notice

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my Father's name MOHAMMAD SUBHAN SOFI Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0212040001144 wants to be registered on my name MOHAMMAD HAMZA (MALYARE) SOFI S/O MOHAMMAD SUBHAN (MALYARE) SOFI .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....MOHAMMAD HAMZA MALYARE (SOFI) S/O...MOHAMMAD SUBHAN MALYARE (SOFI) BLOCK.... WAGOORA

Public Notice

I have lost my discharge certificate at somewhere bearing admission date 15/11/1994 .Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody having any objection in this regard he /may file his/her objection in the office of GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL WOGOORA / ZEO office within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name....TARIQ AHMAD HAJAM S/O... GH QADIR HAJAM , R/O ...VIZER WAGOORA

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar hassubmitted case file pertainingto Birth of RABIA JAN & SHAHIDA AKHTER S/O SAJAD AHMAD LONE R/O. KHARGAM Tehsil PATTAN Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 27/04/2015 & 07/12/2016 event has been shown to be occurred at SDHKREERI for issuance of delay order .In this connection .

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

Subject: Application of.FAREEDA BEGUM W/O NAZIR AHMAD WANI R/O WARIPORA BALA for the issuance of LEGAL HEIR certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context a report sought from patwari halqa concerned and the Death certificate issued by the competent authority reveals that NAZIR AHMAD WANI S/O ABDUL GUFOOR WANI R/O WARIPORA bala has passed away on 01 /04/2026 .The report of the patwari further depicts that the deceased has left behind following dependent as tabulated below

- 1... , FAREEDA BEGUM wife 49 House wife widow
- 2...WAZEERA NAZIR daughter 33 years H/W married
- 3...AMIR NAZIR son 27years labour unmarried
- 4...RAFIA NAZIR daughter 24 years students unmarried
- 5...RAFIQ AHMAD WANI son 25 years //

The applicant has applied for Issuance of Legal heir certificate in favour of Self

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

Naib Tehsild Kreeri

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given on behalf of the family of Late Ghulam Hassan Mir, son of Late Mohd Sultan Mir, resident of Village Lowdara, who was serving in the Police Department and passed away on 20th April, 2026, regarding correction of his name in official records.

It has been observed that in the Character Roll, his name has been incorrectly recorded as "Gh Hassan Mir." The correct and full name is "Ghulam Hassan Mir." Accordingly, the same is required to be rectified in all official records.

Any person having any objection to the aforesaid correction may file their objection in writing before the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bandipora within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

This notice is issued for general information.

Sd/- Idress Hassan Mir Son of Late Ghulam Hassan Mir Resident of Village Lowdara

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Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Sd/- Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

Public Notice

I Danish Gul Wani S/O Ghulam Mohammad Wani R/O Darahu Frasta Wari Wagoora Baramulla hereby inform the general public that I am applying for Pesticides and Fertilizers Licence if anyone has any objection regarding the same He/She may contact the head Office Horticulture Department, Lal Mandi Srinagar within the stipulated time

After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Naib Tehsild Kreeri

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Name....MANZOOR AHMAD WAZA S/O...MOHD RAMZAN WAZA R/OFRESTHAR KREERI BLOCK.... WAGOORA

Public Notice

I, Zainab Jan, hereby state that I have a correction in my name Zainab Jan Instead of Zainab Ayaz I wish to correct my name to Zainab Jan. I am currently studying at Mohammadia Educational Institution, Khore Sherabad, Pattan. If any person has any objection to this correction, they are requested to contact within 7 days from the publication of this notice.

Zainab Jan

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR UT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD SPILL CHANNEL DIVISION NARBAL Notice inviting e-Tender e- NIT No. 05 of 2026-27 | Dated: 25 /04/2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on item rate (percentile) basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following works to be received by the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost	E/M	T.D Cost	Time	Class	MHA
01	Permanent Restoration of right side embankment of Doodganga Nallah by way of toe protection by way toe crates and Gabions at Shahpora Kralpora	₹.49.23 Lacs	98460/-	2500/-	60 days	AAY & BEE	UT Capex

Position of AAA =Accorded, Position of TS = Sanctioned ,Position of funds: (100% Budgetary provision 2026-27 & 2027-28) The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www .jktenders. gov .in as per schedule of date given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-04-2026
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-04-2026 from 1800 Hrs
3.	Bid submission Start Date	25-04-2026 from 1800 Hrs
4.	Bid Submission End Date	15 -05-2026 upto 1400 Hrs
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	16 -05-2026 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	The bidder has to provide 3% of contract Cost as Performance Security & Addl. performance security as per circular issued by the J&K Finance Department vide No. FD-Code/441/2021-02-158 dt:08/08/2025 within 3 days after opening of Financial Bid.

