





CBC Concludes Two-Day Outreach Programme on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan at Kokernag

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Kokernag (Anantnag), August 6, 2026 The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, today concluded its two-day Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS), Kokernag, Anantnag.

The awareness programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, parents, government officials and members of the local community. Through expert lectures, exhibitions and cultural activities, the programme sought to create awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote a drug-free society.

The concluding session was presided over by Shri Basarat Choudhary, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) and Station House Officer, Kokernag. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Samreen Rasool highlighted the serious health consequences of substance abuse, including drug overdose, cardiovascular diseases and infections caused by unsafe practices. She emphasised the need for parents



and teachers to identify early warning signs such as bullying, emotional distress and academic pressure among children.

Shri Rameez Chowdhary, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, delivered a presentation on the counselling, rehabilitation and psychosocial support services available for individuals affected by substance abuse. Shri Mohammad Iqbal, Zonal Education Officer, Kokernag, and Shri Naveed Gul, Educator, Department of School Education, also addressed the participants, stressing the importance of awareness, prevention and community participation in combating drug abuse.

The programme featured an exhibition on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, expert lectures, presentations, theme-based cultural performances and competitions in speech, painting and quiz, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC, informed that the outreach campaign would continue with a similar awareness programme in Bandipora district next week as part of CBC's sustained efforts to spread awareness against substance abuse across Jammu and Kashmir.

Javid Dar reviews rain-related damage, NH-44 restoration; asks for priority movement of fruit-laden trucks

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RAMBAN, AUGUST 6: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today reviewed the situation arising from recent heavy rainfall and landslides in Ramban and adjoining areas, with emphasis on damage to life and property, disruption of traffic and restoration of the National Highway.

The Minister, accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also

conducted a spot inspection of the Samroli-Udhampur stretch of NH-44 to take firsthand assessment of the restoration works and traffic arrangements following landslides and shooting stones triggered by incessant rainfall.

During the inspection, Javid Dar took stock of the ongoing clearance and restoration operations. He directed the concerned agencies to undertake the works on war footing to ensure early restoration of the affected stretches. He stressed that adequate men, machinery

and other resources be deployed at vulnerable locations to minimize disruption to vehicular movement and ensure the safety of commuters.

During the review meeting at DC office Ramban, the Minister directed all the concerned agencies to maintain close coordination for effective management of the situation. He emphasized coordinated efforts by the district administration, Police, Traffic Police, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Public Works Department.

CS for stronger Women-Led Community Institutions to drive rural transformation

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 06: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) and directed the Mission to further strengthen women-led community institutions through enhanced capacity building, institutional reforms and greater convergence with flagship government programmes to accelerate sustainable rural livelihoods across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting reviewed the functioning of the Mission with focus on integration with Mission YUVA, operationalisation of Community Managed Training Centres (CMTCs), qualitative assessment of NRLM institutions, strengthening of Self Help



Groups (SHGs), Village Level Organisations (VLOs) and Cluster Level Federations (CLFs), besides preparing a comprehensive roadmap for capacity building and institutional development.

The meeting was attended by Managing Director, J&K Bank; Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department; Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department; Secretary, Labour & Employment Department.

District Admin Bandipora holds another Inspiring Session of 'Nun Chai Talks'

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BANDIPORA, AUGUST 06: As part of its ongoing efforts to empower and inspire the youth, the District Administration Bandipora today organized another engaging session of "Nun Chai Talks". The interactive event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students of Greenland Higher Secondary School, Sumbal. The session was graced by Ahmad Shaafi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bandipora, and Mudabir Nazir, Public Prosecutor, Bandipora, who attended as the Guests of Honour. The event was also graced by the

presence of Mohammad Maqbool, Chief Planning Officer (CPO), Bandipora, and Ulfat Ali, BDO Aloosa.

During the session, the distinguished speakers candidly shared their personal journeys, the challenges they faced during their student life, and the perseverance that helped them achieve success. They encouraged students to remain focused on their dreams, work hard with dedication, and stay away from drugs, negative influences, and other harmful distractions. The interaction proved highly engaging, with students actively participating and asking thoughtful questions on career.

LEAD unveils Third Annual Smarika, Showcasing Developmental Journey across Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh

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JAMMU, AUGUST 06: LEAD - LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue today released the Third Edition of its Annual Smarika at a ceremony held at Amar Singh Club, Jammu.

The publication reflects LEAD's continued commitment to promoting inclusive economic growth, entrepreneurship, innovation, policy dialogue and sustainable development across the Union Territories of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

The Smarika was formally released by the Chief Guest, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and the Guest of Honour, Arun Kumar Manhas, Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu in the presence of LEAD Board Members, Executive Members and prominent business identities.

The third edition highlights LEAD's initiatives and achievements over the past year, including



programmes focused on entrepreneurship development, startup promotion, rural livelihoods, agriculture, tourism, skill development, policy research, youth engagement, environmental sustainability and collaborative partnerships with government institutions, academic bodies, industry and civil society organisations. Speaking on the occasion, LEAD Convenor Harinder Gupta reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to promoting evidence-based policy research, strengthening local enterprises, supporting startups, encouraging youth leadership and facilitating sustainable economic opportunities.

Health Department conducts Nasha Mukht Bharat awareness campaign at GGHSS Thathri

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THATHRI, AUGUST 06: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the Health Department today organized an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) awareness programme at Government Girls Hr Sec School Thathri.

The awareness session was conducted by Adolescent Health Counsellors Jonson Chandail, Pinku Sharma and Pooja Sharma. They educated students about the ill effects of substance abuse and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The programme was attended by Tehsildar Satish Rana, officials from the Municipal Committee and the Health Department.

The speakers highlighted the harmful consequences of drug abuse, tobacco, alcohol and other addictive substances on physical, mental and social well-being. Students were encouraged to resist peer pressure, make informed and healthy choices and actively contribute towards the vision of a drug-free India.

The interactive session witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students, who pledged to spread awareness among their families and communities.

DC Srinagar felicitates Officials of National Book Trust & District Administration for the successful conduct of Chinara Book Festival

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 06: District Administration Srinagar today organized a felicitation function to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Officers and Officials of National Book Trust, District Administration and Police involved in the successful conduct of the Chinara Book Festival.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, was the Chief Guest of the occasion who felicitated the Director National Book Trust, Yuvraj Malik, Chief Convenor, Chinara Book Festival Amit Wanchoo, Coordinator, National Book Trust, Shoba Kapoor, Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid, Additional CEO SSCL, Suhail ul Islam, Dy SP Traffic Police, Mehboob ul Haq, Chief



Education Officer, Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din,

Executive Engineer Water Works, Aijaz Rafiq Shah, Executive Engineer, KPDC, Syed Abrar, Operations Head SKICC, Shahnawaz Ahmad, GM SRTC, Habib Ulla Reshi, SHO Nishat, Parvaiz Wani, Teacher BHSS Gulabbagh, Nazrana for their dedicated efforts, effective coordination and commitment that contributed towards the

smooth and successful organization of the mega literary event.

The felicitation event was attended by SSP Traffic Police, Aijaz Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Adil Fareed, SP East, Neha Jain, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, and other concerned.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the role played by various Departments and teams in ensuring seamless arrangements during the festival. He said that the successful conduct of such a large-scale event was a result of collective efforts, meticulous planning, inter-departmental coordination and dedicated teamwork.

NIT Srinagar hosts NABL Guncvatta Yatra workshop to boost laboratory quality standards

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Srinagar, Aug 6: In a major initiative to promote quality assurance and internationally accepted laboratory standards, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday organised a one-day awareness workshop on "NABL Accreditation and its Benefits" under the NABL Guncvatta Yatra, in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI).

The programme was aimed at equipping Heads of Departments, laboratory in-charges, faculty members and technical staff with a comprehensive understanding of laboratory accreditation and its role in enhancing research excellence and technical competence.

Sponsored by the Quality Council of India (QCI), the workshop focused on building awareness among laboratories across the institute about the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories



(NABL) accreditation process and the advantages of adopting globally recognised quality standards.

The programme featured technical sessions by Dr. Bhumi Rajyaguru, Joint Director, NABL, and Mr. Sidhant Trivedi, Coordinator, NBQP, who explained various aspects of NABL accreditation, including the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, laboratory documentation, quality management systems and the step-by-step accreditation process.

GDC Ganderbal Holds Patriotic Competitions Ahead of Independence Day Celebrations

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Srinagar: As part of the nationwide Independence Day Celebrations 2026, the NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Ganderbal on Thursday organised a Painting Competition and a National Anthem Singing Competition in the College Conference Hall, providing students with a vibrant platform to express their patriotism through art and music.

The competitions witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across different semesters, who demonstrated exceptional creativity, artistic talent, and a profound sense of national pride. The event formed an integral part of the college's ongoing efforts to commemorate India's 80th Independence Day by promoting values of unity, cultural harmony, and responsible citizenship among the youth.



The programme was graced by the Principal of the College, Prof. Fouzia Fatima, who appreciated the enthusiastic response of the students and underscored the importance of co-curricular activities in fostering creativity, discipline, confidence, and patriotism. She observed that such events not only provide

opportunities for students to showcase their talents but also strengthen their emotional connection with the nation while contributing to their holistic personality development.

The painting competition featured a wide range of artistic expressions centred on themes of freedom, national

integration, India's cultural heritage, and the sacrifices of freedom fighters. The artworks reflected originality, imagination, and a deep understanding of the ideals that define the nation's democratic and cultural ethos. The competition was adjudged by Dr. Irfana Quraishi and Dr. Sameera Siraj, who evaluated the entries on the basis of creativity, originality, thematic relevance, presentation, and overall artistic excellence. The National Anthem Singing Competition also received an overwhelming response, with participants delivering spirited and disciplined performances that reflected their respect for the national anthem and the values it embodies. The event was moderated by Dr. Shazia Qadri, while Prof. Nusrat Nabi and Dr. Salma served as judges, assessing the participants on parameters including melody, rhythm, pronunciation.

Parent-Teacher Meeting and Career Counselling Session Held at BHSS Tarathpora Kupwara

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August 5, Tarathpora A Parent-Teacher Meeting and Career Counselling Session was successfully organized at BHSS Tarathpora with the active participation of students, parents, teachers, and members of the School Management and Development Committee (SMDC). The programme was graced by District Treasury Officer Mohammad Shafi Wani (KAS) Deputy Chief Education Officer Mohammad Iqbal Shah, and Madam Nutan Banker as special guests, who interacted with students and parents and shared valuable insights on education and career planning. Addressing the gathering, DTO Mohammad Shafi Wani emphasized that consistency, self-discipline, and regular

self-study are the true foundations of a successful career. He encouraged students to remain focused and persistent, stressing that examination scores alone do not determine one's future success or career prospects. In his address, Dy. CEO Mohammad Iqbal Shah highlighted that subject specialization should never be viewed as a limitation. He urged students to broaden their horizons, explore diverse career avenues, and pursue opportunities that align with their interests, aptitude, and abilities. Speaking on the occasion, Madam Nutan Banker underscored that poverty should never become a barrier to quality education. She said that numerous opportunities and support mechanisms have been created to ensure that

students from underprivileged backgrounds can continue their education and achieve their aspirations through dedication and hard work. The Principal of BHSS Tarathpora Ab Rasheed War, members of the School Management and Development Committee (SMDC), and teachers also addressed the gathering. They emphasized the importance of strong parent-teacher collaboration, regular student mentoring, and informed career planning in shaping the future of young learners.

The interactive session proved highly informative and motivational, inspiring students to make well-informed career choices with confidence, determination, and a clear vision for the future.



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Winning the Battle
Against Digital
Arrest Scams

The Supreme Court's latest directions to curb digital arrest scams represent far more than a judicial intervention in cybercrime. They are a reminder that as India embraces an increasingly digital future, its legal, financial and technological institutions must evolve with equal speed to protect citizens from sophisticated online fraud. The court's comprehensive directives, ranging from banking reforms and cyber policing to public awareness and technological safeguards, offer a much-needed roadmap for tackling one of the fastest-growing forms of financial crime in the country.

