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Gusty Winds, Rain Wreak Havoc In Kashmir Parts



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SRINAGAR: Gusty winds and heavy rain caused widespread damage across parts of North and Central Kashmir on Friday evening, with reports of vehicles crushed by falling rooftops and power infrastructure left crippled. As per reports, the parts of north and central Kashmir are experiencing massive gusty winds and heavy rains, including parts of Baramulla, Kupwara, Srinagar. Reports said that several cars were damaged after rooftops and electric poles collapsed in Qaziabad and Kralgund Market areas of Kupwara district. Multiple electric cables and rooftops were torn apart, leading to a complete power outage in the

affected localities. Director Meteorological Department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said, "A spell of light to moderate rain/thunder is likely over many areas of Kashmir Division, Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, Reasi, Udhampur, and parts of Jammu plains during the next 3-5 hours." He further cautioned that, "Few places may witness intense showers that could trigger flash floods, landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones. Strong gusty winds reaching up to 40-50 kmph are also expected." The MET Department has advised the public to stay away from loose structures, old trees, and exposed electric poles for their safety. (JKNS)

'Show Me One Photo Of Indian Damage' We Hit Nine Pak Terror Targets, Missed None: NSA Doval



Agencies

CHENNAI: National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval on Friday launched a scathing attack on foreign media for its biased reportage on India's successful 'Operation Sindoor' against Pakistan. Speaking at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, NSA Doval, said, "Foreign press said that Pakistan did that and

this... You tell me one photograph, one image, which shows any damage to any Indian (structure), even a glass pane having been broken." Referring to the damage caused to air bases in Pakistan, NSA Doval said, "They (foreign media) wrote these things and put out things. The images only showed 13 air bases in Pakistan before and after 10th May, whether it was

in Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan, Chaklala. I am only telling you what the foreign media put out on the basis of images. We are capable of doing that (damage to Pakistani air bases)." Hailing India's precision in hitting its targets in the crisscross of Pakistan on May 7, in response to the April 22 Pahal-gam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead, the National Security Advisor said that the

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armed forces "hit nowhere else except the targets." The NSA said, "We decided to hit nine terrorist targets deep inside Pakistan, not near the border. We missed none. No unintended location was struck and each target was selected based on specific intelligence." "The operation began on May 7 and ended on May 10 after both sides reached an understanding to stop" P-06

CHINA TOOK 12 YEARS AND \$300 BILLION TO DEVELOP 5G. WE DIDN'T HAVE that time or money. The government worked with IIT Madras and private companies to build a fully indigenous 5G system. Today, India's 5G has nothing foreign in it,"

CM Seeks Support Of National Tour Operators In Promoting J&K



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SRINAGAR: In a bid to reach out to people associated with tourism industry outside Jammu and Kashmir, chief minister Omar Abdullah on Friday held a special interaction with tour operators across the country and highlighted the unique tourism experiences Jammu and Kashmir has to offer. He at the occasion invited them to collaborate in promoting the region, and P-06

Omar Abdullah @OmarAbdullah

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Terror Funding Case SIA Raids Multiple Locations In J&K

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SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir conducted search operations at three suspected locations in Jammu, Doda, and Handwara in a case linked to terror financing. According to a statement, these searches aimed to secure critical evidence to unravel a complex conspiracy involving cross-border funding through cryptocurrency, designed to fuel terrorism and destabilise peace in Jammu and Kashmir. The statement reads, search operations also targeted efforts to identify individuals inciting youth against the Union of India, thereby threatening national security. "Searches are part of an



ongoing investigation under FIR No. 12/2022, under Sections 18, 38, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, along with Sections 120B, 121, and 121A of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station CI-SIA Kashmir. These searches yielded vital evidence, marking a breakthrough in exposing the clandestine financial networks that keep the pot of terrorism boiling in Jammu and Kashmir," it reads. P-06

Security Forces Conducting Operations To Track 40-50 Terrorists In Jammu

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JAMMU: The security situation in the hinterland and along the borders of the Jammu region remains peaceful and under control, with the security forces maintaining a strong vigil and dominating the higher reaches of key areas through a series of operations aimed at tracking down 40 to 50 terrorists active in the region, official sources said. Multi-tier measures, including an anti-drone strategy, additional deployments and a focus on intensified night operations, have been put in place to keep the terrorists on their toes, they said. According to the sources, around 40 to 50 terrorists operating in multiple groups are currently active south of the Pir Panjal range. "Nearly 80



per cent of them are Pakistani nationals," a source said, citing earlier intelligence assessments and ongoing ground reports. A series of counter-terror operations is underway in districts including Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Doda and Udhampur, they said. "We are acting on specific inputs regarding terrorist movements. They are being

tracked and are on the run," said the sources familiar with the ongoing operations. The operations are focused on the hinterlands of Kishtwar, Basantgarh, Rajouri and Poonch, with ground-level intelligence playing a critical role in directing troop movements. Security has been significantly stepped up, with P-06

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Army Deploys Over 8,500 Troops, Advanced Tech To Secure Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR: To ensure safe and smooth conduct of the 38-day annual Amarnath Yatra, the Indian Army has rolled out Operation SHIVA 2025, deploying more than 8,500 troops alongside advanced surveillance and combat technology. Official sources informed, that a large-scale operation, launched in coordination with the Civil Administration and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), is designed to provide a multi-layered security grid along both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes. This year's deployment comes amid increased security concerns following the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, with threats emanating from Pakistan-backed proxy elements. They said that as part of the extensive deployment, a dedicated counter-UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) grid featuring over 50 C-UAS



and EW (Electronic Warfare) systems has been positioned to counter drone-based threats. "Live surveillance via UAVs (drones) and PTZ camera feeds is actively monitoring Yatra convoys and the Holy Cave. Engineer task forces have been mobilised for infrastructure tasks like bridge laying, track widening, and landslide mitigation," they added. The operation also

includes over 150 doctors and paramedics, two Advanced Dressing Stations, nine Medical Aid Posts, a 100-bed hospital, and 26 oxygen booths backed by 2 lakh litres of oxygen, sources said, adding that Signal companies, EME technical detachments, and Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads have also been deployed. Provisioning of emergency rations for 25,000 P-06

DGP Commends Commitment Of Forces In Securing Amarnath Yatra

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ANANTNAG: Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Nalin Prabhat on Friday commended the commitment of all security forces in securing the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. Chairing a security review meeting here in South Kashmir, DGP Prabhat, reiterated the need for continuous rehearsal of contingency drills and the imperative requirement for assessing and plugging grey areas. An official said, "The DGP during the meeting stressed on the need for refining drills to deal dynamically with evolving threats and called for relentless operations in the hinterland." A police statement said that DGP Prabhat conducted a focused security review with DIG South Kashmir Range Javed Iqbal



Mattoo, SSPs of South Kashmir, and senior officers from the Indian Army, CRPF, and BSF—(KNO)

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J&K Haj Committee's Term Set To End On July 19

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SRINAGAR: Setting the stage for fresh constitution of J&K Haj Committee, the tenure of members of the current panel is nearing completion. Official sources said that the present committee—constituted by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on July 20, 2022—is set to conclude its term on July 19, 2025. The seven-member body constituted in 2022 included prominent figures such as Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi (then MP), DDC Baramulla chairperson Safeena Baig, former MP Talib Hussain Choudhary, Mohd Rafiq Chashti, Molvi Mohd Ashraf, and Syed Mohd Rafiq, Member Parliament Mian Altaf Ahmad was inducted into the panel following completion of MP term by Masoodi.

In line with the Haj Committee Rules, the new committee is expected to consist of seven members—including a sitting Member of Parliament, two Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and one representative from local bodies. The Lieutenant Governor, who acts as the Administrator under Article 239 of the Constitution for the Union Territory, holds the authority to appoint the committee. Once the nominations of members are notified, the first meeting of the newly constituted committee must be convened within 45 days to elect a chairperson from among its members. It is worthwhile to mention that Haj Committees in States/UTs play a role in facilitating the annual Haj pilgrimage—(KNO)

TB Mukt Bharat: DC Baramulla chairs TB Forum meeting

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BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, Friday chaired a meeting of the District TB Forum to review the implementation of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) and to chart out a roadmap for achieving TB-Free status across the district.

During the meeting, DC issued a series of key directives aimed at strengthening surveillance, patient care, and public awareness. He stressed that all TB patients must be regularly assessed by designated Medical Officers for treatment adherence, monitoring of adverse drug reactions, and follow-up care.

In a major step under the Nikshay Mitra initiative, DC directed that all district officers will adopt



at least one TB patient, supporting them with nutritional basket kits and necessary amenities to aid in their recovery and well-being.

Aiming for ambitious progress, Sherpa stressed that all Panchayats in Baramulla must be declared TB-Free by November 2025. He emphasized intensified screening, presumptive testing, and

early detection across all health blocks.

To ensure early diagnosis, the forum also discussed the procurement of CBNAAT machines to enhance testing capabilities at peripheral health institutions.

DC called upon all departments, especially ICDS, School Education, Anganwadi Workers, and ASHA Workers, to actively

participate in identifying preventive cases and spreading awareness about TB symptoms, prevention, and treatment.

He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to a 'TB Mukt Bharat,' encouraging collective action and consistent monitoring to eliminate tuberculosis from every household and every village.

DC B'pora pays surprise visit to DH; review functioning, patient care

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Friday, along with a team of officers, conducted a surprise visit to the District Hospital Bandipora to assess its overall functioning and review the quality of patient care and adherence to work culture norms.

During the visit, DC inspected various sections of the hospital, including the Emergency Ward, In-Patient Wards, OPD, Maternity Unit, and other critical care units. He interacted with patients and attendants to personally gauge their level of satisfaction with the facilities and services being provided.

