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Mian Altaf Seeks Fire Station in Poonch s Loran After Blaze

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SRINAGAR, OCT 14: National Conference MP Mian Altaf Ahmad on Wednesday demanded the establishment of a permanent Fire and Emergency Services station in Loran area of Mandi in Poonch district after a midnight blaze destroyed several residential houses and shops. Expressing grief over the incident, the Anantnag-Rajouri MP said several families had been rendered homeless, while local shopkeepers suffered substantial financial losses. In a statement, Altaf raised concerns over the absence of a dedicated fire tender in Loran, saying the delay in reaching the affected area had highlighted serious gaps in emergency response facilities."It is deeply concerning that fire tenders had to travel long distances to reach Loran, causing

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"Outlines Four-Pillar Roadmap for Sustainable Mountain Development"

LG Calls for Urgent Action to Secure Himalayan Future

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SRINAGAR Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has called for urgent, science-based action to protect the Himalayan ecosystem, outlining a four-pillar roadmap focused on sustainable planning, climate-resilient infrastructure, regenerative livelihoods and a zero-waste mountain economy. In his message to the 13th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit, he stressed that the vision of a developed India can be realised only when economic progress and environmental protection advance together. The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha in his message to the valedictory session of the 13th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit



underscored the critical importance of protecting the Himalayan ecosystem and called for a comprehensive, science-based and people-centric approach to sustainable mountain development. Congratulating the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) and SKUAST-Kashmir

for jointly organising the Summit, the Lieutenant Governor said that building a resilient Himalayan landscape is no longer merely a subject of discussion but a matter of national importance. The Lieutenant Governor stated that the Summit had provided a platform for meaningful

deliberations on issues concerning water resources, forests, land, biodiversity and climate change, while amplifying the concerns of millions of people dependent on the Himalayan ecosystem. The Lieutenant Governor in his message observed that the challenges posed by climate change, global warming, environmental degradation and unplanned development are becoming increasingly evident across the Himalayan region. "Over the past two decades, we have witnessed numerous unprecedented challenges unfold before us. The natural disaster in various parts of the country and the world proves that the intensity of climate change

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Two Lakh Ex-Gratia for Vaishali Boat Tragedy Victims

PM Also Announced 50,000 Assistance for Each Injured Person

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incident in Vaishali, Bihar, is deeply painful. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this difficult time. I pray for the speedy recovery of all those injured."



The Prime Minister said the local administration was providing assistance to those affected by the tragedy. Conveying his condolences to the bereaved families, he expressed hope for the speedy

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Div Com Directs DCs to Expedite Agristack, SVAMITVA Implementation
Calls for Time-Bound Grievance Redressal and Comprehensive Winter Preparedness



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SRINAGAR :Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg has directed Deputy Commissioners to accelerate registrations and data compilation under Agristack and SVAMITVA, ensure time-bound

resolution of pending district-level issues and strengthen preparations for winter, particularly advance stocking of essential commodities and fuel in border districts to maintain uninterrupted supplies.

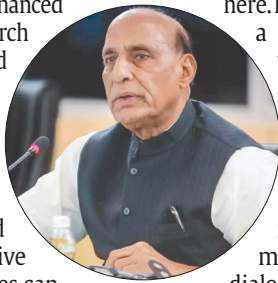
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Rajnath Calls for Open Indo-Pacific, Stronger Defence Ties with ASEAN

Advocates Maritime Security Cooperation and Joint Defence Technology Development

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SRINAGAR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, emphasising stronger defence cooperation between India and ASEAN, enhanced maritime security, joint research in emerging technologies and long-term defence industrial partnerships amid growing strategic competition and regional security challenges. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific where countries can make independent choices and pursue development peacefully, stressing the need for greater trust, respect for sovereignty and adherence to international law amid growing strategic competition and emerging security threats. "India seeks an Indo-Pacific where all countries, large and small, make their



own choices, protect their interests and pursue development in peace," Singh said, while addressing the inaugural ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) here. Emphasising dialogue as a means of preventing tensions from escalating, he said, "India believes that security is strengthened when countries build capacity together, respect international law and maintain trust through dialogue." Singh said India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) shared a common interest in regional peace, stability and prosperity. He underlined that India's Act East policy, along with its SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and MAHASAGAR (

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Parents Free to Buy School Books from Any Bookseller : Sakina Itoo

Education Minister Warns Private Schools Against Forcing Purchases from Specific Shops

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SRINAGAR Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Wednesday said parents were free to purchase school books from any bookseller and warned private educational institutions against forcing them to buy books from specific shops, adding that complaints regarding additional textbooks and alleged medical negligence in Gurez would be examined and appropriate action taken wherever violations were established. Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Wednesday said parents are free to purchase school books from any bookseller and that no private educational institution should force them to buy books from a particular shop. Speaking to media after a meeting Itoo as per news agency Kashmir Indepth News Service (KINS) said the government would examine complaints regarding additional books prescribed by private



schools and take action if violations are established.

She said additional books may help improve students' knowledge, but they should not be imposed on children or parents merely for financial gain. The minister also emphasised the need to ensure quality education and prevent unnecessary burdens on students. Itoo said the meeting

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Crime Branch Chargesheets Three Agriculture Department Officials in Fraud Case

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SRINAGAR, OCT 14 : The Special Crime Wing (SCW) of Crime Branch Kashmir on Wednesday filed a chargesheet against three Agriculture Department officials, including a retired officer, in a case involving alleged forgery of service records

and corruption.

The chargesheet was presented before the Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Srinagar, in FIR No. 02/2022, registered under Sections 420, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) and

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J&K relies on 84% imported power

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SRINAGAR, OCT 14 : With the onset of pre-winters, Jammu and Kashmir imports nearly 84 percent of power from other states even as the Union Territory generates nearly 370 Megawatts (MWs) from its local stations.

The official figures reveal that the Union Territory was importing nearly 2000 MWs of power from other states and UTs.

Top officials informed the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that out of the total power production capacity of 1197 MWs from the Jammu and Kashmir owned plants, the power generation fluctuated between 360-400 MWs.

As of now authorities are generating 298 MWs of power from the Baghailhar-1 hydroelectric

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Rain, Snowfall and Thunderstorms Likely Across J&K on October 15

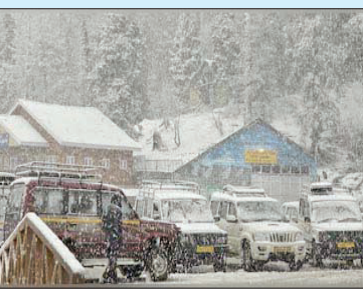
Farmers Advised to Safeguard Harvested Crops; Travellers Urged to Follow Traffic Advisories

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SRINAGAR The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast light to moderate rainfall across many parts of Jammu and Kashmir and light snowfall over higher reaches on October 15, with thunderstorms, gusty winds and hailstorms possible at isolated places, while farmers have been advised to safeguard harvested crops and travellers to follow the latest traffic advisories. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast generally cloudy weather across Jammu and Kashmir, with light to moderate rainfall at many places and light snowfall over higher reaches on October 15.

