

Good Morning

Kashmir

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Deeply saddened by the passing of former President of Nigeria Muhammadu Buhari. I fondly recall our meetings and conversations on various occasions. His wisdom, warmth and unwavering commitment to India-Nigeria friendship stood out. I join the 1.4 billion people of India in extending our heartfelt condolences to his family, the people and the government of Nigeria.

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CM Omar Meets Various Delegations At Raabita Office



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday met several delegations at the Public Outreach Office, Raabita here, and held wide-ranging discussions on development, overall functioning of Institutions and public welfare issues.

Dr. Mohd. Jaffar Akhoun, Chief Executive Councillor from Kargil, led a deputation to apprise the Chief Minister of several challenges being faced by students and patients from Ladakh, particularly from Kargil, in different educational and health-care institutions across Jammu and Kashmir. The deputation also raised various civic issues affecting the residents of Ladakh living in the J&K, seeking timely redressal and support.

Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, Vice Chancellor of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Rajouri, briefed

the Chief Minister about the functioning of the university. The VC discussed several ongoing academic and administrative initiatives at the university and sought the Chief Minister's support for strengthening higher education in the region.

Sandeep Sharma, Zonal Head of ICICI Bank, also called on the Chief Minister and discussed matters related to the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. He informed the Chief Minister about the rescue vehicle provided for Dachigam and initiatives aimed at employment generation and community welfare.

Brigadier Deepak Sajjan Har from NCC, Srinagar, met the Chief Minister to present a memento in connection with the NCC Everest Expedition-2025, highlighting the achievements and commitment of the NCC cadets to contribute to

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...Amarnath Yatra

2.20 Lakh Devotees Perform Darshan In 12 Days

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

13th Batch Of 6,143 Pilgrims Leaves From Jammu

SRINAGAR: The annual Amarnath Yatra has entered its twelfth day and continues to proceed smoothly, witnessing a steady rise in the number of pilgrims each day.

As of Monday, over 2.20 lakh devotees have offered prayers at the holy cave shrine since the pilgrimage began on July 3.

Officials said that a total of 20,448 pilgrims performed 'darshan' at the 3,800-meter-high holy cave shrine on Monday including 14,145 men, 5,214 women, 242 children, 84 sadhus, six sadhvis and 757 security force personnel paid their respects at the holy cave shrine.

Over the last twelve days, a total of 2,20,511 pilgrims have undertaken the ongoing pilgrimage, officials said.

They said the annual pilgrimage has been progressing smoothly amid tight security arrangements and favourable



weather conditions.

On Sunday, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announced that the ongoing Amarnath Yatra has surpassed the 2-lakh mark, with devotees continuing to throng the holy cave shrine.

In a post on X, LG Sinha expressed his joy, stating, "With Baba Amarnath Ji's blessings, the holy pilgrimage has crossed the 2 lakh mark today. This is a sacred journey of a lifetime, and I welcome all the devotees to discover and experience the divinity. Har Har Mahadev!"

Meanwhile, the 13th batch

of 6,143 pilgrims undertaking the annual Amarnath Yatra left from the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu on Monday morning amid tight security arrangements.

Officials said that the pilgrims were divided into two escorted convoys heading towards the twin base camps of Baltal and Pahalgam. The first convoy comprising 100 vehicles left for the Baltal base camp in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, carrying 2,215 pilgrims. The second convoy of 135 vehicles departed for the Nunwan base camp in South Kashmir's Pahalgam, with 3,928 pilgrims

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UP Man, Walking For 111 Days Reaches Pahalgam For Yatra

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

PAHALGAM: Harnam Prasad, a resident of Jasnagar in Uttar Pradesh, who has been undertaking the Amarnath Yatra on foot, reached Pahalgam on Monday after walking for 111 days.

Carrying a Kavar (sacred water pot) weighing 17 kilograms on his shoulders, Prasad began his journey from Rameshwaram Jyotirling, covering thousands of kilometres.

Prasad said, "I started my journey on March 27 and today, after 111 days on foot, I have reached Pahalgam. I am extremely happy. There were many hurdles along the way, but I overcame them all with faith in Baba Bholenath."

Harnam said he aims to inspire others with the message of faith and perseverance. "Leave everything to Baba Bholenath. With hope and confidence, victory will definitely follow," he said.

The devotee ● P-06

LJHP Canal Drowning Incident

Three Killed, One Rescued In B'la



WARIS FAYAZ

BARAMULLA: Three persons including two minors lost their lives while another was rescued after slipping into a canal of the Lower Jhelum Hydroelectric Project (LJHP) in Gantmulla area of Baramulla, in a tragic incident that occurred on Sunday.

The bodies were recovered after a joint rescue operation, which lasted over 36 hours.

Officials said that the incident occurred on Sunday afternoon when a group of people from Srinagar had gone for a picnic near the LJHP canal along the River Jhelum in Baramulla district.

During the outing, two minors accidentally slipped into the water. In an attempt to rescue them, two others also jumped in, but were swept away by the strong currents.

Soon after the incident, the locals alerted authorities, prompting the launch of a multi-agency rescue operation involving teams from the State Disaster Response Force

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Fresh Rains Bring Mercury Down; Met Predicts Flash Floods



OWAIS GUL

SRINAGAR: After a recent rise in maximum temperatures, the mercury has once again plummeted across the valley, with several parts recording rainfall on Monday. The weather department here has predicted continued wet weather until 17 July.

The recent rains further lowered temperatures in Jammu and Kashmir.

Yellow and Orange alerts have been issued for J&K for the next week. "For Jammu

division, an Orange alert has been issued. There is a possibility of isolated heavy rains, thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds until 16 July," the details reveal. A Yellow alert has been issued for the division from 18 to 20 July.