While taking first hand feedback from the patients, DC emphasized the importance of maintaining patient-centric services, medical hygiene and a disciplined environment within the hospital premises. He issued on-spot instructions to ensure better upkeep of wards and

timely delivery of health-care services.

DC directed the hospital authorities to ensure that all medical and paramedical staff adheres strictly to prescribed dress codes, with their name tags clearly visible on uniforms as per medical protocol.

He further instructed the incharge Medical Superintendent, Dr. Tahira, to enforce the hospital duty rosters strictly and ensure that rotational duties are followed meticulously to maintain round-the-clock medical services. He also stressed the need for punctuality, regular attendance, and effective internal coordination among the hospital teams.

On the occasion, DC assured that the district administration is committed to improving health-care delivery systems and will continue to carry out regular monitoring to bridge any service gaps. He also underscored the importance of grievance redressal mechanisms and urged the hospital management to remain responsive to the needs of the people.

DLSA Srinagar observes 'World Population Day'

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SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, observed World Population Day on Friday, by organizing a series of legal awareness programmes to highlight the issues arising from overpopulation and to educate the public about their legal rights and entitlements.

The event was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and was conducted under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar.

As part of the observance, awareness programmes were conducted in slum areas of district Srinagar and at Legal Literacy Club, Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Chanapora.

In GHSS Chanapora, the session was facilitated by Para Legal Volunteer, who served as resource

person and engaged with students and staff on the theme of population issues, legal awareness, and rights education.

Simultaneously, in the slum areas, a special initiative was organized to support underprivileged families through the distribution of essential eatables and food items. The event aimed to raise awareness about population related issues while also addressing immediate nutritional needs of marginal communities which was led by Tasneem Kausar, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Sunila Kumari (JLA) DLSA Srinagar.

The distribution drive was carried out with the help of NGO Justice Foundation. The initiative reinforced DLSA Srinagar's commitment to bringing legal literacy and rights-based awareness to the grassroots, especially among underprivileged and marginalized populations.

Awareness, Coordination meeting on POCSO Act held in Sgr

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move to reinforce the protection and empowerment of children through legal awareness and institutional collaboration, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar Friday organised a comprehensive 'Awareness & Coordination Meeting' focusing on the POCSO Act, JAGRITI Unit, DAWN Unit, and ASHA Unit.

The programme, held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, aimed at creating an inclusive platform for dialogue, sensitization, and commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of children.

Aadil Mushtaq, Chief Judicial Magistrate/Chairman, Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC), Srinagar chaired the meeting,

which saw enthusiastic participation from heads of educational institutions, representatives of the School Education department, Para-legal volunteers, members of units and officials of DLSA Srinagar.

At the outset, the objective of the meeting was outlined, to raise awareness among educational stakeholders about the provisions and importance of the POCSO Act and to ensure effective functioning and coordination of institutional mechanisms such as the JAGRITI Unit DAWN Unit and ASHA Unit. The forum provided a robust space for sharing insights, identifying challenges, and evolving a collective strategy to enhance outreach and impact at the school level.

In his address, CJM emphasized the pressing need to integrate legal awareness and child protection strategies within the frame-

work of the school education system. He reiterated that children, being among the most vulnerable sections of society, must be equipped with knowledge about their rights and have access to responsive and supportive mechanisms.

He also underlined the importance of early legal literacy and community-level intervention in preventing exploitation, abuse, and neglect.

Adv. Suhaila Ali (Panel Lawyer) highlighted the role of Legal Services Institutions in building protective frameworks around children through legal outreach, sensitization drives, and collaborative training modules.

A unanimous resolution was passed during the meeting to launch a joint action plan between DLSA/TLSC Srinagar and the School Education department to con-

duct structured awareness programmes in all schools of district Srinagar.

These programmes will particularly focus on educating students, teachers, and staff about the legal provisions of the POCSO Act, available support units like JAGRITI, DAWN, and ASHA, and the channels to report any instances of abuse, harassment, or neglect.

DLSA also announced that regular sensitization drives, legal literacy sessions, and interactive legal camps will be organized in both urban and rural schools with the active involvement of trained Para Legal Volunteers, and legal aid defense counsels. These initiatives aim to empower school communities to act as first responders in matters of child protection and ensure that no child is left behind in accessing justice, safety, and dignity.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No.56/ R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2025-26 issued under Endorsement No:ERB/3780-89 DATED: 07-07-2025.

For and on behalf of The Government of J&K(U/T)e-tenders (Single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Departments for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender/ Doc. (In Rs.)	2% Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (Calendar Days)	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	Remarks
01	Upgradation/ Renovation of Shiv Bhagwati Temple at Akhingan B.W.O Electrification of Dormitory G+1 and 5KVA Solar System	Rs. 13.38/= lacs	Rs. 600/=	Rs. 26760/=	Linked with Progress of civil work	" AAY" Class Electrical	Archeology 4202	Accord of Administrative Approval accorded by Directorate Achieves, Archaeology and Museums Srinagar/Jammu vide order No.D0AAM-253 OF 2024 Dated :-13 -11-2024
02	Reconstruction/ Replacement of Temple at Brity Batpora, Daigham B.W.O Electrification Work	Rs. 7.50/= lacs	Rs. 300/=	Rs. 15005/=	Linked with Progress of civil work	" AAY" Class Electrical	Archeology 4202	Accord of Administrative Approval accorded by Directorate Achieves, Archaeology and Museums Srinagar/Jammu vide order No.D0AAM-304 OF 2024 Dated:-11 -12-2024

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	07-07-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	07-07-2025 from 06.00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	07-07-2025 from 06.00 PM
4	Bid Submission End Date	17-07-2025 upto 04.00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	18-07-2025 at 02:00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below: Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy.

As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat V./AFinancedepartmentvideNo. om No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018whichreadsasunder:-a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-I) after opening of financial bids.

- The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing Treasury Challan (Receipt).
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- All bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids:-
 - All the bidders shall upload the Scanned copy of the Latest Enlistment Registration Contractor License duly renewed for the current year.2025-26
 - Scanned copy of GSTIN Registration/No. certificate with return clearance certificate(FormGST-3B)for the month of May 2025 or Quarter January to March
 - Scanned copy of PAN card. (As reflected in GST Regd./GSTForm-3B).
 - Scanned copy of valid contact number/E-mail-id.
 - All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan (Tender document cost) (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid submission End date) by debit to M.H.0059 in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division Kashmir (Tender inviting authority). Mentioning NIT No./Name of the work/S.No.Name of the division as per Annexure I
 - Scanned copy of Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR /Pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division Kashmir (Tender Inviting Authority),(dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid submission End date). However in case of Retender, Previous CDR shall also be entertained Subject to the condition that the CDR should have been submitted for the Previous NIT of the same work.
 - The successful bidder shall submit the scanned copy of Latest renewed JKPWDMS Contractor card valid for the current year before issuance of contract allotment.
 - The successful bidder has to execute the agreement and subsequently submit the same to this office within same day after issuance of formal allotment order for commencement of work as per the terms and condition laid.
- The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @5% of contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/BG after issuance of Letter of Acceptance which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. The EMD @2% of successful bidder will be released only after the submission of 5% performance Security deposit.
- The bidder who so ever participate the e-tenders floated by this office will submit Additional Performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/BG in case the bidder has Submitted the below Percentage Bid against the Advertised Cost for the work as per below mentioned percentage Breakup in order to avoid unbalancing of e-tender and shall be released after 100% completion of work" :-

S. No.	% age of Unbalanced bid Viz-a-viz advertised cost on account of Low Rate.	Additional Performance security to be Deposited on quoted bid by L1
1.	Upto and including 15%	NIL
2.	Greater than 15% upto& including 20%	5%
3.	Greater than 20% upto& including 25%	10%
4.	Greater than 25% upto& including 30%	15%
5.	Greater than 30% below	20%

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.inand conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The Employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender without any

- Prior Notice to the Bidders
- The earnest money (EMD) shall be released in favour of unsuccessful bidders only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- The earnest money may be forfeited if:-
 - Any bidder / tendered with draws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.intoaacquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must insure to upload can need copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and Taxes:-The percentage quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the percentage rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to stores much documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid
- Non-attendance of pre-bid meeting will not because of disqualification of the bidder.
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents cost in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has/ have not been uploaded shall be pertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The contractor shall procure the Key Construction Material of his own and specifications prescribed to be Certified by the Engineer in-charge.
- Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security i deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.
- The contractor is responsible for handing over the site to the intending Department .The theft /damaged is responsibility of contractor. However complete watch and ward of material is sole responsibility of contractor till handing over the building to the concerned Department.
- The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms & conditions shall be as are as per the SBD/ Contract Agreement. Engineerin

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DLC Shopian approves 28 cases for housing assistance under PMAY-U

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SHOPIAN: A District Level Committee (DLC) meeting was Friday held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishr Gupta at Mini Secretariat to approve the verified cases for PMAY- U (2.0) in

the urban area of Shopian. A total of 28 eligible cases were recommended by the ULB-level committee to the District Level Committee for approval in the first phase. The committee was apprised that 273 beneficiaries were found eligible who had applied online upon

ground level verification under the scheme.

After deliberations, the Committee approved all 28 cases for financial assistance to the eligible poor and homeless beneficiaries of the Shopian municipal area for assistance.

Directions were also issued to the MC and reve-

nue officers to expedite the clearance of land revenue titles for the remaining 245 cases.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Shopian, Dr.Nasir Ahmad Lone; ACR, Shakoor Ahmad Dar; Tehsildar Shopian, CEO MC and other members.

Encash Mahindra at Athwajan launches XUV 3XO REVX

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SRINAGAR: Encash Automotive Pvt. Ltd., Authorized Dealership of Mahindra & Mahindra, Friday unveiled the exciting new XUV 3XO REVX Series at its Athwajan Showroom.

