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NCB recaptures

Jammu-bound passenger bus at the New Bus Stand in Samba and recovered 522 grams of heroin.

During the subsequent investigation, the NCB traced the backward linkage of the consignment to Punjab, where another 197 grams of heroin was recovered in a follow-up operation, taking the linked seizure to 719 grams.

The arrest was part of a month-long NCB operation that identified two suspected routes used for bringing heroin into Jammu and Kashmir—one directly from Pakistan through the Uri sector and another through Punjab.

The NCB had earlier launched an internal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Bashir's escape from its custody at Narwal.

Further investigation into the narcotics network and the circumstances of his escape is underway, officials said. [KNT]

16 sheep killed

and attacked the sheep. The identity of the animal, however, has not been independently confirmed.

Chopan said the incident caused significant losses to his family, which depends on livestock for its livelihood. He appealed to the government and the concerned departments to assess the loss and provide compensation and immediate assistance to the affected livestock owner.

Locals have also urged the Wildlife Department to inspect the area and take necessary measures to prevent any further attacks on livestock or possible encounters with the wild animal. [KNT]

Khair Smugglers

subsequently seized by the Forest Department, officials said.

A case has been registered in connection with the incident, and efforts are underway to identify and apprehend the persons involved.

Further investigation is underway. [KNT]

Tourist Dies

Hospital (SDH) Pahalgam for medical treatment.

However, attending doctors declared him brought dead, officials said.

Two-Month Deadline

the meeting that out of 1,555 forest areas in Jammu Division, around 215 had been identified as difficult forests requiring joint surveys by the Forest and Revenue departments, officials said.

He further informed that around 24,000 boundary pillars were required to be installed in these forest areas, while nearly 25,000 boundary pillars had already been installed during the past three months.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the Revenue and Forest authorities to undertake joint demarcation of the forest lands on priority and ensure proper installation of boundary pillars after completion of the demarcation.

He also directed the concerned officers to finalize a district-wise schedule within one week in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officers and Revenue officers.

The schedule will indicate the areas to be covered, field teams, officers responsible for the exercise, Range Officers and dates for field work, officials said.

The Divisional Commissioner further directed all Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Forest Officers to ensure strict adherence to the two-month deadline.

The meeting also reviewed forest-land issues related to roads and other infrastructure projects. The concerned officers were directed to expedite cases involving alternate land and transfer proposals and take up pending matters with the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

The Divisional Forest Officers were also directed to provide necessary assistance to departments dealing with infrastructure projects for timely processing of cases on the PARIVESH portal. [KNT]

New Rail

and improve the operational efficiency and reliability of train services.

Modi said better rail infrastructure would particularly benefit heritage and wildlife tourism by improving access to tourist destinations. The projects are expected to facilitate connectivity to several important tourist and religious sites, including the Shri Khetra Jagannath Temple, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Amarkantak and other destinations along the railway corridors.

The enhanced railway capacity is also aimed at supporting the movement of freight, particularly coal, cement, iron and steel and other industrial and mineral commodities.

The government expects the three projects to generate additional freight traffic of around 27 million tonnes per annum. The increased capacity is likely to ease pressure on existing railway routes and encourage a greater movement of goods by rail, helping improve logistics efficiency and reduce transportation costs.

The projects have been planned under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, with a focus on integrated and multimodal connectivity and improved logistics efficiency.

The government said additional railway lines would help streamline train operations by reducing congestion on busy routes and allowing passenger and freight services to be managed more efficiently.

Improved connectivity is also expected to provide better access for people in remote areas to major cities and commercial centres, while supporting local economic activity, employment and business opportunities.

The Cabinet's decision forms part of a larger railway infrastructure expansion announced on Wednesday. In all, eight multitracking projects worth Rs 20,804 crore covering about 1,196 km across nine states were approved.

The government said the railway expansion would strengthen the country's transport infrastructure while supporting economic growth, tourism and more efficient movement of passengers and goods. (KNS)

Government Bound

Thursday defended the playing of the full version of Vande Mataram at government functions, saying the government was bound to follow the law and that the Congress could change it in Parliament if it disagreed with the provision.

Omar was speaking to reporters here at srinagar when he was asked about the controversy between the National Conference and Congress over the full rendition of the national song at the ongoing International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is a statutory obligation," Omar said, adding that the provision applied across the country and not only to Jammu and Kashmir.

He said government functions attended by constitutional authorities would necessarily include the national anthem and, where applicable, the national song.

"This is not only for Jammu and Kashmir, it is for the whole country," he said, pointing out that Congress-ruled States would also have to follow the provision at official functions.

Omar said the National Conference had never adopted Vande Mataram as a party position but would continue to fulfil its legal and statutory responsibilities as part of the government.

"If Congress comes to power, I pray that Congress comes to power as soon as possible and abolishes this in Parliament. Let them do it. We have no objection," he said.

He also questioned the Congress' objection to the playing of the full version at the film festival and said the issue should not be turned into a controversy.

On the Congress' criticism of NC chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Omar defended his party colleague and said Sadiq had referred to historical accounts of poverty in Kashmir rather than making a personal statement.

He cited British administrator Walter Lawrence and other historians who had written about the economic condition of Kashmiris under the old feudal system.

Omar said Kashmiris had once faced extreme poverty and had been dependent on landlords and other intermediaries, but the situation had changed significantly.

"Tanvir did not talk about this for the first time," he said, adding that several senior National Conference leaders had spoken about Kashmir's past economic conditions.

Omar said the point was that Kashmir had moved forward from that period and that families were now educating their children, with many becoming doctors and engineers.

He also alleged that the BJP and PDP were raising the issue together and sharing a "common agenda", while rejecting any demand

for an apology from Sadiq.

"Tanvir did not do anything wrong," Omar said.

On protests by Kashmiri Pandit employees seeking accommodation, the Chief Minister said those employees who required transit accommodation should approach the government, while rejecting the claim that employees were being left without shelter.

"Not a single one is on the road. Not one of them is homeless," he said, adding that employees were being allotted accommodation wherever transit facilities were ready.

Omar said the administration was prepared to address genuine cases of employees requiring accommodation and asked those facing such a problem to bring it to the government's notice.

Turning to the ongoing film festival, Omar said the government wanted local youth to acquire skills in filmmaking, including camera work and production.

He said local youngsters should be encouraged to undertake professional courses and should get opportunities to work when films are shot in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister also said the upcoming Cabinet meeting would go ahead as scheduled on September 10, despite a major summit in Delhi that is expected to bring together leaders from several countries.

He said the government holds a Cabinet meeting every month and that its work could not be stopped because of other events.

"The government's agenda cannot be stopped," Omar said, adding that there was nothing in the Cabinet agenda that required the government to halt its regular functioning. (KNS)

Drinking water

individuals had damaged an approximately four-inch water supply pipeline in the area over the past few years and diverted water towards agricultural fields.

They said such practices were affecting the availability of drinking water and called for measures to prevent misuse and wastage of potable water.

The residents urged the Jal Shakti Department to conduct an immediate assessment of the affected areas, repair damaged pipelines and take effective steps to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply.

They also appealed to people to avoid unnecessary consumption and wastage of potable water and cooperate in conserving the available water resources.

Residents said while ensuring adequate drinking water remains the responsibility of the concerned department, people must also use the available water judiciously. (KNS)

PM-SETU to

responsive to industry requirements and emerging employment opportunities.

The meeting besides the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Education; Secretary, Skill Development Department; Managing Director, J&K Skill Development Mission; Director, Skill Development Department; Labour Commissioner;

representatives of industrial bodies and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary described PM-SETU as a very good model to make skill education better. He unequivocally stressed that the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) should go beyond physical infrastructure and focus primarily on creating an industry-aligned ecosystem capable of equipping J&K's youth with skills that translate into quality and well-paid employment.

He further stressed that the industry partners selected for the initiative should bring not merely financial participation but also technology, domain expertise, modern training practices, exposure to industrial processes and credible employment pathways for trained youth.

He observed that our objective should be to align our ITIs more closely with industry requirements so that the skills imparted translate into meaningful and high-paying employment for our youth. He called for close collaboration between government, industry and training institutions in designing the courses and training programmes.

Giving a detailed presentation on the scheme, Secretary, Skill Development Department, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, apprised the Committee of the proposed institutional architecture, funding pattern, upgradation plan and the roadmap for implementation in J&K.

He also divulged that PM-SETU envisages an indicative investment of around 482 crore over a five-year period in J&K, with 241 crore earmarked for each hub-and-spoke cluster. Under the proposed model, 10 Government ITIs will be upgraded into modern, industry-oriented skill institutions.

Moreover the institutions will be organised into two hub-and-spoke clusters, with one Hub ITI in each administrative division serving as a central technology and resource centre for four Spoke ITIs.

The upgraded hubs will provide access to advanced technologies, modern training infrastructure, incubation facilities and capacity-building support for trainers, with the scheme targeting an institutional placement rate of 75 per cent.

A major feature of PM-SETU is its industry-led implementation framework, under which Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) will facilitate closer participation of industry in institutional governance, course selection, technology adoption, training and placement. It would also ensure that the training offered is demand-driven rather than supply-driven, with courses periodically aligned to market trends and actual manpower requirements.

The priority training domains under the proposed transformation include Advanced and Smart Manufacturing; Heavy Engineering and Automotive; Electricals, Electronics and Telecom; Process Industries and Food Processing; and Textiles, Garments, Construction and Building Interiors, besides other emerging areas having strong employment potential here.

The Committee was informed that the financial architecture of PM-SETU follows a tripartite contribution model, with 74.7 per cent contribution from the Central Government, 8.3 per cent from the UT Government and 17 per cent from Anchor Industry Partners (AIPs). The average estimated cost is around 81 crore for each Hub ITI and 40 crore for each Spoke ITI.

Among the prescribed baseline parameters for participating companies are an average annual

turnover of at least 200 crore during the preceding three financial years, positive net worth and a regular workforce of 500 or more employees.

Concluding the Chief Secretary underscored that the real measure of the success of PM-SETU would be the ability to create a steady pipeline of industry-ready skilled manpower and connect J&K's youth with better employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, thereby making skill development a stronger pillar of the UT's economic growth.

IFFJK Gets

The Preview Committee of the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) has praised the diversity and emotional depth of films received for the festival, saying cinema has the potential to connect people across cultures and geographical boundaries.

The committee said 1,184 films were received for screening, making the selection process demanding and requiring detailed evaluation and deliberations.

The members said the films presented different stories, perspectives and forms of artistic expression, making it difficult to compare one work with another.

The selection process involved four rounds of deliberations, during which the committee discussed and evaluated the films in detail.

The committee members said human emotions and the ability of a story to establish a connection with audiences were among the key factors considered during the selection process.

They also highlighted the importance of films reflecting culture, local experiences and authentic stories, saying such elements can add depth and originality to cinematic works.

The committee expressed confidence that IFFJK would encourage filmmakers to return to Jammu and Kashmir to explore its landscapes, culture, people and stories.

Muslim Personal

Baramulla, will oversee the strengthening of the district committee, coordinate organisational programmes and ensure implementation of the Board's policies and directives at the district level.

Peerzada Mohammad Shafi has been assigned the charge of Zone Coordinator, North Kashmir, where he will work in coordination with district presidents and other organisational functionaries to streamline activities and strengthen the Board's presence in the region.

The arrangements were finalised after consultations with Syed Mohammad Aslam Andrabi, Vice Chairman of the Board, Peerzada Mohammad Shafi and Er. Wali Mohammad Dar, Zone Organiser, North Kashmir.

In another organisational decision, Mufti Mohammad Ishaq Lolabi, Imam and Khateeb of Masjid Huda, Lalpora, Lolab, has been inducted as a member of the Muslim Personal Law Board Jammu & Kashmir.

The Board welcomed the new member and expressed hope that his religious knowledge and experience would contribute to its religious, social and organisational objectives.

The communiqué, issued by Er. Danish Reshi, Advisor to the Grand Mufti J&K and General Secretary (Organisation), called upon all office-bearers and members to extend cooperation to the newly appointed functionaries and work collectively in the larger interest of the organisation and the community.

CIED-IUST Foundation Organises One-Day 3D Printing Workshop for Children of IUST Employees.



