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J&K BOSE issues revised timeline for annual exam forms, late fee applicable after Sept 10

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SRINAGAR, SEP 05 :The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (J&K BOSE) on Saturday issued a revised schedule for submission of online examination forms and renewal of registration returns for the Annual/Regular 2026 (October-November) session, setting September 10, 2026, as the cut-off date.

As per the fresh notification, candidates appearing for Class 10, 11, and

Two killed as oil tanker skids off road, overturns in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, SEP 05 :Two persons were killed after an oil tanker skidded off the road and overturned in the Pathimhal area of Palmar in Kishtwar district on Saturday, officials said.

A senior police officer told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the accident occurred when the tanker was travelling through the

LeT terrorist killed in Budgam identified as Yasir: J&K Police

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BUDGAM, SEP 05: The terrorist killed in a joint operation in the Ashdar Gali area of Budgam district has been identified as Yasir, a Pakistani national affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Saturday.

In a post on X, J&K Police, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), confirmed the identity of the slain terrorist, stating, “You Can Run But You Can’t Hide!” Yasir was killed during Operation Ashdar, a joint search

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NHM employees in J&K announce 72-hour strike from Sep 9

SRINAGAR, SEP 05 : The UT Level Joint Coordination Committee of NHM Employees of Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday said that the forum has decided to observe a 72-hour strike from September 9 onwards in support of their long-pending demands.

A spokesman of the committee, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that the decision was taken after no concrete or satisfactory response was received from the Govt of Jammu & Kashmir within the stipulated ultimatum period.

“The decision was taken during a virtual meeting of the UT Level

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25,000 MT of apples moved by rail last season

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SRINAGAR, SEP 5 : With Kashmir’s fruit season approaching its peak, the Directorate of Horticulture Planning and Marketing on Saturday held a stakeholder consultation in Srinagar on expanding the use of railway freight and Roll-on-Roll-off (Ro-Ro) services to transport horticultural produce to markets across the country.

Around 25,000 metric tonnes of apples were transported by rail from Kashmir during the previous season, according to the

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Crime Branch files charge-sheet in Rs 1.38-cr government treasury fraud case

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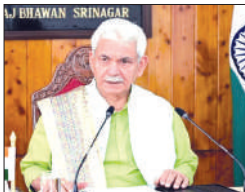
JAMMU, SEP 5 :The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch Jammu has filed a supplementary charge-sheet in connection with the alleged misappropriation and fraudulent diversion of over Rs 1.38 crore from Sub-Treasury Dharmari in Reasi district, officials said on Saturday.The charge-sheet was presented

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“Teachers Are the Architects of Our Nation’s Future”:

Leaders Laud Educators on Teachers’ Day

Modi, Murmu, Sinha and Omar hail teachers’ role in nation-building; J&K honours 20 educators



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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday paid rich tributes to teachers on Teachers’ Day, highlighting their role in shaping generations, promoting equality and building a knowledge-driven nation, while the Jammu and Kashmir government honoured 20 teachers for their outstanding contribution to education. Modi paid homage to former President and eminent educationist Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and said the occasion was an opportunity to recognise the strong contribution of teachers to society. He also interacted with recipients of the National Teachers’ Awards at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. President Murmu, while conferring the National

Awards on teachers in New Delhi, said education was the most effective means of realising the constitutional ideal of equality of opportunity and credited teachers with helping achieve a negligible primary-school dropout rate. She stressed the importance of academic excellence, skill development, entrepreneurship and the intellectual, physical and moral development of children. Murmu also underlined the special responsibility of teachers towards first-generation learners, economically disadvantaged children, shy students, talented youngsters lacking confidence and children with special needs. In J&K, LG Sinha paid tribute to Dr Radhakrishnan and appreciated the teaching community, while Omar Abdullah lauded teachers for their dedication and selfless service in nurturing

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“We Know the Strategy”: Altaf Bukhari Questions Promises on J&K

Apni Party chief seeks early restoration of statehood, release of youth and action on jobs and power

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Saturday questioned the assurances being made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and demanded concrete action on restoration of statehood, release of youth, employment, electricity and the region’s financial crisis. Bukhari said he hoped the statehood issue would be resolved soon and that young people would be released, while also expressing concern over the financial situation. Questioning those who cite lack of powers as a reason for inaction, he said it would ultimately be clear whether decisions would actually be taken. Referring to assurances concerning two lakh jobs and free electricity, Bukhari said people could not be expected to accept promises without action. “We won’t accept it. Why? Have we been deceived? We know the way. We know what the strategy is,” he



said. He also urged political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir to speak in constitutional terms rather than simply adopting the language of the Central government. Bukhari’s remarks focused on issues that continue to dominate political discourse in the region, including statehood, employment, electricity and the restoration of political and constitutional rights.

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“They Are Our Children, Not Strangers”: Sakina Itoo

Urges Interns to End Strike

Health Minister assures MBBS, BDS interns that stipend demand is under process, stresses patient care

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Jammu and Kashmir Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Saturday appealed to striking MBBS and BDS interns to return to work, assuring them that their demand for enhancement of stipend was under consideration and urging them to have faith in the government. Itoo said the matter had already moved through the government machinery and was currently with the Finance Department, with necessary



clarifications having been furnished. The interns are seeking an increase in their monthly stipend from around Rs 12,300 to Rs 30,000, citing rising living costs and increased responsibilities. Itoo, who met representatives of the protesting interns on Friday, said the government was willing to

continue dialogue and that the issue should not be treated as a contest between doctors and the administration. Calling the interns “our children”, she said the government understood their concerns and would do everything possible to address their demand. At the same time, she stressed that patient care could not be compromised, as interns constituted an important part of hospital services, and urged them to resume their duties. Itoo said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was aware of the matter and had held meetings regarding the issue. She also lauded teachers on Teachers’ Day, describing their contribution to the academic, social and

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Sunil Sharma Meets Victim’s Family in Chatroo, Assures Justice Will Be Pursued

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CHATROO/KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 5 : Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma today visited Gurninal in Chatroo and met the bereaved parents of the victim, expressing heartfelt solidarity with the grieving family during this difficult time.

Sunil Sharma conveyed his deepest



condolences to the family and shared their pain and anguish over the tragic loss. He assured the bereaved parents that they were not alone in their pursuit of justice and that the entire Kishtwar community and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stood firmly with them.

The LoP, accompanied by a team of party leaders and workers, assured the family of the party’s full support. He said that, in accordance

with the family’s demand, the case had been handed over to the Crime Branch for investigation. He further stated that he was in constant touch with the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor regarding the matter and would continue to closely follow the case to ensure that the concerns of the family were duly addressed. He urged the concerned authorities to ensure a fair, impartial and transparent

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Season’s First Snowfall Signals an Early Turn Towards Colder Weather

Light snow blankets Gulmarg, Sonamarg and higher reaches as rains cool Kashmir plains

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: A sudden shift in weather brought the season’s first light snowfall to the higher reaches of Kashmir, including Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Gumri and Zojila, while widespread rainfall across the plains lowered temperatures and brought relief from the recent warmth. According to the Meteorological Department, light snowfall was recorded in the higher reaches of



Bandipora and Ganderbal districts, with Gumri and Zojila receiving a thin covering of snow, signalling the first noticeable transition towards colder conditions in the mountains. Several parts of the Kashmir Valley received fresh rain, while Jammu city

and other areas of the Jammu region also witnessed spells of rainfall, including heavy overnight showers at some places. The change in weather brought a perceptible chill to the higher reaches

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Healthcare Is a Basic Right for Every Citizen : Mian Altaf

MP seeks urgent upgrade of Rajouri hospitals, filling of vacancies and stronger emergency services

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Member of Parliament from the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency Mian Altaf Ahmad has called upon the Jammu and Kashmir Health and Medical Education Department to urgently strengthen healthcare infrastructure and fill critical staff vacancies across Government Medical College Rajouri, sub-district hospitals and rural health facilities. Mian Altaf expressed concern over difficulties faced by



residents, particularly those living in remote, hilly and border areas, amid shortages of specialist doctors, medical officers, nurses and technical staff. He called for upgrading Primary

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Education Minister congratulates people on J&K being declared fully literate UT, securing 10th rank nationally

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 05: Minister for School Education, Higher Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Masood Itoo, has congratulated the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the Union Territory being declared a fully literate UT under ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.

In her message on Teachers' Day celebrated at SKICC Srinagar, the Minister said the declaration of J&K as Fully Literate UT, with over 95 percent literacy, treated as 100 percent as per Government of India norms, is a moment of immense pride. She said J&K has emerged as the biggest State/UT till date to achieve this milestone and has secured 10th position nationally.

The Minister said, "This achievement is not merely a number or a statistic; it represents thousands of lives transformed through the power of education. ULLAS has demonstrated that when government commitment is strengthened by community participation, every citizen



can be brought within the fold of learning, dignity and empowerment."

Sakeena Itoo lauded the dedicated efforts of teachers, volunteers, learners, field functionaries, educational institutions and district administrations, whose collective spirit of Jan Bhagidari made this possible. She said from 2023 to 2026, the School Education Department

identified 7.58 lakh non-literates through door-to-door surveys and 5.53 lakh learners qualified the FLNAT, including 3,16,883 in 2025-26 alone.

The Minister reiterated that the government remains committed to ensure that the gains of literacy translate into lifelong learning, digital literacy, vocational skills and financial awareness for sustainable

empowerment.

On the occasion, the Minister also inaugurated major educational initiatives under Samagra Shiksha including 460 civil works worth Rs. 38 crore for strengthening school infrastructure, 2,403 Vocational Labs in High and Higher Secondary Schools to equip students with employable skills and Vidya Samiksha Kendra

(VSK), Srinagar for real-time, data-driven monitoring of learning outcomes in line with NEP-2020.

The event was attended by Director Samagra Shiksha J&K Bhawani Rakwal, Director School Education Jammu Naseem Javaid Choudhary, Director School Education Kashmir Naseer Ahmad Wani, senior officers of the Department and a large gathering of teachers and students. Efforts of teachers, volunteers, learners, field functionaries, educational institutions and district administrations, whose collective spirit of Jan Bhagidari made this possible. She said from 2023 to 2026, the School Education Department identified 7.58 lakh non-literates through door-to-door surveys and 5.53 lakh learners qualified the FLNAT, including 3,16,883 in 2025-26 alone.

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Javid Dar reviews development works, public service delivery in Rafiabab

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 5: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today conducted an extensive visit of Rafiabab constituency to review the progress of ongoing development works and assess the availability of essential public services.

At Government High School Haman Kandi, the Minister inspected the infrastructure and had detailed feedback on the facilities being provided to the students. He directed the Chief Education Officer, Baramulla, to ensure adequate availability of teaching staff and effective implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, with focus on providing nutritious meals to students.

The Minister also visited Tanmulla village and took stock of the progress on road construction works aimed at improving the connectivity and facilitating smoother movement for the local population. He stressed the need for timely completion of the works while maintaining prescribed quality standards.

Later, Javid Dar visited Community Health Centre (CHC) Chatosa and inspected the functioning of the health facility. He enquired about the medical services and facilities available to patients. He stressed the need for ensuring adequate basic healthcare services for the people of the area.