The chief guests on the occasion were Mr. Tajamul Ahmad Qadri, Chief Manager (Marketing) J&K Bank and Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Chief Manager SBI SME Hyderabad. The occasion was graced by the presence of dignitaries from J&K Bank, SBI, Mahindra Finance & Cholamandalam Finance.

While unveiling the car, General Manager (PV Sales) of Encash Automotive, Tanveer Beigh, stated that the new REVX Series will further enhance the XUV 3XO portfolio with a compelling value offering



Viqar Lone, Sales Manager (PV Range) of the dealership, speaking about features of the series stated REVX Series come with 1.2 L mStallion TCMPIFI & TGD engine with best in segment torque of 230Nm offering superior mileage of 20.1 KM/L. The REVX A variant comes with panoramic sun-roof, gun metal grille & R16 painted Black alloys.

All variants of REVX Series come with leatherette seats, steering mounted audio control and 10.25" Infotainment, front & rear armrest, remote less key entry and 6 Airbags.

A large gathering of customers was present on the occasion that were highly impressed by the features offered in this compact SUV and many spot bookings were generated by the dealership. (ADVT)

of premium feature & best in segment performance in line with the customer aspirations.

REVX Series of XUV 3XO comes in three variants; REVX M, REVX M

(O) & REVX A starting at an impressive ex-showroom price of Rs. 8.94 Lac with REVX M & M(O) in manual transmission and REVX A in both manual & automatic transmission.

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Reviewing the Biomedical Equipment Management and Maintenance Programme (BEMMP), the Chief Secretary asked the concerned departments to complete the Equipment Profile exercise by August, as already directed. He underscored that maintaining functional equipment is central towards improving the patient outcomes and minimizing the service disruptions.

Dulloo expressed concern over the vacancies in DNB (Diplomate of National Board) seats across major hospitals of the

UT. He directed for taking measures to fill these seats, including offering the opportunities to in-service Medical Officers, where external candidates are unavailable.

The Chief Secretary laid special focus on the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) while directing the Health Department to cover every school and Anganwadi centre across J&K. He stressed the need to screen children for key health indicators, including anaemia and other common disorders enabling targeted medical interventions at an early stage.

In line with the government's commitment to equitable health access, Dulloo reiterated that no Primary Health Centre or Sub-Centre especially in remote and hilly areas should be left without doctors or requisite paramedical staff. He emphasized the need to fill vacant positions and deploy staff strategically to serve the underserved populations.

Taking stock of the critical care infrastructure being developed under PM-ABHIM, the Chief Secretary reviewed the status and timelines of various projects in the districts. He called for expedited completion of all ongoing works, urging the officials to meet deadlines without compromising on quality.

During the meeting, the functioning of key NHM programmes such as e-Sanjeevani (Tele-Consultation), Tele-MANAS (Mental Health Counselling), Tele-ICUs and free ambulance services was also reviewed.

The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the



reach of these initiatives but stressed on wider public awareness and operational efficiency to ensure they benefit every needy citizen.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the TB Elimination and Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) prevention programmes being run under NHM, urging intensified screenings, follow-ups and outreach campaigns especially in high-risk populations.

Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, informed the meeting that unlike past the NHM, J&K, received five instalments totalling Rs 806.93 crore of central share and Rs 195.08 Cr for infrastructure maintenance in 2024-25 against a resource envelope of Rs 601.54 crore and Rs150.20 crore respectively.

He added that J&K has achieved 99% institutional deliveries in 2024-25 and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has significantly dropped from 16 to 14 as per SRS 2022 Bulletin, which

is better than the national average of 26 per 1000 live births. As per HMIS data 2024-25, IMR has been recorded as 9.35 per 1000 live births, he reiterated.

While giving the account of achievements, MD NHM Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary informed that 86% of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) are operational in J&K.

Additionally, he informed the meeting that the number of free drugs had been increased from 23 to 96 at SHC-AAMs and from 71 to 175 at PHC-AAMs during FY 2024-25. Free diagnostic services have also been expanded resulting in 242.75 lakh OPD evaluations at these health facilities from 2023 till date.

Moreover, it was revealed that Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams regularly conduct screenings in schools and Anganwadi Centres, with 91% of targeted beneficiaries (0-18 years) screened in 2024-25.

In addition, 9.35 lakh patients have received tele-consultation

services from FY 2023-24 to June 2025 and over 103,396 calls have been received by the Tele-MANAS unit established at IMHANS. It was revealed that 489 ambulances are operational under the 102-108 Ambulance Service. Also 10,164 (90%) ASHAs have qualified for NIOS certification, which is the highest in the country.

Regarding the status of critical infrastructure raised under PM-ABHIM, the meeting was apprised that 10 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) besides 20 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPLs) and 287 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) have been raised under this flagship programme.

It was said that the projects to the tune of Rs 512.00 crore have been allotted to HSSC (India) Ltd for execution across the UT. More than 200 works have been awarded and 150 works have started in the last couple of months under this programme across the districts of the UT.

J&K IMPARD hosts valedictory ceremony for JFTC

CS exhorts officers to maintain highest standards of integrity

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (J&K IMPARD) marked the successful culmination of a six-week Joint Foundation Training Course for the 2023 batch of J&K Administrative, Police and Accounts Services with a valedictory function.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, was the chief guest while Commissioner Secretary, GAD, M Raju was the guest of honor on the occasion.

In his valedictory address, the Chief Secretary exhorted upon the trainee officers to uphold the sanctity of integrity and professionalism in their future roles as administrators. He emphasized the importance of delivering justice in a transparent and responsive manner to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon them to work with zeal and dedication, becoming effective leaders in all administrative situations in the future.

Director J&K IMPARD, Rehana Batul, spoke at length about the efforts made by IMPARD to ensure smooth and successful completion of the Joint Foundation Training Course.

She highlighted the institute's collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation to conduct a comprehensive training course on meditation and yoga, which helped the trainees stay focused, motivated and healthy throughout their training.

The Director congratulated the trainee officers on successfully completing the Training Course, expressing hope that it would significantly contribute towards shaping and building their professional careers.

The function was attended by all the officers and faculty members of J&K IMPARD, including Financial Advisor Darshan Lal, Faculty and In-charge Trainings, Jammu, Dr Reva Sharma and Faculty and In-charge Trainings, Srinagar, Dr Jahan Ara.

Lastly, Dr Jahan Ara Jabeen presented an overview of the course with details of methodology followed and learning outcomes achieved while Dr Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Course Coordinator for the Joint Foundation Course, presented vote of thanks.

Pr Secy APD reviews progress under CAPEX, HADP, CSSs, NABARD

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu.

The meeting was convened to review the progress on fund utilization under CAPEX, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and NABARD for the financial year 2025-26 besides assessing the status of issuance of fertilizer and pesticide licenses across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in APD, Mission Director HADP/JKCI, Director Finance APD, Director Agriculture Jammu, Director Horticulture Jammu, Director Law Enforcement, Director Command Area Development Jammu, Managing Director JKAGROS, Director Research SKUAST-Jammu, Joint Directors of Agricul-



ture and allied departments, Deputy Director Agriculture (Planning), Scientists from SKUAST-J, Plant Protection Officer, Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs), Chief Horticulture Officers (CHOs) from all districts of Jammu division and other senior officers.

The departmental heads presented detailed updates on scheme implementation, challenges encountered and strategic measures to expedite the pending activities.

The Principal Secretary underscored the need for timely execution, optimal fund utilization and enhanced inter-departmental coordination to ensure the benefits of these schemes reach the grass-

roots level.

Shailendra Kumar reviewed the significant advancements made under HADP, which has been instrumental in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and improving the farmers livelihoods. He observed that special attention has been given to ensure the expenditure under HADP, CSSs and CAPEX projects align with the overall goal of infrastructure development in the sector. He also had detailed discussion on CSS projects-Krishonnati Yojana, focusing on key flagship schemes like PMKSY, PDMC, SMAM, RAD, RKVY, PKVY, ATMA, NFSM and others aimed at boosting the rural prosperity.

Key directions issued

during the meeting included establishing a Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship in Precision Vegetable and Floriculture Farming in each district, accelerating bee hive insurance coverage across all districts, prioritizing completion of district-wise unit tracking through the KSOT App and developing a comprehensive calendar for national and international exposure visits for the farmers.

The Principal Secretary also emphasized for resolving the fertiliser and pesticide licensing issues, particularly those faced by krishudyamis, strengthening district-level enforcement wings, ensuring GPS-based tracking of fertilizer movement and intensifying regular monitoring of pesticide manufacturers and retailers.

The meeting concluded with formulation of a time-bound action plan focused on fast-tracking project implementation and strengthening the agricultural ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

NC leaders pay tributes to Akbar Jehan on 25th death anniversary

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SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) on Friday offered tributes to party founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's wife, Akbar Jehan, on her 25th death anniversary.

The party leadership, including NC president

Farooq Abdullah, paid floral tributes to Akbar Jehan at her mausoleum in the Hazratbal area of the city.

Several party leaders, functionaries, and workers had gathered at the mausoleum to pay tributes to Akbar Jehan.

The party leaders

offered 'fateha', special prayers for the departed soul, and hailed her contribution to J-K. She was a two-time MP.

She served as the MP from Srinagar from 1977-79, and from Anantnag from 1984-89. Jehan died on July 11, 2000, here at the age of 84. She is the mother of

former chief minister Farooq Abdullah and grandmother of the sitting Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah.

Her husband, Sheikh Abdullah, founded the NC and also served as prime minister of J-K from 1948-53, a post which was later rechristened as chief minister.

IICT upgrades skill of 11,000 carpet weavers under various flagship schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR - In a major boost to expand the pool of trained human resource, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar, under the aegis of Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, has master trained around 11,000 carpet weavers from different districts, under various skill development programmes.

The weavers have been trained on modified carpet looms which shall go a long way in penetrating niche markets for the famed hand-knotted carpets, which is the second most exported handmade product from Kashmir.