The Yellow alert has also been issued for the Kashmir division for the next seven days.

Director of the Meteorological Department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, told KNO that generally cloudy weather is expected,

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Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta Appointed As New LG Of Ladakh

YOGESH

NEW DELHI: In a significant move, the President of India on Monday appointed Kavinder Gupta, former deputy chief minister of J&K, as new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Union Territory.

Gupta, a former deputy CM of J&K, was deputy CM in Mehoba Mufti-led government, which collapsed in June 2018 following withdrawal of support to it by BJP, citing deteriorating security situation in the erstwhile state.

Gupta has become the first politician to hold the position of LG Ladakh. Until now, Ladakh UT has been administered by non-political appointees-Radha Krishna Mathur (a retired IAS officer) and Brigadier (Dr.) B. D.



Mishra (an Army veteran).

According to an official communique, the President of India has been appointed Kavinder Gupta as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

The President also accepted

the resignation of Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) as Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh.

Gupta, a BJP leader, was elected mayor of the city of Jammu for a record

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CS Pushes For 100% Digital Health Records Under ABDM

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Monday chaired a meeting to review implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) in Jammu and Kashmir with a focus on ensuring seamless integration of healthcare data and digital services across the UT.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Health & Medical Education; Managing Director, ABDM; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Director Coordination (Medical Colleges) and other senior officers of the Department.

Taking stock of the ongoing initiatives under ABDM, the Chief Secretary underscored the urgency of linking patient health records

with ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) IDs, emphasizing that no stone should be left

turned to complete this vital digital transition without any further delay. He called for interlinking of Sehat, ABDM and HMIS portals, to create

a unified digital ecosystem that empowers the patients, healthcare professionals and institutions to access and share data effortlessly through a single platform.

Dulloo stressed that continuous updating of patient health records must be ensured so that individuals need not carry paper records when visiting any hospital or doctor. He called for universal implementation of the Scan and Share facility across all health institutions. He directed the

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...Slams Pakistan

Pahalgam Terror Attack Was Pre-Planned Strike On Kashmir's Economy: LG Sinha

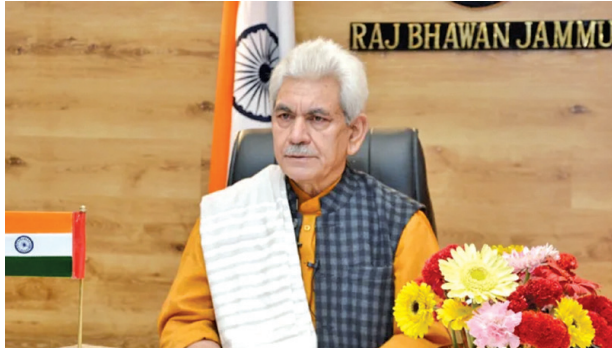
Says Success Of Operation Sindoor Had Drawn Clear Red Lines For Pakistan

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday accused Pakistan of orchestrating the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam as a "deliberate strike" aimed at destabilizing the region's economy and fueling communal tensions. While admitting to a security lapse, he underscored the significant drop in local terrorist recruitment and reiterated the government's resolve to combat terrorism.

Despite the temporary disruption to tourism following the attack, Sinha expressed optimism that the ongoing Amarnath Yatra could help restore confidence in the region.

In an interview with The Times of India, Sinha described the assault as a deliberate ploy by Pakistan to incite religious discord and hinder Jammu & Kash-



mir's economic growth.

"I accept full responsibility for the incident, which was undeniably a security failure," Sinha stated. He emphasized that while the attack sought to undermine India's unity, it should not be misconstrued as a resurgence of terrorism in the Union Territory.

"Pakistan's objective was to provoke communal strife and incite hostility against Kashmiris residing else-

where in India, further deepening alienation," he added.

Sinha pointed out that the timing and location of the attack were strategically chosen to damage Kashmir's thriving tourism industry and broader economic recovery.

"Over the past five years, J&K's economy has doubled in size, with record tourist footfalls. This attack was Pakistan's attempt to strike at Kashmir's

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...Three Decades On

Hirapora Wildlife Sanctuary Awaits Final Notification

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: More than three decades after its establishment, Hirapora Wildlife Sanctuary in south Kashmir is still awaiting final notification from the government. The latest Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) 2022-23 calls for urgent research on glacial dynamics and climate change impacts in this ecologically strategic protected area.

The issue was highlighted in the latest Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) 2022-23 reports. The report reviewed the performance of protected areas across the country.

Despite being notified in 1989 and covering 341 square kilometres, the sanctuary continues to operate without a final government notification.

"Hirapora WLS was notified in 1989 and currently extends over 341 km². The PA consists of 11

forest compartments, with two compartments still managed by the FD," reads the report.

As per the MEE report, Hirapora, which borders Tattakutti Wildlife Sanctuary, is of critical ecological significance. It hosts the southernmost population of the endangered markhor, along with a diverse range of high-altitude Himalayan fauna. Its temperate forests and alpine meadows serve as a vital catchment for two of Jammu & Kashmir's most important rivers, the Jhelum and the Tawi.

It has further highlighted that no formal glacier studies or climate change research programmes have been established within the sanctuary.

The report recommends the initiation of structured research and monitoring projects, particularly focused on glacial health, hydrological flow, and climate impact issues that were

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Adventure Tourism Vital For Boosting Repeat Visits To Kashmir: CM



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday said that in order to promote repeat tourism in Kashmir, it is essential to offer something new and refreshing each time—like adventure tourism.

