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Adopt zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining in J&K: Dy CM to Officers

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Wednesday reiterated the Government's firm commitment to completely ban illegal mining activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks while chairing a high-level review meeting of the Geology and Mining Department at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The Dy CM emphasized the importance of taking stringent action against the violators to safeguard the region's natural mineral resources. He directed the officials to adopt a zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining, ensuring a complete ban on such activities.

The Dy CM instructed the District Mineral Officers to take full control of all mining resources while keeping strict monitoring and vigilance on the ground. He warned that any laxity or negligence, in this regard, would invite disciplinary action as per the law.

Underscoring the significance of protecting the public infrastructure, the Deputy CM directed the



officers to closely monitor all functional mining blocks to ensure that critical infrastructure such as bridges, roads and water supply schemes remain unaffected.

"Immediately cancel the licenses of functional blocks if any damage to infrastructure is reported and impose penalties on the responsible firms," he instructed the officials.

He also directed the department to expedite the auctioning process of mineral resources strictly as per the existing rules and regulations, while ensuring robust enforcement and strict compliance with both the Central and UT mining Acts and Rules.

The meeting featured a detailed presentation on the status of exploration

and extraction of key minerals including limestone, granite, blue sapphire, gypsum, lithium and coal. The officials informed that 36 major mining leases for limestone and 233 minor mineral leases have been issued, so far.

To further strengthen enforcement, the Dy CM called for establishment of a robust monitoring mechanism involving multi-departmental district-level task forces, flying squads, informant networks, checkpoints and e-challan systems to curb the illegal mining effectively.

Highlighting the potential of the mining sector, the Deputy CM stressed on promotion of mineral-based industries to enhance employment opportunities and revenue generation.

He was informed that the department has generated Rs. 16.79 crore revenue through the compounding of vehicles and machinery involved in illegal mining and transportation, with a total of 6,219 seizures recorded during the financial year 2024-25. Besides, the department has recorded a revenue generation of Rs. 150.49 crore during the same period. Additionally, gypsum mining has earned a revenue of Rs. 438 lakh in 2025-26.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Mining, Anil Kumar Singh, Director Geology and Mining, Suraj Prakash Rukwal, MD JKLM Pawan Kumar, Special Secretary Mining Dr. Suraya Fatima Tak, DMOs and other senior officers of the department.

Committee on Estimates convenes meeting in Srinagar

Reviews functioning, fund utilization of Public Works Deptt

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The House Committee on Estimates Wednesday convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to review the functioning and fund utilization of the Public Works Department (PWD).

The meeting was chaired by the Committee Chairperson, Shamim Firdous and attended by members Abdul Majid Bhat (Larmi), Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir, Pawan Kumar Gupta, Professor Gharu Ram Bhagat, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, Chander Prakash Ganga and Pyare Lal Sharma.

Senior officers including Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh D Vaidya; Secretary PWD, Bhupinder Kumar; Director General, Accounts and Treasuries, Fayaz A Lone; Director Finance; Director Planning; Chief Engineer, PWD;



Financial Commissioner, JKPCC and other officials from the concerned departments also participated in the meeting.

The Chairperson emphasized the need for strict monitoring, efficient fund allocation and effective utilization to accelerate developmental projects and works under PWD across Jammu and Kashmir. She called for timely completion of all the ongoing and languishing projects for public convenience at the earliest.

The Committee also deliberated on easing the utilization of Constituency Development Funds (CDF) for the legislators on a discretionary basis.

The members stressed the importance of timely disbursement of funds and urged for a criteria-based approach to ensure equitable and holistic development across all regions.

The Chairperson asked the officials to ensure effective coordination and prompt response to public

grievances, emphasizing that legislators are the voice of public aspirations and must serve to the best of their capacities.

The members further discussed the disbursement and utilization of exigency and emergency funds for the large public benefit.

The Committee resolved to continue regular review of the functioning of key departments besides scrutinising the budget estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditures on developmental works.

During the meeting, the members offered suggestions and raised various concerns related to fund allocation and project execution. Responding to the concerns, the officials assured that developmental works will be undertaken in a coordinated and streamlined manner to ensure smooth execution.

Amarnath ji pilgrims accorded rousing reception at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The first batch of pilgrims of Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra 2025 was accorded a rousing reception by District Administration Udhampur on their arrival at Kali Mata Mandir Tikri.

On reaching at Kali Mata Temple, Pilgrims were warm welcomed by DDC Chairman, Lal Chand, Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur East, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Member Legislative Assembly Chenani, Balwant Singh Mankotia, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range Sarah Rizvi, Deputy Com-



missioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai, SSP Amod Ashok Nagpure, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh, DDC Member, Ashu Sharma, ACR Dr Umesh Shan and other officers besides prominent citizens of the District.

A large number of locals

along with district officers received the first batch of pilgrims at Kali Mata Mandir Tikri Udhampur.

Information Department Udhampur arranged a cultural programme in which students of Government Higher Secondary School and Sainik Coop-

erative Public High School Tikri presented themed based cultural items which was applauded by the pilgrims as well as locals.

The authorities urged upon the pilgrims to utilize and avail all the facilities being extended by the government during the yatra. The pilgrims were also informed about the arrangements made for them at the base camp, besides other facilities being extended to them. The pilgrims appreciated the goodwill gesture of Civil and Police Administration Udhampur for according them rousing reception and cooperation.

State Tax Deptt launches operation against Fake ITC Evasion in Kashmir



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SRINAGAR: In a resolute effort to safeguard the public revenue and ensure compliance with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the State Taxes Department Kashmir Wednesday conducted massive raids against the business entities involved in fraudulent Input Tax Credit (ITC) practices across Kashmir.

These meticulously executed raids, planned over the past month, unearthed significant instances of tax fraud, reinforcing the department's commitment towards curbing the fraudulent tax practices.

The raids were initiated based on credible intelligence inputs regarding widespread misuse of ITC provisions, particularly in Kashmir, where certain commodities such as iron, cement and steel have been identified as highly susceptible to tax evasion. The investigation cell of the State Taxes Department conducted thorough research over the past 30 days to identify the entities involved in generating fake invoices and passing ineligible ITC.

The department's proactive approach was driven by a "reason to believe" that fraudulent practices were causing substantial revenue losses to the

exchequer. The investigation zeroed in on sectors such as iron, cement and steel and other high-value commodities known for their vulnerability to tax evasion. These sectors have been exploited through fake billing and shell companies to fraudulently claim ITC without actual supply of goods or services in violation of the Act and rules.

The State Taxes Department's enforcement team, under the guidance of Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department Kashmir, Parveez Ahmad Raina, worked tirelessly to map out the complex web of transactions and pinpoint the perpetrators. The crackdown was proposed and executed under the leadership of Commissioner State Taxes J&K, P.K. Bhat.

The operation comprised seven specialized teams, properly trained and adequately equipped, each led by a State Tax Officer (STO) and supported by a dedicated team of inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. These teams were tasked with conducting simultaneous raids in the early hours today across multiple locations across North Kashmir, targeting the businesses and individuals suspected of orchestrating fake ITC rackets.

World Sports Journalists Day Celebrated in Pulwama



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PULWAMA : The Department of Youth Services and Sports Pulwama Wednesday organized a special function to celebrate World Sports Journalists Day at the district headquarters. The event recognized the vital role played by sports journalists in promoting athletic activities and encouraging youth participation in sports.

District Information Officer Pulwama, Ms. Wajeeza, graced the occasion as the chief guest. In her address, she highlighted the importance of sports in the modern era, especially for the younger generation. She emphasized

how sports not only contribute to physical well-being but also foster discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Talib Hussain also spoke on the occasion and lauded the efforts of local media in covering sports events across Pulwama district. He said that sports journalism has played a key role in bringing attention to young talent and inspiring youth towards healthy lifestyles.

As a mark of appreciation, media persons covering sports activities in the district were felicitated with certificates of appreciation for their valuable contribution.

ADC reviews arrangements for ensuing Muharram-ul-Haram

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BUDGAM: Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, Wednesday convened a meeting of officers to review the arrangements being put in place for the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Muharram-ul-Haram in the district.

The meeting had detailed deliberation on various issues

and demands including scheduled power and water supply, repairing and surface leveling of roads, link roads and inner lanes in all areas, timely distribution of ration, LPG and firewood, sanitation, installation/restoration of street lights, daily garbage lifting, adequate healthcare facilities, transport and other related facilities in all Shia dominated areas.

