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Warm wishes to all our valued readers on the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. May this blessed festival bring peace, happiness, prosperity, and endless blessings to your lives. Eid Mubarak from Headlines Today!

Eid-ul-Adha Being Celebrated Across J&K With Religious Fervour

Elaborate Arrangements in Place As Thousands Gather For Special Prayers

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Eid-ul-Adha, the festival symbolising sacrifice and compassion, is being celebrated across Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday with religious devotion and enthusiasm as thousands of worshippers gather at Eid grounds, mosques and shrines to offer special prayers.

Authorities have made extensive arrangements across the Union Territory to ensure smooth observance of the festival. Major congregational prayers are being held at several locations in both Kashmir and Jammu divisions amid heightened security and civic management measures.



Markets in Jammu, Srinagar and other towns witnessed heavy rush on the eve of the festival, with shoppers purchasing sacrificial animals. **Turn on Page 2**

LG Sinha, CM Omar, Cabinet Ministers greets people

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the cabinet Minister from Jammu and Kashmir extended greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. **Turn on Page 2**

Govt Committed To Preserving J&K's Rich Cultural Heritage: Omar Abdullah

CM reviews banking outreach, youth engagement in Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday reiterated the **Turn on Page 2**

CM meets family of minor girl brutally murdered in Budgam, promises justice

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BUDGAM, MAY 26: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today visited the family of the minor girl who was brutally murdered on Sunday morning.

The Chief Minister visited the bereaved family at their residence in Galwanpora village of Budgam district and offered words of comfort and solidarity during this hour of immense grief.

Expressing profound sorrow over the tragic loss of the child, the Chief Minister conveyed his deepest condolences to the **Turn on Page 2**

DGP Calls For Heightened Vigilance To Ensure Safe Amarnath Pilgrimage

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday directed security agencies to maintain heightened vigilance and strengthen security measures to en-



sure the safe and smooth conduct of the upcoming Amarnath Yatra and Eid celebrations across Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairing a high-level security review meeting at the Police Control Room in Srinagar, the Director General of Police reviewed preparedness **Turn on Page 2**

Anti-Drone Systems To Be Installed Within Six Months To Check Narcotics Smuggling: Amit Shah

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BIKANER, MAY 26: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced that the Government is in the process of installing anti-drone systems within the next six months to curb the smuggling of narcotics and weapons along the country's borders.

Addressing Border Security Force personnel at the Sanchu Border Outpost in Bikaner, Shah said increasing use of drones and modern technology by anti-national elements has



posed new security challenges, making enhanced surveillance and coordination essential.

"It is our responsibility to remain strongly vigilant to curb the smuggling of narcotics and weapons through drones and other modern equipment. The government is taking steps to install anti-drone systems within the next six months," Shah said.

The Home Minister stressed the need for a comprehensive "four-point security grid" involving the Border **Turn on Page 2**

Illegal Infiltration And Unnatural Demographic Change Pose Serious Challenge: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI, MAY 26: The Central Government on Tuesday constituted a high-level committee to examine demographic changes arising from illegal immigration and other "abnormal" factors, amid growing concerns over their impact on national security, governance and social stability. The committee has been

formed under the High-powered Demography Mission announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Independence Day last year and will be headed by retired judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar.

Announcing the decision, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said illegal infiltration and the resulting "unnatural demographic change" posed **Turn on Page 2**

J&K, Ladakh Were, Are And Will Always Remain Integral Parts Of India: MEA

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NEW DELHI, MAY 26: India on Tuesday firmly rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh made in a joint statement issued after talks between China and Pakistan, asserting that both Union Territories are inseparable parts of the country and beyond the scope of external comment.

Responding to the remarks, Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for

the Ministry of External Affairs, said India does not accept any "unwarranted references" to its internal affairs and reiterated that no foreign country has the authority to comment on matters relating to Jammu and Kashmir or Ladakh.

"The Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India," Jaiswal said while outlining **Turn on Page 2**

Quad backs action against terrorism, condemns Pahalgam attack

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NEW DELHI, MAY 26: The QUAD grouping, comprising India, the United States, Japan, and Australia, on Tuesday strongly condemned the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam terror attack and reiterated its commitment to a "free and open Indo-Pacific," while expressing concern over coercive

actions and rising tensions in key maritime regions.

In a joint statement issued after the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi under India's chairmanship, the grouping — comprising India, the United States, Japan and Australia, according to the news agency — Kashmir News Observer (KNO), — called for adherence to interna-

tional law and peaceful resolution of disputes in the Indo-Pacific region.

The ministers said peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific depended on respecting sovereignty, maintaining freedom of navigation and resolving disputes without the use of force.

The statement criticised **Turn on Page 2**

CS Reviews Land Records Modernization

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress achieved under the ongoing digitization and modernization of land records across Jammu and Kashmir, with a strong emphasis on ensuring accurate, transparent and technology-driven revenue



administration in the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Revenue; Secretary, Revenue; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; Commissioner, Survey & Land Records; Inspector General, Registration; State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC **Turn on Page 2**

Operation Sheruwali Fire Assault Launched On Suspected Hideouts In Rajouri

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JAMMU, MAY 26: Security forces on Tuesday launched a fire assault on specific hideouts and inducted additional troops as the operation to track down terrorists believed to be hiding in the dense forests of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district entered the fourth day, officials said.

The assault was launched on suspected hideouts in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla belt of Manjakote area amid intensified efforts to flush out the terrorists, they said.

Officials said plumes of smoke were seen rising from the forested areas following the assault, indicating that tar-



geted locations were struck during the operation.

Security forces are also tracking blood stains believed to have been left **Turn on Page 2**

J&K records 887 crimes against children in 2024, NCRB data shows slight decline

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Jammu and Kashmir reported 887 cases of crimes against children in 2024, registering a marginal decline from 910 cases in 2023 and 920 cases in 2022, according to the latest "Crime in India 2024" report issued by the National Crime Records Bureau.

According to the report, published under Chapter 4A — "Crime Against Children (States & UTs)", the Union Territory recorded a crime rate of 18.1 cases per lakh child population during 2024.

Kidnapping and abduction remained the most reported offences against children in

Jammu and Kashmir, with 243 cases registered during the year, the report accessed by the news agency — Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveals.

Cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act also formed a major share of the crimes reported against children. The NCRB recorded 308 POCSO cases in 2024, including 228 cases under Sections 4 and 6 related to penetrative sexual assault, and 65 cases under Sections 8 and 10 pertaining to sexual assault.

The report further revealed that seven cases were registered under Section 12 of the Act

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Eid-ul-Adha.....

bakery items, garments and household essentials. Livestock markets also recorded brisk business ahead of the celebrations.

The administration intensified sanitation drives, traffic regulation and security arrangements in view of the large gatherings expected during prayers. Officials said facilities including drinking water, electricity and medical assistance have been put in place at major prayer venues to facilitate devotees.

Religious scholars, in their messages, highlighted the values of sacrifice, compassion, charity and communal harmony associated with the festival. They also urged people to celebrate the occasion with simplicity and extend support to underprivileged families.

Meanwhile, political leaders, religious organisations and social groups extended greetings to the people on the occasion, expressing hope for peace, prosperity and brotherhood across Jammu and Kashmir.

LG Sinha.....

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, which is being observed tomorrow.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all. Eid-ul-Adha celebrates the spirit of sacrifice, unity, and brotherhood. The sacred occasion serves as a reminder for humanity to embrace the eternal values of love, compassion and forgiveness. May this Eid usher in joy, peace and prosperity in everyone's life."

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

In his message, the Chief Minister conveyed his heartfelt felicitations to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and beyond. He said that Eid-ul-Adha symbolizes the spirit of sacrifice, compassion, generosity and obedience to the will of Almighty Allah.

Recalling the supreme sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim (Peace be upon him) and the unwavering obedience of his son Hazrat Ismail (Peace be upon him), the Chief Minister said that the occasion teaches humanity the values of faith, devotion, patience and submission to the command of Allah. He said their exemplary legacy continues to inspire people to uphold righteousness, selflessness and compassion in their lives.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that the festival would further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, communal harmony and mutual respect among people. He urged people to remember the underprivileged and needy during the celebrations and share the joy of the occasion with them.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah prayed for peace, prosperity and wellbeing of the people and wished that the auspicious occasion brings happiness and blessings to every household.

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today extended warm Eid-ul-Adha greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

On the auspicious occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the occasion holds immense religious and cultural significance for Muslims across the world and is celebrated with highest fervour and gaiety across Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the festival symbolizes sacrifice, discipline, devotion and complete surrender to the will of the Almighty, while also inspiring the people to uphold the values of compassion, generosity and brotherhood.

The Deputy Chief Minister observed that Jammu and Kashmir has always been a shining example of mutual understanding, communal harmony and respect for all faiths, adding that its people have consistently upheld the spirit of brotherhood, love and togetherness.

He prayed for peace, prosperity and progress for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, has extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

The Minister expressed hope that the festival would further entrench harmony, compassion and strengthen the fabric of peace in the society.

In his message, the Minister said that Eid-ul-Adha is a sacred occasion that symbolizes the timeless values of sacrifice, generosity, empathy and devotion. He said the festival offers an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of unity, brotherhood and mutual respect while fostering a spirit of togetherness among people from all walks of life.

"May this blessed festival usher in peace, prosperity and happiness in every home and illuminate our lives with hope, positivity and compassion," the Minister said.

The Minister also wished for the well-being, good health and continued success of the people. He urged the people to celebrate the festival with a spirit of love, sharing and compassion while remembering the less privileged sections of society and extending support to those in need.

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo extended her warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

In her message, the Minister conveyed heartfelt wishes to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, praying that the blessed occasion brings peace, prosperity, happiness and good health to every household.

Sakeena Itoo said that Eid-ul-Adha symbolizes the spirit of sacrifice, compassion, brotherhood and selfless service to humanity. She expressed hope that the festival would further strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, unity and togetherness across J&K for which our region is known.

The Minister also prayed for continued peace, progress and wellbeing of the people and wished everyone a joyous and blessed Eid-ul-Adha.

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, describing the festival as a symbol of sacrifice, compassion and selflessness.

In his message, the Minister said that Eid-ul-Adha reflects the values of benevolence, generosity and devotion, inspiring the people to strengthen the spirit of mutual respect and brotherhood in society.

"I hope that this auspicious occasion further enhances the atmosphere of harmony and togetherness and serves as a beacon of peace, prosperity and development for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the Minister said.

Javed Rana prayed for lasting peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed hope that the festival would reinforce communal harmony, amity and social cohesion among all sections of the society.

The Minister also urged the people to celebrate the festival with a spirit of unity, compassion and care for the underprivileged, in keeping with the true essence of Eid-ul-Adha.

Govt Committed.....

government's commitment to preserving and promoting the artistic, cultural and architectural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir while holding a series of meetings with various delegations in Srinagar.

The Chief Minister made the remarks during interactions at his Public Services and Outreach Office, where discussions were held on banking services, youth development, heritage conservation and cultural promotion in the Union Territory.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of J&K Bank, Amitava Chatterjee, called on the Chief Minister and discussed issues concerning financial outreach, customer services and strengthening banking operations across Jammu and Kashmir. The bank's management briefed him on measures aimed at improving customer experience and expanding service delivery.