He was speaking at the launch of the book "Valleys of Jammu and Kashmir – A Tribute to the Soul of Jammu and Kashmir" authored by Mehmood A. Shah, Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, at a local hotel here. "If we aspire to promote

repeat tourism, we must recognize that tourists won't return solely for our Mughal gardens or the Tulip bloom, nor just for the gondola rides. They return when offered something new—something refreshing each time. Adventure tourism provides exactly that. No two experiences are ever the same. The trail looks different in the morning than it does at sunset. Each trek offers a unique story," the Chief Minister said.

Calling for preservation and promotion of the region's historic trekking routes, he said these trails, connecting Jammu

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DC Srinagar, Commi SMC review progress of PMAY-Urban 2.0

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

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

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner & Commis-



sioner SMC emphasized the need for maintaining transparency and accuracy in beneficiary selection under the scheme to ensure benefit reaches the deserving population. They instructed the Revenue and SMC Officers to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out and no ineligible case is included in the final beneficiary list.

The Revenue and SMC Officers were instructed to expedite the verification process at their respective levels swiftly in line with scheme guidelines to meet the scheme objectives of providing 'Housing for All.'

While reviewing the status of registrations on Unified Web Portal of PMAY-U 2.0, Deputy Commissioner & SMC Commissioner were apprised that several applications in thousands under the scheme have been so far received in the district.

DC Kupwara reviews arrangements for I-Day celebrations



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KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Monday chaired a meeting of district officers and various security agencies to review the preparedness for ensuing Independence Day-2025 celebrations.

The meeting was informed that the main function of the Independence Day shall be held at DPL- Zangli while similar functions will be held at sub-division and Tehsil levels also.

It was further informed that contingents of JKP, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, students of various government schools will participate in the march past parade. Besides, various cultural programmes and Display of tableaux would also be part of national event celebrations.

Different departments viz, Education, PHE, R&B, Information, Health, Sports, Traffic, Motor Vehicles, Police, Floriculture, PDD, Municipality and Paramilitary Forces were directed to look after their respective assignments.

The decoration of the main venue, seating arrangements, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water/tanker service, availability

of ambulance, deployment of fire tenders, transportation facilities, refreshment, invitations, PAS system, cleanliness and sanitation measures were discussed threadbare in the meeting while as special emphasis was laid on march past parades, cultural programmes, display of tableaux by different departments showcasing achievements.

DC directed concerned departments to send the nominations for awards by or before 10 days of the Independence Day.

She said that in the run up to the Independence Day function, all the important buildings and main offices will be illuminated.

Ayushi emphasized the importance of National event and directed the departments to make sure that every arrangement is meticulously planned and executed.

She exhorted all departments to work in close coordination to ensure the seamless celebration of the Independence day functions.

SSP Kupwara, Gulam Jeelani; ADDC Kupwara, Mufti Fareed ud Din; ADC Handwara, Javid Naseem Masoodi; ACR, SDM Lolab, CMO, CEO, Officers from CRPF, Police, District Officers of different departments and other concerned attended the meeting.

I-Day 2025

DC B'pora chairs meeting to review arrangements

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Monday chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat here to review preparations for the upcoming Independence Day 2025 celebrations.

The meeting discussed various arrangements and measures to be taken to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of Independence Day events across the district.

It was informed that, apart from the main function at Bandipora, similar celebrations will be held at the sub-divisional and block levels, as well as in all schools, colleges, and government institutions of the district.

DC emphasized the importance of the national event and directed all departments to ensure that every arrangement is meticulously planned and efficiently executed. He urged departments to work in close coordination for the seamless celebration of the Independence Day functions.

DC issued instructions to various departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place and fully functional well ahead of the event.

On the occasion, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) was directed to ensure the availability of emergency medical services at all venues, while the PHE department was tasked with making adequate arrangements for

drinking water facilities.

Qadri also stressed that the celebrations should foster a festive atmosphere across the district. He instructed the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bandipora to organize youth- and public-focused engagement programmes, including cultural and patriotic activities, to encourage youth participation and instill a spirit of patriotism and community involvement.

He also directed the concerned officers to ensure smooth traffic movement and prevent congestion during the event.

Further, DC instructed all sectoral and district officers to ensure proper flag hoisting arrangements at their respective offices. He also advised them to illuminate government offices and buildings as part of the celebrations. Ex. Engineer PDD Bandipora/Sumbal was also directed to ensure the illumination of government buildings, prominent places, and bridges in the district.

On the occasion, DC stressed the need for effective interdepartmental coordination to ensure vibrant and smooth celebrations of Independence Day 2025.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADC, Zafar Husson Shawal; ACR, Shabir Ahmad Wani; SDM Sumbal, Murataza Ahmad; SDM Gurez, Mukhtar Ahmad; ACD, Bashir Ahmad; DySP DAR, Ahmad Shafi; officers from the Army, CRPF, various district departments, and other concerned officials.

DC Anantnag convenes preparatory meeting for I-Day celebrations

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. S. F. Hamid, convened the preparatory meeting to review the arrangements for the celebration of upcoming Independence Day-2025 with the concerned officers Monday, here.

Emphasising the historical importance of Independence Day, DC described it as a momentous occasion that should be celebrated with zeal and patriotic fervour. He underscored the need for seamless coordination among the concerned departments and exhorted them to make collective efforts for the successful conduct of the National event in its true spirit.

During the meeting, key aspects and arrangements including the schedule and timing of the event, preparation and consolidation of venue, stage/dice preparation and management, security arrangements, sanitation and cleanliness, seating arrange-



ments, medical facilities, uninterrupted power and water supply, venue illumination and decoration, deployment of fire tenders, transportation, printing and distribution of invitation cards, installation of the public address system, prize distribution, etc were reviewed threadbare.

Dr. Hamid issued direc-

tions to all concerned officers to discharge their assigned tasks diligently and put in place the necessary arrangements well in time so that a smooth and memorable celebration befitting the national event is held.