ONGC enhances Public Infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir

Local communities and Amarnath Yatris to be benefitted

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Energy major Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is developing Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas complexes at four key locations in Jammu & Kashmir, viz. Baltal, Nunwan, Bijbehara, and Sidhra, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. These assets will be operated by Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board under the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

These facilities will provide safe lodging, sanitation, and emergency support to people undertaking Amarnath Yatra. Over five lakh people undertake this Yatra every year. This permanent infrastructure will also benefit the local population throughout the year.

The Baltal Yatri Niwas and Disaster Management Complex, spread across 6,315 square metres, is now fully operational and includes a Yatri Niwas, VIP guest house, security infrastructure, and disaster-response facilities.

The Baltal facility will be formally inaugurated on 4 July 2025 by Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, in the presence of ONGC Chairman and CEO Shri Arun Kumar Singh.

Construction is progressing at Nunwan (8,500 sq. m) and Bijbehara (7,640 sq. m), with both sites expected to be completed by September 2025. The Sidhra complex in Jammu, designed to serve as a vital hub for boarding, emer-

gency management, and logistical coordination, is targeted for completion by September 2026.

In 2024, ONGC also constructed permanent 100-bed hospitals at Baltal (Ganderbal) and Chandanwari (Anantnag), in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. These facilities, which include ICUs and staff accommodations, replacing the earlier temporary medical camps and now serve as year-round Primary Health Centres for yatris and local residents alike.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e- NIT No. 25/2025-26 Dated 02-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K , e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-Call 2nd

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estimated /Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	At Primary School Chopan Basti seer	Aripal	2.996	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
2.	Near Masjid Abu Bakr Gang road Batagund	Aripal	2.996	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
3.	At primary School Shojan Panzoo	Aripal	2.996	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
4.	C/O CSC near Naibat Ghar Newa	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
5.	C/O CSC near GMS Hassanwani	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
6.	C/O CSC near Masjid Shareef Check Mohalla Karimabad	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
7.	C/O CSC near Masjid Shareef Najar Mohalla Zadoora	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
8.	C/O CSC near Iqra Masid Jagir Parigam	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
9.	C/O CSC near Kadeem Masjid Newa	Newa	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
10.	C/O CSC Near Panchayat Ghar at Kowsibagh Halqa Gundipora.	Kakapora	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
11.	C/O CSC Near Ayush Helath and wellness Centre at Banderpora	Kakapora	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
12.	C/O CSC near Panchayat Ghar at Qazigund Lawew.	Kakapora	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
13.	C/O CSC near Panchayat Ghar at Lelhar	Kakapora	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II
14.	C/O CSC near Primary School at Kisrigam.	Kakapora	3	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	SBM II

Position of A/A :- Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02-07-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	02-07-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	16-07-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	17-07-2025 at 10:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama
5.	Note: - Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. Incase The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.	

Special Condition 01:
Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/ Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call 1st only).

SC02:- Contractors Strictly not eligible
The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/ who had left the work midway/ who had not started/ taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Conditions for Bidders:
1. Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for-tendering for the current financial year (2025-26).
2. Any Bidder who will go down more than 15% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/ FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S.No09a.(Non uploading of Additional Security will let to the rejection of the tender).
3. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Pulwama (Tender receiving authority).
4. In Addition to Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security), the 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/ FDR within 07 days before fixation of contract. The EMD (Bid Security/Earnest money) of 2% of advertised cost of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.
5. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) shall submit all the hard copies of uploaded documents within 05 Days before fixation of Contract. Failure to produce the documents shall render the L1 as non-responsive and he shall be debarred to participate in any tendering process up to 12 months after forfeiting the CDR and case for debarring of the Contractor is forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.
6. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/ FDR of the unsuccessful Bidder shall be released after opening the Tender on production of Treasury Challan.
7. The Tender Opening Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.
8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids
22. Specification/Quality Control:-All items of works shall conform to specific actions as per IRC/MORTH/NBO/CPWD/SSR/Any other prescribed specifications.
23. Insurance:-Insurance cover to Labour/Machinery/Work/Plant material/Equipment by the contractor shall be mandatory.
24. Laws Governing the Contract:-The contract shall be governed by Laws of the land.
25. Court's Jurisdiction:- In-case of any disputes/differences between contractor and Department the jurisdiction shall be J&K State.
26. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
27. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25(Double agreement Form).

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Amarnath Pilgrims Laud ‘Operation Sindoor’

Thank PM Modi, Security Forces For Ensuring Their Safety



UMAISAR GULL GANAIE

PAHALGAM: In a strong display of faith and resilience, a group of Amarnath pilgrims from Gujarat arriving at Nunwan base camp here installed a banner on their vehicle praising the success of “Operation Sindoor”—a counter-terror operation launched in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

The banner, displayed on their vehicle, read: “Operation Sindoor: A Message of Strength and Resolve.” The group said it was their way of thanking the PM Modi led Government and security forces for ensuring the safety of the pilgrims.

Talking to reporters, Mukesh, a devotee from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, said: “The Pahalgam terror attack was aimed at spreading fear among devotees, but the

launch of Operation Sindoor has sent a strong message that the government stands firmly with the people. PM Modi’s leadership has inspired confidence, and the turnout of pilgrims will increase with each passing day.”

Echoing his sentiments, another pilgrim from the group, as per KNO, said, “We have seen a very high level of security arrangements. Devotees should come without any fear. The administration and security forces have made elaborate arrangements, and there is absolutely no need to be scared.”

The devotees asserted that Operation Sindoor is not over, and that it represents a continued commitment of the security forces to eliminate the terror threat and ensure that the holy Yatra proceeds peacefully and without interruption.

The atmosphere ●P-06

...Amarnath Ji Yatra

LG Flags Off First Batch Of Over 5000 Pilgrims From Jammu

Says This Year's Yatra Will Be Even More Historic Than Previous Years

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, from Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey.

“This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy abode of Lord Shiva and deep soul-stirring experience,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Gov-



ernor said the administration, people of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate

arrangements for the pilgrims.

“More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba Barfani today. Jammu

EXTENDS his best wishes to all pilgrims for safe, blissful journey

This sacred pilgrimage is a **JOURNEY** of faith and self-discovery

Wishing all spiritual seekers a **SAFE** and comfortable journey

Undeterred by terror incidents, **DEVOTEES** of Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers

city has come alive with a new vibrancy. The enthusiasm of pilgrims is very high.

Undeterred by ●P-06

Locals, civil society welcome pilgrims in Kashmir

RAJA SYED RATHER

SRINAGAR: Reflecting the spirit of communal harmony and traditional hospitality, locals and civil society members in Kashmir warmly

welcomed the first batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

As the 38-day pilgrimage commenced amid tight security arrangements, residents across parts of South Kashmir—especially ●P-06

LG Sinha Pays Obeisance At Daati Maa Dev Sthan In Arnia

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday visited the border village of Changiya in Arnia Jammu and paid obeisance at Daati

Maa Dev Sthan of Mahajan Phagetra Biradari.

The Lieutenant Governor prayed for the well-being of all and peace and prosperity of J&K UT. ●P-06

All Officers On Ground To Ensure Peaceful Amarnath Yatra: DGP



UMAISAR GULL GANAIE

QAZIGUND: Director General of Police (DGP) Nailin Prabhat, on Wednesday said that all officers are on the ground to ensure peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra.

The DGP, reviewed security arrangements for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway today.

DGP Prabhat inspected the security setup at Nayvug Tunnel in Qazigund and interacted with police personnel deployed on ground. He also met the pilgrims and took first-hand stock of the arrangements in place to ensure their safety.

Speaking to reporters during his visit, the DGP, said all officers are on the ground ensuring peaceful conduct of the Yatra.

The visit came at a time when the first batch of 5,485 pilgrims ●P-06

...Amarnath Yatra

CRPF Deploys Women ‘May I Help You’ Teams, Mountain Rescue Units



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has deployed a special ‘May I Help You’ women personnel team to assist Amarnath Yatra pilgrims who take the Baltal route to reach the cave shrine in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

The paramilitary force has pooled in the highest number of troops for the annual pilgrimage that was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha from Jammu on Wednesday.

Of 581 Central Armed

Police Forces (CAPFs) companies deployed for the yatra, 219 are from the CRPF, while the rest are from forces like the BSF, ITBP, CISF, and SSB.

The pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre high shrine will commence on July 3 from the Kashmir valley via two tracks — the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in the Ganderbal district.

