

# Good Morning Kashmir

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## Mehbooba Meets LG; Seeks Dignified Return, Political Reservation For KPs



REHAN QAYOOM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** Former chief minister and People's Democratic Party (PDP) president, Mehbooba Mufti on Monday battled for the reservation of Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir, saying it was time to remove a "blot" on Kashmir Muslims over the exodus of KPs.

Addressing a press conference here after meeting Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 05, 2019, Mehbooba, said she, along with the party leader Mehboob Beg, met the LG and raised multiple demands. The demands, according to her, include

## PM Modi To Chair First Meeting Of Council Of Ministers After 'Op Sindoor'

PM Likely To Highlight Thrust On Governance As Modi 3.0 Completes 1-Year In Office



SAJID RAINA

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on Wednesday, the first after the Pahalgam terror attack and the subsequent Operation Sindoor.

According to the details available, the meeting also assumes significance as the Modi 3.0 government would

complete one year in office this month.

The meeting is the first after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead, and the subsequent strikes carried out by the armed forces deep inside Pakistan to avenge the killings of innocent civilians.

The ministers are likely to be given details of the "Operation Sindoor", which

is also expected to figure in the ruling BJP's programmes starting next week to mark the first anniversary of the PM Modi led government in its third term.

"Besides speaking on Operation Sindoor, the Prime Minister may give an overall highlight of his governance thrust in the council meeting as the ministers prepare to communicate with people across the country

### India's Aviation Sector Offers Streamlined Regulatory Framework: PM

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday invited global companies to invest in the country's fast-growing aviation sector, citing a streamlined regulatory framework, ease of compliance, and a simplified tax structure.

The Prime Minister also pointed to the emergence of maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) as a sunrise sector, highlighting that India is accelerating efforts to become a global hub for aircraft maintenance.

He was addressing the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) 81st Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the plenary session of the World Air Transport Summit (WATS).

He noted that in 2014, India had 96 MRO facilities, which has now increased to 154, while 100 per cent FDI under the automatic route, GST reduction, and tax rationalisation measures have given fresh momentum to the MRO sector. Modi further outlined

### DGP Reviews Security Arrangements For Amarnath Yatra



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**SRINAGAR:** Director General of Police J&K, Nalin Prabhat, Monday chaired a joint meeting with officers from the Police & CAPF at Police Control Room Kashmir to review the security arrangements for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025, Eid-Ul-Adha and other upcoming events.

The meeting was attended by Spl. DGP Coord. S.J.M Gillani-IPS, ADGP Armed Anand Jain-IPS, IGP Kashmir, IGP POS PHQ J&K, IG CRPF Srinagar, IG CRPF KOS, IG BSF, all range DIs of Kashmir Zone, DIG Pers, DIG Traffic Kashmir, DIG IR Kashmir, DIG AP Kashmir, DIG SSB, DIG ITBP, all district SSSP of Kashmir Zone and other senior officers.

At the onset of the meeting, the participating officers briefed the chair regarding the proposed security

## ...Hailstorm Aftermath Grows Demand Compensation, CIS Implementation

JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** In yet another weather-related setback to Kashmir's horticulture sector, the hailstorm on Monday afternoon wreaked havoc in Chitragam area of South Kashmir's Shopian district and Tral area of Pulwama district, flattening apple orchards and compounding the worries of already distressed fruit growers.

This fresh inclement weather conditions comes just days after similar hailstorms struck Sedow-



Hirpora belt in Shopian, and DH Pora area of neighbouring Kulgam district.

The hailstorm hit the region during a crucial stage of apple development, leading to extensive crop damage and triggering renewed appeals

**BESIDES SPEAKING ON OPERATION SINDOOR, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY give an overall highlight of his governance thrust in the council meeting as the ministers prepare to communicate with people across the country during the anniversary events," said a source.**

## Police Raid Jama'at Associate's Residence In Sopore



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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday carried out a searches at Jamaat-e-Islami (JIE)-linked individual in Zaloor area of Sopore.

The operation was part of an ongoing investigation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and led

to the recovery of incriminating material.

Police spokesperson in a statement issued said that Sopore Police Monday conducted a search operation at the residence of a Jamaat-e-Islami (JIE)-linked individual, Abdul Razak Hajam, son of Abdul Samad Hajam, resident of Hajam Mohalla, Dardpora Zaloor, P-06

### 5 Terror Associates Booked Under PSA

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Monday said that in a decisive action against subver-

sive and criminal elements inimical to the security and integrity of the Nation, Srinagar Police has booked five terror associates of proscribed terror

Pays Tribute To Civilians Killed In Pahalgam Terror Attack

## LG Attends 'Telangana Formation Day' Celebrations At Raj Bhawan

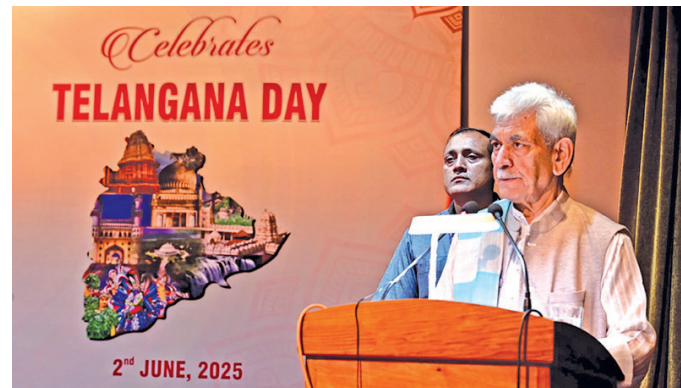
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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday attended the celebration of 'Telangana Formation Day', hosted by Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan at Srinagar. The event also observed Goa Day, which was celebrated on 30th May.

Security personnel, students and the people from Telangana and Goa living in J&K UT were the special invitees for the evening.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations and best wishes to the people of Telangana and Goa on the occasion.

He paid homage to the prominent luminaries, revolutionaries, freedom fighters, social reformers and great personalities of Telangana and Goa and remembered their significant



contribution in nation building. "The rich cultural heritage, timeless values of the two states have strengthened the nation's unity and integrity.

May the blessed states continue to scale new heights of growth and development. I

wish peace, prosperity, and well-being for all their citizens," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, paid tributes to the civilians killed by Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorists in Pahalgam.

He saluted the

## Ensure Timely Completion Of SBM 2.0, AMRUT Projects: CS



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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Monday directed the officers to ensure completion of all projects being executed under AMRUT 2.0 and SBM 2.0 on top priority across the Union Territory.

While chairing a high-level meeting held in this regard, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress on various flagship urban development schemes. He stressed that both AMRUT and SBM are "Pragati programmes," which are being monitored seriously at the highest level.

He emphasized that project implementation must be expedited and processes like

tendering, approval and on-ground execution should be carried out in a fast-track manner. To ensure proper monitoring, he instructed all the concerned departments to prepare month-wise work plans and submit progress reports every fortnight.

During the review of SBM 2.0, it was informed that significant achievements have been made in solid waste and used water management.

Under the Integrated Solid Waste Management initiative, the department has reached a major administrative milestone. Used water infrastructure is also being improved, with many schemes already under construction and

## Kheer Bhawani Mela Begins In G'bal, Devotees Pray For Peace In Kashmir

RAJA SYED RATHER

**GANDERBAL:** The annual Kheer Bhawani Mela commenced on Monday at the revered Kheer Bhawani Temple in Tullamulla, Ganderbal, drawing hundreds of devotees from across the country. The festival, held in honour of Goddess Ragnya Devi, marks a significant spiritual occasion for the Kashmiri Pandit community.

As pilgrims began to arrive, the atmosphere was one of devotion and hope. Security arrangements and facilities put in place by the local administration were widely appreciated by attendees.

"We are delighted to be here. The arrangements are excellent, and the atmosphere is peaceful. We want to visit Kashmir, and we pray for peace in the valley," Suresh Bhat, a devotee from Jammu, said while speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News



Observer (KNO).

Another pilgrim, Anjali Kaul, who returned to the valley after several years, remarked, "Hindus and Muslims are one. We hope for peace and harmony across the region."

Ravi Raina, visiting from Delhi, added, "This temple is a symbol of our roots. Coming here fills us with hope. We want peace to prevail so that people of all faiths can live together as they once did."

The Kheer Bhawani Mela continues to serve as a powerful reminder of Kashmir's syncretic past, where communities came together in celebration and prayer. The festival will culminate on Tuesday with major rituals and offerings.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir, R P Singh, and the District Administration Ganderbal, including

## Govt Likely To Complete Smart Meters Installation By Next Year

RIYAZ BHAT

**SRINAGAR:** The government is likely to complete the process of installing smart meters by March-2026 in Jammu division and August-2026 in Kashmir region respectively.

An official informed that more than 6.5 Lakh consumers have been upgraded to prepaid smart metering.

"The DISCOMs are implementing the centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) viz. PMDP and RDSS for installation of smart metering projects in J&K," the official said.

It also said that "The projects under PMDP stand completed, whereas, meter installation under RDSS is under execution, which is likely to be completed by 31.03.2026 in Jammu and by August 2026 in Kashmir region." Furthermore, the official

added that "As a part of the PMDP initiative, more than 6.50 lac consumers have already been upgraded to prepaid smart metering in J&K."

"Under RDSS, it is anticipated that approximately 14.48 lac consumer prepaid smart meters shall be installed," the official said.

About the tariff and charges, the official further said, "The DISCOMs charge the electricity bills as per the tariff issued by the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC)."

"The electricity charges for rural and Urban areas are the same as per Tariff Order. The unmetered consumers are billed on flat rate basis which is determined on sanctioned or agreement load as per the slabs applicable to flat rate i.e. unmetered consumers," the official said—(KNO)

## 'No Cause For Alarm' J&K Has Nine Active Covid-19 Cases



JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir has reported nine new COVID-19 cases since November 2024, marking the first such cases in several months.

A senior health official informed that there are currently nine active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory. Of these, five are from Kashmir and four from Jammu.

The official said the situation remains under control and there is no immediate cause for concern. He urged residents to stay vigilant and follow safety precautions. "We are strictly adhering to the guidelines issued by

the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The UT is fully prepared to respond to any potential rise in infections," he said.

The official added that these measures are part of a broader national strategy to prevent a resurgence, especially amid reports of increasing COVID-19 cases in some parts of Asia.

Routine testing for severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) and influenza-like illnesses (ILI) continues across healthcare facilities in both divisions.

It is noteworthy that the last reported COVID-19 case in Jammu and Kashmir was in November 2024.

Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan

# MLA Kokernag addresses tribal farmers at Gadwail

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**ANANTNAG:** In a significant step towards agricultural transformation and tribal empowerment, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Kokernag, Choudhary Zafar, Monday addressed a large gathering of tribal farmers during a day-long awareness programme held under the banner of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) at Gadwail, Kokernag.



The event was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, in collaboration with various departments from the agriculture and allied sectors, with an aim to disseminate knowledge, promote sustainable farming practices, and strengthen the resolve for a self-reliant agricultural ecosystem in tribal areas.

Addressing the gathering, MLA emphasized the importance of scientific intervention in agriculture and reiterated the

government's commitment to tribal welfare. "Empowering our tribal farmers with modern knowledge and resources is key to inclusive development. The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is a vital initiative to bridge the gap between traditional practices and technological advance-

ment," he said. The programme saw the participation of agricultural scientists, field officers, and experts from allied departments, who shared vital information and practical strategies with the farmers. Dr. Ishtiyah Ahmad Khan, Head of KVK Anant-

nag, provided insights into the objectives of VKSA and urged the farming community to actively engage with the available agricultural schemes and scientific services, adding that KVK Anantnag is committed to extending its full support to the farming community, especially in tribal belts. VKSA is designed to inspire and capacitate farmers to adopt best practices for higher productivity and resilience.

Experts from line departments including Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture elaborated on inter-sectoral approaches to agricultural sustainability and diversification. Farmers were also informed about the benefits of integrated farming, organic agriculture and agri-entrepreneurship.