SWD Shopain organises Awareness Programme to Empower Senior Citizens

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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 05: Continuing its efforts towards building an inclusive and compassionate society, Social Welfare Department (SWD) Shopian, today organised a Sensitization and Awareness Programme at Wachi, Zainapora, focusing on the welfare and empowerment of senior citizens and constructive engagement of youth. The programme was organised under Atal VAYO Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY), the National Action Plan for Senior Citizens, with the objective of creating awareness among senior citizens and youth about various welfare initiatives, legal provisions and support mechanisms available for the elderly. The programme also served as a platform for intergenerational dialogue, with emphasis on strengthening family and community bonds, recognising the valuable experience and wisdom of senior citizens and encouraging youth to contribute towards their care and well-being. A large number of senior citizens from Wachi and adjoining areas participated enthusiastically in the programme and appreciated the proactive outreach of the Department. Youth volunteers from NSS/NSKY also played an important role, demonstrating their commitment.

Div Com reviews issues concerning River Jhelum National Waterway-49

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 05: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, today chaired a meeting to review various issues and bottlenecks affecting the execution of works under River Jhelum National Waterway-49 aimed at facilitating water transport.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, RTO Kashmir, Chief Engineers of KPDC, KPTCL and I&FC, SEUEED, besides officers from the Departments of Tourism, R&B, Traffic, Forest and ULB.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner took a detailed review of the issues associated with the project, including removal of trees and widening of the road at Gund Parang, construction of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for water treatment, shifting of KPDC



and KPTCL utilities, and relocation of houseboats.

Taking note of the issues raised by the concerned departments, the Divisional Commissioner directed all stakeholders to incorporate the required construction and utility-shifting works in their respective departmental plans to ensure coordinated and timely execution.

He further directed officials of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (Iwai) to

conduct a comprehensive joint survey of the proposed works at Gund Parang in coordination with the concerned officers and identify the nature of land required for execution of the project.

The Iwai officials were also directed to undertake a detailed assessment of existing utilities at the site, identify modalities of their exact locations and coordinate with the concerned departments for timely shifting wherever required.

The Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for close inter-departmental coordination and directed Iwai officials to adhere strictly to prescribed timelines for resolution of issues. He also called for regular coordination with field teams to ensure that identified bottlenecks are addressed promptly and the project progresses as per schedule.

SKUAST-K Promotes Sustainable Livelihoods, Urban Farming around Dal Lake

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Srinagar, SKUAST-Kashmir, launched a first-of-its-kind outreach campaign around Dal Lake to explore sustainable livelihood and urban farming opportunities for peri-urban and Dal-dwelling farming communities. The initiative focused on technical support, entrepreneurial skill development, awareness generation and access to quality farm inputs to enhance farm incomes and promote self-reliant livelihoods.

The outreach campaign was undertaken as part of KVK Srinagar's commitment to strengthening resilient livelihoods and empowering farming communities at the grassroots level under its mission, "No Village Too Remote, No Farmer Left Behind."

To develop and document

area-time database of farming communities and their livelihood activities, a KVK team comprising Dr. Rukhsar A. Dar, Dr. Showket A. Dar, Dr. Haseeb and Dr. Owais Bashir, under the leadership of Prof. & Head, Dr. S. A. Simnani, conducted a comprehensive baseline transect walk across Meer Behri, Lati Mohalla, Kalan, Kralpora, Sofi Mohalla and Malik Mohalla, covering major vegetable-growing areas in and around Dal Lake.

During the interaction, Prof. Simnani sensitised farmers about the vision, mission and mandate of KVK and encouraged local youth to explore skill-development and entrepreneurship opportunities under national flagship programmes.

The technical sessions focused on Khet Bachao and sustainable agricultural practices, including natural and organic farming approaches,

with emphasis on soil health, conservation of natural resources, reduced dependence on external inputs, environmentally responsible food production and the One Health approach.

Farmers were also apprised of JKICP, HADP and other government-supported initiatives, including relevant registration platforms through which eligible beneficiaries can access financial and technical assistance for establishing commercial agribusiness enterprises.

The Phase-I intervention culminated in an interactive scientist-farmer session, during which experts from KVK Srinagar addressed farmers' queries and discussed locally relevant livelihood and agricultural opportunities. Zulfikar Ali Sofi, representing the communities of Meer Behri, Lati Mohalla, Kalan, Kralpora, Sofi Mohalla and Malik Mohalla,

Commissioner Secretary chairs UTLIMC meet to review computerisation of PACS in J&K

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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 5: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, today chaired a meeting of the Union Territory Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee (UTLIMC) constituted to review implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Project for Computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Registrar Cooperative Societies, J&K; Deputy General Manager, NABARD; representative of the Finance Department, J&K; Managing Director, J&K State Cooperative Training Board (JKSTCB); representatives of the System Integrator besides other senior officers of the Cooperative Department.

During the meeting, a detailed PowerPoint presentation was made on the current status of implementation of PACS computerisation project. The Committee was apprised of the progress achieved, so far. Various issues and requirements related to handholding support to PACS, scanning and digitisation

of legacy data, deployment of manpower and reconciliation of data were also placed before the Committee for consideration.

The Committee held detailed deliberations on the implementation status and associated operational issues, with emphasis on ensuring adequate support to PACS at the field level to facilitate their smooth transition to the computerised system. While reviewing the progress, Yasha Mudgal directed the System Integrator to ensure that all assigned deliverables are completed strictly within the stipulated timelines. She stressed that the approved implementation schedule must be adhered to in letter and spirit and that avoidable delays should not be allowed to impede the overall objectives of the project.

The Commissioner Secretary emphasised the need for close and continuous coordination among the Cooperative Department, Registrar Cooperative Societies, NABARD, DCCBs, System Integrator and other concerned stakeholders for ensuring smooth, timely and effective implementation of the project. She observed that strong field-level coordination would be crucial for resolving,

DC Bandipora Inspects Ongoing Development Projects in Upper Kudara, Aragam

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today conducted an extensive visit to the far-flung Upper Kudara and adjoining areas to inspect the progress of various ongoing developmental projects.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by officers and engineers of the concerned departments during the visit.

During the inspection, the Executive Engineer, PMGSY, apprised the DC of the progress of two major road projects being executed in the area.

It was informed that, the first project, Renewal Coat/Macadamization of the road from Chuntimulla to Kudara, being executed under Package No. JK03-125, has a total length of 7.50 km and an estimated cost of Rs. 264.16 lakh. The Executive Engineer informed that approximately 3.5 km of BT (Renewal Coat) has been executed so far, while the remaining work is targeted for completion within the next few weeks.

The second project, Construction and Maintenance of road from L022 (Link Road)



Kudara to Kudara Bala under Waste Plastic Technology, being executed under Package No. JK15-4003, has a total length of 2.90 km and has been taken up under PMGSY-IV, Batch-I (2025-26) at an estimated cost of Rs. 590 lakh. The Executive Engineer informed that approximately 500 metres

of earthwork has been completed, while protection works are presently in progress.

Taking stock of the progress, the DC directed the concerned executing agencies to accelerate the pace of work while ensuring adherence to prescribed quality standards and technical specifications. She stressed

that the works should be completed within the stipulated timelines, keeping in view the difficulties faced by the residents of these far-flung areas. She also directed the officers to maintain close field-level monitoring and ensure timely resolution of any bottlenecks affecting execution.

The DC further instructed the concerned departments and executing agencies to exercise due care and caution while undertaking construction and road works in residential areas and ensure that households and private properties are not unnecessarily affected. She directed that all necessary measures be taken to prevent any damage or loss to residential structures, boundary walls, utilities or other private property during execution, and that any unavoidable impact be dealt with strictly as per the applicable rules and procedures.

The DC subsequently inspected the ongoing Kudara Bridge project being executed by the R&B Department. The Executive Engineer, R&B, informed that the bridge is a 1x20 metre span truss girder bridge, sanctioned under NABARD RIDF-XXVIII at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.69 crore.



20th Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of KVK Bandipora held

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: The 20th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora-1, SKUAST-Kashmir, was held today at KVK Bandipora-1 under the chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib attended the meeting as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir, graced the occasion and participated in the deliberations of the SAC meeting.

In his address, Prof. (Dr.) Nazir

Ahmad Ganai, appreciated the efforts of KVK Bandipora-1 in implementing farmer-oriented extension programmes and emphasized the need for strengthening technology dissemination, promoting innovative and climate-resilient agricultural practices, and focusing on interventions aimed at enhancing farm income and improving farmers' livelihoods.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, appreciated the efforts of KVK Bandipora-1 in promoting agricultural development in the district. She particularly appreciated the KVK's initiatives in aquatic crop cultivation, including Lotus, Water Chestnut and Makhana, and highlighted their potential for



agricultural diversification and productive utilization of available water resources. She emphasized

continued coordination between KVK Bandipora-1 and the district administration for strengthening

farmer-oriented initiatives.

Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir, emphasized the importance of need-based extension programmes, field demonstrations, capacity building and effective farmer-scientist interaction. She stressed the need for aligning the activities of KVK Bandipora-1 with the emerging technological and production requirements of the farming community. Dr. Tariq Sultan, Programme Coordinator, KVK Bandipora-1, highlighted the proposed thrust areas, including crop diversification, aquatic agriculture, horticulture, protected cultivation, value addition, technology demonstrations, farmer training and capacity building.

Orientation Session on enforcement of Non-Biodegradable Material Act held at Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: A meeting-cum-orientation session on effective enforcement of the J&K Non-Biodegradable Material (Management, Handling and Disposal) Act, 2007, Plastic Waste Management Rules and other applicable provisions was held on Saturday at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The session was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, J&K Pollution Control Committee (PCC), Vasu Yadav, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib.

During the session, the concerned departments/officials were oriented about the legal provisions governing non-biodegradable material and plastic waste, including the prescribed fine structure and compounding powers



under SRO-243 of 2011 and relevant provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

On the occasion, detailed discussions were held on the standardized procedure for identification and documentation of violations, filling and issuance of Compounding Challan-cum-Money Receipt, realization and accounting of the compounding amount, maintenance of records and submission of monthly

returns. The meeting also deliberated on the procedure to be followed in cases where violators refuse to compound the offence, including initiation of proceedings before the competent Magistrate/Executive Magistrate. During the session, emphasis was laid on coordinated enforcement through joint, sector-wise inspection drives covering commercial hubs, tourist locations and municipal areas. It was informed.

SKIMS Soura holds One-Day Workshop on Early Genetic Screening and Diagnosis in Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 05: Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, Baramulla, organised a one-day workshop on "UMMID: Early Genetic Screening, Diagnosis and Counselling for Healthier Future" at Dak Bungalow, Baramulla. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baramulla, Syed Altaf Hussain Musavi, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The workshop brought together healthcare professionals and public health workers with the objective of creating awareness about the early identification, screening, diagnosis and counselling of genetic and metabolic disorders among pregnant mothers and newborns. Speaking on the occasion, ADC Baramulla highlighted the importance of early screening and timely diagnosis of genetic and metabolic disorders, saying that early identification can facilitate appropriate intervention and counselling, thereby contributing towards a healthier future for children and families.

He appreciated the efforts of SKIMS Soura and the health department for organising the awareness-oriented programme and stressed the need for strengthening coordination between healthcare institutions and field-



level health workers for effective implementation of genetic screening initiatives.

An interactive session was also held during the workshop, wherein participants engaged with the experts and discussed various aspects related to genetic and metabolic disorders, screening procedures, identification of high-risk cases and counselling. Experts from SKIMS Soura and GMC Baramulla delivered presentations and shared their expertise with the participants. The workshop was aimed at enhancing the capacity of public health workers in identifying pregnant mothers and newborns requiring screening for genetic and metabolic disorders and ensuring timely referral for further diagnosis and management. During the programme, Awards of Appreciation were also presented to Block Medical Officers, participants, healthcare workers in recognition of their contribution and active participation.