Digital arrest scams have exposed a dangerous gap between technological advancement and public preparedness. Fraudsters, masquerading as police officers, CBI officials, ED investigators or even judges, exploit fear and confusion to extort money from unsuspecting victims. Their methods are meticulously planned, psychologically manipulative and technologically advanced. What makes these crimes particularly alarming is that they target not only the elderly but also educated professionals, businesspersons and government employees, proving that cybercriminals thrive on panic rather than ignorance.

Recognising the gravity of the threat, the Supreme Court has directed the Reserve Bank of India to formulate a Standard Operating Procedure for dealing with mule accounts, which serve as conduits for laundering illegally obtained funds. This is a critical move, as disrupting the financial channels used by cybercriminals strikes at the very heart of their operations. Similarly, the court's insistence on expediting grievance redressal, strengthening money restoration mechanisms and establishing Cyber Crime Coordination Centres in every State reflects a pragmatic understanding that victims need swift relief, not prolonged procedural battles.

The emphasis on adopting the e-Zero FIR mechanism is equally significant. Cybercrime knows no geographical boundaries, yet investigations often remain trapped within jurisdictional limitations. A uniform and technology-driven policing framework can bridge these gaps, ensuring that complaints are acted upon immediately regardless of where they originate.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the court's directions is the recognition that cyber security is no longer the sole responsibility of law enforcement agencies. Banks, telecom operators, digital intermediaries and technology platforms have all been called upon to play a proactive role in preventing fraud, detecting suspicious transactions and assisting in the recovery of stolen funds. In an era where financial transactions are completed in seconds, institutional coordination must be equally swift.

Yet, the strongest firewall against cyber fraud remains an informed citizen. No amount of regulation can substitute for public awareness. Every individual must remember a simple truth: no police officer, investigating agency or court will ever demand money over a phone call, video conference or messaging application. Awareness campaigns must therefore become continuous public service initiatives rather than occasional government advertisements.

India's digital economy has become one of the world's fastest-growing, bringing unprecedented convenience and opportunity. But with innovation comes vulnerability. The credibility of digital governance depends not only on expanding online services but also on ensuring that citizens feel secure while using them.

The Supreme Court has laid down a timely and comprehensive framework. The challenge now lies in its implementation. Governments must act without delay, financial institutions must strengthen their vigilance, technology companies must enhance their safeguards and citizens must remain alert. The fight against digital arrest scams cannot be won through court orders alone. It demands a collective commitment to building a digital ecosystem where trust is protected as fiercely as technology is advanced.



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There was a time when a Kashmiri child did not need an appointment to hear a story. A grandmother sitting near the traditional kangri would tell a story that had travelled through several generations. An uncle returning from the market might bring news from the neighbouring village. Children playing outside would know which house had prepared something special, which elderly person was unwell and where a wedding was about to take place. Information did not arrive through notifications.

It arrived through people. That world has not completely disappeared, but it is changing. In many Kashmiri homes, the smartphone has quietly become another member of the household. It sits on the dining table, accompanies family members to bed and frequently competes with the person sitting directly across the room.

The question is not whether this change is good or bad.

The more important question is: what are we losing while gaining so much?

Technology has undoubtedly expanded the possibilities of communication. A young person in Kashmir can learn from a teacher in another part of the country, communicate with relatives abroad, discover opportunities, promote a business or access educational material within seconds. Research conducted among young people in Srinagar has also found that the internet is frequently used for academic and educational purposes.

The problem, therefore, is not the smartphone itself. The problem begins when digital connection starts replacing human presence.

Consider a family sitting together in the evening. Everyone may technically be together, yet each person may be somewhere else—one watching short videos, another responding to messages, someone following a cricket match and a child moving from one piece of content to another.

The room is full.

The conversation is empty.

This is a subtle change, which is precisely why it deserves attention.

We often notice dramatic cultural losses: a traditional craft disappears, an old building is demolished, a language loses speakers. But some cultural changes happen much more quietly. They occur when children stop asking grandparents questions. When family meals become silent. When young people know more about influencers than about the experiences of the oldest person in their own house.

The Disappearing Art of Conversation

How Digital Childhood Is Changing Family and Community Life in Kashmir

Conversation is not merely a way of passing time. It is one of the oldest forms of education.

A child learns vocabulary through conversation. Values are explained through stories. Family history is transmitted through memories. Manners are learnt by observing how people speak to one another. A young person learns how to disagree, listen, wait for a turn and understand another person's perspective partly through ordinary human interaction.

A screen can provide information.

A person provides context.

This distinction matters greatly in Kashmir, where oral traditions have historically carried stories, memories,

Adults placed many of these devices in their hands, and adults themselves frequently model the same behaviour. It is difficult to tell a child to leave the phone during dinner when parents are answering messages throughout the meal.

Digital habits are often family habits.

That means the solution cannot simply be stricter rules for children. It has to involve adults as well.

Families need to reclaim certain spaces for conversation.

A meal without phones can become a small but meaningful beginning. A few minutes each evening can be reserved for family discussion. Grandparents can be encouraged to tell children about their childhoods. Parents can ask questions that cannot be answered with "yes" or "no".

Schools can contribute too.

Students can be asked to interview grandparents about local history. They can record traditional stories with permission, collect old sayings, document changes in their villages and discuss how communication has changed across generations.

Such activities would achieve two objectives at once: they would strengthen students' communication skills and preserve forms of local knowledge that may otherwise disappear.

This does not require rejecting technology.

In fact, technology can help preserve what it sometimes threatens.

A child can record a grandparent telling a story. A family can digitally preserve old photographs. Students can create oral-history projects. Local communities can document traditional crafts, songs, architecture and memories.

The important thing is to use technology as a bridge between generations rather than as a wall between people. There is another lesson here for education.

We frequently speak about digital literacy as the ability to operate devices, search for information and use online platforms. That is necessary, but incomplete.

Young people also need what might be called conversational literacy: the ability to listen carefully, ask meaningful questions, disagree respectfully, speak without constantly checking a screen and remain comfortable in a conversation that does not provide instant entertainment.

This may sound old-fashioned.

It is not.

In an age of artificial intelligence, algorithms and instant communication, the capacity to listen to another human being may become even more valuable.

Technology is also changing the relationship between generations. Older people may possess deep knowledge but lack digital fluency. Younger people often possess digital fluency but may lack knowledge of experiences that cannot be found through a search engine.

The answer should not be for one generation to dismiss the other.

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No Needles, No Blood: A New Breath
Test Could Detect Diabetes



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Diabetes has become one of the fastest-growing lifestyle diseases in the world, affecting hundreds of millions of people. India is home to one of the largest populations of people living with diabetes, and the number continues to rise each year. Early diagnosis and regular monitoring are essential to prevent serious complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, nerve damage, and vision loss. Now, a remarkable scientific innovation may make diabetes testing simpler, faster, and completely painless.

Researchers have developed an advanced nano-sensor capable of detecting diabetes by analyzing a person's breath rather than requiring a blood sample. This breakthrough could transform the way diabetes is screened and monitored, especially for people who dislike needles or need frequent testing.

How Can Breath Reveal Diabetes?

Human breath contains hundreds of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), tiny chemical molecules produced by the body's metabolic

processes. Changes in these compounds can provide valuable clues about a person's health.

In people with diabetes, particularly when blood sugar levels are poorly controlled, the body produces higher levels of acetone. This chemical enters the bloodstream and is eventually exhaled through the lungs. Scientists have designed an ultra-sensitive nano-sensor that can detect even very small amounts of acetone in exhaled breath, making it a potential biomarker for diabetes.

The test is simple. A person breathes into the device, and within seconds or minutes, the sensor analyzes the breath and estimates whether diabetes-related metabolic changes are present.

Why Is This Technology Important?

Traditional diabetes testing usually involves pricking a finger to collect a drop of blood or taking blood samples in a laboratory. While these methods are accurate, they can be uncomfortable, inconvenient, and discouraging for people who require regular monitoring.

A breath-based test offers several advantages:

- Completely non-invasive and painless
 - No needles or blood samples required
 - Quick results
 - Lower risk of infection
 - Easier for children, older adults, and needle-phobic individuals
 - Potentially suitable for home use and large-scale screening programs
- If successfully commercialized, this technology could

encourage more people to undergo regular diabetes screening.

The Science Behind Nano-Sensors

Nano-sensors are extremely small devices engineered at the nanometer scale.

Their tiny size gives them a very large surface area, allowing them to detect minute concentrations of chemicals with remarkable sensitivity.

The newly developed sensor is designed to recognize acetone molecules in breath while minimizing interference from other gases. This high sensitivity improves the reliability of the test and may enable earlier detection of diabetes than conventional symptom-based diagnosis.

Scientists continue to refine the technology to improve accuracy under different environmental conditions and among people with varying health conditions.

A Tool for Early Detection

One of the biggest challenges in diabetes management is that many individuals remain undiagnosed for years because early symptoms can be mild or absent. By the time diabetes is discovered, complications may already have begun.

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I want everything
in the village, but I don't
want the village.



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"We want everything from the village, but not the village itself." This isn't a simple statement, but rather a fitting depiction of the changing mindset of modern Indian society. We talk about pure village milk, praise desi ghee, are willing to pay more to buy organic grains, consider village fruits and vegetables the foundation of health, and identify village culture, folk songs, folk dances, and traditional life as our identity. But when it comes to living in the village itself, most people want to distance themselves from it. This contradiction is not just a question of lifestyle, but also of our concept of development.

For centuries, India has been called a country of villages. Even today, a large population lives in rural areas. Our economy is founded on agriculture, and agriculture is impossible without villages. Yet, ironically, while village products are respected, villages themselves suffer neglect. We seek to take everything from villages, yet we fall short in providing them with the respect, facilities, and

opportunities they deserve.

Today, there's a huge market for "organic" in cities. Village wheat, millet, mustard oil, local pulses, and fresh vegetables sell at high prices. People consider village honey, local jaggery, and coarse grains to be healthy. But the lives of the farmers who produce these products are often filled with struggles. The children of the same farmers whose hard work fills the plates of urban residents are forced to migrate to cities for better education and healthcare.

Rural life's greatest asset has been its social connections. The entire village stood together as one family, through joys and sorrows. Weddings, festivals, harvests, or times of crisis—every occasion symbolized togetherness. Today, in urban life, people seek this same sense of belonging. People living in large apartments don't even know their neighbors. Meanwhile, the village square, the shade of the peepal tree, and group conversations are slowly fading into memory. We praise that intimacy, but do nothing to preserve it.

The search for education and employment has accelerated the migration of youth from villages. This migration is not only economic but also cultural. Educated youth consider settling in cities a success. Returning to villages is seen as a symbol of backwardness. As a result, more elderly people, women, and children remain in villages, while the energy of young people is being expended in cities. If quality education, modern healthcare, industry, and respectable employment were available in villages, a large number of people would choose to remain in their villages.

It's also true that villages face many challenges. Lack of basic amenities like education, health, transportation,

internet, drinking water, sanitation, and employment is still evident in many areas. Problems like social evils, caste discrimination, and conservatism also persist. It's important to acknowledge these shortcomings, but the solution lies not in fleeing villages, but in improving them.

Today, when the entire world is grappling with an environmental crisis, the importance of villages increases even more. Clean air, open fields, trees, water sources, and a life in harmony with nature are the hallmarks of villages. In cities, people seek to experience nature by building artificial parks, whereas in villages, nature is a natural part of life. If we expand cities without preserving villages, future generations will only see natural life in books and pictures.

The COVID-19 pandemic also reminded us of the importance of villages. When economic activity in cities ground to a halt, millions of people returned to their villages. Villages provided them with shelter, food, and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. It became clear then that villages are not just geographical entities, but also society's strongest security system in times of crisis.

Today, the need is not just to create rural development plans, but to change the mindset of development. The need is not to turn villages into cities, but to integrate them with modern amenities while retaining their unique characteristics.

(Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, PhD
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is a poet and social thinker.)

Variations built around the powerful, high-focus mantra ‘One shot, one breath, one mission’! This is a tribute to the NCC cadets!..



