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Chaired the 48th PRAGATI Session. Infrastructure was a key focus, with sectors like mines, railways and water resources being discussed. Reiterated the need for timely completion of projects. Also discussed aspects relating to Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and the need to further improve health infrastructure in aspirational districts, tribal and border areas.

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Parliamentary Panel To Visit J&K In First Week Of July



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SRINAGAR: In a significant development, a parliamentary panel is scheduled to undertake a study tour of Kashmir Valley in the first week of July. This is the first such visit following the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives, most of them tourists.

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal, Mines

and Steel, headed by BJP MP Anurag Thakur, will tour Srinagar as part of its multi-city itinerary that includes Mumbai and Coorg.

Ahead of the visit of the panel, the Jammu and Kashmir government has appointed S.P. Rukwal, Director of Geology and Mining, as coordinator of the visit.

According to an official order, Rukwal will oversee all logistical, administrative, and protocol. **•P-06**

Congress Considering Going Solo In J&K Future Polls

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Congress party is considering contesting future elections independently.

The development, was underlined during a high-level party convention in Srinagar, where All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir acknowledged that 'a large section' of party

workers preferred an independent electoral strategy over alliances.

"Let me ask you directly, do you want Congress to contest alone," Mir asked the gathering of party workers and leaders. A large number of attendees stood in affirmation, prompting Mir to declare that the party must start preparing on a war footing for all upcoming elections.

The event. **•P-06**

Police Conduct Search At Jel Member's House In Kupwara

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SRINAGAR: Police on Wednesday said that continuing its crackdown against the elements affiliated with the proscribed organisation Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), which stands banned under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), carried out search at the residential premises of a suspected JeI member.

In a handout, the police said that the search was carried out in connection with

FIR No. 29/2019 U/S 10, 13 ULA(P) Act, registered at Police Station Handwara, as part of ongoing investigations aimed at dismantling the ecosystem of the banned organisation.

The premises searched belonged to a JeI affiliate identified as Mohammad Amin Shah s/o Gh Mohammad Shah resident of Gonipora now putting up at Baghatpora New Colony, Handwara, he said.

The search was conducted following due legal **•P-06**

"Samvidhan Hatya Diwas" Emergency Most Inhuman Act In India's Democratic History: LG Sinha

Honours Victims Of Emergency Who Made Numerous Sacrifices To Safeguard Constitutional Values

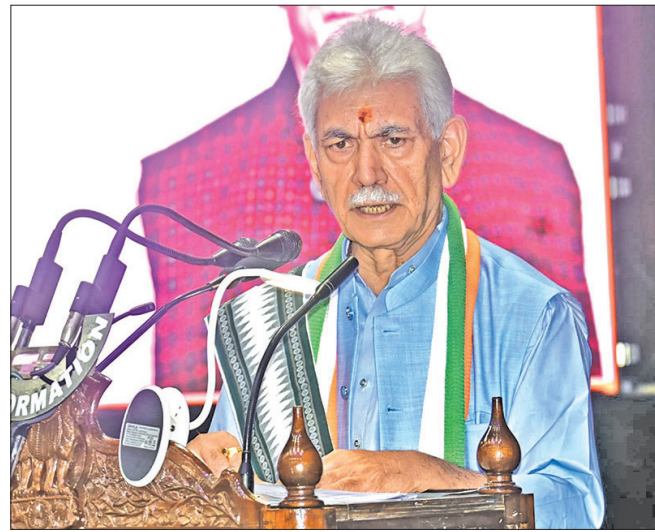
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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated an exhibition on the 50th anniversary of Emergency in Jammu, and said that no dictatorship will ever rise again if people succeed in conveying the right message to the younger generation.

Calling the Emergency "the most inhuman act in India's democratic history", he said that today's observance of 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' is also an opportunity for the reaffirmation of the commitment to democratic values and constitutional morality.

On the occasion of "Samvidhan Hatya Diwas", Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the 1975 Emergency Exhibition at Convention Centre, Jammu.

Commemorating the torturous events of the darkest chapter in the history of Independent India, the Lieutenant Governor honoured the victims of Emergency who made numerous sacrifices to safe-



guard constitutional values.

"I consider Emergency to be the most inhuman act of Indian democratic history and today's observance of 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' is also an opportunity for deep reflection and reaffirmation of commitment to democratic values and constitutional morality," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the commemoration of imposition of Emergency on 25th June 1975, is not merely a date for historical remembrance, but a call to action to resist any future attempts to undermine India's democratic fabric, and to strengthen our resolve to deepen the foundations of

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Inaugurated 1975 Emergency Exhibition at Convention Centre, Jammu. In that darkest period in India's democratic history, the soul of the country was crushed, Civil liberties were attacked, Constitutional safeguards were violated and dreams of nation-building were buried.

our democracy and work with complete dedication for greater success of our nation.

"We must learn from those incidents and prepare young generations to prevent such atrocities in future. It is also an opportunity to create awareness about constitutional values in every section of the society so that no dictatorial mentality can repeat it in future," the **•P-06**

DEMOCRACY IS IN THE NATURE OF INDIA, DEMOCRACY IS INGRAINED IN OUR veins since time immemorial, that is why India is called the mother of democracy. I also salute those great personalities who nurtured the rich tradition and heritage of this nation,

Farooq Abdullah Asks Film-Makers To Make Movies In Kashmiri Language

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday expressed hope that more film-makers would make movies in Kashmiri language to showcase the Valley's beauty and local talent.

Speaking to reporters after premiere of the first-ever Kashmiri-Kannada film 'Harmukh' in Srinagar, he said, "This is very good, they have acted very well."

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, said more films should be made in Kashmiri language, which could then be dubbed in other languages to



reach a wider audience.

"I hope they make more films in Kashmiri language, like in other states such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Bengal and Bollywood. We want them to make Kashmiri

films that are watched everywhere, because there are Kashmiris everywhere. We can dub these movies in other languages so that others can understand them as well," he said. **•P-06**

Chief Secretary Chairs 2nd SEC Meeting Of DMRRR

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Wednesday chaired the 2nd State Executive Committee ((SEC) meeting of the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) to review the status of disaster preparedness and assess the allocation and utilization of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Home, Chandraker Bharti, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Suresh Kumar Gupta and other senior officers.

For strengthening of Civil Defence, SEC approved the

release of Rs 1.72 crore under preparedness and capacity building to Commandant General, Civil Defence for procurement of sirens and generators in all the districts.

As an initiative of community based disaster management, the SEC also considered to approve the release of Rs 4 lakh to NCC units of Degree Colleges of Jammu, Reasi, Srinagar and Anantnag districts in the first phase for conduct of trainings on disaster preparedness and response.

The SEC also considered the nomination of Director General of Police as member of SEC (ex-officio) to make necessary amendments in the JK disaster **•P-06**

To Revive Tourism, Centre To Organise High-Level Meet In Pahalgam In July

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move to bring the tourists back to Kashmir, the Centre is planning a high-level review meeting in Pahalgam on July 7 and 8, sources said on Wednesday.

Top sources in the know of the development said that the meeting is being organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and will be attended by tourism secretaries from all the states.

They said the high-level meeting is being held in Pahalgam to give a clear message to the people and tourists that the destination is safe and they need not to worry.

They said that the Jammu and Kashmir government may also build a memorial for the victims of the Pahalgam attack within the next six months.

On April 22 this year terrorists killed 26 innocent civilians, mostly tourists, in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam, bringing the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir to a



FILE PHOTO

grinding halt.

According to the officials, there has been a sharp decline in the number of tourists visiting Pahalgam—from 18,000 in April to just 3,000 in June.

Preparations are underway to revive the stalled tourism industry they said. Tourism in Pahalgam and other parts of the Valley has suffered a major setback, severely affecting livelihoods in the region," they said.

After the April 22 terror attack the occupancy in hotels across the region also declined drastically. "Most of the advance bookings were

cancelled and the footfall has been almost negligible," an official told KNO.

The Centre and the J&K government have been making all-out efforts to bring tourists back to Kashmir to revive the stalled tourism industry.

Last week, Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Baisaran, the site of the terror attack and praised the resilience and spirit of the Kashmiris.

He also assured that fool-proof security measures would be in place for the upcoming Amarnath **•P-06**

Hot, Dry Weather Cast Shadow Over Monsoon Season

OWAIS GUL

SRINAGAR: The ongoing hot and dry spell in Jammu and Kashmir has resulted in a large deficit of rainfall in multiple stations across the region during the ongoing monsoon season. However, heavy rains and thunderstorms forecasted for the next 48 hours could play a crucial role in reducing this precipitation deficiency, especially in Srinagar, the summer capital, and other areas.

According to data obtained, Srinagar recorded the hottest night in June at 25.0°C. The persistent dry spell has caused temperatures to rise both during the day and at night across the region.

The data shows that Srinagar and other parts of the valley, including Budgam, Baniptora, Kishtwar and Kulgam, have experienced rainfall deficits ranging from 60% to 99%. Some stations, such as Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara and Shopian, have recorded rainfall deficits between 20% and 59%. Pulwama is the only station with near-normal precipitation, receiving 26.9 mm against a normal of 30.8 mm.

Independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif Keng said there will be some relief from the heatwave starting tomorrow (Thursday), lasting for the next three to four days.

"Monsoon showers expected in the coming days will bring down maximum temperatures slightly, leading to some improvement in heatwave conditions," he said. He added that these showers are expected to reduce the rainfall deficiency, particularly in Jammu, where heavy rains are forecasted in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Temperatures across various locations on Wednesday ranged as follows: Srinagar at 32.5°C, Qazigund at 30.2°C, Pahalgam at 27.4°C, Kokernag at 30.8°C, Kupwara at 32.8°C, and Gulmarg at 23.2°C. Jammu city recorded 32.6°C, while Banihal was at 27.7°C, Batote, Baderwah, and Katra experienced maximum temperatures of 26.2°C, 30.6°C, and 29.0°C, respectively.

Some parts of Kashmir, including areas in Srinagar, received monsoon showers in the morning.

The weatherman here has forecast heavy **•P-06**

Jhelum Shrinks As Heatwave Scorches Kashmir

Water Levels Dip Across Valley's Rivers; JSD Assures Supply



REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: As a prolonged dry spell and heatwave grip the Kashmir Valley, water levels in the River Jhelum and its tributaries have significantly declined, raising concerns over water availability and irrigation supplies.

According to details obtained, key gauging stations along the Jhelum showed a drop in water levels on Wednesday morning. At 9:00 am, the river measured just 0.96 ft at Sangam, 2.79 ft at Munshi Bagh, 2.78 ft at Asham, while the Pampore gauge recorded a negative depth of -1.16 metres. Wullar Lake stood at 1575.02 metres—well below its average of 1578.00 metres.

The tributaries feeding the river system show stress. Vishnu Nallah at Khudwani registered 2.38 metres, Rambiyara Nallah at Wachi dropped to -0.35 metres, Lidder Nallah at Batkoot stood at 0.37 metres, and Sindh Nallah at Doderhama was at 1.30 metres.

However, independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif Keng told KNO that while the situation is concerning, it is not the worst or most alarming seen in the region. "Kashmir has experienced more severe dry spells in the past," he stated.

Meanwhile, the Jal Shakti Department assured last week that water supply across the Valley remains "normal" despite rising demand and misuse. **•P-06**

Dir Health chairs coordination meetings for Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR: Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Jehangir Bakshi, Wednesday chaired important meetings in Srinagar to ensure seamless healthcare arrangements for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025.

The first session, held at the TRC Srinagar, was a sensitization meeting with Camp Directors who will be deployed across various base camps along the Pahalgam and Baltal axis.

The meeting organized by the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, focused on strengthening coordination and enhancing preparedness of healthcare services at these vital locations.

Dr. Bakshi briefed the camp directors on the available medical infrastructure and services established by the Directorate, followed by an interactive session to highlight operational roles and streamline communication protocols vis a vis effective health care services.



In the second meeting, Dr. Bakshi held a comprehensive coordination meeting with key stakeholders involved in providing healthcare services during SANJY 2025.

The meeting saw participation from representatives of Indian Army, BSF, SSB, SDRF, SKIMS Soura, SKIMS MCH Bemina, Associated Hospitals GMC Srinagar, Police Hospital Srinagar, CMO Anantnag/Ganderbal, COS/ Officer Yatra Incharge DHSK, Yatra Unit DHSK and relevant officers from the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir.

During the meet-

ing, Director delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the healthcare action plan prepared for the Yatra.