In a press statement released here today, Director IICT, Zubair Ahmad said that the services of master trainers who have distinguished themselves in the field of carpet weaving are availed to train skilled and semi-skilled carpet weavers in different batches, both in IICT premises at Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan and carpet clusters of different districts. "This face-to-face interac-

tion and training shall go a long way in safeguarding the rare skill of weaving intricate hand-knotted carpets, which have a huge export market, both within and outside the country," he stated.

The exports of hand-knotted carpets from Kashmir have touched ₹838.70 crore in the last three financial years, despite challenges due to global conflicts which have affected markets in Middle East and other destinations.

In order to make the training programmes more attractive for trainees, IICT also provides monthly stipend as per Scheme Guidelines. "The stipend for these short-term training programmes of 4-6 months' duration with intake capacity of 20, ranges from ₹1000 to ₹3750 per month under various skill-based schemes of Ministry of Textiles," he added.

The training programmes include Skill Upgradation and Capacity Building Training & Short-Term Training Programmes of the Ministry of Textiles and Skill Development Training Programme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Committee on Govt Assurances holds introductory meeting in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Committee on Government Assurances of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Friday convened an introductory meeting at the Assembly Complex, Srinagar.

The meeting was chaired by the Committee Chairman, Sajad Gani Lone and attended by members Ch. Mohammad Akram, Javid Ahmad Mirchal, Hilal Akbar Lone, Iftikar Ahmad, Mian Mehar Ali, Mohan Lal, Sunil Bahardwaj and Shagun Parihar.

Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita, briefed about the agenda of the meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman emphasized that the Committee would scrutinize the assurances, promises and undertakings made by the Ministers on the floor of the House from time to time. He said the Committee would also assess the extent of their implementation and check whether they have been

fulfilled within the stipulated time frame.

He underscored the significance of the Committee's role in holding the government accountable and ensuring transparency in governance. He also stated that there is ample scope for effective work, and frequent meetings will be held to ensure that all assurances made in the House are tracked and fulfilled.

The Committee resolved to conduct a department-wise review of the pending assurances to yield tangible outcomes.

The Chairman urged all the members to extend full cooperation and contribute constructively to the Committee's functioning, thereby playing an enabling role in ensuring that government commitments made to the members are met seamlessly.

During the meeting, the members shared valuable suggestions and raised several issues of public importance for the Committee's consideration.

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AUCTION NOTICE

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K. It is notified for the information of the General Public that Damaged unsafe one building block (Single Story six roomed) at Govt. Higher Secondary School Sherabad Pattan will be auctioned as per the CEO Baramulla Order No: CEO/Ptg/Bl/31594-96 dated 10-07-2025 by the Committee constituted for survey and auctioning of dilapidated School Buildings by Chief Education Officer. The bidders can submit EMD for auction by or before four days from the date of publication of this notice with CDR at any Nationalised/scheduled bank Amount Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand Rupees Only). Forms and Conditions of document can be had from the Office chamber of Principal Govt Higher Secondary School Sherabad on working days. Auction will be held in school premises and will start at 11:00 am on the next day, i.e. fifth day, in case it is Sunday, the auction will be held on next working day. For any further details and queries contact the Principal BHSS Sherabad, Pattan. The bid will start from the basic evaluation amount = Rs 385800 (Rupees three lacs eighty-five thousand and eight hundred only).

The Terms and Conditions of the auction notice are as under:-

- Each Bidder Must deposit tames money of Rs 5000/- (Five Thousand Only) as given above in the shape of COR from any Nationalized Bank/Scheduled Bank Pledged to the Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Sherabad. Earnest Money deposited (EMD) in the form of Demand Draft should reach this office before the Auction date.
- The Open auction shall be conducted by the auction Committee at 11:00 am next day, in case it is Sunday, the auction will be held on next working day.
- Earnest money of the successful bidder and the second highest bidder shall be retained and earnest money of rest of the bidders will be returned within 10 days after auction proceeding are over.
- The successful bidder shall have to enter into an agreement with the department within five days from the date the sanction of the contract is communicated to him. Failing to execute the agreement with the stipulated period, the earnest money deposited by successful bidder shall be forfeited in favour of the department and contract shall be allotted to the second highest bidder. Any loss on the account shall be made good from the 1st highest bidder in terms of arrears of the land revenue rules besides blacklisting the contractor/bidder participating from future department tenders/auctions.
- The department reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
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Subject: Notice inviting e-Tender for Running College Canteen
 e-NIT NO:- ET-03 of 2025
 Dated: 09-07-2025

Principal, Govt. College for Women Nawakadal on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir invites e-tender from the prospective contractor(s)/ reputed agency(s)/Person(s) for running the college canteen in college premises for the academic session 2025-26. The Tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, list of eatables and detailed terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in or www.gcwnk.ac.in as per schedule of dates given below:

Name of the Work : Operation/Running of College canteen within the college premises.	Date of Publication
1.	09/07/2025.
2.	Period of downloading of Tender documents: 9/07/2025 to 15/07/2025.
3.	Tender Bid Submission start date 10/07/2025 from 9:00 AM
4.	Tender Bid Submission end date 16/07/2025 upto 5:00 PM
5.	Date of opening of EOI Bid online 17/07/2025 at 11:00AM

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Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

Bright Resurgence In The Heart Of Kashmir

After a spell of gloom and gray skies, the valley of Srinagar has once again come alive, echoing with laughter, footsteps, and the vibrant hum of tourism. As the sun pierces through the clouds and the Dal Lake glistens with renewed charm, Kashmir's capital is witnessing a welcome resurgence in tourist footfall, an encouraging sign for both the local economy and the spirit of the people.

Markets and local bazaars are abuzz, their colorful stalls bursting with handcrafted shawls, spices, and souvenirs. The melodic calls of shikarawalas drift across the water, inviting travelers to glide through Srinagar's iconic lakes. Houseboats, floating remnants of a timeless culture, are once again filled with guests from every corner of the country, finding tranquility in the gentle sway of the water and the warmth of Kashmiri hospitality.

This upswing is more than just an economic indicator. It is a testament to the resilience of the people of Kashmir, who continue to welcome guests with open arms despite years of uncertainty and adversity. The connection between tourists and locals is not just transactional, it is deeply cultural, rooted in shared stories, hospitality, and an appreciation for the natural and spiritual beauty of the region. The tourism revival also serves as a timely reminder of the valley's potential. With sustainable planning and responsible travel, Kashmir can remain both a cherished destination and a thriving community. As visitors explore the tulip gardens, trek through alpine meadows, or simply sip kahwa by a crackling fire, they participate in something greater than a vacation, they become part of Kashmir's ongoing story of hope and renewal.

Let the buzz in Srinagar be more than a fleeting moment. Let it be the dawn of a lasting chapter, where peace, prosperity, and beauty coexist, and where the world is reminded of what makes Kashmir truly paradise on Earth.

...Guiding Your Future

A Modern Look At Career Advice And Coaching In AI Era



DR. REYAZ AHMAD

In today's rapidly evolving job market, where technological advancement, globalization, and shifting economic conditions constantly reshape industries, navigating a successful career path has become more complex than ever. This complexity has heightened the importance of career advice and career coaching, both of which serve as powerful tools for individuals seeking clarity, direction, and fulfilment in their professional lives.

Understanding Career Advice and Career Coaching

Career advice in India is often provided by teachers, parents, or family elders, especially during board exam years or when selecting a stream (science, commerce, or arts). For example, a student in Delhi considering engineering may receive advice from a relative who studied at an IIT, suggesting specific coaching institutes like FIITJEE or Aakash.

Career coaching, on the other hand, is still emerging in India but gaining momentum, particularly in metropolitan areas. A working professional in Bengaluru looking to switch from IT to product management might hire a certified coach to build transferable skills, prepare for interviews at startups, and align goals with industry trends.

Why Career Coaching Matters Today

India's demographic advantage also creates a competitive job environment. More than 1.5 million engineers graduate annually in India, but only a fraction get placed in core sectors. Career coaching can provide an edge.

Indian examples include:

- **Clarity and Direction:** A commerce graduate from Mumbai, unsure about career options, might discover, through career coaching, a passion for digital marketing, leading them to take short-term certification from IIDE or UpGrad.
- **Confidence Building:** A tier-2 college student from Patna struggling with English may work with a coach to prepare for group discussions and personal interviews for MBA admissions.
- **Skill Development:** A teacher in Jaipur transitioning into edtech may be guided to earn certifications on Coursera and build a LinkedIn presence to attract recruiters.
- **Accountability:** A student preparing for government exams may use structured coaching to balance study schedules, manage stress, and stay motivated during long preparation periods.



The Role of Career Advice in Early Career Planning

In India, students often choose streams based on marks or parental pressure rather than interest. Sound early advice can make a huge difference.

- A 12th-grade student in Hyderabad interested in design but pushed toward engineering may, after a career counselling session, be guided toward NID (National Institute of Design) or UI/UX design via private institutes like MAAC or Arena.
- A student in Kerala wanting to pursue civil services might be advised to take humanities instead of science, with early exposure to subjects like polity and current affairs.

Traditional vs. AI-Based Career Guidance: Which One to Choose?

With Indian EdTech booming, platforms like Mentoria, MapMyTalent, and iDream-Career offer AI-based career guidance tools that analyse aptitude, interest, and personality to suggest best-fit careers.

Traditional (Human) Career Coaches/Advisors

Pros (Indian examples):

- A personal session with a coach from Delhi's Career Launcher may help an MBA aspirant choose between IIMs and ISB based on profile fit.
- A mentor from the T.I.M.E. institute may help a CAT aspirant understand section-wise improvement strategies.

Cons:

- Sessions in metro cities can cost 2,000- 5,000/hour
- Fewer trained coaches are available in rural or semi-urban areas

Pros:

- A student in Lucknow can access psychometric testing online via Mettl or CareerGuide.com, receiving instant results and suggested careers.
- Resume builders like Zety or AI-powered JD matching tools help freshers auto-match their resumes to job descriptions.