The event concluded with an interactive session where farmers shared their experiences and concerns, which were addressed by the panel of experts.

## JKRERA imposes Rs. 10 lakh penalty on erring Real Estate Developers

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**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Real Estate Regulatory Authority (JKRERA) has imposed a penalty of ₹10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) on real estate developers for failing to register their ongoing real estate project located at Sang Talab, Raipur Domana, with the Authority.

The penalty of Rs. 10 lakh has been imposed for violation of Section 3 (1) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016. The Authority took suo-motu cognizance of the violation and initiated proceedings under the applicable provisions of the Act. After thorough examination, it was established that the promoters have not obtained the requisite registration from JKRERA nor have they sought any exemption or provided a justifiable reason for the omission.

"It was an ongoing project and the promoter should have applied for the RERA registration well on time to avoid penalties. RERA registration is mandatory for all ongoing real estate projects where competition certi-

icates were not issued," said Satish Chandra, Chairperson JKRERA.

"Mere imposition of a penalty does not exempt a promoter from registering their real estate project," reiterated the Chairperson JKRERA. He emphasized that continued non-compliance with Section 3 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, which mandates project registration, will attract severe penalties. "As per Section 59(2) of the Act, promoters who fail to comply with orders or continue to violate registration requirements face imprisonment for up to three years or an additional fine of up to ten percent of the estimated project cost, or both," added the Chairperson JKRERA. He urged all promoters to register their projects without delay to avoid further legal action.

The JKRERA reiterated that the registration of real estate projects, particularly ongoing projects, is a key step to ensure transparency, promote fair practices and protect the interests of allottees and homebuyers. It also enables the Authority to monitor project progress and enforce accountability in the real estate sector.

## New Education Policy-2020

### JKEDI set to host 10-Day Summer Internship Program for UG students

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**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) is all set to host a 10-day Summer Internship Program from June 4, 2025, here at its Bari Brahmna campus.

This initiative marks a significant step towards fostering experiential learning and strengthening industry-academia linkages in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Sixty undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA) from Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu, will participate in the first batch of this internship program. As mandated by NEP 2020, all undergraduate students must complete a 60-hour internship to complement their academic curriculum with practical exposure.

The program aims to provide participants with an enriching experience in the domains of entrepreneurship, innovation and enterprise creation. Students will engage in interactive sessions with seasoned

professionals, participate in business simulations and explore real-world entrepreneurial challenges and solutions.

This initiative highlights JKEDI's commitment to nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth of the Union Territory. Interns will also gain insight into the Institute's activities and programs, including Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs), Orientation Programs (EOPs) and Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs). Detailed Project Report Formulations etc, all geared toward promoting entrepreneurship as a viable career choice.

By bridging classroom learning with real-world applications, the internship will help students develop critical thinking, problem-solving abilities and the entrepreneurial mindset needed to thrive in today's competitive environment.

This program is part of JKEDI's larger vision to empower young minds and contribute meaningfully to the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir and beyond.

# DC B'la chairs DLRC meeting, emphasizes on financial inclusion, loan disbursement

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**BARAMULLA:** A District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting for the quarter ending March 2025 was held Monday at Dak Bungalow Baramulla under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa.

The meeting reviewed the performance of banks and line departments under various government-sponsored schemes and priority sector lending.

Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), NABARD, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Lead District Manager (LDM) Baramulla, and officers from all major banks and concerned departments participated in the meeting.

Lead District Manager, Bashir Ahmad Sheikh informed the house that under the District Credit Plan 2024-25, the total credit target was Rs. 4,272.53 crore, against which Rs. 4,579.43 crore was achieved, marking 107% of the target. Under the prior-



ity sector, Rs. 2,420.87 crore was disbursed against a target of Rs. 3,567.27 crore (68%), while the non-priority sector saw disbursement of Rs. 2,158.56 crore against a target of Rs. 705.26 crore, achieving 306%.

DDC conducted a comprehensive review of the performance of all banks and departments. He emphasized achieving 100% saturation under the National Mission for Financial Inclusion and

directed banks to expedite the disposal of all pending loan cases under schemes such as PMEGP, MUMKIN, PM Vishwakarma, Mission Youth, Tejaswini and other flagship programmes.

Highlighting the need for grassroots-level financial awareness, DDC directed all banks and financial institutions to organize outreach and literacy camps in collaboration with line departments. He stressed the involvement

of ASHA and Anganwadi workers, as well as NRLM SHG members, to enhance the reach and impact of financial education.

To ensure comprehensive coverage under social security and credit schemes, DDC instructed banks to intensify efforts for saturation under Kisan Credit Card (KCC), PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), MUDRA loans and Aadhaar seeding.

DDC further directed the Lead District Manager to conduct a seminar for all bankers to sensitize them about operational guidelines and objectives of government flagship schemes, ensuring smooth and timely loan disbursements.

In conclusion, DDC urged all line departments to organize special awareness camps across the district to inform the public about various financial and welfare schemes and ensure effective last-mile delivery of benefits.

# Myntra's much-awaited EORS live with 4 million styles

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**SRINAGAR:** Myntra, one of India's leading fashion, beauty, and lifestyle destinations, is hosting the 22nd edition of its flagship End Of Reason Sale (EORS) live now until June 12. This much-awaited shopping event will dazzle fashion and beauty enthusiasts across the country. Shoppers from Tier 1, Tier 2, and emerging cities can explore a vast selection of over 4 million styles from more than 10,000 brands, including international, domestic, and homegrown brands. With something for every taste and trend, it's the ultimate destination for those looking to refresh their wardrobes and beauty shelves with the season's most stylish picks.

The categories that are expected to garner traction from consumers during EORS include Men's Casual Wear, Men's and Women's Ethnic wear, Women's Western Wear, Beauty and Personal Care, Watches and Wearables, Accessories, Travel essentials, Sports footwear, Kids' Wear and wedding collections. Several popular brands that are expected to witness heightened traction include Levi's, Nike, adidas, H&M, MANGO, L'Oréal, Lakme, Libas, Decathlon, New Balance, Wrogn, US Polo Assn., Puma, and Rare



Rabbit, among others. From breezy silhouettes to vibrant statement pieces, these collections offer something for every occasion, mood, and personal style.

Adding to the thrill, FWD, Myntra's Gen-Z proposition, will feature over 200K+ trend-first styles from brands including SZN, Freakins, Bonkers Corner, Glitchez, Anouk Rustic, Lulu & Sky, KPOP, Outzider among many others.

The 22nd edition of EORS will make shopping delightful with a slew of new launches. These include the US-based iconic brand GAP, and the famed designer Tarun Tahiliani's

luxury pret line - OTT, both launching on Myntra for the first time. Other exciting new collection launches in the Beauty category include Emporio Armani, Elie Saab, K-18, and the new Alia Bhatt x L'Oréal Casting Crème Gloss line.

Sneaker lovers are in for a treat with new arrivals including the adidas Originals Superstar 2, adidas Spaziel, Puma Palermo, and Lotto Leggenda. Home and living gets a refresh with stylish launches from Royal Oak, COIRFIT, and Drogo. Furthermore, as part of its continued support for emerging talent, customers will be able to shop from new D2C brand launches under Myntra's Rising Stars (MRS) Home Edit program including Phool, Modish Couture, and Sleep Spa this season.

New launches in the watches and wearables category include Realme (Air 7 Pro, Air 7, and Wireless 5), Swiss Military, Noise Icon 2, Boul (K30 & W30), Daniel Klein, French Connection, and Belkin—making this season of EORS one of the most comprehensive and thrilling yet.

Speaking about the 22nd edition of EORS, Bharath Kumar, Head of Revenue and Growth, Myntra said, "Each edition of EORS is a testament to Myntra's vision of redefining

the way India shops. It's more than just an event, it's a cultural moment that captures the spirit of a fashion-forward, evolving India. Every edition deepens our connection with customers, empowers emerging brands, and pushes the boundaries of tech-led, immersive shopping experiences. With this edition, we are expanding access to over 4 million styles across diverse categories, while inspiring customers to self-express through fashion."

With over 10k styles across fashion, beauty, accessories and home, M-Now has emerged as the go-to option for customers in Bengaluru, empowering fashion-forward shoppers to receive their orders starting ~30 minutes. This hyper-speed proposition offers a selection of globally loved brands, including Vero Moda, MANGO, Tommy Hilfinger, Levi's, Jack & Jones, ONLY, among others, along with premium beauty brands such as YSL, Prada, Carolina Herrera, Huda Beauty, MAC, Bobbi Brown, Etude, CORXS, Forest Essentials, Olaplex, CeraVe, Dyson, Bath & Body Works, and Estée Lauder. It also features Gen Z favorites like Crocs, Bewakoof, Roadster, Campus Sutra, and Dressberry. (ADVT)

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e-NIT No: ECWD/02/TS of 2025-26 Dated-29.05.2025

1. For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K, e-tender valid for the financial year 2025-26, are hereby invited in two bid system as per below mentioned scope of work from approved, reputed, Govt. approved Electrical Contractors / Suppliers / transformer manufacturers / transformer repair workshop holders / Self Help Groups / Labour Contractors having adequate resource capacity for supplying a manpower comprising of experienced Skilled, Semi-skilled and un-skilled labourers categories (at least 10 of each category) who are well versed with carrying out similar nature of jobs.

1.	Name of work(s)	To fix the Labour Contract for Repair / Reclamation of Damaged Distribution Transformers (11 /0.44kV & 6.6/0.44kV) of different capacities viz 25KVA, 63KVA, 100KVA, 250KVA, 400KVA, 630KVA and 1000Kva at Elect. Central Workshop Division Pampore.
2.	Estimated Cost	150.00 Lacs
3.	Period for completion of work.	For the Year 2025-26, Reclamation of Damaged Distribution Transformers (11 /6.6/0.4kV) is; to be carried out in piece meals over the year depending upon the rate of Damage of Distribution Transformers.

The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document.	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 02.06.2025; 10:00 A.M
B	Clarifications start date.	02.06.2025; 04:00 P.M
C	Clarifications end date.	14.06.2025; 04:00 P.M
D	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	03.06.2025; 04:00 P.M
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	27.06.2025; 04:00 P.M
F	Submission of hard copies of EMD, tender fee and other documents end date and time	28.06.2025; 04:00 P.M
G	Online commercial and technical e-Bid opening date & time	30.06.2025; 03:00 P.M
H	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified bidders.
I	Venue of opening of & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer Electrical Central Workshop Division Pampore.
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 3000.00 The cost of tender documents may be deposited in treasury against the MH 0801 power & same should be uploaded along with tender documents
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 3.00 Lacs (Rs. Three Lacs only)

NO: ECWD/230-33  
Dated: 29.05.2025  
DIPK-NB-680-25  
DT: 02/06/2025

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Gist of Short-Term e-NIT No.10 OF 2025-26, Dated:-02-06-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar, invites e-tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for:-

S No	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost "Rs" in Lacs	EMD Amount	50 % Exemption Allowed for SSI/MSE	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type (Qualification criteria)
1	Complete rewinding of 25 HP Vertical Motor of VT pumping Unit-1 and 40 HP ATS Starter at LIS Kreshibal	100.00	0.45	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	07 days	Electrical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.
2	Electrical repairs to 100 KVA HT Transformer at LIS Bakshipora Kernabal, 100 HP ATS Starter and 90 HP Motor	100.00	0.42	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	07 days	Electrical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.
3	Fabrication, providing, fitting and testing of semi closed type impeller (SS-304) for 70 cusec mixed flow vertical turbine and mechanical repairs to damaged bell mouth of pumping unit 3 at LIS Marval Stage 1st.	100.00	1.16	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	20 days	Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience.