Note:
1) The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected
2) As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under :-
a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared Ist Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids .
b) The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.
1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701 -Rev. Misc) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded must be between issuing date to Bid Submission end date of NIT. CDR/FDR (Earnest money/Bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
32. All other terms and conditions same as laid down in the GFR Manual for Procurement of works 2022 with upto date amendments, PWD Form-25 Double shall also remain in force.

No: FSCDN/CS/439-65 | Dated: 25-04-2026

DIPK: 821/26 | Dated: 27-04-2026

Sd/- Er. Javid Ahmad Kurpal Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal

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Rural economy, livestock sector key focus of govt policies: Javid Dar

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, APRIL 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Veterinary Doctors Association, Jammu, today organized a one-day technical conference at the Convention Centre, Jammu, on the theme "Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health."

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister lauded the indispensable role of veterinarians in safeguarding the animal and public health. He highlighted that veterinary professionals render critical services across diverse domains including field operations, farms, clinics, laboratories and aquaculture, thereby ensuring livestock well-being and strengthening food safety systems.



Emphasizing the sector's economic significance, the Minister stated that healthy and productive livestock are key towards enhancing food production, increasing farmers' income, generating employment and fostering sustainable economic

growth. He underlined that a robust and well-equipped veterinary network is vital for strengthening the rural livelihoods and building resilience within the agricultural ecosystem.

Javid Dar further stated that

under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the government is consistently formulating policies aimed at the growth and development of the rural economy, with a strong focus on the livestock sector.

The Minister assured that the issues and demands raised by various speakers during the conference would be addressed on a priority basis.

Earlier, the Minister inspected exhibition stalls set up at the venue and interacted with the veterinary doctors and other stakeholders, appreciating their contributions and innovations in the field.

The conference witnessed participation from veterinary experts, professionals and stakeholders, who deliberated on the emerging challenges and explored innovative solutions in the livestock sector, reaffirming the pivotal role of veterinarians as true guardians of food and health.

District Admin Budgam launches Capacity Building Programme under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM, APRIL 27: District Administration Budgam today marked the successful commencement of a comprehensive Training and Capacity Building Programme under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, reaffirming its commitment to building a drug-free society through strengthened grassroots interventions.

The inaugural session was organized under the guidance of the District Administration Budgam and coordinated by the Office of the District Social Welfare Officer Budgam.

The programme witnessed active participation of counselors from the Education Department, who played a pivotal role in identifying, guiding, and supporting vulnerable youth across the district.

The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, who attended the event as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, the DC underscored the need for a coordinated, sustained, and multi-pronged approach to curb the growing menace of substance abuse.

He reiterated the administration's zero-tolerance policy against drug peddling, emphasizing that strict and decisive action will be taken against those involved in the illegal drug trade.

The DC further stressed the importance of a balanced approach, highlighting the need for rehabilitation, counseling, and community support systems to ensure effective recovery and reintegration of affected individuals into society.

On the occasion, the DC administered a pledge, wherein all participants resolved to work collectively towards making Budgam a drug-free district.

The pledge reflected a shared commitment to intensify awareness, prevention, and intervention efforts at every level of society.

The DC said that the training programme



is designed to equip participants with essential knowledge and practical skills related to early identification of substance abuse, counseling techniques, community outreach, and effective intervention strategies.

He said that the District Administration is committed towards implementing the objectives of the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan in letter and spirit, emphasizing the critical role of counselors and frontline workers as key agents of change in society.

He added that the programme will continue over the coming days with focused modules aimed at building a robust, responsive, and community-driven framework to effectively tackle substance abuse across the district.

The DC said that District Administration is working in close coordination with all stakeholders to ensure a healthier, safer, and drug-free future for the youth and the society at large.

Also, Resource Persons elaborated on the social, psychological, and economic dimensions of drug abuse, while interactive sessions ensured active engagement and exchange of ideas among participants.

Besides, ADC Budgam, PO ICDS, DSWO, others senior officers also participated in the event.

NMBA@100: Mega 'Nasha Mukht' Pony Rally held at Sonamarg

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SONAMARG, APRIL 27: In a vibrant display of community resolve against substance abuse, the District Administration Ganderbal, in collaboration with the Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA), today organized a massive Pony Rally under the aegis of the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan (NMBA@100).

The event, saw a spirited procession of local pony walls, other unions and youth traversing the scenic landscapes of Sonamarg to spread the message of a drug-free India. Participants carried national flags and banners with slogans such as "Say No to Drugs," highlighting the collective responsibility of the tourism sector in combating the drug menace.

Speaking on the sidelines of the rally, Chief Executive Officer, Sonamarg Development Authority, Bilal Mukhtar Dar, emphasized the importance of involving the local tourism stakeholders in social causes.