By M S Nazki

Military & Sniper Inspired ‘One shot, one breath, one mission. The world fades, the target locks, the mind goes silent. -Exhale the doubt. Inhale the purpose. One shot, one breath, one mission! -Precision demands isolation. -In the space between heartbeats, there is only the target. One shot, one breath, one mission. -Athletic & Elite Performance: ‘The clock doesn’t matter. The crowd doesn’t matter. Just this moment: one shot, one breath, one mission. -Champions don’t chase the future; they master the present. One shot, one breath, one mission. -Simplify the chaos. Reduce the game to its absolute truth: one shot, one breath, one mission. -Mindset & Daily Focus: When the pressure builds, strip away the noise. You only have right now: one shot, one breath, one mission. -Don’t look at the mountain ahead. Focus on the single step. One shot, one breath, one mission. -Success isn’t about doing everything at once. It is about doing one thing perfectly. One shot, one breath, one mission! -One shot, one breath, one mission captures the supreme focus and deadly precision of elite marksmen and scout-snipers in the Indian Army, such as those in the Special Forces (Para SF). It reflects intense discipline where a soldier manages heartbeat, breath control, and wind calculation to execute a flawless objective under extreme pressure. -The Sniper and Marksman Mindset Absolute Calm: Controlling the body’s rhythm between heartbeats to steady the rifle barrel.

-Extreme Precision: Operating on the core military tenet of one bullet, one enemy (ek goli, ek dushman).
-Unseen Presence: Striking with total concealment, leaving no room for error or second chances.
-Training and Execution: Mental Conditioning: Developing the emotional resilience required to handle high-stakes combat cleanly and decisively.
-Relentless Drills: Countless hours spent mastering camouflage, ballistics, tracking, and environmental adaptation

Divisions Three Wings: Army, Navy, and Air Force, Junior Division (JD/JW): For school students aged 13 to 18 years. Senior Division (SD/SW): For college and university students under 24 years. Core Training and Benefits Certificates: Cadets can earn ‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘C’ certificates after completing specific training years and camps. Bonuses: Holding an NCC ‘C’ certificate gives weightage and special entry quotas for the Indian Armed Forces, paramilitary forces, and public sector jobs. Skill Building: Focuses on discipline, character,



from the high Himalayas to dense jungles.
-Complete Dedication: Submerging personal identity into the collective duty of national protection
-The story line which we got was, One shot. One breath. One mission.
=Every shot reflects unwavering focus, relentless discipline, and countless hours of training. At the Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Championship (IDSSC), NCC Cadets are proving that true excellence is achieved through precision, perseverance, and determination.
-From mastering every breath to hitting the bullseye under pressure, these young marksmen embody the spirit of Unity & Discipline and inspire a new generation to aim higher.
-An NCC cadet belongs to the National Cadet Corps (India), the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces based in New Delhi. It is a voluntary organization for school and college students that provides basic training in drills, small arms, and leadership without any active military service obligation. Structure and

comradeship, and a secular outlook.
-The National Cadet Corps (NCC) runs many types of training, leadership, and adventure camps to build discipline, physical fitness, and unity among youth. Major camps include the Republic Day Camp (RDC), Combined Annual Training Camps (CATC), Thal Sainik, Nau Sainik, and Vayu Sainik camps, alongside national integration and adventure programs.
-Standard and Local Training Camps Annual Training Camp (ATC)/ Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC): Held yearly within states; mandatory for cadets to attend before taking ‘B’ and ‘C’ certificate exams, focusing on basic drills, firing, and weapon training.
-Prestigious and National-Level Competitions Republic Day Camp (RDC): The premier national camp held in New Delhi every January, featuring selected cadets from all directorates for marching, cultural displays, and the Prime Minister’s Rally.
-Thal Sainik Camp (TSC): A tough national competition camp for Army wing

cadets focused on map reading, obstacle training, and firing.
-Nau Sainik Camp (NSC): A specialized camp for Naval wing cadets featuring boat pulling, sailing, and signaling.
-Vayu Sainik Camp (VSC): A centrally organized national camp tailored for Air wing cadets involving aeromodelling and allied tasks.
-Integration and Leadership Camps National Integration Camp (NIC) & Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB): All-India camps designed to bridge cultural divides and promote unity in diversity. Special locations include regional hubs like Nagrota in Jammu & Kashmir.
-Leadership Courses (BLC & ALC): Basic and Advanced Leadership Camps aimed at grooming command qualities and public speaking.
-Adventure and Attachment Programs Army/Air Force/Naval Attachment Camps: Cadets live and train alongside regular service personnel at military units for direct exposure.
-Mountaineering and Rock Climbing (RCTC): High-altitude and adventure training courses held in cooperation with expert institutes like ABVIMAS Manali to teach survival and climbing skills.
-An NCC cadet belongs to the National Cadet Corps (India), the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces based in New Delhi. It is a voluntary organization for school and college students that provides basic training in drills, small arms, and leadership without any active military service obligation.
-Structure and Divisions: Three Wings: Army, Navy, and Air Force.
-Junior Division (JD/JW): For school students aged 13 to 18 years.
-Senior Division (SD/SW): For college and university students under 24 years.
-Core Training and Benefits Certificates: Cadets can earn ‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘C’ certificates after completing specific training years and camps. Bonuses: Holding an NCC ‘C’ certificate gives weightage and special entry quotas for the Indian Armed Forces, paramilitary forces, and public sector jobs. Skill Building: Focuses on discipline, character, comradeship, and a secular outlook.

Libraries: A Comprehensive Way to Learn and Achieve Goals



By Sahil Manzoor

Libraries play a vital role in shaping the intellectual, moral, and professional growth of society. In today’s fast-changing world, knowledge has become the strongest tool for personal development and national progress. To meet the growing educational demands, it is essential that all ten districts and tehsils of the Kashmir Valley have full fledged public libraries that function 24x7, especially for aspirants preparing for competitive examinations. Such libraries should be equipped with modern books, digital resources, electronic gadgets, printing facilities, and expert librarians. A well developed public library system can become a strong foundation for learning, innovation, and success. Nowadays, public libraries have become a pressing demand among students and aspirants. Many young people openly discuss the urgent need for such facilities. Libraries can serve as a common knowledge hub where students from different backgrounds gather under one roof with a shared purpose to learn and to achieve their goals. In a world where education is recognized as the key to empowerment, it is impossible to ignore the importance of libraries. Today’s world is full of advanced and incredible technologies. From artificial intelligence to digital learning platforms, technology has transformed how we gain knowledge. Giant machines, smart devices, and innovative tools surround us everywhere. The question arises: why should education lag behind when every other sector is progressing rapidly? The reason for discussing these technological advancements here is clear education must move alongside modern innovations. From an educated person to an illiterate one, everyone now understands the value of education. As rightly said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which can change the world.” Education never discriminates; it empowers everyone equally. When we understand the demands of the present time, why should we hesitate to implement meaningful changes? Why should genuine demands like public libraries not be placed before higher authorities? Education plays a pivotal role not only in an individual’s

personal life but also in the overall development of a nation. Across the world, education is highly appreciated, and it has produced eminent scientists, doctors, engineers, and innovators. Every day, new discoveries and inventions take place, contributing to human welfare. All of this is possible because of strong educational foundations, where libraries act as silent contributors. Public libraries are especially essential for youth preparing for competitive examinations such as civil services, banking, defense, and other national-level tests. Most aspirants face numerous challenges, including lack of study space, limited access to books, poor internet connectivity, and an unhealthy study environment at home. A well equipped library can solve many of these problems by providing a peaceful atmosphere, updated study material, and access to digital resources. In the Kashmir Valley, the education sector has always played a crucial role in identifying and nurturing talent across all age groups. Educational institutions provide a platform where students can share ideas related to social, economic, educational, environmental, moral, ethical, health, and technological issues. Such interaction helps in developing critical thinking and broad perspectives. Unfortunately, since 1989, the valley has been passing through difficult and uncertain circumstances due to ongoing tensions. These challenges have directly or indirectly affected the education sector. Whenever uncertainty arises, educational institutions are often the first to face closures. Orders from state, district, or tehsil-level administrations frequently disrupt academic activities. As a result, students suffer academically and mentally. In such situations, public libraries can act as alternative learning spaces. Even if schools and colleges are closed, libraries can continue to function and ensure continuity in education. Another major concern is that a large portion of the population in the Kashmir Valley lives in villages and small hamlets where basic facilities are still inadequate. While it is fortunate that the government provides the fundamental right to education, implementation remains challenging. The Right to Education Act, introduced through the 86th Constitutional Amendment in 2002, inserted Article 21-A, which guarantees free and compulsory education for children aged six to fourteen years. However, providing education under uncertain conditions and without proper infrastructure remains a serious challenge.

Muntazir Momin Wani: A Voice of Knowledge, Literature and Social Change



Wani Arfat

History tells us that there are always some people in every generation who make society better through their knowledge, good ideas, honesty and hard work. They do not think only about themselves. They also care about the problems of their community and try to solve them. With their knowledge and writing they create awareness, inspire good values and bring positive change. Such people are remembered for their honest work and they become an important part of society. Jammu and Kashmir is a beautiful land and has always been the land of many talented and thoughtful people. They have made valuable contributions to the fields of literature, journalism, education, and social work. One of these respectable personalities is Muntazir Momin Wani. His ability to think in a balanced way, his responsible writing, his profound knowledge and his continual resolve to society have made him respected as an author who not only highlights the issues but also makes people think positively towards improving society. Muntazir Momin Wani hails from Behrampora Chuker Kunzer, a village in the Tangmarg area of Baramulla district in Jammu and Kashmir. He is currently working in Qatar but his heart is still connected with his homeland. Even while living abroad he continues to write on the social, educational, cultural and public issues of Jammu and Kashmir. His strong connection with his people demonstrates that real service is not based on a person’s place of residence. It relies on sincerity, responsibility and love to one’s society. One of the best qualities of Muntazir Momin Wani is that he does not take problems in a simple or careless way. He looks at every issue in detail and tries to understand what causes it, what its effects are and what solutions are possible. His articles are written with emotion while remaining based on facts and logic. His main themes are education, youth, social values and public welfare. He believes that the true purpose of writing is not only to disseminate ideas but also to educate, inspire positive thinking, and contribute to the betterment of society. His educational history also shows his love of learning and

knowledge. He completed postgraduate degrees in Clinical Psychology, English and Kashmiri language. He received his early education from Government Middle School Behram Pora. Later he studied in Higher Secondary School Hardushoor, Degree College Bemina and finally completed his higher education at the University of Kashmir. He has a deep interest in different subjects and is a regular reader, which gives him a broad vision and a research-based approach. His writing and public speaking are clear evidence of these qualities. Muntazir Momin Wani is a writer, researcher, creative author, and columnist. His books such as “Azk Baman Pagahuk Gulab” and “Fikr-e-Iqbal” reflect his keen interest in literature, research and purposeful writing. His work reflects social consciousness, ethical values, and intellectual depth. He not only highlights problems but also promotes positive thinking, healthy discussion and responsible behaviour. These are the features of a good and responsible writer. His articles have appeared in Sangarmal, Srinagar Jung, Hafta Roznama Ummat, Gawah Express, Daily Udaan, Educational Quill, Kashmir Uzma and many other newspapers and magazines. His writings not only depict problems, but explain their causes, their impact on society and possible solutions. This is one of the main reasons people from different backgrounds enjoy and value his work. Muntazir Momin Wani has always given education a prime position in his writings. He believes that education is the best foundation for a successful society. He has often spoken against the mounting educational problems in Jammu and Kashmir. He advises the young people to spend less time on unnecessary cricket and more time on their studies and future. He also feels that Jammu and Kashmir does not need long summer vacations as the weather here is not as hot as in many other states of India or other countries. He believes that our students are competing with students who continue their education even during the summer season. Therefore, teachers have to also perform their duties with honesty, dedication and responsibility so that a well-educated, responsible and confident generation can be prepared for the future. Education is one of the most important topics in his writings. He strongly believes that no society can make real progress without quality education, responsible youth and strong moral values. That’s why he regularly writes on improving the education system, guiding students, promoting the habit of reading, and building a healthy learning environment. He says education is about more than getting a degree. It is about creating responsible, honest, skillful and confident human beings who can serve society. Muntazir Momin Wani also uses social media in a positive and responsible way. He frequently shares his thoughts on Facebook