Director General of the National Cadet Corps, Lt Gen Virendra Vats, accompanied by Additional Director General of NCC Directorate Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Maj Gen Anupinder Bevli, also met the Chief Minister. The discussions focused on youth engagement programmes, NCC activities and expansion of cadet initiatives in the region.

A delegation from the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage led by Saleem Beg and Principal Architect Sameer Hamdani presented a detailed report on the preservation and restoration of heritage sites in Kashmir.

The delegation also expressed concern over water management challenges in the Mughal Gardens in the context of climate change and stressed the need for sustainable conservation measures.

Assuring full government support, the Chief Minister said the administration remains committed to safeguarding the region's rich heritage and ensuring its preservation for future generations.

CM meets.....

family and assured them that the government stands firmly with them in their pursuit of justice.

The Chief Minister said the incident has shaken the conscience of society and asserted that such elements have no place in a civilised society.

He said the government will ensure that the case is taken to its logical conclusion and that the perpetrator of this heinous crime is awarded exemplary punishment in accordance with the law.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by MLA Budgam Agha Muntazir Mehdi and civil and police administration of the district.

The minor girl, who had gone missing on Saturday, was found dead in a nearby field in Galwanpora village of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Sunday morning. The incident triggered widespread shock and grief across the area. Subsequently, police took cognisance of the matter and arrested the accused within 36 hours of the commission of the crime.

DGP Calls For.....

for Eid-ul-Adha and the annual pilgrimage, with senior officers from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, CRPF, ITBP, traffic police, railways and other security agencies in attendance.

During the meeting, the DGP stressed the importance of strict implementation of standard operating procedures and proactive security planning to counter potential threats during the pilgrimage period. He directed officers to intensify surveillance, increase patrolling and conduct random inspections in vulnerable areas to maintain public safety and prevent any untoward incidents.

Prabhat also instructed field formations to strengthen area domination along the pilgrimage routes and intensify efforts to dismantle the terror network. He emphasised the need for coordinated action among all security agencies to ensure effective deployment and response mechanisms.

Reviewing arrangements for Eid prayers, the DGP directed officers to ensure proper crowd management at major mosques and congregation venues across the Valley. He called for adequate deployment at sensitive locations to regulate public movement and prevent overcrowding.

Officials briefed the meeting on security, logistical and administrative arrangements, including preparations for the induction of Central Armed Police Forces companies. The DGP directed district officers to ensure proper accommodation, coordination and operational readiness for the incoming units.

He also ordered the deployment of anti-sabotage teams and greater use of advanced surveillance and real-time monitoring systems to strengthen threat detection and emergency response capabilities during the yatra period.

Anti-Drone.....

Security Force, armed forces, civil administration and citizens to ensure effective border management and internal security.

He said threats originating across the border must be tackled alongside action against internal networks assisting such activities. Shah called for close coordination between security agencies, police and district administrations to identify and neutralise those receiving illegal consignments within Indian territory.

The minister said meetings are being held with border states, including Bihar, Gujarat, Tripura and West Bengal, to strengthen coordination and implement the proposed security framework.

Praising the BSF for its role during Operation Sindoor, Shah said the force had guarded the borders with determination while boosting the morale of residents in frontier areas. He paid tribute to more than 2,000 BSF personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of duty since the force was established.

Shah also inaugurated women's barracks at the outpost and said infrastructure for women personnel at border posts would be strengthened by 2030.

Referring to the 1965 India-Pakistan war, he said the Sanchu border outpost holds historical importance as Indian security personnel had successfully defended it against heavy attacks by Pakistani forces.

The Home Minister further highlighted measures being taken to improve border infrastructure in Rajasthan, including road construction, advanced fencing systems and water pipeline connectivity to 180 border posts.

He said the Centre had expanded the BSF's operational jurisdiction from 15 kilometres to 50 kilometres along international borders to strengthen internal security and address evolving threats.

Highlighting the Government's security policy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah said India has adopted a firm approach towards terrorism while focusing on modernisation of the armed forces and border security agencies to ensure comprehensive national security.

Illegal Infiltration.....

a serious challenge to the country's security and border management systems.

According to official details, the committee has been tasked with carrying out a comprehensive assessment of demographic shifts across the country, including those linked to illegal immigration, economic migration and other socio-environmental factors. It will also examine population changes across communities and regions where deviations from broader demographic trends have been observed.

The panel includes the Census Commissioner, former IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, former IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and economist Dr Shamika Ravi as members, while the Joint Secretary (Foreigners-1) in the Ministry of Home Affairs will serve as member secretary. Officials said the committee would recommend policy, legislative and administrative measures to address demographic concerns and strengthen institutional mechanisms for continuous monitoring of population trends and related security implications.

The panel has also been mandated to propose mechanisms for identification, detention and deportation of illegal immigrants residing in the country and suggest measures to improve border management and surveillance systems.

In addition, the committee will examine ways to strengthen coordination between the Centre and states on issues related to illegal immigration and demographic changes.

The government has given the panel one year to submit its report, with a provision for extension of up to six months if required.

Officials said the initiative aims to provide a scientific assessment of demographic changes and their implications for governance, security, social structures and tribal populations across the country.

J&K, Ladakh.....

New Delhi's position on the issue.

The statement came after a joint declaration following discussions between Xi Jinping and Shehbaz Sharif described Jammu and Kashmir as an unresolved historical issue and called for its settlement in line with United Nations Security Council resolutions.

India also objected to references concerning the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, maintaining that parts of the corridor pass through territory under illegal occupation. The MEA said India continues to oppose and reject any attempt to legitimise such projects and has repeatedly conveyed its concerns to both China and Pakistan.

The government further dismissed references to trans-boundary water cooperation between the two countries, stating that such terminology was unacceptable as China and Pakistan do not share a direct boundary in the region concerned.

India has consistently maintained that issues relating to Jammu and Kashmir are entirely internal matters and that any external commentary or intervention is unacceptable.

Quad backs.....

attempts to alter the status quo through coercive or unilateral measures and underlined the importance of maintaining stability in international waters. The Quad also stressed the need to ensure uninterrupted maritime trade through crucial sea routes, including the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea.

The grouping condemned attacks on commercial shipping vessels and opposed measures that could hamper free navigation and trade in violation of international law, including provisions under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Without naming any country directly, the Quad expressed serious concern over developments in the East China Sea and South China Sea, referring to dangerous manoeuvres and aggressive actions in disputed waters.

It cited incidents involving obstruction of vessels,

unsafe maritime conduct and the use of water cannons and flares, and called for all disputes to be settled peacefully and in accordance with international law.

The ministers also reaffirmed the significance of the 2016 arbitral tribunal ruling on the South China Sea, describing it as an important basis for peaceful dispute resolution.

On terrorism, the Quad condemned terror activities in all forms, including cross-border terrorism, and specifically referred to the April 22, 2025, terror attack in Pahalgam.

The grouping also condemned the December 14, 2025, attack at Bondi Beach and called for stronger global cooperation against terrorism.

"We call for sustained and coordinated international action against terrorists, terror organisations, their sponsors, financiers and affiliated networks," the statement said.

The Quad further raised concerns over the rise of organised cybercrime and online scam centres operating in parts of Southeast Asia.

It said such networks were linked to human trafficking, financial crimes, cyber fraud and online exploitation, and stressed the need for closer law enforcement cooperation among countries.

On maritime security cooperation, the Quad welcomed India's operationalisation of maritime monitoring initiatives under the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) through the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region in Gurugram.

The grouping said efforts were underway to strengthen information-sharing mechanisms and develop a common operational picture across the Indo-Pacific region to improve maritime surveillance and coordination.

The statement also reiterated support for ASEAN centrality and regional organisations, including the Pacific Islands Forum and the Indian Ocean Rim Association. The Quad additionally expressed concern over the continuing conflict in Myanmar and its impact on regional peace and stability—(KNO)

CS Reviews.....

and other senior officers, while all the Deputy Commissioners participated through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of correct and updated land records for the effective implementation of welfare schemes and facilitating quick access to institutional credit through integration with the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) and AgriStack initiatives.

He observed that the successful digitization of land records would play a transformative role in strengthening governance, improving service delivery and empowering farmers through seamless access to benefits and financial services.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned Tehsildars to certify that no backlog mutations remain pending in their respective jurisdictions. He further called for the freezing of jamabandis by the Tehsildars, Sub-Divisional Magistrates and eventually the Deputy Commissioners in the coming days to ensure that the authentic and reliable digitized records are put in public domain for its utilization by citizens here.

To accelerate the process of rectification and updation of records, the Chief Secretary directed for designation of Prabhari Officers in consultation with the Financial Commissioner (Revenue). These officers would be entrusted with exclusive responsibility of handholding districts and ensuring timely correction and validation of records.

Emphasizing the need for a clear roadmap for implementation of AgriStack components, the Chief Secretary directed that the exercise should be taken up immediately after completion of digitization in the identified areas and linked with the RBI's ULI platform to facilitate easy credit access for farmers. He urged the Settlement Commissioner to lead the capacity building programme for field staff across districts and ensure completion of the process in a time-bound manner.

The Chief Secretary also stressed upon transitioning fully towards digital crop surveys during the upcoming agricultural seasons for effective implementation of AgriStack. He further directed the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) to evolve a mechanism for tracing the chain of custody of missing Mussavis and revenue records and initiate strict action against officials found responsible for any tampering or disappearance of records.

Commending the Revenue Department for undertaking the monumental task of digitization and achieving substantial progress, the Chief Secretary advised the officers to make concerted efforts to complete all components within the stipulated timelines. He also assured full support in resolving genuine issues being faced by the field functionaries engaged in the exercise.

Speaking during the meeting, Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Shaleen Kabra, emphasized upon the Deputy Commissioners to undertake rectification of records strictly in accordance with the prevailing legal provisions, particularly Section 32 of the Land Revenue Act, which empowers them to carry out such corrections. He observed that timely rectification at the district level would substantially reduce the burden of grievances reaching higher offices and help in making the land records largely error-free.

The Financial Commissioner also stressed

upon tracing the complete custody trail of missing records so that the actual culprits are identified and proceeded against under the law.

Earlier, Secretary Revenue gave a detailed presentation on the progress achieved under various components of the digitization programme. The presentation covered the functioning of the citizen-centric 'J&K Zameen Sudhar Portal', digitization of backlog mutations for updation of records, digitization of cadastral maps, sub-parcelization of survey numbers as per ground realities, generation of ULPIN for Farmer Registry, Digital Crop Survey, BhuNaksha integration and issuance of property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme.

He further informed the meeting that significant progress has been achieved in digitization of Jamabandis with all 20 districts and 206 tehsils brought under the programme. Over 68 lakh records have been approved and digitized so far, reflecting substantial progress achieved since the last review held in March this year.

Regarding grievance collection and rectification of records, the meeting was informed that more than 14.49 lakh grievances have been received till date, out of which over 14.27 lakh non-quasi judicial grievances have already been resolved.

Fire Assault.....

behind by the fleeing terrorists after a hide-out was destroyed during an assault carried out on Monday, they said.

Backed by helicopters, drones and sniffer dogs, joint teams of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and paramilitary forces are conducting extensive searches in adjoining areas. The cordon around the operation zone has been further strengthened with the induction of additional troops, officials said.