He said Sonamarg is not just a crown jewel of our tourism industry; it is a community of resilient individuals.

By mobilizing our Pony and other unions today, we are sending a loud and clear message from the peaks of Ganderbal that there is no place for drugs in our society.

Our goal is to ensure that as we grow as a premier destination, our youth remain healthy, empowered, and focused on a productive future, he remarked.

The rally started from the main Sonamarg market and culminated at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), where participants took a solemn pledge to keep their families and profession free from the influence of narcotics.

The event was attended by senior officials from the District Administration, members of the Sonamarg Development Authority, and representatives of various local trade and tourism unions.

MLA Devsar joins Pad Yatra to raise awareness against Drug Abuse

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM, APRIL 27: A pad yatra aimed at raising awareness against drug abuse was organized in Devsar area of Kulgam under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The padyatra was led by MLA Devsar, Peerzada Feroz Ahmad Shah and was also joined by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Shahzad Alam.

The rally witnessed participation from hundreds of people, particularly students and youth, who marched through the area carrying placards and raising slogans against drug abuse. The initiative highlighted the

importance of a collective effort to combat the growing menace of drugs in society.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA urged the youth to stay away from drugs and channel their energy towards positive and productive activities. The Deputy Commissioner, while addressing the participants, stressed that such awareness campaigns play a vital role in sensitizing society about the harmful effects of substance abuse. He added that under the ongoing 100-day campaign, the District Administration is committed to intensify efforts to eliminate drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free society.

District Ganderbal strengthens Anti-Drug measures at NCORD review meeting

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL, APRIL 27: As part of the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan (NMBA@100), a meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) mechanism was convened today here, under the chairmanship of the Senior Superintendent of Police Ganderbal, Sudhanshu Dhama, and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Syed Faheem Bihagi to review and reinforce anti-drug initiatives across the district.

A comprehensive review of ongoing enforcement measures, awareness campaigns, and rehabilitation efforts was undertaken, with emphasis on coordinated action among departments.

On the enforcement front, the Drug Control Department, Excise department reported enhanced

surveillance and regular inspections, besides strict action against violations, including suspension of licences and initiation of legal proceedings in coordination with concerned departments.

During the meeting, progress of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation efforts was also reviewed. Authorities directed the concerned to intensify outreach and ensure that victims requiring assistance are brought into structured treatment programmes at the earliest, with a focus on inclusive care.

The meeting also stressed intensifying joint nakas along with police to lay curbs on transportation of contraband substances through courier services, and departments have been instructed to maintain sustained vigilance and enforcement at such locations.

In the education sector, significant progress has been made



in strengthening surveillance infrastructure across institutions. The remaining institutions have been directed to complete installation of CCTV systems without delay. CEO informed that regular parent-teacher engagements are also being held to sensitise families and students about the dangers of drug abuse. The District Social Welfare Office highlighted its ongoing

awareness initiatives under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, including community outreach, wall painting campaigns, and daily sensitisation drives.

The meeting further reviewed implementation of provisions under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA). Enforcement drives against tobacco vendors are underway, with instructions issued to ensure sustained

compliance through regular monitoring rather than isolated actions.

On declaration of Nasha Mukht Panchayats and Wards, it was informed that focused efforts are being made to ensure more such panchayats and Wards are declared Nasha Mukht through sustained awareness campaigns, community engagement, and coordinated enforcement measures.

The meeting witnessed participation from Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Sub-divisional Magistrate Kangan, Deputy Director Prosecution, Deputy Director Drug Control Department, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Regional Transport Officer and other senior officers of the police, excise, health, revenue, and social welfare departments, along with other key stakeholders.

Bandipora intensifies Anti-Drug Campaign with Widespread Awareness Drives, Community Outreach

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA, APRIL 27: District Administration Bandipora today intensified its efforts under the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan by conducting a series of awareness programmes, community outreach activities, and student engagement initiatives across the district.

Awareness sessions were organised at multiple educational institutions, focusing on sensitising students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of leading a healthy and disciplined life. These sessions included lectures, interactive discussions, and IEC-based activities aimed at building awareness about the physical, mental, and social consequences of drug addiction. Essay writing competitions were widely held in various schools as part of the campaign calendar, encouraging students to express their views on themes related to drug abuse, peer pressure, and the importance of a drug-free society. Students participated enthusiastically, presenting thoughtful and impactful ideas promoting positive lifestyle choices.