ADC reviews arrangements for Devika Half Marathon in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 5: For the smooth and successful conduct of the Devika Half Marathon, scheduled on September 13, 2026, Additional Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Prem Singh today convened a meeting of officers from the line departments to review and finalize the arrangements.

Threadbare discussions were held on arrangements for security, sanitation, healthcare, traffic management, drinking water supply and route management.

The ADC emphasized the importance of seamless coordination and close collaboration among the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are finalized and put in place well in advance.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department was directed to ensure adequate drinking water supply along the route, while CEO, Municipal Council was tasked with cleanliness and sanitation.

The Chief Medical Officer was asked to deploy a team of doctors along with an ambulance to provide first aid and immediate medical assistance.

District and Traffic Police were directed to deploy adequate personnel to ensure foolproof security and smooth regulation of traffic during the event.

Director Agriculture Jammu reviews Digital Crop Survey operations in Kathua

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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 5: Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta visited the fields in Kathua district to review the ongoing field-level operations under the Digital Crop Survey (DCS). He was accompanied by SMS-RL/Nodal Officer DCS Jammu Division Krishan Kant, Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Jatinder Kumar, district-level officers, SDAOs, SMSs and field staff of the Agriculture Department.

The Director interacted with the Agriculture Surveyors engaged in the exercise and observed the Digital Crop Survey process at the field level. The Director Agriculture directed the Agriculture Surveyors to ensure timely and quality completion of assigned targets, stressing that accuracy and authenticity of the data must be ensured through proper field verification.

Apni Party stages massive protest in Doda against 7% power tariff hike

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Doda: As part of the statewide protests being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party against the recent increase in electricity tariffs, the District Committee of Apni Party Doda on Saturday staged a massive protest against the reported 7 per cent hike in power tariff by the NC-led government. The protest was led by Apni Party District President Doda Adil Hussain Wani and witnessed the participation of a large number of party leaders, office-bearers and workers. Raising slogans against the tariff hike, the protesters demanded that the government immediately withdraw the decision and provide relief to consumers who, they said, were already facing considerable economic pressures. Addressing the gathering, Adil Hussain Wani strongly condemned the increase in electricity tariff.

AIIMS Jammu Celebrates Janmashtami and Teachers' Day with Devotion, Cultural Fervour and Togetherness

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu celebrated Janmashtami and Teachers' Day with devotion, enthusiasm and cultural fervour, bringing together the AIIMS Jammu family in a spirit of unity and togetherness. The celebrations were organised by the Student Welfare Committee, AIIMS Jammu.

The celebrations commenced with Janmashtami Puja on September 4, 2026, providing an opportunity for the AIIMS Jammu family to come together in devotion and seek blessings on the auspicious occasion. The celebrations continued on September 5, 2026, with a vibrant

Janmashtami Cultural Function, featuring cultural performances by students that showcased their creativity, talent and enthusiasm. The occasion also marked the celebration of Teachers' Day, providing an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the dedication and contribution of teachers in guiding and inspiring students.

The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Sinha, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Sinha appreciated the students for their enthusiastic participation and highlighted the vital role of teachers in shaping competent and compassionate healthcare

professionals. He emphasised that patient care, education and research are the core pillars of a medical institution and must progress together to achieve excellence. He encouraged students and faculty to embrace innovation and technology while remaining committed to compassion, integrity, ethical values and service to society.

Reflecting on Janmashtami, Prof. Sinha highlighted the enduring values of duty, wisdom, courage, compassion and righteousness, encouraging students to carry these values into their academic, professional and personal lives.

The cultural performances added vibrancy to the celebrations and reflected

Yudhvir Sethi inaugurates 'Cash Your Gold' Outlet at Residency Road

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JAMMU, Sep 5: MLA Jammu East Constituency Yudhvir Sethi on Saturday inaugurated a new 'Cash Your Gold' outlet at Residency Road, Jammu East, marking the launch of another business venture in the constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Sethi congratulated the partners, Sumant Jamwal and Lovely, on starting the new venture and extended his best wishes for its success and prosperity. He appreciated their initiative and said that the opening of new business establishments reflected the growing entrepreneurial spirit among the people of Jammu.

The MLA said that local



businesses and entrepreneurs play an important role in strengthening the economy by generating employment opportunities and providing services to the community.

He encouraged young entrepreneurs and business owners to explore new avenues and contribute towards the economic development of Jammu. Sethi also emphasised the importance of creating a supportive environment for

local businesses so that they can grow and contribute to the overall development of the region. He said that Jammu East has significant potential for commercial growth and that new ventures can further boost economic activity in the area.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the partners, their associates, well-wishers and local residents. The gathering congratulated Sumant Jamwal and Lovely and expressed hope that the new outlet would establish itself successfully and earn the trust of customers.

While conveying his greetings to the partners, Sethi wished the new establishment continued growth and prosperity.

Global Icon Kia Sorento Premieres in India at INR 27.99 Lakh, Marking Kia's Entry into the Premium Three-Row SUV Segment;

Introduces Kia's First Hybrid Offering in India and the Global Debut of Kia AI Assistant featuring Real-Time Gen AI

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A global icon begins its India chapter today. Kia India has introduced the Kia Sorento, at introductory prices* starting from INR 27.99 lakh for the Diesel and INR 29.49 lakh for the Hybrid (ex-showroom), as the brand enters India's premium three-row SUV segment. Along with bringing one of Kia's most successful SUV nameplates to Indian customers, the launch introduces Kia's first Hybrid offering in India. And brings the global debut of Kia AI

Assistant with Real-Time Generative AI capabilities with the India-spec Sorento, making it the first in its segment to offer this capability. Combining Kia's global design philosophy with next-generation in-car technology, advanced safety, premium comfort and expanded powertrain choice, the Sorento is designed to address the evolving expectations of premium SUV customers in India.

Official deliveries for Kia Sorento will begin nationwide from today onwards, i.e. 04th

September 2026. Commenting on this significant milestone for Kia in India, Mr. Gwanggu Lee, Managing Director and CEO, Kia India, said, "The arrival of the Kia Sorento represents a defining milestone in Kia India's journey as we enter the premium three-row SUV for the first time. We are doing so with one of Kia's most successful global nameplates, bringing Indian customers the most advanced Sorento yet. Built in India, for India, its arrival offers customers a compelling new choice in the segment, while also bringing



two important firsts for Kia India — our first Hybrid offering and the global debut of Kia AI Assistant with Real-Time Generative AI capabilities with the India-spec Sorento. More

than expanding our portfolio, Sorento reflects our commitment to bringing globally proven products and future-ready technologies to meet the evolving aspirations of Indian

customers. We are confident that it will set a new benchmark for the segment and further strengthen Kia's premium journey in India."

A GLOBAL ICON, NOW IN INDIA

For over twenty-four years and four generations, the Kia Sorento has earned the trust of more than 4.8 million customers across 132 countries, making it one of Kia's most successful global SUV nameplates.

Across its evolution, Kia Sorento has continuously expanded what customers can

expect from a premium three-row SUV, combining capability and versatility with advancing technology, safety and comfort.

A PRESENCE THAT COMMANDS ATTENTION

The latest-generation Sorento brings together a bold SUV presence, advanced technology and the versatility expected of a premium three-row SUV.

Measuring 4,815 mm in length* and 1,900 mm in width*, with a 2,815 mm wheelbase and a height* of 1,785 mm with roof rails, Kia Sorento is the

longest and widest in its segment, creating a commanding road presence and a spacious foundation for its three-row configuration.

Its design combines a tall, upright silhouette with a wide stance and pronounced shoulder line. At the front, the Kia Digital Tiger Face takes center stage, complemented by Crystal Cube LED Projection Headlamps and Star Map LED DRLs with progressive turn signals. The lighting signature continues at the rear with Star Map LED Tail Lamps.



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Early Snowfall
Might Be A Warning, We
Should Not Ignore

September snow in Kashmir is a striking departure from the familiar seasonal rhythm and a reminder that climate patterns are becoming increasingly unpredictable

The first snowfall of the season in the higher reaches of Kashmir on September 5 has brought with it more than a picturesque change in the landscape. Snow in Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Gumri at the beginning of September is unusually early and deserves attention beyond the immediate excitement of the first white cover of the year. While an isolated spell of early snowfall cannot, by itself, be described as definitive evidence of climate change, its timing, coupled with increasingly erratic weather patterns, should encourage both the administration and the public to take changing climatic conditions seriously.

For generations, Kashmiris have broadly associated the first snowfall with the arrival of winter after the autumn months. An early September snowfall therefore represents a noticeable departure from the seasonal rhythm familiar to the Valley. The brief rains, hailstorms and gusty winds reported from parts of Srinagar and adjoining areas further underline the increasingly unpredictable character of weather.

There is, however, no reason for alarm. Weather can naturally fluctuate from year to year, and a single snowfall event does not establish a long-term climatic trend. What should concern us is the larger pattern of unusual weather events—unseasonal precipitation, sudden temperature variations, intense rainfall and changing snowfall patterns—that have increasingly affected life, agriculture, tourism and infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir.

An early snowfall can also have practical consequences. Farmers and horticulturists need timely weather information to protect crops, while authorities responsible for roads, power supply, tourism infrastructure and disaster management must remain prepared for sudden changes in weather. The tourism sector, in particular, depends heavily on predictable seasonal conditions, and unusual weather can bring both opportunities and challenges.

The latest snowfall should therefore be viewed not merely as a beautiful early spectacle but as an opportunity for greater scientific observation. The Meteorological Department, universities and research institutions should closely monitor such deviations and maintain long-term datasets so that policymakers can distinguish normal variability from emerging climatic trends.

Kashmir's environment is fragile, and its economy and daily life remain closely connected to weather and water. Rather than debating whether every unusual weather event is caused by climate change, the more sensible approach is to strengthen preparedness, improve forecasting and promote environmental responsibility.

The early snowfall may melt within days, but the question it raises should remain with us: are Kashmir's seasons changing, and are we prepared for what that change may bring?

Teachers' Day: A Day of Duty, Introspection and Hope

*Beyond ceremonial tributes,
the day calls for strengthening
schools, upholding the dignity of
the teaching profession and nurturing
the dreams of every child*

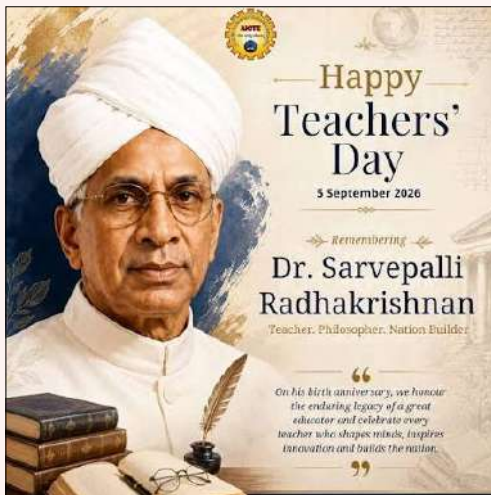


By: Noor Mohammad Trali

Every year, September 5 is observed across the country as Teachers' Day with great respect and reverence. Functions are organised, speeches are delivered and teachers are hailed as the architects of the nation. Undoubtedly, a sincere, committed and conscientious teacher does far more than impart knowledge from textbooks. A teacher shapes minds, builds character, inspires young people and illuminates society with the light of knowledge and awareness. Yet, Teachers' Day should not remain confined to ceremonial greetings and words of appreciation. It should also provide an opportunity to reflect seriously on the state of our education system, the responsibilities of teachers and the opportunities available to students.