and other online media about education, youth, public issues, social values and moral responsibilities. His style is measured, respectful and balanced. When he does not agree with someone he is always polite and respectful. His objective is to spread



information, to create awareness, to bring responsibility and to inspire positive thinking in people. Many people today use social media mainly to become famous or make money. But Muntazir Momin Wani has always given more importance to public awareness, education and social improvement. He doesn’t use his online platforms for self-promotion but uses them to discuss issues useful for society. With this responsible attitude he has become a respected social writer for the good of the people. He believes criticism should be a way of helping society to improve, not hurting individuals. His writings may disagree, but his language is always polite, respectful and balanced. He does not target individuals. Instead, he focuses on social problems, public behaviour, and issues that need attention. His main goal is to promote positive change by means of healthy dialogue and constructive ideas. Muntazir Momin Wani always teaches young people to read books, do research, continue higher education, think positively and live a responsible life. He believes that the future of every nation depends on the knowledge, character and awareness of its youth. He advises the young people to value their time, respect moral values, use social media wisely and use their talents to

serve the society. His thoughts offer hope, confidence and a positive direction to the younger generation. His involvement in several public programmes including his video message on World Radio Day has shown that he believes media is not just a source of information but also a powerful tool for spreading knowledge, culture, awareness and positive values. He advocates the responsible use of modern media to build society and inspire people to fulfill their social responsibilities. He is a personality of great knowledge, simplicity, honesty, kindness, social responsibility and public service. He has the ability to explain even difficult topics in a simple and easy way that everyone can understand. This quality makes his writings useful to literary readers as well as to ordinary people of all sections of society. In today’s world where personal gain, quick fame and popularity are considered the signs of success, the work of Muntazir Momin Wani becomes all the more valuable. He believes writing is a responsibility and should be used to spread truth, honesty, awareness and public understanding. His articles reflect his concern for society, guidance to the young people and desire to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir. By his knowledge, regular study, responsible writing and deep concern for public issues, Muntazir Momin Wani has earned a respected place in the literary, journalistic and social life of Jammu and Kashmir. His writings don’t just provide information. They guide the reader to think deeply and play a positive role in society. These qualities make him a serious writer and a reflective intellectual.

In conclusion, Muntazir Momin Wani is one of those personalities who consider knowledge, literature, journalism, and social service as responsibilities rather than professions. Through his books, columns, articles and digital platforms, he has consistently advocated awareness, research, honesty and positive thinking. His life is a testimony to the fact that even one individual can make a difference to society when knowledge is coupled with sincerity, writing with honesty and ideas with a spirit of public service. We pray that he goes on serving Jammu and Kashmir with such dedication, sincerity and commitment and his writings continue to be a source of guidance, hope and inspiration for generations to come.

(Mohammad Arfat Wani is a writer, social activist, and nursing student from Kuchmulla, Tral. He writes on social issues, culture, and public concerns with the aim of raising awareness and inspiring positive change.)

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DDC Doda reviews implementation of Mission YUVA

Stresses awareness, timely verification and enhanced credit linkages

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DODA, AUGUST 06: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal on Thursday reviewed the implementation of Mission YUVA in the district at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah; Chief Planning Officer; Assistant Commissioner Revenue; Assistant Director District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC); Cluster Head J&K Bank; District Programme Manager NRLM; officials of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU); Block Heads; YUVA Doots; and other concerned officers. The Lead Bank Manager and J&K Bank Branch Heads of the district participated through virtual mode.

At the outset, the Assistant Director DE&CC gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the district's performance under Mission YUVA.

The DDC conducted a comprehensive review of block-wise applications received under the mission and assessed the status of cases pending at the Business Helping Desk (BHD), Small Business Development Unit (SBDU), District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) and bank branches.

The meeting reviewed awareness and application conversion under the Lakhpati Didi initiative, progress of awareness drives, new applications received against assigned targets, verification by BHDs, SBDU scrutiny, DLIC approvals, bank sanctions, loan disbursements, interest subvention, disposal and re-application of rejected cases, capacity building through



training, mentorship and handholding, completion reports, market access through online platforms and the status of zero-product registration.

The DDC also reviewed the performance of YUVA Doots based

on panchayat-wise applications, the district's progress in enrolling Lakhpati Didi under Udhya Jagriti 5.0 for 2026-27 and the monthly targets assigned to different blocks.

In addition, a detailed roadmap

for accelerated implementation of Mission YUVA was presented, outlining time-bound targets for field mobilisation, credit linkage, application processing, bank sanctions, verification of pending cases and ONDC seller onboarding.

The DDC directed the stakeholder departments and financial institutions to work in close coordination to ensure timely achievement of the mission objectives and improve the district's overall performance.

Emphasising the importance of grassroots mobilisation, the chair directed the YUVA Doots and Business Helping Desks to complete their assigned targets within the stipulated timelines.

The DDC instructed the BHDs to thoroughly scrutinise panchayat-wise applications and submit verification reports within 14 days..

DIO Ramban holds introductory meeting with Media Fraternity

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RAMBAN, AUGUST 06: District Information Officer Ramban Natyapal Singh today convened an introductory meeting with members of the media fraternity of the district to discuss issues concerning media persons and strengthen coordination between the administration and the media. During the interaction, media persons, led by President Journalist Association Taskeen Wani along with other senior journalists, apprised the DIO of various issues and difficulties being faced by them while covering government programmes, public events and other activities on the ground.

DRAC approves 15 Rent Assessment Cases at Ramban

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RAMBAN, AUGUST 06: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) to review and approve rent assessment cases pertaining to various government departments.

The meeting was attended by ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Engineers of PWD Divisions Ramban and Banihal, besides other concerned officers, representatives of the departments concerned and owners of private buildings.

All 15 proposals were approved by the Committee after detailed examination and deliberations in the presence of the concerned building owners and representatives of the respective departments.

The cases included rented premises being utilised by the Army, Education, Health, Social Welfare, FCS&CA, Municipal Committee Banihal and Animal Husbandry departments, among others.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to ensure strict compliance with the approved rent assessments and timely completion of all necessary formalities in accordance with the prescribed rules.



DC Kishtwar chairs joint security review meeting

Stresses strengthening of security measures at Hydroelectric Power Projects

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KISHTWAR, AUGUST 06: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a Joint Security Review (JSR) meeting to review the implementation of recommendations pertaining to the security of vital installations, critical infrastructure, vulnerable areas and adherence to the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) at all hydroelectric power projects in the district including Kiru, Kwar, Ratle, Pakal Dul and Dul Hasti. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Naresh Singh briefed the participants on the status of implementation of the JSR recommendations, existing security arrangements at the project sites, compliance with the prescribed SOPs and highlighted the need for additional security measures and infrastructure improvements to further strengthen the safety and security of the power projects. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the security of vital installations and critical infrastructure remains the top priority of the District Administration. He stressed the need for strict implementation of the recommendations and full adherence to the prescribed SOPs. He directed all Heads of the concerned power projects to upgrade infrastructure in accordance with the JSR recommendations,



strengthen security arrangements in and around the project sites, enhance surveillance and maintain constant vigil to prevent any untoward incident.

The DC also directed all Heads of Projects (HoPs) to issue a circular regarding the restriction on the use of mobile phones in restricted areas. He further instructed all concerned power projects to ensure the deployment of 100 percent armed guards and enhance security at identified key locations. Necessary directions were also issued for the upgradation of infrastructure wherever required. The Deputy Commissioner directed the project authorities to ensure continuous round-the-clock monitoring through the already installed CCTV cameras and to immediately report any suspicious activity to the concerned police authorities.

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DODA, AUGUST 06: The Rural Development Department (RDD) Doda today organised a District-Level Sammellan 2026 here in the Community Hall to promote avenues under Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-GRAM-G).

The programme aimed to strengthen rural governance, promote sustainable livelihood opportunities and create awareness among the public about various flagship welfare schemes of the Government.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Krishan Lal inaugurated as the Chief Guest. The event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Thakur; Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar; Programme Officer ICDS Akhter Qazi; Assistant Commissioner Development Din Mohammad Afaqi; Additional Superintendent of Police Mohammad Aslam; District Social Welfare Officer Zubair Ahmed; SHO Tariq Ahmed; besides officers from various line departments.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from former Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, former Sarpanches, former Panches, members of Self Help Groups (SHGs), government officials, beneficiaries, youth and civil society members.



At the outset, the participants took the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan pledge, reaffirming their commitment to building a drug-free society.

The DDC highlighted the vital role of former Sarpanches and Panches in ensuring the effective implementation of government welfare schemes at the grassroots level. He called upon officers and field functionaries to work with honesty, dedication and accountability to achieve 100 percent saturation of eligible beneficiaries under all flagship programmes.

The ADC highlighted the flagship initiatives such as VB-GRAM-G, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) and UMEED aimed at empowering grassroots institutions.

DC Doda reviews preparations for Independence Day-2026 celebrations

Directs departments to ensure seamless arrangements for smooth, dignified conduct of national event

■ HT News Network

DODA, AUGUST 06: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a meeting in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex to review and finalize the necessary arrangements for the celebration of Independence Day-2026 in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer ICDS, Superintending Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE), Chief Education Officer, District Social Welfare



Officer, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Tehsildar, Executive Officer Municipality, Chief Medical Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, officers of CRPF, IRP and other concerned departments.

A comprehensive review of the arrangements was

undertaken, including venue management, security, traffic regulation, cultural programmes, parade rehearsals, public address system, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, health services and other essential logistics.

The DC Doda directed the concerned departments to

ensure all arrangements are completed well in advance to facilitate the smooth and dignified celebration of the national festival. He emphasized proper seating arrangements, stage setup, and cleanliness at the venue, Shehnai Vadan, rendition of the National Anthem and National Song and the presentation of quality cultural programmes by school students.

The District Information Centre was directed to ensure that the sound system arrangements are installed and tested well before the function.

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Preparatory meetings held for 80th Independence Day celebrations at District Court Complex Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 06: As part of the preparations for the forthcoming 80th Independence Day celebrations at the District Court Complex, two preparatory meetings were held today under the chairmanship of Kalpana Revo, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Udhampur and under the overall supervision of Sumati Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Principal District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur chaired the meeting in his Office Chamber, which was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner;

Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters); Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works (R&B) Department; Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council; Manager, J&K Bank, Main Branch. The deliberations focused on the overall arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations, including venue preparedness, seating and power backup, sanitation, traffic management, security arrangements, ceremonial protocol and effective inter-departmental coordination to ensure the smooth and dignified conduct of the national event.

Addressing the officers, Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Kalpana Revo emphasized the importance of celebrating Independence Day with dignity,



patriotism and a spirit of collective responsibility. She stressed the need for meticulous planning, strict adherence to safety protocols and the maintenance of

law and order throughout the celebrations.

Thereafter, another coordination meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the District Court Complex with the

Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of the District Legal Services Authority. The meeting was organized to finalize the deployment and responsibilities of PLVs during the Independence Day celebrations and to strengthen public outreach and legal aid awareness initiatives.

The Para Legal Volunteers were briefed about their responsibilities, which include guiding visitors, assisting elderly and differently-abled attendees, facilitating orderly movement of the public, disseminating information regarding free legal aid services and supporting the implementation of safety measures at the venue. They were also encouraged to actively promote awareness about legal aid, legal literacy and the various welfare

schemes available through the Legal Services Authority.

Appreciating the dedication and commitment of the Para Legal Volunteers, Kalpana Revo urged them to discharge their duties with discipline, courtesy and professionalism while representing the District Legal Services Authority.

DLSA Secretary Sumati Sharma highlighted that the Independence Day celebrations provide an ideal platform to spread awareness about free legal services and grievance redressal mechanisms. She also assigned specific responsibilities to the volunteers and scheduled a mock rehearsal to ensure the smooth and efficient execution of their duties on the day of the event.