Cons:

- May suggest software engineering based on aptitude, even if the student is creatively inclined and prefers storytelling or filmmaking
- Limited scope for emotional intelligence or motivational support

So, Which One Should You Choose?

Use AI tools in India when:

- You want quick assessments or career suggestions from platforms like CareerKarma or iDreamCareer
- You are preparing for aptitude-based tests like AMCAT, CoCubes, or eLitmus

Choose human advisors/coaches when:

- You're making a major decision like switching from a secure bank job to becoming an entrepreneur
- You're dealing with low confidence, peer pressure, or unclear goals, and need human understanding and support

Choosing the Right Career Coach or Advisor

Look for:

- Indian certifications (e.g., from CDA - Career Development Alliance India, or GCDF - Global Career Development Facilitator)
- Coaches who specialize in your desired industry (e.g., IT, UPSC, management, design)
- Testimonials from Indian clients—especially those from similar educational or regional backgrounds

Example: A student from Bhopal preparing for UPSC might prefer a coach who understands the demands of Hindi-medium candidates and has a track record of guiding successful aspirants.

Conclusion

Whether you're a 10th grader in Kolkata trying to decide between science and humanities, a graduate in Pune searching for the right PG course, or a professional in Chennai looking to shift careers—the right guidance makes all the difference.

India's expanding career landscape, with rising global opportunities and the growing EdTech ecosystem, offers both traditional and AI-based support. By combining structured coaching, localized advice, and smart tech tools, you can build a career that not only earns but also fulfills. In a nation of a billion dreams, the right direction is the key to unlocking your potential.

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For a long time, brain problems like stroke or aneurysm could only be treated through open surgery, which meant cutting open the skull, long recovery, and visible scars. But now, a new approach called neuro-intervention allows doctors to treat many serious brain conditions without making a single cut on the head. The result is a safer, quicker, and less painful recovery. In India, over 18 lakh people suffer a stroke every year, and the demand for faster, less invasive brain treatment is rapidly growing across both urban and rural areas.

Understanding the Procedure

Neuro-intervention is a method where doctors treat brain conditions using a very thin tube, inserted through a small hole in the leg or wrist. With the help of live X-ray images, the tube is guided through blood vessels all the way to the brain. Once it reaches the affected area, the doctor can remove a blockage, seal



a weak blood vessel, or stop abnormal bleeding.

The entire treatment is done from outside the brain, with no cuts or stitches on the head. In most cases, the patient remains awake or under light sedation. However, certain procedures or emergency situations may require general anaesthesia for safety and comfort. Most patients are able to go home in just a day or two. There is no large wound, and recovery is much faster compared to traditional brain surgery.

Common Conditions Treated Without Surgery

One of the main uses of neuro-

intervention is stroke treatment. In strokes caused by a blood clot, doctors can use a special device through the tube to pull the clot out and restore blood flow to the brain. This can help prevent long-term disability and even save lives, if done in time.

Another common condition is brain aneurysm, which is a balloon-like bulge in the arteries that can burst and cause dangerous bleeding. Doctors can now treat them by placing coils or flow diverters through catheters to seal them off safely from the inside.

Neuro-intervention can also be used for carotid artery

stenting, a procedure that treats narrowed neck arteries supplying blood to the brain. By placing a stent through a minimally invasive route, doctors can restore blood flow and lower the risk of stroke without requiring open surgery.

Faster Recovery and Why Timing Matters

Because this method doesn't involve cutting the head, patients feel less pain, recover faster, and have fewer risks of infection or complications. Many are able to walk the same day, and the hospital stay is much shorter. Some may need physiotherapy or speech ther-

apy afterward, especially in stroke cases, but overall, recovery is quicker and smoother.

In emergencies like stroke, every minute matters. If treatment is delayed, parts of the brain can get permanently damaged. That's why it's important to recognize warning signs like sudden weakness in the body, slurred speech, or a drooping face, and rush to a hospital immediately. The earlier the treatment, the better the chances of full recovery.

A New Hope in Brain Care

Neuro-intervention is changing how we treat brain conditions. More hospitals in India are adopting this technology, giving patients better and safer options. Whether it is stroke, aneurysm, or other brain vessel problems, many can now be treated without the fear of brain surgery.

The goal of modern brain care is not just to treat effectively, but to do it in a way that is easier on the patient. Thanks to neuro-intervention, we can now treat the brain without cutting into it, giving patients a faster return to normal life, and a future full of possibilities.

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Painful Reality

Is Social Media Defining Self-Worth?

DR. AFTAB JAN

There was a time when Kashmir was a valley of wisdom, dignity, and respect for learning. People honored scholars, teachers, and elders, knowing that true knowledge required years of study, humility, and sincerity. But now, a storm is raging through our land, a storm of social media misused in the worst ways. Western countries, despite their flaws, have largely used social media and technology to grow: building businesses, spreading education, inventing new tools, and advancing medicine and science. They used these tools to solve problems and strengthen their societies.

In Kashmir, however, this same powerful tool has become like poison in our hands. Instead of using social media to spread knowledge or improve lives, many people waste endless hours making shallow videos, performing stunts, fighting online, sharing vulgar dances, and exposing private matters of others, all in the name of likes, views, and fake fame. They chase trends that clash with our culture and Islamic values, forgetting the beauty, modesty, and honor for which Kashmir was once known. The Qur'an reminds us: "And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart, about all those [one] will be questioned." (Qur'an 17:36). Yet today, people rush to speak on matters they do not understand, damaging reputations and spreading falsehoods. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad warned, "It is enough falsehood for a man to speak of everything that he hears." (Sahih Muslim).

Instead of verifying facts, many share rumors and lies, forgetting that every word we speak or write will be held accountable on the Day of Judgement. It breaks my heart to see how we tear each other down, reveal private lives, and destroy one another's honor for a few moments of online fame. Technology that could have built a brighter future for Kashmir is instead tearing our society apart. Our valley, once celebrated for poets, saints, scholars, and deep Islamic values, is turning into a stage for drama, vulgarity, and endless noise. Worse still, many feel no shame

for how far we are falling behind. We are forgetting that our Prophet said, "Modesty is part of faith." (Bukhari and Muslim). But modesty and respect are being replaced by shamelessness and spectacle. Technology should have been our tool for progress, knowledge, and serving humanity, yet it has become a weapon that wounds our own society, robbing Kashmir of its soul, piece by piece.

In Kashmir today, the title of "journalist" has lost its meaning. People with no training in journalism, no knowledge of ethics, truth, or responsibility, simply pick up a microphone and start recording others as if they've earned that right. They rush into streets, cameras rolling, forcing innocent people into the spotlight. They record private matters, spread rumors, and shatter lives—all for a few seconds of viral fame. It breaks the heart because they humiliate good people and destroy families, caring nothing for the wounds they leave behind. Islam warns us: "A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hands others are safe." (Bukhari).

Yet these self-proclaimed journalists use words like knives, cutting through people's honor without mercy. Instead of holding the powerful accountable, they attack ordinary people because it's easier and more dramatic. The Qur'an forbids slander and spying, saying: "Do not spy, nor backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother?" (Qur'an 49:12). But they feast on others' dignity as if it's entertainment. Science tells us that public shaming and lies cause deep trauma and mental harm, leaving scars that never fully heal. Journalism is supposed to protect truth and justice, but here it has become a cruel stage where people's pain is sold for views. And the worst wound of all is that society applauds them, forgetting that destroying a person's honor is one of the gravest sins before God and humanity. This is not journalism—it's violence with a camera. And Kashmir is bleeding because of it.

Even worse is how social media in Kashmir has fallen into the hands of people who pretend to be experts in everything. People who can hardly read or write open Facebook pages, YouTube channels, and Instagram accounts



and suddenly call themselves doctors, religious scholars, educationists, and political analysts. They speak boldly on topics that real doctors, teachers, and scholars approach with caution and years of study. They give health advice without any medical degree, telling people to stop medicines or avoid vaccines, pushing herbs as miracle cures, while science warns that such misinformation can kill. People trust them blindly, stop real treatments, and sometimes pay with their health—or even their lives. The Prophet said, "Whoever is given a responsibility over people but does not fulfill it sincerely, he will not even smell the fragrance of Paradise." (Bukhari). Yet these fake experts speak on Islam, twisting verses of the Qur'an, issuing fatwas without knowledge, and creating fear, confusion, and hatred among people who were once united.

The Qur'an warns: "And do not say about what your tongues assert of falsehood, 'This is lawful and this is unlawful,' to invent lies against Allah." (Qur'an 16:116). It's deeply painful to see how quickly people believe these voices, simply because they speak confidently, wear stylish clothes, and produce flashy videos. Meanwhile, true scholars, doctors, and teachers remain silent, respecting the gravity of knowledge and refusing to chase cheap fame. That silence makes the wound deeper, for wisdom is drowned beneath the loud noise of false fame, and our society suffers as truth fades into shadows. Social

ethics demand that we use social media with honesty, respect, and responsibility. Islam teaches that every word we speak or write is recorded and will be judged. The Prophet said, "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him speak good or remain silent." (Bukhari and Muslim).

We should not share information unless we are certain it's true, nor should we humiliate or expose others for entertainment. Science shows that false information spreads faster than truth, but it also shows that people who pause and check facts help stop the spread of lies. Social media should be a tool for education, kindness, and building community—not for destroying reputations or seeking cheap fame. Before posting anything, we must ask: Is it true? Is it beneficial? Will it harm anyone? Only then can we protect our society from this dangerous flood of false experts and harmful content. Kashmir deserves a social media space built on truth, respect, and wisdom—for without it, we risk losing the very soul of our valley.