The CRPF has deployed a team of its women personnel wearing ‘May I Help You’ embossed orange vests along the Baltal ●P-06

Union Min, CM Jointly Review Animal Husbandry, Fisheries Sector In J&K

Focus On Dairy Cooperatives, Youth-Led Startups, Value-Addition In Fish Farming

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday jointly chaired a high-level review meeting of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sectors of Jammu & Kashmir here at Srinagar, Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production & Panchayati Raj Javid Ahmad Dar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Secretary GoI Alka Upadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Secretary (CDD/IT) and other senior officers from the Ministry



of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department J&K Shailendra Kumar, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-K and SKUAST-J, and heads of allied departments were also present.

Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister underlined the immense untapped potential in J&K’s livestock and fisheries sectors and assured full support

from the Centre.

“We are here today to listen, understand your challenges, and work together. Where there is scope, there must be action,” he stated.

He called for joint efforts between the Centre and J&K Government to convert potential into outcomes, adding that rural prosperity can only be achieved when economic development reaches the grassroots ●P-06

Javed Rana, Javid Dar Review Irrigation Scenario In J&K



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SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, Wednesday had a comprehensive review of the irrigation scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was called in view of the irrigation problems being faced by the farming community besides assessing the response mech-

anism adopted by the department to ensure farmers are provided a reliable irrigation supply.

Legislators, Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Hasnain Masoodi, Irshad Rasool Kar, Hilal Akbar Lone and Irfan Hafiz Lone also attended the meeting and shared their concerns with respect to irrigation supply in their constituencies.

Detailed discussion was held on the working of Lift & Gravity irrigation schemes, NABARD/CAPEX/CSS projects and efficient water management for ●P-06

No Hesitation In Wiping Out Terrorists, Wherever They Are: Rajnath

AGENCIES

PATNA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday asserted that the Narendra Modi government will not hesitate to eliminate terrorists, wherever they are, and that no distinction will be made between masterminds and the regimes which sponsor them.

The former BJP president’s stern message to Pakistan, without mentioning the neighbouring country by name, came in his address to the party’s state executive meeting in Bihar, where assembly elections are due this year.

Singh said that under Modi, the country’s policy on security has turned a new leaf with steps like surgical strikes and Balakot airstrikes.

Referring to the military operation that followed the Pahalgam terror attack, he said, “Operation Sindoor marked the first time when we struck at terror hideouts 100 km beyond our borders.



Of course, we hit only those who had hit us, a reason why no civilians nor any military installations were targeted”.

“Under Modi, our policy has been not to hesitate in eliminating terrorists wherever they are. And we shall do so without making a distinction between masterminds of terror attacks and regimes which sponsor them,” said the defence minister.

He added that the country’s defence exports have seen a sharp rise, thanks to Modi’s thrust on “swadeshikaran” (production at

home) and “Aatma Nirbhar Bharat”.

“The Modi government works with a long-term road-map, in marked contrast with Congress-led governments of the past, which lacked direction and were driven by vote bank concerns,” said the Union minister.

Singh also made an oblique reference to the controversy over RSS second in command Dattatreya Hosabale’s remark that the words “secular” and “socialist” be dropped from the preamble of the Constitution, ●P-06

Post-Pahalgam Attack

Air Traffic Sees Steady Revival At Sgr Int’l Airport In June

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: After a brief slump in air operations following the Pahalgam attack earlier this year, Srinagar International Airport has recorded a slow but steady revival in flight and passenger traffic in the month of June—2025.

According to figures exclusively accessed, the airport handled 1,537 flight movements (arrivals and departures) and 2,05,110 passengers during the month, reflecting a return to operational stability.

As per data, the revival began gradually. On June 1, the airport recorded just 36 flights and 5,965 passengers, but by June 28, the flight operations rose to 60 and the number of passengers reached 10,331, the highest for the month.

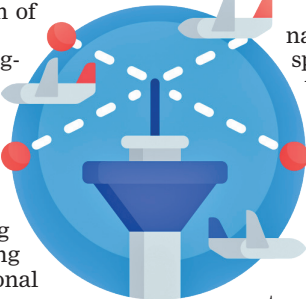
The data says key traffic days of the month were: June 01 with 36 arrival and departure flights with 5,965 passengers travelled, followed by June 14 with 58 flights

and 10,147, followed by June 21 with 58 flights with 10,210 passengers, followed by June 27 with 48 flights and 10,454, followed by June 28 with 60 flights and 10,331 passengers travelled, and followed by June 30 with 56 flights with 9,570 passengers.

An official at Srinagar Airport, while speaking to KNO said that they are witnessing a consistent improvement in air traffic after the dip following the Pahalgam terror attack.

“The numbers in June reflect a return of passenger confidence and coordinated efforts to ensure smooth flight operations. We expect this trend to continue in the coming weeks,” he said.

Notably, the increase in traffic was also supported by the return of Hajj pilgrims, summer tourism and airlines resuming regular services. With the Amarnath Yatra underway, airport officials anticipate continued high footfall in the coming weeks—(KNO)



LG Lauds Courage Of Border Residents During ‘Op Sindoor’



YOGESH

SUCHETGARH: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday hailed the extraordinary courage and unwavering resolve of the residents of border villages during Operation Sindoor, calling them the “first line of defence” of the nation.

Addressing a gathering during his visit to border village of Changiya in Arnia Jammu, where he paid obeisance at Daati Maa Dev Sthan of Mahajan Phagetra Biradari, LG Sinha, commended the bravery shown by the people living along the International Border. “The people of border areas stood

firm in the face of adversity during Operation Sindoor. Their resilience reflects the true spirit of patriotism. Border areas are not just geographical ends — they are the soul of our national security,” he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasized that the Vibrant Villages Programme launched by the Government of India is transforming the landscape of border villages through improved connectivity, infrastructure, and essential services. “We will ensure that the villages of this sector are taken up under the Vibrant Villages Programme from this year. Detailed instructions ●P-06

A Decade Of Digital India



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Ten years ago, we embarked on a bold journey into uncharted territory with great conviction. While decades were spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, we changed this approach and trusted the ability of Indians to use technology.

While decades were spent thinking that use of technology will deepen the gap between the haves and the have-nots, we changed this mind-set and used technology to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots. When the intent is right, innovation empowers the less empowered. When the approach is inclusive, technology brings change in the lives of those on the margins. This belief laid the foundation for Digital India: a mission to democratise access, build inclusive digital infrastructure, and opportunities for all.

In 2014, internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce. Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital. Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of 140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build, Digital India is everywhere.

Bridging the Digital Divide

In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon now connects even the most remote villages.

India's 5G rollout is among the fastest in the world, with 4.81 lakh base stations installed in just two years. High-speed internet now reaches urban hubs and forward military posts alike including Galwan, Siachen, and Ladakh.

India Stack, which is our digital backbone, has enabled platforms like UPI, which now handles 100+ billion transactions a year. Around half of all real time digital transactions happen in India.

Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over ₹44 lakh crore has been transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving ₹3.48



lakh crore in leakages. Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty.

Democratising Opportunity for All

India's digital economy is empowering MSMEs and small entrepreneurs like never before. ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) is a revolutionary platform which opens a new window of opportunities by providing a seamless connection with huge market of buyers and sellers.

GeM (Government E-Marketplace) enables the common man to sell goods and services to all arms of the government. This not only empowers the common man with a huge market but also saves money for the Government.

Imagine this: You apply for a Mudra loan online. Your credit-worthiness is assessed through an account aggregator framework. You get your loan and start your venture. You register on GeM, supply to

schools and hospitals, and then scale up via ONDC.

ONDC recently crossed 200 million transactions, with the last 100 million in just six months. From Banarasi weavers to bamboo artisans in Nagaland, sellers are now reaching customers nationwide, without middlemen or digital monopolies.

GeM has also crossed ₹1 lakh crore GMV in 50 days, with 22 lakh sellers including 1.8 lakh+ women-led MSMEs, who have fulfilled orders worth ₹46,000 crore.

Digital Public Infrastructure: India's Global Offering

India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from Aadhaar, CoWIN, DigiLocker, and FASTag to PM-WANI and One Nation One Subscription is now studied and adopted globally.

CoWIN enabled the world's largest vaccination drive, issuing 220 crore QR-verifiable certificates. DigiLocker, with 54 crore users, hosts 775 crore+ documents, securely and seamlessly.

Through our G20 Presidency, India launched the Global DPI Repository and a \$25 million Social Impact Fund, helping nations across Africa and South Asia adopt inclusive digital ecosystems.