In several institutions, Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) were also convened, providing a platform for meaningful interaction between parents and teachers

regarding students' academic progress, behaviour, and overall development. The meetings emphasised the importance of parental involvement, regular monitoring, and a supportive home environment in shaping responsible and aware individuals. Parents were also sensitised about their role in preventing substance abuse among youth. Pledge-taking ceremonies formed an integral part of the campaign, with students, staff, and community members collectively reaffirming their commitment towards a drug-free society. Awareness rallies and community-level IEC programmes were also conducted in various panchayats, further strengthening grassroots outreach and public participation.

The district also witnessed awareness programmes in remote and rural areas, ensuring that the message of the campaign reached every section of society. Activities such as yoga sessions, public interactions, and awareness talks were organised to promote healthy lifestyles as a preventive measure against substance abuse.

Overall, the day-long activities witnessed active participation from students, parents, teachers, and members of the community, reflecting a collective resolve to combat drug abuse and support the vision of a Nasha Mukht Bandipora.

DOSTI DISCUSSION' UNDER NASHA MUKHT J&K ABHIYAN HELD AT GHSS PLAN BANDIPORA

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA, APRIL 27: As part of the ongoing 100-Day Mission Mode campaign under the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the District Administration Bandipora on Monday organised a 'Dosti discussion' at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Plan, Bandipora to raise awareness on drug abuse.

During the panel discussion, students highlighted that addiction often stems from stress, peer influence, and mindset, and noted that the most vulnerable age group is youth. They stressed that addicts should be counselled and rehabilitated rather than punished.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, appreciated students for sharing real-life perspectives and urged them to go beyond bookish knowledge. She noted that while awareness is being strengthened, strict enforcement against drug peddlers is also underway, with increasing public cooperation in reporting cases.



The DC outlined a three-pronged strategy focusing on outreach to vulnerable groups, breaking the supply chain, and addressing all forms of substance abuse, including misuse of everyday products and medicines. She emphasised that the problem lies not just in availability but in usage, often driven by stress

and peer pressure. Highlighting the role of society, the DC said the Government alone cannot tackle the issue and called upon all to start change from within and spread awareness in their families, particularly about the harmful effects of tobacco and passive smoking.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated strict enforcement of laws including the NDPS Act and COTPA, and said strong action is being taken against offenders. She also encouraged citizens to share information with the administration, adding that valuable inputs are already being acted upon.

On the occasion, a pledge against substance abuse was administered by the Deputy Commissioner. She further signed on a "Pledge Tree," reaffirming commitment towards a drug-free society, while students also reaffirmed their resolve to lead a purposeful drug-free life.

Earlier, the DC inspected the Nasha Mukht wall painting prepared by students and also led a plantation drive in the school premises.

The programme concluded with a shared commitment to strengthen collective efforts in eradicating drug abuse from society.

Among others, the event was attended by Chief Education Officer Bandipora, Dr G.M Pujoo; District Information Officer Bandipora, Aadil Manzoor Wani and other concerned officers and officials.

India, New Zealand sign historic FTA, PM Christopher Luxon calls it 'once-in-a-generation' agreement

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27 : India and New Zealand have signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA), granting market access across 70.03% of tariff lines while keeping 29.97% under exclusion.

Describing the pact as transformative, New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said the agreement marks a breakthrough after years of stalled efforts.

Luxon said, "We agreed then, that we'd launch negotiations on a free trade agreement. For decades, many people said it couldn't be done. But tonight, that deal gets signed."

Taking it to social media platform X, "This is a once-in-a-generation agreement that gives NZ exporters unprecedented access to 1.4 billion people and an economy set to become the third-largest in the world. It means more jobs on farms and orchards, it means more money coming into local communities, and it means more opportunities for your family to get ahead."



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The FTA was formalised in the presence of Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and his New Zealand counterpart, Todd McClay.

Piyush Goyal on the development said, "The fact that we are making businesses easier to set up, easier to work in India working towards reducing the compliance burden, ensuring simplicity in operations, ensuring a business climate that is trusting, that encourages investment, and also

making sure that as a nation, we provide an environment that is business friendly, that is very inviting, and that it help you both grow and enjoy good profits in India."

Through the FTA, both the countries collaborate with farmers to boost productivity and integrate them in the global value chains. The FTA boosts MSMEs and Jobs through Zero-duty access for labour-intensive sectors including textiles, apparel, leather,

footwear, gems & jewellery, engineering goods and processed foods.

The 30% of tariff lines will have immediate duty elimination, covering wood, wool, sheep meat, leather-raw hides etc. 35.60% of tariffs are subject to phased elimination over 3, 5, 7, and 10 years, including petroleum oil, malt extract, vegetable oils, and selected electrical and mechanical machinery, peptones etc, the statement read.

Further, 4.37% of products face tariff reductions, such as wine, pharmaceutical drugs, polymers, aluminium, iron and steel articles etc. 0.06% fall under tariff rate quotas, including honey, apples, kiwi fruit, and albumins including milk albumin.