Showkat Dar

AWANTIPORA, 10 SEPT : CIED-IUST Foundation, in association with DST iTBI, organised a one-day workshop on 3D Printing for the children of IUST employees at the IUST Innovation Campus. The workshop was organised under the direction of Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO, CIED-IUST Foundation, with the objective of providing students from different schools with an opportunity to explore emerging technologies through experiential and activity-based learning. The programme focused on creating awareness about 3D printing and its growing applications in areas such as education, engineering, design, manufacturing and innovation.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Parvez A. Mir, CEO, CIED-IUST Foundation, emphasised the importance of exposing young minds to emerging technologies at an early stage. He stated that such initiatives play an important role in nurturing curiosity,

creativity, problem-solving abilities and an innovation-oriented mindset among school students.

During the workshop, the participating students were provided with hands-on exposure and practical demonstrations of the 3D printing process. The sessions introduced them to the basic principles of 3D printing, the process of transforming digital designs into physical objects and the wide-ranging possibilities offered by additive manufacturing.

The workshop concluded with an encouraging response from the participating students, who actively engaged in the demonstrations and hands-on activities throughout the programme. Certificates were also distributed among the participants of the workshop. The workshop, a first in a series of planned workshops, reflects the commitment of CIED-IUST Foundation and DST iTBI towards promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and technology awareness among the younger generation.

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NCB recaptures escaped drug accused Aqib Bashir in Jalandhar

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JAMMU, SEP 10: The Narcotics Control Bureau has re-arrested drug trafficking accused Aqib Bashir, who had escaped from the agency's custody in Jammu three days ago, officials said on Thursday.

Bashir, a resident of Kakapora in Pulwama district, was arrested in Jalandhar, Punjab, during a coordinated operation involving the NCB, Jammu and Kashmir Police and Punjab Police, an NCB spokesperson said.

Bashir had escaped from NCB custody in the Narwal area of Jammu during the intervening night of September 6 and 7, triggering a multi-agency search operation across the region.

He had earlier been arrested by the NCB on September 3 after the agency intercepted a

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16 sheep killed, 17 injured in suspected leopard attack in Chadoora

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BUDGAM, SEP 10: Sixteen sheep were reportedly killed and 17 others injured after a wild animal attacked a flock at Badipora village in the Chadoora area of Budgam district during the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

Imtiyaz Ahmad Chopan, who owns the flock, said he suspected that a leopard had entered the livestock enclosure during the night

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Khair Smugglers Open Fire on Forest Department Team in Hiranagar

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HIRANAGAR, SEP 10: Khair smugglers allegedly opened fire on a Forest Department team in the Hiranagar area during the intervening night, firing around 10 to 15 rounds, officials said.

The Forest Department team had reportedly gone to the area in connection with suspected illegal Khair timber activity when the smugglers opened fire.

No member of the Forest Department team was injured in the incident, officials said. The smugglers, taking advantage of the darkness, fled from the spot. During their escape, they abandoned two vehicles, which were

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Tourist Dies in Pahalgam

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PAHALGAM, SEP 10: A tourist from Madhya Pradesh died after complaining of chest pain at Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

The deceased has been identified as Kashi Kailash Nath, son of Manmohan Nath Sharma, resident of Madhya Pradesh.

Officials said the tourist had arrived at a hotel in Pahalgam on Wednesday for an overnight stay. Today, he complained of chest pain and was subsequently evacuated to Sub-District

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Two-Month Deadline Set for Forest Land Demarcation in Jammu Division

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JAMMU, SEP 10: Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar has directed the Revenue and Forest departments to complete the demarcation of forest lands across Jammu Division within two months, officials said.

The directions were issued during a meeting chaired by the Divisional Commissioner to review the progress of forest land demarcation and discuss issues hampering the exercise. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, Senthil Kumar, informed

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New Rail Projects to Boost Tourism, Cut Logistics Costs : PM Modi

10,783-cr multitracking push to strengthen connectivity across five states, add 656 km of railway network

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NEW DELHI, SEPT 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Union Cabinet's approval of three major railway multitracking projects worth 10,783 crore would strengthen rail connectivity across five states, promote tourism and help reduce logistics costs.

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In a post on X, Modi said the projects will significantly expand the railway network in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, improving connectivity and supporting

economic activity in the regions.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the three projects covering 14 districts and

adding around 656 km to the existing railway network. The projects are planned for completion by 2029-30.

The approved projects include the fourth line between Kharagpur and Jharsuguda, the fourth line between Katni and Pendra Road, and the third line between Bilaspur (Uslapur) and Pendra Road.

According to the government, the projects will improve rail connectivity to around 4,790 villages with a combined population of nearly 56 lakh. The additional capacity is also expected to ease congestion

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PM-SETU to Turn J&K ITIs into Industry-Ready Skill Hubs : Atul Dooloo

₹482 crore indicative investment planned to equip youth with high-demand skills and better-paying jobs

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SRINAGAR, SEPT 10: Chief Secretary Atul Dooloo on Thursday called for a comprehensive transformation of Jammu and Kashmir's Industrial Training Institutes under the PM-SETU scheme, stressing that skill education must be closely aligned with industry requirements and emerging employment opportunities to provide youth with quality and well-paid jobs.

Chief Secretary, Atul Dooloo chaired the 1st UT Level Steering Committee Meeting to review and steer the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and



Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, emphasising the need to make skill education more

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IFFJK Gets 1,184 Film Entries, Preview Panel Sees Kashmir as Future Cinema Hub

Committee praises diversity of submissions and says region's landscapes, culture and talent can attract filmmakers



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SRINAGAR, SEPT 10: The Preview Committee of the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) has praised the diversity and emotional depth of the 1,184

films received for screening, expressing confidence that the festival can help position Jammu and Kashmir as a major filmmaking destination by showcasing its landscapes, culture, stories and local talent.

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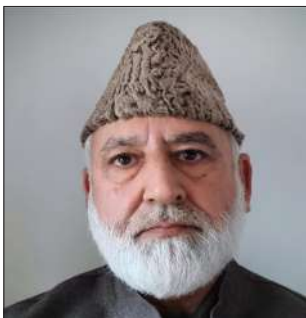
Muslim Personal Law Board J&K Reshuffles Organisational Setup, Names Andrabi Baramulla Chief

Peerzada Mohammad Shafi Gets North Kashmir Coordination Charge; Mufti Ishaq Lolabi Inducted into Board

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 9: The Muslim Personal Law Board Jammu & Kashmir has undertaken key organisational changes, appointing Syed Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Andrabi as District President for Baramulla and entrusting Peerzada Mohammad Shafi with the responsibility of coordinating the Board's affairs in North Kashmir.

The decisions, announced through an official communiqué on Wednesday, are aimed at strengthening the Board's district-level structure and improving



organisational coordination across North Kashmir. Andrabi, as District President

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Drinking water shortage hits several villages in Mawer, residents seek immediate action

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KUPWARA, SEP 10: Residents of several villages in Mawer area of

Qalamabad tehsil in north Kashmir's Kupwara district have expressed concern over an acute shortage of drinking water and urged the Jal Shakti Department to restore regular supply.

Residents of Audoora, Warpora, Dungs, Chak Audoora and Umarabad Lam Audoora, among other areas, said they have been facing difficulties in

meeting their daily water requirements for the past week.

Locals alleged that potable water is also being diverted or used for irrigation, construction and other non-essential purposes, aggravating the shortage. Residents of Lam Audoora alleged that some

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Catch the Corrupt, But Clean the System

The aggressive campaign against corruption in Jammu and Kashmir deserves appreciation, but the real test of this campaign lies beyond arrests and headlines. Every now and then, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) catches a government official allegedly accepting a bribe, and each such action sends a strong warning that corruption will not be tolerated. Yet arrests, however necessary, cannot be the only measure of success. The ultimate objective must be to build a system in which corruption finds fewer opportunities to flourish and where honest governance becomes the normal way of administration.

The message emerging from the ongoing anti-corruption drive is significant: no government employee, regardless of rank or position, should assume that public office provides protection from accountability. Those who demand or accept bribes, misuse authority or deliberately obstruct legitimate public work must face the law. Such action is essential for restoring citizens' faith in government institutions.

But catching an official after corruption has taken place is only one part of the battle. The more important question is why citizens continue to encounter situations in which corruption can take place in the first instance.

Corruption is not confined to the traditional image of an official demanding money for a favour. It can also appear through unnecessary delays, manipulation of files, selective application of rules, favouritism, misuse of discretion and deliberately complicated procedures. For an ordinary citizen, these practices can be as damaging as a direct bribe. They create frustration, encourage middlemen and eventually make people believe that nothing moves in a government office without influence or payment.

This is where administrative reform becomes indispensable. The government must use the present momentum against corruption to redesign systems that create opportunities for wrongdoing. Procedures should be simplified, services should have clearly defined timelines and unnecessary human intervention should be reduced. Digital governance can play a particularly important role by making applications, approvals, payments and file movement transparent and traceable.

The principle should be simple: the fewer opportunities for discretionary interference, the fewer opportunities for corruption.

Every department should also strengthen its internal vigilance mechanisms. Regular audits, surprise inspections, rotation of officials in sensitive positions, transparent file-tracking systems and strict timelines for public services can help prevent corruption before it reaches the stage of an ACB trap. Internal accountability cannot be outsourced entirely to an investigating agency.

At the same time, the government must distinguish between firmness against corruption and creating an atmosphere of unnecessary fear among honest employees. The overwhelming majority of public servants perform their responsibilities sincerely. They should be encouraged and recognised. Officers with proven records of integrity, efficiency and public service can become examples for others. An administration becomes stronger when honesty is rewarded as visibly as corruption is punished.

Citizens, too, have an important role. Complaints must be easy to file, properly investigated and brought to a logical conclusion. People who report genuine corruption should feel that the system will protect rather than intimidate them. At the same time, mechanisms must ensure that deliberately false or malicious complaints do not become a means of settling personal scores.

The legal and disciplinary process must also be strengthened. An arrest can make an immediate impact, but if investigations, departmental proceedings and prosecutions take years to conclude, the deterrent effect gradually weakens. The certainty, fairness and timeliness of punishment are critical to an effective anti-corruption framework.

Jammu and Kashmir today has an opportunity to transform the present aggressive campaign into a permanent culture of clean administration. The ACB must continue to act firmly wherever corruption is detected. But the larger goal should be to make such opportunities increasingly difficult to create.

The success of the anti-corruption campaign should therefore not be judged merely by the number of officials arrested. The greater achievement would be a government office where an ACB trap is rarely needed because systems themselves prevent corruption.

A citizen should be able to obtain a certificate, approval, licence, service or benefit without knowing an influential person, paying an unofficial amount or making repeated visits to an office. That is what clean governance ultimately means.

Catch the corrupt, certainly. Punish wrongdoing, firmly. But above all, clean the system so that corruption has nowhere to hide. Jammu and Kashmir's zero-tolerance policy must evolve from an occasional campaign into an everyday principle of governance.

'PRAW' ; A Journal That Records a Movement, Not Just a Literary Organisation



By - Dr Rafiq Masoodi

A journal is not merely a collection of articles. At its best, it becomes a record of a people's intellectual journey, their cultural concerns and their collective memory. The commemorative volume of Prav, the Kashmiri journal brought out by Adbi Markaz Kamraz (AMK), is precisely such an attempt. Released at Hajin during the inaugural session of the 47th two-day annual conference of AMK, the volume is both a celebration of the organisation's journey and a document of its contribution to Kashmiri language and culture.

I do not wish to review Prav as a member or office-bearer of AMK. I write simply as an ordinary reader who loves his mother tongue and regards its service as a responsibility equal to serving one's own mother. I consider myself only a servant of art, culture, languages and Adbi Markaz Kamraz. It was in that humble capacity, as the present Patron of

this 55-year-old family, that I had the honour of being present at Hajin, alongside veterans, scholars and cultural personalities, before an audience of nearly 300 scholars and admirers of Kashmiri language and literature.

The presence of such a large and distinguished gathering itself made the occasion historic. At Government M.L. Higher Secondary School, Hajin, with Justice (Retd.) Bashir Ahmad Kirmani Sahib in the chair and the presence of stalwarts including Mohammad Amin Bhat, Dr Satish Vimal, Manshoor Banihali and Shakir Shafi, I was not merely witnessing an annual conference. I felt that I was witnessing history returning to its birthplace.