The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' consisting of Tender Document fee, EMD in the form of CDR/FDR, Pre-qualification. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ. The critical dates are as tabulated below:-

i	Publication Date	02-06-2025 at 1600 hrs
ii <th>Document Download/sale start Date</th> <th>02-06-2025 from 1600 hrs</th>	Document Download/sale start Date	02-06-2025 from 1600 hrs
iii <th>Clarification start date</th> <th>N.A</th>	Clarification start date	N.A
iv <th>Bid submission start date</th> <th>02-06-2025 from 1600 hrs</th>	Bid submission start date	02-06-2025 from 1600 hrs
v <th>Clarification end date</th> <th>N.A</th>	Clarification end date	N.A
vi <th>Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date</th> <th>12-06-2025 upto 1400 hrs</th>	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	12-06-2025 upto 1400 hrs
vii <th>Date and time of Bid opening</th> <th>13-06-2025 at 1230 hrs</th>	Date and time of Bid opening	13-06-2025 at 1230 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldaqar Srinagar. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Budgetary Provisions
Position of AAA	Accorded under order No. 11-MCD OF 2025-26 Dated: - 08-05-2025 & ID-MCO OF 2025-26 Dated: - 08-05-2025
Position of Technical sanction	Sanctioned vide No. 16, 17 & 18 of 2025-26 respectively

No. MIDS/TS/652-57  
Dated :-02-06-2025  
DIPK-2164-25  
DT: 02/06/2025

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Executive Engineer,  
Mechanical Irrigation Division,  
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## CM Omar greets people on Urs of Hazrat Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA)



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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of the annual Urs of Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA), fondly revered as Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA). In his message of felicitation, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to the legendary Sufi saint, recalling his immense

contribution to the spiritual, cultural and social fabric of Kashmir.

He emphasized that Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) was a beacon of peace, love and brotherhood, whose teachings continue to inspire generations. Omar Abdullah also acknowledged the pivotal role of Shah-e-Hamdaan (RA) in introducing and nurturing the valley's world-renowned handicrafts and traditional skills, which have become an integral part of Kashmir's identity and economy.

On this solemn occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah prayed for enduring peace, progress and holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Greets people on Mela Kheer Bhawani

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has extended warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the sacred occasion of Mela Kheer Bhawani. In his message, the Chief Minister said that the festival is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood, reflecting the rich pluralistic ethos that has defined Jammu and Kashmir for centuries.

prayed for peace, harmony, progress and prosperity in the state and urged all sections of society to strengthen the age-old bonds of togetherness and mutual respect.

Highlighting the significance of the occasion, Omar Abdullah noted that Mela Kheer Bhawani has always stood as an epitome of inter-community harmony.

He expressed hope that with the return of peace, Kashmiri Pandits would come back to their homeland with honour and dignity, reclaiming their rightful place in the Valley's social and cultural fabric.

## Javid Dar reviews Eid-ul-Azha arrangements for Kashmir Valley

Emphasizes market regulation, public convenience, interdepartmental coordination

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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, Monday chaired a high level meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review arrangements for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha celebrations across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani.

Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production, Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development, Commissioner Secretary Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Secretary Transport, Secretary Public Works (R&B), Secretary Health & Medical Education, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, IGP Kashmir, Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Division and heads of relevant line departments such as Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry and Health besides



Chief Engineers of PWD (R&B), KPDCL and PHE Kashmir along with other senior officers from civil and police administration were also present in the meeting while the outstations officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting held a detailed discussion on several critical arrangements including identification and publicity of sale points for sacrificial animals, availability of essential commodities and door-to-door collection of animal skins and waste. It was informed that advance distribution of food grains for the month of June is underway and daily joint market inspections are being conducted to ensure quality control, price regulation, cleanliness and fumigation in public areas.

Further, arrangements for uninterrupted power and water supply, deployment of medical teams at major congregation points such as Hazratbal Shrine,

installation of waterproof tents and pandals, fire and emergency services, crowd and traffic management and designation of parking zones, were reviewed comprehensively.

The Minister directed all the Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police to personally monitor implementation of all necessary measures and ensure smooth, safe and peaceful celebration of Eid-ul-Azha. He stressed the need for seamless coordination among all the departments involved in public service delivery.

Javid Ahmad Dar emphasized that elaborate arrangements must be made with regard to water and electricity supply, medical facilities, sanitation, fire and emergency response and public safety. He also directed that market regulation and availability of essential commodities at government-notified prices must be strictly enforced through regular inspections.

## Sakeena Ito conducts extensive tour of Beerwah Constituency

Inaugurates multiple infrastructural projects across Constituency

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**BUDGAM:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito Monday conducted an extensive tour of Beerwah Constituency of district Budgam and dedicated several infrastructure projects for the public purposes.

During the visit, Minister inaugurated newly constructed building of Government High School Batapora Kenihama, Atal Tinkering Lab and Information Communication Technology Lab at Government Higher Secondary School Magam, Library Block and Lecture Hall at GDC Beerwah and newly constructed Academic Block of Government Girls Higher Secondary School Beerwah.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena also laid the foundation stone of Centre for Excellence at District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Beerwah Budgam.

During the tour to Constituency, Sakeena Ito also inspected CHC Magam and SDH Beerwah. She took detailed inspection of these health facilities and took stock of healthcare facilities available. She also interacted with medical staff as well as patients and their attendants.

During these visits, Minister Sakeena also interacted with public delegations and individuals at CHC Magam and DIET Beerwah.

Addressing the gather-



ing at these locations, the Minister highlighted that the present government is focused on holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir with emphasis on healthcare facilities of world class standards as well as educational infrastructure.

"Our objective is clear, to ensure that every citizen, regardless of location, has access to same opportunities and facilities", Sakeena stated.

The Minister further highlighted that the Government during the initial months has taken some significant steps for the welfare of the people. She added that the pension for old age, widow, specially abled persons and other sections has been increased.

Minister Sakeena further said that Government also took remarkable step for welfare of women folk by announcing free transport for them. She added that this unique step will

significantly lead to emancipation of women across J&K.

While interacting with several public delegations and individuals on the occasion, Minister Sakeena said that this Government has been formed by the trust and vote of the people and we are determined to work for the welfare and development of common people. She assured the public delegations and individuals that their genuine issues and concerns will be redressed promptly.

MLA Beerwah, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani; MLA Chadoora, Ali Mohd Dar; Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education, Shantmanu; Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Directors of Social Welfare, School Education, Health, Colleges, Family Welfare and Ayush, senior officers of district administration and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

## Slathia reviews financial concerns of J&K Legislators



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**SRINAGAR:** In order to address the financial concerns of Legislators and ensure that their expenditure and allowances are commensurate with their roles and responsibilities, a meeting of House Committee of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was held Monday under the Chairmanship of Surjeet Singh Slathia here at Assembly Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by the Members of the Committee including Ali Mohammad Sagar, Sajad Gani Lone, Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah, Arjun Singh Raju and Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, besides Additional Secretary J&K Legislative Assembly, Bilal Ahmad Bhat and other concerned.

The meeting discussed the modalities on the demand of enhancement of salaries and allowances of the Legislators and the issues concerning pensionary benefits of Ex-

legislators. During the meeting, MLAs from across party lines put forth their suggestions and demanded an increase in their salaries besides enhanced pensions for the former lawmakers. They also demanded provision of laptops and other requirements, which have already been approved by the government.

On the occasion, the Chairman of the Committee asked the members to conduct a detailed exercise on the issue in consultation with the Office of Assembly Secretariat focusing on aligning enhancement in the salaries and other incentives in accordance with the market inflation and rising expenses.

The Chairman directed the Committee members and Assembly Secretariat officials to examine the salaries and allowances of legislators in other States to prepare a comprehensive proposal that aligns with market inflation and rising expenses.

## Deputations call on Satish Sharma, discuss key issues

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**SRINAGAR:** In a series of engagements aimed at addressing the grassroots public concerns, several deputations Monday called on Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Transport, Satish Sharma.

The deputations raised a wide range of issues spanning public transportation, youth employment, sports infrastructure and local development demands.

During his meeting with General Manager (Operations) Jammu & Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (RTC), the Minister discussed availability and augmentation of bus services during the upcoming Eid festival. He stressed the importance of ensuring seamless travel arrangements to accommodate the increased passenger traffic,

particularly on intra-district and inter-district routes during the festive period.

A delegation of para-athletes representing various districts of the Union Territory submitted a memorandum highlighting concerns regarding the welfare and recognition of sportspersons with disabilities. They emphasized the urgent need for upgraded infrastructure, improved training facilities and mainstreaming of para sports. The athletes also called for greater government efforts to popularize para games and ensure equal opportunities in sporting events.

A deputation from Kokernag led by Legislator, Zafar Ali Khatana, met the Minister and raised a host of constituency-specific issues. The delegation submitted a list of developmental demands including road connectivity, water supply, healthcare facilities and

educational infrastructure. They sought intervention of the Minister for timely redressal.

A delegation from Baniptora district, led by Advocate Saheer Rather, appealed to the Minister for establishment of a Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centre at Chhatti Baddi. The delegation underlined the pressing need for employment avenues for the educated youth of the area.

A group of aspirants for the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) Junior Engineer (JE) posts also met the Minister. They submitted a plea requesting for postponement of the scheduled JE examination, citing issues related to short notice, logistical challenges and the need for more preparation time. The aspirants expressed hope that their concerns would be addressed in the

interest of fairness and transparency.

Another deputation from Manwan in district Kupwara requested for initiation of a dedicated bus service from Manwan to Kupwara. The residents stressed that the absence of direct public transportation has been a long-standing issue causing hardships, particularly for the students and patients.

Several other groups from different regions called on the Minister to bring forth various developmental, civic and service delivery issues. These included matters related to road connectivity, ration distribution, IT infrastructure and youth engagement programs.

The Minister assured that the concerns raised by the deputations would be examined seriously and remedial action would be taken in a time-bound

## Div Com visits Tulmulla, reviews arrangements for Mela Kheerbhawani



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**GANDERBAL:** In preparation for the annual Mata Kheerbhawani Mela-2025, scheduled to be celebrated on June 3rd, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Monday visited the revered shrine at Tulmulla to review and inspect the arrangements being made for the smooth conduct of the festival.

He emphasized ensuring a peaceful, well-organized, and spiritually enriching experience for all attendees.

While expressing satisfaction over the arrangements in place, Div Com directed the concerned officers to further fine-tune preparations to eliminate any possible inconvenience to the pilgrims.

Appealing to devotees to participate in large numbers, Div Com encouraged people to experience the sacred ambience and spiritual essence of the Mela. He assured that all necessary facilities have been put in place to ensure a clean, safe, and comfortable environment, with round-the-clock services available throughout the duration of the festival.