India and New Zealand announced negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in March 2025. The trade negotiations by both the countries was concluded on December 22 last year, with the goal of doubling bilateral trade to \$5 billion over the next five years.UNI

Markets rebound after three-day losing streak

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27 : The Indian Stock Market on Monday rebounded after three sessions of losses. At close, Sensex settled 639.42 points or 0.83 percent higher at 77,303.63, while the broader Nifty climbed to 24,092.70, up 194.75 points or 0.81 percent. Indian rupee ended higher at 94.19 per dollar on Monday versus Friday's close of 94.25.

Among the sectors, most of the indices traded in the green, with the Nifty private bank index being the only laggard, as the IndusInd Bank shares rose about 4 percent.

On Nifty, 39 stocks ended in the green and 11 ended in the red. Among the top gainers were Sun Pharma, Jio Financial Services, and Reliance Industries, gaining over 3pc while Tech Mahindra, Wipro, TCS, and HCLTech also posted gains. Shriram Finance and Axis Bank witnessed heavy selling, while BEL, Tata Consumer and Trent were the losers.

Vodafone Idea, Suzlon, JP Power, Reliance Power and Ola Electric were among the most actively traded stocks in terms of volume.

IT stocks saw a sharp rebound in early trade. Wipro gained 2.03 percent, Tech Mahindra advanced 2.16 percent, while Infosys was among the top gainers. Further, TCS shares rose 1.3 percent, while HCL Tech was up 0.9 percent.

More than 160 stocks touched their



52-week high on the BSE, including Torrent Power, Engineers India, CESC, HFCL, Aarti Industries, Adani Ports, SAIL, Tata Power, JSW Steel, Adani Power, BHEL, Adani Energy, NTPC, NMDC, Granules India, Lloyds Metals, NALCO, Hindalco, Adani Green Energy, Nestle, among others.

On the NSE, shares of Paytm dropped 8.38 percent to Rs 1,051.10 in early trade. However, the stock later recovered, trimming most of the losses to settle at Rs 1,137.80, down 0.83 percent.

In the Asian Markets, Japan's Nikkei 225 advanced 1.4pc, South Korea's Kospi rose 2.1pc, China's Shanghai Composite index gained 0.2pc and Taiwan's Taicex climbed 2.6pc.

Crude oil prices climbed after attempts to revive peace negotiations over the Iran conflict stalled. Brent crude surged as much as 2.5pc to USD 107.97 per barrel, and West Texas Intermediate rose towards \$97.UNI

India-New Zealand Business Meet: Agra to become the 'Shoe Capital of the World'

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

AGRA, APRIL 27 : Agra, a key industrial city of Uttar Pradesh, is now set to make its mark globally not just as the "City of the Taj," but also as the "Shoe Capital of the World."

This landmark initiative was formally launched at the India-New Zealand Business Meet held here on Sunday.

The event, attended by union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and New Zealand's Minister for Trade and Investment Todd McClay, made it clear that Agra's footwear industry is poised to become a major game-changer for Uttar Pradesh's economy. The initiative is expected to bring unprecedented benefits to the state's trade, infrastructure, and employment.

Agra already contributes over 75% to India's leather footwear exports. During the meet, it was projected that exports from Uttar Pradesh could increase by 3 to 5 times through Free Trade Agreements (FTA), CEPA, and bilateral partner-

ships.

Collaboration with countries like New Zealand in raw material supply and design innovation will strengthen UP's presence in markets such as Europe, the United States, and the Middle East, significantly boosting state revenue.

Agra's industrial cluster currently includes more than 5,000 MSME units, providing direct and indirect employment to 4,00,000-5,00,000 people. With this initiative to develop a global hub and attract foreign investment, these MSMEs are expected to expand significantly. This will create large-scale employment opportunities for youth and artisans in Uttar Pradesh and help curb migration.

To make Agra globally competitive with countries like China and Vietnam, Uttar Pradesh's infrastructure will play a crucial role. The upcoming Jewar International Airport and the proposed footwear park under the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) will upgrade Agra's



logistics to world-class standards. This will make transportation of goods faster and cheaper, attracting more international buyers to the state.

Under this initiative, Uttar Pradesh will receive a new global branding push. Agra will be positioned as a "city of footwear excellence," and products will gain international recogni-

tion through GI tagging. Discussions with the New Zealand delegation indicate that the state will not only manufacture goods but also engage in joint production and world-class design innovation, leading to significant foreign direct investment (FDI) and technological advancement.

At the event, union Minister

Piyush Goyal stated that the government is committed to providing comprehensive policy support to the industry, including measures such as zero duty on components and interest subsidies until 2030.