More reinforcements have been rushed to the forests of Dori Maal in the Gambhir Moghla area, where the anti-terror operation is underway. Additional operational teams have also been deployed to expand the search area and intensify efforts to track and eliminate the terrorists, they added.

An encounter had broken out between terrorists and security forces in the Dormal-Gambhir Moghla belt on Saturday after a joint team launched Operation Sheruwalli following intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists in the Singhpora-Chatroo area.

A joint team of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) had launched a massive cordon-and-search operation in the area on Saturday based on specific information about the movement of suspected terrorists.

The operation led to a brief exchange of fire after contact was established with the terrorists, prompting security forces to continue extensive searches in the rugged and heavily forested terrain.

According to preliminary reports, two to three terrorists, including a commander, are believed to be hiding in the area. The Army's White Knight Corps had said that contact was established with terrorists on Saturday in the general area of Gambhir Moghla during an intelligence-based joint operation carried out with the police and CRPF. (Agencies)

J&K records.....

relating to sexual harassment of children, while five cases were recorded under Sections 14 and 15 involving the use of children for pornographic purposes. Three additional cases were registered under Sections 17 to 22 concerning abetment and other offences under the Act.

Besides cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Jammu and Kashmir also reported nine rape cases involving minors in 2024, including seven cases registered under the IPC and two under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Authorities also recorded three cases of assault on minors with intent to outrage modesty during the year.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau report, the Union Territory further witnessed eight cases related to the kidnapping or abduction of girls for forced marriage, four cases linked to foeticide, and eight incidents of infanticide and allied offences in 2024.

The report stated that a total of 1,339 cases of crimes against children remained under police investigation in Jammu and Kashmir during the year. This figure comprised 449 cases carried forward from previous years, 887 newly registered cases, and three reopened investigations.

Police completed investigation or disposal in 802 cases during 2024, while 537 cases continued to remain pending by the end of the year, pushing the pendency rate to 40.1 per cent.

The NCRB data further revealed that investigating agencies filed charge-sheets in 444 cases, leading to a charge-sheeting rate of 55.4 per cent. Meanwhile, 358 cases were closed under various final report categories, and investigation in seven cases remained stayed.

On the judicial front, 2,661 cases related to crimes against children were pending before courts in Jammu and Kashmir during 2024. These included 2,217 cases pending from earlier years and 444 new cases committed to trial during the year. During court proceedings in 2024, convictions were secured in 12 cases, while four cases ended in discharge, and 112 cases resulted in acquittal. Additionally, 16 cases were disposed of by courts without trial, the report added—(KNO)

Public Outreach Programme held at Magam Budgam

DC focuses on Civic Development, Public Welfare, Grassroots Governance

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BUDGAM, MAY 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today chaired a Mega Public Outreach Programme at Town Hall, Magam.

The outreach programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from prominent citizens, traders, Ex-PRI members, former councillors and residents from Kanihama, Watamagam, Shippora, Makhama, Burden, SK Pora, Panchas, Narbal, Mazhama, Batapora and several adjoining areas, who projected a range of developmental concerns and public grievances before the district administration.

During the interaction, the participants highlighted several pressing issues related to infrastructure development, civic amenities and public welfare. Among the major concerns raised were drinking water scarcity, some localities, immediate macadamization of roads, to improve connectivity and commuter safety, and the need for uninterrupted power supply along with installation of dedicated electricity meters for better



load management. The locals also demanded establishment of designated parking spaces to decongest the main market area, installation of additional streetlights to facilitate smooth business activities during evening hours, construction of public washroom

facilities for tourists and shopkeepers, and strengthening of sanitation and drainage systems.

Concerns regarding the increasing stray dog menace were also brought into notice during the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said the District administration is committed towards the holistic and planned development of Magam Town and adjoining areas.

He assured the participants that all genuine grievances and developmental demands would be addressed in a phased and time-bound manner.

He further stressed the importance of coordinated efforts between the administration and the public for effective execution of developmental works.

The DC urged the citizens to actively cooperate with line departments in maintaining cleanliness, proper waste disposal practices and safeguarding public assets for sustainable development of the area.

from the menace of drugs is a shared responsibility of every section of society.

Later, the DC also visited Markazi Imambara Magam to take stock of the arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming observance of Muharram-ul-Haram.

During the visit, he inspected facilities related to sanitation, drinking water, electricity, traffic management and other essential services at the venue.

He directed all concerned departments to ensure seamless coordination and adequate arrangements for the convenience of devotees and smooth conduct of religious gatherings during the holy month.

Senior officers including ADDC Budgam, Vivek Agarwal; SDM Beerwah, Toufeeq Gazi; CPO Budgam, Javeed Ahmad Najar, ACP, Executive Engineers of various engineering wings, district officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Health, Rural Development and other concerned departments were present on the occasion and took note of the grievances and issues raised by the public for prompt redressal.

CUS launches Ph.D. journey with interactive session for inaugural batch

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SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Marking a historic milestone in its academic journey, Cluster University Srinagar (CUS) organized a high-level interactive session with its maiden batch of Ph.D. scholars for the academic session 2026.

The landmark event was held on Monday at the Government College of Education (IASE), M.A. Road, Srinagar.

A total of 37 scholars have enrolled in the university's Ph.D. programme across nearly 15 disciplines offered by its constituent colleges. These include Government College of Education (IASE), Sri Pratap College, Government College for Women M.A. Road, Amar Singh College, and Government Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College Bemina, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin briefed the scholars about the curriculum and framework of the Ph.D. programme. He highlighted the university's core vision of promoting high-quality research, academic excellence, and fostering a culture of innovation. The interactive session provided a unique platform for the newly enrolled scholars to engage directly with the university administration and gain deep insights into the institution's research ecosystem.

In her address to the scholars, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz emphasized the critical importance of dedication, academic integrity, and innovative thinking in shaping the future of higher education. She strongly urged the pioneer batch to undertake meaningful and socially relevant research that contributes significantly to both global academia and local society, while making optimal use of the advanced resources and opportunities available at the university.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Prof. (Dr.) Syed Wilayat Rizvi, Registrar, Cluster University Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Khurshid Ahmad Mir, Controller of Examinations; Dr. Ghulam Hassan Dar from the Department of Biochemistry; and other faculty supervisors from various constituent colleges of the university.

Among the dignitaries present were Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Farooq, Principal, Government College for Women M.A. Road Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, Principal, Government Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College Bemina; and Prof. (Dr.) Haris Izhar Tantray, Principal, SP College Srinagar, along with other faculty members and university officials.

Several other senior faculty members, department heads, and administrative officials were also present at the session, all extending their best wishes to the scholars as they embark on their academic research journeys.

The programme concluded with an interactive session during which scholars engaged with faculty members and university officials on various academic and research-related matters.

Tehsildar Drugmulla reviews arrangements for Annual Urs at Muqam Shahwali

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KUPWARA, MAY 26: on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, Tehsildar Drugmulla, Syed Basharat Rasool today conducted a visit to the revered shrine of Hazrat Zeti Shah Wali Sahib (R.A) at Muqam Shahwali Anderhama to review the arrangements being put in place for the smooth observance of the annual Urs scheduled to be held on 30th and 31st May.

During the visit, the Tehsildar was accompanied by officials of various line departments including



PDD, Jal Shakti, Wakf, Rural Development Department (RDD), FCS&CA, Fire & Emergency Services and other concerned departments.

A joint inspection was conducted to assess the preparedness and ensure adequate arrangements for the devotees expected to participate in the annual religious congregation.

On the occasion, the Tehsildar took stock of the overall preparations and issued necessary instructions to the concerned departments for ensuring uninterrupted power and drinking water supply, sanitation measures, availability of essential commodities, fire safety arrangements and other public conveniences for the smooth conduct of the Urs. The concerned departments were directed to work in close coordination and ensure timely completion of all arrangements to facilitate devotees and ensure the peaceful and successful observance of the annual Urs.

MLA Beerwah, DC Budgam Inaugurate Multipurpose Playfield at Watalpora

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BUDGAM, MAY 26: MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, and the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today inaugurated a state-of-the-art multipurpose playfield at Watalpora in the Beerwah sub-division.

The project was spearheaded by the Department of Rural Development (RD) & Panchayati Raj, ensuring high-quality asset creation for the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Beerwah, said that sports infrastructure plays a vital role in channelizing the energy of youth towards constructive and healthy activities. He emphasized that the newly established playfield will provide a much-needed platform for local talent to flourish and promote a culture of sports and discipline among the younger generation.

The Deputy Commissioner Bud-



gam, while addressing the gathering, said that District administration is focussed towards equitable development and youth empowerment.

He emphasized that such facilities will go a long way in fostering

sportsmanship and keeping local youth away from negative influences. He further stated that the administration remains focused on creating quality public assets that directly benefit the community.

Awareness Programme on Emotional Well-Being, Mental Health, Counselling held at GDC Magam

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BUDGAM, MAY 25: SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW), Mission Shakti Budgam, under the supervision of Bilal Ahmad Mir, District Social Welfare Officer, Budgam, organized an awareness programme on Emotional Well-Being, Mental Health and Counselling at Government Degree College (GDC) Magam to promote mental wellness, stress management and psychosocial support among students.

The programme commenced with an introductory session by Afroza Ahad, District Mission Coordinator, Mission Shakti Budgam, who elaborated on the objectives and components of Mission Shakti. She highlighted its two major components—Sam-

bal and Samarthyaa—which focus on the safety, security, empowerment and rehabilitation of women. Afroza Ahad also sensitized the participants about various women-centric schemes and services being implemented under Mission Shakti, including One Stop Centre, Women Helpline 181, Shakti Sadan, SANKALP – Hub for Empowerment of Women, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

Addressing the gathering, Mutina Rashid, Social Worker, Mental Health Unit, District Hospital Budgam, delivered an insightful session on emotional well-being and stress management. She emphasized the importance of maintaining emotional balance, adopting healthy coping strategies and seeking



timely support during periods of stress and emotional distress.

The technical session on mental health, counselling and stress

management was conducted by Aijaz-ul-Asad, who highlighted

the importance of mental health awareness among youth. He

discussed common mental health concerns, the role of counselling in overcoming psychological challenges and the need to break the stigma associated with seeking professional help. He also shared practical techniques for managing stress and promoting overall psychological well-being.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, who actively interacted with the resource persons and sought guidance on various aspects of mental health and emotional resilience.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment towards promoting mental health awareness, emotional well-being and access to support services among students and the wider community.

DC Budgam chairs 5th District Cooperative Development Committee meeting

Calls for transparent, time-bound implementation of cooperative development initiatives

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BUDGAM, MAY 26: The 5th meeting of the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC), Budgam was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan.

During the meeting, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Budgam, presented a detailed overview of the functioning and progress of the

cooperative sector in the district, with particular focus on the implementation of the Cooperative Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) and Cash Credit Limit (CCL) schemes.

The Committee held detailed deliberations on various proposals placed before it for consideration under the CIDF and CCL schemes.

After thorough examination and discussion, the DC approved several proposals under both

CIDF and CCL schemes aimed at strengthening cooperative institutions and enhancing their operational efficiency.