During both the sessions key focus areas included infrastructure readiness along both Yatra routes, deployment of medical teams and availability of medical supplies, emergency response protocols including medical referrals and evacuation plans, coordination mechanisms with local hospitals, establishment of a real-time communication and information sharing platform for all stakeholders, and regular

coordination meetings to monitor implementation and respond to emerging needs.

Dr. Bakshi emphasized the importance of effective coordination and prompt communication among all participating agencies to ensure a fool-proof and responsive healthcare system during the Yatra period.

The discussions covered all aspects of medical preparedness, including logistics, emergency interventions and inter-agency coordination, aiming to provide timely and high-quality medical care to all pilgrims.

Nizamuddin reviews sports infrastructure in Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Bandipora, Nizamuddin Bhat, along with the Secretary of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, on Tuesday held a comprehensive review of the sports infrastructure and facilities in Bandipora during a meeting held at the Mini Secretariat.

The meeting witnessed the participation of Vice Chairperson District Development Council Bandipora, Kowsar Shafeeq, members of local Sports Associations, Bar Association, youth representatives, senior citizens, and other stakeholders.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on the current status and future plans for the development of sports infrastructure in the district. Speaking on the occasion, MLA highlighted the potential of SK Stadium,



Bandipora, to evolve into a hub for multi-disciplinary sporting events.

He proposed the development of facilities such as dedicated courts for lawn tennis, basketball, volleyball, and skating, a standard cricket turf, and the installation of high-mast lighting with generator backup to facilitate year-round activities and training.

He also emphasized the effective utilization of the existing Khelo India Centres in the district, particularly in disciplines like Hockey, Handball, and Rugby.

MLA called for the expedited completion of the ongoing construction at the stadium, including the

removal of damaged structures and the development of mini-stadiums and playfields across the district to promote grassroots sports.

Bhat urged the Sports Council to approve and fund proposals aimed at making Bandipora a model district in sports excellence.

Responding to the concerns raised, Secretary Nuzhat Gull reaffirmed the commitment of the Sports Council to strengthening sports infrastructure in Bandipora. She informed the meeting that Rs.1 crore have been sanctioned for the upgradation of SK Stadium, out of which rupees 20 lakh have already been released for various works.

Following the meeting, the MLA and Secretary visited SK Stadium to inspect the ongoing construction of the indoor sports hall and pavilion. On-spot instructions were issued to expedite the works to ensure timely completion and operationalization of the facilities.

Sidha rolls out "MISSION INSPECTION" by Archives, Archaeology Deptt

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SRINAGAR: With an aim to gather first-hand account of preservation and conservation works as well as status of State Protected Monuments across UT, the Department of Archives, Archeology and Museums, J&K has launched Mission Inspection from 25th to 30th of June, 2025.

During this period the teams will inspect 150 works and 54 Protected Monuments across the UT.

Director, Archives, Archeology and Museum, J&K, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha has conceived the initiative and has framed six teams which will be conducting inspection of the works of Department being executed under Capex, Phase-I and Phase-II of the Scheme of Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu & Kashmir.

The teams will be conducting inspection of each work in the district assigned and also visit the State Protected Monument in the districts to record the status and provide with the recommendations viz a viz beautification and restoration of monuments. The teams will also bring to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner concerned any intervention required for removing encroach-

ments and monitoring of the works under execution.

The teams through Divisional Administration, Deputy Commissioners and PW (R&B) Department will be accompanied by Nodal Officers in the District and Jurisdictional Executive Engineers.

The aim of the mission is to have effective collaboration with District Administrations and Executing Agencies for efficient execution of works and monitoring. The teams will also have needs assessment of the recommendations for Phase-III Projects and heritage monuments to be recommended for notification as State Protection Monuments. Further, the teams will also visit the sites where the works could not be executed as a result of some dispute or litigation or for want of NOC.

The teams will appraise the District Development Commissioners with the status, issues and the intervention required by the District Administration.

Sidha, has expressed the commitment of the Department for playing an effective role towards restoration and preservation of Heritage & Culture in the UT and urges upon the stake holders and executing agencies in particular to adhere to the quality and timelines.

DC Budgam reviews conservation measures at Hokarsar

Chairs meeting on Nambale Narkara wetland proposal

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat Wednesday conducted a comprehensive review of conservation measures at Hokarsar Wetland and also discussed the proposed designation of Nambale Narkara as a protected wetland under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules.

During the review of Hokarsar Wetland, DC assessed the ongoing works aimed at improving water flow and mitigating flood risks.

He stressed the timely resolution of all revenue-related matters associated with Hokarsar Wetland and directed Tehsildar Budgam for overseeing the demarcation of wetland boundaries and its peripheries.

DC directed the concerned departments to expedite this process on a priority basis.

Emphasising the importance of ecological integrity, DC issued clear instructions to enforce a complete ban on all land conversions within wetland zones, urging officials to take prompt legal action against any violations.

He also expressed concern over illegal garbage dumping along the wetland's peripheries, particularly along the Soibugh road.

DC directed immediate removal of waste, strict sur-

veillance, and regular monitoring to prevent further dumping. He stressed the need for stringent enforcement measures against offenders.

He also discussed the formal process of notifying Nambale Narkara as a designated wetland.

Discussions centered around the ecological and hydrological value of Nambale Narkara, which plays a potential role in groundwater recharge, flood mitigation, and biodiversity support. While the site has not yet been designated as a wetland, DC emphasized the urgent need to initiate formal procedures for its protection.

ACR Budgam apprised that ground-truthing i.e., the physical verification and mapping of the site both will begin shortly as a first step in the notification process.

DC urged all departments to ensure inter-departmental coordination, adherence to environmental protocols, and community awareness regarding wetland protection. He highlighted that once notified, Nambale Narkara could offer long-term ecological and socio-economic benefits for the region.

He directed timely follow-up actions including field assessments, preparation of technical documentation, and other required submissions to facilitate the notification process.

NCORD: DC Shopian reviews anti-drug, substance abuse measures

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SHOPIAN: District Level Narco Coordination (NCORD) meeting was held Wednesday at the mini-secretariat here, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta.

On the occasion, department wise action taken reports were assessed, and directions were issued to strengthen the fight against drug abuse.

Police action including registration of FIRs and detention of accused persons along with poppy destruction drives and inspections of pharmacies was particularly reviewed.

DC emphasized the importance of keeping strict vigil on students and educational institutions across the district being the most vulnerable to the menace. The strict enforcement of COTPA was also stressed upon and depart-



ment heads were directed to take more stringent measures against the menace.

He also stressed on the importance of keeping close vigil on poppy cultivation areas and taking strict action against the cultivators besides enhancing poppy destruction drives.

Other departments were instructed for enhancing counseling services and Information, Education,

and Communication (IEC) activities to raise awareness about drug abuse, aiming to formulate a comprehensive action plan to curb drug abuse and ensure effective grassroots-level awareness so that the anti-drug message reaches one and all.

ADC, Dr.Zakir Hussain Faaz, ACR, ACP, Tehsildars, district officers and other concerned officers of Police were present in the meeting.

Rs 1.19 lac fine imposed on erring FBOs in Handwara

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KUPWARA: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, who is also Adjudicating officer Handwara Wednesday imposed a fine of Rs.1,19,000 on various erring Food Business operators (FBOs) for violations of various provisions of Food Safety and Standard Act (FSS&SA) 2006.

The fine was imposed on the erring traders (for miss branded and sub standard food) during the proceeding of cases related to the FSSA 2006 which were listed before the Adjudicating officer.

The Adjudicating officer warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of Food safety and standards Act-2006 and rules there under by the food business operators will be dealt with more strictness in coming time.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

DEMARCATION FOREST DIVISION KASHMIR SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT NO: 04of 2025-26 DATED: 24-06-2025

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Scheme	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (Rs)	Time of Completion
1	Construction of 90 No. Demarcation Boundary Pillars as per approved design along the Forest Demarcation line [Mainline B.Ps only] as per the map/Tafseel- I-burjyaat (Description of boundary pillar) in Forest " Dara Ravil " (Part-I) ---- falling within Srinagar District-- Demarcation Forest Division Kashmir	CAMPA (ongoing)	5.915	11831.00	"C & D"	300.00	35 days
2	Construction of 73 No. Demarcation Boundary Pillars as per approved design along the Forest Demarcation line [Mainline B.Ps only] as per the map/Tafseel- I-burjyaat (Description of boundary pillar) in Forest " Dara Ravil " (Part-II) ---- falling within Ganderbal District-- Demarcation Forest Division Kashmir	CAMPA (ongoing)	4.798	9598.00	"D"	200.00	25 days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

S.No.	Particulars	Remarks
a.	Scheme	CAMPA(ongoing)
b.	Position of Funds	Budgeted
c.	Position of AA/TS	Accorded vide No: 1.PCCF/CCF/S&D/F-108/480-83, Dated: 19-07-2024

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Publishing Date:	24-06-2025
Download Start Date:	25-06-2025 from 10:30 AM
Bid submission Start Date:	25-06-2025 from 10:30 AM
Bid submission End Date:	05-07-2025 upto 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	07-07-2025 at 03:00 PM (In the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Demarcation Division Kashmir at Sheikhbagh Srinagar).
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD (CDR) for requisite amount pledged to Divisional Forest Officer, Demarcation Forest Division Kashmir Srinagar.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid shall be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e., Bid security in shape of (EMD in form of CDR), Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/ duty renewed for the current year 2025-26, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Affidavit cum undertaking.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce Additional Security Performance in shape of CDR/FDR before the fixation of contract as per following break up:-
 - Upto and including 15% below NIL
 - Greater than 15.1% and upto 20% below 5% of advertised cost
 - Greater than 20.1% and upto 25% below 10% of advertised cost
 - Greater than 25.1% and upto 30% below 15% of advertised cost
 - Greater than 30%..... 20% of advertised cost
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No. Dem/NT/2025-26/23-28
 Dated: - 24-06-2025
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ADDC Baramulla reviews IEC campaign under DAJGUA

Pushes for 100% saturation of welfare entitlements in tribal areas

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BARAMULLA: To assess the on-ground impact of the ongoing Information, Education & Communication (IEC) campaign under the Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Gh Rasool Mir Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the District Administration Complex here.

The campaign, which spans from June 15 to June 30, 2025, focuses on ensuring 100 percent saturation of government welfare entitlements for the tribal population across the district.

The meeting saw participation from Joint Director Planning, ACD Baramulla and key officers from departments including ICDS, Agriculture, Horticulture, FCS&CA, Health, Education, Social Welfare, Revenue, NRLM, Labour, CSCs, and banking institutions.

These departments play a pivotal role in conducting awareness and benefit saturation camps, a core component of DAJGUA, aimed at providing tribal households with access to a full range of government schemes and services.

During the meeting, Chaudhary Mudassir Husain, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Baramulla and Nodal Officer for DAJGUA presented a detailed report on the

status of IEC activities. He highlighted the achievements in tribal-dominated blocks, ongoing challenges, and steps being taken to improve service delivery in remote areas.

The briefing included updates on household level surveys, door-to-door awareness drives, community engagement through panchayats, and the role of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in delivering services.

In his concluding remarks, ADDC emphasised the need for maximised outreach in far-flung tribal belts, enhanced coordination between departments at block and panchayat levels, timely submission of progress reports, bridging service

delivery gaps through focused and community-centric interventions.

He reiterated that full saturation of entitlements such as health insurance, scholarships, housing benefits, livelihood support, and banking access must be achieved in a time-bound and mission-driven manner. IEC campaign under DAJGUA represents a commitment of the district administration towards inclusive and equitable development, ADDC emphasised.

By prioritising tribal welfare through a whole-of-government approach, Baramulla aims to become a model district in tribal empowerment and grassroots governance, ADDC reiterated.

Sharma slams Congress for trampling constitution during emergency

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JAMMU: BJP District Jammu observed "Black Day" at the party headquarters in Kachi Chawni, Jammu, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975.

Sunil Sharma, General Secretary of J&K BJP and Leader of Opposition in the J&K Assembly, was the chief speaker at the event. He was accompanied by BJP Vice-President & MLA Yudhvir Sethi, Secretary & MLA Arvind Gupta, BHO Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi, and Chief Spokesperson Adv. Sunil Sethi.

The event was organized by BJP District Jammu under the leadership of District President Adv. Rajesh Gupta.