The misuse of social media is tearing apart the moral fabric of our youth in Kashmir. Instead of following scholars, poets, and thinkers, many young people now idolize influencers who spread vulgarity and shameless trends that clash with our culture and faith. Boys and girls proudly copy dances, rude language, and revealing styles they see online, thinking fame comes from showing off or exposing private

lives. The Prophet warned, "Modesty is part of faith." (Bukhari and Muslim), but modesty is fading under the bright lights of social media. Parents watch helplessly as this poison spreads fast, knowing that scientific studies show how repeated exposure to vulgar content changes brain patterns, making shamelessness seem normal.

Islam teaches that our eyes, tongues, and hearts will be questioned on the Day of Judgement (Qur'an 17:36), yet many post and share harmful things without a second thought. Social ethics demand we protect our society by speaking truth, respecting privacy, and sharing only what is beneficial. Instead, social media today rewards those who shout the loudest, spread drama, or display indecency. Pages that teach Islam, the Qur'an, knowledge, and good character are drowned under a flood of noise and filth. We must pause before posting, ask: Is it true? Is it beneficial? Will it harm anyone? The Prophet said, "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him speak good or remain silent." (Bukhari and Muslim). Just because someone speaks confidently on a screen doesn't make them an expert. True knowledge comes from years of study and humility.

Kashmir deserves better—a society built on truth, wisdom, and respect, not fake fame. And while this dark phase is painful, it is not final. We still have among us the quiet voices of truth, the patient scholars, the parents raising children with faith and values, the teachers who teach with their hearts, and the youth who still long for meaning over popularity. If we choose those voices, and if we begin using social media not to mock, but to heal—not to divide, but to build—then Kashmir will once again rise with dignity. Let us not let likes blind us to what is right. Let us use our words, our screens, our voices to lift each other, to spread truth, to defend the honor of our society. Because Kashmir deserves more than entertainment and ego—it deserves vision, values, and victory of the soul. For the sake of our children, and for the soul of this valley, the time to wake up is now.

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Digitizing In Darkness

An Open Letter To President Of J&K Patwar Association

RESPECTED SIR,

At the cusp of what is being hailed as a historic transformation in land record management, Jammu and Kashmir is preparing to migrate the centuries-old paper-based jamabandi system to the digital platform known as WALHARUS (Web-based Apna Land, Haqdar, and Records Updation System). As this exercise gears up, a painful contradiction stares us in the face: while the government is ambitiously marching towards e-governance, many Patwar Khanas continue to function out of rented private buildings, often lacking basic facilities like electricity, water, or internet.

It is in this context that I pen this open letter—on behalf of concerned citizens, revenue staff, and the broader cause of transparent land governance—to humbly urge your good office to raise this issue with the highest echelons of government and ensure that no patwari is forced to digitize in darkness.

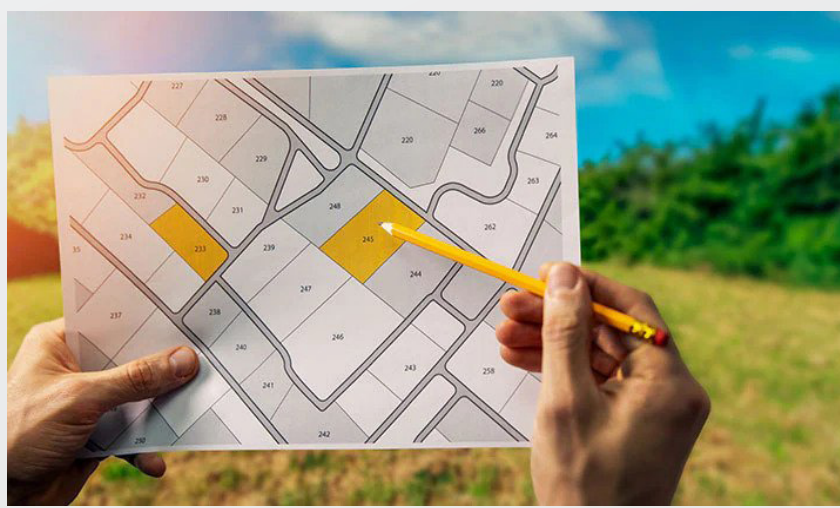
The Ground Reality: Rented Patwar Khanas without Electricity or Water

While the government's initiative to digitize jamabandis is commendable, its execution appears to be proceeding on a fragile institutional base. In many districts across the Union Territory—including Doda, Rajouri, Kupwara, Anantnag, Kulgam, and Poonch—a significant number of Patwar Khanas still operate from rented accommodations or shared panchayat rooms, far from the standards required for official record-keeping or citizen service.

Several of these facilities do not have permanent electricity connections, and in many others, water supply remains a luxury. Even basic infrastructure like desks, secure record cabinets, and printers is absent in some locations. These are not merely logistical lapses—they are operational roadblocks.

The Ambitious Digital Push: WALHARUS and Its Demands

The WALHARUS portal is a comprehensive initiative aiming to bring transparency, accessibility, and accountability to land governance. Under this platform, every jamabandi, mutation,



girdawari, tatima, and khasra record will be scanned, verified, and uploaded. This requires:

- Stable electricity supply for computers, scanners, and printers.
- Internet access to log into secure portals.
- Secure office space for handling sensitive land documents.
- Dedicated manpower and uninterrupted working conditions.

Without electricity, the first step itself—switching on a computer—becomes impossible. Without a stable roof, sensitive land records risk being damaged or lost.

One wonders: How can a paperless revolution succeed when the very desks are unstable and there is no power to charge a laptop?

Your Role as a Guardian of the Revenue Fraternity

Sir, as the President of the Jammu & Kashmir Patwar Association, you carry the collective voice of thousands of patwaris, many of whom operate in the most remote and harsh terrains of the UT. Your association has historically played a crucial role in bridging the gap between grassroots challenges and policymaking. Today, that voice is needed again.

It is respectfully urged that your esteemed association:

- Conduct a detailed infrastructure audit of all Patwar Khanas across

J&K to determine which ones lack electricity, internet, and water.

- Submit a detailed memorandum to the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary (Revenue), and Commissioner/Secretary Revenue, highlighting these deficiencies.
- Propose interim solutions, such as Provision of solar-powered setups in electricity-deficient halgas.
- Financial assistance to install generators or inverters.
- Rental compensation for patwaris using private spaces as Patwar Khanas.

The Patwar Association must also demand a permanent institutional policy to ensure that:

- Every Patwar Halqa has its own building with at least 2 rooms, 1 washroom, electricity, internet, and water supply.
- Emergency maintenance and upgradation funds are earmarked for Patwar Khanas annually.
- District-level monitoring cells verify and ensure implementation of basic infrastructure standards.

A Word of Appreciation Where Due

While there is much to be desired, credit must be given where it is due. In several districts, especially in South Kashmir and parts of Jammu, numerous Patwar Halgas now function from their own buildings, some newly constructed and others renovated. These spaces are

better equipped, more accessible, and enable efficient service delivery.

This positive change is a result of consistent efforts by both the revenue officials and the higher bureaucracy, particularly the Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and SDMs who understood the need to strengthen the frontline. However, as the digital rollout begins, piecemeal reforms are no longer sufficient.

The Risk of Digital Inequity

Sir, without intervention, the lack of infrastructure in rural Patwar Khanas will result in digital inequity, where only better-off halgas will manage to upload records quickly, and others will fall behind. This could lead to:

- Data delays, hampering public access to records.
- Loss of public trust in digitization.
- Overburdening of better-equipped Patwar Khanas, leading to delays and clerical errors.

In some cases, jamabandis might get uploaded without proper verification, just to meet deadlines—thus defeating the very goal of accuracy and transparency.

We cannot afford to have a digital divide in land governance, particularly when land is the core asset of rural households, and the foundation of conflict or peace.

From Patwari to Digitization Officer: A Role Shift Without Support

The patwari of today is not merely a keeper of land records—he is now also a data entry officer, tech administrator, digitization agent, and public service provider. But this shift in responsibility has not been matched by infrastructure, training, or logistical support.

While the NIC teams and Revenue Department are preparing training schedules and login credentials for the WALHARUS platform, the basic infrastructure to carry out these tasks remains missing in many places.

No patwari should be expected to carry their own generator or pay for electricity bills out of their pocket, which unfortunately is the case in some areas.

Aligning with the Government's Broader Vision

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's

vision of Digital India and corruption-free governance can only take root if ground-level institutions are strengthened. The Land Records Modernization Programme (LRMP) is not just about uploading old records; it is about reimagining how land governance is perceived, practiced, and protected.

If Patwar Khanas remain under-equipped and overlooked, we risk converting a transformational opportunity into a logistical failure.

As President of the Association, it is your moment to align with this larger vision—not just as a stakeholder, but as a co-architect of a new system that works for the patwari, with the patwari, and by the patwari.

A Call to Action

This letter, Sir, is a call to action, not a critique. The future of land transparency in Jammu & Kashmir rests heavily on the shoulders of thousands of patwaris, whose commitment is unquestionable, but whose facilities are often forgotten.

We, the citizens and observers of governance, urge your leadership to:

- Escalate this matter to the Government
- Launch a dedicated "Patwar Khana Upgradation Drive 2025".
- Seek temporary but effective measures in electricity-deficient areas immediately.
- Ensure that no patwari is left behind in the digital journey.
- Let this be the defining legacy of the Jammu & Kashmir Patwar Association in this era of change.

From Darkness to Digital Dawn

The patwari's pen once defined a person's world. Today, that pen is being replaced by a cursor, a login ID, and a biometric check. But the transition from the inkpot to the internet must be accompanied by compassion, infrastructure, and support.

Let us not leave our most critical officials in the cold or dark—especially not when they are expected to usher in a digital dawn.