Hajin was not selected as the venue merely for convenience. The roots of the Kamraz movement lie here. Halqa-e-Adab Sonawari was formed in 1957 in a small room by a group of teachers who had neither money nor an office, but possessed an extraordinary love for Kashmir. From that modest beginning emerged the wider Kamraz movement, which today has around 30 units extending from Uri and Karnah to Sonawari.

It was therefore deeply appropriate that the 47th annual conference should return to Hajin and that a representative volume documenting the journey of AMK should be released here. The occasion was not simply

a book release. In many ways, it was a debt repaid to the soil from which the movement emerged.

The volume, comprising 42 articles arranged in nine sections and running to nearly 250 pages, offers perhaps one of the most comprehensive accounts of the organisation's journey. It is not the work of one author. In a true sense, it has been written collectively by generations associated with AMK.

The first two sections, Pout-e-Nazar and Rowte Raftaar, provide the foundation. Abdul Khaliq Shams, who has devoted five decades of his life to the Markaz, presents a history born not from textbooks but from personal memory and experience. Majeed Majazi's Baani Kaar recalls the early pioneers and the extraordinary dedication with which they travelled from village to village in search of literary talent. The contributions of Dr Riyaz-ul-Hassan and Zameer Ansari further document the organisation's resolutions, struggles and campaigns.

These writings remind us that AMK was never confined to poetry readings and literary gatherings. It consistently raised its voice for the recognition of Kashmiri in competitive examinations, defended the Nastaliq script and advocated the preservation and advancement of the language. Even the present

demand for Classical Language status for Kashmiri has roots in resolutions and campaigns undertaken by the organisation years ago.

The third section, Adbi Markaz Kamraz te Kashmir, is perhaps the soul of the volume. Contributions by scholars and writers including Prof Farooq Fayaz, Prof Zaman Azurda, Prof Shad Ramzan, Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq, Shahida Delnavi, Prof Nasim Shifai, Prof Shakir Lolabi, S. Hakbari, G.N. Halim, Mir Tariq Rasul, Javed Maeri, Shabnum Teligami and Shakir Shafi, besides reflections associated with several departed literary figures, collectively establish an important point: AMK was never merely a literary society. It was a movement.

It was a movement born out of concern for a language facing neglect and displacement in its own homeland. The organisation helped discover scores of forgotten poets and facilitated the publication of more than 100 books through public support rather than depending solely on institutional funding. This represents a quiet but significant cultural revolution.

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Sahil Manzoor Bhatti

Development is necessary for every country. A developed country needs good roads, better transport, trade, industries, employment opportunities, and proper management of cities. Development plays an important role in the economy of a country.

Today, we have many useful communication tools. We can easily exchange business ideas and information from one part of the world to another through emails, WhatsApp, video calls, and other digital platforms. Many business deals are now completed through these virtual methods.

However, development does not mean only building large tunnels, huge buildings, long railway tracks, wide roads, dams, and other big projects. Real development needs proper planning, good management, and coordination among different government departments. Environmental protection should also be kept in mind while carrying out development work.

The government has created different departments and agencies to deal with environmental issues. These departments issue guidelines from time to time to protect our environment. Development should always be carried out in a way that does not cause unnecessary damage to nature.



In this article, I want to highlight the importance of planting trees in cities and important business areas, especially in places where there is heavy traffic. Our needs are increasing day by day, and the increasing number of vehicles is causing air pollution. Factories and industries also release pollutants into the air, water, and soil.

We cannot stop all these activities in one day. Therefore, we should take steps to reduce their harmful effects. Planting more trees is one of the simple and effective ways to help protect our environment. The government administration is also taking important steps to address environmental problems.

What is the Environment?
The environment is everything around

us. It includes plants, trees, water, animals, birds, air, soil, and other natural resources. The environment has a very important role in our lives.

First, we must understand the importance of the environment and protect it. However, some development activities can damage nature. The construction of roads, bridges, buildings, railway tracks, airports, factories, industries, and dams may affect the environment.

For example, cutting trees during road widening and railway construction can cause soil erosion, which means the removal of the upper layer of soil. Soil erosion can reduce soil fertility and may also increase the risk of floods and other environmental problems.

How Can We Reduce Temperature in Cities?

Cities are busy centres of business and economic activity. They also add to the beauty and development of a country, state, union territory, or district.

However, temperatures in cities can become higher because of pollution and the large number of vehicles. Vehicles release gases that contribute to air pollution and climate change. Therefore, proper management of cities is very important.

While developing cities, we should focus on clean air, clean water, proper drainage, and good waste management. Sewage should be properly managed, and solid waste from hospitals, business establishments, and houses should be disposed of safely.

Planting more and more trees can help reduce the temperature in cities and improve air quality. Trees provide shade, absorb carbon dioxide, and make cities greener and healthier.

We should also promote environmentally friendly means of transport. E-rickshaws should be encouraged and increased because they can help reduce pollution caused by conventional vehicles. According to Daily Sheherbeen, there are only 314 e-rickshaws in the city.

Srinagar is the heart of Kashmir, and its beauty can be greatly improved by planting more trees and protecting the existing green spaces. Development and environmental protection should go hand in hand.

A clean and green Srinagar will not only look beautiful but will also provide a healthier environment for its people and future generations.

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A smile from a loved one, a volunteer, or a fellow service member brings immense comfort to troops, especially during deployment.



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A smile from a loved one, a volunteer, or a fellow service member brings immense comfort to troops, especially during deployment. It serves as a powerful reminder of home, peace, and the civilian life they protect.

-The story which we got was this!
- General Dhiraj Seth, COAS, visited Headquarters Southern Command Indian Army to review the Command's operational preparedness and ongoing capability enhancement initiatives. He was briefed by Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar, GOC in C, Southern Command, on the prevailing operational environment, readiness posture, training initiatives and measures undertaken to further enhance combat effectiveness.

-Commending all ranks for their professionalism and dedication, COAS exhorted them to remain mission-focused while maintaining the Command's operational edge....

-This is a serious story but I will start on a lighter note:
-Ambikapathy and Amaravathy is a famous tragic historical love story from South India, involving the 12th-century poet's son and a Chola princess.

-Ambikapathy was the brilliant son of Kambur, the legendary Tamil poet who wrote the Ramavataram. Amaravathy was the daughter of the Chola Emperor.

-The Romance: The two fell deeply in love in the royal court, keeping their relationship a secret from the king.

-The Conflict: Ambikapathy was eventually caught singing a poetic composition expressing his love for the princess in the royal court, which was seen as a breach of royal decorum and a challenge to the king's honor.

-The Tragic End: Ambikapathy was sentenced to death by the emperor.

-Hearing of his execution, Amaravathy died of a broken heart, cementing their tale in Tamil folklore.
-Moral Support
-Care packages: Include letters, photos, and comforts from home.
-Letters of encouragement: Write to deployed troops through verified organizations.
-Video messages: Share uplifting updates from family and friends.



-The Southern Command of the Indian Army was raised on April 1, 1895, at Pune, making it the oldest and largest field formation in the service.

-Origins and Reorganization 1895: Formed after the abolition of the Presidency armies. 1908-1920:

-Briefly merged into two large armies before returning to a four-command structure.

-Headquarters: Located in Pune (historically Poona).

-Insignia: Uses the Southern Cross (Crux constellation) as its formation sign.

-Major Operations 1947-1948: Secured the integration and amalgamation of princely states like Junagadh and Hyderabad. 1961!

-Participated in the liberation of Goa. 1965 & 1971: Fought in both major Indo-Pakistani Wars.

-Later Campaigns: Contributed to Operation Pawan (IPKF in Sri Lanka), Operation Vijay

(1999), and Operation Parakram (2001).

-Humanitarian Aid: Leads major disaster relief and flood evacuation efforts across peninsular India.

-The Leadership: Commanded by a General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), usually holding the rank of Lieutenant General or General.

-Territorial Districts (Pre-WWII): The command was geographically split into three

major administrative and operational districts: -Bombay District (HQ Bombay) - Focused on port security and coastal defenses.

-Deccan District (HQ Bolarum) - Maintained internal security and troop concentrations in central-southern princely states. Madras District (HQ Bangalore)

-- Oversaw the deep south of the Indian peninsula.

-Evolution into "Southern Army": In April 1942, following Japan's entry into World War II and the looming threat of an amphibious invasion of South India, the formation was upgraded and renamed Southern Army.

-The districts were temporarily restructured into Line of Communication (LoC) areas to optimize logistics for the war effort. It reverted back to Southern Command in November 1945.

-Specific Military Operation: The Raising of the 4th Indian Infantry Division While

Southern Command's primary operational mandate within the subcontinent was internal security, training, and coastal defense, its crowning achievement was acting as the incubator and launching pad for the world-renowned 4th Indian Infantry Division (The "Red Eagle" Division) in 1939.

-Operation Background & Objectives: As World War II loomed in mid-1939, the British High Command realized Egypt and the vital Suez Canal were highly vulnerable to Italian forces based in Libya. Under secret Mobilization Plans, Southern Command was ordered to rapidly form and deploy a division overseas.

-Operational Execution The Blueprint: -The embryonic headquarters of the 4th Indian Infantry Division was secretly formed out of the Deccan District HQ in Southern Command.

-The Force Composition: Southern Command pooled together elite battalions from across its region, combining British regular army units with Indian Army regiments (such as the 1st Battalion, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry and elements of the 4th Sikh Regiment) to meet the standard brigade mixture.

-Deployment (Operation "C"): In August 1939, just weeks before war was officially declared, the division was quietly embarked from the ports of Bombay—directly administered by Southern Command—and shipped across the Indian Ocean to Egypt.

-Outcomes and Legacy: The division raised by Southern Command went on to become one of the most celebrated formations of World War II. It formed the backbone of the British Western Desert Campaign, playing a pivotal role in defeating the Italian Army at the Battle of Sidi Barrani (1940), scaling the mountainous fortresses during the East African Campaign (Eritrea), and fighting Rommel's Afrika Korps in Tunisia before deploying to the Italian front.

-The Southern Command (India) of the Indian Army is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra, and is led by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar.

-Overview and Jurisdiction Scale: -It is the oldest and largest field formation of the Indian Army.



From Playing Fields to Podiums

Nuzhat Gul's Sporting Legacy in J&K



Ahmad Fayaz

How a focus on modern infrastructure, grassroots talent, inclusivity and youth participation helped strengthen the sporting ecosystem, with Baramulla emerging as an important beneficiary

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a notable transformation in its sporting landscape in recent years. From modern playing fields and synthetic turfs to improved stadiums, indoor facilities and structured youth programmes, sports infrastructure has increasingly moved towards creating a stronger foundation for nurturing talent. Among the administrators associated with this phase of development is Ms Nuzhat Gul, former Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, whose tenure was marked by an emphasis on infrastructure, grassroots participation, inclusivity and opportunities for young athletes.

Appointed Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in January 2021, Ms Gul brought academic knowledge, technical expertise and administrative experience to the position. Her specialisation in turf and sports fields from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the United States, along with her doctorate from Aligarh Muslim University, gave her a distinctive understanding of the technical and developmental requirements of sporting infrastructure.

Her vision was particularly relevant to Jammu and Kashmir, where sporting talent is not confined to cities. Villages, small towns, tribal areas and remote regions have produced promising athletes, but lack of facilities and exposure has often prevented potential from developing into sustained achievement. The emphasis on taking sports opportunities closer to young people therefore assumed considerable importance.

Her frequently quoted message, "Give them equal chances, they will prove that they are equally better, and sometimes they are much better," reflects this philosophy. The underlying idea is simple but powerful: talent requires opportunity, and geographical or social circumstances should not determine whether a young

athlete gets the chance to excel.

During her tenure, attention was given to strengthening grassroots sports, identifying emerging talent and expanding opportunities across different disciplines. Football, cricket, water sports and several other sporting activities received greater attention, while competitions, coaching initiatives and youth programmes contributed to a more organised sporting environment.