It was informed that the main function will be held at the Shaheed

Himayun Muzamil, Government Degree College (Boys), Khanabal, where the National Flag will be hoisted by the chief guest, followed by a parade featuring contingents of the J&K Police, other security forces, School Education and NCC.

In addition, colourful cultural programmes reflecting themes of patriotism, nationalism, and local folk traditions will be presented. Besides, it was decided that Jhankis from various departments showcasing their achievements and disseminating public awareness about the respective schemes will take part in the main event.

Independence Day celebrations will also be held at the Sub-divisional, Tehsil and Block levels across the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Principal GMC and SHM, GDC (B) Anantnag, DPO ICDS, GM, DIC, ACR, ACD, CPO, CMO, CEO, officers from engineering departments and other concerned officers of the district.

DLIC Kulgam approves 106 fresh cases under Mission YUVA

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KULGAM: In a significant push towards fostering self-reliance and entrepreneurial growth among the youth, District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Kulgam, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, Monday approved 106 new self-employment proposals under the ambitious Mission YUVA scheme.

The meeting held at the DC Office Complex, witnessed detailed deliberations over the proposals that had been scrutinized and recommended for approval by the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) after due verification and feasibility assessment. The SBDU had conducted a rigorous appraisal of each application before presenting them to the DLIC.

The newly approved cases span over a diverse array of sectors, including agriculture and allied activities, retail ventures, services, small-scale manufacturing and other skill-based enterprises. The variety of business ideas reflects the growing entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of the district and their willingness to explore innovative livelihood options.

While speaking on the occasion, DC lauded the collective efforts of the SBDU, BHDs and field functionaries in identifying, guiding, and mentoring aspiring youth entrepreneurs. He emphasized that Mission YUVA is not just a scheme, but a movement aimed at empowering the younger generation with tools for sustainable income generation and self-worth.

DC issued instructions to ensure timely disbursement of financial assistance, active mentoring post-approval, and continuous monitoring of the performance and viability of the sanctioned units. He reiterated the importance of structured weekly review mechanisms, with BHD meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, SBDU sittings every Friday, and DLIC reviews every Saturday, to maintain momentum and transparency in the implementation process.

GM DIC, DSWO, AD Employment, Lead Bank Manager, DDM NABARD, DNO JKEDI, CCO & EO DE&CC Kulgam attended the meeting and shared their insights regarding inter-departmental coordination and timely support to the approved beneficiaries.

Inter-zonal Football, Volleyball fest commences at Baramulla



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BARAMULLA : Youth Services and Sports, Baramulla, kick-started the inter-zonal district level Football Tournament for Under-14 & Under-17 Boys and Volleyball Tournament for Under-17 Boys at the scenic Showkat Ali Stadium, Khawaja Bagh Baramulla with vibrant enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

The mega sports event was officially declared open by Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Altaf Hussain Musavi, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, and was joined by the Principal of Government Degree College (Boys), Baramulla.

In his motivational address, Principal lauded the department's efforts in nurturing grassroots talent and also conducted a live demonstration of

breathing exercises, offering participants a unique blend of sports and wellness motivation.

A total of 45 teams representing 18 zones from across the district are competing in this celebration of youth talent, unity, and sportsmanship. The young athletes will have the opportunity to showcase their skills, promote healthy competition, and represent their zones with pride.

The event is being held under the active supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Baramulla, whose team has ensured seamless coordination, fair play, and an energetic sports atmosphere.

This inter-zonal competition marks yet another milestone in the department's ongoing mission to provide a robust platform for budding sports stars of the district.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION QAZIGUND

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NITNo.13 OFR&B/QAZIGUND/2025-26 /E-TENDERING/1607-21 DATED:12-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

S.No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in lacs)	Basic Cost (Rs in lacs)	GST Amount (Rs in lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Hatchery House at Tourt Fish Farm Panzath.	49.50	41.95	7.55	1100/=	99000/=	120 Working Days	HADP	AAY & BEE Class

Position of AAA: Vide order No.318 of 2025 Dated: 05-06-2025
Position of TS: Accorded vide order No. SE(R&B)/KUL/TS/08 of 2025-26 Dated 11/07/2025
The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12.07.2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 14.07.2025 (11:00 AM) To 25.07.2025 (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 14.07.2025 (11:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 25.07.2025 (04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid(online)	26.07.2025 (11:00 AM)

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division QAZIGUND (Tender Inviting Authority) (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division QAZIGUND (Tender receiving Authority).

2. All the Bidder have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

3. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division QAZIGUND (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The bidders are requested to quote their rates excluding GST. GST @18 Percent shall be added to the contract value by the allotting authority at the time of issuance of allotment.

5. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

No. 1607-21
DATED:12-07-2025

DIPK-3645-25
DT: 14/07/2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PW (R&B) Division QAZIGUND

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MECHANICAL AND HOSPITAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, KASHMIR

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GIST of e-NIT No: MHDA/TS/13 of 2025-26 Dated: 12-07-2025.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT short term e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Authorized dealers / representatives or Registered/ reputed and experienced firms for the following works:

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Completion Period	Position of funds
1	2	3	4	5	8
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 06 CCTV Cameras at Snow Clearance Control Room Shirmal Shopian.	1.073	200	2200	20 days	Available

Administrative Approval: Accorded by Chief Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department Kashmir vide Order No. M&HED/K/ Acct/35 of 2025-26 Dated: 08-05-2025.

Technical Sanction: Accorded vide no. MHDA/TS-02 dated 11-07-2025.

1. The tender document, consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 12-07-2025 (16:00 hrs.).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 12-07-2025 (17:00 hrs.) to 01-08-2025 (14:00hrs) in two (02) Cover format.