With hope, urgency, and respect,

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Stalls Buzz With Innovation As ‘Bharat Sanrachana – J&K 2025’ Captivates Public At SKICC

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SRINAGAR: The national mega exhibition “Bharat Sanrachana – Jammu & Kashmir 2025” entered its second day with electrifying energy at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar. From school children and college students to farmers, women entrepreneurs, and local leaders—thousands thronged the venue to witness India’s transformation in action.

Rajya Sabha MP Shri Ghulam Ali Khatana called the exhibition a vibrant initiative under the Government of India’s Viksit Bharat @2047 vision, bringing together innovation, governance, and grassroots engagement under one roof. “There’s a new energy in J&K. This event is not just about schemes—it’s about belief, confidence, and connection with the national mission,” said MP Ghulam Ali Khatana,

who called the exhibition a reflection of New India taking root in every corner of the country. Notably, the event was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday. With participation from over 60 leading central ministries, departments, scientific institutions, and public sector undertakings, the exhibition offers an immersive experience to the public. Energy and infrastructure-focused setups

from powergrid Corporation, highlight the country’s rapid progress in green and inclusive development. On display are cutting-edge innovations from ISRO, DRDO, CSIR, ICMR, GSI, DST, which are drawing huge crowds of inquisitive students and science enthusiasts. Agriculture, food processing, and village industry are represented by ICAR, APEDA, Coir Board, Jute Board, showcasing opportunities for farmers and rural entrepreneurs.

Health-related stalls by Jan Aushadhi, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and ICMR have been popular among women and senior citizens, offering awareness on affordable medicine and traditional healing systems. Education and skilling pavilions by Learning Labs are offering career counseling, interactive quizzes, and tech-driven learning modules. Traditional industries are being celebrated with powerful displays by the Ministry of Textiles, DC Handicrafts National Jute Board and Government Development Institute, has become a favorite among young innovators and job-seekers.

This unique event is being curated and executed by Tarmeh Events, whose mission is to connect policy with people and innovation with inclusion. “The response is overwhelming. This isn’t just an exhibition—it’s a national conversation brought to the grassroots. It’s about empowering the last citizen,” said Tarun Jain, Director of Tarmeh Events.

Over 80 schools students and 40 college students visited the event. More than 10000 youth have visited the event so far. With just one day remaining, the exhibition remains open to the public till July 12 from 10 AM to 6 PM, with free entry. On-ground, stalls are abuzz, camera crews are rolling, and youth voices are echoing with questions and ideas—making this a landmark event in the public outreach landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

CS Launches First Ever MSME Health Clinic To Revive Sick Industrial Units

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Aimed at building a resilient and growth-oriented industrial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday launched J&K’s first ever MSME Health Clinic. This pioneering initiative would address the challenges faced by industrial units by facilitating tailored interventions as recommended by the industry stakeholders and professionals from reputed management institutions. Present on the occasion included Commissioner Secretary, I&C; MD, JKTPPO; Director Industries, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handicrafts, Kashmir/Jammu besides other senior officers from the concerned Departments. Speaking at the launching ceremony, the Chief Secretary termed the Health Clinic as a critical institutional mechanism for diagnosing the stress factors plaguing industrial units and enabling timely redressal. He under-

lined the need for optimum utilization of the facility and ensuring that the services being offered are objective, data-driven and need-based. The MSME sector is the backbone of our local economy and it is imperative that we extend all necessary support to the units that are under stress. The Health Clinic must evolve into a dynamic platform where distressed units can be clinically assessed and supported with actionable remedies. To ensure efficient and timely decision-making, Dulloo called for seamless API integrations from the departments and institutions like the Power Development Department, financial institutions, the Udyam portal and the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). These integrations, he emphasized, would provide real-time access to data that reflects the ground realities faced by MSMEs, thereby enabling accurate diagnostics and timely interventions. Speaking on the occasion, Commis-

sioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh, informed that the JKMHCC portal is an innovative digital platform designed to provide comprehensive health monitoring and analytical insights for MSMEs across the region. This initiative aims to identify potential challenges early, offer timely interventions, and facilitate the sustainable growth of businesses, he added. While throwing light on the embedded key features of the JKMHCC Portal, Director, Industries, Jammu, Arun Manhas revealed that the MSMEs can easily register and log in to access the portal’s features. He further divulged that the portal integrates and analyzes critical data from various sources, including UDYAM for comprehensive MSME profile details, EPFO, GST, Power Demand and Financial Information. The same is going to provide a clear overview of MSME’s health status, categorizing them as “Stable,” “Recoverable,” or “Prone to Sick” based on a sophisticated weightage and scoring mechanism

given to each of the indicators. The portal also identifies correlation indicators for potential distress such as declining turnover, increased outstanding loans, irregularities in GST filings, declining profits, reduced cash inflows and delays in payments. It will suggest appropriate measures for its revival through dedicated handholding and mentorship after discussion with industry and knowledge partners. Moreover, the IIM Jammu has been roped in as a knowledge partner in this initiative who along with the professionals from industry would suggest the tailored remedial measures to be taken for reviving each of the unit based on its report card. Thereafter, the Industries Department would offer dedicated assistance in the shape of requisite handholding and mentorship through its district and Divisional level offices together in association with the financial institutions to put these units back to sustainable growth trajectory in a time-bound manner.

Hakeem Yaseen, Others Call On LG

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SRINAGAR: Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen, former Minister and President People’s Democratic Front (PDF) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Friday. He was accompanied by Dr Nissar Paul, General Secretary; Showkat Ahmad Raina, Vice President; Mushtaq Shameem, Chief Spokesperson and Sheikh Ab Rashid, Srinagar District President of People’s Democratic Front. The delegation put forth various important matters pertaining to youth empowerment, promotion of tourism sector and reopening of tourists’ destinations in

Budgam District. They also requested for the constitution of Nilnag Development Authority to boost infrastructure and ensure planned, eco-friendly development of the scenic Nilnag area in Budgam. The Lieutenant Governor assured the delegation that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them. A delegation of Non-Migrant Minority Youth from Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor. The members of the delegation apprised the Lieutenant Governor of various welfare issues of the non-migrant minority population living in Kashmir.

LG Sinha releases patriotic song

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday released the patriotic and inspirational song titled “Jai Kashmir – From 370 to Unity, A Tribute to Vision, Courage, and Progress”, at Raj Bhawan. The song was penned and composed by Dr. Mohammad Shuaib Zahoor. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Dr. Mohammad Shuaib Zahoor and his team for dedicating the song to the spirit of unity, development, and transformation in Jammu and Kashmir post-abrogation of Article 370. The song celebrates national integrity, and honours the tireless efforts of the Lieutenant Governor-led UT Administration, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in laying the foundation of a brighter future for the region.

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We Hit Nine Pak

military action,” Doval said. Lauding the indigenous weapons used during ‘Operation Sindoor’ the National Security Advisor said, “We are proud of how much indigenous content we used. BrahMos was part of it.” He said India must continue to develop its own defence and technology infrastructure. “We have to develop our indigenous technology,” he added. The NSA also spoke about India’s development of 5G technology. He said, “China took 12 years and \$300 billion to develop 5G. We didn’t have that time or money. The government worked with IIT Madras and private companies to build a fully indigenous 5G system. Today, India’s 5G has nothing foreign in it,” he added—(KNO)

CM Seeks Support

assured full support from the local government. Taking to micro-blogging site X (formerly Twitter), Office of Chief Minister, J&K said: “Chief Minister held a special interaction with four operators from across the country, highlighting the unique tourism experiences Jammu & Kashmir has to offer.” “He invited them to collaborate in promoting the region and assured full support from the government,” Office of Chief Minister, J&K said on X.

SIA Raids Multiple

It added recovered articles/electronic devices are expected to aid the SIA in identifying and apprehending co-conspirators and accomplices orchestrating these anti-national activities. “The SIA remains determined in its commitment to rooting out terrorism and its support systems, including sophisticated methods like cryptocurrency-based funding, which are increasingly exploited to perpetuate violence and radicalization,” it reads.

Security Forces

reinforcements deployed across high-sensitivity areas and higher reaches in the region. “Higher reaches in the region have been brought under the effective control of forces and are being fully dominated. Night surveillance has been intensified using night vision devices and other modern equipment,” a source said. Routes previously exploited by terrorists to enter the Kashmir valley have been plugged and preventive measures are in place to block infiltration attempts. “Cross-border activity continues and reports suggest that terrorists are being staged along the border. However, our troops are fully alert to foil any such design,” the source added. The anti-terror strategy has been revised

with increased emphasis on night operations and tactics aimed at denying terrorists the opportunity to regroup or seek shelter and carry out night movement in the hill ranges. However, the sources maintained that there are no credible reports suggesting that Pakistani regulars are operating alongside terrorist ranks as of now. The sources also cited a recent encounter in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar, where a terrorist group was caught off guard by Army personnel already dominating a strategic hilly area. The terrorists retaliated by hurling a grenade at the troops, confirming their growing unease in operating in the high-altitude belts now under tight surveillance. “We are tightening the noose. They are finding it increasingly difficult to move and we will hunt them down, sooner or later,” the sources said. Dozens of attacks, operations and encounters have been witnessed in several hilly districts of the Jammu region during the past three years resulting in casualties to troops. (PTI)

CS Assesses NHM

Dulloo expressed concern over the vacancies in DNB (Diplomate of National Board) seats across major hospitals of the UT. He directed for taking measures to fill these seats, including offering the opportunities to in-service Medical Officers, where external candidates are unavailable. The Chief Secretary laid special focus on the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) while directing the Health Department to cover every school and Anganwadi centre across J&K. He stressed the need to screen children for key health indicators, including anaemia and other common disorders enabling targeted medical interventions at an early stage. In line with the government’s commitment to equitable health access, Dulloo reiterated that no Primary Health Centre or Sub-Centre especially in remote and hilly areas should be left without doctors or requisite paramedical staff. He emphasized the need to fill vacant positions and deploy staff strategically to serve the underserved populations. Taking stock of the critical care infrastructure being developed under PM-ABHIM, the Chief Secretary reviewed the status and timelines of various projects in the districts. He called for expedited completion of all ongoing works, urging the officials to meet deadlines without compromising on quality. During the meeting, the functioning of key NHM programmes such as e-Sanjeevani (Tele-Consultation), Tele-MANAS (Mental Health Counselling), Tele-ICUs and free ambulance services was also reviewed. The Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the reach of these initiatives but stressed on wider public awareness and operational efficiency to ensure they benefit every needy citizen. The Chief Secretary also reviewed the TB Elimination and Non-Communicable

Disease (NCD) prevention programmes being run under NHM, urging intensified screenings, follow-ups and outreach campaigns especially in high-risk populations. Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, informed the meeting that unlike past the NHM, J&K, received five instalments totalling Rs 806.93 crore of central share and Rs 195.08 Cr for infrastructure maintenance in 2024-25 against a resource envelope of Rs 601.54 crore and Rs150.20 crore respectively. He added that J&K has achieved 99% institutional deliveries in 2024-25 and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has significantly dropped from 16 to 14 as per SRS 2022 Bulletin, which is better than the national average of 26 per 1000 live births. As per HMIS data 2024-25, IMR has been recorded as 9.35 per 1000 live births, he reiterated.