Initiatives such as My Youth My Pride provided thousands of young people with opportunities to participate in organised sports and recreational activities. The programme also received the SKOCH Gold Award in 2022, underlining the wider recognition of initiatives aimed at youth engagement through sports. Such programmes are important not merely because they produce athletes, but because they encourage discipline, teamwork, physical fitness, confidence and a healthy competitive spirit among young people.

Another significant aspect of this period was the growing emphasis on women's participation. Young women and girls increasingly found opportunities in disciplines such as football, rugby, wushu, gymnastics and water sports. Greater visibility of women athletes can have a multiplier effect: every successful female sportsperson becomes an example for another generation of girls who may otherwise hesitate to enter competitive sport.

Major sporting events also helped place Jammu and Kashmir more prominently on India's sporting map. The Khelo India Winter Games showcased the region's potential in winter sports, while water sports and other national-level competitions highlighted its natural advantages and sporting capabilities. Such events also allowed local youth to witness high-level competitions in their own surroundings, creating aspiration and confidence.

Baramulla: Infrastructure Meets Talent

Baramulla occupies a special place in the sporting culture of North Kashmir. Football, cricket and several other sports have deep roots in the district, and generations of young people have demonstrated enthusiasm and talent. What has often been required, however, is modern infrastructure capable of converting enthusiasm into sustained sporting achievement.

The synthetic football turf at Azadganj, Sheikh-ul-Alam Stadium, Gousia Colony, is therefore an important development for the district. For local footballers, access to a modern playing surface represents



more than an infrastructure upgrade. It provides an improved environment for regular practice, coaching and competitive matches and offers the possibility of developing football in Baramulla along more professional and structured lines.

Similarly, improvements to General Bipin Rawat Stadium, Baramulla, popularly associated with the Jhelum Stadium sports complex, have the potential to significantly enhance the district's sporting environment. A modern stadium can serve several

purposes simultaneously—as a competition venue, training centre, coaching facility, talent-identification hub and community space.

Better spectator facilities are equally important. When parents, families, students and members of the public can attend competitions in comfortable surroundings, athletes receive greater encouragement and sporting events become part of community life. A vibrant stadium can consequently contribute to creating a genuine sporting culture rather than merely

providing a venue for occasional competitions.

The impact of improved infrastructure has also extended beyond Baramulla. Other parts of North Kashmir, including Sopore and Bandipora, have witnessed attention towards sporting facilities, pavilions and indoor infrastructure. The strengthening of Khelo India Centres has further provided young athletes from Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora and adjoining areas with equipment and opportunities in disciplines including boxing, football, hockey, badminton, kabaddi and kho-kho.

The contribution of Ms Nuzhat Gul has been acknowledged by various organisations and sections of civil society in Baramulla. The Baramulla Cricket Forum, through its General Secretary Zubair Ahmed Dar, the Football Association Baramulla, civil society representatives, the Traders Federation Baramulla led by President Er. Tariq Moglu, the Kashmir Writers Association through its Baramulla district president, and other associations and forums have expressed appreciation for her association with and contribution towards sports infrastructure and youth opportunities, particularly in the district.

Ultimately, the true value of sports infrastructure cannot be measured only in terms of buildings, turfs or stadiums. Its real worth lies in the opportunities it creates. It is reflected in the young footballer who gets a proper ground to train on, the cricketer who dreams of representing the district, the girl who finds the confidence to enter competitive sport, and the athlete from a remote village who finally gets access to equipment, coaching and competition.

Ms Nuzhat Gul's tenure can therefore be viewed as part of the larger evolution of Jammu and Kashmir's sporting ecosystem, in which infrastructure development and grassroots participation increasingly became interconnected priorities. The task ahead is to maintain these facilities, ensure their professional utilisation and continue expanding opportunities so that investment translates into medals, careers and lasting sporting institutions.

For Jammu and Kashmir, the journey from playing fields to podiums is still unfolding. The foundations being created today can determine how many young athletes from the Union Territory will eventually compete—and succeed—at the national and international level.

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What The UN Can Do And Not To Do



BY-MOOL RAJ

As the UN General Assembly opens its 81st session, an old order is dying and no one has agreed on what replaces it. There is a particular kind of tiredness that settles over the world in years like this one, not the tiredness of a single crisis, but the tiredness of too many crises arriving together and refusing to leave.

This is the world the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly opens into on September 8, a session whose own organisers have chosen, with what looks almost like exhausted honesty, the theme of "rebuilding trust." Not achieving peace.

What Pakistan and countries like it might reasonably ask for this year is not a miracle but a modest, stubborn insistence, that the Strait of Hormuz, the sea-level meeting, the pandemic session, and the general debate itself all be treated as pieces of a single argument: that the world's smaller and more exposed nations, who bear the costs of wars and warming they did not cause, deserve more than a fortnight of speeches before the cameras move on. As the UN General Assembly opens its 81st session, an old order is dying and no one has agreed on what replaces it.

There is a particular kind of tiredness that settles over the world in years like this one, not the tiredness of a single crisis, but the tiredness of too many crises arriving together and refusing to leave. Somewhere over the Gulf, tankers still sit at anchor waiting for a strait that opens and closes like a fist. Somewhere in New York, diplomats are pressing their suits for a General Debate that will, once again, be asked to say something true about a world that keeps declining to behave. And somewhere in Antarctica, ice that has held forth for thousands of years continues its quiet, unglamorous collapse, unbothered by the fact that nobody in a position of power is currently paying attention to it.

This is the world the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly opens into on September 8, a session whose own organisers have chosen, with what looks almost like exhausted honesty, the theme of "rebuilding trust." Not achieving peace. Not solving climate change. Rebuilding trust. It is the kind of modest, almost apologetic ambition an institution reaches for when it has stopped believing it can promise anything larger.

Start with the war, because the war has a way of insisting on itself.

What began in February with strikes on Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure has, over seven months, refused to resolve into either victory or peace. It has instead become something more familiar and more exhausting: a war that pauses and resumes, a ceasefire that expires and is renegotiated

and expires again, a Strait of Hormuz that opens a crack and closes a fist. The language of the war itself has grown telling. Washington speaks now not just of defeating Iran but of "possessing" pieces of it. The American president's suggestion that the Strait of Hormuz might simply be declared American territory "after we finish defeating Iran" is not a slip of the tongue. It is a glimpse of how casually the vocabulary of empire has crept back into the vocabulary of diplomacy, how easily "ceasefire" has come to mean merely "not this week."

Iran's own answer, that a waterway "cannot be seized with a tweet, an aircraft carrier, an executive order, or a campaign speech," is, whatever one thinks of Tehran, not wrong. And in the meantime the war has stopped being only a war between two countries and become, as these



things do, an ambient tax on everyone else. Oil that traded near sixty dollars before the strikes touched past a hundred when the strait first closed and has lived in that unstable neighbourhood ever since, spiking whenever the guns speak and sliding, briefly, whenever they fall quiet. Economists at the Dallas Fed have modelled what a prolonged closure would do to global growth and arrived at numbers that sound abstract until you remember they translate into real bread, real fuel, real school fees in Karachi and Lagos and Manila. Some estimates put the total cost to the world economy, if the war grinds on, above three and a half trillion dollars, more than three percent of everything humanity produces in a year, spent not on hospitals or harvests but on the friction of a conflict that keeps almost ending.

The countries paying the steepest price are, as ever, not the countries fighting. Gulf producers who never asked for this war have watched their export revenues collapse by billions of dollars a day. Import-dependent economies with no domestic alternative, Pakistan among them, Japan and South Korea too, absorb energy shocks they had no say in creating. This is the oldest and cruelest arithmetic of modern war: the states with the least power to start or stop a conflict are frequently the ones who pay for it longest, in currencies devalued and subsidies withdrawn and inflation that eats into wages already too thin.

And then there is the other war, the slower one, the one without ceasefires because it has no enemy to negotiate with. Climate change does not pause for diplomacy. It does not observe memoranda of understanding. While the Strait of Hormuz has occupied the world's anxious attention for

seven months, sea levels have continued their unhurried, implacable rise, and this year's General Assembly, perhaps sensing the irony of a species distracted from its slowest catastrophe by its most recent one, has scheduled, for the first time, a High-Level Meeting devoted specifically to the existential threat posed by rising seas. It sits on the calendar between a meeting on climate action and a meeting on pandemic preparedness, three horsemen sharing a single crowded week in September, as though the Assembly itself is trying to say: choose which apocalypse you'd like to discuss first, we only have days.

There is something almost unbearably poignant in low-lying member states, the Maldives, Tuvalu, Kiribati, being asked once again to make their case before a hall full of nations whose emissions dwarf their own and whose attention, this year particularly, is elsewhere. They will speak, as they always do, with a dignity that ought to shame the rest of the room. And the rest of the room, as it always does, will nod, applaud, and return to discussing oil.

What, then, can anyone reasonably expect from these three weeks in New York?

Not a resolution to the Iran war. That will be settled, if it is settled at all, in Muscat or Doha or wherever the actual negotiators sit, not on the floor of the General Assembly. Not a binding climate breakthrough either. The Assembly does not have the teeth for that, and everyone in the hall knows it. What the UNGA can realistically offer this year is something both smaller and, in its way, more necessary: a stage on which the world is forced to say out loud, in front of everyone, what it actually thinks. There is a peculiar diplomatic honesty that happens under television lights that does not happen in closed rooms. Leaders posture, yes, but they also reveal, through emphasis, through omission, through who they choose to shake hands with and who they choose not to, where the real fault lines of the moment lie.

This year those fault lines will be especially visible, because the old architecture of the post-1945 order is visibly straining under a war that has made a mockery of Security Council paralysis. The Council could not stop the strikes in February. It has not been able to enforce the ceasefires that followed. A body designed in 1945 to prevent great powers from making war on smaller states was never well built for a moment when a great power simply announces it intends to annex a waterway once it finishes "defeating" a country, and there is no mechanism inside the UN system that can do anything about that announcement except express concern.

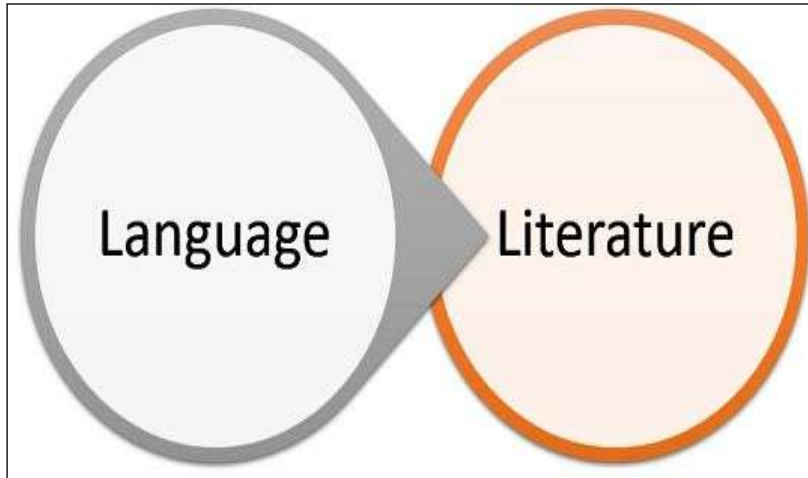
This is, perhaps, the real theme of UNGA 81, more honest than the official one. We are watching, in real time, the transition from a world ordered loosely around multilateral rules to a world ordered more nakedly around raw capability, where strength, not law, decides who controls a strait, who survives sanctions, who gets to redraw a map. It is not that the old order has collapsed; it is that its authority has been quietly, publicly tested and found wanting, strike by strike, veto by veto, ceasefire by broken ceasefire. What comes

Words, Language and Literature



DR. VIJAY GARG

Words are among humanity's most powerful creations. A single word can express an idea, preserve a memory, inspire a person or connect people across generations. When words come together meaningfully, they form language; and



when language is shaped with imagination, emotion and creativity, it becomes literature.

Language is much more than a means of communication.

It carries the history, culture, traditions and identity of a community. Through language, knowledge is passed from one generation to another. It allows people to share their experiences, express their feelings and understand different perspectives.

Literature gives language a deeper and more creative dimension. Poems, stories, novels, essays and plays transform ordinary words into expressions of human experience. Literature can make us think, question, imagine and feel. It preserves not only events and ideas but also the emotions and values of the time in which it is created.