3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 02-08-2025 at (14:00 hrs.) or any date convenient to the department in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag.

No: MHDA/TS-273/929-30
Dated: 12-07-2025.
DIPK-3657-25
DT: 14/07/2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical and Hospital Division
Anantnag

Good Morning Kashmir

Familiar Mirage Omar Abdullah's Unkept Promises

In the political theatre of Jammu and Kashmir, hope is often a fleeting visitor, particularly when it comes to promises made in the run-up to elections. Last year, as election fervor swept across the region, the electorate once again placed its trust in Omar Abdullah, scion of a prominent political dynasty, with cautious optimism. The public, weary of long-standing governance issues, particularly in the power sector and government ration distribution, saw in the younger Abdullah a leader who might finally deliver relief. Yet, a year into his government's tenure, these promises appear to be little more than political rhetoric. The power crisis remains unresolved, daily outages continue to disrupt life and stall economic activity. In rural areas especially, erratic electricity supply has become the norm rather than the exception. Likewise, the public distribution system remains mired in inefficiency and allegations of corruption, with government ration still failing to reach many of those who need it most. What is most disheartening is the familiar sense of déjà vu. Each administration arrives with a promise of change, pledging to uplift the common man. But as the dust of elections settles, so too does the urgency to act. Omar Abdullah's government, despite its fresh mandate and initial goodwill, seems to be following the same script, one that prioritizes survival over service, optics over outcomes. For the people of Jammu and Kashmir, this cycle of unfulfilled promises has bred cynicism and deepened the chasm between the governed and those in power. Governance must be more than just managing perception; it must be about delivery. And that delivery is currently missing in action. If the junior Abdullah wants to distance himself from the political disillusionment that has plagued his predecessors, he must do more than offer rhetoric. It's time for this government to show tangible results, especially in areas that directly affect everyday lives. Power and food are not luxuries; they are rights. The clock is ticking. The people are watching.

...From Firewood To Fatigue

Rethinking Women's Health In The Age Of Comfort

MOHD AMIN MIR

A few days ago, during a casual evening conversation in our home, an elderly relative—a rural woman in her eighties—shared a simple yet profound observation. “We spent our youth roaming in the woods collecting firewood,” she recalled, her face glowing with nostalgia. “We returned home only to dive into a day filled with endless house chores. Today's women have all the facilities—but their health is falling apart right from the day they are married.” Her statement, innocuous at first glance, lingered long after the evening had passed. In it lay buried a deeper reality—a truth about the physical resilience, sexual vitality, and emotional strength of women in her generation as compared to the often fatigued, hormonally imbalanced, and emotionally stressed younger women of today. This article aims not to glorify hardship nor criticize modern comfort. Rather, it seeks to examine the health paradox facing today's young women—why are so many suffering from chronic fatigue, sexual apathy, hormonal disturbances, and mental stress despite easier lives? The Shift from Physical Strain to Sedentary Struggles One of the most visible differences between the two generations is the level of physical activity. The older generation of women walked miles for firewood, fetched water, washed clothes by hand, cleaned utensils using ash and soil, and farmed shoulder to shoulder with men. This wasn't just physical work—it was natural exercise. Today's women, aided by gas stoves, pressure cookers, washing machines, RO water filters, and motorized transport, live far more conveniently. Yet ironically, they are plagued by lifestyle diseases like obesity, hypothyroidism, PCOD, infertility, and chronic back pain—conditions almost unheard of among rural women a few decades ago. Is the comfort of modern life robbing women of their health? The New-Age Health Crisis The issues facing modern women—especially from their late twenties onward—are real and alarming: Hormonal Imbalances: A dramatic rise in PCOS/PCOD, thyroid dysfunction, early menopause, and irregular periods. Sexual Disinterest: Many women report a decline in libido as early as 35, impacting their relationships and mental well-being. Chronic Fatigue: Despite doing less physically, women today complain of perpetual tiredness. Mental Health Decline: Anxiety, insomnia, mood disorders, and emotional burnout are now normalized. Low Fertility: The average number of



children has dropped, yes by choice, but also often due to physiological limitations like infertility or risky pregnancies. It is not just about having fewer children or sleeping late—these are symptoms of deeper physiological shifts that need to be addressed, not judged. What Is Causing This Decline? Lack of Physical Activity The human body—especially the female body—is built for movement. Prolonged sitting, lack of walking, and no exposure to sun are leading to muscle loss, vitamin D deficiency, and hormonal sluggishness. Ultra-Processed Diets The traditional diet of millet, lentils, ghee, and seasonal vegetables has been replaced by sugar-laden, oil-soaked, packaged foods. Gut health is severely compromised, and gut health directly affects hormonal balance and mood. Chronic Stress Working women now face the double burden—office responsibilities plus domestic expectations. Even homemakers suffer under the weight of societal pressure to “look perfect,” run social media-friendly homes, and maintain strained relationships. Sleep Disorders Late-night screen time, binge-watching, and social media scrolling delay melatonin production—the hormone responsible for sleep and reproductive health. Women sleep late and wake up late—often missing the natural hormone repair window between 10 PM and 2 AM. Disconnection from Nature No barefoot walking on soil, no sunbathing, no connection to greenery—leading to

circadian rhythm disruption and depression. Lack of Sexual Awareness Many women feel guilty about discussing sexual needs or changes post-35. The combination of hormonal decline, relationship stress, and body image issues contributes to lowered libido. A Cultural Gap: Elders Can't Understand, Youth Don't Explain The rural grandmother's observation that today's women “sleep late, rise late, don't want more than one or two children, and lose sexual interest early” may seem oversimplified—but it stems from lived wisdom. While her generation had no awareness of hormones or therapy, they lived in sync with biological rhythms. Their days began with sunrise, meals were freshly cooked, and relationships—though traditional—were emotionally interwoven with family. Today's women live in hyperconnected yet emotionally isolated urban or semi-urban settings. Elders are often confused by their daughters' emotional volatility. Young women, in turn, lack non-judgmental spaces to talk about their health, fatigue, or desires. What Can Today's Women Do to Regain Their Health? Here's a practical roadmap—not based on nostalgia but on biological wisdom and scientific alignment with the body's rhythms: Early Wake-Up Routine Rise with the sun (ideally between 5:30 and 6:30 AM). Practice simple yoga or brisk walking for 20-30 minutes. Avoid phone use during the first hour of the day. Fix Your Sleep Cycle Sleep by 10 PM, as this supports melatonin release and hormonal repair. Limit blue light after 8 PM (no mobile phones or TV).