Prominent leaders including J&K BJP Secretary Anju Dogra, former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, District Prabhari Rajiv Charak, Protocol secretary Sanjay Khanna, Puneet Mahajan, District Team, Mandal team and other senior functionaries were also present.

The programme featured the inauguration of an exhibition that highlighted the horrors of the Emergency and the brutal suppression of civil liberties during that period.

Senior leaders of the BJP honoured and felicitated those who suffered atrocities during the Emergency, acknowledging their resilience and sacrifices.



Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Sharma condemned the Emergency as the darkest chapter in India's democratic history. "Today, we mark Black Day to remember how Congress trampled upon democracy, suspended civil liberties, and pushed the nation into an era of dictatorship. Over 1 lakh political workers were jailed, tortured, and silenced. The same Congress now pretends to uphold the Constitution it once betrayed," Sharma said.

He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, emphasizing that today's India is governed with transparency, accountability, and democratic values. Sunil Sharma said, "The programme serves as a stark reminder of the atrocities committed during the 21-month-long Emergency that saw thousands of political activists jailed and press freedoms crushed." Yudhvir Sethi stated that the Emergency was a direct attack on every citizen's rights and freedom. "Those who talk of saving the Constitution today had once torn it to shreds for power. BJP will continue to educate the new generation about these misdeeds," he asserted. Arvind Gupta reminded the gathering that the Emergency was not just a political blunder but a humanitarian crisis. "We must never forget the forced steriliza-

tions, press gagging, and custodial torture that happened. The youth of today must be told the truth." Priya Sethi added, "Congress betrayed the trust of the people. They turned governance into tyranny. It is BJP's duty to ensure such a day never returns." Adv. Sunil Sethi said "This observance is our reminder and resolve—such days must never return to our country." Adv. Rajesh Gupta thanked the senior leadership for their presence and emphasized that every booth-level worker of BJP is committed to safeguarding democracy. Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Deputy Mayor JMC, addressed a similar programme in BJP District Basohli at Billawar.

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Farooq Abdullah calls for robust arrangements ahead of Muharram

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah Wednesday urged the divisional administration to ensure meticulous and comprehensive arrangements for the upcoming month of Muharram-ul-Haram, with special emphasis on the smooth and dignified observance of Youm-e-Ashura.

In a statement issued, Dr. Farooq stressed the importance of ensuring uninterrupted civic services throughout the holy month, particularly in Shia-populated areas and around all Imam Bargahs.

He highlighted the need for round-the-clock health-care facilities, adequate ration distribution, well-organized transport and



ambulance services, and effective crowd and procession management.

Emphasizing the sanctity of Muharram and the profound spiritual significance it holds, he noted that planning should extend beyond Ashura, encompassing the entire holy month.

While acknowledging the ongoing efforts of the government to facilitate Muharram obser-

oil, LPG, and firewood. He also stressed the need to accelerate the planning of health camps and to ensure the presence of mobile medical units and ambulances along procession routes to address any emergency.

Dr. Farooq further emphasized the importance of launching special sanitation drives in and around Imam Bargahs throughout the mourning period. He urged the administration to establish dedicated control rooms to oversee logistical coordination.

Calling for heightened administrative alertness, especially on Youm-e-Ashura, he stressed the need for seamless coordination among departments to guarantee that the day is observed peacefully, respectfully, and without inconvenience to mourners.

MD KPDCCL reviews progress of Power arrangements for Amarnath Yatra

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ANANTNAG: Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCCL), accompanied by the Chief Engineer (Distribution) KPDCCL, Superintending Engineer of Circle South (Bijbehara), conducted an extensive review of the ongoing works and preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 at Pahalgam Anantnag.

During the on-ground review, MD took detailed stock of the power infrastructure being put in place, and issued clear directives to field officers to maintain 24x7 power availability throughout the Yatra period.

Superintending Engineer apprised that all requisite arrangements have been put in place for the Yatra, which is scheduled to commence on 3rd July 2025. He briefed the MD on the illumination arrangements made at various padavs, including the deployment of DG sets of varying capacities, and the installation of solar lighting systems in shadow zones and along stretches where grid supply is not feasible.

It was informed that adequate fuel stocks are available at all sites, with regular replenishment protocols in place. A sufficient number of buffer Distribution Transformers (DTs) and standby DG sets have also

been stationed to meet any unforeseen contingencies.

At the major Nunwan Base Camp, MD personally reviewed the progress of underground cabling works and expressed satisfaction over the pace and quality of execution.

It was further conveyed that, with additional padavs becoming operational and enhanced security deployments, the Division had to activate contingency reserves to handle the increased load, an effort that has so far been managed effectively by the Division.

MD emphasized that no stone must be left unturned in delivering efficient services to the pilgrims and assured that the management will remain fully supportive and responsive to the needs of the teams on the ground.

"This sacred Yatra is a matter of collective responsibility. KPDCCL will ensure that the power supply framework remains resilient, responsive, and fully equipped to serve the thousands of pilgrims undertaking the holy journey," MD stated, while reiterating his commitment to provide all necessary institutional support to field units.

Among others, MD was accompanied by concerned Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, and other officials of the Corporation during the visit.

'Another Theatrical Tantrum': Sajad Lone Mocks CM's Resignation Remarks

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SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference President and MLA Handwara, Sajad Lone, delivered a scathing critique of National Conference leadership, questioning their ethical consistency and the sincerity of their rhetoric framing Chief Minister's resignation as a path to restoring Jammu & Kashmir's statehood.

In a strongly-worded statement, Lone asserted that "In the history of NC nobody has ever resigned. Nobody will ever resign in the future," accusing that the party "believes in the maxim. Power at any cost."

To substantiate his claim, Lone cited several examples, including NC's stance of not resigning when "Autonomy resolution was rejected by the Union Government, when current CM sahib was a union minister in the government which rejected the autonomy resolution."

Referring to the abrogation of Article 370, Lone remarked that on "5 August they had 3 MPs in the parliament. None of them resigned." He contrasted this with a notable moment in the party's history, pointing out that "In 1989 Farooq Sahib resigned when law and order had broken down completely and the entire NC council of ministers fled the valley."

Dismissing the Chief Minister's recent remarks



on resignation, Lone called them "yet another series of theatrical tantrums," and added, "CM Sahib's statement that he would resign if it paves way for statehood" was hollow, emphasizing that "till date the assembly has not passed a resolution on statehood. That describes his seriousness on the issue."

Without mincing words, Lone threw a direct challenge at Omar Abdullah: "You really mean business. Resign. We all will resign. And sit on protest in Jantar Mantar."

He further drew a parallel between the CM's current posturing and past unfulfilled promises, stating that "your statements of intent are as true as the promises you made in the election manifesto."

Concluding his remarks, Lone issued a stern warning: "But mark my words. This government will go down in history as the most inefficient and invisible government and will be viewed with contempt and odium. The only thing this government can do is to lie and weaponise transfers and go after opponents." (KNS)

DC Srinagar, Comm SMC review progress under PMAY-Urban 2.0

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SRINAGAR: In order to review the progress on implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-U 2.0) in the District, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb Wednesday held a joint meeting of Revenue and SMC Officers here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was among others attended by Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Joint Commissioner SMC, Nuzhat Khurshid, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, all Tehsildars, SMC Ward Officers, and Officers from J&K Housing Board.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner & SMC Commissioner took a detailed appraisal about the implementation of the PMAY-Urban scheme in the Dis-

trict and assessed the status of registration of beneficiaries made under the scheme in Srinagar till date. Stakeholder Departments were directed to expedite the process of verification of the cases to ensure that not a single genuine beneficiary is left out from the scheme. Stress was also laid on maintaining utmost transparency and accountability ensuring timely disposal of the cases.

Stressing adherence to the established verification mechanism, the DC & Commissioner SMC urged Departments to act promptly in line with scheme guidelines.

The DC & Commissioner SMC emphasized upon seamless interdepartmental coordination in disposal of cases of the genuine beneficiaries.

Earlier, Joint Commissioner SMC briefed the meeting about the present status with regard to execution of the PMAY-U in Srinagar District.

Srinagar Man Detained for Circulating Forged CIK Document

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SRINAGAR: In a secret operation on 24.06.2025, CI Kashmir rounded up a fraudster Bilal Ahmad Rather S/O Abdul Samad Rather originally, a resident of 157-Allochi Bagh and presently residing at Zakura, Hazratbal Srinagar for using a forged document of CI Kashmir under the signatures of SSP CI Kashmir for vested interests.

The operation was launched on a reliable input wherein it was revealed that the Bilal Ahmad Rather has collected a huge amount of money from general public by adopting dishonest and fraudulent means. These victims repeatedly approached Bilal Ahmad Rather for return of their money taken by committing fraud and cheating on them. Bilal Ahmad Rather refused to return the money to these aggrieved persons by taking a plea that his bank accounts are under scrutiny. He in order

to mislead these people forged a letter shown to have been issued by the office of SSP CI Kashmir.

In the special operation, the said person was questioned and on preliminary examination and analysis of his Mobile device, the forged letter (enquiry notice) in question was found available in his Cell phone and same was retrieved. Bilal Ahmad Rather confessed that he has forged the enquiry notice to grab the money collected by him from different individuals.

Accordingly, the said person was handed over to P/S Zakoora Srinagar for taking necessary legal action. In this regard, P/S Zakura has registered a case FIR No 39/2025 U/S 318(4), 336(3), 336(4), 340(1) BNS, Bilal Ahmad has been arrested and investigation is in progress.

The general public is advised to remain cautious and report any such fraudulent act to the nearest Police Station for legal action.

MLA Lolab reviews development profile of Machill block

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KUPWARA: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Lolab, Qaysar Jamshaid Lone after conducting a four day detailed tour of far flung border block Machill of Lolab Assembly Constituency Wednesday chaired a joint meeting of district and block level officers at Tehsil Headquarter Machill to review the progress and achievements of different departments, besides, resolving the projected issues of the people.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad, CMO, CEO, CAO, CAHO, CHO, DSHO; Executive Engineers of KPDCCL, STD, R&B, I&FC, PHE; AD Food, BDO, Tehsildar, BMO, besides, representatives and officials from various departments were also present.

Addressing the meeting, MLA Lolab said that the objective of visiting this far flung Machill block was to ease the sufferings of the

people by addressing their day to day developmental issues and grievances.

He said that the Government is committed for upliftment and development of all far flung border areas like Machill. He enjoined upon all the officers to work with added zeal and commitment to ensure that the basic amenities are delivered to the people at their doorsteps in a proactive approach given the challenging topography of this area.

MLA took a detailed review of the functioning of all the departments in Machill block.

Reviewing the School Education department, the chair was informed that 32 schools are functional in Machill block out of which 10 are housed in rented buildings. MLA said that the construction of buildings have been approved for the area and directed Tehsildar Machill to facilitate making the land available for construction of these buildings.

Regarding food, it was

informed that sufficient stock of ration and essential commodities are available in the block, MLA directed the AD Food to ensure Aadhaar mapping of all the beneficiaries so that they can get the ration supply at ease.

Regarding KPDCCL, MLA directed the Ex. Engineer to ensure transformers are allotted and installed in the needed villages which include Dar Mohallah Machill, Wani Mohallah-A, Akhoo Mohallah Pushwari, Mal Mohallah Pushwari and Khan Basti Reng.

Reviewing the Rural Development, MLA enjoined the concerned officers to speed up the execution of works in Machill block so that people can earn their livelihood which is the fundamental objective of the MGNREGA scheme.

MLA also reviewed the Health department, and was informed about the dearth of both doctors and paramedical staff in the area. He assured of taking up the

matter at a higher level for resolving the issue.

Regarding R&B, it was informed that 5 projects out of 17 allotted projects have been completed and work is apace on the rest of the projects. MLA directed the concerned for completion of all ongoing road projects and buildings before the onset of winter season.

Reviewing PHE, MLA directed the concerned for coverage of all the left out areas under the JJM scheme.

Progress and achievements of other sectors were also reviewed which include Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and others.

Later, MLA flagged-off the Vaccination Express vehicle for conducting free of cost FMD vaccination under Round-6 of NADCP, covering 100 percent bovine population at farmers doorsteps. Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara, Dr. Shabir Ahmad was present on the occasion.

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

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Subject: Selection for the tenure post of Senior Resident in the department of Surgical Gastroenterology, Government Medical College, Srinagar.