The educational situation in remote and difficult areas of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Gujjar and Bakerwal habitations, remains a matter of concern. Many government schools located in far-flung and mountainous areas continue to face an acute shortage of teaching staff. In several institutions, the responsibility of educating dozens of children rests on the shoulders of just one or two teachers. How can children belonging to disadvantaged communities compete on an equal footing with others when their schools lack adequate teachers and basic educational facilities? Education is a fundamental right of every child, and the government and the Education Department must ensure, on a priority basis, adequate deployment of teachers and essential infrastructure in schools located in remote and underserved areas.

While such shortcomings in the education system are a cause for concern, the conduct of individuals associated with the teaching profession can also, at times, raise serious questions. The unfortunate incident reported recently in Chhatroo, Kishtwar, is a painful reminder of the enormous responsibility attached to the teaching profession. Such incidents not only bring disrepute



to the teaching community but can also undermine the trust of parents and students. A teacher is not merely a government employee; he or she is a mentor, guide and character-builder for young minds.

The conduct of a teacher therefore carries consequences far beyond the classroom. Any incident that violates the dignity of the profession must be dealt with firmly and impartially in accordance with law, so that the sanctity of educational institutions and the dignity of teachers are preserved.

Amid these challenges, however, there are also inspiring stories of hope, determination and achievement. The fertile land of Tral has historically been associated with learning, literature and intellectual pursuit.

Despite poverty, difficult circumstances and limited resources, three talented young men from Jawahar Pora, Lam, a Gujjar village of Tral, succeeded in securing impressive results in the country's highly competitive NEET Examination. Their achievement

demonstrates that geographical and financial barriers can be overcome through determination, hard work and perseverance. Now pursuing MBBS education for the past three years, these young achievers have become a source of inspiration not only for their families but for the entire Gujjar community and the people of Tral.

The success of a courageous daughter from the same region, who has risen to the position of Assistant Professor in the field of higher education, is another encouraging example. Her achievement proves that when girls are provided with opportunities, encouragement and proper guidance, they too can reach the highest levels of academic and professional excellence. Such success stories carry a powerful message for thousands of young boys and girls who continue to pursue their dreams despite limited resources.

When it comes to sincere and dedicated teachers, the name of Mr. Khurshheed Ahmad Bhat, hailing from Lurgam in Tral, deserves to be mentioned with pride and respect. In recognition of his exemplary teaching services, dedication and commitment to nurturing the younger generation, he was honoured last year with the Best Teacher Award at the hands of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Teachers like Khurshheed Ahmad Bhat are the real assets of society. Through their conduct and commitment, they demonstrate that a dedicated teacher can influence not only individual students but the future of an entire generation.

The true spirit of Teachers' Day lies in recognising not only the stature of teachers but also their rights and responsibilities. The government must address shortages of teachers and basic facilities in remote and disadvantaged schools, while the teaching community must uphold the dignity of its profession and place the educational and moral development of students above all else.

If the government fulfils its responsibilities, parents give education the priority it deserves, and teachers draw inspiration from role models like Khurshheed Ahmad Bhat, the achievements of the three young men from Jawahar Pora and the successful Assistant Professor will not remain isolated success stories. Instead, they can become beacons of hope for thousands of children living in educationally disadvantaged communities.

Teachers' Day, therefore, should not merely be a day to praise teachers. It should be a day to renew our collective commitment to ensuring that no child's educational dream is extinguished by poverty, geographical isolation or lack of opportunity—and that every teacher becomes a true torchbearer of knowledge, character and hope.

Teachers' Day: A Tribute to Our Mentors



Sahil Manzoor

Every year, on 5th September, Teachers' Day is celebrated throughout the nation with zeal and enthusiasm. Among the thousands of professions in the world, the teaching profession holds immense importance. Every individual carries deep respect and regard for those who have guided and taught them.

Education is the light that makes us civilized, active, smart, and powerful. It transforms lives—from poverty to prosperity, from ignorance to awareness. Education not only shapes individuals but also reshapes nations. It empowers the weaker sections of society, uplifts women, encourages progress, and opens doors to a brighter and safer future. Indeed, education is the most precious asset one can acquire for a successful career and a meaningful life.



Yet, behind this power of education stands the true torchbearer—the teacher. A teacher is not just an instructor but a mentor, a role model, a guide, and sometimes even a second parent. Teachers make us proud, confident, and capable of facing the world. They nurture our talents, sharpen our intellect, and instill in us the values needed for life. According to the dictionary, "a teacher is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence, or virtue."

Inside classrooms, teachers bear the responsibility of shaping young minds. They create the tone and environment, making learning joyful and effective. Students often reflect their teacher's attitude—warmth and positivity encourage growth, while anger and negativity may hinder learning. Beyond academics, teachers also shape the social behavior of students, listening to their problems, noticing changes, and guiding them with care and wisdom.

Although teachers may not always see themselves as role models, they naturally become the first role models for students. With love, patience, and knowledge, they inspire children to learn, grow, and dream big. Communities and societies highly respect teachers, for they are the foundation of strong nations.

Mentoring comes naturally to teachers—whether by encouraging students to give their best, listening to their concerns, or instilling confidence. A good teacher not only teaches but also protects, ensuring the safety and well-being of their students. They are trained to recognize signs of trouble—whether academic, behavioral, or emotional—and to provide timely support.

In essence, teachers are the builders of minds and futures. They are leaders who create a healthy learning environment and nurture the citizens of tomorrow. On this Teachers' Day, we salute their dedication, sacrifices, and contributions, for without teachers, there would be no progress, no innovation, and no nation-building.

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HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY!

The degree hanging on your wall?
The chair you sit on?
The title written before your name?
The reputation you carefully maintain while hiding what happens behind closed doors?
A person does not become respectable simply because they are called a teacher. A person becomes respectable by their character. And any teacher who abuses a student

than a child's safety"
If a child speaks about abuse, listen. If a child says a teacher makes them uncomfortable, investigate. If a child says they are being harassed, believe them enough to take the complaint seriously. Do not teach children that silence is the price of protecting an institution's name. And please stop telling victims to "forget it," "move on," or "think about the teacher's career." Think about the child's life.



in a erotic way or deliberately destroys a child's mental well-being has no right to hide behind the word "teacher."

You can wear your best clothes on Teachers' Day. You can receive flowers. You can pose for photographs. You can collect certificates. You can smile for social media. But none of those things can erase the damage you have caused to a child. And to the institutions that protect such people because they are "senior", "well-connected", "respected", or because exposing them would supposedly damage the institution's reputation—remember this:

"An institution's reputation is not more valuable

applause. No respect. Only one question:

How can you stand in front of a classroom and call yourself a teacher after destroying the trust of the very children you were supposed to protect?

Teaching is a noble profession. Abusing a child is not. And no title, institution, influence, or reputation should ever be powerful enough to silence a child.

Children need teachers they can trust—not adults they need protection from.

-Saiqa Ashraf
R/o: Srinagar, Kashmir

From Words to Worlds

The Human Art of Translation



Aubaid Ahmad Akhoo

In an increasingly interconnected world, translation has become one of the most important means of communication between people, languages and cultures. People travel, study, work, conduct business and interact across linguistic boundaries every day. Scientific discoveries, educational ideas, literature, history, philosophy and cultural traditions can reach a wider audience only when they are made accessible beyond the language in which they were originally produced.

Yet, despite its growing importance, translation is often misunderstood as a simple exercise of replacing words from one language with their equivalents in another. In reality, translation is an art—an intellectual and creative process of carrying meaning, thought, emotion, culture and expression from one linguistic world into another without losing the spirit of the original.

In the age of artificial intelligence, this distinction has become even more important.

Today, sophisticated AI tools can translate a sentence, a paragraph or even an entire document within seconds. Social media is filled with AI-generated content, translated material and digitally created voices. At first glance, this technological revolution may make translation appear almost effortless. But anyone who has a genuine understanding of language knows that translation is far more difficult than pressing a button.

Beyond Words: The Soul of a Language

Language is not merely a collection of words and grammatical rules. It carries the history, traditions, customs, values, emotions and collective experiences of the people who speak it. Every language has its own rhythm, idioms, metaphors, expressions, humour and cultural references.

This is why translating a literary writer, poet or fiction writer is particularly demanding. To transfer an author's thoughts, feelings, emotions, sensibilities, states of mind and artistic expression into another language is not everyone's Cup of tea. It requires technical skill, literary understanding, cultural awareness and an

exceptional command of the target language.

A poet may express an emotion through a metaphor that has deep cultural significance. A novelist may use a particular expression to reveal the psychology of a character. An essayist may employ an idiom whose meaning goes far beyond its literal words. The translator must understand all these layers before attempting to reproduce them.

Every language contains words and expressions. A profound example of the limits of translation can be found in the Huruf Muqatta'at—the disjointed letters appearing at the beginning of several Surahs of the Holy Qur'an, such as Alif-Lam-Mim, Ya-Sin, Ta-Ha and Ha-Mim. Their precise and definitive meaning remains unknown to us, and scholars have offered different interpretations while acknowledging that the ultimate knowledge of their intended meaning belongs to Allah. This reminds us that translation is not always about finding an equivalent word in another language.

Sometimes, the challenge begins with understanding the original itself. If the definitive meaning of an expression is beyond human certainty, how can a translator claim to transfer that meaning with complete certainty into another language? The example of the Huruf Muqatta'at therefore teaches us an important lesson: a good translator must possess not only linguistic skill, but also intellectual humility—the wisdom to distinguish between what can be translated, what can be interpreted, and what must simply be left with the mystery of the original for which there may be no perfect equivalent in another language. Sometimes a single word carries a cultural or emotional weight that requires an entire phrase to explain. The real challenge is to find an appropriate expression in the target language without allowing the original meaning, beauty or emotional intensity to diminish.

Simply replacing one word with another is therefore not translation; it is substitution.

True translation seeks equivalence not merely of vocabulary, but of meaning, impact and feeling.

When the Dictionary Is Not Enough

One of the fundamental principles of translation is that word-for-word translation does not necessarily produce a good translation.

A dictionary may tell us the literal meaning of a word, but context tells us what that word actually means in a particular situation.



An idiom translated literally may become meaningless or even ridiculous. A metaphor may lose its beauty if its words are mechanically transferred. A culturally rooted expression may require an entirely different expression in the target language to communicate the same idea.

The finest translator therefore constantly asks: What did the writer intend to say? What emotion lies behind these words? How would a native speaker naturally express the same thought in the target language?

That is where the real craft begins.

The Challenge of Regional Languages

The limitations of technology become particularly visible when it attempts to reproduce regional languages and accents. These days, we frequently see videos on Instagram and other social media platforms created with the help of AI tools and presented with a Kashmiri accent. While the technology may initially appear impressive, anyone familiar with the Kashmiri language can often immediately notice that the pronunciation, articulation, intonation, stress and overall delivery do not sound natural. At times, the result can sound awkward, distorted or even absurd to a native speaker.

The problem is not necessarily the vocabulary itself. The deeper problem is the way language lives in the human voice.

A language has its own rhythm, pauses, pronunciation patterns and emotional expression. A machine may reproduce written

words, but reproducing the instinctive linguistic habits of a native speaker is an entirely different challenge.