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GIST of Fresh e-Tender Notice No. 16 of 2025 Dated: 02/06/2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K, online e-tender is invited (In Single cover system) from the Registered/experienced/technical persons/firms of J&K UT/Central Govt. for the following work as per details given below:-

S.No.	Name of work/Contract	Reserve Bid (In Rs.)	Earnest Money deposit (EMD) @ 10% (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable)	Period of contract
1	Outsourcing of Hiring out for plying of (05) No.'s of paddle boats in Mini Lake at Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden, Cheshmashahi	7,78,820/-	77,882/-	800/-	One year and renewal for further 2 years subject to terms & conditions with enhancement of 15% of cumulative approved bid for each year

The NIT consisting of complete information, eligibility, criteria, specification Bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from J&K State e-procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in/](http://www.jktenders.gov.in/) or [www.dirflorikmr.in](http://www.dirflorikmr.in) as per schedule of date given below:

1	Period of downloading of bidding document	02/06/2025 from 03:00 PM to 23/06/2025 up to 04:00 PM
2	Bid submission Start Date	02/06/2025 from 03:30 PM
3	Bid submission End date	23/06/2025 up to 02:00 PM
4	Date and time of Opening of Tenders	26/06/2025 at 02:00 PM

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

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

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E-NIT No: 05/DB/2025-26/1186-1200 DATED: 02/06/2025.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money CDR/FDR/BG (Rs)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	Upgradation of Inner Links at village Chanapora by way of Bituminous Macadam.	24.65	800.00	49300/-	20 working days	CEE/ BEE	C&T
2	Macadamization of Khospora Zempora road.	24.64	800.00	49280/-	20 working days	CEE/ BEE	C&T
3	Main road to Arizal Bridge to Brass (remaining portion) plus Middle School and Govt. Higher Secondary School approach roads.	24.63	800.00	49260/-	20 working days	CEE/ BEE	C&T
4	Macadamization of Talapora Rawalpura road.	24.64	800.00	49280/-	20 working days	CEE/ BEE	C&T
5	Upgradation of Lanoora Arampora road including Links at Dreygam.	24.64	800.00	49280/-	20 working days	CEE/ BEE	C&T
6	Inner Links Dreygam, Arampora and Ichkote.	34.48	1100.00	68960/-	25 working days	AA/ BEE	C&T

Project Authority: Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Central Kashmir

Position of AAA: Accorded

Position of TS: Accorded

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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) on the dates listed below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02/06/2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02/06/2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	02/06/2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	16/06/2025 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	17/06/2025 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Budgam

No: 1186-1200 Dt: 02/06/2025

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Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

**A Resilient Return  
To The Valley**

In the haunting aftermath of the Pahalgam massacre, a heavy shadow of fear and uncertainty loomed over the Kashmir Valley. The ghastly incident, which once again spotlighted the fragility of peace in the region, dealt a severe blow not only to the morale of its residents but also to the lifeblood of its economy, tourism. Yet, in the face of tragedy, Kashmir stands resilient. Against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains and blooming meadows, a quiet but steady wave of change is returning. Tourists, once apprehensive and absent, are beginning to trickle back into the Valley. With each arriving visitor, there is a symbolic act of defiance, not just against the fear that extremists attempt to sow, but in support of the spirit and livelihood of an entire population. The revival is not merely an economic statistic, it is emotional, cultural, and deeply personal. For the shikara rowers on Dal Lake, the hoteliers in Gulmarg, the guides in Sonamarg, and the handicraft artisans in Srinagar's old city, each booking, each inquiry, each smile from a visitor represents hope. The state machinery and security forces must be commended for taking swift steps to restore confidence and reinforce safety. Yet the true credit belongs to the people of Kashmir who, even in grief, kept their hospitality intact, their dignity unshaken, and their faith alive. As tourists begin to return, they must do so with awareness and empathy. Kashmir is not just a scenic destination, it is a land carrying the weight of decades of conflict, but also the beauty of unbreakable endurance. By choosing to visit, tourists become part of a quiet, powerful resistance against the forces that thrive on disruption and despair. Let us hope this tentative return marks the beginning of a broader and more lasting peace, where neither tragedy defines the Valley, nor fear drives it into isolation. The smiles returning to the faces of Kashmiris are more than just expressions, they are declarations of hope. And hope, when nurtured, can be the most powerful force of all.

**The Lockdown That Cleaned  
The Skies, What Now?**

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

This period of stagnation in global economic activities is certainly worrisome, but its unexpected positive impact on the environment is both a warning and a lesson for the world. When man stopped his activities, even if unknowingly, nature started breathing freely. In the last few months, transparency returned in the flow of rivers, an unprecedented decrease in air pollution was seen and the sky became blue again. Seeing all this, it seems as if nature is calling out - "O human! Now be careful, read my pain!"

**Earth breathing in lockdown**

The lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 five years ago halted human activities. Industrial emissions, vehicle smoke and unnecessary travel all came to a halt. As a result, the levels of gases like carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide in the atmosphere decreased, leading to improved air quality in major cities around the world. Research shows that global carbon emissions recorded a record reduction of 5% in the year 2020. This shows that the roots of air pollution are hidden in our lifestyle.

The water in rivers like Ganga and Yamuna appeared cleaner than ever before. It became possible to see the snow-clad peaks of the Himalayas from the plains of North India. All this happened because man learned to 'pause' for once. It was a pause in which the earth got rest and the environment got relief.

**Can this be permanent?**

The lockdown five years ago was an emergency, not a solution. But it did make us realise that pollution and ecological degradation are man-made and can be reduced—if there is political will and civic resolve. But alas, as the lockdown was lifted, everything went back to normal. Pollution returned, rivers turned black again, factory smoke covered the sky again.

**Hawking's warning and today's reality**

The great physicist Stephen Hawking had warned that if man did not change his lifestyle and behavior towards the environment, he would have to leave Earth and take refuge in some other planet. According to him, the remaining life of the Earth is only 200 to 500 years. He used to predict that either the collision of a comet, or the radiation of the sun, or an epidemic would wipe



out life from the Earth. An epidemic like Covid-19 turns his statement into an even more horrifying reality.

**There is still time—the path to change**

We have to accept that now there is a need to change the definition of development. 'Economic growth' is incomplete unless it touches ecological sustainability. We have to move beyond 'smart growth' and think in the direction of 'green growth'.

Adopting a low carbon lifestyle is no longer an option, it has become a necessity. That is, a lifestyle that is in harmony with nature - for example, cycling, using public transport, giving preference to local products, saving energy and moderation in consumption.

**Changes are needed in transport and industry**

It is time for India and the world to make their industry and transport systems environment-friendly. We have to move towards solar, wind and other green energy sources while reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. Increasing the use of electric technology in vehicles, making railways and public transport accessible and clean should be our priority.

This change will not only reduce pollution but also reduce the pressure on health services. Air pollution causes around 7 million deaths worldwide every year. This figure shows the severity of the climate crisis.

**Immediate and long-term steps needed**

We need to take immediate policy decisions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as black carbon, methane, hydrofluorocarbons, tropospheric ozone. These gases have an immediate impact on the climate and are comparatively easy to control.

India should launch a national public awareness campaign that takes issues like climate change, pollution, water and energy conservation from school-colleges to the panchayat level. Because if we do not understand the environment, crises like Covid-19 will become common.

**Five years ago, Covid-19 was a signal, an opportunity**

The Corona crisis taught us a lot—how to live life with less resources, how to work from home, how to limit needs. It was a 'natural discipline' that forced us to think about our over-consumerism.

Now we need to incorporate the lessons from this crisis into our future policies and lifestyle. This is an opportunity—a 'reset button'. Nature has warned us, now we have to respond.

**The Earth's call and our responsibility**

Our Earth is not just a planet, it is our home. We have called it mother, but have behaved like consumers. Now is the time that instead of just chanting 'Dharti Mata Ki Jai', we should stand up in defence of Mother Earth. We have

to save the forests, rivers, mountains, animals and birds and the entire biodiversity system.

"The earth seems empty, the sky has lost its patience! Now wake up, human, read the pain of nature!"

**The way forward: partnering with nature**

Climate change is not just an environmental issue, it is also a social, economic and political challenge. If we ignore the environment, sectors such as agriculture, health, employment, and food security will also be in danger.

The greatest need today is that we make policies by combining science, technology and traditional knowledge that make sustainable development possible. There should be climate education in schools, green employment opportunities in villages, clean transport and clean energy arrangements in cities.

**In the end – not man vs nature, man + nature**

This conflict should not be "man vs nature". This partnership should be "man + nature". Nature is not to be conquered, but to be understood and cherished. Covid-19 has brought this truth before us. Now it is up to us whether we accept this truth or continue moving blindly towards destruction.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEX WORKERS' DAY

**No One Is Free Until All Bodies Are Free**

VINOD CHANDRASHEKHAR DIXIT

International Sex Workers' Day is observed on June 2nd every year to acknowledge the struggles and rights of sex workers worldwide, and to raise awareness about the health and working conditions they face. It is said that on 2 June 1975, approximately 100 sex workers occupied Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France, to express their anger about their criminalised and exploitative living conditions. They hung a banner from the steeple which read 'Our children do not want their mothers to go to jail', and launched a media campaign to broadcast their grievances to the world. Their action made national and international news headlines, started a strike that involved sex workers from all over France, and created a legacy of activism that is celebrated each year on International Sex Workers' Day.

On International Sex Workers' Rights Day, we celebrate resilience, resistance, and victory. Around the world, sex worker-led movements are driving real change. In 2022, UTSOPI won a huge victory by decriminalising sex work in Belgium – bringing more safety, autonomy, and rights



for sex workers. It marks the anniversary of a 1975 protest in Lyon, France, where sex workers occupied a church to demand an end to police harassment and other issues.

Today the sex workers around the world continue to face a wide range of barriers to accessing justice, both as victims of crime and when charged with crimes. Since sex work is widely criminalised, most sex workers are denied access to the benefits and rights afforded to other workers under labour laws and face the risk of criminalisation, detention, deportation and legal

sanction. Sex Worker Rights Organizations: Organizations such as the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) and the International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE) advocate for sex worker rights and provide support services. Educating oneself and others about sex worker rights, experiences, and challenges is essential for promoting understanding, empathy, and support for sex workers. Sex work is legal in some countries, regulated in others, and criminalized in many, leading to varying degrees of stigma and discrimi-

nation. Many sex workers face significant barriers to accessing healthcare, legal assistance, and social services due to stigma and criminalization. Research shows that decriminalizing sex work can improve sex workers' safety, health, and access to justice.

Sex workers often work under difficult conditions. They are exploited and are made to live with troubling health conditions. Every year, International Sex Workers' Day is observed to raise awareness about the health and working conditions faced by the sex workers of the world. Sex

workers are often exposed to exploitation by various types of people. The day reinstates the importance of healthy working conditions for the sex workers and how we can come together to ensure that they are respected.

For sex workers, the police are vectors of violence, not of safety or harm reduction. Migrant sex workers, already on the margins of society, are the targets of these raids and are offered the choice of leaving the country or face prosecution and possibly deportation. These strategies only serve to move the sex workers on and no interaction with support services or assistance is offered. They are tired of being spoken about, not spoken to. Misinformation and use of stereotypes about sex workers used in the media damage the safety and their opportunities to access rights.

There is no doubt that sex workers deserve healthy living and working conditions and they are also prone to get exposed to many diseases. Let us create awareness about the challenges faced by sex workers across the world and initiate conversations on how we can come together to help them. Let us collectively work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society, where the dignity and human rights of all individuals, including sex workers, are respected and upheld.

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# India's Shifting Strategic Orientation During PM Modi's Era

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The narrative of success of the 'Operation Sindoor' as the one setting a new normal for its precision and massive toll on terrorist lives and infrastructure is imbued with strategic confidence that evolved gradually with India's rising military and economic power in the Post-Cold War era but that was successfully harnessed and utilized first by PM Narendra Modi. The 2019 Balakot airstrike carried out by India to conduct bombing raid operations in the Pakistani territory as a preemptive strategy to destroy one of the biggest camps of terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed on 26 February and prior to that surgical strike launched on the Pakistani side of the border by India on September 28, 2016 sharply pointed to this newfound strategic confidence. While India's earlier response to such kinds of terrorist attacks was limited to suspension of diplomatic ties and bilateral talks with Pakistan, it has now turned to one of strategic confidence and assertion.

## Shifting Strategic Approach

Under Prime Minister Modi, the Indian strategists and foreign policy makers realizing the potential of the country's newfound economic and military power buried most of the idealistic ideas underpinning the Non-Alignment Movement except 'strategic autonomy'. For instance, the strategic document 'Non-Alignment 2.0' stressed on the relevance of this single idea inherent to the movement and stayed away from endorsing practices such as third world solidarity and non-involvement in balance of power politics and arms-race as recipes for future strategic choices for India. Prime Minister Modi's prescription for the practice of 'multi-alignment' echoes similar shifts in India's strategic understanding. The idea of strategic autonomy basically implies a hedging strategy for security where balance of power is maintained through strategic partnerships and not through alliance formations. Such a pragmatic approach allows India to secure arms and defence technologies from all major powers not only without ideological constraints but also by obviating the imperative to submit foreign policy autonomy to them.