Speaking during the meeting, the DC emphasized the role of cooperative societies in promoting inclusive economic growth and rural development. He stressed the need for ensuring transparency, accountability and timely implementation of the approved projects so that the intended



benefits reach cooperative institutions and their members effectively.

The DC further directed the concerned officers to closely monitor the execution of sanctioned projects and ensure that cooperative societies are provided all necessary support for strengthening their business operations and infrastructure.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer (CPO), Assistant Com-

missioner Revenue (ACR), Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP), Chief Agriculture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Budgam, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies and Additional Managing Director, State Cooperative Bank, besides other officers of the Cooperative Department.

HT EDITORIAL

Galwanpora rape & murder case shows ill-effects of drug addiction

The Jammu & Kashmir Police has done a great job by cracking the Galwanpora rape and murder case of a little girl in a short span of time. With the arrest of the main accused the Jammu & Kashmir Police has proved that it is very much sensitive towards the social issues confronting the people of the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The rape and murder case of the little girl that took place in the late hours of May 23 sent shock waves among the residents of the Kashmir valley. A sea of mourners converged at the house of the girl to express their condolence and convey sympathies to the bereaved family. Leaders across the political spectrum of the union territory condemned the incident and demanded stern action against the culprits. Many among them did not waste any chance and visited the residence of the little girl to express their condolences.

The shocking incident has exposed chinks in the Kashmiri society and it is high time that reforms are carried out in the society. According to the preliminary police report the prime accused in the incident is a drug addict and he carried out the dastardly act under the influence of drugs. The incident has yet again showed the ill-effects of drug addiction in the society and as such the people need to be made aware about the same. The incident also proved that when a drug peddler is influenced by drugs, he crosses all limits of decency and morality.

There is a general perception among the people that the act has not been carried out by a single person but a group. As such the people demand that all the culprits need to be accounted for their actions and nobody should be left out in this respect. Since the police officers have assured that the investigations in the case will be taken to the logical conclusion people hope and expect that this would be done and that too swiftly.

At the same time, it is important that the parents keep a track of their children and their activities on a daily basis. There is an old saying that a person is known by the company he or she keeps. In such a scenario it is imperative to get details of the friends or accomplices of a child. Once there is suspicion about a particular child the same needs to be reported so that the particular child is reformed.

Eid-ul-Adha, Patience, and the Legacy of Paul Alexander: A Lesson for a Restless Generation



AUBAID AKHOON

Every year, the blessed occasion of Eid-ul-Adha arrives with the fragrance of sacrifice, obedience, patience, and unwavering faith. Animals are sacrificed across the world, families gather in joy, and Takbeer echoes through the air. Yet beyond the rituals lies a deeper message that many hearts fail to absorb. Eid-ul-Adha is not merely about slaughtering an animal; it is about slaughtering pride, laziness, hopelessness, selfish desires, and every attachment that distances us from Almighty Allah.

Many years ago, Hazrat Ibrahim made a choice that transformed human history forever. He loved his son deeply, yet he loved Allah more. When the divine command came to sacrifice his beloved son, he submitted without hesitation. But Allah Almighty did not intend to take away his son; rather, He intended to remove every attachment that could compete with love for the Creator.

And this is the beauty of sacrifice: when a believer lets go of worldly attachment for the sake of Allah, what is returned becomes purer, more blessed, and more meaningful.

Thus, in these sacred days of sacrifice, every believer must ask:

- Which attachment must I sacrifice?
- Is it laziness?
- Is it arrogance?
- Is it hopelessness?
- Is it the unhealthy obsession with comfort and easy success?

Or is it the endless complaining despite countless blessings? The great acts of worship in Islam—Hajj, Umrah, the Day of Arafah, Eid-ul-Adha, Al-Udhiyyah, and Ayyam-ut-Tashriq—all trace their spiritual roots back to the family of Prophet Ibrahim. Yet many people know the rituals without understanding the struggles behind them.

Before becoming "Imam-un-Nas" — a leader for humanity — Prophet Ibrahim (AS) endured unimaginable trials. He was thrown into the fire, abandoned by his people, separated from his family, and tested repeatedly by Allah Almighty. But every trial only elevated his rank because he responded with patience and complete trust in Allah.

One of the most touching chapters of his life was his longing for a righteous child. It is narrated that Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) was around eighty-six years old, while Hazrat Hajira (AS) had also reached old age. For years, they remained deprived of children. Yet Ibrahim (AS) never allowed despair to overcome his faith. He continued to raise his hands sincerely before Allah Almighty, and eventually Allah blessed him with righteous offspring whose legacy continues to illuminate the world.

This incident alone is a timeless message for

humanity, especially for those couples who silently endure the pain of childlessness. In a society where many lose hope after exhausting treatments and worldly means, the life of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) teaches us that despair has no place in the heart of a believer. Delays are not denials. Allah's timing is beyond human understanding.

Patience does not mean weakness; patience means trusting Allah even when the heart is tired. The Qur'an beautifully explains the spirit of sacrifice:

"Say: Indeed, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds."

This is the true essence of Eid-ul-Adha — dedicating one's desires, ambitions, wealth, comfort, and even life itself for the pleasure of Allah Almighty.

And when we reflect upon this message, another inspiring life from our modern age comes to mind — the life of Paul Alexander.

Paul Alexander was not a prophet, nor a king, nor a wealthy ruler. He was an ordinary man who became extraordinary through patience and perseverance. Struck by polio at the age of six, he spent most of his life trapped inside an iron lung, unable to breathe naturally like ordinary people. Imagine the pain, helplessness, and isolation he endured for decades. Many healthy people break down mentally over minor inconveniences, yet this man continued to live with courage despite being confined inside a machine.

What makes his story remarkable is not merely survival but contribution. Despite his condition, Paul Alexander pursued education, became a lawyer, wrote books, inspired millions, and transformed his suffering into motivation for humanity.

He could have surrendered to despair. He could have spent life complaining. He could have blamed destiny. But he chose gratitude over bitterness. And herein lies the painful contrast with many among today's youth.

There are young men blessed with health, strength, education, mobility, and opportunity, yet they remain idle for years, waiting only for a government job with less workload and a high salary. They reject honest labor, private work, business, skill development, freelancing, agriculture, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship because modern society has wrongly convinced them that dignity only exists in comfort. This mindset is dangerous.

A generation addicted to ease can never build a strong society.

The tragedy today is not unemployment alone; it is the death of initiative. Many wait endlessly for opportunities instead of creating them. They spend years criticizing systems while refusing to improve themselves. Social media consumes their energy, comfort weakens their ambition, and comparison destroys their peace.

But Eid-ul-Adha teaches something entirely different.

It teaches sacrifice before success. Patience before reward. Effort before achievement.

Prophet Ibrahim (AS) waited decades before receiving the blessing of a child.

Hazrat Hajira (AS) ran desperately between Safa and Marwah before Zamzam emerged.

Hazrat Ismail (AS) submitted himself calmly before sacrifice.

And Paul Alexander struggled every single day simply to breathe.

Compared to such examples, many of our complaints appear embarrassingly small.

The real disability is not physical weakness; the real disability is a defeated mindset. A person can be trapped inside a machine and still inspire the world, while another may possess complete physical freedom yet waste life in laziness and excuses.

Eid-ul-Adha reminds us that greatness demands sacrifice. Sometimes the sacrifice is wealth. Sometimes comfort. Sometimes ego. Sometimes unhealthy attachment to status and luxury. And sometimes, the greatest sacrifice is sacrificing the habit of waiting helplessly while life slips away.

Allah Almighty has blessed many of us with healthy bodies, functioning limbs, supportive families, and opportunities that millions can only dream of. Yet gratitude is absent from our lives. We complain more than we appreciate. We desire more than we strive.

True gratitude is not spoken only by the tongue saying "Alhamdulillah." Real gratitude is using Allah's blessings responsibly and productively.

A healthy youth wasting his years in idleness while demanding luxury is not honoring the blessings Allah has bestowed upon him.

The story of Paul Alexander and the legacy of Ibrahim together deliver a timeless lesson to humanity:

Patience is power. Sacrifice is elevation. Hardship is not the end of life.

And sincere trust in Allah can transform impossible situations into miracles.

As Eid-ul-Adha approaches, let every young person reflect deeply:

What are we sacrificing for success? What are we doing with the health, time, and abilities Allah has given us?

Are we building ourselves, our families, and our society? Or are we merely waiting for comfort while opportunities pass silently?

History never remembers those who only complained.

It remembers those who struggled despite pain.

May this Eid-ul-Adha awaken within us the spirit of sacrifice, patience, gratitude, and determination. May Allah Almighty protect us from laziness, hopelessness, and arrogance, and grant us the strength to live meaningful lives filled with purpose, dignity, and sincere effort.

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Celebration of Eid ul Adha-2025

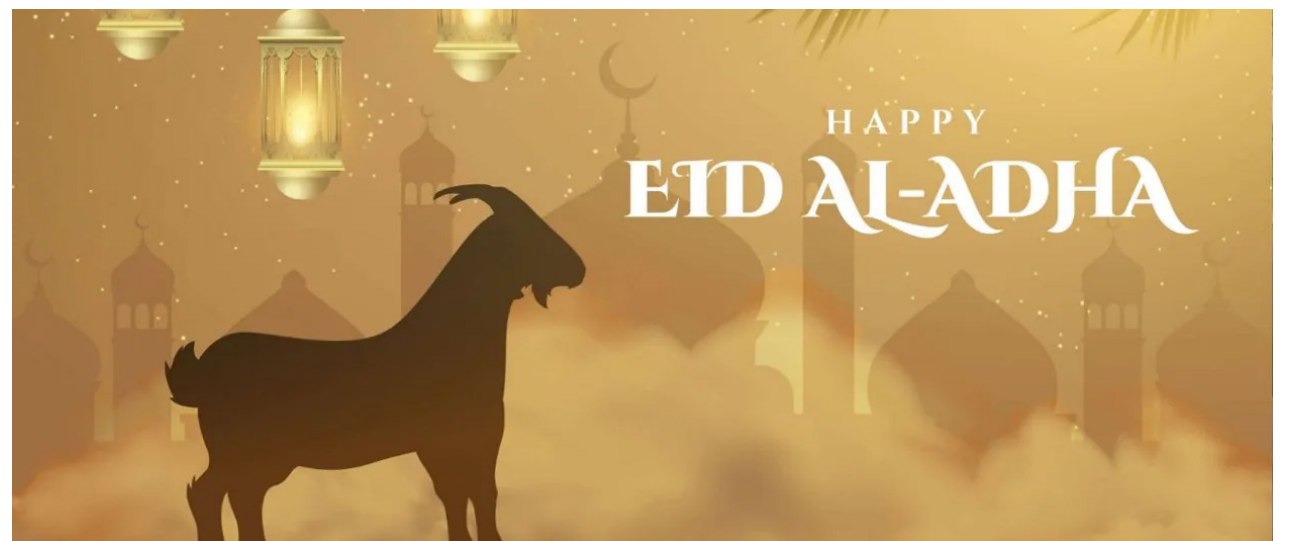


SAHIL MANZOOR

Eid ul Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, is celebrated with great fervour and devotion on the 10th of Zil Hajj every year, according to the Islamic calendar. This sacred month holds immense significance as it is during Zil Hajj that Hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam, is performed by millions of Muslims in Makkah.