Thunderstorms, gusty winds and hailstorms are also possible at isolated places from late afternoon on October 14 to late night or early morning of October 15.

Weather Forecast: October 14-15: Generally cloudy, with light to moderate rain at many places and light snowfall



October 25-27: Generally cloudy, with light rain at scattered places and light snowfall over higher reaches. Thunderstorms and gusty winds are possible at a few places. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has advised farmers to

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Gurez Woman Dies After Referral; Family Alleges Lapses In Emergency Medical Care

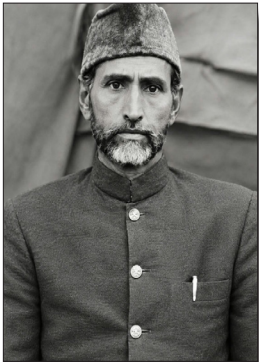
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BANDIPORA, OCT 14: A 30-year-old pregnant woman from Tulail in north Kashmir's Gurez Valley died while being shifted to District Hospital Bandipora from Sub-District Hospital Dawar, triggering protests by her family members and raising questions over emergency obstetric care and access to specialised treatment in the remote area.

The deceased, identified as Haseena Begum, wife of Showket Ahmad Lone and a resident of Manzgun, Tulail, had been admitted for delivery-related treatment. She was referred from Primary Health Centre (PHC) Sheikhpora to SDH Dawar before doctors decided to shift her to Bandipora for better management. She died near Pethkot while being taken to the

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Clicks Cannot Replace Credibility
: Save the Fourth Estate

Proposed DIPR Media Policy
Must Curb Pseudo-Journalism Without
Curtailling Press Freedom

The proposed media policy announced by Minister Sakina Itoo during her recent interaction with reporters at Kulgam has brought renewed attention to the growing challenge of pseudo-journalism in Jammu and Kashmir. The minister said the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) would formulate a policy to ensure the smooth functioning of media outlets. Her remarks assume significance in the wake of concerns raised in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly over the alleged misuse of social-media platforms by self-styled journalists, who, in the pursuit of publicity and online engagement, are accused of compromising the dignity and credibility of the fourth estate.

Journalism is a cornerstone of democracy, entrusted with informing citizens, exposing wrongdoing and holding those in power accountable. However, the growing tendency of individuals to claim journalistic credentials merely by operating a Facebook page or carrying a microphone has raised serious questions about professional ethics and responsibility. While digital platforms have democratised information and empowered citizens to highlight genuine public issues, their misuse for spreading unverified allegations, distorting facts and invading personal privacy cannot be ignored.

The problem is not the emergence of independent digital journalism but the absence of responsibility in certain quarters. The race for views, likes and followers has encouraged sensationalism, often at the expense of accuracy, fairness and context. A misleading video or an unsubstantiated allegation can damage someone's reputation within minutes, while correcting the resulting harm may prove extremely difficult.

The proposed DIPR policy therefore presents an opportunity to establish clear and transparent standards for media functioning. It should distinguish between genuine journalism, independent digital reporting and ordinary citizen expression, while introducing fair mechanisms to address deliberate misinformation, privacy violations and repeated ethical breaches. Registration or accreditation alone cannot guarantee credibility; professional integrity must remain the ultimate benchmark.

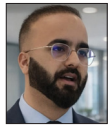
At the same time, regulation must not become a tool for suppressing criticism or controlling the media narrative. A democratic government must remain open to scrutiny, and journalists must retain the freedom to question authority and expose administrative failures.

Any policy that creates arbitrary restrictions or discourages independent reporting would undermine the very democratic principles it seeks to protect.

The government should consult established media organisations, independent journalists, digital publishers and legal experts before finalising the framework. The objective must be to promote accountability without compromising freedom of expression and to protect genuine media outlets from practices that undermine public trust.

A microphone does not automatically make someone a journalist, nor does a social-media following establish professional credibility. Journalism is a public trust built on truth, verification, fairness and respect for human dignity.

The forthcoming media policy must therefore strike the right balance: freedom for responsible journalism, accountability for proven misconduct and no room for arbitrary censorship. The fourth estate must remain free to question those in power, but those who claim its authority must also honour its responsibilities. Clicks may attract attention, but only credibility can sustain journalism.



Hidayat Bukhari

Poverty does not disappear when a family inherits a house, just as the possession of residential property does not necessarily translate into the means to finance a child's education or survive prolonged unemployment. Yet in Kashmir, where traditional homes have been shaped by harsh winters, extended-family living and generations of inheritance, the criteria governing Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation raise a fundamental question about the relationship between property ownership and economic disadvantage. A household may possess an ancestral dwelling without possessing the financial resources ordinarily associated with wealth. When access to constitutionally enabled affirmative action depends partly on residential assets, the distinction becomes more than an academic concern. It can determine whether an economically vulnerable student or jobseeker qualifies for an opportunity intended to improve their circumstances.

The figures disclosed before the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly in September 2026 make an examination of this issue particularly urgent. Of the 26,544 EWS certificates issued across the Union Territory during the preceding two years, 24,058 were issued in Jammu division and only 2,486 in Kashmir. The Valley thus accounted for approximately 9.4% of the certificates. This disparity is too substantial to be dismissed without explanation, although the figures alone do not establish discrimination or reveal the proportion of eligible applicants in either division. The contrast becomes more striking when considered alongside food-security data cited during Assembly proceedings, which indicated substantially greater Priority Household and Antyodaya Anna Yojana coverage in Kashmir than in Jammu. These schemes do not measure eligibility identically, and food-security beneficiaries cannot automatically



be classified as EWS applicants. Nevertheless, the divergence raises a legitimate question about whether the criteria used to recognise economic vulnerability are producing markedly different outcomes across public programmes.

The constitutional foundations of EWS reservation are well established. The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019, introduced Articles 15(6) and 16(6), enabling reservation for economically weaker sections outside the specified existing reservation categories. The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional amendment in Janhit Abhiyan v. Union of India in November 2022. The present concern is therefore not the constitutional legitimacy of economic reservation, but the design and administration of the eligibility framework. Under Rule 21 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005, as amended in 2019, an applicant's gross annual family income must be below ₹8 lakh. Yet income alone is insufficient. The rules also exclude families owning or possessing five acres or more of agricultural land, a residential flat measuring 1,000 square feet or more, a residential plot measuring 100 square yards or more within a notified municipality, or 200 square yards or more outside such municipalities. These exclusions operate irrespective of the family's reported income.