Javid Dar reviews rain-related damage, NH-44 restoration; asks for priority movement of fruit-laden trucks

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, AUGUST 6: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today reviewed the situation arising from recent heavy rainfall and landslides in Ramban and adjoining areas, with emphasis on damage to



life and property, disruption of traffic and restoration of the National Highway.

The Minister, accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also conducted a spot inspection of the Samroli-Udhampur stretch of NH-44 to take firsthand assessment of the restoration works and traffic arrangements following landslides and shooting stones triggered by incessant rainfall.

During the inspection, Javid Dar took stock of the ongoing clearance and restoration operations. He directed the concerned agencies to undertake the works on war footing to ensure early

restoration of the affected stretches. He stressed that adequate men, machinery and other resources be deployed at vulnerable locations to minimize disruption to vehicular movement and ensure the safety of commuters.

During the review meeting at DC office Ramban, the Minister directed all the concerned agencies to maintain close coordination for effective management of the situation. He emphasized coordinated efforts by the district

administration, Police, Traffic Police, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Public Works Department, security agencies and other stakeholders to ensure prompt response to the emerging challenges.

The Minister accorded top priority to the movement of fruit-laden trucks, keeping in view the perishable nature of horticulture produce and the ongoing peak fruit marketing season. He directed that such vehicles should not face unnecessary stoppages or procedural delays and called for every possible measure to facilitate their smooth and hassle-free movement towards markets outside J&K. Javid Dar directed the Traffic Police and enforcement agencies to regulate traffic in a manner that facilitates the movement of fruit consignments, particularly along vulnerable and congestion-prone stretches. He called for advance traffic planning and coordinated movement of vehicles, with priority passage to fruit-laden trucks wherever road and safety conditions permit.

Comm Secy IT takes possession of erstwhile ACB building at Jammu to strengthen departmental operations

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, AUGUST 6: Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology department, Saurabh Bhagat, today formally took possession of 23 rooms in the erstwhile ACB Building behind the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, allotted to the Information Technology Department. DIG, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vikas Gupta; Special Secretary IT, Showkat Mehmood; Additional Secretary IT, Devender Singh Bhaur; Deputy Secretary IT, Head SeMT, I/C IT Cell, technical officers, and other departmental officials were also present on the occasion. Commissioner Secretary IT stated that the newly allotted facility is envisioned to function as a dedicated IT Hub for the Department. He said the expanded infrastructure will support the Department's

growing technical workforce, foster seamless coordination among various functional verticals, and provide the necessary space and resources to meet the evolving technological and digital governance requirements of the Government. He further added that the facility will strengthen the Department's capacity to drive innovation, accelerate e-Governance initiatives, and enhance the overall efficiency of technology-driven public service delivery. Pertinently, the newly allotted space will suffice the Department's requirement to accommodate officials and technical teams working across various verticals of the Information Technology Department. It will provide a dedicated and collaborative work environment to facilitate efficient project implementation, strengthen digital governance initiatives, and support the Department's future expansion and capacity-

building efforts. A key feature of the facility will be the establishment of a SOC & NOC (Security Operations Centre & Network Operations Centre). The Centre will serve as a centralized command and monitoring facility for safeguarding the Government's digital infrastructure and ensuring the seamless operation of critical IT systems. It will enable continuous monitoring of networks, servers, applications, and cybersecurity events, facilitate early detection and response to security incidents, support coordinated incident management, and ensure uninterrupted delivery of digital services. The SOC & NOC will also strengthen cyber resilience, enhance operational efficiency, and provide centralized oversight of the Information Technology Department's e-Governance infrastructure and mission-critical digital platforms.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Khan Mohd Akram S/o Mohammad Subhan Khan, Resident of Chack Kally Khan, Sabdan, PO: Bemina, District Badgam, Jammu & Kashmir - 190018, holder of Indian Passport No. K1878983 issued at Srinagar on 27/10/2011, I hereby declare that my Name and Date of Birth mentioned in my above passport is "KHAN MOHD AKRAM" and "06/05/1946" respectively. Whereas, my correct Name and Date of Birth as per Aadhaar Card No. 663252947496 is "Mohammad Akram Khan" and "01/01/1945" respectively. I am in the process of getting my passport corrected as per my Aadhaar. If any person has any objection regarding the same, he/she may file objection within 7 days of publication of this notice.

Sd/Mohammad Akram Khan

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my name has been incorrectly mentioned in my Adhaar card as AMANAT ASHRAF KHAN bearing Account no 2173 4092 5830 while my correct name is MOHAMMAD AMANAT KHAN S/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF KHAN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may file his / her objection in the office concerned adhaar authority of India within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....MOHAMMAD AMANAT KHAN
S/O.....MOHAMMAD ASHRAF KHAN
R/O.....DOLIPORA Tehsil Kreeri Dist.....BARAMULLA

PUBLIC NOTICE

, ASHIQ AHMAD RATHER, S/o Ghulam Qadir Rather, R/o Khapora Pain, Tangmarg, hereby inform that the father's name of my son, Shahid Hussain Rather, has been wrongly recorded as "ASHIQ HUSSAIN RATHER" instead of "ASHIQ AHMAD RATHER" in school records. I now intend to get the father's name of my son corrected in the school records. If anyone has any objection to this, he/she may file the objection in the office of the Principal, Prime Rose Public School, Khapora, Tangmarg or with the Zonal Education Officer, Tangmarg within 7 days from the date of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the said period.

ASHIQ AHMAD RATHER

PUBLIC NOTICE

My daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as AISHA in her date of Birth certificate issued by SDH Kreeri bearing Registration No. B-20231-0526-1-000980 While her correct name is AASHIA which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may file his/her objection in the office of SDH/BMO office KREERI within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....GHULAM NABI SHEIKH F/O.....AASHIA
R/O.....HAIL JAGIR Tehsil...KREERI DISTT...BARAMULLA

PUBLIC NOTICE

My daughters mother's name has been wrongly mentioned as SUMAIRA in her Date of Birth certificate bearing Registration NO B 202401902380001066 while her correct Mother's name is SUMAIRA MANZOOR as per adhaar card which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may file his/her objection in the office of SDH/BMO Kreeri within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....SHOWKAT AHMAD KHAN F/O.....MEHREEN SHOWKAT R/O.....JAHANGIRPORA SHRAKWARA

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, DILSHADABANO, D/o SANAUULLAH DAR, R/o NAGBAL, hereby inform that I have lost my School Certificates. I intend to apply for duplicate certificates from Govt. High School Nagbal, Kandi Sultanpora, Baramulla. If anyone has any objection, he/she may submit it to the office of the Headmaster, Govt. High School Nagbal, Kandi Sultanpora, Baramulla within 7 days from the date of this publication. Objections received after this period will not be considered.

Dilshada Bano
D/o Sanauullah Dar
R/o Nagbal

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R/O.....HAIL JAGIR Tehsil...KREERI DISTT...BARAMULLA

PUBLIC NOTICE

My daughters mother's name has been wrongly mentioned as SUMAIRA in her Date of Birth certificate bearing Registration NO B 202401902380001066 while her correct Mother's name is SUMAIRA MANZOOR as per adhaar card which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of SDH/BMO Kreeri within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....SHOWKAT AHMAD KHAN F/O.....MEHREEN SHOWKAT R/O.....JAHANGIRPORA SHRAKWARA

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my name has been incorrectly mentioned in my Adhaar card as AMANAT ASHRAF KHAN bearing Account no 2173 4092 5830 while my correct name is MOHAMMAD AMANAT KHAN S/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF KHAN which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection in this regard he / she may file his/her objection in the office concerned adhaar authority of India within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....MOHAMMAD AMANAT KHAN
S/O.....MOHAMMAD ASHRAF KHAN
R/O.....DOLIPORA Tehsil Kreeri Dist.....BARAMULLA

ICICI Prudential Cuts Cost Ratio as AI, Digital Push Drive Operational Efficiency

Srinagar, August 6, KNT: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance on Thursday said its sustained investment in digital technology, artificial intelligence and automation has helped reduce its cost-to-premium ratio for the savings business to 13.6 per cent in the first quarter of FY2027, a decline of 50 basis points from a year ago despite continued business growth.

The insurer attributed the improvement to technology-driven operational efficiencies and cost optimisation measures across customer acquisition, policy servicing and claims processing.

Chief Technology Officer Ganessan Soundiram said the company's digital investments were aimed at simplifying customer experience while reducing manual processes and improving operational efficiency. He said artificial intelligence, analytics and digital platforms were increasingly being used to strengthen distribution, customer servicing and business operations.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of BASHIR AHMAD KHAN S/O WALI MOHAMMAD KHAN R/O... KREERI Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 11/01/1970 event has been shown to be occurred at this Home for issuance of delay order. In this connection if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Executive Magistrate 1st Class KREERI

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of TAHIR AHMAD LONE S/O NAZIR AHMAD LONE R/O THINDIMA Tehsil KREERI Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth as 11/08/2008 event has been shown to be occurred at this Home for issuance of delay order. In this connection if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of Birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Executive Magistrate 1st Class KREERI

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class KREERI

DIPK-4182/26

Send Date: Aug 6 2026

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Health & Medical Education Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Public Notice

Subject: Select List for the post of Assistant Professor Antenatal Health Care in-charge (ancillary Staff) in GMC Handwara and Antenatal Medical Officer cum Lecturer in Government Medical College, Doda-Online submission of Personnel Verification Rolls (PVRs) for verification of character and antecedents thereof.

Notice

It is hereby notified for the information of the following candidates who have been recommended by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission for appointment against the post of Assistant Professor, Antenatal Health Care in-charge (ancillary Staff) in GMC Handwara and Antenatal Medical Officer cum Lecturer in Government Medical College, Doda vide communication No. PSC/DR/RTHC/UTHM/H&ME/2024 dated 10.07.2026, that they are required to submit their personal details, including valid e-mail address and mobile number, to the Health & Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu, for registration under the Employee Verification System (EVS) for verification of their character and antecedents:

S.No	Name of the candidate with parentage & residence
1	Rukshana Farooq D/O Mohammad Farooq Dar R/O 93 Wadwan Narbal
2	Aakansha Mahajan D/o Koshal kishore Gupta R/o H.No 2SEC I Rajinder Nagar phase 2 HAD Colony, Bantalab Jammu
3	Virta Chauhan D/O Aman Chauhan R/o Ganika Bhagwah

This submission is mandatory for initiation of verification of character and antecedents, in terms of Circular No. 18-JK(GAD) of 2022 dated 20.05.2022 issued by the General Administration Department. The requisite details must be submitted within seven (07) days from the date of issuance of this notice. Failure to comply within the stipulated time frame shall be construed as unwillingness to accept the appointment, and the candidates shall forfeit their claim to the post, without any further correspondence.

DIPK-4222/26

Send Date: Aug 6, 2026

SD/-
Deputy Secretary to the Government
Health & Medical Education Department

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla

e-mail, id, xenmhd.bla@jk.gov.in

Tender Notice Inviting e-Tender

NIT No:	M&HDB/TS/2026-27/56/1528-32
Date:	06-08-2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, **Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla**, invites online **e-bids in Two Cover system** on percentage wise basis from Authorized Service Providers of OEMs / Registered / Listed Contractors for the below mentioned works:

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Completion
01.	Routine / Corrective maintenance to Snow Cat 90HP APertaining to Mechanical and Hospital Sub-Division 1 st Baramulla	0.99163	200.00	1983/-	10 days

Note: -

- AAA:** -Administrative Approval accorded by Chief Engineer M&HD Kashmir vide No. M&HD/ K / Acctt / 29 of 2026-27 Dated: - 30-04-2026.
- Technical Sanction:** - Technical Sanction Accorded by Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla vide No. M&HDB/TS/40of08/2026; Dated: - 05-08-2026.
- Executing Agency:** - Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06-08-2026
2.	Period of downloading of the bidding document	From 06-08-2026 to 17-08-2026
3	Bid Submission Start Date	From 06-08-2026 (18:00 HRS)
4.	Bid Submission End Date	17-08-2026 (18:55 HRS)
5.	Date of Opening of Cover 1 st	18-08-2026 (13:00 HRS)

The bidders are required to submit their offers in **two (02)** covers.