The relationship between words, language

and literature is therefore inseparable. Words are the building blocks, language is the structure, and literature is the creative expression that gives them lasting meaning.

In the digital age, this relationship is facing new challenges. Short messages, abbreviations, emojis and rapidly changing online communication are transforming the way people use language. Technology has made communication faster, but speed should not come at the cost of clarity, richness and thoughtful expression.

Artificial intelligence is also becoming an important part of writing and communication. It can help people translate, edit and generate text, but human imagination, emotion, experience and cultural understanding remain essential to

meaningful literature.

Languages also need protection. When a language disappears, humanity loses more than vocabulary; it loses stories, traditions, memories and unique ways of understanding the world. Encouraging children to read, write and speak their mother tongues can help preserve this valuable heritage.

Words may be small, but their power is enormous. They can build bridges between people, preserve civilizations and give voice to ideas that might otherwise be forgotten.

Words create language, language creates literature, and literature gives human experience a lasting voice.

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DC Kishtwar reviews preparations for district census handbook compilation, Census 2027 Phase-III

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KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 10: The Principal Census Officer (PCO)/ Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review preparations for the compilation of District Census Handbook (DCHB) and other important activities connected with Census 2027 Phase-III in the district.

The meeting held detailed deliberations on the identification and deployment of suitable field functionaries for collection of village-level data for the District Census Handbook.

The Charge Officers were directed to complete the identification process promptly and ensure registration of all selected functionaries on the prescribed training and main portal. The PCO directed that villages

be allotted to the field functionaries simultaneously with their registration, keeping in view the topography, accessibility, geographical conditions and workload of individual areas.

It was informed that the field functionaries would be paid an honorarium of 1,000 per village, while the number of villages assigned to each functionary should remain reasonable to ensure accuracy and quality of data.

The meeting was further informed that one-day training programmes would be organised at the Charge level / District Headquarters, as appropriate, to familiarise the functionaries with the prescribed application, data requirements and field procedures.

The data collection exercise for the District Census Handbook is scheduled to be undertaken from



1st October to 30th October 2026, primarily through the prescribed mobile application/platform, with manual collection to be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances.

Emphasising the importance of data quality, the PCO directed the concerned Tehsildars / Executive Officer functioning as Charge Officers

to closely monitor the exercise and ensure that the information collected and uploaded by field functionaries is properly scrutinised and validated before final submission.

The PCO impressed upon all Charge Officers and associated functionaries to maintain close coordination and adhere strictly to

the prescribed timelines, observing that accuracy, completeness and timely collection of data must remain the foremost priorities in the District Census Handbook exercise.

The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned officers to ensure time-bound completion of preparatory activities and seamless execution of both the DCHB exercise and ongoing Census 2027 Phase-III activities across District Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by ADC (DCO), Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Rishi Kumar Sharma, ACD Manoj Kumar, all SDMs (virtually), DSEO (ADCO), Suresh Kumar Sharma, Tehsildar HQA, DC Office., Mohd. Rafie Naik, all Tehsildars (virtually), EO MC, Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, DIO NIC, Faizal Khan, Dy. CEO, Masood Ahmed Qazi, besides other concerned officers and officials.

Kathua: Sponsorship Foster Approval Committee recommends support for 569 Children

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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of the Sponsorship Foster Approval Committee (SFAC) to review cases under the Mission Vatsalya initiative.

The Committee recommended sponsorship support for 569 eligible children belonging to vulnerable categories, including orphans, children of single parents and specially-abled children. The Deputy Commissioner, the Committee chairman, stressed the need to ensure timely assistance to all eligible children and effective implementation of welfare schemes aimed at supporting their education, care, protection and overall well-being. The DC called for close monitoring of the cases to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended support without delay.

DC Poonch reviews progress under HADP & JKCIIP

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POONCH, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the progress and implementation of projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Jammu & Kashmir Competitive Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Projects (JKCIIP) in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of various ongoing initiatives and projects being implemented under HADP and JKCIIP across the agriculture and allied sectors. He sought detailed feedback from the concerned departments regarding achievements, progress and issues affecting timely implementation.

The DC stressed upon the officers to ensure effective and timely implementation of all approved projects, with close inter-departmental coordination. He directed the concerned departments to expedite ongoing works and ensure that the benefits of these programmes reach farmers and other stakeholders at the grassroots level.

He also emphasized the importance of proper monitoring, field-level implementation and convergence among the departments involved in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, sheep husbandry, fisheries and other allied sectors. The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to maintain close coordination and regularly review the progress of the projects so that the objectives of HADP and JKCIIP are achieved within the stipulated timelines. The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to maintain close coordination and regularly review the progress of the projects so that the objectives of HADP and JKCIIP are achieved within the stipulated timelines.

DC Reasi reviews Food Safety Measures Calls for regular inspections, greater public awareness

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REASI, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee to review the implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act and assess the food safety enforcement mechanism in the district.

Designated Officer Food Safety briefed the meeting on enforcement activities, food sampling, licensing and registration of food business operators, besides awareness and training initiatives undertaken across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for regular inspections and effective enforcement of prescribed food safety standards to safeguard public health. He called for greater awareness among food business operators regarding safe food handling, personal hygiene and proper disposal of waste.

Emphasizing the importance



of consumer awareness, the DC directed the concerned departments to intensify awareness and training programmes on food safety, hygiene and safe food practices. He also stressed strict compliance with the Food and Drug Administration's provision prohibiting junk food stalls within 50 metres of schools.

The Deputy Commissioner further called for wider use of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material in hospitals, schools and other public places to promote awareness about food safety,

healthy eating habits and consumer rights.

He underlined the importance of FoSTaC training for ICDS functionaries, ASHA workers and teachers associated with Mid-Day Meals to strengthen food safety practices at the grassroots level.

General Manager, District Industries Centre, Navdeep Wazir; Chief Medical Officer, Reasi; Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters); Food Safety Officer (Headquarters) and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

DC Rajouri reviews road safety measures, calls for comprehensive action plan

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RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee to review the road safety scenario and measures being undertaken across the district.

At the outset, the District Roll Out Manager iRAD/eDAR, Pankaj Sabharwal informed the meeting that 1,362 road accidents have been reported in the district since July 31, 2022, including 246 accidents during the current year so far.

The DC sought a detailed analysis of accidents occurring at identified black spots and directed the concerned officers to immediately undertake corrective measures. He stressed proper road signage, markings and other safety interventions at vulnerable locations and sought detailed reports from the concerned departments.

The DC directed the concerned authorities to submit the District Road Safety Action Plan at the earliest, covering accident-prone locations, enforcement measures, engineering interventions and other preventive measures. He further directed the constitution of town-wise Joint Task Forces for coordinated enforcement, traffic management and road safety measures.

The Officer-in-Command BRO was directed to take immediate corrective measures at accident-prone locations, including Siot, Bakhar and other vulnerable



stretches and prepare a permanent action plan to address road safety concerns.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation of PM RAHAT and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system installed at Chingus. The ARTO briefed the meeting on the functioning and utility of the ANPR system, which enables automated reading and recording of vehicle registration numbers and supports traffic monitoring and enforcement. The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure its effective utilisation, timely sharing of information and close coordination for enforcement of traffic regulations.

Among others, the meeting was attended by SSP Naresh Singh, ASP Bikram Kumar, ADC Rajouri Ravi Kumar Sihag, 2IC 58 RCC, Sunil Dutt; SEPWD (R&B) Manzoor Ahmed, CMO Dr Manohar Lal Rana, ARTO Ashiq Rafiq Malik.

DC Kathua reviews progress of Telecom infrastructure; Calls for resolving bottlenecks

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KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Telecom Committee to review the progress of telecom infrastructure and connectivity initiatives in the district.

At the outset, comprehensive discussions were held on land allotment, CATV/VI/VII cases, electricity connections to mobile towers, telecom services in border villages, 5G street furniture, Amended BharatNet (ABN), CBUD implementation and Samridh Gram Panchayat initiatives.

The Deputy Commissioner



directed the concerned departments to adopt a proactive, coordinated and time-bound approach towards resolving pending issues and removing procedural

bottlenecks. "Seamless inter-departmental coordination is essential for timely execution of telecom infrastructure projects and strengthening

reliable telecom connectivity and digital services, particularly in the border and rural areas of the district," he stressed.

The Forest Department was directed to expedite clearance of all pending cases pertaining to the Telecom Department to ensure that telecom infrastructure works are not delayed.

The DC instructed the Telecom Department to obtain permission from the concerned development agency before undertaking any telecom-related work, besides ensuring adherence to prescribed procedures and proper coordination with the concerned agencies.

Ramban admin discusses action plan for time-bound implementation of NAPS

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RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of officers to review the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in the district.

The meeting was attended by General Manager District Industries Centre, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Principal Government Degree College, LDM, Medical Superintendent District Hospital, Executive Engineers from PWD and Jal Shakti, Chief Education Officer,



Tehsildar Headquarters, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Principal Polytechnic College, Superintendent ITI and other concerned officers and stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner designated the General Manager DIC as the District Nodal Officer for effective implementation of NAPS in the district. The Nodal

Officer will coordinate with ITIs, Polytechnic Colleges, educational and skill development institutions, hydropower projects, MSMEs, banks and other establishments to formulate and implement a time-bound action plan for achieving the prescribed targets.

The DC directed the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Principal Polytechnic College, Superintendent ITI and other concerned officers to extend full support to the District Nodal Officer in coordinating with establishments, institutions, departments and other stakeholders. He stressed that NAPS implementation be

accorded top priority through concerted efforts to maximise participation of eligible candidates and establishments.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the officers to intensify registration of candidates and establishments and achieve the targets on mission mode through focused mobilisation and registration drives across the district. Special emphasis was laid on onboarding eligible establishments, particularly companies engaged in NH-44 projects, hydropower projects, MSMEs and other industrial and commercial establishments on the NAPS portal.

3-Day Awareness Programme on Humane Management of Community Dogs begins in Jammu

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10: The Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the School Education Department, PETA India and SAVE NGO, has launched a three-day awareness and sensitisation programme in Jammu to promote humane and scientific management of community dogs, animal welfare and public safety among school students and teachers. The programme, being held

from September 10 to 12, 2026, has been organised in pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court of India and the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah. The objective is to generate greater awareness among students about rabies prevention, anti-rabies vaccination, precautions to be taken in case of dog bites, animal welfare laws, sterilisation and the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme. The initiative seeks to sensitise students about peaceful coexistence with community animals and

encourage compassionate and informed interaction with stray dogs. The sessions also focus on awareness of animal cruelty laws and the importance of humane treatment of animals. Manager - Elementary School, PETA India Meenakshi Narang, is serving as a resource person for the programme and conducting interactive awareness sessions with students. More than 2,000 students from across 47 Jammu schools are expected to participate in the three-day programme. Through interactive discussions



and awareness sessions, students are being educated about safe interaction with

community dogs, the importance of empathy towards animals and measures that can

help reduce instances of dog bites.

Special emphasis is being laid on rabies prevention and timely medical intervention. Students are being informed about the precautions to be taken following a dog bite or scratch and the importance of immediately seeking medical attention and completing the recommended anti-rabies vaccination course.

The programme also highlights scientific Animal Birth Control and anti-rabies vaccination as key components of humane and effective

community dog population management. The role of proper waste disposal and public awareness in reducing human-animal conflict and promoting safer communities is also being emphasised.

On the first day of the programme, awareness sessions were conducted at Government Higher Secondary School Sarwal and Heritage School, with enthusiastic participation from students and teachers. The interactive sessions provided students with an opportunity to learn about animal welfare, safe

practices and the importance of adopting humane approaches towards community animals.

The programme aims to empower students to become ambassadors of animal welfare and public safety, enabling them to share the message of compassion and safe coexistence within their families and communities.

The initiative is expected to contribute towards building greater public awareness and fostering a humane, scientific and responsible approach to community dog management in Jammu & Kashmir.



GMC Jammu, District Hospital Reasi sign MoU to strengthen specialised healthcare services

■ HT NEWS DESK

REASI, SEPTEMBER 10: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was today signed between Government Medical College Jammu and District Hospital Reasi to establish a collaborative framework for strengthening healthcare delivery, improve referral mechanism, facilitate professional skill development and optimise clinical resources for enhanced patient care.