There is an understandable rationale for considering assets alongside earnings. A household with considerable property holdings should not necessarily qualify for reservation benefits merely because its declared annual income falls below a prescribed

threshold. The difficulty arises when a uniform asset test is applied without adequate consideration of what a particular property represents economically. Kashmir's residential architecture illustrates this complexity. Prolonged winters have historically influenced the construction and seasonal use of houses, while extended-family arrangements and inheritance have contributed to the prevalence of multi-storey dwellings in many communities. Such houses are not uniformly indicators of affluence. Some are valuable properties owned by prosperous households; others are ageing ancestral structures accommodating several families with limited and unequal financial resources. The number of storeys, therefore, cannot independently establish the economic capacity of every person living within a building.

The distinction between residential ownership and financial liquidity is especially important in inherited property. A family may occupy part of a house constructed decades earlier, while legal ownership remains divided among siblings, cousins or other heirs. The property may generate no rental income, and its sale or partition may be impractical without displacing several households. Its market value, even if substantial, does not necessarily indicate that an individual applicant can readily access that value. This does not justify disregarding inherited assets altogether; property remains relevant to any credible assessment of wealth. It does, however, require an eligibility framework capable of distinguishing actual ownership, legally attributable shares and genuine economic advantage from the mere appearance of a substantial dwelling. Equally important is the statutory distinction between a residential flat and a residential plot. An independent ancestral house should not be classified or measured through administrative assumptions that disregard the applicable legal definitions.

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Democracy Needs Space for Dissent

Balancing Public Order and Citizens' Rights



Dr. Vijay Garg

Democracy is not defined merely by elections, political institutions or the formation of governments. Its true strength lies in the freedom of citizens to question authority, challenge policies and express disagreement without fear. Peaceful protest is an essential instrument of democratic participation, allowing people to draw attention to injustice, demand accountability and communicate their concerns directly to those in power. Therefore, any decision affecting public protest sites deserves careful consideration from both constitutional and democratic perspectives.

The decision to withdraw Jantar Mantar's status as a designated protest site in Delhi has brought this issue into focus. Opposition leaders expressed their dissatisfaction with the move, describing it as arbitrary and arguing that citizens should have a meaningful say in deciding where they can peacefully demonstrate. The controversy raises a fundamental question: can the right to protest remain fully meaningful if the places available for exercising it become less accessible or less visible?

According to the official notification, three alternative locations have been designated for protests in Delhi—Ramliya Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in East Delhi. Although alternative venues may help the administration manage crowds and traffic, their effectiveness also depends on their accessibility, location and ability to attract public attention. A demonstration is not simply a gathering of people; it is a means of communicating demands to the government and society. The location can significantly influence that communication.

Public Spaces and Democratic Expression

Public spaces have historically played an important role in shaping political debate and collective action. London's Speakers' Corner, Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square have hosted public discussions and demonstrations

for generations. Washington's National Mall and Lafayette Square, New York's Union Square and Paris's Place de la Bastille have also served

At the same time, the administration has a legitimate duty to maintain public order, prevent violence and minimise disruption to



as important settings for civic participation.

Similarly, Cairo's Tahrir Square and Kyiv's Maidan became prominent symbols of public mobilisation and political change. These places demonstrate how a central public space can provide citizens with a shared platform to express their aspirations, grievances and demands for reform.

Such examples do not imply that public spaces should remain beyond all regulation. Governments must consider traffic, public safety, essential services and the rights of other citizens. However, restrictions should not make peaceful protest ineffective or unnecessarily difficult. The challenge is to regulate public gatherings without undermining their democratic purpose.

Constitutional Rights and Reasonable Restrictions

In India, Article 19 of the Constitution protects freedom of speech and expression and the right to assemble peacefully and without arms, subject to constitutionally permissible restrictions. These rights enable citizens to participate in public affairs beyond the electoral process.

everyday life. The existence of these responsibilities, however, calls for a balanced approach rather than blanket restrictions.

Decisions regarding designated protest sites should follow transparent rules and objective criteria. Authorities should explain the reasons behind significant changes, assess their likely impact and provide appropriate opportunities for consultation. Residents, civil society organisations, legal experts and representatives of protest groups should have a voice in discussions concerning the use of public spaces.

A fair framework must also distinguish between peaceful demonstrations and activities that pose genuine risks to public safety. Restrictions should be necessary, proportionate and applied consistently, regardless of the political identity of the organisers.

Political Challenges Require Democratic Responses

India's political environment is marked by competing ideologies, public disagreements and demands for policy change. Depending on the circumstances, governments may face increasing criticism and challenges from opposition parties, civil society groups and

public movements. Such disagreements are a normal feature of a pluralistic democracy.

The strength of a government is not demonstrated by the absence of criticism but by its ability to respond to criticism through dialogue, reasoned debate and constitutional processes. Peaceful dissent can help identify policy failures, bring neglected issues into public discussion and encourage institutions to become more accountable.

When citizens believe that their concerns cannot be heard through ordinary channels, public frustration may deepen. Providing accessible and well-regulated spaces for peaceful protest can instead encourage constructive engagement between the government and the people.

A Balance Between Governance and Freedom

Delhi needs a clear, predictable and transparent policy for managing public demonstrations. The policy should protect citizens' fundamental rights while addressing genuine administrative and security concerns. Alternative protest venues must be assessed not only in terms of crowd management but also in terms of accessibility, public visibility and their practical usefulness to demonstrators.

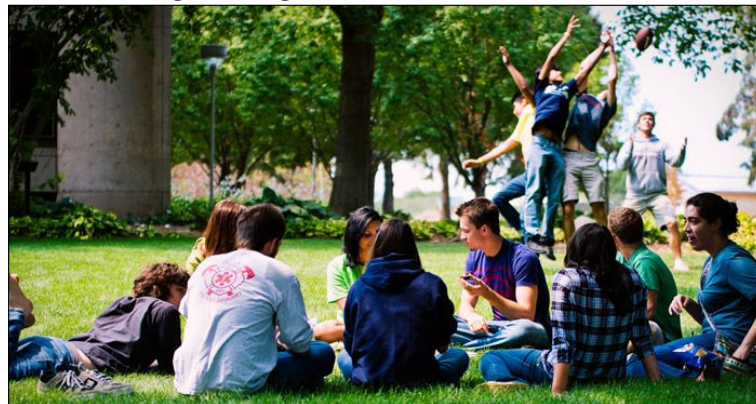
Judicial oversight and effective legal remedies should remain available where restrictions are challenged. Above all, decisions should not disproportionately disadvantage particular groups or political viewpoints.

A democratic capital must provide space for both governance and public disagreement. Administrative convenience is important, but it should not become the sole consideration when decisions affect fundamental freedoms.

"The real test of democracy is not how efficiently dissent can be restricted, but how fairly peaceful disagreement can be accommodated." Protecting the right to protest strengthens public trust, promotes accountability and ensures that the voices of ordinary citizens remain an integral part of democratic life.

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Campus Life experiences
Journey beyond the classroom



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University life is often described as one of the life-changing phases in persons' life. It's not only the time for academic's only but also a period filled with joy, experience, social adjustment, challenges and many more opportunities that shape individuals' personality and future.