Industry leaders, including Ramesh Kumar Juneja (Chairman, Council for Leather Exports) and Puran Dawar (Chairman, Footwear Development Council), described the initiative as transformative. Undoubtedly, this step will prove to be a milestone in achieving Uttar Pradesh's goal of becoming a one-trillion-dollar economy.

The event was also attended by several officials and industry representatives, including Joint Secretary Petal Dhilon, Director Taruna Doolia, Under Secretary Bimlesh Kumar Jha, Senior Press Secretary Julie Johnston (New Zealand), CLE Regional President (Central) Yadendra Singh, Regional Director Atul Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director R.K. Shukla, and various prominent entrepreneurs and association leaders.UNI

TRAI to examine viability of public Wi-Fi infra, releases consultation paper

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27 : The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released a consultation paper on the "Proliferation of Public Wi-Fi Networks in India", inviting stakeholder comments on measures to accelerate deployment and improve the viability of public Wi-Fi infrastructure across the country. The paper undertakes a comprehensive review of the existing regulatory framework governing public Wi-Fi and flags key bottlenecks that have constrained large-scale expansion, despite rising data demand and the government's broader digital inclusion push.

The Consultation Paper covers key areas including the overview of the public Wi-Fi ecosystem in other countries and key takeaways from international experiences and global best practices, as well as the assessment of the current status of Public Wi-Fi in India, including deployment trends and demand patterns.

It also works on the identification of key issues and challenges affecting Public Wi-Fi proliferation in the country, an examining the roles of key stakeholders such as Central and State Governments, local bodies, TSPs/ISPs, and private entities for developing viable Public Wi-Fi models across rural areas, urban centres, and high-footfall locations.

Through the consultation paper, the authority also aims to examine issues relating to authorisation, authentication, roaming, and billing systems within the Indian Public Wi-Fi ecosystem.

Analysis of potential direct and indirect revenue models suitable for ensuring the sustainability of Public Wi-Fi in the Indian context.

The consultation paper examines the roles of multiple stakeholders—including central and state governments, urban local bodies, telecom service providers (TSPs), internet service providers (ISPs), and private players—in building scalable and sustainable public Wi-Fi ecosystems.

It seeks views on how coordinated policy support, infrastructure sharing, and public-private partnerships can drive deployment across high-footfall areas such as transport hubs, markets, and public institutions, as well as underserved rural regions.

Written comments on the consultation paper are invited from stakeholders by 25th May 2026 and counter-comments, if any, by 8th June 2026.UNI

Crude oil prices surge by 2pc as US Iran ceasefire reaches standstill

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27 : The global crude oil prices on Monday surged by 2pc amid renewed tensions between the US and Iran. The benchmark ICE Brent crude futures contract rose nearly 2pc to USD 107.28 per barrel, while WTI Intermediate crude gained 1.5 per cent to USD 95.78 per barrel.

The spike comes as ceasefire negotiations between the US and Iran reached a standstill, raising concerns over supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz. Goldman Sachs has raised its oil price forecasts for the fourth quarter to USD 90 a barrel for Brent crude and USD 83 for WTI citing reduced output from the Middle East.

The uncertainty over the US and Iran talks intensified after the US President Donald Trump cancelled his trip to Pakistan by his envoys, Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, after Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs Abbas Araghchi departed Islamabad before any direct engagement could take place between the sides.

Araghchi has travelled between Oman, Pakistan and Russia to sustain dialogue and explore de-escalation pathways. IEA has noted that global oil supply plummeted by over 10 million barrels per day (mb/d) last month as a result of the ongoing naval blockade and infrastructure damage in the region. Goldman Sachs projected that Brent crude, the international benchmark, will trade at about USD 90 a barrel in the last three months of this year, up from an earlier projection of USD 80.

It expected US oil to trade at about USD 83 a barrel in the fourth quarter, up from its previous USD 75 forecast. Brent was up more than 1 per cent on Monday, exceeding USD 106 a barrel.

Goldman further noted there would be long-term "scarring" of Gulf production capacity of about 500,000 barrels a day, primarily due to losses in Iraq.UNI

Market valuation of 7 of top-10 firms erode by Rs 2 lakh cr

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APR 27 : The combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most-valued firms eroded by Rs 2 lakh crore last week. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Reliance Industries emerged as the biggest laggards.

The combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most valued firms dropped by Rs 2,05,343.06 crore.

The market valuation of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) tumbled Rs 66,699.44 crore to Rs 8,67,364.12 crore while Reliance Industries lost Rs 50,670.34 crore from its valuation, which stood at Rs 17,96,647.50 crore.

In a rank-wise analysis, Reliance Industries remained the most-valued domestic firm followed by HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, TCS, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, Hindustan Unilever, and LIC.