Eid ul Adha commemorates the profound story of faith and obedience of Prophet Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) and his son Hazrat Ismail (AS). According to the Holy Quran, Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) saw in a dream that Allah commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son. Initially, he hesitated, thinking it might be just a dream, but when the vision recurred for several nights, he realized it was a divine command and decided to submit to Allah's will.

As he prepared to carry out this act of supreme obedience, the devil tried



to dissuade him. In response, Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) pelted stones at him, an act that is symbolically reenacted by pilgrims during Hajj at the ritual of Ramyal-Jamarat. When Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) was about to sacrifice his son, Allah, in His mercy, sent Angel Jibreel (AS) with a ram from Paradise to be sacrificed instead. This miraculous event marked the triumph of faith, submission, and devotion.

Muslims across the globe celebrate Eid ul Adha in remembrance of this noble event. The day begins with

Ghusl (ritual purification) and special Eid prayers held at Masjids and Eidgahs. The central ritual is the Qurbani (sacrifice) of animals such as sheep, goats, or camels, following the Sunnah of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS). The meat is then distributed into three parts: one for the family, one for relatives and friends, and one for the poor and needy.

Beyond the rituals, Eid ul Adha is a time of unity, sharing, and compassion. Muslims greet one another with "Eid Mubarak", wishing for peace,

blessings, and happiness. Families come together, share meals, and offer prayers for the well-being of all.

This festival not only strengthens the spiritual bond with Allah but also teaches lessons of sacrifice, generosity, and the importance of putting divine will above all.

May this Eid bring peace, prosperity, and unity to the entire Muslim Ummah.

Eid Mubarak!

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The Fight Beyond the Ring



■ **M S NAZKI**

■ The Spirit of Boxing

"The same hand that can write a beautiful poem can knock you out with one punch." Few sports capture the blend of artistry, courage, pain, rhythm, and discipline quite like boxing. It is not merely a contest of fists but a battle of endurance, character, and survival.

Boxing teaches one eternal lesson: defeat is not when you fall, but when you refuse to rise again. Every boxer enters the ring carrying fear, hope, struggle, and determination. Rhythm, patience, and mental strength often matter more than brute force.

■ A Journey Through History

Boxing is among the oldest combat sports in human civilization. Its origins date back over 3,000 years to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, where early carvings depicted fist-fighting contests.

The sport became part of the ancient Olympic Games in Greece in 688 BCE. Fighters used leather straps around their hands and fought until one man surrendered. The Romans later transformed boxing into brutal gladiatorial combat with metal-studded gloves. Modern boxing emerged in 17th-century England through bare-knuckle prize fighting. In 1743, champion Jack Broughton introduced the first formal rules to reduce fatalities. The real revolution arrived in 1867 with the Marquess of Queensberry Rules, which established gloves, timed rounds, weight divisions, and knockout counts — forming the basis of modern boxing.

■ Legends of the Ring

Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, boxing became a global spectacle shaped by extraordinary champions.

Muhammad Ali redefined the sport with his speed, charisma, and unforgettable battles. Mike Tyson brought explosive power, while Floyd Mayweather Jr. retired undefeated with a perfect 50-0 record.

Other legendary names include Manny Pacquiao, Sugar Ray Robinson, Joe Louis, Roberto Durán, Rocky Marciano, Jack Johnson, and Sugar Ray Leonard — athletes who transformed boxing into an art form.

■ Love Beyond the Ring

Behind many champions stands someone who keeps them fighting.

One such fictional story is of Leo, a boxer on the verge of quitting, and Maya,

A real-life example is the inspiring journey of Mary Kom and her husband Onler Kom. Before Mary Kom became a global icon, she struggled financially to continue training. Onler supported her through every hardship, later sacrificing his own career to manage their family while she represented India internationally

the woman who reminded him that true strength lies in rising after every fall. Her faith restored his confidence, eventually leading him to championship glory.

A real-life example is the inspiring journey of Mary Kom and her husband Onler Kom. Before Mary Kom became a global icon, she struggled financially to continue training. Onler supported her through every hardship, later sacrificing his own career to manage their family while she represented India internationally. Their partnership became one of Indian sport's most inspiring love stories.

■ Boxing in Rajouri

In recent years, boxing has emerged as a powerful sporting movement in Rajouri. The establishment of a dedicated boxing facility at Rajouri Sports Stadium under the Khelo India initiative around 2023 changed the sporting landscape of the region.

The district, once lacking major sports infrastructure, slowly transformed into a promising hub of boxing talent.

■ The Spark: The Rise of Mohd Yasir

The sport's popularity and local pride were cemented by the remarkable story of Mohd Yasir.

Yasir's journey began in extreme hardship. After losing his father and family home, he worked odd jobs — including cooking for MBBS students and domestic work — to support his family while continuing rigorous boxing training.

His talent was identified by local coach Ishaiq Malik, who brought Yasir and his

younger brother into the Khelo India training programme.

■ From Struggle to Glory

Yasir's determination soon produced historic results. In 2025, he won a gold medal at the Sub-Junior National Boxing Championship in Noida, defeating top contenders and bringing national attention to Rajouri.

His rise continued internationally when he represented India at the U-15 Asian Boxing Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, securing another gold medal in the 58 kg category. Raised by his mother Naseem Akhtar under severe financial constraints, Yasir became a symbol of resilience for the Pir Panjal region. His achievements inspired hundreds of local youngsters to take up boxing.

■ Government Recognition and Support

Recognizing his extraordinary success, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Commissioner Secretary of Youth Services & Sports, awarded Yasir a Rs 2 lakh cash prize along with a Rs 1 lakh scholarship to support his training and education. The honour reflected not only Yasir's individual achievement but also the growing importance of boxing in Jammu and Kashmir.

■ The Role of the Indian Army

The Indian Army has also played a transformative role in promoting boxing in Rajouri and nearby border areas.

Through grassroots tournaments, youth outreach programmes, and anti-drug campaigns under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the Army has encouraged local youth to embrace sports as a path toward discipline and purpose. The Army, in collaboration with Khelo India centres and local administration, has helped provide training, infrastructure, equipment, and mentorship to aspiring athletes.

■ A New Sporting Identity

Rajouri today is increasingly being recognised for producing boxing talent capable of competing at national and international levels. The rise of young champions like Mohd Yasir has placed the district firmly on the sporting map. His journey from poverty and hardship to Asian glory stands as proof that determination can overcome even the harshest circumstances.

■ Final Bell

In the ring of life, no opponent can strike harder than life itself. Boxing teaches resilience, courage, sacrifice, and hope. The true champion is not simply the one who throws the strongest punch, but the one who rises every time life knocks him down.

That is the real fight. Think it over.

THE UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF Eid-ul-Adha



■ **RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR**

Eid-ul-Adha is one of the greatest religious, spiritual, and ethical festivals of Muslims, celebrated every year on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah with deep devotion, enthusiasm, and religious fervor. This festival is not merely about joy, new clothes, delicious meals, and the ritual of sacrifice; rather, behind it lies a profound philosophy of selflessness, obedience, patience, sincerity, and human compassion.

Eid-ul-Adha commemorates the unparalleled sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and Prophet Ismail (AS). When Allah Almighty commanded Prophet Ibrahim (AS) through a dream to sacrifice his beloved son in the way of Allah, he accepted the command without hesitation. On the other hand, Prophet Ismail (AS) also submitted himself wholeheartedly and willingly before the command of Allah. This event teaches humanity that the highest form of devotion is to sacrifice one's desires, attachments, and personal interests for the pleasure of Allah.

The true philosophy of sacrifice does not merely lie in slaughtering an animal; rather, it is about sacrificing one's ego, pride, selfishness, greed, and negative desires for the sake of Allah. If a person sacrifices an animal while arrogance, jealousy, oppression, falsehood, and injustice still remain in the heart, then the true spirit of sacrifice cannot be attained. The Holy Qur'an beautifully explains this reality:

"Neither their meat nor their

blood reaches Allah, but what reaches Him is your piety."

This verse clearly signifies that sacrifice is not simply an outward ritual but a means of attaining purity of heart, sincerity of intention, and righteousness.

Eid-ul-Adha also conveys the message of social equality and human compassion. The distribution of sacrificial meat among relatives, neighbors, friends, and especially the poor and needy aims to ensure that the underprivileged sections of society also share in the joy and happiness of the occasion. Islam envisions a society where happiness is not confined to the wealthy alone but reaches every individual.

Furthermore, sacrifice instills in us the spirit of selflessness and collective responsibility. It teaches us to rise above our personal comforts and become sensitive to the needs, sufferings, and welfare of others. Such values lay the foundation of a healthy, balanced, and civilized society.

In today's materialistic age, the message of Eid-ul-Adha has become more relevant than ever before. As people increasingly become absorbed in selfishness, material pursuits, and worldly competition while neglecting moral values, sacrifice reminds us that true success does not lie in wealth and abundance but in obedience to Allah, moral excellence, and service to humanity.

In conclusion, the true philosophy of Eid-ul-Adha and sacrifice lies in obedience to Allah, sincerity, selflessness, piety, love for humanity, and self-purification. If we incorporate these noble objectives of sacrifice into our practical lives, not only will our worship become meaningful, but our society can also become a cradle of peace, love, equality, and mutual compassion.

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People returning again on wooden cots

A renaissance of tradition, health and the environment amidst modern lifestyles



■ **DR. SATYAVAN SAURABH**

There was a time when wooden cots were an integral part of life in Indian homes, courtyards, community halls, and fields. From morning tea to nighttime sleep, the cot was not just a piece of furniture but the center of social, cultural, and family life. But as the influence of modernity increased, urbanization gained momentum, and new types of beds, sofa-cum-beds, and expensive mattresses began to appear on the market, the cot gradually began to disappear from homes. It was considered archaic, rural, and a symbol of backwardness. But the wheel of time is turning once again. Today, people are returning to the wooden cot. This return is not just a return to a traditional object, but also a symbol of changing attitudes towards life, awareness of health, and the search for balance with nature.

The cot has a long history in Indian society. It is also known by names like charpai, manji, or khatiya. This structure, made of a sturdy wooden frame and woven with ropes or strips, formed the foundation of Indian life for centuries. Cots were the hallmark of village community gatherings. Family elders made decisions while sitting on cots, farmers rested on them after a hard day's work, and children

grew up playing and playing on them. It was not only a means of rest but also a platform for social dialogue. Even today, discussions held on cots in rural India are considered the most spontaneous and natural expression of democratic dialogue.

The past few decades have seen significant lifestyle changes. People have embraced modern furniture as a symbol of progress and prosperity. Large beds, thick mattresses, and attractively designed furniture have become essential household items. Advertisements have also convinced people that comfort lies only in expensive mattresses and modern beds. As a result, the cot gradually faded from use. But now, as people face health problems, increased stress, and the adverse effects of a sedentary lifestyle, they are beginning to reconsider traditional options they once abandoned.

The biggest reason for the popularity of wooden cots is their health benefits. Modern lifestyles have rapidly increased back pain, neck pain, and spinal problems. Sleeping on overly soft mattresses has proven uncomfortable for many. In contrast, the frame of a cot provides balanced support. The cot, woven from ropes, distributes body weight evenly, reducing unnecessary pressure on the spine. Even today, many elderly people in rural areas appear to be in good physical condition due to years of sleeping on cots. Although each person's health needs vary, cots are considered a natural and balanced means of rest.