Cover-I shall contain: Scanned copies of following documents:

01.	Tender Fee	Tender Fee equivalent to Rs. 200.00 (Rupees Two hundred Only) has to be deposited in the Departmental Common Pool Account maintained in Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Branch Residency Road Srinagar, under Account No: 0005010200000355 (IFSC Code: JAKA0CHINAR). Proof of the said Electronic / Digital Transfer has to be uploaded in Cover-I documents.
02.	EMD	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) equivalent to 02% of value of the advertised cost has to be deposited in the Departmental Common Pool Account maintained in Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Branch Residency Road Srinagar, under Account No: 0005010200000355 (IFSC Code: JAKA0CHINAR). Proof of the said Electronic / Digital Transfer has to be uploaded in Cover-I documents.
03.	Terms & Conditions	Scanned copy of the Annexure- "A" & "B" duly accepted by the bidder.
04.	Tax Clearance	Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST Number.
05.	GST	Scanned copies of PAN Card / GST Registration / Latest GST clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
06.	Undertaking	Undertaking as per format at Annexure "C" that the bidder has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Govt./Semi Govt. Department.
07.	Contractor Registration	Scanned copy of valid Contractor Registration on JKPWDOMS of PWD J&K.
08.	Eligibility / Work Experience Certificate	The Bidder Shall submit documentary proof of having successfully executed similar nature of work amounting to 80% of the estimated cost in single contract or 50% of the estimated cost in two contracts each or 40% of the estimated cost in three contracts each in last 07 years in any Govt. /Semi Govt./Autonomous institutions alongwith satisfactory performance certificate issued by a competent authority not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

Note:-

- The successful bidder has to furnish EMD document physically to the Divisional office alongwith fee receipt within three days from the date of opening price bid, without which his bid shall not be accepted for further processing of contract in his favour.
- No EMD exemption shall be given to bidders.
- Bidders / Firms shall refrain from uploading irrelevant documents.
- Contractor/ Firm shall upload the contact / communication details separately on single page.

A. Cover-II shall contain:

- Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this department. In no case, financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for 180 days and the contract shall be valid for one complete year, starting from the date of allotment of the said contract.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- The Financial bid of only qualifying bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer M&HD Baramulla after evaluation of technical bid and decision thereof.
- Bidder shall be penalized as per tender conditions if they withdraw their bid during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rate below %age inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- The cost of tender documents is non-refundable and the tender shall in no case be accepted if submitted by any firm other than the purchaser.
- Any tender found to have been submitted by the firm by furnishing false information to the department shall be cancelled and the firm shall be penalized as and when it comes to the notice of the Department even during the currency of the contract. The department reserves the right to debar /blacklist such firm(s).
- Conditional tenders shall not be entertained.
- Unbalanced Bid:** In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to deposit additional performance security as per the Circular directives of the J&K U.T Finance Department issued vide No. FD-Code/441/2021-22-158; Dated: - 08.08.2025.
- The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer M&HD Baramulla.

DIPK-4182/26

Send Date: Aug 6 2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospitals Division
Baramulla





GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

Muthi, Akhnoor Road, Jammu/ZamZam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar
(www.jkssb.nic.in)

Advertisement Notification No. 08 of 2026
Dated: 04.08.2026

Subject: Advertisement for UT/Divisional/District Cadre posts belonging to Various Department(s), Jammu & Kashmir.

The Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) has received various Indent(s) for filling up vacancies in various Department(s), Jammu & Kashmir under direct recruitment as per the details indicated below:

S. No.	Reference of Indent	Indenting Department	No. of posts received
1.	i) Agri-Cord/49/2024(7505111) dated 08.08.2024 followed by Horti- NG/3/2021 (CC No 34007) dated 22.05.2025 ii) Horti- NG/3/2021-1198310) dated 05.08.2025 followed by Horti- NG/3/2021 (CC 7198310) dated 24.06.2026	Agriculture Production Department	46
2	i) HD-NG-K/4/2026-029 7716747) dated 18.06.2026	Health and Medical Education Department	421
3	i) HED-NG/24/2022-04(136845) dated: 03.07.2024 followed by dated: 21.01.2025 and No. HED- NG/2/24/2022-04 dated: 16.05.2025. ii) HED-NG/33/2021-04(88157) dated: 08.10.2025. Higher Education Department	48	
4	i) LE-Genl/12/2023-11 dated: 09.12.2024 followed by LE- Genl/12/2023-11-L&E (7586889) dated: 20.12.2024. ii) LE- Genl/12/2023-11(7122998) dated: 01.05.2025.	Labour and Employment Department	3
TOTAL			518

Accordingly, the JKSSB invites Online Application Forms from the eligible candidates for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts. The important dates/details with regard to the posts being advertised are as under:

a.)	Date of Commencement for submission of Online Applications:	10.09.2026
b.)	Cut-off/Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms	09.10.2026
c.)	Name of the Post, Cadre, Pay Level, Category-wise break up, Qualification and Criteria of Selection for the Advertised posts.	Annexure-A
d.)	Certificate regarding Physical Limitation to write.	Annexure-B
e.)	Letter of Undertaking for using Own Scribe.	Annexure-C
Total Number of Posts Advertised = 518		

The detailed Terms and Conditions with regard to Eligibility, Educational qualification, Domicile, Reservation etc. for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts are as under:

01.) APPOINTMENT OF THE CANDIDATES:

The Appointment and other service conditions in respect of the candidates selected through this recruitment/selection process shall be governed as per extant rules/regulations of the Government of UT of J&K.

02.) DOMICILE:

The candidate(s) seeking to apply for the advertised posts shall be the Domicile(s) of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority on the prescribed format on or before the cut-off date i.e. last date of submission of online application forms, which, unless otherwise extended, shall be 09.10.2026.

03.) VACANCIES:

The details of posts advertised are given in Annexure-A to this Notification. However, the actual number of posts may undergo increase or decrease during or before the completion of the selection process and the JKSSB is not legally liable for any such variation in the total number of posts advertised for which the final selection list will be issued. The Advertisement Notification is also subject to the outcome of any writ petition/O.A. pending before the competent Court of law.

04.) AGE LIMIT:

The requirement of age for applying against these posts, as on 01.01.2026 for Open Merit & various Reserved Category Candidates, shall be as under:

S.No.	Category	Max. Age Limit in Years	Not Born Before	Not Born After
(i)	OM	40	01.01.1986	01.01.2008
(ii)	SC	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(iii)	ST-1	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(iv)	ST-2	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(v)	RBA	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(vi)	ALC/IB	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(vii)	EWS (Economically Weaker Section)	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(viii)	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	43	01.01.1983	01.01.2008
(ix)	Physically Challenged Person	42	01.01.1984	01.01.2008
(x)	Every Ex-Servicemen having served in the Armed Forces shall be allowed to deduct the period of such Service from his Actual Age and if the Resultant Age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for the post by more than 3 years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding Age Limit			Candidate should not be born after 01.01.2008

05.) QUALIFICATION REQUIRED:

- As per the Indent(s) and clarification(s) received from the Indenting Department(s), the Qualification(s) prescribed for the advertised posts is shown in Annexure-A to this Notification.
- The candidates who are declared qualified/shortlisted by the Board for Document Verification will be required to produce relevant Certificates in originalas proof of having acquired the prescribed educational qualification strictly on or before the cut-off date fixed for filling online application forms, failing which the candidature of such candidates shall be cancelled by the Board.
- Candidates may note that their candidature/admission in examination will remain provisional till the genuineness and validity of their documents relating to educational/Technical qualification is verified by the Appointing Authority.
- In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification (where it is applicable/required), it shall be mandatory to produce relevant Equivalence Certificate or seek equivalence from the concerned competent authorities as and when required by the Board. However, final decision regarding selection of such candidates will be taken by the Board, in light of relevant rules which shall be binding.
- Any candidate having his/her qualification other than as prescribed, shall not be eligible for posts advertised in this notification and the candidature of such candidates will be summarily rejected at any stage of the recruitment / selection process.

06.) APPLICATION OF RESERVATION:

- The Reservation for the posts under this Advertisement Notification shall be applicable as per the Category-wise break up of vacancies as conveyed by the Indenting Department and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act/Rules, as amended from time to time.
- A candidate seeking consideration under Reserved Categories must ensure that they possess a valid/ Category Certificate strictly as on the Cut Off date and the same is required to be uploaded while submitting online application. It may be noted that no further opportunity to upload any document shall be provided thereafter and action under rules including rejection of application/ candidature may be taken strictly as per the legal validity of the uploaded document w.r.t. the prescribed cut-off date.
- APPLICANTS BELONGING TO THE RESERVED CATEGORIES APPLYING IN FORMATS (OF RESERVATION CERTIFICATES) OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT (AS PER THE RELEVANT ACT/SO) SHALL IN NO CASE BE ENTERTAINED AND THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE TO ACQUIRE THE CERTIFICATE IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT WITHIN THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OR WITHIN THE TIME AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, FAILING WHICH IT SHALL BE DEEMED THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF A VALID CERTIFICATE AND HIS/HER APPLICATION SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

- Candidates may note that their candidature will remain provisional till the genuineness and validity of the Reserved Category Certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.
- Candidates are cautioned to note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of Invalid/false/fake/fraudulent/forged certificate, they shall be debarred from the examination(s) conducted by the Board, besides penal action as deemed appropriate shall be initiated against them.

07.) HORIZONTAL RESERVATION (wherever applicable under rules):

- Horizontal Reservation means the reservation which would cut across the vertical reservation and the persons selected shall have to be placed in the appropriate category by making necessary adjustments.
- Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) shall be applicable to the extent as communicated by the Indenting Department(s)/ or, in accordance with the extant rules/regulations.
- The suitability/type of Disabilities/eligibility of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities for these posts under Horizontal Reservation shall be governed by the extant regulations or as conveyed by the Indenting Department(s).
- Horizontal Reservation for Ex-Servicemen candidates is applicable as per extant rules, for the posts which carry Pay of and up to the Level-6E (35900-113500).
- In terms of S.O. 361 of 2021 dated 20.10.2021, an Ex-Servicemen on joining any post after having availed Horizontal Reservation, cannot avail the benefit of Horizontal Reservation as Ex-Servicemen for any subsequent Employment. A candidate seeking to apply under ESM category shall be required to submit an affidavit duly sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate in this regard at the time of scrutiny of the documents.

- ESM candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form- XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in the Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.
- In case sufficient number of candidates belonging to the Ex- Servicemen are not available on the basis of General standard to fill all the vacancies reserved for them, candidates belonging to the category of Ex- Servicemen may be selected under the relaxed standard of selection to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the condition that such relaxation will not affect the level of performance by such candidates.

08.) APPLICATION FEE:

- Fee payable: Rs. 600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only). In case of candidates belonging to SC, ST-1, ST-2, EWS and PwBD category, the fee payable shall be Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only).
- Fee can be paid only through online mode viz. Net Banking, Credit or Debit cards.
- Applications received without the prescribed fee shall not be considered and summarily rejected. No representation against such rejection will be entertained. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection.
- All the disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, are subject matter of relevant Bank and J&K Services Selection Board. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official e-mail sbbjk-grievance.jk.gov.in only. No chargeback request shall be entertained.

09.) DATE & CENTRE OF EXAMINATION:

The J&K Services Selection Board shall notify the date for examination and the Venue/Centre(s) of examination separately. The details shall be made available on the website of the Board i.e. www. jkssb.nic.in. No representation/request for change in this regard shall be entertained, whatsoever be the reason.

10.) SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

- The Examination will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice Questions. The questions will be set in English Language only.

- There will be Negative Marking for each wrong answer to the extent of one-fourth of marks assigned to that question.

11.) SYLLABUS FOR THE POSTS:

The Syllabus for the posts shall be notified separately and shall be made available on the official website of JKSSB.