And this problem is certainly not confined to Kashmiri. Similar difficulties can arise when AI-generated voices attempt to reproduce other regional languages, dialects and accents. Something may appear technically correct to a person unfamiliar with that language while sounding completely unnatural to someone who has spoken it all their life.

This reminds us of an important truth: language is not merely spoken through the mouth; it is carried through culture, experience and instinct.

The Art of Translating Literature

The challenge becomes even greater when the subject is literature.

To translate the work of an adib, poet or afsana-nigar is to enter the writer's imaginative and emotional world. One must understand not only what has been written, but also what has been felt.

The translator must preserve the author's thoughts, emotions, sentiments, moods, imagery, symbolism and artistic intention. This requires mastery of the source language as well as exceptional command of the language into which the work is being translated.

A translator who knows two languages but lacks literary sensitivity may produce a technically understandable translation that nevertheless fails as literature.

That is why translation is rightly regarded as both an art and a skill.

What My Master's Studies Taught Me

I still remember that during my Master's studies in Urdu, we had a separate book devoted specifically to "The Art of Translation."

The fact that translation was taught as an independent subject was itself a lesson in how important and demanding the discipline is. It demonstrated that translation cannot be mastered simply by knowing two languages. It requires theoretical understanding, practical training, linguistic discipline and literary judgement.

When one looks back at the history of translation, the same seriousness becomes evident.

Fort William College in Calcutta, established in the early nineteenth century, played an important role in the development of Indian languages and prose traditions. Translation was considered an organised intellectual activity, and the institution recognised the need for scholars and language experts capable of undertaking such demanding work.

This historical emphasis tells us something important: societies have long understood that transferring knowledge and literature from one language to another requires trained minds, linguistic expertise and cultural sensitivity.

Translation as a Bridge Between Civilizations

Translation is much more than a linguistic activity. It is a bridge between languages, people, cultures and civilizations.

Literature gives us a window into the lives and experiences of people who may live thousands of miles away. Through translation, a reader can encounter the poetry, stories, philosophy, history and worldview of another society without necessarily knowing its language. In this sense, the translator performs an extraordinary intellectual service. He or she does not merely carry words across a linguistic border; the translator carries knowledge, imagination, culture and human experience from one community to another. Translation has therefore played—and continues to play—a crucial role in cultural exchange and mutual understanding.

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Children with Autism in Kashmir:

Early Identification, Challenges, and the Path Towards Inclusion



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Introduction

Every child has a unique way of learning, communicating and experiencing the world. For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), differences in communication, social interaction, behaviour and sensory processing may become noticeable during the early years of life. Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition, and the abilities, strengths and support needs of autistic children vary considerably from one child to another.

In Kashmir, as elsewhere, supporting children with autism requires more than diagnosis. It requires awareness, early identification, accessible intervention, family support, trained professionals, inclusive education and a community environment based on acceptance rather than stigma.

The Importance of Early Identification

Early identification is one of the most important steps in supporting a child with autism. Signs may include delayed or unusual language development, limited social engagement, repetitive behaviours, difficulty with changes in routine, unusual responses to sensory experiences, or loss of previously acquired communication or social skills.

Early identification should not be viewed as labelling a child. Rather, it should be understood as opening the door to appropriate support. Timely evidence-based interventions can help children develop communication, social and daily-living skills and can improve their participation and quality of life.

Challenges Faced by Children and Families in Kashmir

Families raising a child with autism may experience a range of challenges. One of the first is limited awareness. Some developmental differences may initially be misunderstood as stubbornness, poor parenting or simply a child's personality. Such misconceptions can delay professional assessment and intervention.

Stigma and social attitudes can create another significant barrier. Families may hesitate to seek help because of fear of judgement or discrimination. Children themselves may experience exclusion from social, educational and recreational activities.

Access to appropriate services can also be challenging, particularly for families living in remote or rural areas. Specialized assessment, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, behavioural support, special education and psychological services may not always be easily accessible or affordable.

The emotional and financial demands on parents can also be considerable. Supporting care is therefore an essential part of supporting the child.

Inclusive Education: From Acceptance to Participation

Education is a fundamental pathway to independence and social participation. Children with autism should have opportunities to learn in environments that recognize their individual strengths and needs.

True inclusion means more than placing a child with autism in a mainstream classroom. It means making reasonable adjustments, providing trained teachers and support staff, adapting teaching methods, encouraging peer understanding and creating classrooms where children feel safe and valued.

The Role of Parents and Families

Parents are often the first to notice developmental differences in their children. Their observations should be listened to and taken seriously. Parents should be encouraged to seek professional assessment when they have concerns rather than waiting for the child to simply grow out of it.



Families also play an important role in creating a supportive home environment. Communication through play, structured routines, participation in everyday tasks and opportunities for social interaction can support development.

Most importantly, parents need information and emotional support rather than blame. Parents are partners in intervention and should be actively involved in decisions concerning their child's education and care.

The Role of Mental Health Professionals

Mental health professionals, including psychologists and counsellors, can play an important role in supporting autistic children and their families. Their responsibilities may include developmental and behavioural assessment, counselling, parent guidance, social-skills support, emotional regulation strategies and coordination with other professionals.

Counsellors can also help parents cope with stress, anxiety and uncertainty while promoting healthy family relationships. A multidisciplinary approach involving paediatricians, psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, special educators, teachers and families can provide more comprehensive support.

Building a More Inclusive Kashmir

Creating an inclusive society requires collective responsibility. Healthcare providers need training to recognize developmental concerns early. Schools need resources and trained personnel. Communities need greater awareness and acceptance. Policymakers and organizations need to strengthen accessible early-intervention and disability-support services.

Awareness programmes should become part of continuous community education. Local organizations, schools, healthcare institutions and NGOs can work together to conduct parent-awareness programmes, teacher training, screening and referral initiatives, and community-based support activities.

Inclusion should also extend beyond education. Children with autism should have opportunities to participate in play, sports, cultural activities, recreation and community life.

The Way Forward

The path towards inclusion in Kashmir requires a shift from awareness to action. This includes:

- Promoting developmental monitoring and early identification.
- Improving access to affordable and quality intervention services.
- Training teachers, healthcare workers and community professionals.
- Strengthening inclusive education in schools.
- Providing counselling and psychosocial support to families.
- Reducing stigma and misinformation through community awareness.
- Encouraging collaboration between parents, schools, healthcare professionals and NGOs.

- Developing child-centred support plans based on individual strengths and needs.
- Ensuring that autistic children are included in social, recreational and community activities.

Conclusion

Children with autism do not need to be changed to fit society; society needs to become more understanding, accessible and inclusive. Early identification can open the door to timely support, but meaningful inclusion requires continued commitment from families, schools, professionals, communities and policymakers.

For Kashmir, the goal should be to create an environment where every child with autism is recognized early, supported with dignity, educated with opportunity and included without discrimination. With awareness, acceptance and coordinated action, we can move from merely understanding autism to building a society in which every child has the opportunity to learn, participate and reach their potential.

Key Message: Early identification is the beginning of support—not the definition of a child. Inclusion begins when we recognize abilities, respect differences and create opportunities for every child to belong.

Jhelum Is Calling: What Are We Leaving Behind for Our Future?



Bhat Afreen

Today, I sat on the banks of the Jhelum, and for a few moments I simply watched the water flowing in front of me. The Jhelum has always been something we Kashmiris feel proud of. We have grown up hearing about it, seeing it, crossing its bridges and watching it quietly flow through our cities and villages. But today, instead of only seeing its beauty, I noticed something that disturbed me deeply—the garbage lying around its banks and the waste that has found its way into the river. Plastic bottles, wrappers and other rubbish were scattered around a place that should have been clean and peaceful. I kept looking at it and thinking, how did we allow this to happen? How can we stand beside a river that has been a part of Kashmir for generations and still treat it like a dustbin? Perhaps the most painful part is that many of us do not even notice it anymore. We see a person throwing a bottle into the water and continue walking. Someone throws a wrapper on the riverbank and nobody says anything. Another person leaves a plastic bag behind because it is easier than finding a proper place to dispose of it. Each action looks small when we look at it separately, but together these small actions are slowly creating a much bigger problem. We often tell ourselves that one bottle or one packet cannot make a difference, but imagine thousands of people thinking the same way every single day. That one bottle becomes thousands of bottles, that one wrapper becomes piles of waste, and eventually the river pays the price for our collective carelessness. The Jhelum is not just water flowing through Kashmir. It is connected to our history, our environment, our livelihoods and our memories. It has seen generations come and go, and yet we are treating it as though it has no value. We proudly call Kashmir a land of natural beauty, but what happens to that beauty when our rivers become polluted and our water bodies become dumping grounds? A photograph of a beautiful Kashmir may attract tourists, but photographs cannot hide pollution forever. Nature needs protection, not just appreciation. We cannot simply admire our rivers when they look beautiful and ignore them when they need our care. Water is one of the most basic necessities of human life, yet we behave as though clean water is something that will always be available to us. It will not. Rivers can be polluted, ecosystems can be damaged and natural resources can be destroyed. Once serious damage is done, restoring a water body can take years, enormous resources and constant effort.

The consequences of water pollution are also much bigger than what we can see on the surface. Waste can harm aquatic life, damage ecosystems,

affect biodiversity and contribute to the deterioration of the environment around the river. Pollution can also create risks for communities that depend on healthy water systems. The frightening thing about environmental damage is that we do not always see the consequences immediately. Sometimes the damage begins quietly and becomes visible only when it has already reached a serious stage. This is why protecting the Jhelum cannot be postponed until tomorrow. Tomorrow is exactly what we should be protecting today. I strongly believe that people who deliberately throw garbage into rivers and other water bodies should face meaningful fines. There should be a clear message that public spaces and natural resources are not places where we can dispose of our unwanted waste. If someone can be fined for breaking other public rules, why should deliberately polluting a river be treated as though it is nothing? But fines alone are not the answer. We cannot expect people to manage waste properly if proper waste-management facilities are not available. There should be enough dustbins near public areas, regular collection of waste, proper segregation facilities and systems for recycling wherever possible. Riverbanks should also be monitored, especially in places where illegal dumping happens frequently. Authorities should not wait for a riverbank to become covered with waste before taking action. Prevention is always better than cleaning up a problem after it becomes enormous. At the same time, citizens cannot put all the responsibility on the government. Even if there are a hundred dustbins around us, they are useless if we choose to throw our garbage on the ground or into the river. We have to change the way we think about public places. We often behave differently inside our homes because we consider them our own, but the street, the riverbank, the park and the public road are also part of the space we all share. Keeping them clean should not require someone to constantly tell us what to do. It should come from basic civic sense. We should stop asking, "Who will clean this?" and start asking, "Why am I making it dirty?" This change may sound simple, but it can make a huge difference. Parents can teach children from an early age that throwing waste into a river is wrong. Schools and colleges can organise awareness programmes and river-cleaning activities, not simply for photographs or certificates but to create genuine environmental responsibility among young people. Local communities can also play an important role by keeping an eye on their surroundings and reporting repeated dumping. Businesses located near rivers should have proper waste-management responsibilities as well, because commercial waste can become a major source of pollution if it is not handled correctly. Most importantly, environmental rules need to be implemented rather than remaining words on paper. A rule has little meaning if nobody fears its consequences. There should be strict action against repeated or deliberate pollution, while also ensuring that people have reasonable and accessible alternatives for disposing of their waste.

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Teachers Day celebrations held across district Doda

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm across district Doda today to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, eminent philosopher, educationist and former President of India.