In India, where the climate is hot, the usefulness of a cot is even greater. Foam and spring mattresses often trap body heat, increasing discomfort in summer. In contrast, a cot allows for airflow both above and below the bed. This natural

ventilation cools the body and improves sleep quality. This feature of a cot becomes especially important in an era of increasing electricity consumption and dependence on air conditioners.

The importance of cots is also increasing from an environmental perspective. Today, the world is talking about sustainable development and environmental protection. The modern furniture industry widely uses plastic, synthetic foam, and chemicals, which have adverse environmental impacts. In contrast, cots made from wood and natural ropes are relatively eco-friendly. They last longer, are easily repaired, and most of their parts can be recycled or decomposed naturally. At a time when people are becoming more sensitive to the environment, cots are seen as a sustainable option.

One reason for the return of the khat is economic. The prices of expensive furniture and branded mattresses are constantly rising. On the other hand, khats made by local artisans are relatively inexpensive and durable. Khats are still available at low cost in rural and semi-urban areas. They can last for years and can be refurbished by replacing the ropes when needed. Thus, the khat is not only a cultural heritage but also an economically viable option.

Interestingly, the return of the khat isn't limited to rural areas. Even in larger cities, people are embracing it in new forms. Interior designers have begun reimagining the traditional khat with a modern aesthetic. Many homes today feature khats as both decorative and functional pieces in balconies, gardens, terraces, or living spaces. Resorts, cafes, and homestays are also incorporating

khats into their premises to offer customers a desi and traditional experience. This demonstrates how blending tradition and modernity is possible.

Social media has also played a significant role in increasing the popularity of the khat. Today, themes like "sustainable living," "slow life," "desi lifestyle," and "return to the roots" are gaining popularity among young people. People share photos of the khat in their homes and farmhouses. Many young people, who once considered the khat a village-only item, now see it as a part of their lifestyle and identity. This change indicates that the new generation is viewing its cultural heritage from a new perspective.

The khat holds no less cultural significance. It is frequently mentioned in Indian literature, folk songs, and films. It has been a symbol of rural life, intimacy, and togetherness. When family members sat together on the khat and conversed, communication evolved naturally. Today, in the digital age, where people are often preoccupied with mobile screens even while living in the same home, communal seating spaces like the khat can once again become a medium for social closeness.

However, the return of the cot doesn't mean that modern furniture has become completely irrelevant. Modern life demands different demands, and modern beds may be more convenient in many situations. However, the growing popularity of cots does indicate that people are increasingly prioritizing not just convenience, but also health, the environment, and cultural connection. They are seeking alternatives that can make life more balanced and natural.

In fact, the return of the khat is part of

a broader social shift in which people are striving to return to their roots. Whether it's traditional food, organic farming, pottery, or wooden khats—people are now realizing that development doesn't just mean adopting new technologies. Development also means understanding traditions that have stood the test of time and have the potential to make life simpler, healthier, and balanced.

Today, as the world changes rapidly and life becomes ever more complex, the wooden cot offers a message of simplicity. It reminds us that comfort can be achieved not only through expensive means, but also through a lifestyle in harmony with nature. The return to the cot is a sign that society is beginning to re-value its cultural memories, traditional knowledge, and environmental understanding.

The cot may never again become a staple in every home in the years to come, but its renaissance certainly proves that tradition never completely disappears. As the challenges of modern life increase, society often seeks solutions within its roots. The return of the wooden cot is a story of this search—a story that encompasses health, the environment, culture, and the desire to make life more humane.

This is why people today are returning to wooden cots. They are not simply adopting an old piece of furniture, but are reviving a philosophy of life based on simplicity, balance, intimacy, and harmony with nature. This is the ultimate meaning and greatest achievement of this return.

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Myntra's EORS goes live from May 29 with 6 million trend-first fashion, beauty, lifestyle products

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, MAY 26: Advancing its role as a growth catalyst for India's e-lifestyle ecosystem, Myntra has announced the 24th edition of End of Reason Sale (EORS), starting May 29, with early VIP access on May 28. Featuring 6 million+ styles, the event will further strengthen Myntra's role as a growth enabler for India's fashion and lifestyle ecosystem, creating scaled opportunities for emerging brands while bringing trend-first selection, compelling value and convenience to millions of customers across the country.

A spokesperson of the company said that among the thousands of global, domestic and homegrown D2C brands, 15,000 emerging brands, including 5,000 making their EORS debut, will leverage the platform's technology, creator ecosystem and nationwide reach to connect with millions of customers across India. EORS continues to serve as a growth enabler, driving heightened demand for emerging brands through enhanced visibility, new selection launches and category expansion.

These brands will bring nearly 13 lakh styles across apparel, footwear, accessories and more. Myntra's advanced technology enables a suite of capabilities, including search and shopping insights to decode trends and demand patterns, simplified performance dashboards and a dedicated partner support team to guide the brands in their e-commerce journey with Myntra.

This edition of EORS will offer 6 million+ styles from thousands of international, domestic and homegrown brands, giving customers access to a wide selection across fashion, beauty and lifestyle. The edition is expected to see strong traction across Men's Casual Wear, Women's Ethnic Wear, Women's Western Wear, Workwear, Sports Footwear, Accessories, and Beauty & Personal Care, driven by the summer season, travel, work, college, weddings, and holiday-style upgrades. Several popular brands expected to see increased traction include Levi's, Nike, adidas, H&M, MANGO, L'Oreal, Lakme, Libas, Decathlon, New Balance, GUESS, ASICS, Wrogn, US Polo Assn., Puma, and Rare Rabbit, among others.

This edition will also offer the best of Beauty & Personal Care, with 2.25 lakh+ styles spanning makeup, skincare, haircare, and personal care, bringing together D2C favourites, international brands, luxe labels, and K-Beauty cult picks. Customers can shop from a line-up including MAC, Bobbi Brown, LUSH, Beauty of Joseon, L'Oréal, The Ordinary, Plum Bodylovin', Medicube, Foxtale, and many more. Along with the breadth of choice, Myntra Beauty's tech-enabled tools are designed to make beauty shopping more intuitive and simpler. The platform's AI-powered Skin Analyser allows customers to discover products tailored to their specific skin needs, while the Virtual Try-On feature takes personalisation a step further by enabling customers to test multiple products, making it easier than ever to find the perfect look this season.

The mega shopping event will also introduce 100+ new brands across all major categories. Some of the new launches include Kate Spade, Bardot, Longchamp, Aston Martin watches, ELF Beauty, Seapuri, Chloe, Pierre Cardin Bags, STRV, VAHRO, Sparklepop, Juicy Couture, Saucony, Anta, Gully Labs, Mile Collective, and Official FIFA Jerseys, among others.

Furthermore, Myntra's Rising Stars, a program built specifically for made-in-India D2C brands, is bringing new launches, including Woomn, RAJAM, Saint Peach, House of Fitness, Mayurie, Indo Aura, Femaura Crafts and House of Doras, among others.

Adding to the thrill, FWD, Myntra's Gen-Z proposition, will feature over 700K+ trend-first styles from brands including SZN, Freakins, Bonkers Corner, Glitchez, Anouk Rustic, Lulu & Sky, KPOP, Outzider, among many others. Myntra Insiders, members of the loyalty program, can get early access to EORS at just Rs 9, while non-insiders can purchase VIP access at just Rs 19. VIP access also includes other benefits such as an extra 5% off on prepaid orders, extra 10% off on popular brands during Early Access, Cleartrip coupons, VIP-only weekend deals and much more.

Customers can get 10 percent instant savings on HDFC Bank credit cards and easy EMI, and 10% extra savings on Flipkart Axis Bank and SBI credit cards.

EORS will also feature high-engagement formats such as Treasure Hunt, Brand of the Day, Grab or Gone, Midnight Steal, EORS Specials, and VIP-only deals.

Myntra's hyper-speed delivery service, M-Now, present in 11 cities currently, will continue to be a key convenience driver for shoppers wanting their EORS orders immediately. Powered by 90+ dark stores, with 1 lakh+ styles across fashion, beauty, accessories, and home, M-Now will enable shoppers across Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Patna, Jaipur, Lucknow, and Ahmedabad to expect their orders starting just 30 minutes. As customers navigate a busy period of weddings, social gatherings, and last-minute travel plans, M-Now comes in handy with trend-first options, ensuring they never miss out on the perfect look, even at the very last minute.

Speaking about the 24th edition of EORS, Ritesh Mishra, SVP, Head of Revenue & Category, Myntra, said, "Over the years, EORS has evolved into one of India's most anticipated shopping events and an important growth platform, augmenting income and creating employment opportunities, for the country's fashion and lifestyle ecosystem. The scale of participation from emerging brands, creator communities and customers reflects the increasing strength of India's digital commerce landscape. Through our technology, logistics and creator ecosystem, we remain committed to supporting brands of all sizes to access national demand while delivering a differentiated shopping experience for customers."

To elevate discovery and engagement, Myntra will continue to tap into its extensive social commerce ecosystem. With over 6 million shopper creators registered on Myntra's Ultimate Glam Clan and more than 12 million content pieces created within the ecosystem, influencers and creators from across the country will curate themed looks and styling inspiration tailored for the season. These formats continue to see strong participation from Gen Z and millennials, reaffirming Myntra's leadership in driving interactive, entertainment-led shopping journeys.

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E-NIT NO: 79 OF 2026-27 | DATED: - 23/05/2026

E-NIT No. 79 Tender ID 2026_HDP_310789_1 dated 23-05-2026

Note: All the Bidding Process will be done on www.jktenders.gov.in
Subject: National Tender for Import of rootstock of Pear under the Project "Production of Designer Plants for Promotion of High-Density Plantation and Rejuvenation of Orchards" for Public Sector Nurseries under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Director Horticulture, Kashmir invites bids/offers from reputed and registered fruit plant Nursery Growers/Suppliers/Importers for supply of imported Rootstock of Pear as detailed in Table-A.

**Table-A
(Root Stock)**

S. No	Kind	Rootstock Required	Nos. to be imported	Location where to be supplied/Multiplied/quarantined	Remarks
1	Pear	Quince BA 29C, Quince-C, Quince-A	80000 (total): Quince-BA 29C= 40000, Quince-C= 20000, Quince-A =20000.	ACHD Zainapora	Preferably all the rootstocks are required, however if any of the rootstocks is not available. The whole quantity may be supplied of the available one(s)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Tender Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below in Table B: -

(Table-B)

Date of issue of Tender Notice/Publish Date	23-05-2026
Start date of downloading of bidding documents	23-05-2026
Date of pre-bid meeting for clarification of queries, if any.	00-05-2026
Clarification Start Date	23-05-2026
Clarification End Date	25-05-2026
Bid Submission Start Date	25-05-2026
Bid submission End Date	13-06-2026
End date for receiving the Original Copies of Demand Drafts.	15-06-2026
Date & time of opening of technical bids (online)	15-06-2026

Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process.