The valuation of HDFC Bank dived Rs 23,090.05 crore to Rs 12,08,225.48 crore and that of ICICI Bank's mcap edged lower by Rs 14,663.27 crore to Rs 9,50,345.40 crore.

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) dropped by Rs 19,670.75 crore to Rs 5,13,020.56 crore.

The market capitalisation (mcap) of Bharti Airtel declined Rs 19,406.59 crore to Rs 11,05,718.62 crore while Larsen & Toubro diminished by Rs

11,142.62 crore to Rs 5,52,171.88 crore.

However, the valuation of Hindustan Unilever jumped Rs 20,652.91 crore to Rs 5,47,219.80 crore.

Indian stock market on Friday came under significant selling pressure, extending losses for a third consecutive session. Nifty slipped below the 23,900 mark amid weakness across sectors, led by IT stocks.

At close, the Sensex was down 982.71 points or 1.27 per cent at 76,681.29, and the Nifty was down 275.10 points or 1.14 per cent at 23,897.95. For the week, Sensex and Nifty down 2 per cent each, snapping a two-week gaining streak. UNI

Textiles and garment exports decline 2.2pc to USD 35.8 bn in 2025-26

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, APR 27 : India's textiles and garment exports fell 2.2 per cent to USD 35.8 billion in 2025-26, led by a fall in March due to the West Asia conflict, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said.

The declining pattern is visible across major segments - cotton textiles (- 3.9 per cent), ready-made garments (- 1.4 per cent), and carpets (- 5.3 per cent). Only handicrafts grew slightly by 1.5 per cent during the fiscal.

In rupee terms too, the exports fell 2.1 per cent during the last fiscal. The contrast between Rupee and dollar growth highlights a deeper structural concern,

GTRI said.

Man-made textiles show a 3.6 per cent rise in Rupee terms but a 0.8 per cent decline in dollar terms, and garments show a 2.9 per cent INR increase despite a 1.4 per cent dollar contraction.

This suggests that currency depreciation and not competitiveness is behind the apparent growth, he said, adding in real terms, India is losing market share or failing to expand in key global markets, particularly in labour-intensive sectors where it should be gaining ground.

As per the government data, handicrafts excluding handmade carpets recorded the highest growth among major categories, rising by 6.1 per cent from Rs



14,945.5 crore to Rs 15,855.1 crore.

The export expansion was geographically broad-based, with growth reported in more than 120 destinations during April 2025 to February 2026. A notable growth has been observed in key markets such as the UAE

(22.3 pc), UK (7.8 pc), Germany (9.9 pc), Spain (15.5 pc), Japan (20.6 pc), Egypt (38.3 pc), Nigeria (21.4 pc), Senegal (54.4 pc), and Sudan (205.6 pc).

The government extended export promotion measures such as the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme

and the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme beyond March 31, 2026, providing continued cost competitiveness to exporters.

India's FTA agenda also saw major progress during 2025-26, with important implications for the textile and apparel sector. The India-EFTA TEPA entered into force on 1 October 2025; the India-UK CETA was signed in July 2025; the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was signed in December 2025; the India-New Zealand FTA was announced on 22 December 2025; and the India-EU FTA was concluded on 27 January 2026.UNI

Pant: 'We definitely need a break'

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

LUCKNOW: Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant said his team needed a "break" after suffering their fifth consecutive loss - a topsy-turvy, error-ridden game against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) that went into a Super Over. The loss also pushed them to the bottom of the points table.

"See, I think we definitely need a break," Pant said at the presentation. "I think we're going to refresh. You know, there is always pressure and it's going to be a pressure game, always. But at the same time we have to look at answers inside, not outside. And just keep it simple, man. Just take accountability, each and every guy. Like, it can't be about one or two guys, it has to be about the whole unit. And a lot of people will take accountability for that, for sure."

One of the worries for LSG has been the form of Nicholas Pooran, who has scored just 82 runs so far at an average of 10.25 and a strike rate of 81.18. LSG still sent him out in the Super Over, along with Pant. Pooran was bowled first ball while LSG lasted three balls overall, with the next batter Aiden Markram too out for a duck.

"As a group, we had a discussion,"

Pant said. "And the name that came up was Nicky P. He might not go through the best form of his life. But at the same time, you got to trust your player in a hard situation like this. They're going to come off nicely. So, no excuses there. Just, looking at the positive. There might not be enough positive right now. But I think after the break, there will be a lot of enough positive, for sure."

LSG had started well after opting to bowl. They reduced KKR to 31 for 4 in the seventh over, leaving them struggling at 129 for 7 after 19 overs. But four sixes in a row in the last over from Rinku Singh off Digvesh Rathi propelled KKR to a far more respectable 155, which they nearly defended. Why was legspinner Rathi given the last over?