While giving the account of achievements, MD NHM Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary informed that 86% of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) are operational in J&K. Additionally, he informed the meeting that the number of free drugs had been increased from 23 to 96 at SHC-AAMs and from 71 to 175 at PHC-AAMs during FY 2024-25. Free diagnostic services have also been expanded resulting in 242.75 lakh OPD evaluations at these health facilities from 2023 till date. Moreover, it was revealed that Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams regularly conduct screenings in schools and Anganwadi Centres, with 91% of targeted beneficiaries (0-18 years) screened in 2024-25. In addition, 9.35 lakh patients have received tele-consultation services from FY 2023-24 to June 2025 and over 103,396 calls have been received by the Tele-MANAS unit established at IMHANS. It was revealed that 489 ambulances are operational under the 102-108 Ambulance Service. Also 10,164 (90%) ASHAs have qualified for NIOS certification, which is the highest in the country. Regarding the status of critical infrastructure raised under PM-ABHIM, the meeting was apprised that 10 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) besides 20 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) and 287 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) have been raised under this flagship programme. It was said that the projects to the tune of Rs 512.00 crore have been allotted to HSCC (India) Ltd for execution across the UT. More than 200 works have been awarded and 150 works have started in the last couple of months under this programme across the districts of the UT.

Army Deploys Over 8,500

people, quick reaction teams (QRTs), tent cities, water supply points, and essential plant equipment, they added.

The Army is utilising real-time convoy tracking from Jammu to the Holy Cave, integrating feeds from drones and high-resolution cameras. This technology-backed situational awareness is enabling swift threat detection and immediate coordination among agencies in case of emergencies. Indian Army helicopters are on standby for rapid evacuation or any contingency response, adding an aerial dimension to the operational readiness, an official said. “Operation SHIVA 2025 represents a comprehensive blend of manpower, technology, and preparedness to ensure a secure and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage for lakhs of devotees,” he added. The Yatra, which commenced on July 3, will conclude on August 9—(KNO)

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3rd Test: Karun, Rahul take India to 44/1, trail England by 343 runs after Bumrah picks 5-74



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LONDON: Karun Nair and KL Rahul weathered the challenge brought by England's skillful bowlers with oodles of patience and solidity to take India to 44/1 in 14 overs and trail England by 343 runs at tea on day two of third Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy Test at Lord's on Friday.

Previously, Jasprit Bumrah picked 5-74 in 23 overs to lead the way for India to bowl out England for 387 in 112.3 overs. Bumrah, playing just his second Test match at Lord's, picked his 13th five-wicket haul at the iconic venue and has now gone past the legendary Kapil Dev to hold the record for most five-fors picked by an

Indian bowler in overseas conditions.

Despite Joe Root making 104 - his 37th Test century, 11th against India and eighth at Lord's, England were in trouble at 271/7 before Smith and Brydon Carse added 84 runs for the eighth wicket to keep the hosts' in high spirits on a slow pitch and a scorching day. While Smith made 51, after being dropped by Rahul on five, Carse hit 56 - his maiden Test fifty, as England were also aided by India conceding 31 extras.

India began their innings on a bright note by cracking a short and wide ball from Chris Woakes through cover for four. Jaiswal then edged Woakes wide of gully for

another four, before clipping him behind square to take his third boundary. But his joyride was cut by Jofra Archer, who struck on the third ball of his Test comeback. Archer squared up Jaiswal with late movement and the outside edge was caught by Harry Brook at slip.

A calm Rahul, armed with sound judgement of his off-stump and the deliveries around it, hanged around to reach 13 not out off 34 balls. Nair, on the other hand, had to survive some outstanding seam movement before getting consecutive fours off a fiery Archer - via a drive through mid-off and glove edge wide of close-in fielders, to be at 18 not out off 42 balls.

Before this, India struck immediately after the interval, as Siraj had Smith playing away from his body and nicked behind to substitute keeper Dhruv Jurel. After Carse hit two boundaries off Bumrah, the pacer bounced back to complete his five-wicket haul with the one coming in and keeping low to shatter Archer's stumps. Siraj wrapped up England's innings by bowling Carse around his legs with a fuller ball.

Brief Scores: England 387 in 112.3 overs (Joe Root 104, Brydon Carse 56; Jasprit Bumrah 5-74, Nitish Kumar Reddy 2-62) lead India 44/1 in 14 overs (Karun Nair 18 not out, KL Rahul 13 not out; Jofra Archer 1-16) by 343 runs

East Bengal sign Ramsanga Tlaichhun on a three-year deal from Real Kashmir FC

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KOLKATA: Kolkata giants East Bengal FC have added a promising name to their midfield roster, announcing the signing of Ramsanga Tlaichhun from Real Kashmir FC on a three-year deal ahead of the upcoming season. The 25-year-old midfielder from Mizoram is set to wear jersey number 31 for the iconic Red and Gold Brigade.

Ramsanga arrives in Kolkata after a standout I-League 2024-25 campaign with Real Kashmir, where he clocked 1,828 minutes across 21 matches, netting three goals and providing two assists.

Known for his tenacity, relentless work rate, and crisp distribution, Ramsanga played a pivotal role in Real Kashmir's midfield, which has now earned him a shot at the Indian Super League.



Welcoming the new addition, East Bengal FC's Head of Football, Thangboi Singto, said, "Ramsanga will add a lot of depth to our squad. His consistency in last season's I-League indicates that he is now ready to perform at a higher level. We are happy to scout and promote gems like him and Martand Raina from the

I-League. We believe Ramsanga will play a pivotal role in our success and give his all for the East Bengal jersey."

Head Coach Oscar Bruzon also spoke highly of his new midfield acquisition, praising Ramsanga's ability to contribute at both ends of the pitch: "Ramsanga's playing style

involves breaking down rival attacks, winning back possession, and distributing the ball to start offensive play.

"He also contributes with goals and assists, which proves his offensive capabilities in addition to his defensive duties. His solid performance last season indicates that he can be a reliable and regular presence in our midfield," he said.

For Ramsanga, joining one of Indian football's most storied clubs is a significant milestone. Expressing his excitement, he said: "Joining this club is a dream come true for me. I want to leave my mark, earn as many minutes as possible, and help East Bengal win trophies. I can't wait to wear the red-and-gold jersey and play in front of the passionate fans. Joy East Bengal!"

Wimbledon 2025: Carlos Alcaraz digs deep to reach third straight final

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LONDON: Carlos Alcaraz continues to carve his legacy at Wimbledon, after beating Taylor Fritz in a thrilling four-set semifinal on Friday, winning 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6(6) to reach his third consecutive final at The Championships.

The two-time defending champion was pushed to the limit by the American fifth seed, who had arrived on the back of two five-set victories and was dreaming of becoming the first American man to reach the Wimbledon final since Andy Roddick in 2009. But Alcaraz, who has mastered the art of rising in the tightest of moments, showcased his championship mettle once again.

There was a brief wobble from the Spaniard at the end of the second set, allowing Fritz to level the match. But Alcaraz



regrouped quickly, stepping up in the third with his characteristic blend of power, touch, and relentless court coverage to seize the lead once more.

The fourth set proved the most gripping, culminating in a tie-break where Fritz surged to a 6/4 lead. Two set points to force a decider. But Alcaraz, with nerves of steel and brilliance in his hands, saved both. A feathered forehand volley and a long Fritz forehand brought the scores level, and Alcaraz rattled off four straight

points to close out the match - his 24th win in a row, the longest streak of his career.

With the victory, Alcaraz now stands one match away from joining a very exclusive club. Should he win Sunday's final, he will become just the fifth man in history - and only the second in the Open Era after Bjorn Borg - to win three Wimbledon titles in a row. He is also bidding to emulate Borg's Roland Garros-Wimbledon double in consecutive years, a feat last accomplished in 1980.

Awaiting him in the final will be either World No. 1 Jannik Sinner or seven-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic. Alcaraz shares riveting recent history with both. He famously saved three championship points to defeat Sinner in the five-hour Roland Garros epic last month and has beaten Djokovic in the past two Wimbledon finals, though trails the Serb 3-5 in head-to-head meetings.

The win pushes the Spaniard's 2025 record to 48-5 and gives him a Tour-leading fifth title of the year following triumphs at Roland Garros, Rome, Monte-Carlo, Rotterdam, and Queen's Club. He now leads the ATP Live Race to Turin by a whopping 2,660 points over Sinner and has firmly positioned himself for a shot at year-end No. 1 honours, even if he cannot reclaim the top ranking immediately after Wimbledon.



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