NOTIFICATION NO. 12-RA OF 2025
DATED: 23-06-2025

Whereas; vide Government Order No. 383-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024 Criteria/Policy Guidelines for Eligibility/Selection were framed by the Administrative Department, Health and Medical Education for eligibility/selection of the tenured positions of Senior Residents/Tutors in all the Government Medical Colleges; and

Whereas; after issuance of the aforesaid guidelines, this office vide Advertisement Notice issued under no. 06 of 2025 Dated. 10.05.2025 invited applications from the eligible candidates possessing requisite qualification for filling up of tenure posts of Senior Resident/Tutor (in-service/not in-service doctors) in the various disciplines of Government Medical college, Srinagar; and

Whereas; in response to the aforesaid Advertisement Notice, this office has received 48 application forms in 11 departments/disciplines; and whereas; direct selection has been already made vide this office Notification No. 04-RA of 2025 Dated. 26-05-2025 in the 09 departments; and Whereas; consequent upon withdrawal of candidature by 02 candidates in the department of Surgical Gastroenterology and 01 more vacancy occurred due to resignation in the respective department; and

Whereas; on scrutiny of application forms, it was found that in the Surgical Gastroenterology department, the number of applications is less than or equal to the vacant positions; and

Whereas; in terms of Government order NO. 383-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024 there is no need to conduct written tests for selection purpose in the discipline where the number of applications is less than or equal to the posts advertised.

Now, therefore, in light of the above stated position, the selection of 02 candidates, namely Dr. Rizwan Ahmed & Dr. Bazila Mansoor, MS, Not an In-service doctors, in the department of surgical Gastroenterology, are hereby notified for information to the concerned.

The selected candidates are hereby directed to report to the Office of the Registrar Academics, Government Medical College, Srinagar alongwith the following documents within 07 days from the date of issuance of this notification, to enable this office to send URL, login id & password to her respective registered Mobile number for submission of online form through Employee Verification System (EVS) to the concerned doctors: -

1. Application form (in colored).
2. xerox copies of all uploaded certificates.
3. Affidavit (in original).
4. All Original Certificates for physical verification.

However, if any candidate fails to report to the Office of the Registrar Academics, Government Medical College, Srinagar within the stipulated time, his/her selection in the concerned discipline shall forfeit without any further notice.

NO: RA-GMCS/SR/Setc/3173-80/MC
Dated. 23-06-2025

Principal/Dean
Govt. Medical College
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EDITORIAL

Unfulfilled Promises: Test Of Public Trust

Last year's election in Jammu and Kashmir was marked by fervent promises and grand assurances from political leaders, with Omar Abdullah's government vowing transformative changes for the people. Among the key pledges were a reduction in ration rates and the provision of 200 free units of electricity—commitments that resonated deeply with a populace burdened by economic hardships and unreliable infrastructure. Yet, months into governance, these assurances remain unfulfilled, leaving citizens to wonder whether they were mere electoral rhetoric rather than actionable plans. The delay in implementing these critical welfare measures raises serious questions about accountability and governance. For a region grappling with unemployment, inflation, and erratic power supply, the failure to deliver on such fundamental promises only deepens public disillusionment. The reduction in ration rates was supposed to ease the financial strain on low-income families, while free electricity units were meant to provide much-needed relief to households and businesses alike. Instead, the people continue to wait, their patience wearing thin. Good governance is not just about making promises but about honoring them with urgency and sincerity. If the administration fails to act swiftly, it risks eroding public trust—a commodity far harder to restore than political capital. The government must clarify its roadmap for fulfilling these commitments and provide a transparent timeline. Excuses and delays are no longer acceptable; the people deserve tangible results. The clock is ticking. It's time for the elected representatives to move beyond words and demonstrate that their promises were more than just a mirage in the desert of political campaigning. The credibility of democracy hinges on delivering justice to those who placed their faith in it.

...The **Global Statesman**

Why Narendra Modi Outshines Donald Trump And Most World Leaders

MOHD AMIN MIR

In the shifting tides of global leadership, very few names resonate with the force and continuity of Narendra Modi, the 14th and current Prime Minister of India. Since assuming office in May 2014, Modi has redefined the contours of Indian politics, diplomacy, development, and governance. More than a decade into his tenure, he stands not just as India's most successful leader in recent memory but as a global phenomenon, widely regarded as more impactful, energetic, and efficient than many of his global contemporaries—including former U.S. President Donald Trump.

The Rise from the Roots: A Leader with Lived Experience

What sets Narendra Modi apart from most world leaders is his inspirational life story. Born into modest circumstances in Vadnagar, Gujarat, Modi's journey from a tea-seller to the Prime Minister of the world's largest democracy has become a symbol of the power of perseverance and purpose.

Whereas many world leaders—including Donald Trump—ascended from elite backgrounds with inherited wealth and networks, Modi earned his political stature through decades of ground-level work. From his early days in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to his political grooming in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Modi's path was neither privileged nor smooth. He walked it with grit and strategic clarity.

His deep understanding of India's diversity, rural heartbeat, and cultural ethos makes him uniquely positioned to lead a complex country with 1.4 billion people. He is not a seasonal politician. He is a product of the soil, rooted in the realities of Bharat.

Governance That Delivers: From Slogans to Substance: Since 2014, Modi's administration has launched some of the most ambitious, wide-scale governance reforms in India's post-independence history. These initiatives have gone beyond rhetoric to show measurable impact:

Digital India: An initiative to digitally empower the country, bridge rural-urban divides, and make governance paperless, transparent, and corruption-free.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: A cleanliness revolution that changed social behavior and created millions of toilets, especially in rural India—a feat no leader before him dared attempt on such a scale.

Jan Dhan Yojana: By opening over 400 million bank accounts, Modi ensured that the poor were brought into the formal economy. Financial inclusion became a reality, not a political promise.

Ayushman Bharat: One of the world's largest health insurance schemes, covering over 500 million people—a scale unmatched even by the U.S.

PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala, Har Ghar Jal: Modi's governance model is grounded in providing basic dignity—a roof over the head, gas for the kitchen, and water to every home.

These are not just schemes. These are structural transformations that have reached the poorest Indian and reshaped the country's development narrative.

Economic Resilience: A Steady Ship Amid Global Storms: While Donald Trump touted



stock market rallies and tax cuts as indicators of prosperity, Modi's economic management focused on long-term resilience.

- **GST (Goods and Services Tax)** unified India's vast market—a reform pending for over a decade.

- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** brought much-needed accountability to India's debt-laden corporate sector.

- **Startup India, Make in India, and Production Linked Incentives (PLI)** schemes are now powering a new wave of economic nationalism and innovation.

Despite global challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, Ukraine war, and oil price shocks, India under Modi has emerged as the world's fastest-growing major economy. Inflation has been kept under control, forex reserves are stable, and the Indian rupee has shown remarkable resilience compared to several global currencies.

Modi's economic policy blends pragmatism with vision—unlike Trump's often erratic, tweet-driven economic interventions.

Diplomacy with Spine: India on the World Stage

Modi's foreign policy is where the comparison with other world leaders becomes starkly visible.

While Trump's term was marked by alienation from allies, withdrawal from international agreements, and trade wars, Modi's diplomacy has been inclusive, assertive, and agenda-driven.

Highlights of Modi's Global Diplomacy:

- **BRICS, QUAD, G-20 Leadership:** Modi has projected India as a key global player, not a secondary participant.

- **Act East and Neighbourhood First:** India's strategic depth has grown in Asia.

- **Balanced Stand on Ukraine and Palestine:** Modi's foreign policy has been independent, refusing to succumb to Western or Russian pressure.

- **International Yoga Day, Solar Alliance:** India now sets the global agenda, not just reacts to it.

The result? Modi is regularly ranked among the most admired global leaders, while Trump's tenure ended with a violent Capitol riot and an image of instability.

Communication Masterclass: A Leader Who Connects

In today's digital age, communication is power. And here again, Narendra Modi excels.

- **Mann Ki Baat,** his monthly radio program, has connected him with villagers, students, farmers, and homemakers—across caste and class.

- His speeches, delivered in simple Hindi, blend vision with emotion, and are heard by millions with rapt attention.

His presence on social media, his use of holograms, apps, and interactive townhalls is way ahead of most world leaders—including Trump, whose Twitter dependency often led to controversy. Whereas Trump's language was often divisive or incendiary, Modi's tone remains measured, inspiring, and future-focused.

Electoral Magnetism: The Unstoppable juggernaut

Modi has led the BJP to victory in two consecutive Lok Sabha elections (2014 and 2019) with absolute majorities—a rare feat in coalition-era Indian politics.

While Trump lost his re-election bid in 2020, Modi's approval ratings have consistently remained above 65%, even during global crises.

Modi's mass connect is unparalleled—be it his rallies in Varanasi, Madison Square Garden, or Wembley Stadium. He doesn't just win elections; he reshapes the political narrative before each one.

Age Is Just a Number: The Energetic Statesman

At 74, Trump is often seen as inconsistent in stamina and focus. Modi, at 73, shows the energy of a man in his 40s.

His daily schedule includes waking up at 5 AM, practicing yoga, reading, and working late into the night. On international trips, he often meets multiple world leaders in a day, addresses diaspora events, and returns to resume domestic work without pause.

Unlike most politicians, Modi has no family distractions, no holidays, and no retirement plans. Public service is not a job for him. It is a spiritual calling.

Moral Authority and Corruption-Free Image

In a world where politics is synonymous with scandals, Modi remains untouched by corruption. He leads a clean cabinet, maintains transparency in appointments, and holds

himself and others to high ethical standards. Trump, by contrast, faces multiple legal investigations, and his White House tenure was marred by resignations, lawsuits, and controversies.

Modi's simplicity—no designer suits, no private golf resorts, no lavish personal indulgences—has won him moral credibility across class divides.

A Man of Culture, Civilization, and Continuity

Narendra Modi doesn't just lead a government. He revives civilizational pride.

From the Ram Temple in Ayodhya to the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, from the Statue of Unity to the rediscovery of India's spiritual and cultural depth, Modi's leadership reconnects modern India with its ancient soul.

This deep cultural connect is something few global leaders—certainly not Trump—can emulate.

The Modi Model and the Future

The world is at a crossroads. Democracies are under pressure. Global institutions are losing credibility. The need of the hour is a leader who can balance domestic strength with global vision, someone who combines economic growth with moral grounding, and who believes in both inclusive governance and cultural revival.

That leader is Narendra Modi

While Donald Trump symbolizes the chaotic populism of the West, Narendra Modi represents the disciplined democracy of the East. His journey is not over—it is still unfolding. And if history is any guide, Modi Ji may well go down as one of the most successful, influential, and enduring leaders in the world of the 21st century.

Final Word: India today needs to tell its story through its leaders. And the story of Narendra Modi is not just India's story—it is the story of global leadership in an age of uncertainty. Modi is not merely a Prime Minister. He is a civilizational ambassador, a governance innovator, and perhaps, the most effective democratic leader of our times.

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A Mind That Questions

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Dostoevsky once said that the world will reach a time when intelligent people will be stopped from thinking and questioning so that they do not offend fools. Yes, questioning is dangerous to foolishness because foolishness often relies on blind acceptance rather than thinking deeply or critically. When someone starts questioning, they begin to seek truth, understanding or clarity. Foolishness survives where questions aren't asked.

Analysing deeply, one can find that the entire human civilization stands on questions. Who am I? Who are you? What are clouds? What is the wind? Why does it blow, and why does it stop? Why does the sun always rise in the east? If the Earth is rotating, then what remains still? If all human brains have the same structure, why do some minds work more efficiently while others function less? How do we determine whether the person we consider insane is truly insane? If iron is heavier than water, then why do ships float? How is a civilization born, how does it rise, and how does it perish? How does a thought turn into a belief, and how does the same thought evolve into scientific reasoning?

Someone, at some point, must have asked these questions—only then we were able to move from



caves to conquering planets and making space our home. Just as silence is the mentor of sounds, a question is the father of an answer. The nature and quality of a question serve as the DNA that reveals our intellectual lineage. A question is the measure by which our intelligence, foolishness and the depth or shallowness of our thinking can be instantly assessed and the landscape of our mind can be quietly surveyed. An answer may be ordinary, but a question is never trivial.