"See, there are always times in cricket where you can turn [things] a little bit with bowling," Pant said. "But sometimes, a bowler's got to bowl that hard overs, you know. And there will be times when I have to give him that in middle overs. Because I was looking for a wicket, I just didn't get one. That was the thought process behind it. And too many minds doesn't make it easy on the ground."

Sunil Narine pretty much sealed the Super Over in just three balls when he dismissed Pooran and Markram

while conceding just one run between the two wickets. He already had a favourable match-up within Super Overs against Pooran when he took the ball, and the way he started by beating Pooran with his loop and turn set things up for KKR. In CPL 2014, Narine had once bowled a maiden Super Over for Trinidad & Tobago Red Steel (now Trinbago Knight Riders) to Pooran of Guyana Amazon Warriors.

"I think you have no other choice," Narine said when asked if he enjoyed bowling Super Overs. "I think when you're bowling good you have the opportunity to do it. It's always a tough situation but I think it's a bit easier when you bowl a Super Over first."

"It's up there," he said of the delivery to dismiss Pooran. "I think obviously the situation makes it a bit better but in saying that I'm genuinely happy for the team. I think we have been struggling, and you need games like this to try to get momentum. I know it's going to be tough but I think once you try to take it game by game we'll be in the good end."

"I think the entire team backed me so I think once everyone said the same thing it was pretty easy and obviously, as I said, bowling first you could relax a little more even though it's not a much relaxing place to be."



Affarwat-XI Sports Club Dominates in Ningli Cup 2026

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BARAMULLA: Affarwat-XI Sports Club delivered a splendid all-round performance to defeat United Bangdara by 45 runs in a one-sided contest of the Village Level Ningli Cup at Dugdara.

Batting first, Affarwat-XI posted a competitive total of 122 runs, backed by solid contributions from the top order. Shahid Bashir played a magnificent innings of 42 runs, well supported by Mujib Ur Rehman who added 27 runs. Abid Rather and Irfan Lone chipped in with 16 and 14 runs respectively.

In reply, the bowlers of Affarwat-XI Sports Club stepped up brilliantly, restricting United Bangdara

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to just 77 runs and sealing a comfortable victory. Peer Saqlain Mehraj, Kamran Yousif, and Irfan Lone led the bowling attack with two wickets each, while Shahid Bashir, Ishfaq Mir, and Tufail Lone claimed one wicket apiece.

Peer Saqlain Mehraj was adjudged Player of the Match for his outstanding performance.

Bhullar stays in top-5 despite tough third round

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

SINGAPORE: Battling tough conditions, India's Gaganjeet Bhullar shot one-over 72 in the third round but remained inside the top-5 at the Singapore Open here Saturday.

Sitting at the top of the leaderboard at the USD 2 million International Series event is Korea's Jeongwoo Ham, who, after shooting a 68, has been in the lead across all three days.

In energy sapping conditions with the formidable Serapong course at the Sentosa Golf Club to boot, Bhullar hung on gamely to shoot 1-over 72 on a moving day in a round that was all about minimising the damages and staying in the mix.

Bhullar currently lies at tied

fifth place at 6-under 207, a position he shared with Thai Jazz Janewattananond (68-66-73) and Pakistan's Ahmad Baig (69-71-67), who with an eagle and two birdies, was one of the standout performers of the day.

Bhullar encountered a nasty double bogey early on the third hole which threatened to derail his progress.

"That was unfortunate. I hit a good drive, it was in the first cut and the lie was fine. I had about 210 yards with a five-iron but made a poor swing and pulled it left. "From there, I ended up in a tricky spot near the bunker with no proper stance for my fourth shot. I managed to get it to about 10 feet but missed the putt," Bhullar said.

He got back a stroke



immediately on the fourth and then went on to birdie the ninth as well. He would have hoped to go low in the back nine to make a charge up the leaderboard, but ended up making 8 pars and

a bogey after the turn.

Bhullar currently lies seven shots off the pace from leader Ham, yet remains hopeful.

"Overall, with 18 holes to go, I'll keep my head down, get some

lunch, and spend some time working on my putting."

Young Pukhraj Singh Gill (71-70-72), playing on an International Series invite, played steady once again.

The Ludhiana player is at level-par and at the Tied-45 place.

The other Indian to make the cut, Karandeep Kochhar had a rather forgettable outing today, carding a 6-over 77 to lie at T-67.

Ham has a four-shot lead over Australia's Cameron John, who returned a 67, the joint-lowest round of the day along with Baig and Thailand's Itthipat Buranatanayarat, while Japan's Tomohiro Ishizaka is in third, another stroke back, following a 70. Ham was unflappable again on Saturday, conducting a putting exhibition.

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