One of the most defining aspects of campus life is the diversity of people and ideas. Students come from different regions, countries, religious beliefs, different backgrounds. Creating an environment where they learn most valuable things other than books. They build strong friendship which even lasts for life long.

The very first day when I entered to campus, I saw new faces not only unknown to me by

behaviour, but they were totally new to me. International students. Their dressing pattern, food, way of talking was totally different. At first I was totally unable to talk to them. I was not understanding even a single word. Even though they were communicating in English language but the accent, pronunciation was totally different. Then slowly I just got adjusted with them, was shearing thoughts, learning

new words and experience with them. That boosted my vocabulary as well as language.

The campus life is the most important phase in one's life. This period boosts life, gives exposure, motivates self to learn new things with friendly environment.

Campus life has strengthened me in every corner of life. This phase has taught me the value of home, mother's love, care, respect.

And taught me how we should get adopted in any kind of environment. It also helps us to remove the fear inside ourselves.

As I came close to the end of my college life, I came to understand that college life was not only about learning academic's, assignments, deadlines and other academic activities. But came to know that the campus life was becoming more aware about life, decisions about the life. The galleries ones felt unknown now echos with memories, laughter, and lessons that will stay beyond these walls to me.

Being a young voice in this field I carried not just knowledge only, I carried the reason to live life. The friendship that strengthened me, challenges that tested me, and moments that defined me. Campus life may end soon but the memories will stay forever with me.

This is not a good bye but the quite promise where I started, where I'm standing, and where I've to go.

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Kind Gesture Can Reach A Wound That Only Compassion Can Heal



By M S Nazki

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give!

-Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need!

-You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you

kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal

-The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward

-That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing...

-It's important that what thoughts you are feeding into your mind because your thoughts create your belief and experiences. You have positive thoughts and you have negative ones too. Nurture your mind with positive thoughts: kindness, empathy, compassion, peace, love, joy, humility, generosity, etc. The more you feed your mind with positive thoughts, the more you can attract great things into your life.

-Daan (selfless giving or charity) is a fundamental pillar of Dharma (duty and moral order) in Hindu mythology and philosophy.

-Core Meaning and Principles

- Selfless Surrender: Daan is described in texts like the Rig Veda and Garuda Purana as a conscious surrender of what one owns, done without expecting anything in return.
- Loan Written Off: Ancient scriptures compare true Daan to a loan written off—once given, it should never be boasted about, regretted, or expected back.
- Three Pillars of Life: Lord Krishna outlines three primary paths to elevate human life: Yagna (duty to the divine), Tapas (austerity/duty to the self), and Daan (charity/duty to society).
- Common Forms of Daan

- Anna Daan: The donation of food, considered one of the highest forms because it sustains life.
- Vidya Daan: The sharing of knowledge and education.
- Gau Daan: The ritual or traditional donation of a cow, often associated with spiritual liberation and crossing the symbolic Vaitarani river.
- Bhumi and Vastra Daan: The gifting of land or clothing.
- Mythological Exemplars
- Karna: Renowned in the Mahabharata for his unyielding vow never to turn away anyone asking for charity, famously cutting away his own divine armor (Kavacha-Kundala).
- King Bali: Surrendered the entire three worlds to Lord Vishnu (in his Vamana avatar) as an act of cosmic promise and surrender.
- Daan Utsav (also known as the "Joy of Giving Week" or Festival of Giving) is an annual nationwide festival of philanthropy, and Assam Rifles celebrated it across Northeast India through community welfare, outreach, and acts of service.
- Key Activities and Objectives
- Reaching the Vulnerable: Assam Rifles personnel visited orphanages, old-age homes, and destitute children's homes across states like Tripura, Assam, and Nagaland.
- Essential Supplies Distribution: Troops distributed daily-use items, food supplies, groceries, clothing, toiletries, and educational and stationery materials.
- Promoting Recreation & Education: They provided sports equipment, organized interactive sessions with children, and encouraged youth to focus on their academic goals and personal development.
- Strengthening Bonds: The initiative was designed to foster a spirit of care, compassion, and togetherness, bridging gaps and reinforcing positive engagement between security forces and the local population!
- But here is a short Story:
- In the heart of the mist-shrouded hills of Meghalaya, a young boy named Rongsen learned early that survival was a daily negotiation. Orphaned at the age of seven when a sudden flash flood swept away his parents' small riverside homestead, Rongsen was left with nothing but a faded traditional woven shawl and a fierce, quiet determination.
- He was taken in by the residents of a remote border village. While the community was rich in kindness, they were desperately poor in resources. Rongsen split his days between tending to community livestock, foraging for wild herbs in the dense forests, and attending a dilapidated single-room schoolhouse

when the weather permitted.

-It was during his long treks through the wilderness that Rongsen discovered his unique gift. He possessed

traditional Khasi and Naga remedies.

-The turning point came when an international cosmetic conglomerate discovered his ethically sourced,



an extraordinary, intuitive understanding of the region's diverse, indigenous flora. While other kids saw weeds, Rongsen saw remedies, flavors, and potential. He spent his teenage years meticulously documenting the properties of rare herbs, berries, and roots, guided by the whispered oral histories of the village elders.

-Driven by a desire to uplift the community that sheltered him, Rongsen worked odd jobs at night to fund a move to Shillong, and later, Guwahati. He saved every rupee to study agricultural science, living on visual scraps and pure ambition. He noticed a massive gap in the market: global wellness brands were sourcing synthetic ingredients, while the pristine, organic, and potent botanicals of Northeast India remained completely untapped and undervalued.

-At twenty-four, using a tiny micro-loan and partnering with a cooperative of local women farmers from his childhood village, Rongsen launched Nisha Botanicals. Operating out of a cramped shed, he developed a line of high-grade, sustainably harvested essential oils and wellness supplements based on

wild-harvested ginger and perilla seed oils at a national trade expo. The purity of his products was unmatched. Within three years, Rongsen's small startup transformed into a massive eco-conscious empire.

-Rongsen did not leave his roots behind. Instead of moving his headquarter to a metropolis like Mumbai or Delhi, he built state-of-the-art processing plants directly in the Northeast, generating thousands of jobs for rural youth and single mothers. The boy who once walked barefoot through the mud became one of the region's most celebrated eco-billionaires, proving that the hills that witnessed his greatest tragedy also held the keys to his greatest triumph.

-Assam Rifles supports orphans and destitute children across Northeast India through civic action programs, infrastructure development, educational aid, and regular material assistance.

• Infrastructure and Facility Construction: Assam Rifles builds and upgrades living quarters for children. For instance, they constructed and furnished a residential facility at the Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home

(KODH) in Nagaland, which was inaugurated by the Army Chief to house nearly 95 children. They also helped set up modern smart classrooms (such as at Thalai Hmasawn Pawl Orphanage Centre in Aizawl, Mizoram) to boost digital learning.