On the surface, a question like "Why does an apple fall downward instead of rising upward?" may seem simple or even foolish. Yet, this very question unlocked the mystery of gravity and opened an entire world of scientific wonder. When all human blood is the same

colour, brain sizes are similar, the Earth belongs to everyone, and death is inevitable for all, then what justifies social hierarchies and class divisions? It was from the womb of this paradox that the philosophy of Karl Marx emerged. Which is the greater force—violence or non-violence? The answer to this question is reflected in the lives of Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Nelson Mandela. If humans have been given intellect, then how can they be bound by a single idea or ideology for eternity? How can they be prevented from thinking in different ways? And when they are restricted, what are the benefits and consequences? This one question gave birth to the concept and movement of enlightenment.

A question is like water—when

it flows freely, it nourishes; if it is obstructed, it becomes stagnant. There is no need to look far. Just observe yourself, your surroundings and societies or states that fear questions and the search for truth. Then compare them to those that through their fearless pursuit of answers have transformed themselves and progressed beyond imagination. Observe those who blindly cling to the belief that what they say is the absolute truth, and that they alone possess reality. Now compare them to those who accept they might be wrong—and who would genuinely welcome being proven so. They believe that, despite differences, continuous dialogue can lead us to common ground.

The difference between these two mindsets defines the journey of a civilization—whether it remains stagnant or moves forward. The day we begin to eliminate phrases like "Without a doubt," "Certainly," "Well said," "That's impossible," "There is no question about it," "I refuse to hear this," "I dare not ask," "I blindly trust your word," and "This is the final verdict" from our vocabulary and instead choose to climb the ladder of inquiry and step into the realm of doubt; our long-stalled journey of intellectual evolution will begin again.

However, if you pose a question without first fully listening to and understanding the other person's

perspective, it is likely to lead not to the pursuit of knowledge, but to stubbornness, argument, and unnecessary conflict. A question is more powerful than an atomic bomb and has the power to shatter authority. That is why kings fear it and nations tremble before it. We often observe that in our madrasas, schools, colleges, and universities, a student who dares to ask questions is labelled as disrespectful, misguided, or rebellious. Instead of being encouraged to think critically and find solutions independently, students are forced to memorize like parrots—ensuring a continuous supply of obedient but intellectually stifled and mentally enslaved generations.

If we can raise a generation unafraid to ask, to reflect and respond, and to challenge inherited dogmas, we may yet begin to heal the deep political and social wounds we have long ignored. Otherwise, the angel Israfil (AS) waits silently behind the veil, eyeing the clock—for he knows, as we pretend not to, that time is not infinite. Let us raise voices that ask rather than echo, minds that probe rather than conform, and generations that challenge rather than obey. For only when the question lives, does humanity truly live.

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Unfulfilled Promise: The Battle For Social Security For Elderly

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Our pension system is not only inadequate but also fragmented at many levels. While some sections of the organised sector get relief through instruments like the Employees' Provident Fund and the National Pension Scheme, 85% of workers in the unorganised sector are outside its ambit. The number of people above 60 years of age in the country's population is estimated to reach 23 crores by 2036. But even today only 5-6% of the elderly are able to avail the benefits of any organised pension scheme. This failure is visible at all three levels - policy, structural and administrative.

India has a deep access gap despite efforts like the Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana and National Social Assistance Programme. For example, the number of workers covered under the Shram Yogi Yojana is only 14% of the country's total unorganised workforce. The biggest weakness of these schemes is the fixed monthly contribution conditions, which make them unviable for workers with unstable and seasonal earnings.

The pension amount in the schemes that are available is so low that it becomes a humiliating consolation rather than a means of livelihood. Whether it is the monthly pension of 1,000-5,000 under the Atal Pension Yojana or 3,000 per month under the Shram Yogi Yojana — this amount is inadequate for the needs of an elderly person amid rising inflation and the cost of medicines. The direct result of this is that at that stage of life when a person needs rest and respect the most, he is forced to wander from door to door, depend on children or work.

A large population does not know what pension schemes are, how to join them and what the benefits are. This problem is especially acute in rural areas where banking access and digital literacy are also limited. Also, social mindset is a barrier - "The responsibility of the elderly is of the sons and daughters", this thinking has also freed the state from accountability.

Schemes like the National Social



Assistance Programme under which the central government provides old-age pensions also vary widely from state to state. Some states make monthly payments, while others pay quarterly or half-yearly. Moreover, the process of application, approval and disbursement is so complicated that many elderly people get tired of applying.

Given the depth of the problem, structural changes are now needed instead of partial reforms. An inclusive pension system is possible only if we seriously consider some concrete measures.

It should be the moral responsibility of the state to provide a minimum assured pension to the elderly irrespective of income, occupation or contribution. A uniform rate universal

pension system like New Zealand can be implemented in which every citizen gets minimum support for living after 65 years.

Keeping in mind the unstable income of workers in the unorganised sector, flexible contributions should be allowed in the schemes. The example of Japan's 'Flat Rate Scheme' can be taken, in which even self-employed and small farmers can easily join.

Voluntary contribution schemes should be combined with minimum social pension. For example, Atal Pension Yojana should be made more practical, National Pension Scheme should be made accessible and both should be integrated into the social security system.

It is important to integrate the system linked to pension distribu-

tion, Aadhaar, Jan Dhan and mobile. This will not only increase transparency but will also eliminate the role of middlemen and corruption.

On the lines of the 'Mutual Fund Sahi Hai' initiative, a national campaign called "Pension Surakshit Bhavishya" should be launched to explain the information, importance and process of pension in simple language in both rural and urban areas.

There is a need for better coordination between the state and the centre in pension distribution and policies. Monthly distribution should be made mandatory and states should be motivated to budget for pension.

By adopting an "auto-enrolment and opt-out" policy, as in the UK, workers can be automatically added to schemes. This will also provide cov-

erage to those who have not been able to join so far due to complex processes.

India has to understand that pension is not a mercy but a right. It is not just a question of financial security but of providing a dignified life to the elderly. If we are unable to include the elderly in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', then this slogan will prove to be hollow.

A society in which the elderly are considered a burden, slowly makes itself socially disabled. Now is the time for the government, policy makers and society to jointly develop such a pension system that can assure every Indian elderly that the last phase of his life will be full of respect and security.

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The Illicit Trade: How Drugs Fuel Crime And Corruption

VINOD CHANDRASHEKHAR DIXIT

26th June is observed as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking), often referred to as the International Day against Drug Abuse. It is to strengthen global action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse. Observance of this day aims to raise awareness to fight against substance abuse as well as the unlawful trade of drugs. Drugs are initially taken out of choice, but it becomes hard to resist them sooner than you realize. It is difficult to recover from this problem and even those who are at high risk of developing it again.

It is a fact that drug rackets operate internationally, but some countries are transshipment points for drug circulation. India possibly because of its strategic location is more prone to drug activities including drug trafficking and local consumption. The influence of westernization, changing family structure and peer pressure are some of the reasons behind drug abuse.

Our society should change its attitude. He should be provided with all the support and care. He should be properly rehabilitated. Moral education should be made a part of our curriculum. Society should be made aware from the early stage. In order to tame and trample the monster of drug abuse, we must go back to the root of the problem and make the use of drugs more human, tolerant, understanding, appreciative, sympathetic and helpful. Social workers, teachers, and above all parents, especially mothers can play a vital role in this direction. Many counselling and de-addiction centres have contributed greatly to create a national awakening. More such efforts are required from all walks of society.

Drugs are primarily chemicals that affect the communication system of the human brain. They disturb the ways in which nerve cells send, process and receive information. There are a couple of ways in which drugs achieve this — they copy the natural chemical messengers of the human brain and they overstimulate the brain's



reward circuit. Drugs such as heroin and marijuana are structured in the same way as chemical messengers known as neurotransmitters. Drug addiction can develop at any age but those who begin taking drugs at an early age have the highest risk of getting addicted. This is because the areas of the brain that are responsible for self-control, judgment and decision making are still in the development stage. This is the reason why teenagers are more prone to drug abuse. Governments have a responsibility to counteract both drug trafficking and drug abuse, but communities can also make a major contribution. Families, schools, civil society and religious organizations can do

their part to rid their communities of drugs.

According to the National Survey, hardly a third of drug dependents reported having taken treatment. In the findings of other agency it was found as low as two per cent. It is largely because people do not see drug abuse as a medical problem. Besides, lack of rehabilitation and access to treatment facilities are various other causes for not seeking treatment. The disintegration of the old joint family system, absence of parental love and care in modern families where both parents are working, decline of old religious and moral values etc lead to a rise in the number of drug addicts who take drugs to escape hard realities

of life. Drug trafficking is one of the major crimes. Killing someone or helping someone to kill himself is equal to a crime.

This is what common sense and human sense says. The ones who are trafficking and helping such drugs reach each and every corner of the country are committing a big crime. Drugs and drug dealing is a scourge that can bring down a mature and intelligent society to intolerable levels of depravity. It is better to nip this crime in the bud so that our country doesn't follow the horrible western malady. Creating awareness of dangers of substance abuse in society and effecting behavioural change are integral parts of the National Drug Master Plan. There

should be no leniency when talking about peddlers and pushers who destroy the victim and his kith and kin and put the victim into unalterable habit which will make the individual take to all crimes including murder and rape.

If we need to stop this menace from spreading we need harsh steps and stringent punishments. Only love and affection can help the youth from falling into clutches of drugs. Societal control is necessary along with a legal skeleton. Let us develop our Lives, our Communities, and our Identities... Without Drugs."

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Satish Sharma visits Baltal, reviews arrangements for SANJY-2025

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GANDERBAL: In view of the forthcoming Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2025, Minister for Transport, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Science and Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, Wednesday visited the Baltal Base Camp

to inspect and review the arrangements being put in place for smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage. During the visit, the Minister reviewed the availability and stocking of essential commodities for Langar Wallas, pilgrims and other stakeholders associated with the Yatra. He inspected the Food Store established at the Baltal Base Camp and

took firsthand stock of food grains and other essentials. During the visit, he was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore; Director FCS&CA, Dr. Owais Ahmed; RTO Kashmir; Deputy Director FCS&CA Kashmir; and officers from the Youth Services and Sports Department and other line departments. The Director FCS&CA

briefed the Minister about the current stock position, informing that sufficient food grains and petroleum products have been stored in the designated locations along the Baltal axis. These included Kulan Godown, Base Camp Baltal, Dumail Camp, Brarimarg, Pancharni and Holy Cave to meet the Yatra requirements. Later, Satish Sharma

chaired a review meeting at Sonamarg with officers of various departments to assess the overall preparedness. While reviewing the department-wise preparedness, the Minister directed the FCS&CA officials to ensure there is no shortage of food grains during the Yatra. He asked them to keep additional stocks avail-

able to cater to any exigency. He further directed the AD FCS&CA Ganderbal to ensure adequate manpower at all storage sites, which shall remain operational round-the-clock to address any logistical or supply-related issues. The Minister also reviewed the transport facilities available for the pilgrims. The RTO Kashmir

apprised him that SRTC buses and mini-buses have been mobilized and will be in service throughout the Yatra period. The Minister assured full support from the UT administration and emphasized coordinated efforts by all departments to ensure successful and seamless conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025.

Secy RDD reviews progress on Himayat Scheme

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, JUNE 25: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Wednesday chaired a high level review meeting to assess the progress on Himayat (DDU-GKY) scheme besides deliberating on the upcoming rollout of Himayat 2.0 across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting focused on evaluating the performance under the ongoing Annual Action Plan 2025-26, reviewing the status of sanctioned projects and outlining a future roadmap for enhanced youth skilling, placement and livelihood generation.

The meeting was attended by Chief Operating Officer, Himayat, Rajneesh Gupta, Joint Director (Planning), Kamal Kumar, State Project Manager, Sajad Choudhary and other senior officers of Himayat Mission Management Unit (HMMU).

While reviewing the performance under Himayat 1.0, the Secretary was informed that 34,294 youth have been trained under the scheme, so far. Of which, 14,702 candidates have

been successfully placed across the diverse sectors. He acknowledged the significant impact of the scheme in creating livelihood opportunities for the rural youth, particularly in underserved and remote regions.

The Secretary was apprised that the revamped Himayat (DDU-GKY) 2.0 has been launched with a target to skill and place 2,248 candidates for 2025-26 fiscal. Under the new version, the training strategy will be aligned to the emerging high-growth sectors such as IT-Enabled Services, Telecom, Aviation, Green Energy and Cybersecurity. It will also be supporting the traditional sectors, thereby ensuring holistic coverage of market-driven employment avenues.

He emphasized that special focus shall be given on rural and border districts, aiming to mainstream the youth from these regions through industry-relevant training and entrepreneurial promotion collaboration.