Startup Power Meets AatmaNirbhar Bharat

India now ranks among the top 3 startup ecosystems in the world, with over 1.8 lakh startups. But this is more than a startup movement, it is a tech renaissance.

India is doing extremely well when it comes to AI skill penetration and AI talent concentration among our youth. Through the \$1.2 billion India AI Mission, India has enabled access to 34,000 GPUs at globally unmatched prices at less than \$1/GPU hour making India not just the most affordable internet economy, but also the most affordable compute destination.

India has championed humanity-first AI. The New Delhi Declaration on AI promotes innovation with

responsibility. We are establishing AI Centres of Excellence across the country.

The Road Ahead

The next decade will be even more transformative. We are moving from digital governance to global digital leadership, from India-first to India-for-the-world. Digital India has not remained a mere government program, it has become a people's movement. It is central to building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and to making India a trusted innovation partner to the world.

To all innovators, entrepreneurs, and dreamers: the world is looking at India for the next digital breakthrough.

- Let us build what empowers.
- Let us solve what truly matters.
- Let us lead with technology that unites, includes, and uplifts.

(The author is the Prime Minister of India)

Career Counseling - Need Of The Hour

In Kashmir, where dreams are often confined to a few professions, career counseling is the light that can guide our youth to discover the vast sky of possibilities beyond NEET and JEE

MUKHTAR AHMAD QURESHI

In the beautiful but challenging area of Kashmir, where young people are full of hope and dreams, it is more important than ever to have career counseling. For many years, only a few career options have been considered important in the region's schools mainly medicine (NEET), engineering (JEE) and some government jobs. While these are good and important careers, the huge pressure from society to only follow these paths has hidden the many other job opportunities that exist today. Because of this many smart and talented students feel discouraged, lost or completely disconnected from what they enjoy and are good at when they don't pass these very competitive exams.

This common way of thinking not only hurts students' confidence but also stops Kashmir from having a wide range of professionals. So, it is not just a good idea to have organized, inclusive, and professional career counseling in middle and high school it is necessary to change the future of education and jobs in the region.

The Current Scenario, A Narrow Vision.

In schools all over Kashmir, students are usually told to do one thing: pass NEET or JEE or be seen as a failure. There is almost no discussion about careers in areas like journalism, law, agriculture, fine arts, tourism, social work, data science, graphic design, paramedics, psychology, sports sciences, and



vocational education. This limited view mainly comes from a lack of knowledge, pressure from parents, and no career guidance available in schools.

In most government and private schools, career counseling is just something that happens sometimes, like a motivational speech or short talk without any long term support. Students do not get personal evaluations of what they are good at, what they are not good at, what they like and what they are suited for. Because of this, most career choices are made based on what friends are doing, what society values or wrong ideas.

The Psychological Impact of Unrealistic Expectations

The stress of trying to pass very competitive exams like NEET and JEE often causes students to feel stressed, worried and unsure of themselves. Every year, thousands of students study for these exams, but only a few pass. The rest are often seen as 'failures,' even though they are just as smart and capable. This wrong idea affects their mental health, sometimes making them feel hopeless and lose their sense of identity.

Also, calling other careers 'second-rate' makes people feel worse who might have done well in creative, technical, or vocational fields. One exam does not show everything a person can do, and Kashmir needs a system that shows this.

Over 250 Career Options And Growing

Today's world has more than 250 career options, in both old and new fields. There are opportunities everywhere, from coding, AI and cybersecurity to cooking, animation, environmental sciences, fashion design, legal studies, and starting your own business. In Kashmir, areas like growing fruits, tourism, journalism, and healthcare (besides being a doctor) have a lot of potential. Also, teaching, military service, veterinary science, business, accounting and public policy are respected and rewarding careers.

Students must know about many different options, such as shorter courses, job related certifications,

skill focused programs, and degree choices through online classes, web based schools and programs to improve skills.

Something We All Need to Do

While schools are very important, changing things also needs help from education leaders, groups that are not part of the government, community leaders and news sources. Groups like SCERT, JKBOSE and DIETs should teach teachers how to give job counseling in their training programs. Non profits that work in education should help make local help centers, especially in faraway places. TV, radio, and local papers can tell stories about unusual jobs to get young people excited.

Time to Open Our Minds

The young people of Kashmir should have more than just one way to be happy. Each student has their own special mix of skills, hopes, and talents that can do well in jobs that are not just the usual ones. By putting money into good job counseling, we can help students make smart choices, worry less, and build a future based on what they love and what they can do.

Let's not just ask every kid if they will be a doctor or engineer. Instead, let's ask what are you curious about? What makes you feel alive?

Because when advice meets purpose, a generation grows with skills and a sense of where they are going.

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In A First, High-Altitude Telemedicine Services Launched For Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR: In a historic first, high-altitude telemedicine services during the Shri Amarnath Yatra 2025 have been established and made fully operational at key Base Hospitals in Baltal and Panjtarni.

This innovative initiative results from a collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir (DHSK), aimed at enhancing real-time specialist healthcare in the challenging mountainous terrain along the Yatra route.

For the first time in the

pilgrimage's history, ground medical teams at these high-altitude camps can connect with expert doctors at tertiary healthcare centres via satellite-enabled systems. This technology facilitates timely diagnosis, advanced consultations, and remote management of critical cases, significantly improving patient outcomes and reducing emergency evacuations.

Buoyed by the success at Baltal and Panjtarni, DHSK is now expanding this telemedicine network to four additional strategic locations: the Holy Cave, Lower Holy Cave, Sheshnag, and Chandanwari. These installations are currently



underway and promise to revolutionise healthcare delivery across the entire pilgrimage corridor.

Each telemedicine unit is equipped with advanced diagnostic tools, satellite communication terminals, high-definition video conferencing, and real-time

data sharing, creating a virtual link between front-line caregivers and remote specialists.

Dr Jehangir Bakshi, Director of Health Services, Kashmir, said, "With the operationalisation of telemedicine at Baltal and Panjtarni, pilgrims at the most remote camps can access timely specialist care. This technology helps reduce unnecessary evacuations and strengthens on-site medical support."

This integration of space technology into public health demonstrates its potential in geographically difficult and disaster-prone areas,

Dr Bakshi said, adding, "Not only does it enhance healthcare quality and reach for pilgrims, but it also ensures more efficient health infrastructure management during one of India's largest religious gatherings."

The DHSK has also undertaken extensive measures for Yatra safety, deploying over 1,000 medical personnel, including specialists, doctors, and allied health workers, across all medical stations, along with establishing Emergency Aid Centers (EACs), Mobile Medical Units, and Base Hospitals at critical points.

Life-saving equipment has

also been provisioned, and pre-Yatra refresher training sessions and public awareness campaigns on high-altitude illnesses and emergency preparedness have been conducted.

The successful deployment of telemedicine services in such remote, logistically challenging locations highlights the transformative role of space technology in public health. It not only elevates the standard of medical care during this major pilgrimage but also sets a precedent for future healthcare interventions in remote and disaster-prone areas—(KNO)

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Amarnath Pilgrims Laud

at the Pahalgam base camp was marked by high enthusiasm as pilgrims from various parts of the country arrived amid tight security— (KNO)

LG Flags Off First

terror incidents, devotees of Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers, demonstrating their immense faith. I hope that this year's Yatra will be even more historic than previous years," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

Locals, civil society

in Qazigund, Pahalgam, and Baltal, lined the routes to greet the pilgrims with flowers, traditional Kashmiri fragrances like Izzbandh, and heartfelt smiles.

At the Nayvug tunnel near Qazigund, young volunteers gathered to offer refreshments and extend greetings to the yatis.

Mohammad Iqbal Ahanger, a local social activist, said the people of Jammu and Kashmir take pride in hosting the pilgrims. "Kashmir is known for its hospitality. We are here to welcome and protect every yatri," he said.

Civil society member Ahamadullah Wani said, "Through our civil society, we want to send a message of brotherhood. The Amarnath pilgrims are our guests, and we are proud to host them."

Shah Fayaz, a local volunteer from Baltal, said, "Welcoming the yatis gives us happiness. It is our tradition and part of Kashmiriyat to treat guests like family. We are here to serve."

Abdul Ahad, an elderly resident of Kulgam who stood near the main road with a group of villagers offering juice and water, shared, "I've been doing this for years. Yatra is not only a religious journey; it connects people. Their blessings are our reward."

Imtiyaz Ahmad from Srinagar, who had come with his young children to greet the yatis, said, "This is a beautiful moment of unity. We want our visitors to feel safe and loved here in our land."