- Educational and Stationery Support: Troops regularly distribute school books, notebooks, pens, and learning materials to inspire children to pursue their academics.
- Basic Amenities and Daily Provisions: Assam Rifles supplies essential food grains, kitchen utensils, and daily rations to help orphanages manage everyday operations. They have also installed Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purification systems to provide safe and clean drinking water.
- Recreational and Educational Tours: The force organizes field trips and joyful outings for children who rarely get such opportunities. For example, they took children from Hope Home Orphanage in Senapati, Manipur, on amusement park visits and educational trips to clean villages.
- Sports and Physical Activity: Troops distribute sports equipment—such as footballs, badminton sets, and indoor games—to promote teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness in homes like those in Dima Hasao, Assam.
- Medical and Healthcare Outreach: Personnel coordinate medical camps, routine health check-ups, and distribute free medicines and hygiene awareness guidance to children and staff in remote areas.
- Major national philanthropy lists, such as the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List, primarily track high-net-worth billionaires and corporate leaders from major industrial centers (like Shiv Nadar and Mukesh Ambani), and do not officially rank individuals or communities specifically by generosity within Northeast India.
- However, prominent philanthropic and community-driven figures in the Northeast include:
- Badruddin Ajmal & the Ajmal Family (Assam): Known as one of the region's prominent business families (Ajmal Perfumes), they run the Ajmal Foundation, which actively funds schools, colleges, medical relief, and community welfare programs across rural Assam.
- Community-Led Philanthropy: Generosity in Northeast India is widely reflected through grassroots and community-driven efforts rather than corporate wealth rankings. Examples include localized social and cultural leaders like Sentila Tsukjem Yanger (craft revival in Nagaland) and Debananda Gogoi (community education initiatives in Assam).

Planting Trees Can Beautify the Heart of Srinagar



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



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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Life and Responsibility: The Foundation of a Successful Life



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Life is a precious gift from Almighty Allah, and its true beauty lies in understanding our responsibilities and fulfilling them with honesty.

Life is not merely about fulfilling

It requires everyone to fulfil their responsibilities. Serving our parents, educating our children, respecting elders, encouraging positive thinking among youth, and promoting honesty and justice are our shared responsibilities.

Success in life should not be measured only by wealth, fame, or position. It should also be measured by what we have done for others and how sincerely we have fulfilled our duties.

We must remember that time once



our own wishes; it is also about performing our duties towards our family, society, and nation.

Responsibility makes a person sensible, disciplined, and trustworthy. A responsible person understands the consequences of their words, actions, and decisions. Instead of being afraid of difficulties, they face challenges with courage and learn from their mistakes.

In today's world, many people talk about their rights but often forget their duties. We must understand that a good society cannot be built by expecting everything from others.

passed never returns, and opportunities do not always come again. Therefore, every individual should set a purpose in life, value time, and perform their responsibilities with dedication and sincerity.

A person who lives responsibly not only improves their own life but also becomes a source of hope, inspiration, and positive change for others.

Ultimately, a meaningful life is not just about living for ourselves, but also about making a difference in the lives of others.

Childhood Cancer Symptoms Can Be Easily Missed - Here's What To Look Out For

Although rare, cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among children under 15 in the UK - yet just under a third of parents say they feel confident recognising the symptoms.

About 1,900 children aged 0-14 are diagnosed with cancer each year, according to Cancer Research UK.

Thirteen-year-old Amelia Carroll, who is now in remission, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) last year.

Her mum Gemma recalls the initial symptoms being easy to overlook.

There was the tiredness, she says, and being out of breath after mild exercise but both were put down to being unfit and just post-school fatigue.

It was only when Amelia started presenting with bruises Gemma knew something wasn't right - within 10 days Amelia got her leukaemia diagnosis.

What are the symptoms to look out for?



Prof Bob Phillips, a paediatric oncologist, says it's key for parents to look out for clusters of symptoms that may be persisting, getting worse or bigger.

Consider contacting a doctor over the following:

- Extreme tiredness
- Looking really pale
- Bruises that you can't explain
- Lumps and bumps that are getting bigger or not going away and growing over time

Cancer in children develops much more quickly than in adults - effectively due to them growing.

Experts like Phillips at CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association, are urging people to follow a national campaign aiming to raise awareness and improve diagnosis times.

It includes a rule-of-three for professionals: If a child has had three persistent symptoms, or has visited their doctor three times, or has had three weeks of unexplained symptoms consider making a referral.

Although, it's important to note survival rates have risen significantly since the 1970s, with eight out of 10 children surviving beyond five to 10 years or more after diagnosis.

For Amelia, her cancer journey began with a single red bruise that came out of nowhere, says Gemma.

Three days later, she had bruises down both of her shins on both legs, which were sore and raised.

"We'd gone to the opticians for a routine appointment and they noticed that she'd got some burst blood vessels but they weren't sure why," she adds.

Within 10 days, doctors had confirmed what type of leukaemia Amelia had and she was admitted to hospital to begin treatment.

"On the day that they confirmed what she had, I sat her down and she said to me 'have I got cancer?' and I said yes you have. She asked me if she was going to die."

"I said no, they're doing everything they can, they've got a plan in place and the treatment is going to do everything it can to beat the cancer."

Amelia is currently in remission, undergoing regular bone marrow and blood tests every three months, and has returned to school.

Phillips says survival rates for childhood cancer in the UK are over 80% but that even quicker diagnosis would lead to less intensive treatments.

'Raising awareness is his legacy'

Around the UK, about half the children diagnosed with cancer get their diagnosis within two weeks, he says.

"It's pretty quick but we want the other half to not have the wait of 16, 18, 20, 25 weeks from those first symptoms to get a diagnosis."

Cancer Research UK data shows that there are more than 400,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed every year in the UK, with only 54%



being told within the 28-day NHS target window, according to the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

An additional 2,300 teenagers and young adults (aged 15-24) are diagnosed each year. Lynsey Swinscoe is mum to Jake, who died of soft tissue cancer aged 13. Jake was diagnosed with stage three, fusion positive alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma in July 2023.

Before his diagnosis, Jake's initial symptoms of a stuffy nose and watery eyes were put down to hayfever, and falling asleep after school was thought to be just end-of-term tiredness.

"It was only when he started to get a swelling across the bridge of his nose that we thought right, we need to take him to the GP," Lynsey says.

"But at that point we didn't really think the fatigue and hayfever symptoms were related."

A mass was found in Jake's nose and nasal cavity and he was diagnosed with soft tissue sarcoma. He completed nine rounds of chemotherapy and proton beam radiation.

After suffering seizures and feeling very unwell from the chemotherapy, Jake opted out of continuing treatment.

He passed away peacefully at home on 26 April 2024, just two weeks before his 14th birthday.

"I think the main thing with Jake is he was not scared to die. We had lots of conversations about dying and what it might feel like to die and the only thing that he was sort of scared about was, 'are all the people going to remember me? Is everyone just going to forget who I am?'"

"That's why I'm doing this, to make sure that people know who Jake is, to make sure people know how incredible he was. And so with that comes the raising awareness, which I think, that's his legacy."