During the meeting, a detailed status review of sanctioned projects was undertaken.

Under the Action Plan 2025-26, the scheme is set to adopt a more dynamic and accountable approach,

incorporating psychometric assessments for career alignment, improved fund disbursement mechanisms and a strong emphasis on placement tracking, counselling services and grievance redressal.

In addition, the Secretary directed for early completion of the Skill Gap Analysis, which is expected to play a key role in aligning the training with current and future industry needs. He also emphasised the importance of conducting the Job Melas in Jammu and Srinagar, as well as the Himayat Alumni Meet to be held in Srinagar in mid-July 2025.

Highlighting the importance of visibility and outreach, the Secretary stressed on scaling up Information, Education and Communication (IEC) initiatives. These will include wall painting drives, FM radio campaigns and pamphlet distribution, to raise awareness and participation in the Himayat scheme.

A detailed presentation was made by the Chief Operating Officer, Himayat, outlining the physical and financial progress of the scheme, key achievements and the strategy for implementation under DDU-GKY 2.0.

KU hosts special lecture on Dialogism

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Department of Linguistics at the University of Kashmir (KU) hosted a special lecture titled "Open World: Diverse Cultures and Dialogic Consciousness" at the university's main campus on Wednesday.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Lakshmi Bandlamudi, a distinguished Professor of Psychology at LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York. Prof. Bandlamudi is an expert in cultural psychology and human development and is renowned for her work in Bakhtinian studies.

In her engaging talk, Prof. Bandlamudi explored the concept of dialogism, as theorised by Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakhtin. She discussed its broad relevance across disciplines and emphasized its importance in today's interconnected and dynamic world.

"Dialogism is not just about conversation, it is a way of being in the world, of engaging with others while allowing space for difference and growth," she said.

Prof. Bandlamudi further explained that dialogism extends beyond language, representing a deep ethical and philosophical framework for human interaction and understanding.

In his welcome address, Prof. Musavir Ahmed, Head Department of Linguistics KU, underscored the value of such scholarly events in fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and critical thought.

The session concluded with remarks by Prof. Javid Ahmad from the Department of Political Science, KU who lauded Prof. Bandlamudi's insightful contribution to promoting cross-cultural academic exchange.

The lecture drew participation from faculty members, research scholars and students from various departments of KU and concluded with a vibrant interactive Q&A session.

DC, SSP Doda review arrangements for Annual Religious Yatras

GMK NEWS NETWORK

DODA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Kumar Mehta along with ADC Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur Wednesday jointly chaired a comprehensive review meeting to discuss the preparations for the upcoming annual religious yatras across the district.

DC Doda discussed Annual yatra in the district Shri Chandi Mata Yatra, Kulhand, Chandi Mata Yatra, Yatra Sarva Dharma Shenkhi, Dossa, Annual Chounda Mata Yatra, Charri Yatra,

Monthla Nag, Chandi Mata Kenthi Dhar Yatra, Yatra from Kansar to Malni Dhar, Baderwah, Dandasan Mata Yatra and Shri Chandi Mata Lakabar Yatra.

The meeting witnessed the participation of religious heads, including the President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha, and representatives from various Mandir Committees.

During the meeting, DC Doda reviewed the arrangements related to uninterrupted power and water supply, adequate availability of firewood and essential commodities, sanitation and cleanliness along the yatra routes, Smooth traffic movement and transport

facilities.

SSP Doda reviewed the security and traffic management plans for the yatras. He stressed the importance of coordinated efforts between the police, civil administration and local stakeholders to maintain law and order. Deployment of adequate security personnel and traffic regulation measures were also discussed in detail.

DC Doda and SSP Doda emphasized inter-departmental coordination and sought active participation from local religious and civil society representatives to ensure a peaceful and successful yatra season in the district.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Parliamentary Panel

-related arrangements. Two other officers from the Mining Department will work in coordination with the Lok Sabha Secretariat to ensure the success of the visit, the order reads.

The visit assumes significance as it will be first visit of a parliamentary panel to Kashmir following April 22 Baisaran attack in which 26 civilians were killed by terrorists.

After the terror attack, parliamentary panels had stopped visiting Kashmir. Three such panels- Department-related Standing Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs, Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing & Urban Affairs and Joint Parliamentary Committee on "One Nation, One Election" had cancelled/ abandoned their plans to visit J&K—(KNO)

Emergency Most

Lieutenant Governor said. He paid homage to the countless individuals, political leaders, journalists, activists, and citizens, who bravely resisted the authoritarian regime and safeguarded the democratic values.

"In that darkest period in India's democratic history, the soul of the country was crushed, Civil liberties were attacked, Constitutional safeguards were violated and dreams of nation-building were buried.

The suspension of fundamental rights, press censorship, and the widespread arrests of political opponents and citizens was a direct assault on the democratic dreams that fuelled India's independence movement and were enshrined in its Constitution," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, called upon the youth to take the lead in exposing those responsible for the murder of the Constitution and democratic values.

"Dictatorship is a mindset that needs to be understood. The new generation needs to know how India's democracy was held captive for 21 months. The new generation needs to understand how our democratic values were tarnished and how some handful of people ruthlessly bled the very soul of the democratic republic, assaulted our democratic norms, shattered India's ancient democratic form and damaged the four pillars of democracy, for sheer political gain.

The new generation also needs to be told how our great leaders and vigilant citizens displayed great courage and unshakable loyalty to democratic values," he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also shared his personal experiences from the Emergency period and emphasized on educating the people about their rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

"Democracy is in the nature of India, democracy is ingrained in our veins since time immemorial, that is why India is called the mother of democracy. I also salute those great personalities who nurtured the rich tradition and heritage of this nation, those who truly enriched democratic values generation after generation.

I have full faith that the saga of sacrifices and resilience of our satyagrahis who valiantly protected the democratic values during the Emergency will continue to inspire us to further strengthen our democracy and build a truly developed India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Political leaders and citizens who were the victims of Emergency shared the accounts of sufferings they endured during the dark period of Emergency. The Lieutenant Governor assured them that their issues and concerns will be taken up with the concerned authorities.

On the occasion, a Dogri translation of 'Bharatiya Nasyon', 'Bharatiya Sanhita', 'Bharatiya Nagarik

Suraksha Sanhita' and 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam' were also released by the Lieutenant Governor.

Shri Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K; Shri Arvind Gupta, Member of Legislative Assembly from Jammu West; Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; senior officials, political leaders, and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Multi-Layered Security

starting next week. Jammu-Kashmir Police and other security forces have made all security arrangements for the yatra. Compared to last year, this time there are multi-layered and in-depth security arrangements so as to make the yatra safe and smooth," the inspector general of Kashmir Police told reporters in Anantnag.

Birdi visited the Nunwan base camp of the yatra along the Pahalgam axis and reviewed the security arrangements for the pilgrimage which starts July 3.

The IGP said the security arrangements for the 38-day pilgrimage have been divided into different levels, including zonal, and security drills were held at every level on Wednesday ahead of the yatra.

"The aim of the drills is to refine our alertness, and preparedness of our actions and responses at the time of any contingency. Such drills were conducted at every place like camps, roads or interior sections along the yatra routes so that all the security forces remain alert and know what specific tasks they have to carry out to fight any contingency," he added.

Asked about the local support to the yatra, Birdi said the yatra cannot be conducted without the support of the local population.

"They become successful due to the help and support by the locals. This time also, the people are excited to welcome the yatris and provide them any possible help," the IGP said.

Meanwhile, security forces conducted drills at Pahalgam, Anantnag, and Qazigund in south Kashmir; Pantha Chowk in Srinagar, and Sumbal in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

JKNC Names

According to a statement issued by the party's Communications Wing, the appointments were made on the direction of Party President Dr Farooq Abdullah.

"Tahir Sayeed has been nominated to represent the party as Spokesperson, Kashmir. Abrar Hameed, Sandeep Singh Wazir, and Akash Verma will serve as additional spokespersons," the statement said.

The party conveyed best wishes to the appointees in their new roles, stating that they will represent the National Conference and raise public concerns through various media platforms.

Congress Considering

convened to welcome Dr Nasir Hussain on his first visit to Kashmir as AICC in charge for Jammu and Kashmir, witnessed participation from JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra, Working President Raman Bhalla, and other senior leaders.

The leadership stressed the importance of full organisational mobilisation ahead of the upcoming panchayat, municipal, and District Development Council (DDC) polls while also factoring in the possibility of an early Assembly election. "Whether or not alliances are formed, the

Congress must be ready to face the people with a clear vision and disciplined structure," Mir said. He added that internal restructuring and ground-level preparations must reflect the party's readiness to project itself as the principal political force in the region.

The party has already begun reviewing internal roles and responsibilities to align with this shift. Mir said that future decisions on alliances will be made in consultation with AICC leadership, but the sentiment from the ground will be taken seriously—(KNO)

Police Conduct Search

procedure and was aimed at uncovering incriminating materials, documents, electronic devices, or any evidence pointing toward continued unlawful activities or affiliations with the banned outfit, he said.

Handwara Police remains committed to acting tough against individuals involved in supporting or propagating the ideology of proscribed organizations and reiterates its resolve to ensure peace and security in the region, reads the statement.

Farooq Abdullah Asks

The veteran politician, however, asked the film-makers to make quality films, unlike "some in the past that could not be screened" over lack of artistry.

"Let our producers and directors make good films. Kashmir is a beautiful place and there is tremendous talent. The local actors will get a break here, they can then showcase their talent elsewhere," he added.

About 'Harmukh', Abdullah said he felt happy after watching it. "God willing, it will soon come on Netflix and the whole world can watch it," he said.(PTI)

Chief Secretary Chairs

management, rules 2007. The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of utilising the existing resources efficiently which is critical towards saving lives, reducing response times and minimizing overall damage in case of a disaster.

The SEC also highlighted the significance of each agenda item for augmenting the capacity of the UT to be better prepared against the disasters the region is prone to.

The SEC reaffirmed its commitment to transparent and accountable use of SDRF resources. It also resolved to hold periodic reviews to monitor progress and address any emerging gaps in the disaster management framework.

Jhelum Shrinks As

Er Taj Mohammad Chowdhary, Chief Engineer of Jal Shakti (PHE) Kashmir, informed KNO that several areas, especially in Srinagar, are receiving water via tankers. "Over a dozen tankers are operating in the city, and more can be deployed if needed. Misuse is a major concern; people are using potable water for lawns and other non-essential purposes," he said.

Chowdhary added that all filtration plants are functioning efficiently, with priority given to essential services like hospitals. Surveillance teams have been established to monitor and curb misuse.

To address the increasing demand, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah earlier chaired a high-

level review meeting in Jammu on June 19. He directed departments to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply during peak summer months, including during the Amarnath Yatra and Muharram.

The Meteorological Department (MeT) Srinagar has forecast that from June 25 to 27, the weather will be generally cloudy with intermittent spells of light to moderate rain and thunderstorms in many parts of Kashmir, with a possibility of heavy rainfall in some areas of Jammu Division—(KNO)

Hot, Dry Weather

rainfall in Jammu over the next 24 to 48 hours, with Kashmir Valley also expected to receive monsoon showers during the next two days—(KNO)

To Revive Tourism, Centre

Yatra and tourists visiting the Valley. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also chaired a cabinet meeting in Pahalgam, a first of its kind, to send a clear message that violence has no place in Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

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Russian FM meets Tharoor, highlights restoring work of RIC troika

IANS

MOSCOW: Member of Parliament (MP) Shashi Tharoor, currently on a tour of Russia, met Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the prestigious Primakov Readings, an annual meeting of experts in the field of international relations and world economy.

"Good to catch up with old friend Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the Primakov Readings in Moscow," Tharoor posted on X on Wednesday along with photographs of him with the Russian minister.

Addressing the gathering on Tuesday, Lavrov had highlighted the importance and potential of the special privileged strategic partnership with India and the role played by noted scientist and statesman Yevgeny Maksimovich Primakov.

"Here, the legacy of E.M. Primakov is also well known. It was he who many years ago came up with the initiative to form such a non-bureaucratic 'troika' - RIC (Russia, India and China). Since then, it has met regularly over the past



few years. Now we are on a break. First, the pandemic intervened, and then the escalation on the border between India and China served as a "brake". Now, given the reports that these escalations are easing, we expect that the work of RIC will be restored," Lavrov told a solid group of participants which included prominent politicians, scientists, experts, and public figures from many countries around the world.