At the Shadipora base camp, Sajid Rasool was busy arranging refreshments for the new arrivals. "They've travelled far with devotion in their hearts. It's our duty to welcome them with equal devotion," he said.

The local gesture of warmth moved many of the pilgrims, who expressed surprise and gratitude for the hospitality.

District administrations in Kulgam and Srinagar also extended a warm welcome at Nayvug Tunnel in Qazigund and in the summer capital.

Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, said, "There is joy all around. Members of civil society, trade bodies, apple growers, and the administration have come together to welcome the pilgrims. We wholeheartedly welcome all visitors to Jammu and Kashmir."

Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat visited the Navyug tunnel to take stock of the security arrangements and interacted with police personnel deployed along the Amarnath Yatra route.

Police officers, including Deputy Inspector General (DIG) South Kashmir Range, Javid Iqbal Matoo, and SSP Kulgam also received the yatis in Qazigund.

Pertinently, the first batch of over 5,485 pilgrims reached the twin base camps at Pahalgam and Baltal after being flagged off from Jammu by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The Yatra will commence on July 3 from Kashmir and conclude on August 9, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

The pilgrimage is expected to attract lakhs of devotees to the sacred cave shrine situated at an altitude of 3,880 metres—(KNO)

defence. Vibrant Village Programme is transforming our border villages through improved infrastructure, and it will be ensured that the villages of this area will be taken up under the programme," he said.

Responding to the demands, the Lieutenant Governor assured that appropriate steps will be taken by the GoI to bring the sacred Daati Maa Dev Sthan on the religious tourism map.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated all the members of Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Phagetra Biradari for their valuable contribution to the development of the Daati Maa Dev Sthan.

Shri Rajeev Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Bishnah; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Shri Rajesh Gupta, President VHP Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh; Shri Bharat Choudhary, President and other members of Akhil Bhartaiya Mahajan Phagetra Biradari, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life were present.

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reached Kashmir amid unprecedented security measures.

The 38-day Yatra is being conducted through twin routes—Baltal in Ganderbal and Pahalgam in Anantnag—with a robust multi-tier security grid—(KNO)

CRPF Deploys Women

route to help female pilgrims along the route from the base camp and the entry point at 'Domail'.

These teams will be stationed at vital locations, officials said. "The force is committed to conducting a safe Amarnath Yatra for the pilgrims in coordination with all stakeholders. All our teams are tasked to render timely assistance to the pilgrims and also provide a strong security cover," CRPF deputy inspector general and joint nodal officer for the Yatra, Sudhir Kumar, said.

Kumar, who supervised the yatra last year too, said all security arrangements are in place for the event, taking place against the backdrop of the April 22 gunning down of 26 men in Pahalgam in a terrorist attack.

The CRPF has also deployed a team comprising 30 personnel as part of its mountain rescue teams (MRTs) along the two journey tracks. They will help in rescuing pilgrims in case of medical complications, which usually occur due to high altitude, and respond to any natural or man-made disaster, a senior officer said.

The yatra will conclude on August 9. More than 3.31 lakh devotees have registered so far for this year's pilgrimage. (PTI)

Union Min, Cm Jointly

through sustainable livelihoods.

Union Minister said that encouraging youth to enter micro and small-scale livestock and fishery enterprises can generate employment and inclusive growth.

He informed that a detailed plan is being drawn up involving key national institutions like the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to build strong infrastructure and link farmers to markets.

He also announced the government's intention to hold an Exporters' Conference and a Private Sector Investment Conference in J&K to boost entrepreneurship.

Emphasizing the need to shift dairy operations from the unorganized to the organized sector, the Minister stressed the importance of cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

He cited the example of dairy cooperatives in Varanasi where milk production increased manifold, and additional income was being earned even from cattle waste. He urged J&K's officials to study and replicate such successful models.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah thanked the Union Minister for his visit and reiterated the significance of such joint reviews in identifying local priorities and learning from national best practices.

He observed that in J&K, large industries and factories have not always yielded sustainable results, and the real opportunity lies in strengthening traditional sectors like agriculture, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, and tourism. "Our strength lies in these sectors—not in chasing elusive factories. We must build on what is rooted in J&K," he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that

while J&K contributes 90% of India's trout production, the sector lacks organized processing and value addition. Similarly, despite high per capita meat consumption, much of the mutton is sourced from outside. He emphasized that self-sufficiency in meeting domestic demand can significantly improve incomes and reduce imports. He also spoke about the gradual decline of cooperatives in the dairy sector and assured that his government is committed to reviving cooperative culture and linking milk producers to formal processing networks.

Referring to the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the Chief Minister said the initiative was launched to address critical gaps in oilseed production, fodder, dairy, mutton, and fisheries. He appreciated the Union Government's support and assured that all valuable suggestions made during the review would be implemented with sincerity and urgency.

During the event, the Union Minister and Chief Minister virtually inaugurated a 50,000 litres per day Ultra High Temperature (UHT) Milk Plant at Satwari, Jammu, and held interactions with progressive dairy farmers, who shared their experiences of improved incomes and organized procurement process through cooperative societies.

The meeting concluded with both leaders reaffirming their shared vision for transforming Animal Husbandry and Fisheries into vibrant, employment-generating sectors in J&K. It was resolved to implement joint strategies for infrastructure expansion, market linkages, entrepreneurship development, and cooperatives' revival, aimed at building a resilient rural economy.

Earlier, Principal Secretary Shailendra Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the performance of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments, noting that the sectors contribute 12,634 crore—6.25% of J&K's GDP. The livestock population includes 24.54 lakh cattle, 31 lakh sheep, 15 lakh goats, and 73 lakh backyard poultry, with annual milk production at 2,875 TMT and trout accounting for 90% of the national output.

The presentation highlighted achievements under major schemes. Under the National Livestock Mission, 2.9 lakh animals were insured and Sheep AI Centres established. Livestock Health & Disease Control facilitated mass vaccinations and the deployment of 50 Mobile Veterinary Units has been made. The meeting was informed that NADCP has covered over 96 lakh vaccinations, and Rashtriya Gokul Mission has expanded AI services and trained over 1,500 MAITRIs. PMMSY has supported aquaculture infrastructure, ornamental fisheries, and RAS units, benefiting nearly 80,000 individuals.

Under the National Program for Dairy Development, JKMPCL is targeting 500 crore turnover by 2025–26, with two new milk plants underway at a cost of 258.10 crore. Over 11.33 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued, including 2.46 lakh for AH&F. The AHIDF has achieved a 73% sanction rate, enabling private investments in dairy and poultry infrastructure.

It was noted that 5,013 crore Holistic Agriculture Development Program includes 1,364 crore for livestock and fisheries, aiming at self-sufficiency in milk, mutton, and eggs. More than 1,800 Pashu Sakhis have been deployed, and 500 hydroponic fodder units are being set up to address green fodder needs.

It was stated that digitization is advancing through platforms like the Kisan Sathi Portal, Daksh Kisan LMS, and the Output Tracking App. Over 2,000 Kisan Khidmat Ghars are being established to deliver agricultural services at the grassroots level.

The department's reform efforts have earned national recognition, including the SKOCH Gold Award, Innovation Leadership Award, and the Best UT in Fisheries Award for 2024.

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agricultural prosperity.

Javed Rana directed for effective measures to tackle the irrigation issues, especially putting an efficient response mechanism in place to address the complaints of farmers. "There is no doubt that we are facing a critical situation due to adverse climatic conditions and there are shortcomings also but we have to find solutions," he said.

It is our collective responsibility to find solutions to the problems faced by our farming community amid the paddy farming, he said. He called for taking both short and long-term measures to

augment the supply of irrigation water as per the requirements on the ground. He also asked for an assessment of both the machinery and infrastructure given the present climatic conditions.

Superintending Engineers were instructed to submit a comprehensive report outlining the potential measures for upgrading and strengthening the existing resources in their respective areas.

During the meeting, Rana also emphasized timely project completion, regular monitoring of public services and expedited project execution for enhanced agricultural support.

The meeting centered on discussions about restoring previously existing canals that have been encroached upon, with a focus on their revival.

Rana called upon the concerned to report encroachments and illegal mining that is creating a threat to the irrigation system so that appropriate action will be taken.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, gave a detailed presentation on the present irrigation infrastructure. He briefed about the functioning of Lift and Gravity irrigation schemes of the department being executed in the entire UT, status of NABARD schemes being implemented under various RIDFs and Capex Budget schemes under Capex Budget 2025-26.