(BBC NEWS)

Millions of bedbugs crawl out of mattresses and walls in huge outbreak

Millions of bedbugs were crawling out of mattresses in what a pest controller said was the worst outbreak he had seen in 38 years.

They were even in the walls and under the wallpaper, with the mattresses and bed frames needing to be incinerated.

Cardiff pest controller Gareth Davies had to wear full protection as his team tackled the problem in the Canton area of the city, using a specialist vacuum cleaner to collect millions of the bugs.

It came after they had tackled a large cockroach outbreak last month in a scene he likened to a horror movie.

"This house was just horrific," he told BBC Radio Wales Breakfast.

"Hundreds of thousands of them when you lifted the mattresses up.

"They were coming out of the wallpaper, it was horrendous."

Bedbugs can enter homes on clothes, luggage, or second hand furniture - and "hide" in mattresses or walls, according to the NHS.

What are the signs you have bed bugs?

Bites are the most common sign you have bed bugs - usually raised, itchy, in a line or grouped together.

On white skin the bites usually look red, while on black or brown skin they could be purple and harder to see.

Other things to look out for are spots of blood on bedding - if the bugs have been squashed - or small brown spots on bedding or furniture, which could be their faeces.

"You'll be bitten and you'll see blood spotting on the sheets," Davies said.



"As soon as you see them you need to act."

How to get rid of bedbugs

It can be difficult to get rid of bedbugs but there are steps that can be taken, including:

- Washing contaminated bedding and clothing on a hot wash and tumble dry on a hot setting for at least 30 minutes
- Putting the clothing or bedding in a plastic bag and put in the freezer for three or four days
- Clean the house regularly - bedbugs can be found in both clean and dirty places, but regular cleaning can help to spot them

Davies said at the recent outbreak his team first used specialist vacuum cleaners "to take as many [bed bugs] as we can out of the equation".

"Then we treat with a specialist insecticide, bag all the mattresses and frames and get them incinerated," he added.

"It was that bad."

What causes bedbugs?

edbugs most often enter properties attached to luggage, clothing or second-hand furniture. Once inside they tend to hide close to where people sleep, including in mattresses, bed frames, furniture and small cracks and crevices.

Infestations are not the result of poor hygiene, according to advice from the NHS, which says bedbugs can be found in both clean and dirty homes.

Regular cleaning can help to spot them early, the advice adds.

(BBC NEWS)

DDC Doda chairs Block Diwas programme at Jalga Chinta

Directs Time-Bound Redressal of Public Grievances

HT News Network

BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 14: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Krishan Lal today chaired a Block Diwas programme at Panchayat Jalga Chinta in Block Bhaderwah to review public grievances, assess local developmental needs and ensure effective delivery of government services at the grassroots level.

The programme was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar Manhas; Assistant Commissioner Development Din Mohd Afagi; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Mushraf Haf; Chief Medical Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, officers and officials from PHE, R&B, Education and other departments, former PRI representatives, social activists and local residents.

The residents of Jalga, Chinta, Chinchora, Lanchan, Manawa and adjoining areas raised a wide range of demands and grievances concerning healthcare, education, drinking water, road connectivity, power infrastructure, ration distribution, social welfare, tourism and other developmental issues.

The major demands included the provision of ECG and X-ray facilities, appointment of a permanent doctor and filling of vacant posts at PHC Chinta; appointment of a female teacher at GMS (Girls) Chinta; adequate staffing at GMS Lanchan; completion of pending Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works and improved drinking water supply.

Residents also highlighted delays in the execution of five proposed roads in Chinta Valley despite completion of

springs in Chinchora and Upper Lanchan, promotion of horticulture and development of religious tourism and



their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), pending road works under R&B and PMGSY, the need for road connectivity to Manawa Panchayat dispensary and demands for crash barriers at accident-prone stretches and a Yatri shed. Other issues raised included the establishment of an Anganwadi Centre in Jalga Panchayat, a fire service facility in Chinta Valley, resolution of the receiving station issue under the Power Development Department (PDD), development of

heritage sites.

Residents further sought the realignment of the Chinchora-Trabbi road and improved road connectivity to the polling booth in Chinchora.

The DDC directed the concerned departments to take necessary action on genuine public demands and ensure effective coordination for their time-bound redressal.

The Jal Shakti department informed that the survey and estimates for the

required works have been completed and submitted to the DDC office. It was also informed that the filter plant and reservoir at Upper Lanchan has been completed but it suffered damage due to a landslide. The department stated that the damaged infrastructure would be repaired and made functional soon. The DDC assured assistance to the department to facilitate the restoration of water supply to Kerai village.

The PDD department informed that the issue regarding the receiving station at Chinta Valley would be resolved within a week. Regarding the demand for an Anganwadi Centre in Jalga Panchayat, officials informed that the proposal has already been submitted for further action.

On the issue of pending road projects, the R&B department informed that the DPRs for some roads have been completed, while others are under process.

The Education Department assured the appointment of a female teacher at GMS (Girls) Chinta within a week. The department also informed the gathering that Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) are held on the 26th of every month and urged parents to participate actively in these meetings.

The DDC stated that a calendar for such activities was already in place and directed all headmasters to ensure its proper implementation. He further directed the Education Department to assess staff shortages in schools and take necessary action wherever additional staff was required.

CEO SSCL reviews Smart City Projects, Stresses Accountability, Timely Execution, Proper Maintenance of completed assets

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14: Dr. Basharat Qayoom, IAS, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited, chaired an introductory-cum-review meeting with officers of SSCL to assess the progress of ongoing projects, review operational priorities and strengthen the implementation, maintenance and long-term sustainability of Smart City initiatives in Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Chief Executive Officer, SSCL; Chief Engineer, SSCL; General Manager, Finance, SSCL; General Manager, Planning/PTO, SSCL; Executive Engineer, SSCL; General Manager, Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC); and other officers of SSCL.

During the meeting, the CEO SSCL held detailed interactions with the officers and undertook a comprehensive review of ongoing projects, departmental functioning and key operational matters. He stressed the importance of effective interdepartmental coordination, efficient project management and strict adherence to prescribed timelines and quality standards to ensure timely and successful execution of projects.

Dr. Basharat Qayoom emphasised that accountability, coordination and a result-oriented work culture are essential for achieving the objectives of Srinagar Smart City Limited. He called upon the concerned officers to maintain close oversight of project implementation, address operational challenges promptly and ensure that all assigned responsibilities are discharged efficiently, with a clear focus on deliverables and outcomes. Emphasising the importance of post-completion asset management, the CEO directed that all completed Smart City projects and infrastructure be maintained properly through regular inspections, timely repairs, preventive maintenance and effective upkeep. He stressed that the benefits of completed projects must be

sustained over the long term and that the infrastructure created under the Smart City Mission should remain fully functional, well-maintained and accessible to the public.

He further underscored the need for regular monitoring of project progress, timely resolution



of bottlenecks and optimal utilisation of available resources. Emphasis was also laid on maintaining quality standards and strengthening coordination among the various wings of SSCL to accelerate project execution and ensure that Smart City interventions translate into tangible improvements in civic infrastructure and urban services.