Meanwhile, a video clip of a meeting Tharoor

tion of Turkey, Iran, India, Pakistan and China.

Tharoor, who recently led an Indian all-party delegation to the United States and several other countries as part of the Operation Sindhoo outreach initiative post April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, is quick to point out that Islamabad has for decades pursued cross-border terrorism into India with impunity.

"Chairman, there is a country that unfortunately provides safe haven for these terrorist groups. They have their headquarters there and train terrorists in their country. They fund them, arm them, and send them to other countries. So, it is hard for us to ignore the fact that they do have patronage in Pakistan," Tharoor said.

The two lawmakers also exchanged opinions on the ongoing tensions in the Middle East, Gaza, the Ukraine conflict, and the recent military escalation between India and Pakistan.

Other issues on the agenda included regional security issues in Asia and inter-parliamentary cooperation within the BRICS framework, Russia's RT reported.

Trump says Iran-Israel ceasefire going 'very good'

IANS

THE HAGUE: US President Donald Trump said here on Wednesday that a ceasefire between Iran and Israel is going "very good," following days of intense military escalation between the two foes.

"I think it's (going) very good. Israel came back yesterday," Trump told reporters at the NATO summit in The Hague, referring to his Tuesday warning to Israel to halt airstrikes on Iran.

Speaking about Iran's uranium enrichment efforts, Trump said he would not tolerate uranium enrichment, and if that happens, he would primarily solve it through military means.

"I'll tell you the last thing they want to do is to enrich anything right now. They want to recover. We won't let that happen. Number one, militarily. We won't."

He went on to describe the impact of the US airstrikes on Iran's nuclear facilities as "total obliteration."

On June 13, Israel launched major airstrikes on different areas in Iran, including nuclear and military sites, killing senior commanders, nuclear scientists and civilians. Iran responded by launching several waves of missile and drone attacks on Israel, inflicting casualties and heavy damage.

On Saturday, the US Air Force bombed three Iranian nuclear sites of Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan. In retaliation, Iran on Monday attacked the US Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar with missiles.

Following Iran's attack, Trump announced that a ceasefire between Iran and Israel would begin around 0400 GMT on Tuesday. Both sides later confirmed the start



Iranian Parliament approves suspending cooperation with IAEA

IANS

TEHRAN: Iranian Parliament on Wednesday approved a bill suspending cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The decision followed the recent US strikes on three Iranian nuclear sites -- dubbed "Operation Midnight Hammer" -- in Esfahan, Fordow, and Natanz, Iran's semi-official Mehr News Agency reported.

Reports suggest that during the open session of Parliament, the lawmakers agreed on a general outline of a plan that called for suspending cooperation with the IAEA.

Out of a total of 223 representatives present in the session, 221 voted in favour, one voted against, and one abstained.

Iran stated that it has every right to protect its sovereignty, interests, and people.

The Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI) declared that the attack breached the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and cannot stop Iran from continuing with its "peaceful" nuclear programme.

Earlier, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf had criticised the UN nuclear agency, alleging that it did not condemn the strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities, adding that the IAEA has lost its "international credibility."

He further said that the AEOI will halt its cooperation with the IAEA until assurances are given on the safety of Iranian nuclear facilities.

"Iran's peaceful nucle-

ar programme will make headway more quickly," the Parliament speaker stated.

On June 13, Israeli airstrikes targeted multiple sites inside Iran, including nuclear and military installations. The US followed on early Sunday with airstrikes on Iran's Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan nuclear facilities.

The flare-up coincides with a recent resolution by the IAEA's Board of Governors, which, for the first time since 2005, declared Iran non-compliant with its nuclear obligations.

The move followed an IAEA report accusing Tehran of failing to fully explain the presence of nuclear material detected at three undeclared locations while offering what the agency described as "less than satisfactory" cooperation.

India appreciates Vietnam's support in fight against terrorism

IANS

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday appreciated Vietnam's expression of solidarity and support to India in the fight against terrorism as both sides unequivocally condemned terrorism in all forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism, during the 13th Political Consultation and the 10th Strategic Dialogue held in New Delhi.

The dialogue was chaired by P. Kumaran, Secretary (East) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Nguyen Manh Cuong, Deputy Foreign Minister of Vietnam.

During the political consultation, both sides reviewed progress in the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which is guided by the Joint Vision for Peace, Prosperity and People adopted by the Prime Ministers of India and Vietnam in December 2020 and the Plan of Action for 2024-2028, signed in August 2024 during the State Visit of the Prime Minister of Vietnam to India.

"The two sides discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including cooperation covering politi-

cal, defence and security, maritime, trade and investment, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, energy, science and technology, space, information technology, digital, fintech, connectivity, culture, tourism and education domains. Both sides expressed satisfaction on the ongoing development cooperation between India and Vietnam through heritage conservation and restoration projects, Quick Impact Projects, ITEC and e-ITEC initiatives and scholarships," read a statement issued by the MEA.

Both countries also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest during the strategic dialogue.

"The Vietnam side thanked the Government of India for the first-ever exposition of the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha in Vietnam in May 2025. During this event of profound significance, which underscored the shared spiritual heritage of India and Vietnam, over 14 million people paid their respects to the Holy Relics. The Indian side reaffirmed Vietnam's position as a key partner in India's Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision and vision of the Indo-Pacific," the statement added.

India returning to space, Jai Hind: Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla

IANS

NEW DELHI: India is returning to space, Jai Hind, said astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, ahead of his historic mission to become the first Indian to reach the International Space Station, on Wednesday.

After being deferred multiple times, Shukla is all set to fly at 2:31 a.m. EDT (12 noon IST), from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, aboard a new SpaceX Dragon spacecraft on the company's Falcon 9 rocket.

"India is returning to space, Jai Hind," Shukla wrote on X, just before the launch of the mission.

"Dragon's hatch is closed, all communication and suit checks are complete, the seats are rotated, and the Ax-4 crew is ready for launch!" he added.

Earlier, Shukla also penned an emotional note for wife.

"Special thanks to Kamna for being the wonderful partner that you are. Without you none of this was possible but

more importantly none of this would matter," said Shukla, in a post on Instagram.

He also shared a photograph that shows them saying goodbye through opposite sides of a glass wall.



Shukla also thanked people "involved in this mission for their support".

Axiom Space, in collaboration with NASA and SpaceX, organised the mission, which features a diverse international crew and marks a major step forward in commercial and global space exploration.

Shukla, who will serve as the pilot of the mission alongside Commander Peggy Whitson of the US, will also become the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma's flight in 1994.

The other crew members include Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary, both serving as mission specialists. Once aboard the ISS, Shukla will conduct pioneering experiments related to food and space nutrition.

NATO leaders pledge 'ironclad commitment' to collective defence, increase security spending

IANS

THE HAGUE: Reaffirming an "ironclad commitment" to collective defence, the NATO Heads of State and Government on Wednesday agreed to invest five per cent of GDP annually on core defence requirements as well as defence and security-related spending by 2035.

"United in the face of profound security threats and challenges, in particular the long-term threat posed by Russia to Euro-Atlantic security and the persistent threat of terrorism, Allies commit to invest 5% of GDP annually on core defence requirements as well as defence and security-related spending by 2035 to ensure our individual and collective obligations, in accordance with Article 3 of the Washington Treaty," read The Hague Summit Declaration issued after the two-day NATO Summit.

Allies took several decisions to make the 32-member alliance stronger, fairer and "more lethal".

"We, the Heads of State and Government of the North Atlantic Alliance, have gathered in The Hague to reaffirm our commitment to NATO, the strongest Alliance in history, and to the transatlantic bond. We reaffirm our ironclad commitment to collective defence as enshrined in Article 5 of the Washington Treaty -- that an attack on one is an attack on all. We remain united and steadfast in our resolve to protect our one billion citizens, defend the Alliance, and safeguard our freedom and democracy," the Joint Statement mentioned.

The allies also signed a number of new multinational projects and expanding existing ones. Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom commit-



ted to the joint acquisition, storage, transportation and management of stockpiles of defence critical raw materials, including through recycling existing products.

"Our investments will ensure we have the forces, capabilities, resources, infrastructure, warfighting readiness, and resilience needed to deter and defend in line with our three core tasks of deterrence and defence, crisis prevention and management, and cooperative security," the statement added.

The allies agreed that the five per cent commitment will comprise two essential categories of defence investment.

"Allies will allocate at least 3.5 per cent of GDP annually based on the agreed definition of NATO defence expenditure by 2035 to resource core defence requirements, and to meet the NATO Capability Targets. Allies agree to submit annual plans showing a credible, incremental path to reach this goal. And Allies will account for up to 1.5 per cent of GDP annually to inter alia protect our critical infrastructure, defend our networks, ensure our civil preparedness and resilience, unleash innovation, and strengthen our defence industrial base," the joint statement detailed.

"The trajectory and bal-

ance of spending under this plan will be reviewed in 2029, in light of the strategic environment and updated Capability Targets. Allies reaffirm their enduring sovereign commitments to provide support to Ukraine, whose security contributes to ours, and, to this end, will include direct contributions towards Ukraine's defence and its defence industry when calculating Allies' defence spending," it added.

The NATO member countries also reaffirmed their shared commitment to rapidly expand transatlantic defence industrial cooperation and to harness emerging technology and the spirit of innovation to advance our collective security.

"We will work to eliminate defence trade barriers among Allies and will leverage our partnerships to promote defence industrial cooperation," they pledged.

India's FDI inflows surge to \$8.8 billion in April

IANS

MUMBAI: Gross inward foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India surged to \$8.8 billion in April this year, higher than \$5.9 billion in March and \$7.2 billion in April 2024, according to the RBI's monthly bulletin released on Wednesday.

Manufacturing and business services accounted for nearly half of the gross FDI inflows in this month.

India ranked 16th globally in FDI inflows and recorded \$114 billion in greenfield investment in digital economy sectors over the last five years (2020-2024), the highest among all countries in the Global South, the bulletin states.

of the ceasefire, Xinhua news agency reported.

US President Donald Trump also said that if Iran rebuilds nuclear facilities, the United States will carry out another strike on it.

Asked if the United States would strike again if Iran rebuilt its nuclear enrichment programme, Trump said: "Sure."

Trump also said Washington will not allow Tehran to continue enrich-

ing uranium, including using military means.

"We will not let that happen. Number one, militarily. I think we will end up having somewhat of a relationship with Iran," he said.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER, KASHMIR

Subject: Transfer of P.F Data from JKEPFO to EPFO India

CIRCULAR

In continuation to our previous circulars, issued vide No Addl. PFC/K/1389-94 dated 23-03-2024 & other various communications from time to time through official correspondences as well, one last opportunity is being provided to general subscribers/leftover establishments including (Public Sector Undertakings) whose Provident Fund balances have not been transferred to EPFO India till date. Final opportunity is served to the Establishments/general subscribers to visit the office of the undersigned within 21 days positively from the date of publication of this notice along with all relevant records (PF Challahs, Form-12 etc.) for updating the subscription of pending subscribers (if any) for settlement of their PF accumulations only after thorough verification and reconciliation of their records. Subsequently their Account balances shall be settled by the approval of the competent authority.

No further request whatsoever in this regard shall be entertained beyond the notified date which may kindly be noted as J&K EPFO is going to be officially wind-up as it is merged with EPFO, India within a short period of time.

No: Addl.PFC/K/237-241
 Dated: 24-06-2025
 DIPK-2940-25
 DT: 25/06/2025

Yours faithfully
 (Nazir Ahmad Bhat)
 Additional Provident Fund Commissioner
 Kashmir

Students deserve access to quality education: Sakeena Itoo

Reviews performance, functioning of School Education department

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Minister for Education, Social Welfare and Health, Sakeena Itoo, Wednesday chaired a high level meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the performance and functioning of School Education department (SED).

The meeting was attended by Secretary, SED, Ram Niwas Sharma; Director School Education Kashmir/Jammu, Special Secretary, SED, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Secretary JKBOSE, Director Finance SED, Director Planning, SED, Chief Education Officers of all districts and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, Sakeena took comprehensive assessment of key performance indicators in learning outcomes, infrastructure readiness, teacher performance, human resource management as well as implementation status of major educational schemes like Samagra Shiksha, PM-POSHAN (Mid Day Meal), New India Literacy Programme (NILP), PM-Shri and others.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Minister emphasized on the critical importance of accountability, transparency and outcome-oriented strategies in enhancing the



quality of education across J&K. She underlined the need for bridging learning gaps and called for robust monitoring mechanisms to ensure timely delivery of educational resources and improved student outcomes in schools.