The district-level function was organised here at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, with District Development Commissioner Krishan Lal as the Chief Guest. Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar was the Guest of Honour, while DySP Traffic Shoket Ali Beig was the Special Guest. The event witnessed the participation of senior officers, retired officers and officials of the School Education Department, besides heads of educational institutions, teachers and students. The programme featured cultural presentations, speeches and other activities highlighting the vital role of teachers in shaping young minds, inculcating values and contributing towards nation-building. Students expressed their gratitude and respect for their teachers through heartfelt speeches and cultural performances, adding colour and warmth to the celebrations. The Chief Guest appreciated the dedication and commitment of the teaching fraternity towards imparting quality education and ensuring the holistic development of students. He emphasised that teachers play a pivotal role in nurturing responsible citizens, instilling ethical values and strengthening the foundations of a progressive society. On the occasion, the valuable contribution and dedicated services of retired officers and officials of the Education Department were also acknowledged. The dignitaries appreciated their role in strengthening the education system and contributing to the development of the sector. Similar Teachers' Day programmes were organised at educational institutions across the district, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified that the applicant namely Showkat Ahmad Bhat S/o Sona ullah Bhat R/o Narbal Tehsil Narbal District Budgam applied for the issuance of Birth certificate of his own The applicant intends to register the Date of his of his son as school records 29 /12 / 1965 If any one has objection in this regard, he can approach concerned Births and death authorities within the period of seven days after the publication of said Notice . No objection will be entertained .

05/09 /2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Is notified that the applicant namely Abdul Salam sheer gojree S/o Abdul Rehman sheer gojree R/o Kawoosa Tehsil Narbal District Budgam applied for the issuance of Birth certificate of his daughter Namely Mariya Salam D/o Abdul Salam Sheer Gojree The applicant intends to register the Date of his of his son as school records 10 /04 / 2014 If any one has objection in this regard, he can approach concerned Births and Death authorities within the period of seven days after the publication of said Notice . No objection will be entertained .

05/09 /2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

is notified that the applicant namely Irfan Ahmad Bhat S/o Firdous Ahmad Bhat R/o Narbal Tehsil Narbal District Budgam applied for the issuance of Birth certificate of his son The applicant intends to register the Date of his of his son Namely Irfan Ahmad bhat as school records 15 /08 / 2009 If any one has objection in this regard, he can approach concerned Births and Death authorities within the period of seven days after the publication of said Notice . No objection will be entertained .

05/09 /2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of general public that the (Electric bill) power connection is registered on my Father's name SONAULLAH MIR S/O MOHAMMAD MUNAWAR MIR Now this Connection bearing Consumer ID NO 0212040003485 wants to be registered on my name SHAKEEL AHMAD MIR S/O SONAULLAH MIR If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name...SHAKEEL AHMAD MIR
S/O...SONAULLAH MIR
R/O...WARIPORA BALA
BLOCK..WAGOORA

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Application of MOHD YOUSUF SHEIKH S/O AB GANI SHEIKH R/O SHEIKHPORA Tehsil KREERI for the issuance of RBA in his/her their favor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of RBA in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in the village of SHEIKHPORA of Tehsil KREERI and belongs to the SHEIKH community having annual income 155000/- the details of family of the applicant are as fallows

- 1...MOHD YOUSUF SHEIKH Father 59 years Labour
 - 2..MUGLI BEGUM Mother 70 years H/W
 - 3..AJAZ AH SHEIKH brother 34 years Labour
 - 4...MOHD RAFIQ Brother 31 years Labour
 - 5...BILAL AHMAD TELI Applicant 26 years student
 - 6...AAYAT YOUSUF self /applicant 25 years student
- if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

Executive Magistrate 1st Class KREERI

Janmashtami celebrated with religious fervour, devotion in Poonch

■ HT News Network

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 05: Shri Krishna Janmashtami, commemorating the birth of Lord Krishna, was celebrated with great religious fervour, devotion and enthusiasm across Poonch district the other day. The main celebration, held at Shree Geeta Bhavan was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafkat Hussain Bhat, Additional Superintendent of Police Ajay Sharma and Assistant Commissioner Revenue Muhammad Sayeed along with other district officials, prominent citizens, religious leaders and a large number of devotees. A grand Shobha Yatra was also taken out from Shree Geeta

Bhavan, featuring colourful tableaux and traditional performances depicting the rich cultural heritage and devotion associated with Lord Krishna. The Shobha Yatra passed through the main streets of Poonch city and witnessed the participation of thousands of devotees.

Addressing the gathering at Geeta Bhavan, the Deputy Commissioner extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami. He highlighted the life, teachings and ideals of Lord Shri Krishna and urged people to draw inspiration from his message of righteousness, duty and devotion. The Senior Superintendent of Police also addressed the gathering and appreciated the peaceful, joyous and devotional atmosphere.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shamim Ahmad D/o Zikra shah R/o usmanabad HMT father of Zikra Bint Shamim, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Zikra Bint Shamim to Zikra Shah. In this regard if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact Chief Education Officer, Karan Nagar, Srinagar and Principal, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Mujgund, Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Her correct name may now be recorded as Zikra Shah in all school and board records.

Old Name: Zikra Bint Shamim
New Name: Zikra Shah
School: Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Mujgund, Srinagar
Deponent: Shamim Ahmad
Father of Zikra Shah

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT OF PARTNER IN THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF THE EXCURSION AGENCY “KASHMIR ORAMA HOLIDAYS” SITUATED AT MUNAWAR ABAD, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR

Whereas, the partners, Ms. Aiman Habeeb Reshi, D/o Habib-ullah Reshi, R/o Tral Payeen, and Ms. Insha Lone, D/o Abdul Rashid Lone, R/o Moomin Abad, Srinagar, Kashmir, of the Agency “Kashmir Orama Holidays”, have approached the Department of Tourism for the retirement of one partner, namely Ms. Aiman Habeeb Reshi, from the registration certificate of the Agency and from the registration records of the Department under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act.

Whereas, the Agency under the name and style “M/s KASHMIRORAMA HOLIDAYS”, situated at Munawar Abad, Srinagar, Kashmir, is registered with the Department of Tourism, and the registration certificate has been issued in favour of the above-mentioned partners

Whereas, with regard to the retirement of the partner, the requisite documents, including the registration certificate and dissolution/retirement documents, have been submitted. Ms. Aiman Habeeb Reshi, D/o Habib-ullah Reshi, R/o Tral Payeen, due to her personal reasons, has agreed to withdraw her name from the above partnership business and shall cease to be a partner of the said business.

The remaining partner, namely Ms. Insha Lone, D/o Abdul Rashid Lone, R/o Moomin Abad, Srinagar, Kashmir, shall now continue and run the aforesaid Tour and Travels business as the sole proprietor under the name and style “Kashmir Orama Holidays”.

Now, therefore, before making any change in the registration certificate under the applicable provisions of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act and before deletion/retirement of one partner, namely Ms. Aiman Habeeb Reshi, D/o Habib-ullah Reshi, R/o Tral Payeen, the matter is hereby notified for the information of the General Public, Financial Institutions/Banks, Development Authorities, PHE Department, Electricity Department, and all other concerned authorities.

In case of any objection, the same should reach the office of the Deputy Director Tourism Registration, Srinagar, within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Objections received beyond the stipulated period of 07 days shall not be entertained, and the request of the applicants shall thereafter be considered under the applicable rules, subject to the submission and verification of the requisite documents.

Agency Name: Kashmir Orama Holidays Office Address: Munawar Abad, Srinagar, Kashmir

Retiring Partner:
Ms. Aiman Habeeb Reshi D/o Habib-ullah Reshi R/o Tral Payeen, Kashmir
Continuing Partner:
Ms. Insha Lone D/o Abdul Rashid Lone R/o Moomin Abad, Srinagar, Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

My son's name & parentage has been wrongly written as UZAIR PERVAIZE S/O PERVAIZE AHMAD LONE while his correct name is UZAIR PARVAIZ LONE & correct parentage is PARVAIZ AHMAD LONE which needs to be corrected if anybody having any objection he/she may contact with concerned school office /ZEO WAGOORA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

NAMEPARVAIZ AHMAD LONE
F/O.....UZAIR PARVAIZ LONE
R/O KACHWA MUQAM
Tehsil....WAGOORA

Office of The Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal District Budgam

Notice For the General public

is notified that the applicant namely Fatima Bagum D/o Ghulam Mohi ud Din Dar Russu Tehsil Narbal District Budgam applied for the Date of Birth of his Own namely Fatima Bagum daughter Ghulam Mohi ud din Dar .The applicant intends to register the Date of Birth of his Own as per school records / medical Board is 04/ 02/ 1960 If any one has objection in this regard, Convince Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal District Budgam within the period of seven days. After completion of said period no objection will be entertained.

18 /08/2026

Annual Dastarbandi Ceremony Held at Al-Jamia Fatima-AL- Zahra "AS" in Sonawari

■ HT News Network

Bandipora/September:05 The annual Dastarbandi and certificate distribution ceremony of Al-Jamia Fatima-al-Zahra (AS) Lil-Banat Khumaina Baharabad Hajin, Bandipora was held at Markazi Hanafiya Jamia Masjid Khumaina Baharabad. The ceremony was organised on the theme "Save the Daughters and Educate Them with Religious Knowledge" and witnessed participation of a large number of people from different areas. As many as 13 girl students who completed different levels of religious education were honoured on the occasion. Of them two completed Hifz-e-Quran five completed Dars-e-



Sania, and six completed Nazra with Tajweed. Dastarbandi and certificates were presented to the parents of students who completed Hifz-e-Quran and

Dars-e-Sania, while the parents of students completing Nazra with Tajweed were also honoured with Dastarbandi. Mufti Mubarak Al-Qasmi

attended the programme as the chief guest while Mufti Maroof Ahmad Qasmi was also present. In their addresses both scholars appreciated the efforts of Al-Jamia Fatima-al-Zahra (AS) in promoting religious education among girls and stressed the need for greater attention towards their religious upbringing. The organisers said that imparting religious education to daughters plays an important role in strengthening moral values, building better families and creating a responsible society. They appealed to parents to continue supporting and encouraging their daughters in pursuing religious education.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER ZAINAPORA

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

In pursuance of the Finance Department Circular No. DGAT/Tadm/7920342/64 dated 19-06-2026 and in accordance with the provisions of Rules 217 to 223 of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, it is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the Public Auction of condemned, obsolete, surplus and unserviceable Government stores, equipment, instruments, furniture and other dead stock items of Medical Block Zainapora shall be conducted as per the following schedule:

Date of Auction: 22-09-2026
Time: 11:00 A.M.

Venue: CHC Zainapora, District Shopian

All interested individuals/firms/dealers dealing in scrap, condemned stores and allied materials are invited to participate in the auction. The reserve price for the auction is fixed at Rs. 60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand only), and no bid below the said amount shall be entertained or accepted. The auction shall be conducted on an "As is where is" basis and the highest bid, subject to approval of the Competent Authority, shall ordinarily be accepted. The Competent Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason. The successful bidder shall deposit the full auction amount immediately after acceptance of the bid and shall lift the auctioned material within the stipulated period at his/her own cost. All applicable Government rules and conditions shall govern the auction proceedings. For inspection of the auction items, interested bidders may visit CHC Zainapora during office hours on any working day before the date of auction.