Shaleen Kabra also briefed about the new schemes to be proposed under PMKSY-HKPP and status of execution of the schemes under PMKSY-HKPP. He also gave details about the schemes affected due to low precipitation.

The Additional Chief Secretary highlighted that the average gauge readings in rivers have significantly decreased, adversely impacting numerous irrigation schemes across Jammu and Kashmir.

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will be issued to prioritize the development of these areas," he said.

He reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, stating, "PM Modi always says that border residents should never feel they lack any facilities compared to people in other parts of the country. The Government of India has launched a special initiative to develop our border villages as hubs of growth and opportunity."

Responding to public demands, LG Sinha, as per KNO, assured that the sacred Daati Maa Dev Sthan would be brought on the religious tourism map of Jammu and Kashmir. "Steps will be taken to promote Suchetgarh and its surrounding areas for both general and religious tourism," he affirmed.

He also urged the people to pray for the successful completion of the ongoing Amarnath Yatra and encouraged citizens to contribute actively towards building a peaceful, prosperous Jammu and Kashmir in line with the vision of the Prime Minister.

"The collective effort of our citizens, especially those living in the most challenging terrains, will shape the future of Jammu and Kashmir. Together, let us move forward with hope and determination," LG Sinha said—(KNO)

No Hesitation In

as those were inserted during the infamous Emergency.

"I would like to ask fake secularists, after the word secular was added to the country's Constitution, why was it not added to the separate Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir? Should the state, where minority Hindus were being oppressed, not have been secular? Jammu and Kashmir became secular only after Article 370 was abrogated," he said.

The BJP leader claimed that the party is the only political organisation in the entire world to have raised a voice against atrocities against minorities in neighbouring countries and taken a concrete step, in the form of CAA, upon coming to power.

He said, "India has always believed in treating all faiths with respect. Parsis were accepted with open arms. We have one of the world's oldest churches in Kerala. Ours is the only land where all 72 sects of Islam are recognised."

In contrast, even Ahmadiya Muslims are facing persecution in Pakistan, and one should not speak about minorities, Singh said.

"The situation is horrifying in Bangladesh as well. The treatment meted out to Hindus there is a blot on humanity," said the defence minister.

PM Modi receives rousing welcome from Indian community in Ghana

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ACCRA: As he began his landmark visit to Ghana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday was accorded a rousing welcome by members of the Indian community at a hotel in Accra, shortly after his arrival in the West African country.

There is a sizable Indian community in Ghana numbering over 15,000. Some of them have been in Ghana for over 70 years. Some families are now the fourth generation in Ghana, and most have acquired Ghanaian citizenship. Several expatriates are also working for MNCs and prominent local Ghanaian businesses as skilled workers.

Hundreds of people, including locals, started chanting "Modi-Modi", "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" as soon as PM Modi arrived at the hotel.

During the grand welcome, PM Modi was seen interacting with the Indian diaspora and even holding a child in his arms in what turned out to be an unforgettable moment for the Indian family.

Using local musical instruments and a drum, Ghanaian artists also rendered an instrumental version of 'Jai Ho' as PM Modi watched them from close quarters and applauded their talent.

PM Modi also applauded a group of locals who joined Indians in chanting 'Hare Krishna, Hare Rama'.

The Indian community is served by a Hindu temple, a Gurudwara, and a Hindu Monastery, in Accra. An ISKCON temple, mostly run by Ghanaians, and an Art of Living Centre is also quite active.

Earlier, as he arrived on his first ever bilateral trip to the African nation, also the first Prime Ministerial visit from India to Ghana after three decades, Ghana President John Dramani Mahama welcomed PM Modi at the Kotoka International Airport in a special gesture showcasing the significance of the landmark visit.

PM Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the airport as both leaders then sat down for a brief interaction at the Jubilee Lounge of the airport.

"Ghana is a valued partner in the Global South and plays an important role in the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States. I look forward to my exchanges aimed at further deepening our historical ties and opening up new windows of cooperation, including in the areas of investment, energy, health, security, capacity building and development partnership. As fellow



democracies, it will be an honour to speak at the Parliament of Ghana," PM Modi said in his departure statement earlier in the day.

Ghana is the first stop on Prime Minister Modi's five-nation visit. It will be followed by Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), Argentina, Brazil and Namibia.

The delegation-level are scheduled to be held in Accra later in the evening, India time, as both countries review the bilateral relations and discuss various ways to strengthen and deepen partnerships. The Prime Minister will also have a one-on-one meeting with his counterpart which will be followed by a banquet dinner in honour of PM Modi.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Modi will be addressing Ghana's Parliament and will also be interacting with the Indian community in the country, which is about 15,000 in number.

"President John Dramani

Mahama has just assumed office in about January of this year after a landslide victory, which is why the visit assumes importance. Early in his tenure, the Honourable Prime Minister will be visiting Ghana. So, it will help in the continuity as well as deepening the relationship and to discuss various ways to further strengthen the relationship," said Dammu Ravi, Secretary (ER) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) ahead of the PM's visit.

President Mahama has been to India in the past, particularly for the India-Africa Forum Summit in 2015 and both leaders have also met in the past on the sidelines of various global events.

"India's relations with Ghana are historical. In the seven decades of a relationship, it has evolved to multi-faceted. We took up the cause of Ghana in the UN much before it won independence in 1957, and we have maintained a close relationship in the multilateral fora on various issues that are important for the global South," said the MEA Secretary.

The ministry detailed that both the countries will work towards boosting the economic cooperation as Ghana undergoes a deep economic restructuring.

"Ghana has undergone the IMF conditionalities almost 17 times. So, the economic agenda will dominate the talks. The bilateral trade between India and Ghana is about \$3 billion in favour of Ghana because of the large imports of gold. Investments in Ghana are about \$2 billion. Both private sector-wise, which is about a billion dollars and the second half, you have lines of credit and the buyer's credit ... activities and projects have been undertaken. We have very strong cooperation in the capacity building under ITEC, and that is continuing to be stronger and deepened," the senior diplomat commented during a special briefing held in New Delhi on Monday.

The Ghanaian leader is also quite keen to engage with India, especially in the field of vaccine development and creating a vaccine hub in the country for not just Ghana but also the West Africa context. Defence cooperation will become an important item on the agenda along with the critical minerals and the digital public infrastructure.

This visit, said the MEA, reaffirms the shared commitment of the two countries to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen India's engagement with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union.

US gives India priority as key South Asia defence partner: Pete Hegseth

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WASHINGTON: The US gives India priority as its "key defence partner in South Asia", Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has affirmed to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, according to a Pentagon Spokesperson, Colonel Chris Devine.

"When he spoke to Rajnath Singh on Tuesday, Hegseth emphasised the priority the US places on India as its key defence partner in South Asia," said Devine.

He pointed out that both leaders reviewed the considerable progress both countries have made toward achieving the defence goals set out in the February 2025 joint statement by President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and agreed to sign the next ten-year US-India Defence Framework when they meet this year.

"They also discussed pending major US defence sales to India and the imperative of close defence industrial cooperation between the two countries," he added.

After the call, Rajnath Singh posted on X that they had an excellent discussion to review the ongoing and new initiatives to further deepen India-US defence partnership and strengthen cooperation in capacity building.

He conveyed his deep appreciation for the unwavering support extended by the US to India in its fight against terrorism, and he was looking forward to meeting him at an early date.

Rajnath Singh spoke to Hegseth before the US official met with visiting



External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar at the Pentagon.

After that meeting, the Pentagon said that EAM Jaishankar and Hegseth discussed participation in the next INDUS-X Summit, where the two nations will continue to build on US-India defence industrial cooperation and produce new innovations in technology and manufacturing.

The defence framework also figured in their talks.

The Pentagon said that Hegseth told Jaishankar the U.S. and India are mutually aware of the security concerns in the

All Dharavi residents to get houses, commercial units to stay in Dharavi: DRP CEO Srinivasan

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MUMBAI: Dharavi Redevelopment Project CEO S.V.R. Srinivas assured on Wednesday that every resident of Dharavi will get a house either inside or outside the scheme based on their eligibility status.

Srinivas said: "I would like to reiterate that the Dharavi redevelopment is the most inclusive project ever contemplated in SRA (Slum Rehabilitation Authority) history, where every resident is going to get a house. Not just that, all commercial units, whether eligible or ineligible, will get spaces inside Dharavi itself."