Based on the shifts in India's strategic understanding, India has moved toward enhanced military preparedness geared toward tackling threats



from Pakistan's as well as Beijing's suspicious strategic moves in the Indian Ocean and South Asian region which turned it into the world's one of the largest arms importers apart from its indigenous defence inventory.

New Delhi's drive toward cutting-edge defense technology and sophisticated weapon systems has led it to sign many fresh defense deals with great powers. For instance, India's S-400 missile system procurement from Russia aimed at expanding its air-defense capacity along its 4,000km border with China. The country has made strategic moves to enhance its profile in the Indo-Pacific region by entering deep into the strategic ambit of the US and both signed Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in 2016, the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) in 2018 and the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agree-

ment (BECA) in 2020, which provides India with real-time access to US geospatial intelligence. Both countries are co-developing air-launched unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) under the Defense Technology and Trade Initiative.

India's focus on nuclear-propelled submarines along with a few ballistic missile submarines (SSBN) such as the Arihant and INS Arighat is clearly aimed at deterring China. Apart from this, India has been procuring a string of aircrafts and fighter jets from France and Russia while its programme to indigenously produce missiles is on a spike.

## India Asserts Its Strategic Autonomy at the Global Level

India understands that a country witnesses shifting of its friends and enemies with passage of time but its geography cannot be altered. Hence, it has sought to secure its vital security interests in the Indo-Pacific and

Himalayan region by entering deeply into the strategic ambit of the US but not by throwing its full weight behind the containment of China strategy.

In this light, India has carefully crafted its Indo-Pacific policy and participation in QUAD so as to strengthen the maritime security and maintain a free and open region without explicitly endorsing a containment strategy aimed at China. It has been able to defend its national interest through a policy of multi-alignment. India is managing the Chinese threat with the US assistance by strengthening the QUAD without sacrificing the age-old strategic relationship with and military support from Russia.

On the other side, India's security concerns about China have not prevented it from cooperating with China in its continued efforts to collectively working towards representing and addressing the development concerns of the Global South through multi-

lateral forums such as BRICS and the SCO. India is not only one of the largest trading partners of China, it has been attending trilateral meetings with both China and Russia. It has left no stone unturned to strengthen the multilateral forum - BRICS including member-states - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa - in order to represent the interests of the Global South. India has also been at the forefront demanding reforms of the global institutions such as UN Security Council and International Financial Institutions including World Bank and IMF keeping the changing power realities and notions of security which favor the global south in view.

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## Harassment: A Silent Crisis That Destroys Lives

HUZAIFA BASHIR

Harassment. A word so commonly used, yet so dangerously underestimated. It's not just a "term" - it's a crime. A brutal violation that can leave a person emotionally shattered for life. Many survivors carry the trauma silently, their wounds invisible yet deeply painful.

### What is Harassment?

- Legally, under Section 354A of the Indian Penal Code, sexual harassment includes:
- Unwanted physical contact or advances
- Demands for sexual favors
- Showing pornography without consent
- Sexually coloured remarks.

However, harassment is broader than just the legal language - it is any unwanted behavior that intimidates, humiliates, or distresses someone. It can be verbal, physical, emotional, or cyber-based - and it is often repeated and systematic.

### The Reality in Jammu and Kashmir

- According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB):
- 2021: ~3,900 cases of crimes against women
- 2022: ~3,800 cases
- 2023: ~4,100 cases

These include molestation, rape, domestic violence, and abduction. And let's be clear - these are just the cases that reached police stations. If we truly knew what women experience, we might find that 8 out of every 10 women have faced harassment in some form - in schools, on roads, in offices, or even within their homes.

### Enablers of Harassment: Unsafe

### Spaces, Silence, and Systems

Harassment is not confined to dark alleys or lonely roads. It exists in places we consider safe - homes, schools, offices - and in situations we often ignore - ignorance, fear, manipulation, and digital platforms. Below are key enablers that allow harassment to continue, often unchecked:

**Inside Families:** We trust families for protection. But not everyone within a family is trustworthy. Close relatives (cousins, uncles, even family friends) are often perpetrators. It is crucial to understand the difference between a mehram and a na-mehram. Leaving daughters with someone "just because they're related" can lead to unspoken trauma.

**Educational institutions:** Teachers are meant to be spiritual parents, but some misuse their power. Many cases have emerged where teachers manipulate or harass students. Children often give subtle signs. Listen to them. Believe them. Don't just scold them - talk to them. Create space for honest conversation.

**Public Transport:** Public transport is a danger zone for many girls. Crowded buses become hunting grounds for predators. The government must ensure dedicated women-only transport, CCTV surveillance, and better crowd management. Parents must stay connected with their daughters, especially when they are traveling alone.

**Workplaces:** Offices - another unsafe zone. Many women are harassed through false promises of promotion or emotional manipulation. Before accepting a job, girls and their families should ensure the workplace is safe and supports women's dignity.

**Lack of Awareness:** Even today,



many children don't know the difference between a good touch and a bad touch. Families avoid such discussions out of shame, but education is essential. Awareness programs must be normalized. Talking about harassment should be as ordinary as talking about health or education.

**Strict Parenting:** Many children fear their own parents. A home ruled by fear silences a child. If your daughter doesn't speak up, it may be because she fears being blamed. Don't be that parent. Build trust. Be a friend. Listen.

**Cyber Harassment and Blackmail:** Social media is a double-edged sword. Girls are often blackmailed using their pictures or chats. Avoid uploading personal photos unnecessarily. If someone threatens or blackmails, don't stay silent - report it to cyber-crime authorities or tell someone you trust.

**The Trap of Fake Love:** Modern-day predators use "love" as a trap. Sweet words and fake promises become weapons to harass and exploit. Girls must recognize their self-worth and not let momentary affection ruin their mental peace and safety.

### Silent Voices: Real Stories Behind the Statistics

Some names and details have been changed to protect the identities of survivors. These case studies are representative but inspired by real incidents from Jammu & Kashmir, verified through public reports and survivor testimonies.

#### Case Study 1: The Student Silenced in School

- Age: 14 | District: Baramulla
- A girl was harassed by her school-teacher. Too afraid to speak, she began avoiding classes and fell into depression. When her parents gently asked, she broke

down. The teacher was suspended, but never arrested. The emotional scars remain.

(Based on incidents reported by Greater Kashmir, Aug-Oct 2023)

#### Case Study 2: Molested by a "Trusted" Uncle

Age: 9 | District: Anantnag: In a joint family, a girl was molested by her maternal uncle. When she told her mother, she was dismissed. Only after emotional distress and counseling did the truth emerge. The family "settled" the matter privately. (A representative case based on NCRB trends and field narratives.)

#### Case Study 3: Trapped by Online Blackmail

Age: 19 | City: Srinagar: A college student was tricked into sharing photos online by someone pretending to be a friend. He began blackmailing her. With support from her roommate, she reported him. He was arrested - but her confidence was shattered. (Inspired by real cases reported by Cyber Police Kashmir and Rising Kashmir, 2023)

These are not isolated incidents - they are everyday realities. Behind every statistic is a face, a name, and a shattered sense of safety.

### Time to Act, Not Ignore

Harassment isn't just a legal issue - it's a societal failure. A failure of trust, safety, and compassion. The longer we stay silent, the more we allow it to grow. Every parent, teacher, employer, and citizen must stand up - not just for their own daughters or sisters, but for every victim whose voice was never heard.

Talk. Listen. Educate. Act. And never ignore.

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## Mehbooba Meets

political empowerment of Kashmiri Pandits, release of detainees in view of Eid and incorporating locals for the smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra.

"Kashmiri Pandits need to be empowered politically, for which the reservation needs to be ensured for them. In this way, we can ensure real integration," the PDP chief said, adding that she told the Lieutenant Governor to convey to the Centre to ensure reservation for KPs instead of nominations for them.

Mufti said the return of Kashmiri Pandits is not merely a demographic or administrative concern but stands as a matter of historical justice, reconciliation and the restoration of Kashmir's pluralistic ethos.

"Reintegration must be both materially grounded and socially sustainable, requiring a multi-tiered and inclusive approach," she said in her letter addressed to LG, a copy of which has also been sent to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

The former CM further said the return of KPs cannot be possible without empowering the community. "It is time to work jointly to remove the blot on Kashmiri Muslims over their exodus from the valley," she stressed.

Mehbooba said she discussed the conduct of the Amarnath Yatra and demanded incorporating locals in the process, who, she said, have always assisted in ensuring the smooth annual pilgrimage.

Mufti added that the release of Kashmiris was also her demand. "I demanded that those having no serious charges should be released in view of the Eid and those languishing in different jails should be brought back," she said.

Replying to a query, the PDP president accused Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of weakening the elected government himself.

Citing the Waqf Bill, she said the CM, instead of discussing the grave issue, preferred to welcome the Union Minister in Tulip Garden. "Still, I raised these demands with Omar Sahab as well. Let's see what the government can do," she said—(KNO)

## Growers Demand

from growers for immediate government support.

Growers said that despite repeated losses over the years due to unpredictable weather, they have received little to no compensation or structural protection.

"The storm was merciless," said Nazim Ahmad, an orchardist from Shopian. "Our apples suffered damage earlier and now again due to hailstorm. We invest lakhs every year in fertilizers, pesticides and labor, only to suffer heavy losses without any meaningful support."

Orchardists across Shopian urged the government to introduce a comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme to safeguard their livelihoods. They said they are even ready to pay premiums annually if it means they would be fairly compensated during calamities.

"We are not seeking charity," said another grower. "We are ready to pay for insurance. But the government must act now. It is heartbreaking to watch your entire effort turn to waste in a single evening."

Adding to their woes, many growers also called for loan interest waivers in hailstorm-hit areas, saying the pressure of debts amid repeated losses is pushing them to the brink.

"The absence of a crop insurance scheme has turned a natural disaster into a human crisis," said a member of the local fruit growers' association. "Over 8 lakh families in Jammu and Kashmir depend directly or indirectly on horticulture. The sector contributes nearly 10% to the UT's GDP. The government must respond immediately and meaningfully."

Growers also urged the administration to deploy damage assessment teams from SKUAST-Kashmir and the Department of Horticulture and to ensure adequate compensation to the affected growers.

"This is not the first time we are pleading," said another grower. "If the government fails to act now, the backbone of Kashmir's economy might snap under the pressure — along with the hopes and livelihoods of lakhs."

The distressed growers have sought immediate intervention from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, hoping that the administration will finally turn its promises into concrete action.

Meanwhile, similar reports of losses were reported from Tral area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district due to the hailstorm—(KNO)

## PM Modi To Chair

during the anniversary events," said a source.

On May 7, strikes on nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir followed by its counterattack on the neighbouring country's military facilities, especially air bases, have sent a clear message to the neighbouring country that "terror won't be tolerated" anymore.

PM Modi in his recent speeches has affirmed that "Operation Sindoor" has marked India's "new normal" in punishing terror acts linked to Pakistan and vowed to go after terrorists and their sponsors with equal ferocity in case of any future terror incidents on the Indian soil.

The Council of Ministers, which generally meets in a few months, had met regularly after the Pahalgam terror attack—(KNO)

## India's Aviation Sector

India's goal to establish a USD 4 billion MRO hub by 2030, reinforcing the nation's aviation growth strategy.

"The new Indian Aircraft Act aligns aviation laws with global best practices, ensuring a streamlined regulatory framework, ease of compliance, and a simplified tax structure, presenting a significant investment opportunity for major international aviation companies," Modi said.

The last IATA AGM in India was held 42 years ago in 1983. It brings together more than 1,600 participants, including top global aviation industry leaders, government officials and international media representatives.

The Prime Minister highlighted the transformative changes the country has undergone in the last four decades, stating that today's India is more confident than ever.

He also underscored India's role in the global aviation ecosystem, not only as a vast market but also as a symbol of policy leadership, innovation, and inclusive development.

"Today, India is emerging as a global leader in space-aviation convergence," he said, adding that the civil aviation sector has witnessed historic advancements over the past decade, which are well recognised.