DIPK-5375/26
Send Date: Sep 5 2026

BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER
ZAINAPORA

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom, Kashmir

Office of the Assistant Registrar Industrial Cooperative Srinagar

Kashmir Haat, Exhibition Ground Srianagr-190001

Subject: Notice to Defunct/Non-Functional Cooperatives regarding their whereabouts and functioning.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the whereabouts and present status of the below listed Cooperatives registered with the Department under the jurisdiction of the undersigned are not known. The said Cooperatives have apparently ceased to function and have not been maintaining regular contact with the Department/office concerned.

S.No.	Name of the defunct Cooperatives	Complete Address	Regd. No. & Date
1	The Raja Irshad Shawl Emb.IC Ltd.	Pati kurg Srinagar.	SRA-1995 16-09-2020
2	The Ahad sozni Emb.IC Ltd. Syedpora Srinagr.	Syed pora Srinagar	SRA-1999 16-09-2020
3	he Fiza Sozni IC Ltd.	Fisherman Hazratbal Srinagar.	SRA-2199 12.11.2020
4	The Shakul Alam Carpet IC Ltd	Babapora zoonimar Srinagar.	SRA-2231 12-11-2020
5	The Sheikh-ul-Alam Ari Works IC Ltd.	Mahjoor Nagar Srinagar.	SRA-2471 01-01-2021
6	The Ibtida Paper Machi IC Ltd.	MotiMohalla Dal Srinagar.	SRA-2493 01-01-2021
7	The Guli Wilayat Paper Machi IC Ltd.	Baghwan Pora Srinagar.	SRA-2494 01-01-2021
8	The Wanity Crewel Emb. IC Ltd.	Rampora Srinagar.	SRA-3006 29.07.2021
9	The Khan Crewel Craft IC Ltd.	Rathpora Srinagar.	SRA-3395 14.01.2022
10	The Golden Valley Crewel Emb. IC Ltd.	Lasjan Srinagar.	SRA-3862
11	The Sabzar Sozni Emb. IC Ltd.	Chattabal Srinagar.	SRA-3973
12	The Kashani H/C Crewel Emb. IC Ltd.	Arabal Shalimar Srinagar.	RIC/K/4759 15-09-2022
13	The Madiha Crewel Emb.IC Ltd.	Abikarpora khayam Srinagar.	RIC/K/5450 01.04.2023
14	The Max Sozni Emb. IC Ltd.	Malikpora Panzinara Srinagar	RIC/K/5975 01.11.2023
15	The Beigh Carpets H/C I C Ltd.	Botakadal Srinagar.	SRA-1600
16	The New Leather Emb.IC Ltd.	Rozdan Bagh Chattabal Srinagar.	SRA-1621
17	The Royal leather Emb.IC Ltd.	Bagiyas Chhatabal Srinagar.	SRA-1623 11-07-20
18	The Lucky Leather Emb. IC Ltd.	Danawari Chattabal Srinagar.	SRA-1624 11-07-20
18	The Velley Leather Emb.IC Ltd.	Chanmohalla Chattabal Srinagar.	SRA-1630 11-07-20
19	The Like Leather Emb. IC Ltd.	Danawari Chattabal Srinagar.	SRA-1649 11-07-20

Accordingly, all such defunct/non-functional Cooperatives, through their existing Managing Committees, office bearers, members are hereby called upon to appear before the concerned Assistant Registrar Industrial Cooperatives office within a period of seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice, along with all relevant records/documents, and explain the reasons for their non-functioning and failure to remain in contact with the Department. In case no response is received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the concerned Cooperatives have completely seized their functioning and have no objection whatsoever to further action being initiated under the applicable provisions of the J&K Self-Reliant Cooperative Act, 1999 and rules/regulations made there under.

DIPK-5367/26
Send Date: Sep 5 2026

Assistant Registratar
Industrial Cooperativesative Srinagar





ISL 2026-27 season to begin on October 10, AIFF confirms



United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 5 : The 2026-27 Indian Super League season will begin on October 10 and run until May 2027, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced on Saturday.

The AIFF also confirmed that there will effectively be no relegation from the league this season. Diamond Harbour FC, who earned promotion after winning the 2025-26 Indian Football League,

will not participate despite securing a place in the ISL. As a result, the club will be placed at the bottom of the standings without earning any points

and will return to the IFL for the 2027-28 season.

"Diamond Harbour FC, who earned promotion to the ISL via their 2025-26 Indian Football League title, failed to fulfil the administrative fee requirement for the 2026-27 season and have not taken up their promoted slot," said the AIFF in its statement.

"In keeping with the league's promotion-and-relegation principle, Diamond Harbour will not be eligible to earn any points this season and will by default

be placed at the bottom of the table. They will not retain ISL status for 2027-28 and will compete in the IFL that season."

Churchill Brothers, meanwhile, are set to join the league after acquiring Jamshedpur FC's ISL sporting licence. However, their participation has not yet been fully confirmed and remains subject to regulatory approvals.

The league will feature 13 teams, with the clubs playing each other home and away in a round-robin format. The top six will then qualify for the playoffs, with the winner being crowned ISL Cup champion. The team finishing first in the league standings will lift the ISL Shield. The format was last used in the 2024-25 season before being scrapped during the troubled 2025-26 campaign.

"As things stand, thirteen teams will compete in a round-robin, home and away format, with Churchill Brothers' participation remaining subject to regulatory approvals.

The participating clubs are Bengaluru FC, Chennaiyin FC, Churchill Brothers FC, East Bengal FC, FC Goa, Inter Kashi FC, Kerala Blasters FC, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Mumbai City FC, NorthEast United FC, Odisha FC, Punjab FC, and Sporting Club Delhi," said the AIFF.

The season was initially scheduled to begin on September 4, but the start was pushed back amid the ongoing search for a broadcast partner.

The new season will also mark a major change in how the league is run. For the first time, the participating clubs will control the ISL's commercial rights, with the AIFF working alongside them under a club-led model.

Duleep Trophy: Kishan, Tilak brace for hectic turnaround from Duleep final to Afghanistan T20Is

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 5 : East Zone captain Ishan Kishan and South Zone skipper Tilak Varma face a quick change of formats after the Duleep Trophy final, with India's three-match T20I series against Afghanistan beginning just days later in Delhi.

The five-day final starts in Chennai on Sunday, leaving Kishan and Tilak with limited time to switch from red-ball cricket to T20s. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, East Zone's vice-captain, will also have only three days between the domestic final and the Afghanistan series.

Kishan acknowledged that the turnaround will be challenging but believes adapting to different formats is part of being a professional cricketer.

"I don't know. How do I tell you? It's just about knowing what format you are playing,"

Kishan said on the eve of the Duleep final at Chepauk. "Sometimes it gets difficult when you are playing a Test match and suddenly you have to go and start hitting from ball one... But at the same time, I feel, as professionals it's our job to adapt, we cannot be coming up with excuses."

He also feels the players will have enough time to prepare before the first T20I.

"So, it is better to not be in a situation where we have to make excuses but at the same time be aware and be just mindful of what is going to happen... I will be playing T20 after this. So my job will be different [in T20Is], but still I feel we are getting two days of practice before the Afghanistan first game, so it will be more than enough, I feel," he said. Tilak, who has played across all three formats in the past four months, expects the transition to be manageable despite the tight schedule.

Forlan names star-studded Uruguay squad for India friendly



United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEPT 5 : Uruguay coach Diego Forlan has named a strong squad for the October 6 friendly against India in Kolkata, with Real Madrid midfielder Federico Valverde and former Liverpool forward Darwin Nunez among the headline names.

The match is part of India's busy international friendly schedule in September and October, which also includes games against Panama on September 25 and five-time world champions Brazil on October 3.

"The announcement comes at the beginning of a new chapter for Uruguay following Marcelo Bielsa's departure, with legendary former striker Diego Forlan taking charge of the senior national team and the Under-20 side," said All India Football Federation (AIFF) in a statement.

"Now, as Uruguay's head coach, Forlan faces a new challenge as he prepares his side for the upcoming clash against India.

With established stars such as Valverde, Nunez, Araujo and Gimenez featuring alongside a new generation of talent, Uruguay's September-October window promises to offer an early glimpse into Forlan's vision for the next chapter of La Celeste," the statement added.

Valverde and Nunez headline a squad packed with international experience. Midfielders Rodrigo Bentancur, Lucas Torreira, Giorgian de Arrascaeta, Facundo Pellistri, Maximiliano Araujo and Brian Rodriguez are also part of the selection.

Uruguay have plenty of options at the back, with Ronald Araujo, Jose Maria Gimenez, Nahitan Nandez, Guillermo Varela, Mathias Olivera and Sebastian Caceres among the defenders named by Forlan. Santiago Mele, Cristopher Fiermarin, Ignacio de Arruabarrena, Sebastian Jaume and Thiago Cardozo have been included as the goalkeeping options. The attack features Nunez alongside Miguel Merentiel, Rodrigo Aguirre, Federico Vinas, Martin Satriano and Alvaro Rodriguez.

Deportivo Alaves loses midfielder Rodriguez to torn knee ligament

United News Of India

MADRID, SEPT 5 : Deportivo Alaves has confirmed that midfielder Mikel Rodriguez is set to miss the rest of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Rodriguez, who joined Alaves from Real Sociedad in the summer, suffered the injury during Thursday's training session. "The player will have surgical treatment in the coming days and the evolution of the injury will determine when he recovers," the club said on Friday, noting that torn knee ligaments typically require at least nine months to heal.

The 24-year-old has impressed since arriving in Vitoria, earning a starting place under coach Quique Sanchez Flores and scoring his first goal in the team's 3-0 season-opening win over Getafe.

Alaves will promote B-team player Izei Hernandez to the first team for Sunday's La Liga match at home to Osasuna, according to Xinhua. Sporting director Sergio Fernandez said the club will explore limited options on the market but can only sign free agents outside the transfer window.

Nurjahan Jamani wins silver & bronze at ITTF World Para Future Lahti 2026



United News Of India

AHMEDABAD, SEPT 5 : India's Nurjahan Noorali Jamani won two medals at the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Para Future Lahti 2026 in Finland, taking silver in Class 7 singles and bronze in Class 7 standing doubles at the Pajulahti Olympic Training Center.

The performance lifted Nurjahan eight places

to No. 19 in the world ranking, from No. 27, further strengthening her position as India's No. 1 player in her category.

Nurjahan began her singles campaign with a 0-3 loss to Germany's Birgit Baumgartner

before responding with a 3-0 win over Iceland's Agnes Lovisa Johannsdottir. She then produced a hard-fought

3-2 victory over Macau's U Choi Hong, winning the final two games 13-11, 13-11. In standing doubles, Nurjahan and compatriot Shivam Pal opened with a 3-0 victory over Finland's Aaro Toivo Samuli Makela and Iceland's Agnes Lovisa Johannsdottir.

They subsequently faced two Polish combinations, with both matches going in favour of their opponents, but the Indian pair secured a bronze medal.

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Those memories are being brought back out all the time

Why you never really get over high school

Popularity, one of the defining fixations of adolescence, seems to be seared into our consciousness for decades after we leave school.

Before I was friends with Georgia*, I was scared of her.

One incident sticks in my mind. We were 14, and my best friend at the time was throwing a party – the kind that takes place in a rented church hall and where practically the whole school year turns up. But there was one group of people that my friend had neglected to invite.

Georgia and her posse strode towards us across the playground, observers turning to stare. She was a terrifying bolt of fake tan, peroxide hair extensions and luminous sportswear – what could she possibly want with the likes of us? We froze as she came to a halt.