- Use natural relaxation tools like herbal teas, warm baths, or pranayama.
- Eat Traditional, Seasonal Food Include desi ghee, sesame seeds, ragi, jaggery, and local vegetables. Avoid white sugar, refined oils, fast food, and soft drinks. Follow circadian eating—heavy lunch, light dinner before 8 PM.
- Rebuild Gut Health Start the day with warm water and soaked raisins. Add fermented foods like curd, kanji, and pickle in moderation. Use triphala or isabgol to maintain bowel regularity.
- Connect with the Earth Walk barefoot on grass or soil. Spend at least 15 minutes in direct sunlight. Garden, plant, or touch mud—this grounds emotional stress.
- Hormone-Supportive Herbs and Foods Consider herbs like ashwagandha, shatavari, flaxseeds, fenugreek, and maca root (under medical guidance). Have seeds like pumpkin, sunflower, and sesame for hormone balance.
- Open Conversations on Sexual Health Learn about perimenopause, libido shifts, and body image changes. Share with partners—lack of desire isn't a failure; it needs understanding, not shame. Seek help—counseling, Ayurveda, or medical therapy—there is no need to suffer silently.
- Role of Family: Understand, Don't Judge Often, women's health decline goes unnoticed or misunderstood by families. Husbands, in-laws, and even parents must be educated that fatigue or sexual apathy post-35 is not laziness or rejection, but possibly a biological and emotional health issue. Encouragement, kindness, and medical intervention go a long way.
- Final Words: Progress Must Not Come at the Cost of Vitality Modern comforts are not the enemy. The real threat is losing biological intelligence—our deep inner rhythms, our connection with sun and soil, and our respect for rest and nourishment. The rural women of yesterday survived hardship but thrived in vitality. The women of today have survived comfort but must now reclaim their health—not by giving up modernity, but by bringing balance. To every young woman reading this: your body is not betraying you. It is simply asking you to return to what it was designed for—rhythm, rest, nourishment, and movement. And to the elderly women who observe in silence: your stories are the bridge. Let us listen and learn.

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Free Bus Service For Women: Relief Or Rising Burden?

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A few months ago, the Jammu and Kashmir government launched a much-talked-about free bus service for women—a move that many celebrated as progressive and empowering. For a region where mobility and safety for women have always been important issues, this step was seen as a milestone. However, like many well-intentioned welfare schemes, this one too deserves a closer look to understand its ground reality and long-term impact. A Personal Experience As a regular commuter who has mostly relied on government buses, I have always appreciated their relatively better service and comfort, even if the fare was slightly higher than that of local minibuses. After a tiring day at work, a guaranteed seat and a smoother ride make all the difference. But since the introduction of the free bus service for women, this comfort has become rare. The buses are now packed beyond capacity. Finding a seat is next to impossible—and when a woman is seen standing, any man with a conscience feels morally compelled to vacate his seat. What's more, many of the new users are employed women with decent salaries who previously used their own vehicles but now naturally prefer the free ride. As a result, the system is overloaded,



leaving genuinely needy passengers—daily wage workers, students, the elderly—struggling for space and comfort. Who Benefits the Most? While the aim was to support women who need financial relief, the reality is that the biggest beneficiaries are salaried employees and middle-class commuters who can easily afford the fare. Meanwhile, women in remote areas or those who depend on local shared transport have seen little to no benefit, because government buses do not cover every village or interior route. More Pressure, Less Productivity In many government offices and institutions, it's now common to see women employees arriv-

ing late more often. Overcrowded buses, unpredictable schedules, and over-reliance on the free service have made punctuality suffer. This unspoken cost—reduced productivity—is hardly ever discussed when we talk about the success of such welfare schemes. Financial Burden on the Transport Department Free travel does not mean free service. Operational costs—fuel, maintenance, staff salaries—remain unchanged or even increase due to higher usage. The revenue loss has to be covered somehow—and it usually comes from taxpayers' money or by cutting funds from other areas in need. Over time, this can burden

an already stretched transport department, leading to poorer services for everyone. What Could Be Better? Nobody questions the intention behind the scheme. Women's safety and mobility must be strengthened. But we must also ask: Is this the most effective way? Instead of completely free rides, a subsidized fare could have ensured affordability without draining the department's finances. Or perhaps the same money could have been used to improve bus frequency, extend routes to remote areas, or invest in better infrastructure. Some even argue that spending on uninterrupted power supply or subsidies for essential household items

would benefit entire families, not just a segment of daily commuters. Bottom Line Good governance is not just about launching popular schemes—it is about listening, observing, and course-correcting. Any welfare programme must evolve with honest feedback from the people it affects the most. Free bus travel might bring smiles today, but unchecked overcrowding, financial stress, and poor service tomorrow can wipe them out. Because in the end, everything comes at a cost—nothing is truly free. The price might not show up in the bus fare, but it surely appears elsewhere—in quality, efficiency, or sustainability. The real measure of progress is not how much we can give away for free, but how wisely we spend public money so that relief reaches those who truly need it—without overburdening systems or compromising on quality. The same money could have improved bus frequency, extended routes to far-flung areas, or supported subsidies on electricity or household essentials—benefiting entire families, not just daily commuters. In the end, a welfare state must strike a balance: thoughtful intentions must meet practical, sustainable execution. Only then can we call it real empowerment. The comfort that comes for free often hides a heavier cost.