The meeting served as a platform to review organisational priorities, strengthen coordination among officers and align ongoing activities with the broader objectives of Srinagar Smart City Limited. The meeting concluded with an emphasis on accountability, time-bound execution, quality assurance and systematic maintenance of completed infrastructure, alongside coordinated implementation of ongoing Smart City projects, to support Srinagar's transformation into a modern.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mahkee Jan, D/o Mohd Shafi Sheikh, R/o Near Masjid Shareef, Frislana, Pahalgam, District Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir, hereby declare that my correct Date of Birth is 21/04/2013, as per my school record. My Date of Birth has been incorrectly recorded in my Aadhaar Card as 26/12/2012. I intend to correct my Date of Birth in my Aadhaar Card from 26/12/2012 to 21/04/2013. Hence, this notice is published for general information and for the necessary correction in the official records.

**Mahkee Jan
D/o Mohd Shafi Sheikh
R/o Frislana, Pahalgam,
District Anantnag, J&K.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 569341235576, my name has been recorded as Saima Majeed, D/o Abdul Majeed Mir, whereas my correct name is Saima Majid, D/o Abdul Majid Mir. I intend to rectify the aforementioned discrepancy in my name and my father's name. Therefore, anyone having any objection to the proposed correction may submit their objection to the concerned department within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

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Subject: First Tentative Seniority list of Non-Medical Supervisor (NMS) 2210-Med of Divisional Cadre

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the First Tentative Seniority List of Non-Medical Supervisor (NMS) 2210-Med (Divisional Cadre Kashmir) working under the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir has been prepared on the basis of available service records maintained in the Directorate and information furnished by the subordinate offices.

While due diligence has been exercised in compilation of the said seniority list, the possibility of inadvertent omissions, clerical errors, or discrepancies in the service particulars cannot be ruled out.

Accordingly, the First Tentative Seniority List of Non-Medical Supervisor (NMS) 2210-Med is hereby circulated for information of all concerned and for inviting objections, if any. All the concerned NMS are advised to carefully verify their particulars.

In case of any discrepancy, the concerned officials may submit a representation duly supported with documentary evidence through proper channel to this Directorate within a period of seven (07) days from the date of issuance of this circular. After stipulated period no objection shall be entertained. The Tentative Seniority List shall also be uploaded on the official website of this Directorate and will be published in two leading newspapers of the valley for wider circulation.

First Tentative Seniority List of Non-Medical Supervisor (NMS) 2210-Med

S.No	Name of the Employee	Date of Birth	Date of 1st Appointment	Date of promotion as PMS	Place of posting
1	Mr. Ajaz Rasool Bhat	05.09.1971	27.02.2000	06.04.2015	CMO Srinagar

No: DHSK/NG/Est-5th/E-7915310/5181-99

Dated: 4.10.2026

**Sd/-
Director Health Services
Kashmir.**

DIPK-6733/26

Date: Oct 14 2026

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION KRALPORA

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir (UT), e-tenders are being invited on **Percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head
1.	Upgradation of Doban Bala Road Kachihama	8.27	600/-	16540	15 days	Cee/Dee	UT Capex Road Sector 2026-27
2.	Upgradation of Road from Lone Mohalla road at Warsun	11.97	600/-	23950	20 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
3.	Upgradation of Gujjer Mohalla Warsun, Sigradan from Main Road	12.30	600/-	24600	20 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
4.	Construction of Culvert at Khan Mohalla Dardsun	24.45	800/-	48900	45 days	Bee/Cee	
5.	Construction of Culvert at Hajam Mohalla Kachihama	38.21	1100/-	76440	50 days	Aay/Bee	
6.	Upgradation of Link road High School to Thandipora	11.79	600/-	23590	20 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
7.	Upgradation of road at Singdhana Reshigund	11.34	600/-	22680	20 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
8.	Upgradation of Manzamnard Road Kachihama	11.93	600/-	23870	20 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
9.	Construction of Culvert at Kachihama Payeen near House of Syed Nazir	29.77	1100/-	59540	45 days	Aay/Bee	
10.	Construction of Culvert at Waser Khutoo Lone Hari	28.99	1100/-	57990	45 days	Aay/Bee	
11.	Upgradation of Khan Mohalla Tongwari Road	14.72	600/-	29450	25 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
12.	Upgradation of Road to H/S Thandipora	20.36	800/-	40720	30 days	Bee/Cee	
13.	Construction of Road at Ferkin Khan Mohalla	10.05	600/-	20110	15 days	Bee/Cee/Dee	
14.	Upgradation of Doban Payeen Road	9.60	600/-	19210	15 days	Cee/ Dee	
15.	Upgradation of CC Pora Rashanpora Road	48.04	1100/-	96090	60 days	Aay/Bee	
16.	Construction/ Upgradation of Nowbugh inner Link road, including Donipet to Nowbugh up to the residence of Bashir Ahmad Mir	6.78	300/-	13570	15 days	Cee/Dee	District Capex Budget Regular Grants (2026-27)

Position of AAA/ TS : **Accorded**

Position of funds:- **Available as per the Budgetary Allocation for CFY 2026-27**

No: Div-KRLP/3603-17

Date: 13-10-2026

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates tabulated below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-10-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13-10-2026 (6:00 PM) to 21.10.2026 (6:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	13-10-2026 (6:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	21.10.2026 (6:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22.10.2026 (12:00 AM) In the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora.

Upload/Disclose the bank account number which is linked with the GSTIN and Mapped with JKPWDOMS along with proof. No payments shall be released by the department to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder.

- Bids must be accompanied with Cost of Tender Document in the shape of **Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059** in favour of **Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora** (tender inviting authority). Treasury Challan must be written boldly and clearly with Name of Work, Name of the Contractor along with Contact No, NIT No and Serial No of Work on NIT (if any).
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% of the allotted Cost in the form of CDR/FDR at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- All other Conditions shall remain same as per the DETAILED TENDER NOTICE No 01/RnB/Kralpora of 2025-26 E-tendering Dated:- 16-04-2025 issued under No. Div-KRLP/123-37 dated 16-04-2025 and PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)
- Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

DIPK-6723/26

Date: Oct 14 2026

**Sd/-Executive Engineer
R&B Division Kralpora**

Cummins won't rule out changes for Australia in second Test

United News Of India

Durban, Oct 14 (UNI) Australia captain Pat Cummins has indicated there may be changes to his side's XI for the second ICC World Test Championship fixture against South Africa.

The Aussies strengthened their chance of appearing at next year's World Test Championship Final with an impressive 214-run triumph over the Proteas in Durban and have four days off before the second Test commences in Gqeberha on Sunday.

The side look set to be boosted by the inclusion of star all-rounder Cameron Green who missed the first Test with an abdominal problem, while Cummins suggested conditions at St George's Park will determine the make-up of his XI and the batting order as the team strives for a series-clinching victory.