- I. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "bidder Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint with the bid submission process.
- II. To participate in bidding process, bidder has to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
- III. The Tender Process comprises of two Bid system i.e. Technical and Financial Bids. Initially, only the technical bids shall be opened on the stipulated date of opening of bids. After that, the technical bids evaluation shall be done to ascertain whether and how many bids are meeting the eligibility, qualification criteria and technical aspects. Opening of financial bids and their evaluation will be done in respect of only those bids which were submitted by those Bidders whose technical bid are declared successful after the evaluation process.
- IV. The bidder has to submit complete bids online in electronic format with digital signature. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents with the technical bid. However, a copy of technical bid as uploaded and a copy of Demand Draft (DD) of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) as tender cost along with Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) amounting to Rs.6.00 Lakh (Rupees Six Lakhs) both pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir shall be submitted in physical form by registered post/ through courier before the date specified in Table-B above.
- V. No copy of financial bids shall be enclosed with Technical Bids.
- VI. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table-B above.

Sd/- (J. A. Bhat) Deputy Director (C)

DIPK: 1631/26 | Dated: 26-05-2026

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Salia, Anantnag, J&K (192129)

Tribal Affairs Department Jammu Kashmir

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India

(National Education Society for Tribal Students)

EMRS SALIA LATERAL ENTRY TEST 2026-27 RESULT NOTIFICATION

This institution Issued notification through print media vide No: - EMRS/S/2026/141-147 Dated: -01/04/2026 for inviting applications from the eligible candidates of union territory of Jammu and Kashmir for admission to class VII, VII, IX in accordance with National Education Society for Tribal students (NESTS) guidelines issued vide F.NO: - NESTS/EMRS/ADMISSION/140/21-22/1545, Dated 11/02/2025. Last date of submission of application forms was 20/04/2025.

Entrance test was conducted on 05/05/2026 at EMRS Salia.

Separate merit cum selection lists for Block, District and UT level for Boys and Girls of each class were framed as per intake capacity/Vacancy positions. Wherever the applications received for block level were less than the actual vacancy, the remaining seats were filled from District level/UT level as per the merit in EMRSLT. Wherever the applications received surpassed the intake capacity/actual vacancy, seats shall be filled strictly as per the merit in the EMRSLT.

S.No	Class	Vacancy	Applications received	Total Selections made / seats filled	Seats which remained unfilled	Schedule for Document verification & completing Admission related formalities	Documents to be produced at the time of Admission. (Bring complete set of photocopies of the documents, Also Bring original documents for verification)
1	7th Boys	06	39	06	0	1-10 June, 2026 10:00 - 02:00 PM (working Days only)	1. Valid Category/ST Certificate. 2. School leaving certificate (Mention PEN) 3. Domicile Certificate. 4. Last Year Marks Card. 5. Aadhar Card 6. Golden Card 7. Ration Card 8.4 Passport size photographs 9. Bank Pass Book 9. Blood group report 10. Working mobile/ email ID of parents. 11. Any other certificate/affidavit, if required. 12. Medical fitness certificate as NESTS proforma
2	7th Girls	07	33	07	0		
3	8th Boys	06	43	06	0		
4	8th Girls	05	21	05	0		
5	9th Boys	03	28	03	0		
6	9th Girls	03	18	03	0		
7	Total	30	182	30	0		

If any seat remains unoccupied due to non-joining of selectees by the due date or becomes vacant later due to one or the other reason during the current academic year (2026-27), the same shall be filled from the waiting list as per the merit.

The selection lists and Waiting lists form the annexures to this Result Notification.

No: EMRS/S/2026/241-47

Dated: 25-05-26

Sd/- Additional Deputy
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DC Budgam reviews Eid-ul-Adha, Muharram-ul-Harram arrangements

Directs departments to ensure uninterrupted essential services, smooth public facilitation across district

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM, MAY 26: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, today chaired a follow-up review meeting of officers from various departments to assess the arrangements being put in place across the district for Eid-ul-Adha and the ensuing holy month of Muharram-ul-Harram.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed preparations related to transport, sanitation, uninterrupted water and power supply, healthcare services, market regulation and availability of essential commodities to ensure smooth observance of the religious occasions.

A detailed discussion was also held regarding arrangements required for the smooth and peaceful conduct of processions and majalis during Muharram-ul-Harram.

The DC reviewed various aspects including scheduled power and water supply, repair and surface levelling of key roads and link roads, timely distribution of ration, LPG and firewood, sanitation measures, installation and restoration of street lights, healthcare fa-

cilities, transport and traffic management, besides other essential services.

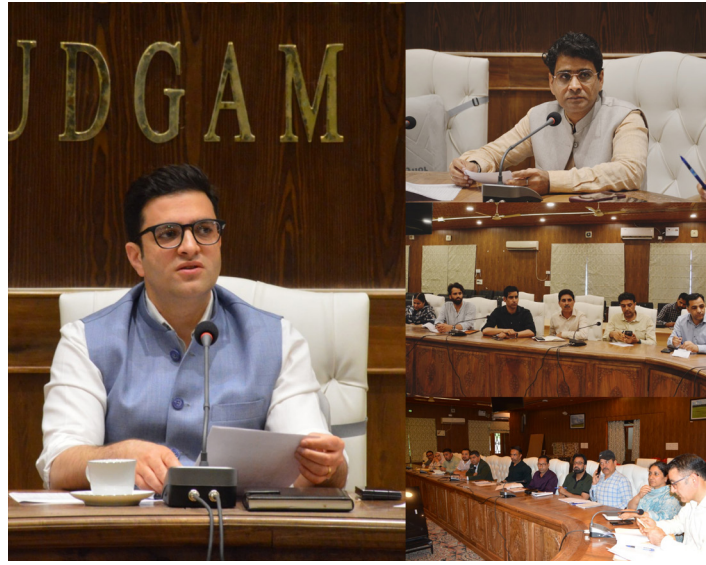
The DC directed concerned departments to ensure all necessary arrangements are put in place well in advance to facilitate the public and avoid inconvenience during Eid-ul-Adha and Muharram-ul-Harram.

The Power Development Department was directed to ensure smooth and scheduled power supply, while the Jal Shakti Department was instructed to maintain uninterrupted drinking water supply and ensure availability of water tankers across all subdivisions of the district.

Municipal authorities and Urban Local Bodies were instructed to undertake comprehensive sanitation drives around mosques, shrines, Eidgahs and major congregation points in coordination with local committees.

Executive Officers of Municipal Committees were also directed to ensure proper installation and maintenance of street lights well ahead of Muharram.

The Health Department was asked to keep ambulances and



medical teams available at major congregation points and during processions and gatherings.

Forest Department was asked to ensure adequate supply of firewood, while the FCS&CA Department was directed to ensure advance distribution of ration.

Cooperatives Department was instructed to make rice, sugar and other essential commodities available through temporary outlets across the district.

Animal and Sheep Husbandry Departments were instructed to ensure adequate availability of poultry and sacrificial animals at notified locations and approved rates for the convenience of the public.

Directions were also issued for proper disposal and scientific management of offal and animal waste to maintain hygiene and cleanliness.

R&B Department and Urban Local Bodies were directed to complete road repairs, drainage clearance and related works in

advance. ARTO Budgam was instructed to formulate a comprehensive transportation plan for major centres across the district.

Emphasising strict market regulation, the DC directed joint market checking teams comprising officials from Revenue, Food Safety, FCS&CA, Municipal Council, Legal Metrology and Police departments to intensify inspections to ensure quality and fair pricing of essential commodities including mutton, poultry, vegetables, fruits, bakery and confectionery items.

Stressing coordinated efforts and proactive public facilitation, the DC instructed all SDMs and concerned officers to closely monitor arrangements on the ground and remain available for grievance redressal and public assistance at all times.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Budgam Vivek Agarwal; CPO Budgam Javaid Ahmad Najari; all SDMs, SE Hydraulic Circle Budgam, ACD, ACP, CMO, Executive Engineers of R&B, PDD and PHE, Tehsildars, Executive Officers, ARTO, officers from Police, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Jal Shakti and other line departments.

DC Ramban chairs NCORD meeting, reviews anti-drug measures under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

RAMBAN, MAY 26: A meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) was held today at Ramban under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan to review ongoing anti-narcotics measures and strengthen coordinated efforts to curb drug abuse across the district under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan.

SSP Arun Gupta, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, Chief Medical Officer Kamal Zadu, CHO, Tehsildar, DSWO, BDO, Drug Control Officer and officers from various enforcement and line departments attended the meeting. Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Tehsildars and other concerned officers participated through virtual mode.

Reviewing the implementation of directions issued in the previous meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Drug Inspector to take strict action in close coordination with the concerned Tehsildars and Police Department, besides intensifying enforcement drives.

He directed the SDMs, Tehsildars and Excise Department to maintain strict vigil on illegal poppy and cannabis cultivation and take immediate action wherever such cultivation is detected. He called for innovative interventions and focused analysis to understand the root causes leading youth towards substance abuse and ensure strict surveillance in vulnerable areas.

Reviewing the functioning of the Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) at District Hospital Ramban, the DC directed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure proper functioning of the IPD facility and provide quality medical care, counselling and follow-up support for effective rehabilitation and prevention of relapse.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress achieved by various departments under the ongoing 100-day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir campaign and directed officers to implement all scheduled activities in a time-bound manner.

He directed the ACD to strengthen the functioning of Panchayat Level Monitoring Committees and Panchayat-level Mahila Samitis across the district.

The DC directed the DSWO to submit details of events conducted by the Nodal Officers in their allotted Panchayats under the campaign.

All concerned officers were instructed to intensify awareness under the 'Nasha Mukht Abhiyan' through IEC activities in both government and private institutions. The Excise Department was directed to prepare a comprehensive awareness plan to educate the public about the ill effects of drug abuse.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure capacity building of resource persons from schools at Panchayat level, GHSSs, GHSS, GDCs, GPC Ramban, Anganwadi workers and members of Self Help Groups for generating mass awareness.

The ACD and DSWO were directed to make youth clubs active and involve their services in the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan.

The SSP suggested various measures to make society drug-free and emphasised the need for coordinated efforts among all departments.

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for upcoming Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra 2026

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

KISHTWAR, MAY 26: Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma today convened a review meeting to finalize preparations for the upcoming Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra 2026. The review meeting focused on ensuring the smooth conduct of the Yatra and the provision of essential services for the pilgrims. The Deputy Commissioner issued key directions for adequate arrangements at the Gauri Shankar Temple, Sarkoot and en route to the holy shrine of Shri Mindhal Mata. He directed the concerned departments to ensure the availability of essential commodities including uninterrupted water and power supply, maintenance of roads, especially at landslide-prone areas en route to Mindhal Mata, proper boarding and lodging facilities for the yatri at the stay venues, security arrangements and proper sanitation facilities for the devotees. The Deputy Commissioner directed the JPDC and Jal Shakti Department to provide 24x7 uninterrupted power and water supply, respectively, at Langar venues and stay venues for the yatri. The Health Department was directed to ensure the deployment of medical staff at the stay venues of the yatri, viz. Sarkoot Mandir Kishtwar, Gulabgarh Padder, Maha Kali Mandir Sohal and at Langar venues to provide first-aid facilities. Further, it was also directed to ensure the availability of ambulance services at these locations for any emergency. The Municipal Council was directed to ensure cleanliness at the Gauri Shankar Mandir premises. The Police Department was instructed to coordinate with the Himachal Pradesh Police to ensure proper security arrangements en route to Mindhal Mata up to the jurisdiction of district Kishtwar, besides the deployment of security personnel at Langar venues.