He outlined three foundational pillars driving India's aviation sector -- a vast market, not merely a collection of consumers but a reflection of India's aspirational society; a strong demographic and talent pool -- where young innovators are pioneering breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, robotics, and clean energy; and an open and supportive policy ecosystem, enabling industrial growth.

"India has become the third-largest domestic aviation market in the world," he said.

He emphasised the success of the UDAN scheme and termed it a golden chapter in Indian civil aviation history.

Modi stated that under this initiative, over 15 million passengers have benefited from affordable air travel, enabling many citizens to fly for the first time.

India's airlines continue to achieve double-digit growth, with 240 million passengers flying annually, surpassing the total population of most countries worldwide, he noted.

Modi said the projection is that by 2030, this number is expected to reach 500 million passengers.

He also noted that 3.5 million metric tonnes of cargo are transported by air annually in India, and this volume is set to increase to 10 million metric tonnes by the end of this decade.

The Prime Minister also said the country had 74 operational airports in 2014, which has now expanded to 162.

Modi further remarked that Indian carriers have placed orders for over 2,000 new aircraft, signalling rapid growth in the sector.

"India's airports now have an annual handling capacity of 500 million passengers and (the country) is among the few nations setting new standards in user experience through technology," he said, adding that equal priority is being given to safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

He also highlighted India's transition towards sustainable aviation fuels, investment in green technologies, and efforts to reduce carbon footprint.

Underlining that consistent reforms have been a key driver of India's rapidly expanding aviation sector, Modi stressed India's commitment to becoming a global manufacturing hub, with strategic initiatives supporting this vision.

He further said mission manufacturing was announced in this year's budget, reinforcing India's focus on industrial growth.

Modi stressed that India should not be viewed merely as an aviation market but as a value-chain leader. From design to delivery, India is becoming an integral part of the global aviation supply chain.

The Prime Minister stated that India consistently supports Open Skies and Global Connectivity and reaffirmed India's endorsement of the principles of the Chicago Convention, advocating for a more connected and accessible aviation network.

The World Air Transport Summit will focus on key issues facing the aviation industry, including the economics of the airline industry, air connectivity, energy security, sustainable aviation fuel production, financing decarbonisation, and innovations, among others. (PTI)

## DGP Reviews

arrangements for the conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025 and the upcoming Eid-Ul-Adha emphasizing the significance of effective coordination among the various forces.

During the meeting, DGP J&K issued directions for implementing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and also emphasized the importance of proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of the participants. He also directed the field officers to intensify their efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem, ensuring robust security arrangements for the upcoming events.

DGP instructed the officers to bolster security measures and mitigate potential risks by deploying anti-sabotage teams along the yatra routes. He also directed the officers to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities by utilizing advanced technologies and real-time monitoring.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to ensure the highest level of preparedness and coordination for the smooth and successful conduct of all the events.

## Police Raid Jama'at

Sopore.

Statement reads, the search was conducted in connection with FIR No. 42/2025, registered under Sections 10 and 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The operation was carried out after obtaining a valid search warrant from the competent court of law.

During the operation, incriminating materials linked to the proscribed organization were recovered and seized for further investigation. The search was conducted in the presence of Magistrates and independent witnesses, ensuring full legal compliance and procedural transparency, it reads.

This action is part of Police's broader strategy to identify, isolate, and take firm action against individuals and networks involved in promoting separatism, radical ideology, or any activity that threatens public order and national sovereignty, it reads.

Sopore Police reiterates its commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that no element is allowed to disturb the hard-earned peace and stability in the district, reads the statement.

## 5 terror associates

outfits involved in subversive activities under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

In a handout, the police said that these individuals have been identified as Nayeem Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan R/o Gamandar Panthachowk Srinagar, Faizan Akhter Bhat @ Faizan S/o Akhter Hussain Bhat R/o Gousia Colony, Khanyar Srinagar, Mehraj ud Din Bhat S/o Late Mohammad Sidiq Bhat R/o Pandach, 90 FT Road Srinagar, Umar Hamid Sheikh S/o Abdul Hamid Sheikh R/o Assar Colony, Hazratbal Srinagar and Suhaib Shafi Baba @ Chamna S/o Mohammad Shafi Baba R/o Diwat Walipora, Rainawari Srinagar.

These accused persons have been booked after obtaining formal detention orders based on dossiers prepared against them by Srinagar Police.

Consequently, they have been detained and subsequently lodged in District Jails of Kathua, Udhampur and Kot Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention here that many criminal cases have been registered against these individuals. Despite this, they did not mend their ways and after getting bailed out from courts, they were brazenly involved in criminal and subversive activities prejudicial to the interests of the Nation, police handout said.

J&K Police has been systemically targeting and dismantling such anti-national infrastructure in Srinagar city through its relentless crackdown on such elements.

J&K Police affirms its steadfast commitment in eliminating criminal activities prejudicial to the security and peace in this region with the full might of law.

We also caution those engaged in unlawful or disruptive activities detrimental to the security of the Nation that the long arm of law would catch them sooner than anticipated and every offender will face justice, reads the statement.

## LG Attends 'Telangana

indomitable courage and valour of Indian Armed Forces for scripting a historic victory saga of 'Operation Sindoor' and avenging Pahalgam terror attack.

"Amidst all our diversity resides the unity we call Indianness. This very spirit constantly inspires us to create a self-reliant and developed India. With unwavering commitment, we must ignite the flames of patriotism across all communities, and unite the society to shape a powerful future of our country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

## Ensure Timely

others in advanced planning stages.

For C&D processing, 125 plant processing TPD has been allotted to SMC and 65 for JMC. With emphasis given on legacy waste clearance, the meeting was informed that 1.33 MT of legacy waste was remediated since the last review meeting.

In terms of sanitation infrastructure, construction work for 375 toilet seats has been awarded. The Jammu Municipal Corporation is working on 100 seats while the Srinagar Municipal Corporation is constructing 95 seats and 97 urinals.

Additionally, the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies has floated tenders for another 275 toilet seats and 58 urinals. For Individual Household Latrines, 51 beneficiaries have been identified and construction is underway.

The Chief Secretary praised the joint efforts of executing agencies, consultants and the urban local bodies, and underlined the importance of timely completion and quality control. He said that these projects play a vital role in achieving sustainable urban development and protecting public health.

While reviewing AMRUT 2.0, he noted that the mission is aimed at making cities water secure and improving the overall quality of life. He said that, out of the total 99 approved schemes, the majority of works are already under active execution, while the rest are in various stages of tendering or allotment.

Out of the 153 approved projects, 99 focus on improving water supply systems, 04 are related to sewerage and seepage management and 50 are aimed at water roadies rejuvenation. He said that the goal is to provide 100 percent of households in AMRUT towns with functional tap connections.

The meeting was informed that a large number of these projects have already

been tendered and some are under execution, while a few are still awaiting allotment.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned to stick to timelines, expand coverage to urban areas and ensure efficient water management. He also gave directions for timely construction and upgrading of sewage treatment plants, decentralised systems and seepage management units. He said that the government is committed towards achieving 100 percent safe disposal and reuse of wastewater to reduce contamination and environmental damage.

The Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of these projects not only for infrastructure development but also for enhancing the quality of urban life. He reiterated that AMRUT 2.0 represents a major shift in urban policy and that the government is focused on citizen engagement, environmental sustainability and integrated urban planning.

He instructed all the concerned departments, urban local bodies and implementation partners to resolve pending allotments without delay, speed up civil works and maintain high standards during project execution. He expressed confidence that with consistent effort, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a model in effective implementation of these national urban missions.

He also had assessment of SNA spars onboarding, Jal hi Amrit initiative, Amrit Mitra initiative, GIS based Master Plan for class II towns, PMU and financial progress on ongoing projects.

It was informed that 26 towns have been approved with Rs. 23.40 crore assistance for GIS based Master plans.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary H&UD, Commissioner SMC, Commissioner JMC, Chief Engineers Jal Shakti, Kashmir, Jammu, Special Secretary, H&UD, SEs and other concerned.

## Kheer Bhawani Mela

Deputy Commissioner Jatin Kishore and SSP Khalil Poswal, visited the Kheer Bhawani temple to review the security and other arrangements for devotees.

Locals have set up stalls for devotees, offering a range of items for Puja, highlighting the deep-rooted cultural and communal harmony between the Hindu and Muslim communities.

The district administration in Ganderbal has established help desks to ensure that devotees receive necessary assistance and face no inconvenience during the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela—(KNO)

## J&K Has Nine Active

To ensure preparedness, the Ministry of Health recently held a high-level review meeting with key health agencies, including the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Emergency Medical Relief (EMR) Division, Disaster Management Cell, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and representatives from central hospitals. The purpose was to assess readiness and strengthen surveillance and response systems in case of a rise in cases.

Health experts have advised the public to remain alert but not alarmed. They said the current strains typically cause mild illness or no symptoms at all. Facilities have been upgraded since the initial wave of COVID-19, and the region is equipped to handle any escalation.

"Most positive cases recover on their own, and only a few may require hospital visits, which can be managed through outpatient departments," they said, adding that there is no need to panic.

Authorities continue to monitor the situation closely and have urged residents to follow safety protocols, including testing, wearing masks in crowded places and maintaining vaccination schedules.

Hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir have maintained dedicated isolation wards and medical facilities as precautions. Public awareness campaigns have been intensified to inform citizens about COVID-19 symptoms and preventive measures.

The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) under the NCDC has increased efforts in monitoring, contact tracing and prompt isolation, forming a key part of the ongoing containment strategy.

Officials confirmed that all current positive patients are stable with very mild symptoms. "There is no immediate cause for panic, but precautions must continue," they said—(KNO)

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# Ukraine struck military airfields in five Russian regions, 'attacks repelled': Defence Ministry

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**MOSCOW:** Russia on Sunday acknowledged that its military airfields across the country had been attacked in a series of "kamikaze drone strikes" by Ukraine, but claimed that the "terrorist" attacks were "repelled" though there was some "material damage".

Military airfields across Russia have been attacked in a series of kamikaze drone strikes, the Defence Ministry said, RT reported.

Most of the strikes were successfully repelled, with some resulting in material damage, it added.

According to the ministry, airfields were targeted in the Murmansk Region in the country's north, in Ivanovo and Ryazan regions in central Russia, as well as in Irkutsk Region in Siberia and Amur Region in the Far East, the ministry said. All the attacks employed first-person view (FPV) kamikaze drones, with some of them being launched from territories in close proximity to the airfields, it said.

In a Telegram post, the Defence Ministry posted that Ukraine carried out what it said was a "terrorist attack" in the regions of Murmansk, Irkutsk, Ivano-



vo, Ryazan and Amur. "As a result of the launch of FPV drones from the territory located in the immediate vicinity of airfields, several pieces of aviation equipment caught fire," it said, adding that the fires have now been extinguished.

Some of the culprits behind the attacks have been detained, the ministry said, without revealing the number of those arrested or their identities.

In Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur regions, the attacks were repelled and resulted in no damage or casualties, according to the ministry. In the Murmansk and Irkutsk regions, the strikes led to some aircraft catching fire, the military

said. No casualties have been reported in any of the incidents, according to the ministry's data, as per RT. Earlier, Ukraine's security service, the SBU, in a statement, said: "Enemy strategic bombers are burning en masse in Russia."

Ukraine is conducting "a large-scale special operation aimed at destroying enemy bomber aircraft", it said. BBC quoted SBU sources as saying that the attack, codenamed "Spider's Web", took over a year to prepare and was personally overseen by President Volodymyr Zelensky.

As per reports, these airbases host strategic Russian aviation assets like strategic bomber TU-95s,

supersonic long-range bomber TU-22M3s, and early warning and control aircraft A-50.