The MoU was signed by Principal and Dean, Government Medical College Jammu, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta and Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Reasi Dr. Karamvir Singh.

Under the agreement, the Government Medical College Jammu will facilitate monthly super-speciality outreach services at District Hospital and Reasi in cardiology, neurology, nephrology, urology, endocrinology, oncology, gastroenterology and neurosurgery, subject to availability of resources.

The collaboration also



provides for technical support and capacity building in palliative and geriatric care, addiction treatment, radiology, blood bank management and dialysis services. It envisages regular cataract surgeries under the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, strengthening of High Dependency Unit, Intensive Care Unit and Tele-ICU services, besides support for day-care chemotherapy and oncology services.

The MoU further provides for super-specialist tele-consultation through the e-Sanjeevani platform, strengthening of laboratory services and capacity building of doctors, technicians and paramedical staff. Government Medical College, Jammu will also facilitate the supply of blood and blood components to District Hospital, Reasi, subject to statutory provisions and availability.

The agreement also

envisages assistance for Diplomat of National Board residency programmes, Joint Continuing Medical Education programmes, clinical workshops and academic sessions, besides opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate clinical postings, internship training and a rotational district residency programme at Reasi.

District Hospital, Reasi will also serve as an "Associated Hospital" and internship grid under the academic supervision of Government Medical College, Jammu.

The District Development Commissioner, Reasi appreciated the initiative and commended the Government's efforts towards strengthening institutional coordination, expanding access to specialised healthcare and referral services, and enhancing clinical capacity in the district. He also encouraged the staff of District Hospital, Reasi to continue their efforts towards providing quality healthcare to the people of the district.

2-day human resource development programme on integrated pest management held at Bikhani Gala

■ HT News Network

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 10: The Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Jammu today commenced a two-day Human Resource Development Programme on Integrated Pest Management at Village Bikhani Gala, Panchayat Mand East, Block Tikri, District Udhampur.

The programme aims to sensitize farmers about eco-friendly pest management practices, promote the safe and judicious use of pesticides, and encourage sustainable agricultural practices in the region.

The inaugural session witnessed enthusiastic participation from Vikash Padha, Chief Agriculture Officer, Udhampur, Sunil Gupta, District Agriculture Officer, Udhampur, Arti Sharma and a large number of local farmers.

Dr. M.K. Arya, Deputy Director (PP) delivered a detailed presentation on the importance of Integrated Pest Management in minimizing crop losses, reducing dependence on chemical pesticides, and ensuring food and environmental safety. He also highlighted the role of bio-control agents in effective field-level pest management, emphasizing their significance in reducing pesticide residues and maintaining ecological balance.

He stressed the safe and judicious use of pesticides and called upon farmers to adopt IPM as a holistic approach for improving crop health and enhancing productivity.

Ravi Kumar Chhapare, APPO (E) apprised the participants of the necessary precautions to be observed while using pesticides in the field. He emphasized the importance of following recommended dosages, proper application methods and safety measures to minimize risks to farmers, crops and the environment.

Vikash Padha, CAO Udhampur highlighted the importance and need for adopting Integrated Pest Management in the district. He motivated farmers to adopt eco-friendly pest management practices and reduce their dependence on chemical plant protection measures.

Sunil Gupta, DAO Udhampur briefed the farmers about various practices for improving soil fertility and minimizing pest attacks. He also encouraged them to adopt IPM practices and reduce the excessive use of chemical plant protection products.

The participating farmers actively engaged in interactive sessions, raised queries related to pest and crop management and benefited from the technical guidance provided by the experts.

They appreciated the collaborative efforts of CIPMC Jammu for organizing the programme at the grassroots level and providing practical knowledge on sustainable and environmentally friendly pest management practices.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that an Electric Power Connection bearing Consumer ID No. 0204020000443 is registered in the name of Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Bhat S/o Wali Mohammad Bhat R/o Ghat Jogi Lanker, Rainawari, Srinagar. Now the said Power Connection is intended to be transferred / registered in my name i.e. Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o Ghat Jogi Lanker, Rainawari, Srinagar. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may file his/her objection before the Executive Engineer, PDD / KPDCL, Division Khanyar, Srinagar within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the said period, no objection will be entertained. Applicant:

Shahzad Ahmad Bhat
S/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat
R/o Ghat Jogi Lanker, Rainawari, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Javid Yousf War, son of the late Mohd Yousf War, resident of Vothhpura, Handwara, hereby inform the general public through this notice that Shop No. 87, situated at the Fruit and Vegetable Market, Braripora, Handwara, was originally allotted in the name of Late Mohd Yousf War. Since Mohd Yousf War passed away on 04/05/2020, we, the legal heirs, intend to have the allotment holder rights of the said shop transferred and recorded in the name of Javid Yousf War of Late Mohd Yousf War. If any person or persons have any objection or claim regarding this transfer, they are requested to submit their objection in writing to the Horticulture Planning & Marketing Office, Fruit Mandi, Braripora, Handwara, within one week from the publication of this notice. No objection or claim shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Javid Yousf War Son of Late Mohd Yousf War Resident of Vothhpura, Handwara District Kupwara

PUBLIC NOTICE

is notified that the applicant namely Mohammed maqbool Bhat S/o Ghulam Rasool Bhat R/o Batapora kanihama Tehsil Magam District Budgam applied for the issuance of Birth certificate of his own. The applicant intends to register the Date of his own as records 01 /08 / 1966. 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.

09/09 /2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that I, Ubaid Ur Rahim, son of Late Ab Rahim Sofi, am applying for the issuance of a Legal Heir Certificate in respect of the estate of Late Ab Rahim Sofi. The legal heirs of Late Ab Rahim Sofi are:
1. Shameema Bano – Widow
2. Ubaid Ur Rahim – Son
3. Haroon Rahim – Son
4. Abrar Rahim – Son
5. Mehnaza Rahim – Daughter
6. Nazima Rahim – Daughter
Any person having any objection/claim regarding the issuance of the said Legal Heir Certificate. They may contact tehsil office soibugh within seven days, after completion of said period, no objection will be entertained.

Applicant:
Ubaid Ur Rahim
Son of Late Ab Rahim Sofi

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KALANTRA / KREER

Subject: Application of MANZOOR AHMAD DEADER for the issuance of ST (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar and Bakerwal) in favour of Wards namely AMIR ALI DEADER & IMRA JAN R/O BANDI BALA PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, the applicant has submitted the file in the office of the undersigned for the issuance of ST. in this connection a report of patwari halqa concerned has been sought which reveals that the applicant is currently residing in village BANDI BALLA and belongs to the ST caste and DEADER community, having annual income is 9,35052. the details of the family of the applicant are as follows
1...MANZOOR AHMAD DEADER Father 41 years employee
2.... RUKSANA BEGUM Mother 38 years House wife
3...AMIR ALI applicant 15 years student
4....IMRA JAAAN applicant 13 years student
5..BABAR MANZOOR brother of applicant 04 Years minor
.The applicant has applied for Issuance of ST (SCHEDULE TRIBE Gujar & Bakerwal) certificate in favour of Self
if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of said certificate certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained

NAIB TEHSILDAR KREERI

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF T-HE EXECUTIVEENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION DOORU. NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT 33 OF R&B/Dooru/2026-27 /E-TENDERING/2370-75 DATED 09-09-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of School Building for girls' middle school Mantipora	56.06 lacs (47.51+ 8.55)	1600	112120	9 months	District Capex (Health U T)	AAY Class only/
2	Construction of HWC at Shankerpora Vcrinag.	61.42 lacs (52.05+ 9.37)	1600	122840	10 months	District Capex (Elementary education)	AAY Class only/

Position of AAA ; Accorded. Position of TS: Accorded.

The date of completion is subject to the availability of funds.

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated	
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09-09-2026	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 10-09-2026	(09:00 AM)
		To 21-09-2026	(06:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 10-09-2026	(09:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 21-09-2026	(06:00 PM)
		22-09-2026	(11:30 AM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru.	

Bids must be accompanied with a Receipt of cost of Tender document/Tender Fee deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt/Transition ID or DC no (The Date of transaction should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and Receipt of EMD (2% of advertised Cost), also deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt, (The Date of receipt of EMD and Tender Fee should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date). The same EMD/Tender Fee receipt should not be used in more than one Tender/Bid.

3. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost). Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.
Note:a. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of Tender Document Cost or Rs500/- whichever is lower.
b. MSME's are required to pay only 50% of the amount of EMD/ Bid Security or Rs 5000/- whichever is lower 4. The Bid security amount of the successful Bidder shall, upon completion of the bidding process be transferred from single Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account to Performance Security Deposit Head on Authorization from HoD during the currency of contract agreement including defect liability period. In addition, the differential amount of performance security shall be furnished by the Bidder in cash to the designated Authority. Failure to produce differential amount of Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.
The rates quoted in the BOQ are exclusive of GST. GST @18 Percent shall be added to the contract value by the allotting authority at the time of issuance of allotment.

6. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru.
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.
8. The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited If: a) Anybidder/tendererwithdrawhisbid/ derduringthepriodofbidvalidityormakesanymodificationinthe rmsandconditionsofthebid.
b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security with in specified time period before issue of letter of intent.
c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within28 days after fixation of contract.
d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder backup from the contract, again the Performance security/ EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.

9. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
10. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
11. Scanned copy of Receipt of cost of Tender document/Tender Fee deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (The Date of transaction should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and receipt of EMD deposited in a Centralized Designated Pooling Bank Account bearing No. 0470010200000099 (Division Name, NIT No. and Item No/ Name of Work to be mentioned in the Remarks of the Receipt / Transition ID or Dc no (The Date of transaction should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original receipt of Cost of Tender Document, EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

DIPK-5556/26
Send Date: Sep 10 2026

(Er Mohd Ashraf Khan)
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Dooru

GOVERNMENT OF U.T. JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt. Ground Water Division Srinagar Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.

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Extension Notice3rd

Subject: 1. Repair to Departmental Inspection Vehicles, Yodha and Boloero, by way of providing and fitting of After Market Heater/ Blower for inspection Vehicles of Ground Water Division Srinagar.

2. Repair to Departmental Vehicle Bolero Car (JK01W-5914) engaged with Ground Water Division Srinagar.

Reference: This office e-NIT No.39-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2026-27, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/26-27/Camp./1875-85-20, Dated: 18-07-2026. Bearing Tender ID No.2026_PHE_317805_1 & _2.

Due to "NOResponse" for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 07-09-2026 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	15-09-2026 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	16-09-2026 11:00 AM

NOTE:

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.

DIPK-5564/26
Send Dated: 10-09-2026.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division Srinagar.



DCC-DLRC meeting reviews performance of Banks, financial inclusion initiatives in Reasi

■ HT News Network

REASI, SEPTEMBER 10: District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired the quarterly meeting of the District Level Review Committee (DLRC)/ District Consultative Committee (DCC) to review banking performance, credit flow, implementation of financial schemes and progress of financial inclusion initiatives in the district.

The meeting reviewed the performance of banks under the Annual Credit Plan, with particular focus on priority sector lending, agriculture and MSME financing, besides the implementation of various government-sponsored schemes.



The DDC stressed the need for close coordination between banks and concerned department to ensure timely disposal of sponsored cases and facilitate eligible beneficiaries in accessing financial assistance

under various schemes. He called for enhanced focus on agriculture, MSMEs and other priority sectors to strengthen credit delivery and expand financial outreach across the district.

The meeting also reviewed financial inclusion initiatives, including social security schemes. The DDC emphasized the need for intensified awareness and outreach regarding banking and social security services, particularly in far-flung and underserved areas.

Measures to strengthen banking services in unbanked areas were also discussed. The DDC stressed the need to expand banking coverage through Business Correspondents (BCs) to facilitate access to basic banking services for people residing in areas with limited banking facilities. The DDC directed the Agriculture Department to share the list of KKG members with banks to facilitate identification of eligible members for engagement as Business

Correspondents. He also directed the District Programme Manager, Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission, to prepare a proposal for opening a new bank branch at Gulabgarh and submit it to the Lead District Manager for further necessary action.

The meeting further reviewed the Department of Financial Services (DFS) Saturation Campaign, covering awareness and enrollment under social security schemes, activation of inoperative accounts, KYC-related services and nomination facilities.