For effective crowd and vehicle movement, the ARTO and Traffic Police have been tasked with comprehensive traffic management along the Yatra route. Additionally, the PMGSY, GREP and BRO have been directed to carry out timely road maintenance to ensure the safe and uninterrupted travel of pilgrims. It is noteworthy that the Holy Mace of Shri Mindhal Mata Yatra is scheduled to arrive at the Gauri Shankar Temple Kishtwar on June 10, 2026. The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani, ACR Idrees lone, Tehsildar Nirbhay Sharma besides other officers and concerned staff.

Director Agriculture Jammu inspects Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, MAY 26: Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu Anil Gupta today visited Seed Multiplication Farm (SMF) Chinore and reviewed the functioning and ongoing agricultural activities at the farm.

During the visit, the Director reviewed the completion of Rabi harvesting operations and assessed the crop produce harvested at the farm. He also took stock of preparedness for the upcoming Kharif season and reviewed the arrangements being made for sowing activities. The status of foundation and breeder seed production of elite and high-

yielding varieties of paddy and other Kharif crops was also reviewed during the inspection.

The Director examined the latest farm machinery being utilised for agricultural operations and inspected the availability of essential agricultural inputs and operational machinery required for the ensuing Kharif season. He directed the officers and field staff to ensure timely availability of machinery and inputs for smooth conduct of farm operations.

He emphasised that efficient use of modern machinery, scientific farming methods and advanced production technologies should be adopted to further enhance produc-

tivity and farm efficiency. The Director further stated that there remains considerable scope for boosting agricultural production through improved farm management practices and effective implementation of modern techniques.

The Director also inspected irrigation infrastructure and other facilities available at the farm and issued necessary directions for further strengthening irrigation arrangements and maintenance of farm assets to support timely agricultural operations.

During the inspection, Director Agriculture inspected the harvested Rabi produce of different crops including wheat, mustard and oats.

Young Athletes Shine as YS&S Department Kishtwar organizes Inter-School Zonal Competitions under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

KISHTWAR, MAY 26: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar organized Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions under the banner of "Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir" across different zones of the district, witnessing enthusiastic participation of students in various sports disciplines at different venues.

The competitions were conducted with the objective of promoting sports culture, physical fitness, discipline and spreading awareness against drug abuse among the youth. The events generated great excitement and sportsmanship among the participating students.

Zone Kishtwar organized U-17 and U-19 Girls' Cricket competitions at the historic Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar, where young players displayed remarkable

talent, coordination and competitive spirit. The matches attracted appreciation from officials, teachers and spectators present at the venue.

Zone Drabshalla conducted Yoga competitions for U-17 and U-19 boys and girls, where participants demonstrated impressive flexibility, balance, concentration and awareness regarding the importance of a healthy lifestyle through yoga practices.

Meanwhile, Zone Inderwal organized competitions in the U-19 boys' and girls' categories in disciplines including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess, Yoga, Cricket and Athletics. The events witnessed active participation from students of various institutions, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for sports and extracurricular activities among the youth of the district.

As part of the awareness initiatives under the Nasha Mukht



Jammu & Kashmir campaign, an IEC campaign titled "Jan Bhagidaari Sabse Door Sabse Pehle" was also conducted at Panchay-

at Kithar. The campaign focused on spreading awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraging collective

community participation in building a healthy and drug-free society.

The entire programme was organized under the direction of Director General, Youth Services & Sports J&K, Anuradha Gupta, under the supervision of District Development Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under the guidance of DYSSO Kishtwar Jaffer Haidar Sheikh, along with all Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs).

Officials of the department appreciated the efforts of the organizing staff, technical officials and participating students for making the events successful and meaningful. The department reiterated its commitment towards channelizing the energy of youth into positive activities through sports and awareness programmes across the district.

HED enables tentative college allotment, indicative cut-off trends for UG Admissions 2026-27

Aspirants advised to review, update Preferences before Final Allocation

■ HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, MAY 26: To help applicants make informed choices ahead of final seat allocation for UG admissions 2026-27, the Higher Education Department, J&K, has enabled Tentative College Allotment and indicative cut-off trends on the admission portal,

<https://jkadmissions.in>, generated from current application data.

The trends, presently based on General/Open Merit data, are meant only to give a fair idea of the likely competition across programmes and colleges.

Applicants of all categories, including reserved categories,

are advised to review and, if required, modify their preferences before the final locking/allocation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to add more eligible programme preferences, include options across multiple colleges/universities, avoid limiting themselves to only a few highly competitive

programmes, and arrange their preferences carefully in order of priority.

The Directorate has clarified that the displayed cut-offs are purely indicative and provisional — they are not final and do not guarantee admission. Final allotment may vary with category-wise seat distribution, number of

applicants per category, preference changes, seat upgradation/withdrawal, document verification, merit and tie-breaking rules, university-specific policies, and any subsequent administrative decisions.

The final allotment list has not yet been published, and the admission authority re-

serves the right to revise outcomes, cut-offs, seat matrices, or policies at any stage without prior notice.

Director Colleges J&K, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, urged applicants to treat the trends as a guidance tool, to broaden and re-prioritise their preferences accordingly, and to make use of the Course

Explorer option on the Directorate website <https://directorcollegesjk.in>, and by visiting the Counselling & Facilitation Centres at every college.

Applicants may follow the official WhatsApp Channel for Admissions 2026-27, linked on the portal, for regular updates.

No one is going to point fingers: Pollard on Hardik's captaincy

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

KOLKATA: It was a season "of what-ifs", Kieron Pollard, the Mumbai Indians (MI) batting coach, said after they lost their last game of a disappointing IPL 2026 to Rajasthan Royals (RR) to finish ninth.

"If this had happened, if we had done this, if we had done that, if we had played this one, if we had batted, it's a bit of that," Pollard said at the press conference after the game. "Overall, it has been disappointing for all of us as Mumbai Indians. I'm sure the fans and everyone would have felt the same and there's no hiding from that. We weren't good the entire tournament. We weren't able to sort of string together wins and use the momentum when we got it."

But it wasn't yet time to discuss specifics and point out shortcomings.

"Right now is not the time and place to talk about that [post mortem]. All these things will be sort of emotional decisions and thinking of every aspect of what's needed," Pollard said. "Everyone needs that time and space to go, sit down, recollect, have a fair idea and assessment as to where it went wrong for us. That's where better decision-making is going to come about. If you sit here right now and say you need to do this, you need to do that, I think that will be irresponsible from a management perspective."

When the review happens, Pollard expects

it to "be thorough". "Guys are going to sit back and actually think about what's needed," he said in response to the five-time champions not winning a title since 2020. "It has been a while since we won the championship and that's something that we have accepted as a team. And I said, another disappointing campaign adding to what would have transpired before. So deep thinking is going to go into it." Two questions that have cropped up time and again during the season concern Hardik Pandya's captaincy and Jasprit Bumrah's loss of wicket-taking form.

"If we go back 12 months, we finish third [fourth, in IPL 2025]," Pollard said in response to a question on retentions and releases prior to this season. "So that in itself justifies some of the changes that you would have made before. Now, finishing ninth, you're not wanting to question it. I think that's the inconsistencies that we need to sort of stay away from and understand strategically where we need to get better."

"And from a leadership perspective, Hardik, yes, it has not gone maybe as well as he would have wanted as an individual. But one thing you know is that we'd have tried each and everything to give him the best opportunity to lead the franchise and do well. And again, no one is going to sit here and point fingers. I think when you lose, you have to look at it from a collective perspective. So you win some, you lose some. He was trying, we all were trying and it just didn't work out for us."



RR qualify for IPL 2026 playoffs; PBKS and KKR knocked out

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HYDERABAD: Rajasthan Royals have joined Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Gujarat Titans and Sunrisers Hyderabad in the playoffs of IPL 2026 by beating Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday to secure fourth place in the points table.

On the last day of the league stage, RR's victory in the afternoon game against MI took them to 16 points, ahead of Punjab Kings who had finished with 15 points, and out of reach of Kolkata Knight Riders who have only 13 points ahead of their last league match against Delhi Capitals on Sunday night. The maximum KKR



can get to is 15.

The IPL 2026 playoffs begin with Qualifier 1 between RCB and GT - the teams that finished No. 1 and 2 in the points table - in Dharamsala on May 26; the winner of that match will progress directly to the final on May 31 in Ahmedabad.

The team that loses Qualifier 1 will have a more hectic schedule. They travel from Dharamsala to New Chandigarh to play Qualifier 2 against the winner of the Eliminator.

SRH and RR, the teams that finished third and fourth in the league stage, contest the Eliminator on May 27 in New Chandigarh. The team that loses the Eliminator exits the competition, while the winner progresses to play Qualifier 2 on May 29 in New Chandigarh against the team that lost Qualifier 1.

With only a day's gap between Qualifier 2 and the final, the winner of Qualifier 2 will travel to Ahmedabad on May 30 to play the final against the winner of Qualifier 1 on May 31.

At the bottom end of the table, MI stayed in ninth place ahead of Lucknow Super Giants, who finished last in the league. Both teams won only four of their 14 games in IPL 2026.

'Options' for Green's 2027 ODI World Cup role, David unavailable but selectors hopeful

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

CHANDIGARH: Australia are set to trial Cameron Green in some different ODI roles as they begin their build towards the 2027 ODI World Cup in Pakistan this month, with the need to find a replacement for Glenn Maxwell high on the agenda for the selectors. Meanwhile, there was a hope that T20 power-hitter Tim David could be part of the World Cup but he has not made himself available to play ODI cricket in the short-term, with selectors hopeful that may change as the tournament in South Africa and Zimbabwe draws closer.

Green's role in the ODI team will be a focus going into three ODIs in Pakistan and three in Bangladesh on back-to-back tours starting on May 30. His position as an incumbent in each of Australia's first-choice XIs has been a source of debate but he made a 47-ball century in Australia's most recent ODI against South Africa in August last year.

However, a lean Ashes and T20 World Cup has him firmly in the spotlight heading into a massive 18 months of cricket where Australia will play 20 Tests (possibly 21 if they make the WTC final), including away Test series in South Africa, India and England, as well



as the ODI World Cup.

Green was part of 2023 ODI World Cup winning squad but only played three matches, with Australia using an extra specialist batter in the semi-final and final rather than a seam-bowling all-rounder. He missed the Champions Trophy in 2025 due to his back injury.

Green has batted at Nos. 3 and 4 in his last seven ODI innings but coach Andrew McDonald said the selectors were keen to look at Green in an all-round finishing role ahead of the World Cup after losing Maxwell to retirement.

"I think he's got the ability to

play high up the order and low," McDonald told reporters just prior to the squad leaving for Pakistan. "He does have some power, and we saw that in that top-end series last year against South Africa, his ability to finish off that innings, and with the absence of Glenn Maxwell we had that conversation."

"The team that we are, we keep these things open. Experiment is not the right word, but we'll look at different ways to play in the journey to the 2027 World Cup and where he fits exactly in that. We've got some options there because of his range of skills, but definitely the bowling is a big part of that."

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