"We must prioritize the learning outcomes, teacher training, digital access and inclusive education. Every child, regardless of their socio-economic background or geographical location, deserves access to quality education", Minister Sakeena stated.

While reviewing student enrolment trends across UT, especially among the girls and marginalized communities, the Minister called upon the officers to maintain enrolment in schools with proper imple-

mentation of schemes in vogue for that. She asked the officers to take immediate steps for maintaining enrolment in high and higher secondary schools. She also directed the officers for effective implementation of Beti Anmol scheme having wider role in maintaining girl enrolment number higher secondary schools.

During the meeting, the Minister also expressed displeasure over persistent problems in education sector, particularly in remote and under-served areas. She directed the officers to install electricity connections and solar panels in all left out schools within six months. She also asked the to establish toilets and other basic facilities in all left out schools

within four months.

The Minister issued a clarion call for a culture of responsibility, urging all the educators and administrative personnel to treat their roles with seriousness they deserve. "We cannot allow complacency to derail education of our children. Teachers are not just government employees, they are the torchbearers of our future and their accountability must be fixed for non-performance", she stated.

While reviewing other aspects of the department, the Minister issued strict directions regarding rationalisation of teachers in schools having ample staff presence. She further directed that all Principals should take classes in their respective schools, apart from

looking after routine management of schools only.

The Minister also directed that no transfers should happen at the zonal or district levels and respective Directors should be consulted before any transfers. She also asked both the directors to look after the issue of shifting of attendance of teachers from one school to another without any reason and fix responsibility for those doing it without informing their respective Directors.

While reviewing the status of ongoing projects and other infrastructure, the Minister asked the officers to maintain regular coordination with the executing agencies for timely completion of the projects. She asked them to monitor the works on regular basis for timely completion owing to limited working season in Kashmir and some parts of Jammu division.

The Minister further said that the government remains committed towards transforming the education ecosystem across J&K. "Reforms in education are not just about policy but about ensuring our children are equipped to thrive in a fast-changing world," she stated.

During the meeting, Secretary, SED gave a detailed presentation on different aspects of School Education department.

IIT Jammu to develop Innovation & Future Technology Park

Atal Dulloo chairs meeting to discuss modalities

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In what could contribute to the further development of Information Technology and related fields in Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, has initiated the process to establish Innovation and Future Technology Enabled Services Park.

This was revealed during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo at Civil Secretariat here.

IIT Jammu mooted the idea of the Park that could serve as a single point location for technology and scientific research ecosystem. The Institute is in talks with the government of Jammu and Kashmir to work out the modalities.

The proposed Park will come up near IIT Jammu on the 200 acres of land already allotted to IIT Jammu.

While chairing the meeting, Atal Dulloo emphasised upon the concerned to study successful IIT Park models in other parts of the country that can be replicated in Jammu and Kashmir.

He directed the officers to have in-depth study of successful models and submit a comprehensive proposal for the establishment of a state-of-the-art Innovation & Future Technology Park in Jammu and Kashmir, tailored to the unique socio-economic



conditions of J&K.

Emphasizing the importance of sustainable development, he noted that the model should prioritize innovation, job creation, and infrastructure development while ensuring alignment with local resources and talent pools.

Atal Dulloo also directed the Secretary Revenue to demarcate the land that has already been allotted to IIT Jammu.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation was given that outlined the modalities for the establishment of the Park, including land demarcation, infrastructure requirements, investment models, policy incentives, and stakeholder engagement strategies.

It was given out in the meeting that the focus will be on technology based job creation that are relevant for the next 5-7 years and the aim will be to create tangible jobs for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

It was also given out that IIT Jammu will work with

government of Jammu and Kashmir and GoI in their endeavour to create an ecosystem for socio-economic growth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting noted that there was lack of technology ecosystem for youth to contribute to the region and with the establishment of the Park, IT savvy students won't need to migrate to other states for employment opportunities.

It was further given out that the companies at the Park will draw strength from the trained manpower, skilled mentors and research facilities at IIT Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary Planning; Secretary, Information Technology; Dean IT, IIT Jammu; DG, Budget; CEO, JaKeGA along with other concerned officers.

Director IIM Jammu attended the meeting through video conferencing.

DC Budgam takes review of self-employment schemes

Calls for door-to-door assessment of genuine cases

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of various self-employment and livelihood generation schemes being implemented across multiple departments.

The meeting, held at the DC office complex, covered flagship schemes including PMEGP, MUMKIN, TEJASWINI, HADP, SMAM, MIDH, NRLM, NULM, and various credit-linked subsidy programs under Handicrafts, Handloom, Animal Husbandry, and Horticulture sectors.

During the meeting, scheme-wise performance from April 1, 2024 to June 24, 2025 was reviewed in detail. It was apprised that



out of 23,969 applications received under various schemes, 12,793 cases have been approved while 16,574 cases were sponsored, besides 9,245 units stand established, with 4,529 cases sanctioned by banks.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasised the need for enhanced convergence, timely sponsorships, and effective implementation on the ground. He directed concerned officers to identify bottlenecks and ensure that genuine and eligible cases are not left out

due to procedural delays or portal issues.

To further streamline the process and extend benefits to genuine aspirants, DC directed for the constitution of a special committee that will conduct door-to-door verification of self-employment aspirants to ensure that those in real need of support are identified and linked to the most suitable schemes.

He said, "Our aim is to maximize livelihood generation at the grassroots and reach every deserving individual of the district."

Dr Bilal underscored the importance of follow-up inspections and post-establishment monitoring to ensure that beneficiaries are utilizing funds appropriately and that the units established are sustainable.

DCDR B'la orders Rs.14.41 lakh compensation to poultry farmers over defective feed

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA: District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDR) Baramulla, headed by President, Peerzada Qousar Hussain along with Member, Nyla Yaseen has delivered a significant judgment in favour of two poultry farmers viz. Lone Poultry and KGN Poultry from Sopore in a case related to the supply of substandard poultry feed by Maha Feeds Agrotech and its distributor, Bhat Poultry.

According to the complainants, the poultry feed supplied to them lacked the assured protein content of 20%, which is essential for the healthy growth of poultry birds. The farmers reported high mortality and reduced growth in their poultry and subsequently got the feed tested at a certified nutrition laboratory in Srinagar. The test revealed that the

protein content was only 15.5%, significantly below the claimed standard.

In their defence, the opposite parties denied making any assurance regarding the protein level and contended that the complaint was baseless and likely due to viral infections rather than the feed itself. However, the Commission found that the feed was sold without any nutritional chart on the packaging, which is a mandatory requirement under the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) guidelines.

The Commission termed this omission an unfair trade practice under Section 2(47) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

After considering all the evidence and hearing arguments from both sides, the Commission directed the opposite parties to pay Rs.5, 00,000 each to the two complainants as compensation for the

losses suffered due to the substandard feed. Additionally, the opposite parties were ordered to refund Rs.2,22,457 and Rs.1,89,016, which were the amounts paid by the complainants for purchasing the defective feed.

The Commission also directed the opposite parties to pay Rs.30,000 as litigation expenses and to recall any poultry feed from the market that does not carry a nutritional chart. Furthermore, the Commission instructed them to ensure full compliance with BIS norms in all future supplies by displaying complete nutritional information on every feed bag.

In total, the Commission awarded a compensation amount of Rs.14,41,473 to the complainants. The opposite parties have been given four weeks from the date of receipt of the order to comply fully with the directions issued.

Star players of Khelo India Center to represent J&K in Soft Tennis Junior Nationals



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Three promising players of khelo India Soft Tennis Center would be representing J&K in the 20 Junior National Championship going to be held at Panchkula Haryana from 26th to 30th June 2025.

The players including Soham Bhat, Madhavendra Singh Sambyal and Shreemai Bhat, have already proved their metal in the UT and National level championships, winning medals for J&K.

Prior to their participation in the nationals,

the players have attended the national coaching camp, organised by the J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council.

All the players are being trained by the International Soft Tennis player and Coach/Mentor of khelo India Soft Tennis Center MA Stadium Jammu Indu Bushan Padha.

With the potential game gaining momentum in the UT, more and more budding players are coming to join the Soft Tennis Khelo India Centre.

Mega Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp held under DAJGUA in Gurez

MLA Gurez, DC Bandipora urge tribal communities to avail benefits of Govt schemes under DAJGUA campaign

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: As part of the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), district administration Bandipora today organised a mega awareness and benefit saturation camp at Auditorium, Boys HSS Dawar, Gurez.

The initiative aims to ensure the saturation of government welfare schemes and doorstep delivery of services to the tribal population of the district.

The event was presided over by the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Gurez, Nazir Ahmad Khan, and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, besides witnessing participation of DDC Member for Tulail, Raja Aijaz; DDC Member for Gurez, Tasleema begum.

DPO ICDS Bandipora, SDM Gurez, CMO Bandipora, CAHO Bandipora, CAO Bandipora, CHO Bandipora, DSHO Bandipora, among others attended the event. Additionally, officers from various line departments, tribal NGOs, community leaders, and a large number of local tribal residents also participated in the event, making it a vibrant and



inclusive outreach effort under the DAJGUA campaign.

On the occasion, MLA Gurez, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, DDC Member for Tulail, and DDC Member for Gurez, jointly inspected stalls set up by various departments, interacted with the beneficiaries, and reviewed the services being delivered on the ground.

MLA Gurez underscored that DAJGUA is not merely an awareness drive but a mission to saturate government schemes, uplift tribal populations, and promote

equitable development. He further urged district officers to maintain close coordination with sectoral heads.

He termed the initiative as a vital step toward inclusive governance. He called on the local population to actively participate in such camps to avail the benefits of various central and UT-sponsored schemes.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Bandipora highlighted the vision of the DAJGUA campaign, reaching the last mile and ensuring

that no eligible tribal household remains outside the ambit of government support.

He urged the tribal community to take pride in their identity and heritage. He stated that the DAJGUA campaign is a vital initiative aimed at promoting tribal culture, generating awareness, extending the benefits of government schemes, and plugging developmental gaps to ensure inclusive growth.

DDC Member for Tulail, while addressing the gathering, said that the campaign serves as a powerful reminder of the invaluable contributions of tribal communities to society. He emphasized the need to recognize and celebrate their legacy while working collectively for their development.

The camp witnessed the participation of various departments including Health, Ayush, ICDS, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Social Welfare, Employment, Food and Civil Supplies, Revenue, NRLM, and Handicrafts. Stalls provided a wide range of on-spot services such as Aadhaar enrolment, Ayushman Bharat registration, PM-JAY

certification, pension and ration card processing, and distribution of entitlements under various welfare schemes.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances by various educational institutions, including GGHSS Dawar, Habba Khatoon Dramatic Club, and EMRS Gurez, which presented a Nukkad Natak on the life of Birsu Munda. BHSS Dawar contributed with a traditional Shina song, celebrating the region's rich cultural heritage and promoting a spirit of unity and pride.

Gurez camp forms a key component of the 15-day district-wide DAJGUA campaign launched earlier at GHSS Aragam. The campaign is targeting 31 identified tribal villages across Bandipora district with a mission to ensure 100% saturation of welfare schemes, foster inclusion, and bridge developmental gaps in remote areas.

The event concluded with a collective reaffirmation of the district administration's commitment to tribal welfare, social justice, and equitable development, in line with the vision of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan.

I&FC deptt Kashmir restores irrigation supplies to Shallabugh, adjacent areas

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Mechanical Irrigation department has restored all the two units of lift irrigation schemes with capacity of 10 cusec each and started irrigation supplies to the affected areas today early this morning.

The locals of Shallabugh and adjacent areas had faced difficulties for irrigation supplies for the last few days due to some technical snag in the lift irrigation schemes namely

LLS Gund I Rehman.

Following the restoration, the supplies will serve the irrigation facilities for 1200 Kanal affected land approximately. The restoration of pumps has relieved the public of stress caused due to the technical snag in the lift irrigation scheme.

The department of Irrigation and Flood Control is committed to providing irrigation supplies to the farmers so that their livelihood is safeguarded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Owais Ashraf, S/O Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, R/O Dharnambal Tarzua Sopore, hereby inform the general public that I have lost my passport bearing number V8269120 issued on 16-06-2022. The said passport has been misplaced around Tarzua. I am applying for a duplicate of the same. If anyone has any objection may refer to the concerned Passport Office within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, after which no objection shall be entertained.