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...Digital Dead **End Or A New Dawn?**

Why Jamabandi Verification Must Precede WALHARUS Portal Upload

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Jammu & Kashmir stands at the threshold of what could be the most transformational overhaul of its land revenue system in a century—the final rollout of the WALHARUS portal, which aims to bring centuries-old Jamabandis (record-of-rights) into a unified, digitized, and publicly accessible domain.

Yet, beneath the veneer of technological progress lies a critical procedural and ethical concern: many of the so-called 'already digitized' Jamabandis are riddled with errors, omissions, and outdated entries. These digital records, created over the last decade in various formats and under multiple schemes, often fail to reflect left-out mutations, post-digitization attestations, and corrections identified later by field officials.

Uploading these unverified, error-laden digital records to the WALHARUS portal en masse would not only erode public trust but could also result in serious land disputes, harassment of rightful owners, and unnecessary litigation. As the saying goes, it would be like serving "old wine in new bottles"—or as our Urdu idiom aptly warns: "Purani Sharab, Nai Botal Mein".

Therefore, it is essential that a rigorous verification mechanism involving Girdawars and Naib Tehsildars be instituted before any village Jamabandi is considered final and WALHARUS-ready.

The Historical Context: Jamabandis and the Legacy of Paper

Jamabandis form the bedrock of rural land ownership and agrarian identity in Jammu & Kashmir. Traditionally prepared every four years by the Patwari and attested by the Tehsildar, the Jamabandi is a register of rights that details ownership, cultivation, tenancy, and revenue demand.

Over the decades, these records became prone to errors—not necessarily due to corruption, but because of systemic fatigue, lack of accountability, human limitations, and the lack of cross-verification.

The digitization process, initiated in phases under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), has indeed been a landmark step. However, digitization

without verification has resulted in the migration of old errors into digital permanence. In many cases, even fresh mutations, decrees, oral gifts, or family settlements that took place post-digitization were never incorporated into the e-Jamabandis available with the Patwaris in PDF format.

The Current Problem: A Tale of Errors, Omissions, and Mistrust

Several tehsils in South Kashmir, including Doru, Qazigund, and Bijbehara, and other villages in other districts will begin begun preparing for uploading digitized Jamabandis onto the WALHARUS portal. However, field reports reveal that a large number of these Jamabandis still carry the following issues:

- Left-Out Mutations:** Mutations that were attested by Tehsildars after digitization have not been incorporated.
- Decree-based Entries Missing:** Court orders from civil courts that led to changes in ownership are not reflected.
- Agrarian Reforms and Oral Gifts Ignored:** Many rights transferred under Agrarian Reforms Acts or through oral gifts were never formally recorded or digitized.
- Tatima Errors:** The subdivision maps (Tatima Shajra) often do not match the entries in Jamabandis.
- Revenue Circle Shuffling:** In some cases, revenue villages were reassigned to new tehsils, but Jamabandis still reflect the old jurisdiction.

Rectification Files Prepared but Unincorporated: Field rectification notes prepared post-digitization by Girdawars and Patwaris have not been reconciled with the digital record.

If such half-baked records are uploaded on WALHARUS and made accessible to the public and courts, it will result in mass confusion, revenue litigation, and loss of credibility of the entire land record modernization project.

The Solution: Verification First, Upload Later

To safeguard the integrity of the WALHARUS rollout, a mandatory verification and cross-checking mechanism must be implemented.

Step 1: Girdawar-Level Verification

Each village's already digitized Jamabandi must be subjected to field-level verification by the concerned Girdawar, who will:

- Cross-check the entries with the original record-room Jamabandis.
- Incorporate all attested mutations from the date of digitization



- to the present.
- Flag and annotate discrepancies in landholding patterns, especially post-Agrarian Reform changes.

Step 2: Naib Tehsildar Cross-Validation

The Naib Tehsildar must counter-check and authenticate the Girdawar's verification, with random spot inspections and review of mutation registers.

Step 3: Patwari Update & MTS Entry

Only once Girdawar and Naib Tehsildar have signed off, should the concerned Patwari update the digital Jamabandi and, with assistance from a Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS), prepare it for WALHARUS upload.

This three-tier verification will ensure:

- Elimination of historical errors
- Inclusion of missing records
- Authenticity of post-digitization

developments

- Institutional accountability**
- Concrete Suggestions for Government Implementation**

- Issue a Standing Order or Circular mandating verification by Girdawar and Naib Tehsildar prior to WALHARUS upload.
- Provide Additional MTS Staff for

to facilitate error-free digitization.

Commendable Leadership: Revenue Officers Who Made It Possible

This level of institutional discipline and vision would not be possible without the able leadership of the Financial Commissioner Revenue and the Commissioner Secretary Revenue.

Both officers have demonstrated unwavering commitment to transparency, service delivery, and grassroots empowerment. Their policies reflect a fine balance between technology-driven modernization and field-based realism.

They have not only earned the trust of the bureaucracy and patwaris but have also won the confidence of the common man, who now sees land record reform not as a bureaucratic exercise, but as a pathway to legal empowerment and economic stability.

Their employee-friendly approach has ensured that Patwaris, Girdawars, and Naib Tehsildars feel like partners in reform, not just cogs in a wheel. Only under such leadership can we hope to transform the WALHARUS portal into a living proof of clean, verified, and just land ownership.