The meeting was attended by Lead District Officer, Reserve Bank of India, Sourab Gupta; Lead District Manager; District Sheep Husbandry Officer; Chief Horticulture Officer and other concerned officers.

DC Kathua reviews performance of Banks at DLRC-DCC meeting

■ HT News Network



KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC)/ District Consultative Committee (DCC) meeting for the quarter ending June 2026 to review performance of banks and credit flow in the district.

The meeting was attended by LDO RBI Amandeep Singh, DDM NABARD Nipun Sharma, SBI LDM Kathua Aman Jasrotia, senior bank officials and representatives of concerned departments.

At the outset, the DC reviewed the progress under CD Ratio, KCC, PMEGP, NRLM SHGs, PMMY and other credit-linked schemes. Taking note of the present CD Ratio of 52.03%, he directed banks to prepare bank-specific action plans and raise it to at least 60% by the end of the financial year. The Deputy Commissioner called for speedy disposal and disbursal of loan cases under self-employment schemes, spreading mass awareness about credit-linked schemes and wider coverage under financial inclusion under social security schemes. The DC directed banks and line departments to work in close coordination and adopt a result-oriented approach to strengthen credit delivery and accelerate economic activity in the district. LDO RBI stressed strengthening banking facilities at unbanked rural centres and activation of inactive BCs/ CSPs, while DDM NABARD highlighted initiatives including AIF, AMI, e-NWR financing and other measures to boost agricultural and allied activities.

DC reviews implementation of Power sector schemes, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in Poonch district

■ HT News Network

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the implementation and progress of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), Smart Metering and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.

The meeting was attended by the ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, Executive Engineer, JPDCL Aftab Ahmed, AEE STD Kamsar, representatives from J&K Bank, officials from the Grid Station and Grid Chandak, Project Manager NTPC, Managing Director, SJ Transformers, meter readers, technicians and vendors associated with the PM Surya Ghar scheme.

ADC reviews implementation of HADP in Ramban

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 10: Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban Varunjeet Singh Charak today chaired a meeting to review the implementation and progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) being implemented by the Agriculture and allied departments in the district.

The meeting focused on assessing the progress of the projects and schemes of the Programme, strengthening monitoring mechanisms, improving inter-departmental coordination and ensuring effective service delivery to the farming community.

The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Tehsildar Hqr, AMO, AD Fisheries, DSHO and Officers from Animal Husbandry and other allied departments.

The ADC reviewed the



status of HADP projects and initiatives being implemented in the district. He stressed the need for coordinated efforts to achieve the intended outcomes of the programme.

Referring to the huge potential of sheep farming in the district, the ADC directed

the Sheep Husbandry Department to intensify awareness and sensitisation programmes and educate farmers about modern sheep-rearing techniques, available schemes and the benefits of adopting sheep farming as a sustainable livelihood activity.

Forest Rights Act Awareness Programme Held at Doodhganga Range; Directions Issued for Time-Bound Disposal of Pending Claims

■ Riyaz Badhana

An Awareness Drive-cum-Interaction Programme on the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, was held at Kanidanjan in Doodhganga Range to sensitise members of the tribal community about their rights and the provisions of the Act. The programme was chaired by Saurabh Sharma, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle.

The programme was attended by Syed Wasim, JKFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Pir Panjal Forest Division Budgam, along with Range Officers, representatives of the Tribal Affairs Department, Naib Tehsildar Chrar-i-Sharief, members of Forest Rights Committees (FRCs), tribal leaders and activists. During the interaction, detailed discussions were held on the fair and transparent implementation of the FRA, 2006, protection of the genuine rights of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs), and safeguarding forest areas from unauthorised encroachments.

Participants raised their concerns and suggestions regarding the identification and settlement of forest rights, verification of claims, disposal of pending claims, and the need for stronger coordination among the Forest Department, district administration and Gram Sabhas.



The Chief Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle, directed that regular awareness programmes be conducted for FRC members and field staff to improve understanding and implementation of the FRA.

He further directed that all pending FRA claims be properly compiled and systematically monitored, while maintaining close coordination with the district administration and the concerned nodal department to ensure their timely and effective disposal.

The programme provided an important platform for direct interaction with members of the tribal community and highlighted the need for transparent, coordinated and rights-based implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

One-Day Kisan Ghosti under HADP held at Block HQ Sathra

■ HT News Network

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 10: Under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) project – the Alternate Agriculture System, the Agriculture Department Poonch today organized a Kisan Ghosti here at the Community Hall, Sathra. The officials sensitized farmers about key agriculture schemes and initiatives, including HADP, CSS, CAPEX, JKICP, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), PM-KISAN, PMFBY and other departmental schemes, promoting the adoption of modern, sustainable and cost-effective farming practices. The programme was chaired by Chief Agriculture Officer Jograj Singh Slathia, in the presence of the District Agriculture Officer (Extension), Subject Matter Specialists (DL), Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer and others. The officials urged farmers to complete PM KISAN e-KYC for FY 2026-27 well before the release of the next installment.

AI-Based Water Pump Monitoring System launched by PHED Jammu

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10: Marking an important milestone towards modernising Jammu's urban water-supply infrastructure, the AI-Based Monitoring and Automation System for Water Supply Infrastructure was inaugurated today by Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav. The initiative has been undertaken with the objective of strengthening the monitoring, management and operational efficiency of the urban water-supply system. The Jammu Municipal Corporation and Jal Shakti Department have been focusing on ensuring



reliable and uninterrupted water supply to citizens, with greater adoption of advanced technology being an important step in this direction. Under the project, 418 AI-based panels are being installed at various tubewells and pumping stations in the PHE Jammu urban area under JMC City Grants, at a total estimated cost of 5.83 crore

(583 lakh). A key feature of the system is the use of Artificial Intelligence and Electrical Signature Analysis (ESA) to continuously monitor the electrical and operational parameters of pumps and motors. PHED engineers will be able to remotely switch pumps ON/OFF and monitor pumping stations.

Nita Gupta reviews implementation of Agriculture Department, allied institutions

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: Secretary in Agriculture Production Department (APD), Nita Gupta, today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of various programmes being executed under UT Capex Budget 2026-27, NABARD, HADP, JKICP, CSS and SASCI in Kashmir division at Directorate of Agriculture Lalmandi.

The meeting was attended by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, Director Command area Development Kashmir, Director Planning Agriculture production department, Director Finance SKUAST-K, Chief Agriculture



Officers and other senior officers of the department.

The meeting focused on the progress and performance of the Department under CAPEX, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and NABARD. Detailed discussions were held on

physical and financial achievements, expenditure, targets and implementation status of various ongoing interventions.

The Secretary reviewed the progress of key projects and schemes and emphasized the need for timely execution, effective monitoring.

DC Poonch reviews implementation of NAPS-PRAGATI Directs for achieving set Apprenticeship Target Award 2026'

■ HT News Network

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS-PRAGATI) in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, POICDS, Fareed Kohli, General Manager District Industries

Centre, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Education Officer, CEO Municipal Council, officers from JPDCL, AD FCS & CA, Labour Department, Handicrafts/Handloom, Youth Services & Sports, besides other concerned officers.

The DC reviewed the progress towards the set target of 595 apprenticeship engagements. He stressed the need for concerted efforts by

all stakeholders to achieve the target. "The main objective of NAPS-PRAGATI is to provide meaningful engagement to youth through practical training, skill development and workplace exposure, thereby enhancing their employability," he emphasized.

Stress was laid on registration of maximum eligible companies, establishments and units under the scheme and creating adequate apprenticeship



opportunities for local youth.

"The Education and Employment Departments need to take a lead in facilitating the registration of students from Higher Secondary Schools, Government Degree Colleges, Polytechnic College and IITs," he maintained.

The DC further stressed that proper training must precede work engagement, directing participating establishments to provide structured, practical

and industry-oriented training to apprentices. He called for regular monitoring, proper documentation and timely action to ensure that the apprenticeship programme delivers tangible benefits to the youth. Stress was laid on registration of maximum eligible companies, establishments and units under the scheme and creating adequate apprenticeship opportunities for local youth. "The Education and

Employment Departments need to take a lead in facilitating the registration of students from Higher Secondary Schools, Government Degree Colleges, Polytechnic College and IITs," he maintained.

The DC further stressed that proper training must precede work engagement, directing participating establishments to provide structured, practical and industry-oriented training to apprentices.



Commissioner SMC Launches Online Waste Bin Booking Service for Srinagar City

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, along with Joint Commissioner SMC, Suhail Ul Islam, today launched the Online Waste Bin Booking Service, a digital facility aimed at making the process of requesting waste bins simpler, faster and more accessible for citizens.

The service enables residents to submit their requests online without physically visiting SMC offices. The initiative is part of SMC's efforts to expand digital services and make civic service delivery more transparent, efficient and citizen-friendly. The system will also help the Corporation maintain a structured digital record of requests, monitor their status and facilitate better deployment of resources and field staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner said the initiative reflects SMC's commitment to citizen-centric governance and technology-driven service delivery.



"Our focus is to bring municipal services closer to citizens through technology. The Online Waste Bin Booking Service is a simple yet significant step towards ensuring that residents can access essential

civic services conveniently, while SMC is able to respond to their requirements in a more efficient, transparent and accountable manner."

Citizens can submit their waste bin requirements along with necessary details, including their location and contact information, through the official SMC website: smcsrinagar.jk.gov.in

The Commissioner directed the concerned officers and field functionaries to ensure the timely and efficient implementation of the service. He also stressed the need for wider public awareness so that residents can make full use of the digital facility.

The initiative is part of SMC's ongoing efforts to strengthen sanitation and solid waste management through digital services, transparency, accountability and greater citizen participation, with the broader objective of building a cleaner, smarter and more responsive Srinagar.

ADDC Shopian Chairs Meeting to Review Implementation of NAPS

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SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 10: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Shopian today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in the district.

ADDC held detailed discussions with the concerned departments regarding the effective implementation of NAPS and stressed the need for close coordination among all stakeholders to maximise apprenticeship opportunities for local youth.

ADDC directed the concerned officers to take necessary measures for wider participation and ensure that eligible youth and establishments are suitably facilitated under the scheme. He also called for regular coordination and timely action to achieve the intended objectives of the apprenticeship programme. The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned departments to work in a coordinated manner for effective implementation of NAPS and promotion of skill development and employment opportunities among the youth of the district. The meeting was attended by General Manager, DIC, Shurjil Naik, CMO, CAHO, CHO, CEO, District LDM and other District officers and representatives.

Jal Shakti Department submits Comprehensive Implementation, Reform Plan under JJM 2.0

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: The Jal Shakti Department, Jammu and Kashmir, has finalized its Comprehensive Implementation and Reform Plan (CIRP) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0. This marks a significant step towards strengthening the water supply infrastructure in the Union Territory. The plan reaffirms the department's commitment to timely completion of all ongoing Water Supply Schemes. Its main focus is to ensure sustainable and reliable drinking water services for the rural population of Jammu and Kashmir.

The CIRP constitutes a strategic, time bound operational framework by the UT, outlining scheme wise completion timelines, financial allocations, reform commitments and governance milestones for JJM 2.0. It provides a comprehensive roadmap for implementation of JJM 2.0 in Jammu and Kashmir, with emphasis on timely completion of schemes, improved service delivery, operation and maintenance, source sustainability, water quality and institutional reforms.

As part of the CIRP, J&K has committed that all new schemes shall be completed within the timelines prescribed by the National Jal Jeevan Mission (NIJM). Retrofitting schemes shall be completed from the resources of the Union Territory, thereby ensuring optimal utilisation.

DC Bandipora reviews implementation of National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme PRAGATI

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BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, chaired a meeting today at the Mini Secretariat to review the implementation of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) PRAGATI across the district. The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at promoting skill development through practical, on-the-job training. Operating under the "Earn While You Learn" framework, the scheme connects educated youth directly with industrial and commercial establishments, offering trainees hands-on work experience, industry-recognized certification, and monthly stipends partly supported by government co-funding.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner



emphasized the need to achieve 100% onboarding of eligible commercial, private, and government establishments on the official apprenticeship portal. She pointed out that under the Apprentices Act, it is mandatory for establishments employing 30 or more workers to engage apprentices within the range of 2.5% to 15% of their total workforce. Units with 4 to 29 employees were also encouraged to join the scheme voluntarily to build a skilled local talent pool.