The attack came on the eve of the next round of peace talks between the two countries in Istanbul on Monday. While both sides have said that their respective delegations have left for the talks, what impact the latest attack, seen as a major escalation, will have on the negotiations remains to be seen. The airfield attack comes hours after two trains were derailed in two Russian regions, leading to the death of at least seven people and injuries to many others. Russian investigators have attributed both to sabotage.

# Meeting with PM Modi lined up for all-party delegations after returning home from global outreach mission

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**NEW DELHI:** Members of the all-party delegations, currently visiting key partner countries and UN Security Council member states as part of Operation Sindoor's global diplomatic outreach mission, are expected to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after returning home.

The meeting, sources indicate, could take place over the weekend or early next week during which the eminent Parliamentarians and distinguished diplomats are expected to share their experiences, feedback and results from the extensive campaign spanning across the globe.

Last month, India had launched an unprecedented global diplomatic offensive in the wake of Operation Sindoor, a decisive military operation targeting terror launchpads across Pakistan, including Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), following the heinous April 22 Pahalgam terror attack which resulted in the death of 26 innocent civilians.

As many as seven delegations were formed to project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations.

The delegations led by



Members of Parliament Shashi Tharoor (INC), Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP), Sanjay Kumar Jha (JDU), Baijant Pandya (BJP), Kanimozhi Karunanidhi (DMK), Supriya Sule (NCP) and Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena) are carrying forth to the world India's strong message of zero-tolerance against terrorism.

Comprising parliamentarians, former ministers, and seasoned diplomats, the delegations would have covered more than 33 countries till June 5 after the launch of diplomatic outreach mission on May 21.

The initiative, coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), aims to present a unified national stance on terrorism, isolate Pakistan

internationally, and highlight its military and intelligence complicity in nurturing terror networks.

All delegations carried with them intelligence dossiers, evidence of the ISI's involvement in cross-border terror, and first-hand details from Operation Sindoor, conveying them to foreign governments, media, think tanks and UN bodies.

The group led by BJP MP Baijant Jay Panda covered several countries across the Gulf and North Africa while the Ravi Shankar Prasad-delegation travelled across Europe and also met European Union leaders.

The east and southeast Asian region was covered by the delegation led by JD-U MP Sanjay Kumar

Jha. Travelling from West Asia to Sub-Saharan Africa, the delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Eknath Shinde has conveyed India's zero tolerance on terrorism.

The delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has travelled to Guyana, Panama, Colombia and Brazil. It is now scheduled to begin engagements in Washington, later on Monday.

Covering eastern and southern Europe, the delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi began its mission from Russia and travelled to Slovenia, Greece, Latvia and Spain.

The seventh group is led by NCP-SP MP Supriya Sule and travelled through Africa and the Middle East.

## In BJP, even founding members silent but in Cong, many get restless when out of power: Udit Raj

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**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Udit Raj on Monday pointed to a stark contrast between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the grand old party over leaders airing their grievances and expressing dissent against their own leadership.

Udit Raj, speaking to IANS, said: "There are many veteran BJP leaders including the founding members like LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and more who don't publicly speak against the party. They don't utter a word even after being put on the sidelines. But, in Congress party, many leaders get restless and start speaking out of turn, when the party goes out of power."

"Those who became ministers in Congress governments for ten years start speaking against the party. They were not even the founding members, this is very startling," he said.

He also said that party high command is of the

same view that those leaders couldn't win booths in elections hold big positions in the party.

His remarks are seen as a clear swipe at Salman Khurshid, who served as External Affairs Minister in the Congress-led UPA government.

Earlier in the day, Khurshid, part of all-party delegation responded to wave of criticism back home and said that it was distressing to see that "people back home are calculating political allegiances", a remark apparently directed at his critics within the Congress party.

Khurshid's recent endorsement of Article 370 abrogation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led govt and its positive impact on bringing prosperity in the region earned him the BJP's praise and Congress' 'silent' scorn.

The Congress was always opposed to the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, however, lately it has maintained its ambivalent stance on the matter.

## Bengal Cabinet approves proposal for creating new sub-division in Murshidabad district

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**KOLKATA:** A proposal to create a new sub-division in the communally sensitive Murshidabad district was cleared at a crucial meeting of the West Bengal Cabinet on Monday.

The announcement for the creation of the new sub-division was made by the Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, on May 6 during her visit to those spots in the district which were ravaged by communal violence in April after protests against the newly promulgated Waqf (Amendment) Act turned violent.

The proposal has finally been cleared by the state Cabinet at a meeting on Monday.

The new division will be carved out of the three pockets of Suti (Block-I and Block-II), Farakka, and Dhuliyan, all of which are currently parts of the Jangipur sub-division in Murshidabad district.

Incidentally, the Suti, Farakka, and Dhuliyan were pockets in the district

that were the most affected by the communal violence in April.

With the creation of the new subdivision, the total number of subdivisions in Murshidabad district will increase to six.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during their recent, visits to West Bengal launched a scathing attack on the West Bengal government and the ruling Trinamool Congress and accused them of allowing communal violence in Murshidabad to continue till the time central armed police forces (CAPF) were deployed following an order by a special division bench of Calcutta High Court.

Both the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister referred to a recent report of a probe committee appointed by the Calcutta High Court, where one Trinamool Congress MLA and one ruling party councillor were accused of supervising the communal violence being present at the spot.

## International drug syndicate busted in Delhi's Dwarka; three arrested

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**NEW DELHI:** In a major breakthrough, Delhi Police have busted an international drug trafficking syndicate operating in the national capital and arrested three persons, including the key supplier, in a series of raids in Delhi and Punjab.

The operation was led by the Anti-Narcotics Cell of Dwarka District Police under the supervision of DCP Ankit Singh, IPS. The crackdown is part of a larger campaign aimed at making Delhi a drug-free zone.

The investigation began when Head Constable Kuldeep received a tip-off about a drug consignment being transported in trolley bags via train from Bihar, procured from Nepal, and was to be supplied in Dwarka.

Acting swiftly, the police laid a trap near Dwarka Metro Station on May 23 and arrested 50-year-old Rajesh, a resident of Jai Vihar, Najafgarh. He was found in possession of 6.06 kg of ganja (cannabis). Following his arrest, a case was registered under the NDPS Act at Dwarka North Police Station, and SI Naveen was assigned to lead the probe. During a personal search, two keys were recovered from the accused, leading investigators to a flat rented by Rajesh in the JG Block of Vikaspuri, West Delhi.

Upon raiding the flat, police recovered 168.89 kg of ganja. Rajesh confessed that the apartment was being used as a godown to store the contraband, and he had rented it in a posh locality to avoid raising suspicion.

During questioning, Rajesh revealed that the ganja was being procured from Hoshiarpur in Punjab, sourced from Bihar, and transported via train in trolley bags. He admitted to having received a total of 300 kg of ganja, out of which large quantities had already been distributed across Delhi and NCR.

Based on Rajesh's statement, the key supplier, Krishnanand Choudhary, a resident of Hoshiarpur, Punjab, was arrested on May 26. During questioning, Krishnanand admitted to his role in coordinating the drug shipments from Bihar to Delhi via Punjab.

In the subsequent phase of the investigation, police also arrested a local distributor, Krishan, from Indira Market, Najafgarh. A search of his house led to the recovery of 2.033 kg of ganja. All three accused are currently in custody. The police are continuing their investigation to trace the broader network and other possible connections, including railway routes and financial transactions linked to the syndicate.

## 'Baseless, mischievous': Adani Group denies report of US probe into alleged Iranian LPG links

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**AHMEDABAD:** The Adani Group on Monday vehemently denied a Wall Street Journal report of alleged links between company entities and Iranian LPG, calling it "baseless and mischievous".

In a stock exchange filing, Adani Enterprises said: "Adani categorically denies any deliberate engagement in sanctions evasion or trade involving Iranian-origin LPG, adding that it is not aware of any investigation by the US authorities into this matter."

"The WSJ's story appears to be based entirely on incorrect assumptions and speculation. Any suggestion that Adani Group entities are knowingly in contravention of US sanctions on Iran is strongly denied," the company said, adding that such an assertion "would not only be slanderous but also deemed to be an intentional act to injure the reputation and interests of the Adani Group".

"Additionally, the Adani Group does not manage or facilitate any ships whose owners are Iranian.

This policy is strictly adhered to across all our ports," the statement further said.

The shipment referred to in the WSJ's story was handled through a "routine commercial transaction via third-party logistics partners" and was supported by documentation identifying Sohar, Oman, as the port of origin, the group said.

Adani Enterprises highlighted that the LPG segment amounted to barely 1.46 per cent of its total consolidated revenue, and the trade conducted by Adani entities

is fully compliant with applicable domestic and international laws, including US sanctions regulations.

"As an importer of LPG, the appropriate due diligence and KYC of the suppliers is undertaken to ensure that the entities/persons are not on the OFAC sanctions list. The logistics of LPG trade are managed by well-established third-party international suppliers and logistics firms, which manage shipping in accordance with global compliance standards," said the company in its stock exchange filing.

**NOTICE**

It is for the information of the general public that I have applied for fertilizer and seed license in the name and style 'Khushaal Kissan Centre'. If anybody having any kind of objection in this regard he or she may object his objection in the office of the Chief Agriculture officer, Kulgam within 07 days from the date of issuance of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BEMINA SRINAGAR.**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

NIT No. 10/EE/R&B/BM/CS/1400-1407 of 2025-26 DATED: 02.06.2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., 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 (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Annual maintenance contract for Civil and Sanitary Stage for Govt. Children Hospital Bemina Srinagar for year 2025/26.	15.00/-	600/-	30,000/-	2025-26	M&R 2210	"BEE/CEE/DEE"

Position of AAA: Accorded by principal/Dean GMC Srinagar, vide Order No. 03-MCS of 2025 Dated: 08.05.2025 Position of funds: Available

Project Authority: Principal/Dean GMC & Associated hospitals, Srinagar

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the

S.No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02.06.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	03.06.2025 from 10.00 AM
3	Bid submission Start Date	03.06.2025 from 10.00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	10.06.2025 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11.06.2025 at 12.00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

2. At the time of tendering, all the 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 Bemina Srinagar (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.

3. Unbalanced bid:

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz -a- viz Adv.cost	Additional performance security to be deposited on quoted bid by L1
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	>15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	>30% below	20%

The bidder declared as L1 has to Provide additional performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG as per the break up given above at the time of allotment.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www. jkte nders. gov. in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an 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 R&B Division Bemina Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

6. 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. into acquiant 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 Vendor.

c) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No 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 the technical bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar. (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bemina Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

10. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

11. Any item/items of work found necessary during execution of work though not in the BOQ shall have to be got executed and shall be paid At Par the %age quoted by the bidder, after proper authorization from the Competent Authority.

12. Any addendum issued shall be the part of NIT.

13. Price escalation and Taxes: Bidders are advised to quote Rate without GST. GST @ 18% shall be added at the time of allotment by allotting authority. Deduction on account of taxes (Gst etc.) shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

14. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

15. In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

No.: EE/R&B/BM/CS/1400-1407  
Dated: 02.06.2025

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Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division Bemina, Srinagar.

# Rana chairs meeting to review preparedness for Eid Ul Azha celebration

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Monday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat Jammu to review preparedness for the upcoming Eid Al-Adha celebrations.

Minister for FCS&CA and Transport, Satish Sharma and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also participated in the meeting.

Besides, the meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra; Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar; Commissioner Secretary, HUDD Mandeep Kour; Secretary Health & Medical Education, Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division, HoDs and other senior officers.

The meeting deliberated on various aspects of Eid Al-Adha celebrations including arrangements for animal sacrifice, public safety, traffic management, health services, market checking, fixation of livestock rates, water, power supply and cleanliness.

Javed Rana directed the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to facilitate the smooth conduct of Eid Al-Adha celebrations.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining



public safety and security during the celebrations and directed the police and security agencies to remain vigilant.

Auqaf authorities were directed to notify timing of the prayers through Auqaf committee(s) and sharing the same with the Administration/Police/Security agencies and public well in time so that they could plan accordingly.