Over 75 per cent of tenement holders have qualified for new homes under the redevelopment scheme, according to data released by the Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP) and the Maharashtra government.

The DRP has begun releasing the Draft Annexure-II in phases, and the balance tenement holders would get qualified on the basis of additional checks and documents sought.

The DRP has invited tenement holders to submit their suggestions or objections regarding the Draft Annexure-II. Submissions can be made to the DRP office or by email to decaldrpsra@gmail.com. The deadline is July 5, 5.30 pm.

Out of a total of 505 tenements, 31 tenements

are yet to submit any documents, 137 cases are pending verification by the BMC, which the DRP is pursuing, and balance 38 are amenity structures. Among the remaining 299 tenements, 229 have been found eligible for new homes under various criteria. The remaining 70 are in the process of submitting additional documents to validate their eligibility.

Srinivas further stated that commercial units that are eligible will, in any case, get free in-situ spaces inside Dharavi. In fact, a proposal has been made to the government to accommodate ineligible commercial units as well, on a rental basis, inside Dharavi.

"The 10 per cent commercial space reserved in every society can be given on a rental basis to ineligible commercial units so that they can sustain their livelihoods in Dharavi itself. We have already made this proposal," Srinivas said.

As per the Annexure-II data, 170 ground-floor tenements, including residential, commercial and residential/commercial, have all met the eligibility criteria and are entitled to new homes either within or outside Dharavi. Of these, 157 tenements came into existence before January 1, 2000, and are entitled to 350 sq ft homes within Dharavi. The remaining 13 are considered 'Shashulk Eligible', meaning they are entitled to 300 sq ft homes outside Dharavi at a subsidised cost of Rs 2.5 lakh, having settled in Dharavi before January 1, 2011.

In a significant step, the inclusion of upper-floor tenement holders, typically disqualified under all other slum rehabilitation schemes, is being included as part of the present government and the DRP's promise for inclusivity. As per the data, 59 upper-floor tenements have qualified for new homes under the DRP's unique 'hire-purchase' scheme.

These residents will receive 300 sq ft homes on rent for 12 years, after which they will become legal owners. They may also choose to buy the home outright at a government-decided rate at any time during the 12-year period.

Typically, under other SRA schemes, those who settle in the ground floor after 2011 are excluded from redevelopment benefits, and all upper-floor residents face outright eviction. However, the DRP has ensured that all such residents are also provided with new and modern homes outside Dharavi but within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). These colonies will be modern and will be maintained free of cost for 10 years, Srinivasan added.

CORRECTION

I, Saleema Begum W/O Nisar Ahmad Bhat R/O Magraypora Pattan, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla Do Hereby declare that as per my adhaar records my name has been wrongly written as Saleema Bano instead of correct name Saleem Begum in my bank details. Now i am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days of publication of this notice.

Confident of BJP-led NDA returning to power in Bihar: Jyotiraditya Scindia

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NEW DELHI: Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday voiced confidence about Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led NDA alliance's return to power in Bihar, the poll-bound state where elections are scheduled later this year.

The Union Minister, in a special interaction with IANS, spoke about the BJP's bright electoral prospects in Bihar while giving strong rebuttal to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's charges on ten years on Digital India mission.

A day ago, Kharge questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's Digital India mission over 'unfulfilled promises and false claims' to which Scindia gave a fierce counter with facts and figures. Jyotiraditya Scindia, sharing his views on upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, voiced confidence that BJP-led NDA alliance will ride to power again in Bihar.

"The BJP and its alliance partners are intact, we will fight the elections unitedly and win it hands down," Scindia told IANS.

He further said that the development and transformation of Bihar is one of the BJP's top priorities and the next NDA government will ensure that all developmental promises see light of the day.

Emphasising the fact that growth and development remains the very backbone of BJP's governance model, the Union Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown it through his governance in last eleven years and this will continue to the major thrust in Bihar as well.

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CANCELLATION CORRIGENDUM

Subject:	"Design, Engineering, Providing, Welding, Laying/ Fixing in proper position, Testing and Commissioning of 630mm Diameter HDPE Raw Water intake Pipeline in Nigeen Lake from proposed offtake point near Ashai Bagh Bridge up to the sump (delivery point) of Stage 1st Pumping Station of WSS Pokhrilal located at northern bank of Nigeen lake under AMRUT 2.0, including successful trial run for a period of one month on Turnkey/ EPC basis". The scope shall include all necessary Ancillary works Such as Jointing, Pipe Supports, Alignment, placing in proper position in and under water, Leak Testing, Hydro Testing, Required Appurtenances, and Restoration of Site Conditions to Original or Improved State, as applicable.
Reference:	i. This office e-nit No: AMRUT/JSMDS/e-NIT-78 of 03/2024-25 ii. Superintending Engineer office Letter no: JSMCS/TS/718-20 Dated: 30-06-2025

The e-NIT under reference for the subject work is hereby cancelled as none of the bidders was found responsive during the evaluation of documents of Cover 1st uploaded/furnished by the participating bidders. The tender for the subject work shall be invited fresh in due course of time.

No: JSMDS/CC/Amrut2.0/1084-95
Dated:30/06/2025

DIPK-3239-25
DT: 02/07/2025

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
Jal Shakti Mech. Circle South, Srinagar.
Addl. charge of Executive Engineer,
Jal shakti Mech. Division, Srinagar.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 01-07-2025, 1700 hrs. to 02-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 05 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishitwri Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishitwri Pather on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HMVs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HMVs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary halts between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 03-07-2025:-
Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY convoy/LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days. TCU Jammu/ Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025
Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -
To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs to 1200 hrs.
- Jakhni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-
Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HMV shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44, UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

Kishitwar- Sinitan- Anantrig NH-244:-
Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/ HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantrig towards Kishitwar and vice-versa on Kishitwar-Sinitan-Anantrig road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantrig from 0600 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishitwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed, as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/ KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD
Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs. No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (Both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

Mughal Road:-
Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREP) LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffilaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

ADVISORY :-
People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191-2740505, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishitwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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Union Min promises optimal support for J&K's Dairy, Fisheries development

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, who is on a two day visit to Kashmir, Wednesday said the central government will extend all possible support to J&K for developing dairy and fisheries sectors.

The Union Minister was speaking at a function, 'Reimagining Livestock & Fisheries with Future Ready Farmers: Vision 2030', at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K).

The Union Minister reaffirmed the Central Government's commitment towards agricultural advancement and farming community in J&K. He said that these sectors need to be organised by strengthening and bringing them under Cooperatives at district, block and panchayat level to benefit the dairy farmers, who are mostly small and marginal. He added that there is tremendous potential for exports for Kashmir trout and niche dairy products, however, that requires processing and value addition. He said his Ministry will provide full support to the UT government for establishing retail dairy outlets in each district.



J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar; Union Secretary Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Alka Upadhyaya; Principal Secretary APD (J&K), Shalendra Kumar; Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J, Professor BN Tripathi; Additional Secretary, Union Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Varsha Joshi; Animal Husbandry Commissioner, DAHD, Abhijit Mitra and Joint Secretary Ministry of Fisheries, Sagar Mehra were present at the function.

Rajiv Ranjan Singh also interacted with the dairy and fisheries farmers, Poshu Sakhis and entrepreneurs,

who informed him about the progress of these sectors in J&K over the years besides projecting their issues and challenges.

Earlier at SKUAST-K, the Union Minister toured the SKUAST-K Hig Density Apple orchards, followed by an inspection of various stalls showcasing groundbreaking agricultural innovations, particularly in animal sciences. A key highlight was the Minister's interaction at a stall featuring recently produced India's first gene-edited sheep, a testament to the cutting-edge research being conducted at SKUAST-K in animal husbandry. This achievement places India at the forefront of advanced

genome editing technologies in livestock.

J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar, thanked the Union Minister for his support in transforming the livestock and fisheries sector in J&K. He stressed on processing and value-addition of livestock produce for economic empowerment of the farming community.

Shalendra Kumar, gave an overview of the dairy and fisheries sectors of the UT while Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K briefed about the university's working.

The officers and faculty members from SKUAST-K, Directors and officers from the line departments and a huge number of farmers were present on the occasion.

SANJY 2025

B'pora admin receives first batch of Amarnathji pilgrims at Shadipora Transit Camp



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BANDIPORA: In a gesture of hospitality, the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) pilgrims was warmly received by a team of Bandipora district administration led by Deputy Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, as they reached Shadipora Transit Camp in Bandipora on Wednesday.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Bandipora Harmeet Singh Mehta besides other civil and police officials.