On the occasion, the DC set clear goals for departments to meet the district target of registering over 3,000 candidates and mobilizing local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), business houses, and health and tourism institutions. Key executing bodies and public enterprises operating in the district, including NHPC, NHAI, and commercial banks, were directed to identify apprentice vacancies and engage local youth without delay.

Apprenticeship awareness meeting organized at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 10: An awareness meeting regarding the Apprenticeship Training Scheme was organized today by ITI Kulgam under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam.

The aim of the session was creating awareness about apprenticeship opportunities among the youth and various educational and training institutions of the district.

During the meeting, Superintendent ITI Kulgam, Saahil Rashid, briefed the participants about the Apprenticeship Training Scheme, highlighting its objectives, eligibility, registration process and the benefits available to candidates and establishments.

A detailed presentation on the Apprenticeship Scheme



was also presented, covering important aspects such as candidate registration, establishment registration, on-the-job training, stipend, skill development and employment opportunities.

It was highlighted that apprenticeship provides youth with valuable practical, industry-oriented skills and workplace experience, helping bridge the gap between education and employment and enhancing their

employability.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Kulgam stressed upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards promoting apprenticeship and ensuring that maximum eligible youth benefit from the scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Principals of Degree Colleges, Kulgam, Frisal and D.H. Pora, principals of ITI and training institutes, representatives of schools, and other concerned.

FDA conducts Label, Packaging scrutiny; 455 food samples examined, 35 found non compliant

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: The Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K conducted a special enforcement drive across all districts of the Union Territory to examine compliance with the prescribed requirements relating to labelling and display of food products.

During the drive, 455 food samples were scrutinized, 35 samples were found non-compliant with the prescribed labelling requirements. Notices have been issued to the concerned Food Business Operators (FBOs), to rectify the deficiencies within the stipulated period. Further action shall be taken in accordance with law in case of non-compliance.

The scrutiny was carried out with reference to the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 and covered packaged food products including spices, edible oils, dairy products, bakery and confectionery items, honey, rice, beverages, coffee, dry fruits and other food articles. The labels were examined for compliance with mandatory declarations, including name and nature of the food, ingredients, nutritional information, batch/lot number, date of manufacture/packing, Best Before/Expiry Date, MRP, details of the manufacturer/packer, FSSAI License/

Registration Number, vegetarian/non-vegetarian logo and other prescribed declarations.

The scrutiny also covered health, nutritional and other claims appearing on food labels with reference to the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018. The concerned FBOs were directed to remove or rectify claims found to be misleading or not in conformity with the applicable regulatory requirements.

Where violations are established, penal action shall be taken under the relevant provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Section 52 provides for a penalty which may extend to 3 lakh for misbranded food, while Section 53 provides for a penalty which may extend to 10 lakh for misleading advertisements. Section 61 for furnishing false information provides for a penalty which may extend to 10 lakh. The Designated Officers and Food Safety Officers concerned have been directed to ensure compliance by the FBOs and initiate further proceedings, including adjudication or prosecution, wherever warranted under the provisions of the Act. The Designated Officers and Food Safety Officers concerned have been directed to ensure compliance by the FBOs and initiate further proceedings.

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ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, today chaired a review meeting at the DC Office to assess the implementation and progress of the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-PRAGATI in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Vikas Ahlawat, General Manager DIC, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Chief Education Officer, District Mineral Officer, District Employment Officer, Principals of ITI Anantnag and Seer Hamdan, Lead District Manager, District Officer JKEDI, and officials from the Health, Agriculture, J&K Skill Development Mission, SC/ST Corporation, and Tourism Departments, besides representatives from various other concerned agencies.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the progress achieved under the scheme, the registration of



establishments and apprentices, and measures to further strengthen apprenticeship opportunities for local youth. Modalities and possibilities for better implementing the scheme in

adherence to its guidelines were also deliberated on the occasion.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for effective implementation of NAPS-PRAGATI

and better coordination among all stakeholders. He called for wider participation from establishments and eligible youth to ensure that maximum beneficiaries avail the benefits of the apprenticeship program and gain practical skills and work experience. With improved skill set across sectors, the employability and market demand of the eligible youth can be greatly enhanced, he observed.

Dr. Bilal directed the concerned departments to closely monitor the progress and take the necessary measures to achieve the targets under the scheme within the stipulated timelines. He stated that the scheme is highly beneficial and that, with coordinated and systematic efforts by all institutions and agencies, the youth can fully avail its benefits.

Earlier, the Principal of ITI Anantnag briefed the meeting on the guidelines, aims, objectives, and other key aspects of the scheme through an elaborate Power Point Presentation. He also informed about the eligibility criteria and

the process involved in registering the youth under the national level initiative. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the progress achieved under the scheme, the registration of establishments and apprentices, and measures to further strengthen apprenticeship opportunities for local youth. Modalities and possibilities for better implementing the scheme in adherence to its guidelines were also deliberated on the occasion.

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Yash Thakur replaces injured Harshit in India's Afghanistan, Asian Games squads

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 10 : Vidarbha pacer Yash Thakur has been added to India's squads for the three-match T20I series against Afghanistan and the upcoming Asian Games after Harshit Rana was ruled out with a fresh injury.

The Afghanistan series begins in Delhi on September 13, while the Asian Games are scheduled to follow later this month. Thakur will be playing his second T20I series for India after making his international debut during the tour of Zimbabwe in July.

The 27-year-old earned his recall after an impressive Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy campaign last season, when he took 18 wickets in seven matches. He then claimed four wickets in two games in Zimbabwe, although he conceded at an economy rate of 9.37.

Rana had initially been recovering from a right hamstring injury that kept him out for nearly two months. He suffered another setback during a match simulation at the BCCI Centre of Excellence on September 7.

"The fast bowler was progressing well during his rehab at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE). He sustained a rectus femoris strain while bowling during a match simulation on September 7 and has subsequently been ruled out," a BCCI release said on Thursday.

Rana had missed the final two T20Is and the ODI series in the UK before sitting out the Zimbabwe tour. He was named in India's original squad for the Afghanistan series, but was subject to a fitness



clearance.

Meanwhile, Thakur, who made his T20I debut in July, played two matches in Zimbabwe, taking two wickets in each game. He most recently featured for Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy semi-final against East Zone, taking three wickets in the first innings, including Ishan Kishan, and another in the second innings, dismissing Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

India have also received positive fitness updates on allrounders Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar, who have been cleared to play in the Afghanistan series. Jasprit Bumrah, who was also awaiting clearance, has been included in the updated squad, although there has been no official update on his fitness. India are also scheduled to play a

historic one-off T20I against Japan before the Asian Games. India's updated squad for Afghanistan T20Is: Shreyas Iyer (capt), Abhishek Sharma, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Sanju Samson [WK], Ishan Kishan [WK],

Tilak Varma [VC], Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Varun Chakaravathy, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Yash Thakur

India squad for 2026 Asian Games: Shreyas Iyer (capt), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Ishan Kishan (WK), Shivam Dube, Tilak Varma (VC), Nitish Kumar Reddy, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Varun Chakaravathy, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Yash Thakur

Rybakina survives Zheng thriller, seals US Open semifinal and world No. 1 spot

United News Of India

NEW YORK, SEP 10: Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina battled past China's Qinwen Zheng in a three-set thriller to reach the women's singles semifinals of the US Open here on Wednesday, while securing the world No. 1 ranking.

The second-seeded Rybakina overcame a slow start to defeat Zheng 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 in two hours and 14 minutes at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The victory made Rybakina the 30th woman to reach the top of the WTA singles rankings since their introduction in 1975. She is assured of becoming the new world No. 1 irrespective of the remaining results at Flushing Meadows, ending Aryna Sabalenka's nearly 100-week reign at the summit.

Zheng, the 2024 Paris Olympic champion, took the opening set 6-3 after breaking Rybakina in a marathon eighth game. Rybakina, however, responded emphatically in the second set,

racing to a 3-0 lead before closing it out 6-1.

The decisive set remained closely contested, with Zheng recovering from an early deficit to lead 3-2. Rybakina held her nerve, saving a crucial break opportunity in the eighth game with a powerful ace down the middle to level at 4-4.

She then broke Zheng in the following game before sealing the match when Zheng's unforced error found the net.

Rybakina, 27, will face the winner of the quarterfinal between fourth seed Coco Gauff and fifth seed Mirra Andreeva in the semifinals on September 11.

Rybakina had earlier missed an opportunity to claim the top ranking in Cincinnati after retiring from her quarterfinal against Iga Swiatek due to injury.

With her victory over Zheng, Rybakina has now reached the US Open semifinals and will enter the next stage as the new women's world No. 1.

From emergency visa to Joe Root's wicket: Razaullah's fairytale start to Test cricket



United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 10 : Pakistan's young fast bowler Razaullah has had a remarkable introduction to Test cricket, going from not having a passport to making his debut in England within days of being called up to the squad.

The 21-year-old right-arm pacer from Mardan made an instant impression in the Edgbaston Test against England, taking the prized wicket of Joe Root with just his fourth delivery in international cricket. His effort drew the attention of former England captain Nasser Hussain, who praised the youngster.

"Pakistan have been calling out for something different from their bowlers for a long while. It is nice to watch that spell from Razaullah that had something, that had a point of difference, had some pace," Hussain told Sky Sports.

"It hurried one of the greatest batters

there has ever been in Joe Root, and got him out," he added.

Razaullah, who was one of seven players drafted into the squad following the dismal 194-run loss in the second Test at Lord's, trapped Root lbw to claim the biggest wicket of his young career and provide Pakistan with a dream start from a bowler who had only just received the call to join the tour. His journey to England, however, was almost as dramatic as his debut. Reports suggest Razaullah did not have a passport when Pakistan's selectors decided to add him to the squad for the England tour.

With little time available, a coach was reportedly sent to his village to track him down and tell him about the opportunity that had suddenly come his way. What followed was a race against time to complete the paperwork. His passport and visa were arranged on an emergency basis, allowing him to travel to England and join the Pakistan squad.

Zinc Football Academy gives Jharkhand's Dangi Mardi's India dream a new direction

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 10 : At 15, Dangi Mardi already knows what it means to work for a dream. A few years ago, football for the Jamshedpur teenager meant playing on a neighbourhood ground, often alongside boys, with little access to coaching or competitive matches. Today, she trains at the Zinc Football Academy at Zawar, Udaipur, plays in organised tournaments, and has even had a taste of the India camp.

The journey has not been easy, but Dangi has never looked too far ahead. Her parents are daily-wage workers, and football was not something her family could afford to pursue through expensive coaching or facilities. What she had was a nearby ground, a love for the game and the determination to keep playing.

"I started playing on the ground near my home with the boys. We did not have many facilities, but I just wanted to play football," Dangi told this correspondent. That simple beginning has now taken her to a structured football environment, where she is balancing school with two training sessions a day and competing at a level she could only dream of when she first started playing.

Asian Games: India's men's squash team top seed, women's third



United News Of India

NEW DELHI, SEP 10 : India's men's squash team has been named the top seed for the upcoming 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, while the women's team has been seeded third after the draws for the team, singles and mixed doubles events were announced.

The squash competition will be held at the Nagoya Kinjo-

Futo Arena. The singles and mixed doubles events are scheduled from September 23 to 27, followed by the team competitions from September 28 to October 2.

India's top-seeded men's team, comprising Abhay Singh, Veer Chotrani, Velavan Senthilkumar and Suraj Chand, has been placed in Pool A alongside Korea and China.

The women's team of

Anahat Singh, Tanvi Khanna, Joshana Chinappa and Shameena Riaz will compete in Pool C, which also features hosts Japan, China and Iran.

In the men's singles draw, Abhay is seeded second as he bids to become India's first individual squash gold medalist at the Asian Games. Veer Chotrani is the fourth seed, with both Indians receiving first-round byes.

Anahat, who won bronze in both the women's team and mixed team events at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, is seeded third in the women's singles.

Tanvi is seeded seventh and will open her campaign against Korea's Dami Kim, while Anahat has a bye into the second round.

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