12.) ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:

- The Board will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written/OMR examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. However, ineligible candidate(s), as and when comes into the notice of the Board will not be allowed to participate in the subsequent stage(s) of the recruitment process. The candidates are instructed to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, and reserved category particularly w.r.t "cut off date" and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post. Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of Document Verification. When scrutiny is undertaken, if any claim made in the application is not found substantiated or correct, the candidature will be cancelled, and Criminal Proceedings under law may also be initiated, or any other action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, shall be taken.
- All candidates who register themselves in response to this Advertisement Notification, by the closing date and time and whose applications are found to be in order, for the purpose of participating in the written/OMR examination and are provisionally accepted by the Board as per the terms and conditions of this Advertisement Notice, will be assigned Roll numbers and issued Admit Card/

Roll No. slips for appearing in the Written Examination. Assignment of Roll Number and issuance of Admit Card shall in no way confer the right of participation of the respective candidate(s) in the subsequent stages of examination or in the final selection process in the event of coming into notice any discrepancy related to the identification, qualification and eligibility of the candidate(s).

c) The Examination details will be uploaded on the official website of the Board i.e. www.jkssb.nic.in. Examination detail/Roll Number slips will not be issued by India post for any stage of examination. Therefore, candidates are advised to visit the official website of Board regularly for updates and information about the examination.

d) Candidate(s) must submit their Online Application form, Email-ID and Mobile Number along with their Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Board. Communication from the candidate not furnishing these particulars shall not be entertained.

e) Facility for downloading of Admit Cards, as may be notified will be available about one week before the Date of Examination on the official website of the Board. Candidate must bring printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Card/Slip to the Examination Hall.

f) In addition to the Roll Number Card/Slip, it is mandatory to carry (to the Examination Hall) at least two passport size, recent (not older than 06 months, with date mentioned) colour photographs, Original valid Photo-ID proof such as:

- > Aadhaar Card/ Printout of E-Aadhaar,
- > Voter ID Card,
- > Driving License,
- > PAN Card,
- > Passport,
- > School/ College/University I-Card,
- > Employer ID Card (Govt./ PSU/ Private), etc.

13.) PROVISION OF COMPENSATORY TIME AND ASSISTANCE OF SCRIBE:

In terms of the extant guidelines, the Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), who are otherwise eligible for the posts and are in possession of valid disability certificate, may choose to avail the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination, on production of a Certificate from the competent Medical Board/Authority as per Annexure-B and an Undertaking to this effect as per Annexure-C to this Notification.

The facility of Scribe for such candidates shall be available only with the following conditions:

- The candidate shall have to arrange for his/her own scribe to avail the facility.
- The person engaged as Scribe should not be a candidate for the same examination herself/himself.
- He/She shall not be a student of the same institution/centre where the test is being conducted and also not a relative of the candidate.
- The Scribe shall be a student of a lower grade of education than the candidate appearing in the examination. He/she shall also not possess more than the minimum qualification as required for the post for which the candidate is taking the examination. If subsequently it is found that the qualification of the Scribe is not as declared by the candidate, the candidate shall forfeit his/her right to the post and claims relating thereto.
- The Scribe would need to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of examination.
- If a candidate is detected as assisting another PwBD candidate as scribe in the examination, the candidature of both the candidates shall be cancelled.
- No attendant other than the Scribe for eligible candidates shall be allowed inside the Examination Hall.
- The candidates with Benchmark Disabilities opting for facility of a Scribe shall be required to submit details of the Scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at Annexure-C.
- For availing the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time in terms of the conditions given above, a candidate should have filled the, application form as PwBD candidate, at the time of applying for the post and in addition shall have to submit following documents (whichever applicable) to the Observer on the day of the examination:

- > Application on plain paper
- > Person with Disability Certificate (Self-attested).
- > Certificate regarding physical limitation to write (Annexure-B).
- > Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe (Annexure-C)
- > Admit Card/Rol Number and Contact Number.
- > Qualification certificate of Scribe (Self-attested).
- > Photocopy of the Scribe's Photo-ID Proof signed by the candidate as well as the Scribe.
- j) Candidates who wish to avail either facility of a Scribe and/or compensatory time, are advised to reach the examination centre at least one hour in advance to make the process hassle free.
- k) The candidature of such candidates shall remain provisional till the veracity of the relevant document/s is verified. Candidates shall be debarred from the examination in case of fraudulent claim of PwBD status.

14.) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION (DV):

- The candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document/certificate/Online application form as per the Advertisement Notification.
- The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification(s) and other documents like Birth Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Category Certificate, etc. which are legally valid on or before the last date of submission of online application form (i.e. cut-off date).
- The candidate must appear with original Domicile Certificate/Qualification/ Category/BonaFide Certificate/s etc. before the Document Verification Committee as may be constituted for such purpose by the Board. Document Verification being the most important stage of selection process, in case a candidate fails to appear before the DV Committee or fails to produce relevant documents/testimonials in original on the scheduled date of DV, he/she shall not be considered for selection.
- No TA/DA will be paid for participation in the written test /document verification.
- Candidates shall be required to bring two passport size recent colour photographs (not older than six months, with date mentioned) and to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of Document Verification.
- Wherever a specific format has been prescribed for any certificate, in accordance with the relevant rules/orders by the concerned issuing authority, a candidate shall be supposed to furnish the said requisite documents in the prescribed format at the time of Documents Verification, otherwise his/her candidature shall be liable for cancellation /rejection.
- Candidates who wish to be considered against reserved vacancies or such age relaxation wherever applicable, must submit requisite valid (w.r.t cut off date) certificate/documents from the Competent Authority in the prescribed format when such relaxations are sought by the Board at the time of Document Verification, otherwise their claim will not be entertained & their candidature shall be considered under Open Merit Category.
- Candidates claiming to be the Domicile(s) of Jammu & Kashmir shall be asked to produce the Domicile Certificate in original issued by the competent authority which should be valid up to the cut-off date, in the prescribed format at the time of Document Verification.
- Ex-Servicemen candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.
- BonaFide Certificate on the format prescribed by the Board duly issued by the Controller/Registrar of the concerned University in respect of the candidates, who have obtained Degree from the valid and recognized Universities/Colleges/Institutes outside the UT of J&K and other than Central Universities.
- In addition, any other Certificate, as may be required as part of the eligibility for a specific post, shall also be produced at the time of the DV.

15.) MISCONDUCT/MALPRACTICE:

- If any candidate is found indulging in any irregularity/misconduct/malpractice/ misbehavior at any stage of recruitment/ selection process, such candidate shall be debarred from the examinations conducted by the Services Selection Board for such period as may be deemed appropriate, and apart from the cancellation of candidature for the instant examination any other penal action as would be necessary & expedient, under the extant rules and laws, shall be taken. Pertinent to note that among other things, misbehavior includes defying the instructions/authority of any official/officer on Examination Duty.
- The use of any mobile phone (even in switched off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches, smart Glasses, Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled devices etc. or camera or blue tooth devices or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations and cancellation of candidature for the instant examination. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned item including bags, mobile phones or any valuable/costly items to the venue of the examination, as no arrangement for safe-keeping will be made at the venue of the examination. JKSSB will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

16.) STEPS TAKEN FOR FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN EXAMINATION PROCESS:

The Board, for the purpose of ensuring integrity, fairness and transparency in the Examination process shall be well within its rights & duties, to take steps as necessary or issue instructions as deemed appropriate, at any stage of recruitment/selection process, and all such steps/instructions shall be deemed to have been taken/given in furtherance of its mandate, as enshrined in the relevant laws/rules/regulations. Such instructions/steps should be legally binding on the candidates.

17.) IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- BEFORE APPLYING, CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION VERY CAREFULLY.
- THE CANDIDATES MUST WRITE THEIR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, FATHER'S NAME AND MOTHER'S NAME STRICTLY AS GIVEN IN THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE OTHERWISE THEIR CANDIDATURE MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION OR AS AND WHEN IT COMES INTO THE NOTICE OF THE BOARD.
- REQUEST FOR CHANGE/ CORRECTION IN ANY PARTICULARS IN THE APPLICATION FORM, ONCE SUBMITTED, WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THE APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO FILL ALL THE FIELDS OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WITH DUE DILIGENCE AND AFTER CAREFULLY READING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GIVEN IN THE ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION.
- CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO FILL THE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY & DILIGENTLY. FURTHER THEY ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING. ONCE SUBMITTED AND APPLICATION NUMBER GENERATED, NO CLAIMS FOR MAKING CHANGES IN ANY ENTRY/FIELD SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AT ANY LATER STAGE.
- CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS MUCH BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND NOT TO WAIT TILL THE LAST DATE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCONNECTION/ INABILITY OR FAILURE TO LOGIN TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL ON ACCOUNT OF HEAVY LOAD ON THE WEBSITE DURING THE CLOSING DAYS.
- CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO UPLOAD THEIR LIVE PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE (Size- 10 KB to 20 KB), CATEGORY CERTIFICATE (Max size- 100 KB in pdf format), QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE (IF ANY) CERTIFICATES (SELF ATTESTED) (Max size- 100 KB in pdf format) AS REQUIRED FOR THE RESPECTIVE POST(S).
- SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS IMPLIES THAT CANDIDATE IS WILLING AND IS IN AGREEMENT TO UNDERGO SCREENING FOR ALL THE SECURITY AND SCRUTINY MECHANISM AS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE BY THE BOARD, WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS INCLUDES PHYSICAL FRISKING, DOOR FRAME METAL DETECTORS (DFMDs) SCANNING, BIOMETRIC CAPTURING, FACIAL RECOGNITION SCREENING, AADHAR AUTHENTICATION ETC.
- THE BOARD WILL NOT UNDERTAKE DETAILED SCRUTINY OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER ASPECTS AT THE TIME OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND, THEREFORE, CANDIDATURE WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY PROVISIONALLY. HOWEVER, INELIGIBLE CANDIDATE(S), AS AND WHEN COMES INTO THE NOTICE OF THE BOARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSEQUENT STAGE(S) OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS. THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE REQUIREMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION, AGE, ETC. AND SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE POST(S). COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION. WHEN SCRUTINY IS UNDERTAKEN, IF ANY CLAIM MADE IN THE APPLICATION IS NOT FOUND SUBSTANTIATED, THE CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE BOARD'S DECISION IN THIS RESPECT SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.
- CANDIDATES SEEKING RESERVATION BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR RBA/SC/ST-1/ST-2/OBC/EWS/ALC/IB/PWBD/ESM MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO SUCH RESERVATION AS PER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS(S) PRESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE IN POSSESSION OF THE CERTIFICATES IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CLAIM, ON OR BEFORE THE CUT-OFF DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO UPLOAD THE (VALID WITH IN CUT-OFF DATE) CATEGORY CERTIFICATE WHILE FILLING UP THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.
- WHEN APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED, IT WILL BE ACCEPTED "PROVISIONALLY". CANDIDATE SHOULD TAKE PRINTOUT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE SAME AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENTS VERIFICATION. THE CANDIDATES ARE FURTHER ADVISED NOT TO SUBMIT THE HARD COPIES OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IN THE OFFICE OF THE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST/EMAIL.