"We're invited to your party, yeah?" Georgia demanded of my friend. "Yes, of course," my friend managed to stutter back. Satisfied, Georgia turned on her heel and marched away. Another girl nearby murmured, "You don't have to invite them if you don't want to." But we all knew that yes, yes she did.

You probably have similar high school recollections – of finding yourself at the sharp end of playground politics. Maybe you have memories of your own Georgia, a popular kid who could induce fear at a glance. Maybe you were a Georgia yourself.

Either way, you probably remember it well. After speaking to hundreds of people about their experiences of high school, Mitch Prinstein, a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US, found that people's memories of those who once ruled over the school corridors – the queen bees, the prom kings, the star athletes – were remarkably potent.

We're calling forth those experiences from when we were 14 to use as a kind of a template to see the world through – Mitch Prinstein

Even decades after leaving school, most people are able to effortlessly recall the name of the most popular kid in their year – more so than the names of teachers and other classmates, wrote Prinstein in his 2017 book *Popular: The Power of Likability in a Status-Obsessed World*.

And it's not just the memories that stick. We might be inclined to think that the high school hierarchy becomes irrelevant once we step beyond the school gates for the last time. But it turns out that it can exert a strange and persistent hold over us.

Research shows that how popular and well-liked we were as teenagers can influence our lives for years to come in everything from how we make sense of our social interactions to the strength of our romantic relations, our life satisfaction and even our health.

Rethinking popularity

It was American psychologist John Coie who changed the way researchers thought about popularity.

His now-seminal studies in the early 1980s began by asking school kids two simple questions about their classmates: Who do you like the most? Who do you like the least? In the childish handwriting scrawled across hundreds of scraps of paper, Coie would trace new insights about human social behaviour.

You might think that children would be either broadly liked or disliked by their peers. In fact, Coie and his colleagues found kids can be both liked and disliked by



different students, or neither liked nor disliked. Some children were named a lot by their peers – they were highly visible, like tiny celebrities. Others were barely mentioned at all.

For the first time, Coie used the kids' answers to propose five social categories. "Accepted" and "rejected" for those who were widely liked or disliked respectively. "Controversial" for those who got a high number of both "likes" and "dislikes". "Neglected" for those who were hardly mentioned either way. And "average", for kids who weren't too extreme in any one direction (though most leaned towards one of the categories).

Many studies have confirmed the usefulness of these labels. They generally find that about 40% of kids are "average" and 60% fit into one of the remaining four categories.

The most liked kids tend to be seen by their peers as kind, encouraging and supportive, while "neglecteds" tend to be quiet and withdrawn. "Rejected" kids are likely to be either aggressive and to bully others, or unassertive, socially anxious and the victims of bullying themselves. "Controversials", the rarest group, split the crowd – they're typically seen as class clowns or rebels.

Remarkably, Coie found that children's labels largely stayed the same when they were introduced to new peer groups. And while the initial research was on primary school kids, many studies have replicated the findings in adolescents. One found that around half of kids maintain the same label they had at primary school five years later in high school.

"I'd had such a bad experience in primary school, and I always remember my mum saying 'It'll be better when you go to high school'," says Connie*, another friend I've asked about her high school experience. "But I think once you've been bullied, or if you have something that makes you visibly different... it was like I was easy pickings."

After being targeted by bullies in the first few months of high school, for reasons including being mixed race at a predominantly white institution, Connie switched schools. At her new school however, she soon encountered a similar pattern. (Read about the powerful new ways being discovered to fight bullying.)

The 'Regina George effect'

While the labels stay the same, the social dynamics shift dramatically between primary school and high school. In primary school, the "popular" kids are simply those who are best liked – often those who are well-behaved and excel at school, because at that point, kids values typically align with their adult supervisors.

At high school, that changes. Adults and everything they stand for become woefully undesirable. A conscientious over-achiever might find themselves relegated to "nerd" status, while a rowdier, more divisive kid might find their star unexpectedly in ascendance.

On the phone to the one-time playground terror and my now close friend Georgia, I ask her if she considered herself popular at high school. She tells me she didn't think of herself in this way. "'Popular' makes it sound as if people like you and I don't think we were necessarily liked," she says. "Maybe it was a bit more like, infamous... loud and attention-seeking."

As a young teen, Georgia embodied the "controversial" archetype. She acted out aggressively and was disruptive in class. For all those who loved her, there were probably a fair few who didn't. I tell her that people, including myself, were pretty scared of her at one point. But she's wrong about this making her ineligible for the "popular" label.

"We start paying attention to who might be getting the most attention, who might be more dominant or 'cool'," says Prinstein. "Those who start becoming more physically attractive, those who are fitting into peer norms, [like] those who dress well or are good at sports."

Engaging in "pseudomature" behaviour – actions associated with older teens or adults – is another fast track to status. Teens who drink alcohol, take drugs and engage in precocious romantic behaviour are more likely to be considered popular – at least for a time. At around age 15, this behaviour stops conferring status to the same degree. As high schoolers begin to mature, overt status-seeking becomes less socially expedient, and "likeability" begins to reassert itself as an important determinant of social standing. But the ripple effects from these early experiences in extreme social stratification can be consequential.

Dr Itoo Conferred with Dual Chartered Distinctions in the United Kingdom

Noted physician, medical educator, researcher and public health advocate Dr Tasaduk Hussain Itoo has been conferred with two distinguished professional recognitions in the United Kingdom, marking a significant milestone in his career spanning medicine, biological sciences, research and public health. He has been admitted as a Chartered Biologist (CBIol)



by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) and conferred the designation of Chartered Scientist (CSci) by the Science Council (UK).

Dr Itoo was admitted as a Chartered Biologist by resolution of the Council of the Royal Society of Biology on 2 July 2026. The Chartered Biologist designation is a significant professional recognition within the biological sciences, reflecting demonstrated professional competence, knowledge, ethical practice and commitment to maintaining high standards

within the discipline. The distinction acknowledges Dr Itoo's contribution to and engagement with the biological sciences alongside his clinical and public-health career.

On the same date, Dr Itoo was also awarded the designation of Chartered Scientist (CSci) through the Science Council of the United Kingdom. Chartered Scientist is a recognised professional designation for individuals who demonstrate a high level of scientific knowledge, professional competence and commitment to continuing professional development. The conferment of CSci further strengthens Dr Itoo's standing as a medical professional with a multidisciplinary engagement extending into scientific research and evidence-based practice.

These two UK professional distinctions add to Dr Itoo's existing portfolio of international qualifications, and further establish his professional profile at the intersection of medicine, research and public health.

The recognition as both Chartered Biologist and Chartered Scientist represents the convergence of clinical expertise with scientific knowledge and professional practice, highlighting his continued pursuit of academic and professional excellence.

Expressing his gratitude on the occasion, Dr Itoo said that the conferment of these distinctions was both an honour and a responsibility. He acknowledged the support of his mentors, colleagues, family and well-wishers, while reaffirming his commitment to advancing medicine, scientific research and public health through lifelong learning, professional excellence and meaningful service to society.



Hajin Hosts a Celebration of Kashmirs Devotional Literary Heritage

47th Adabi Markaz Kamraz Conference brings poets, scholars and intellectuals together to explore the spiritual and literary legacy of Sheikh-ul-Alam and Lal Ded

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HAJIN, SONAWARI, SEPTEMBER 5: The timeless spiritual voice of Kashmir found renewed expression at Hajin on Saturday as poets, writers, scholars and intellectuals gathered for the 47th two-day Kashmiri Conference of Adabi Markaz Kamraz (AMK), turning the Higher Secondary School premises into a vibrant forum for reflection on the language, literature and cultural identity of Kashmir. Organised with the support of J&K Bank and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, the conference centred on the theme "The Role of Devotional Literature in the Kashmiri Language," bringing into focus a literary tradition in which spirituality, philosophy, social thought and poetic expression have remained deeply intertwined. From its opening session, the conference carried an atmosphere of both scholarship and cultural celebration. The gathering witnessed the participation of hundreds of poets, writers, researchers, intellectuals and literary enthusiasts, reflecting the continuing emotional and cultural attachment of the Kashmiri literary community to its mother tongue and its centuries-old literary traditions.

In his inaugural address, AMK President Muhammad Amin Butt called for sustained and organised efforts to preserve and promote Kashmiri language and literature. He emphasised that the survival of a language depends not merely on its use in everyday communication but also on conscious efforts to protect its literary heritage and ensure its transmission to younger generations.

The inaugural session was presided over by retired Justice Bashir Ahmad Karmani, with Dr Satish Vimal, Manzoor Banahali and Pir Hafizullah Masoodi among those present. One of the significant highlights of the conference was the unveiling of the Kashmiri translation of the Holy Quran by Muhammad Yousuf Paray. The publication was presented as an important addition to Kashmiri's literary and intellectual corpus and provided particular significance to a conference devoted to devotional literature. Delivering the keynote address, Dr Satish Vimal explored the diverse dimensions of devotional expression in Kashmiri literature. He highlighted the profound influence of Sheikh-ul-Alam (RA) and Lal Ded, describing them as towering spiritual personalities, thinkers and literary figures whose words have continued to resonate across generations. The intellectual engagement continued in the second session, devoted to "Sheikh-ul-Alam and Lal Ded: Tracing the Marks of Their Identity." Dr G.N. Haleem, Dr Satish Vimal and Shehbaz Haqbaari participated in the discussion, examining the literary, philosophical and spiritual dimensions of the two iconic figures and their lasting contribution to the evolution of Kashmiri literary thought. The discussions underlined how the poetry and sayings associated with Sheikh-ul-Alam and Lal Ded transcend their historical periods, continuing to inform Kashmir's understanding of spirituality, human values, social consciousness and cultural identity.

The conference also celebrated the literary journey of Adabi Markaz Kamraz with the unveiling of the Golden Jubilee Special Issue of 'Prav', the organisation's literary magazine. The special issue marked an important milestone in the publication's journey and reflected the continuing efforts of AMK to provide a platform for Kashmiri writers and literary expression.

Another notable feature of the proceedings was the Dastar Bandi ceremony of AMK Patron Dr Rafiq Masoodi, which added a ceremonial dimension to the literary gathering. The conference also recognised contemporary scholarship and contribution to Kashmiri literature. Dr Ijaz Muhammad Sheikh, Head of the Department of Kashmiri at the University of Kashmir, was conferred the "Khilaf-e-Hanafi Sopori Award 2026" by Majlis-un-Nisa Sopore and Adabi Markaz Kamraz for his contribution to the Kashmiri language and literature. Presenting the organisation's annual report, AMK General Secretary Shabnam Telgami highlighted the literary and cultural activities undertaken by the organisation during the past year, providing an overview of its efforts to strengthen the institutional foundations of Kashmiri literary activity.

The opening day was not confined to academic deliberations. It began on a cultural note with a captivating performance by renowned folk singer Muhammad Aslam Soodnari, whose traditional folk rendition transported the audience into the rich world of Kashmir's oral and folk traditions.

The proceedings, conducted by AMK Vice President Shakir Shafi, thus brought together scholarship, poetry, devotional thought, folk culture and literary recognition under one roof. At a time when questions surrounding the preservation and future of Kashmiri continue to occupy public and cultural discourse, the Hajin conference emerged as more than an annual literary gathering. It provided a platform for the Kashmiri literary community to revisit the intellectual foundations of its language, celebrate its spiritual inheritance and reflect on the responsibility of carrying that heritage forward.

The conference will continue on Sunday with further literary and academic sessions.