Javed Rana emphasized on well coordinated efforts in order to ensure that all essential commodities are available at all places on government prescribed rates. He called on officers for constitution of teams for joint market checking to control overcharging, besides other quality issues.

The Minister said that rates of the livestock should be fixed and checked by the flying squads so that complaints from quarters are addressed well in time. He called upon the concerned to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply

during the celebration of the auspicious occasion.

Javed Rana passed on strict instructions to ensure that portable water remains available at Eid Gahs, Mosques and other points of congregation. He said that water tankers should be deployed to Pir Panjal region, Samba, Kathua and other areas in the manner it is required.

Regarding cleanliness and road repair leading to Eid Gahs, the Minister emphasised upon the concerned to repair potholes and other areas wherever it is required.

The Minister also stressed the need for effective traffic management and directed the traffic police to plan for smooth traffic flow, including diversion plans and parking arrangements. He further directed the health department to ensure that adequate medical facilities and emergency services are available during the celebrations.

The Minister emphasized the importance of

coordination among various departments to ensure the success of Eid Al-Adha celebrations. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to personally oversee the arrangements and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to facilitate the celebrations.

The meeting decided to establish control rooms in each district to monitor the celebrations and respond to any issues that may arise.

The Minister also directed the concerned departments to remain on high alert during the celebrations and take all necessary measures to ensure public safety and security.

Javed Rana directed the Municipal Corporation to ensure that the city remains clean and hygienic during and after the celebrations.

The meeting was informed that the government has made adequate arrangements for the disposal of animal waste and ensuring cleanliness during the celebrations.

# DC Bandipora reviews Eid-ul-Adha arrangements

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: In view of the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha celebrations, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, Monday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to finalise preparations across the district.

On the occasion, DC emphasised seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure a safe, clean and hassle-free festival for the public. He urged the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, especially in areas where large congregational prayers are expected.

During the meeting, DC directed Chief Executive Officer MC Bandipora and Executive Officer MC Sumbal/Hajin to launch special sanitation drives



around mosques, Eidgahs, and other public spaces, and to ensure timely garbage disposal during the festival.

Stressing the importance of checking overpricing, hoarding and the sale of substandard food items, DC urged the FCS&CA and Legal Metrology

Departments to intensify market inspections. Special emphasis was placed on maintaining hygiene at temporary meat stalls, with directions to ensure proper storage and sale conditions for mutton and other perishable items.

During the review meeting, DC urged Traffic Police

to enhance vigilance, deploy adequate personnel near major religious sites, and issue advisories to regulate traffic and ensure public safety.

On the occasion, DC assured that district administration is fully geared up to facilitate a smooth Eid ul Adha festival. He appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to the authorities and celebrate the occasion in a spirit of peace, harmony, and brotherhood.

The meeting witnessed the participation of Assistant Commissioner Revenue Bandipora; DPO ICDS, CPO, AD FCS&CA, Tehsildar Bandipora, DySP DAR and District Officers from various departments. SDM Sumbal, SDM Gurez and other concerned officers attended the meeting virtually.

## Distt admin B'pore organizes massive Anti-Drug Marathon under NMBA

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: In a strong show of community resolve against substance abuse, the District Administration Bandipora on Monday organized a mega marathon under the banner of 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan' drawing participation from hundreds of students across different educational institutions.

The marathon marked the beginning of a 26-day-long campaign under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in Bandipora, in line with the broader initiative being undertaken across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The marathon flagged-off from Fisheries Hatchery Baapora Bandipora and culminated at DC office Bandipora, saw overwhelming enthusiasm from students, youth and government officials—all unified in their commitment to a drug-free future.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, said, "Our collective fight against drug abuse begins with awareness and participation. Events like these not only raise consciousness but also build a shared sense of responsibility among our youth."

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Husson Shawl, led the run from the front, underscoring the administration's proactive and people-centric approach to addressing the drug menace. He emphasized the crucial role of community engagement in safeguarding the youth and transforming every citizen into an agent of change.

On the occasion, participants took an anti-drug pledge, vowing to stay away from substance abuse and work towards creating awareness within their communities.

## Dir Sheep Husbandry visits Eidgah, assesses livestock healthcare

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: To assess the arrangements for livestock healthcare and welfare at one of the largest Sheep and Goat Mandis established in view of Eid-ul-Adha at Eidgah Srinagar, Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Shah, Director, Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir, today visited Eidgah, here.

During the visit, Dr. Shah reviewed the facilities put in place for ensuring the health and hygiene of animals brought for sale. He interacted with officials, veterinarians, and livestock traders, and issued instructions for maintaining strict biosecurity measures, availability of medical aid, and ensuring the well-being of animals in the mandi.

Director emphasized the importance of regular health check-ups, availability of clean drinking water, and proper shelter for animals, especially in crowded market conditions.

Veterinary officers present at the site were directed to maintain round-the-clock services to attend to any cases of illness or distress among the livestock.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shah stated, "Our department is committed to safeguarding the health of livestock during this peak period of animal trade. We aim to ensure that both buyers and sellers can engage in fair and healthy trade practices, especially in the lead-up to the holy festival of Eid-ul-Adha."

Director also urged livestock traders to cooperate with the department's field staff and to refrain from bringing sick or unfit animals to the market.

Sheep Husbandry Department has set up multiple veterinary assistance camps in major mandis across the Valley to provide on-spot health checkups, vaccinations, and advisory services to livestock owners.

## Mini Marathon under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan held at G'bl

GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: To promote a drug-free society and raise awareness among the youth, a Mini Marathon was successfully conducted under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) by District Administration Ganderbal and Social Welfare Department Ganderbal in collaboration with District Youth Services and Sports Office Ganderbal.

The marathon which started from Mini secretariat Ganderbal and culminated at Govt College of Physical Education Ganderbal was flagged-off by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from college students, NCC/NSC cadets, Youth volunteers and Officials from various departments.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC urged all the participants to uphold the values of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and act as ambassadors for a drug-free India.

Participants carried banners and raised slogans promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Awareness pamphlets and NMBA-branded materials were distributed along the route.

This initiative aims to engage the community in combating substance abuse and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle.

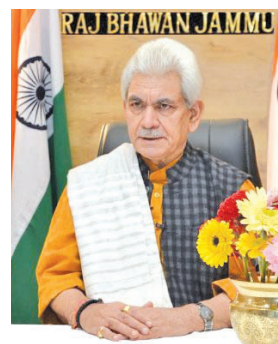
## LG greets people on Jyeshtha Ashtami

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings and good wishes on the occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, which is being celebrated today.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, I extend my heartiest greetings to everyone, especially our Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters."

May the divine blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to illuminate our paths, ushering in peace, happiness, and prosperity for all. May the spirit of this sacred occasion fur-



ther strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, fostering harmony and mutual respect across the communities. Let us on this auspicious day dedicate ourselves to selfless service to the nation and the welfare of people."

# Secretary RDD reviews implementation of Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0

Asks DCs to expeditiously resolve Panchayat Ghar land issues

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, today chaired a review meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners to assess implementation of the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 and the status of land allocation for construction of Panchayat Ghars across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by all District Development Commissioners of J&K, Director RDD Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Director RDD Jammu, Mumtaz Ali, Director Panchayati Raj Sham Lal, Superintending Engineer REW Kashmir, Aamir Ali, Superintending Engineer REW Jammu, Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Tahir Ahmad Magray, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats (ACPs), Executive Engineers and SPRC/DPRC team.

The Secretary underscored the significance of PAI as a key instrument for pro-

moting data-driven and evidence-based planning at the grassroots level. Developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, PAI consolidates the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into 9 actionable themes tailored to local governance, covering poverty alleviation, health, education, gender equity, water sufficiency, green infrastructure, good governance and more.

"PAI is not just a ranking tool; it's a planning framework for our panchayats to understand where they stand and how they can improve," said Secretary Asad, urging the DCs to take ownership and initiate thematic workshops for capacity building at district and block levels.

He directed for holding workshops at district, block and panchayat levels, with the DCs themselves chairing these sessions. Departments like Health, Education and Women & Child Development should be involved and each district was advised to prioritise one theme to achieve focused, measurable

outcomes, potentially leading to national recognition.

The Secretary encouraged the DCs to log in to the official PAI portal (www.pai.gov.in) to assess their district and panchayat-wise rankings. He also directed each district to nominate a Nodal Officer to monitor progress regularly and conduct monthly or quarterly reviews of PAI implementation.

Encouraging quick results, the Secretary suggested that DCs select "low-hanging fruit" themes to show visible improvements within three months. "This will not only solve real issues at the grassroots but also prepare our panchayats for the upcoming National Panchayat Awards," he added. The Secretary reviewed the status of Panchayat Ghars (PGs). Out of a target of 500 PGs for 2024-25, land has been identified for 386 sites and 358 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have already been submitted.

However, expressing concern over delays, he emphasized that pending land identification issues from both

2023-24 and 2024-25 phases must be resolved on priority. He reminded the DCs that they have full authority to shift locations of PGs within their districts based on local feasibility and requirements.

"Land must be identified and allotted without delay. If issues are not resolved within one week, projects will be reallocated or withdrawn, he maintained."

The Secretary asked both the Director of RDD to submit a complete list of incomplete Panchayat Ghars. He also highlighted the need to integrate key services in Panchayat Ghars, such as Common Service Centres (CSCs), Panchayat Learning Centres (PLCs), internet connectivity and electrification to make them holistic service hubs.

Reviewing the status of PLCs, the Secretary issued clear instructions to make all PLCs fully functional within a week. He asked the field-level officers to resolve any pending installation, equipment or staffing issue without delay.

## PW (R&B) Deptt South Kashmir fully operational, committed to public service

Strongly refutes news report about its functioning

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: With reference to the news item published in a local English daily concerning an alleged administrative crisis in the Public Works Department (PWD), South Kashmir, the office of the Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department South Kashmir today rebutted the news item, terming it unfounded and devoid of facts.

In an official communiqué issued here, it has been given out that all key administrative posts in the department are currently functional and officers have been duly posted, and the administrative structure is intact.

"The posts of Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineers are duly manned and fully functional, handling their respec-

tive administrative and technical responsibilities effectively," read the official statement.

Further in a few instances to boost functionality, additional charges have been assigned to ensure that public services and deliverables are not affected, the statement said.

"Both administrative and technical operations are being carried out smoothly on a day-to-day basis without any disruption," read the statement.

The statement further has refuted the portrayal of an "administrative crisis" in the department as far from truth and not aligning with the actual status on the ground. The department remains fully operational and committed to public service," the statement reads.

## DC Kulgam reviews performance of Social Welfare, allied sectors

Urges saturation of all public welfare schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today convened a review meeting here to evaluate the performance of the ICDS, Social Welfare Department, OSC, DHEW, ICPS and the implementation of various government-sponsored beneficiary and pension schemes in the district.

Social Welfare Officer presented a comprehensive progress report on various welfare

initiatives through a power-point presentation.

He informed that 32661 pension cases have been sanctioned under the Integrated Social Security Scheme under different components while the National Social Assistance programme has successfully met its set target of 4948 beneficiaries.

Additionally, he reported that under the State Marriage Assistance Scheme, 1915 cases were sanctioned financial assistance during 2024-

25 and 400 new cases were approved during the current year till date.

The chair was informed that the pension payment under Integrated Social Security Scheme has increased from 29.36 Cr to 35.09 Cr while a total of 93 applications were forwarded to the Executive Director of the Rehabilitation Council seeking sanction for motorised tricycles for persons with disabilities. Out of these, 61 have been approved, and the district has already

received 28 scooters for distribution.

Khan underscored the importance of comprehensive coverage of all eligible beneficiaries, and stressed the need for large-scale awareness campaigns.

DC directed the Social Welfare department that there should be zero pendency in marriage assistance scheme at district level besides Aadhar seeding needs to be ensured in respect of all beneficiaries at the earliest.