- ONLY ONE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SAME ITEM NUMBER IS ALLOWED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE. THEREFORE, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE AT THE TIME OF FILLING THEIR ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS. IN CASE, MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION OF A CANDIDATE IS DETECTED FOR THE SAME ITEM NO., THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER LATE APPLICATION. IF A CANDIDATE SUBMITS MULTIPLE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SAME POST AND APPEARS IN THE EXAMINATION (AT ANY STAGE) MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE POST OF THE SAME ITEM NO., HIS/HER CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND THEY WILL BE DEBARRED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS OF THE BOARD AS PER RULES.
- REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OR CHANGE IN THE PREFERENCES ONCE FILLED RELATING TO CADRE AND DEPARTMENT, IF APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

- APPLICATIONS WITH BLURRED/ ILLEGIBLE PHOTOGRAPH/ SIGNATURE WILL BE REJECTED SUMMARILY.
- THE CANDIDATES MUST CARRY TWO PASSPORT SIZE RECENT (NOT OLDER THAN 06 MONTHS, WITH DATE MENTIONED) COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND A LATEST PHOTO- BEARING IDENTIFICATION PROOF SLIP AS AADHAAR CARD/ PRINTOUT OF E-AADHAAR, DRIVER CARD, VOTER CARD, PAN CARD, IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY SCHOOL/ COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY/ EMPLOYER GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICE, WHERE THE CANDIDATE HAS BEEN WORKING, ETC. IN ORIGINAL TO THE EXAMINATION VENUE. FAILING WHICH THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR FOR THE SAME. PwBD CANDIDATES USING THE FACILITY OF SCRIBE SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO CARRY REQUIRED MEDICAL CERTIFICATE/ UNDERTAKING/ PHOTOCOPY OF THE SCRIBE'S PHOTO ID PROOF, AS SPECIFIED THEREIN.
- IN CASE OF FAKE/ FABRICATED APPLICATION/ REGISTRATION BY MISUSING ANY DIGITARIES NAME/ PHOTO, SUCH CANDIDATE(S)/ SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME AND LIABLE FOR SUITABLE LEGAL ACTION UNDER CYBER/ IT ACT/RELEVANT RULES. p. FEE PAYABLE: RS.600/- (RUPEES SIX HUNDRED ONLY). IN CASE OF CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC, ST-1, ST-2, PwBD & EWS CATEGORIES, THE FEE PAYABLE SHALL BE RS.500/- (RUPEES FIVE HUNDRED ONLY).
- THE CANDIDATES SHALL CAREFULLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION FOR ONLY THOSE ITEM(S) FOR WHICH HE/SHE HAS APPLIED AND IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE. EACH CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR SUCH MULTIPLE ITEMS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE COMPETING (DEPENDING UPON THEIR PREFERENCE AND ELIGIBILITY) AND THE FINAL ALLOTMENT AGAINST THE ADVERTISED POSTS /SERVICES/CADRE SHALL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT-CUM-PREFERENCES OF THE CANDIDATE.

18.) PROCEDURE FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION:

The necessary instructions regarding filling up of online applications, including the details of the Online Portal in this regard shall be made available on the Board's Website separately. Candidates will be required to fill the application form in online mode only and no other means/mode of application will be accepted.

19.) IN-SERVICE CANDIDATES:

In service candidates shall submit print out of filled online application form along-with duly filled, signed and stamped Certificate given at last paragraph of the application form through proper channel viz. the concerned Head of Department/Designated Authority. The Head of Department concerned shall forward the application form of the In-service candidates to the Office of the Secretary, Services Selection Board on or before the last date of Document Verification. Such candidates shall also indicate the same while submitting online form.

20.) FINALITY OF DECISION OF THE BOARD:

The decision of the Board in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of tests / examination(s), allotment of examination centre, debarment for indulging in malpractices, preparation of result / merit list, etc. will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/ correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

21.) ABBREVIATIONS:

OM-Open Merit, SC-Scheduled Castes, ST-Scheduled Tribes, RBA-Residents of Backward Areas, EWS-Economically Weaker Sections, OBC- Other Backward Classes, ALC/IB- Residents of areas adjoining Line of Actual control/International Border, ESM- Ex-Servicemen, PwBD- Persons with Benchmark Disabilities, DV-

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Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board.

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Annexure "A"

Name of the Posts, Category wise break up of posts, Qualification and Criteria for Selection of the UT/Divisional/District Cadre Posts.																
Item No.	Department	Sub Department/ Appointing Authority.	Pay Scale of the Post	Name of the post	Cadre of the post	OM	SC	ST1	ST2	OBC	ALC/IB	RBA	EWS	Total	Qualification prescribed	Criteria for Selection
104	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	Level-2 (19900-63200)	Senior Canning Attendant	Div. Kashmir	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matric or its equivalent qualification with 06 (six) months training in Fruit Preservation.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
105	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Srinagar	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
106	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Budgam	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
107	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Shopian	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
108	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Kulgam	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
109	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Ganderbal	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
110	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Pulwama	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
111	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Anantnag	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	8	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
112	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Jammu	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Rajouri	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
113	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Jammu	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Poonch	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
114	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900 – 50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Bandipora	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
115	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Baramulla	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
116	Agriculture Production Department	Director Horticulture Kashmir	SL-2 (15900-50400)	Horticulture Technician Grade-IV	Kupwara	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10+2 with one year Basic Horticulture training passed.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only
117	Health & Medical Education Department	Director Health Services Kashmir	Level-6 (35400 –112400)	Health Educator	Division Kashmir	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	15	Graduation with Science from any recognised University.	The selection for the post shall be made on the basis of merit obtained in the written/OMR examination only.



BCF Organises Grand CPL Trophy Unveiling Ceremonies Across Kashmir from August 3 to 5



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BARAMULLA/SRINAGAR/KUPWARA, AUGUST 5: The Baramulla Cricket Forum (BCF) successfully organised a series of grand trophy unveiling ceremonies for the upcoming Chinara Premier League (CPL) from August 3 to August 5 across Baramulla, Kupwara and Srinagar, creating tremendous excitement among cricket lovers ahead of the mega event.

The Chinara Premier League (CPL), which will be organised by the Indian Army in collaboration with the Baramulla Cricket Forum, is set to commence soon across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, with more than 76 clubs participating from different districts. The tournament aims to identify emerging cricketing talent while promoting youth engagement, sports tourism and a drug-free society.

The three-day trophy unveiling campaign began on August 3 at the historic Cariappa Park, Baramulla, where hundreds of

prominent cricketers, businessmen, members of civil society and sports enthusiasts gathered to witness the ceremony. A specially designed CPL-themed cake was cut before the official unveiling of the trophy.

Speaking on the occasion, BCF General Secretary Mr. Zubair Ahmed Dar said the Chinara Premier League is much more than a cricket tournament.

"CPL is not only a talent hunt tournament but also a platform for budding cricketers from every region of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. It is a movement against drug abuse, a step towards promoting sports tourism and a tournament carrying a legacy of nearly two decades. The people of Baramulla have a deep emotional attachment with this prestigious event."

Following the successful Baramulla programme, the BCF delegation, led by General Secretary Mr. Zubair Ahmed Dar, travelled to Kupwara on August 4, where another grand trophy unveiling ceremony was held at Dak Bungalow.

The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Mr. Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, attended the function as the Chief Guest. He appreciated the efforts of the organisers for selecting Kupwara as one of the tournament venues and assured full cooperation from the district administration for the successful conduct of the event. He also praised the Baramulla Cricket Forum for its outstanding contribution to the promotion of cricket across North Kashmir. The Deputy Commissioner later cut the ceremonial cake and officially unveiled the CPL trophy.

The final and most spectacular ceremony was organised by the Baramulla Cricket Forum on August 5 at the world-famous Dal Lake, Srinagar, where players, captains and sports lovers from different districts gathered in large numbers.

The event was graced by Mr. Wajahat Farooq Bhat, Chairman of Save Youth Save Future, as the Chief Guest. Former India Under-19 and Ranji Trophy cricketer Abid Nabi, former Ranji Trophy player Omar Alam, along with several prominent cricketers

and representatives of various clubs, attended as special guests.

Adding a unique touch to the celebrations, the CPL trophy was placed aboard a beautifully decorated Shikara for a ceremonial ride on Dal Lake. The trophy was initially carried by Mr. Wajahat Farooq Bhat and Mr. Mudassir, who formally handed it over to Abid Nabi and Omar Alam. The two former cricketers then brought the trophy to the main ghat, where it was officially unveiled amid loud applause from the gathering.

The event also featured a musical performance by budding singer Salman from Baramulla, adding a festive atmosphere to the celebrations.

Participants and sports lovers described the August 3-5 trophy unveiling campaign as one of the most unique and memorable sporting promotions ever organised in the region. They applauded the Baramulla Cricket Forum for successfully conducting the three-city campaign and creating unprecedented enthusiasm ahead of the upcoming Chinara Premier League.

2nd edition of TN Pickleball Premier League officially launched in Chennai

United News Of India

CHENNAI, AUG 6: The second edition of the Cavin's Tamil Nadu Pickleball Premier League (TNPL) to be held from September 17 to 20, was officially launched in Chennai on Wednesday.

The event will feature a total of 168 players representing 12 franchisees. Each team will form a 14-player squad, with a total auction purse of Rs 36 lakhs, bringing a competitive and professional structure to the league.

It was launched by K. Yogesh, Director of the League, along with K. Mohit Kumar, President of the Tamil Nadu Pickleball Association, among others, marking a significant step forward in the growth of pickleball across the state.

The launch event brought together sports enthusiasts, franchise owners, and distinguished guests, and featured the unveiling of the official league trophy, setting the tone for an exciting season ahead. A key highlight of the evening was the introduction of all 12 franchises, each representing districts across Tamil Nadu. The teams were presented alongside their owners, including prominent personality such as actor Chiyaan Vikram, Varalakshmi Sarathkumar, Keerthi Pandian among others, reflecting the growing popularity and strong backing for the sport.

American rifle shooter trains in India, returns home to win national title

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, AUG 6: After spending nearly two years honing his skills in India, American shooter Jeff Browning returned to the United States with a sharper edge, and a national title has underlined the progress.

The seasoned marksman capped off his journey by winning the prestigious 10m air rifle event at the US National Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio, turning his overseas training into championship success.

A competitive shooter since 2012, Browning trained extensively at the Topgun Shooting Academy in New Delhi during his stay in India. The experience proved invaluable, helping him refine his technique and elevate his performance.

Within a month of returning to the United States, Browning clinched the national title while representing the Virginia State team. He credited the academy for playing a key role in helping him maintain his competitive edge and further develop his shooting skills.

"I had been a competitive shooter in the United States since 2012 and wanted to continue pursuing the sport while living



in India.

When I arrived in Delhi in the summer of 2023, (academy founder and former international) Shimon Sharif and the coaches at Topgun Shooting Academy gave me the opportunity to train in the 10m air rifle.

"I returned to the United States last month, and within a month of my return, I won the U.S. National Championship. I am truly grateful to the academy

for the training, guidance, and support I received during my time in India. The experience played an important role in helping me continue competing at the highest level," Browning added.

World Surf league returns to India for Shore Temple Classic QS 2000, inaugural Pro Junior

United News Of India

CHENNAI, AUG 6: The World Surf League (WSL) announced that Qualifying Series (QS) and Junior Tour competition will return to India for the Shore Temple Classic QS 2000 and Pro Junior event, to be held at the tourist spot of Mahabalipuram, about 55 km from here, from August 12 to August 16.

The region's best surfers will come up against a strong contingent of India's top talent in the long right-handers of Mahabalipuram Beach for the first time since India's inaugural WSL event was held in 2023. "The WSL is excited to return to India following a successful debut in 2023 and to bring the country's first Pro Junior alongside the QS in 2026. The response to our first event showed the passion and potential for surfing in India, and we're looking forward to building on that momentum this year. Mahabalipuram offers a great high-performance wave, and with both QS and Pro Junior competition on the schedule, it's a fantastic opportunity for local surfers to compete alongside some of the region's best. We're grateful to our local partners for their continued commitment

to developing the sport in India", said Ty Sorati, WSL APAC Tour Director

Mahabalipuram Beach returns as the venue for the second edition of the WSL QS in India and the country's first-ever Pro Junior. Breaking along a lengthy right-hand sandbar beside the Shore Temple, the wave offers a mix of open-face sections suited to powerful rail surfing, progressive airs and, on the right swell, the occasional barrel. Having established itself as a proven competition venue through numerous national and international events, Mahabalipuram continues to showcase India's growing surf scene. The event is once again delivered in partnership with the Tamil Nadu Surfing Association (TNSA) and the Surfing Federation of India (SFI), continuing a collaboration that began with the inaugural event in 2023. "India made history in 2023 by hosting its first-ever World Surf League event, a QS 3000, in a landmark moment for surfing in our country. This year, we are proud to build on that foundation with the QS 2000 and Pro Junior. Hosting these events on home soil is a real advantage for our athletes - they earn valuable ranking points and gain the competitive experience they need to make their mark across the Asia region.

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