On the occasion, the DC extended a warm welcome to the pilgrims by presenting garlands as a gesture of respect and goodwill. The pilgrims were also served refreshment, reflecting a hospitable and comfort-

able experience for the devotees.

As the first batch of yatries embarked on their spiritual journey towards the Holy Cave, the DC wished them a fulfilling and blessed pilgrimage

The DC informed that the district administration has put in place all arrangements in advance for a hassle-free yatra. He stated that the administration has implemented comprehensive plans to facilitate smooth and hassle-free experiences for all the pilgrims.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various facilities including accommodation, bedding, water supply, electricity, langars and other essentials at Shadipora Yatra Transit Camp.

Transport Commissioner inspects driving test centre, RTO office Srinagar



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Wednesday conducted a comprehensive visit to Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir, here at Bemina.

The Commissioner interacted with the citizens waiting in queues, raising awareness about the Transport Department's online and faceless services. He encouraged them to leverage these digital platforms to streamline their transactions and minimize visits to the RTO office.

He instructed the ARTO Headquarters to prominently display the signboards and informational material, highlighting the availability and advantages of online services, so as to

raise awareness among the general public. He reiterated the department's commitment towards minimizing the footfall at the RTO office by promoting digital access and ensuring ease of service delivery through faceless platforms.

Earlier, the Transport Commissioner inspected the trial ground located at Bemina and monitored the driving tests being conducted there. Interacting with the youngsters, he urged them to be careful while driving besides strictly abiding by the traffic laws.

He directed the staff to ensure that those who appear for the driving test are guided properly. He also asked them that the test results should be uploaded online within 24 hours.

Sakeena Itoo felicitates NEET achievers, 10th,12th meritorious students

GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Wednesday visited Pulwama and felicitated the NEET achievers and meritorious students of 10th and 12th classes of various Government Institutions from Pulwama district in a special function organized at Government Degree College (GDC), here.

MLA Pampre, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi; MLA Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik; MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie; Principal GDC Pulwama, Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Direc-



tor Family Welfare and Immunization, Director AYUSH and other senior officers of district administration and education department were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Sakeena

lauded the students for their outstanding performances despite challenging circumstances. "You are the torchbearers of change, and your achievements today mark the beginning of a brighter tomorrow, not only for

yourselves but for the entire region," she stated.

Highlighting the role of education in shaping a resilient and progressive society, the Minister urged the youngsters to pursue knowledge with purpose and serve their communities with commitment. She also appreciated the efforts of teachers and parents who stood behind the students through their academic journeys.

The Minister underlined that the youth must be provided with the right opportunities, mentorship and resources to excel at the national and international levels. On the occasion, the Minister also distributed regularisation orders among CPWs.

First Batch of Pilgrims for SANJY-2025 reaches Baltal Base Camp



GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: The first batch of pilgrims for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025 successfully arrived at the Baltal Base Camp Wednesday, marking the formal commencement of the annual pilgrimage.

In a spirit of devotion and hospitality, the District Administration Ganderbal extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the Yatriis at the base camp.

The welcome ceremony was graced by the presence of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi, SDM Kangan, along with officers from the Civil Administration, Police and members of the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended his best wishes to the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually enriching journey. He assured

full support from the administration to ensure a seamless and comfortable pilgrimage experience.

To ensure the safety, security, and convenience of the pilgrims, the administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements including medical facilities, sanitation services, and round-the-clock security. These measures reflect the commitment of the district authorities to uphold the highest standards of service and care during the Yatra.

The pilgrims expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the rousing reception and proactive support extended by both the Civil and Police Administration.

The District Administration reiterated its resolve to provide all necessary assistance and continue its efforts to make the Yatra smooth, safe, and spiritually fulfilling for all participants.

Sgr welcomes the first batch of Amarnath Yatris with warmth, devotion



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR:- In a warm gesture of hospitality, the Srinagar district administration led by DDC Chairperson, Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sundeeep Chakravathy on Wednesday warmly welcomed the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims as they arrived at Panthachowk in Srinagar.

This followed the formal commencement of the annual yatra which was flagged from Jammu by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, as part of the significant spiritual journey undertaken by the devotees every year to the holy Amarnathji cave.

Deputy Commissioner & SSP personally received the pilgrims and extended greetings besides ensuring all arrangements are in place for their comfort and safety.

DDC Chairperson,

DC, SSP & Officials from the District Administration Srinagar, along with senior Officers from SMC and Police Department were present at the reception site to assist and guide the pilgrims. The administration has reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth and secure yatra experience for all devotees.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stated that the Amarnathji Yatra is a significant spiritual journey and we are committed to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimage with safety and comfort of all pilgrims. He added that the District Administration Srinagar along with Srinagar Police has put in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the annual Yatra and cater to the needs of the pilgrims.

Officials along with locals welcomed the Pilgrims and prayed for smooth, safe and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Directorate of Rural Sanitation accords traditional welcome to SANJY pilgrims

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BALTAL: Directorate of Rural Sanitation Wednesday extended a traditional welcome to the first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025 pilgrims at the Nunwan and Baltal base camps.

In a gesture symbolizing warmth and harmony, the Yatriis were greeted with

garlands by officials of the Directorate and the sanitation teams, setting a tone of devotion and cleanliness for the Yatra ahead.

Girls dressed in traditional Kashmiri attire, along with sanitation volunteers, added cultural vibrancy to the welcome ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Director General

Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra emphasized the department's commitment to providing clean surroundings, eco-friendly facilities, and round-the-clock sanitation services throughout the Yatra period.

"Welcoming the devotees with respect and care marks the beginning of our service to them. Cleanli-

ness and hospitality go hand in hand during this spiritual journey," she said.

The Directorate has also deployed dedicated sanitation teams, put in place bailing and shredding machines, and installed QR-coded toilet facilities to maintain hygiene and streamline sanitation management.

DC Pulwama conducts field visit to assess status of water supply schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: In order to take stock of progress of key infrastructural works under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and NABARD, District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Wednesday undertook a detailed field visit to multiple ongoing Water Supply Schemes (WSS) in the district.

The visit was aimed at obtaining comprehensive ground-level assessment of the execution status, identifying operational bottlenecks, and issuing necessary instructions to expedite completion of the works.

The DDC inspected various water supply schemes like NC Bonura, Arihal Arigam, Achal Astan (Petipora), Batnoor Sahoo-

ra, Lajoora, and Kerava Malangpora.

During the visit, Dr. Qayoom took strong note of the issues like halted electro-mechanical (EM) works. He directed the concerned officials to resolve minor issues in a time-bound manner. He stressed upon the need for speedy completion of Electro-Mechanical installations and asked the engineering staff to expedite the process of completion.

The DDC also visited WSS Ratnipora, a major water supply scheme being executed under NABARD funding, which is at the final stage of completion. He directed officials to complete final formalities and ensure that the scheme is commissioned at the earliest for the benefit local population.

The DDC reiterated that universal access to safe and

adequate drinking water remains top priority for the district administration and called upon all executing agencies to work in close coordination to remove bottlenecks and accelerate the pace of implementation. He further directed officials to set clear timelines, maintain quality standards, and submit progress reports for effective monitoring.

During the visit, the DDC was accompanied by Executive Engineer PHE Pulwama and concerned Assistant Executive Engineers, AEs, JE's and other field functionaries.

The visit concluded with on-spot instructions to the concerned engineers and field staff to intensify efforts and ensure that the benefits of Jal Jeevan Mission reach every eligible household in a time-bound manner.

DC Shopian visits Tehsil office Keller

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Shishir Gupta Wednesday visited Keller tehsil of the district and held inspections of land revenue records.

The DC conducted in-depth inspections of Roz Namcha (daily record of events and transactions of Patwari), Girdawari (record of land revenue collection), Jama-bandi (record of land ownership and rights), Parat Patwar (record of land transactions and mutations) and Parat Sarkar (government record of land holdings).

After conducting analysis of records, he directed concerned officers and officials to properly maintain these records and emphasised on its regular and timely updation. DC instructed that Mutation camps be organised regularly and directed Tehsildar for village wise organisation of camps across the Tehsil for improving land record management, reducing disputes, and enhancing transparency.

Traffic Advisory

The yatriis, travelling to seek blessings of Shri Amarnath Ji, in their own/rented cars/buses or any other mode, are requested to travel in the main Yatra convoy only, starting from Bhagwati Nagar Jammu daily; in the interest of smooth and secure conduct of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra 2025.

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