Cummins indicated it would be unlikely for in-form batter Matthew Renshaw to move away from his spot at No.5 in the batting order following his Player of the Match performance in Durban, but the skipper also urged the need for his side to be flexible within games depending on the conditions of the pitch and the context of the match, according to ICC.

"Give us a few days, we'll look at the conditions of the next Test," Cummins said after the victory in the first Test.

"I mean, it's got to be pretty compelling to move him (Renshaw) from there (No.5)

"But we've seen Travis Head down at No.5 as well. We're always working out the six batters, or seven plus (Alex Carey) and how is that going to



function as a whole? So, if anything, I still think he (Renshaw) can be a great opener, and now he's got another string to his bow that he's found this week." "We're pretty certain that we like Marn (Marnus Labuschagne) at No.3, Smithy (Steve Smith) at No.4, and then, the six and seven felt pretty locked up. I think bringing in Maddo (Nic Maddinson), we really like the idea of bringing that flexibility, that unlocks a lot (such as) Trav back to No.5, Renners down to No.5, even Maddo himself at five. We haven't had that option (over) the last few years where we feel like we've got plenty of options at the top.

"We're very big on that flexibility. I know you're

probably sick of us talking about it but, why not next week, have different openers if the conditions take us somewhere different, or swapping out the batting orders between innings. I think having the structure that we do now with a few guys that can open, that's really unlocked that."

Cummins singled out Renshaw for his performance with the bat in the first Test, while the Australia skipper also paid tribute to fellow quick Josh Hazlewood after the seamer collected career-best figures of 6/49 in South Africa's second innings to help bowl the side to victory.

Australia women complete series sweep over Bangladesh

United News Of India

BRISBANE, OCT 14 :Australia wrapped up a dominant 3-0 ODI series sweep over Bangladesh at Allan Border Field, sealing the final match with a clinical eight-wicket triumph here on Wednesday.

Opting to bowl first in the series finale, Australia's attack was led by a masterclass from veteran pacer Megan Schutt, who picked up 4/16 across 10 brilliant overs. Schutt shredded Bangladesh's top order early, reducing the visitors to 18/3 before fifties from Sharmin Akhter (50) and Shorna Akter (54) offered middle-order resistance.

Annabel Sutherland (2/25) and Ash Gardner (2/49) broke the key stands, wrapping up Bangladesh's innings for 172 in 49.5 overs.

Australia made light work of the 173-run chase despite losing early wickets, hurtling past the target in just 22.4 overs with 164 balls



to spare.

Ellyse Perry struck an unbeaten 65 off 64 balls, teaming up with Sutherland, who blasted a blazing 74 not out off 52 deliveries to finish the series in style, according to ICC.

The final victory capped off an utterly dominant week for Australia, who initially set the tone for the series in the opening match on October 9.

Asian Champions Trophy set to showcase Punjab's hockey legacy, Harmanpreet calls it 'a special occasion'

United News Of India

NEW DELHI, OCT 14 :The men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 will return to India for the second time, following Chennai in 2023.

This marks a special occasion as

the most successful team, having won the ACT title five times - 2011, 2016, 2018 (joint winners), 2023 and 2024.

Punjab's contribution to the national team is reflected in generations of players who have represented the country at the



international hockey returns to Punjab - a place that has seen the tradition of hockey passed down through generations, incessantly producing international players.

For Punjab, hockey is more than a sport. It is a source of immense pride and an integral part of the state's cultural identity. From its villages and academies to the international arena, Punjab has played a defining role in shaping Indian hockey.

As the Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 approaches, the state is preparing to welcome Asia's finest teams to one of the game's spiritual homes in India. Besides hosts India, Malaysia, South Korea, China, Japan and Bangladesh will vie for the top honours from October 27 to November 2.

For the record, reigning Asian Games champions India enter the tournament as

highest level - from Udham Singh and Balbir Singh Sr to the current generation of Manpreet Singh and Harmanpreet Singh. Its sporting culture, grassroots structures and enduring passion have helped produce Olympic medalists, World Cup winners and national stalwarts.

The upcoming tournament offers an opportunity to celebrate that legacy while bringing elite competition closer to its traditional supporters. Jalandhar and Mohali will share hosting duties, placing Punjab's rich sporting heritage and infrastructure at the centre of a major continental event.

"It's going to be a special occasion for the entire team, especially for the players who belong to Punjab because it's the first time that we will be wearing India jersey at an international tournament in Punjab," said India captain Harmanpreet Singh.

Sri Lanka announces strong squad for Hong Kong Sixes 2026

United News Of India

HONG KONG, OCT 14 (UNI) Cricket Hong Kong, China (CHK) is thrilled to announce the strong Sri Lanka squad for the much-anticipated return of the Hong Kong Sixes, taking place in 2026.

The Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) selection committee has picked a dynamic and explosive team, perfectly suited for the unique and fast-paced format of sixes cricket.

Sangeeth Cooray has been named Captain, and he will lead a talented group of players for the 2026 Edition of Hong Kong Sixes. Sri Lanka has a proud history in the Hong Kong Sixes and will look to add another title to their name with this exciting squad.

The tournament, known for its high-scoring matches and festive atmosphere, will see teams from across the globe competing for glory.

The Hong Kong Sixes, renowned for its entertaining and action-packed format, brings together teams from across the world for a celebration of fast-paced cricket. The 2026 edition will also be

he first with JSW Sports as Commercial Partner, marking the organisation's first partnership with an international sporting IP.

South Africa set for Rabada boost as Bavuma looks for response

United News Of India

DURBAN, OCT 14 :South Africa captain Temba Bavuma has revealed pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada is likely to feature in the second ICC World Test Championship fixture against Australia that commences on Sunday.

Rabada hasn't played any cricket since he featured for the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League in May, with the pacer sitting out the opening Test of the series against Australia as he continues to recover from the hamstring injury he picked up in training.

But Rabada is closing in on a return to competitive action, with Bavuma suggesting the 31-year-old was progressing well and in line for a recall to the Proteas' lineup for the crucial second Test in Gqeberha.

"KG (Rabada) looks good," Bavuma said after South Africa's 214-run loss to Australia in the first Test in Durban. "I think SuperSport (South African broadcaster) kept showing him on the big screen bowling during breaks in play." "He's bubbly as ever within the changing room. And his non-selection was more from a precautionary

point of view to give him the extra couple of days.

"So now he's got the extra couple of days. We'll see how he continues to improve. But KG



is very good." "If Rabada does return for the second Test then it is likely fellow pacer Anrich Nortje will be the one to make way after he made a successful return to Test cricket in Durban, while a host of his teammates could face competition for their place in the side following some indifferent form against the Aussies, according to ICC.

Opener Ryan Rickelton failed to reach double figures from his two knocks at Kingsmead, attacking batter Tristan Stubbs failed to flatter, while keeper Kyle Verreynne was also out cheaply in both innings as Australia.

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