Let's Not Repeat the Mistakes of the Past

Digitization is not a silver bullet. It is a tool, not a truth. If we simply replicate the same mistakes of our paper-based system in digital form, we will be left with a new platform but the same old chaos. The WALHARUS portal must be a milestone in accuracy, not just in accessibility.

As we move forward, the field force of the Revenue Department must be empowered, supported, and made accountable for this verification process. The role of Girdawars and Naib Tehsildars is central to this mission.

Let us remember, land is not just property—it is identity, security, and heritage for lakhs of rural families in Jammu & Kashmir. We owe it to them to get this right.

In the words of a local elder from Verinag: "Zameen pe likha sach jab tak sahi nahi hota, insaaf adhoora rehata hai."

("Until the truth written on land records is corrected, justice remains incomplete.")

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Youth Skills For A Brighter Future

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Swami Vivekananda said "My hope of the future lies in the youths of character, intelligent, renouncing all for the service of others, and obedient – good to themselves and the country at large". The U.N. has designated the World Youth Skills Day on July 15 to create awareness on the importance of technical, vocational education, training and the development of other skills relevant to local and global economies to reduce unemployment and underemployment among the youth across the globe.

With over 54 per cent of the Indian population aged below 25, it is not surprising the government is looking at them as potential resources to scale new economic heights. According to the draft National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, the country presently faces two challenges – a severe paucity of highly-trained, quality labour and large sections of the educated workforce that possess little job skills. Youths are the backbone of the nation; they are the main pillar of our growing society, hence they need to be nurtured. World Youth Skills Day is celebrated around the world to spread the awareness and importance of skills needed for the employment of the youth.

There is no doubt that India needs to equip its youth with greater work skills. At present, the country churns out a mostly semi-literate workforce without the requisite marketable skills in a globalised world.Skill and talent are the results of education and training,



and India must lay greater stress on its educational infrastructure before it can attain higher levels of growth. The skill set of India's youth have to necessarily match that of the world's best.

The several key announcements in education, skills and youth development shall have structural and long term impact on quality of education, availability of qualified man-

power and preparing the next generation for the hyper age of automation and AI. The quality of higher education is sought to be improved through greater autonomy for colleges based on quality metrics and accreditation.

Youths are everything, they have the capability to do anything out of the box, the only thing they need is the direction or a mentor for the

future of our country. Only graduation certificate is not enough.

It is estimated that young adults are more likely to be unemployed than adults in our society and are continuously exposed to the lower quality of jobs. Similarly, it goes for the women also who are underemployed, doing a job on a part-time basis or are underpaid. The issue of unemployment is a major concern

for industry and also for the country. It is one of the major issues in the world. Even the developed countries have to deal with this problem. It not only affects the individual but also affects the growth of the country.

It is estimated that by 2020, the average age of the Indian citizen will be 29 and set to become the world's youngest country. The skill India's main motive is to provide the youths with training and guidance in all the occupation as per their choice like construction, Jewellery, Agriculture, Tourism, etc. Train, build confidence and make them aware of the new opportunities from the school level itself.

It is a well established fact that the youngsters of today are the most likely to be unemployed than adults in the labour market. Apart from a lower quality of jobs and market inequalities, there is a major insecurity of transitioning from the school mode to the work force. The rising unemployment makes a negative impact on people's mind. It discourages qualified people to find the job. Hence they lose the hopes of having a job and earning. This type of unemployment is called as voluntary unemployment.

Certainly there is also a need to add technology to the mix: to seize the opportunities in technology as an education and training delivery mechanism, as well as to improve and scale the uptake among youth of digital skills that will position them for success in new types of jobs and in emerging sectors.

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‘No Healthy Power Factor In Kashmir’

Kashmir DISCOM Lack Power Capacitor: PM

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SRINAGAR: In Kashmir valley, there is no power capacitor available for the local DISCOM to improve the quality in electrical systems by compensating for reactive power and improving power factor.

The official documents available, states that the Ministry of Power for Government of India (GoI) has provided the capacitors to industrial consumers to keep healthy power factor.

“In the meeting, it was informed from J&K side that presently no capacitors are available in Kashmir DISCOM although capacitors have been provided by industrial consumers to keep healthy power factor,” reads the documents of (MoP).

The documents further states that it was also discussed that TCC and NRPC had recently accorded

approval from forum for installation of capacitors by Rajasthan, Uttarakhand DISCOMs.

“The proposals were then submitted by respective states to PSDF and PSDF also had positive views of providing funds for installation of capacitor banks. PSDF funds were frozen for some time but now PSDF has started according approval for some of the schemes,” it reads.

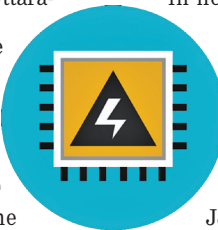
In the meeting it was further revealed that as around 700-800MVAR is being drawn by 400/220kV ICTs from Amargarh, Wagoora and New Wanpoh and 300MVAR support is being provided by New Wanpoh SVC, there seems to be requirement of nearly 1000MVAR reactive power compensation (capacitive) in Kashmir valley at trans-

mission and distribution level in next 1-2 years.

“If proposal is prepared for a futuristic scenario, further additional capacity as per requirement may be planned,” it reads.

It also states that J&K SLDC is also sharing (transfer capability limit) ATC/TTC basecase on a regular basis as per CERC approved procedure. “However, due to low voltages during the daytime, the ATC, TTC figures for day time were recently reviewed and revised figures were communicated to J&K SLDC.”

“Due to low voltages in Kashmir valley area, the transfer capability limits (ATC/TTC) are 2700/2800MW during 09-14hrs and 3400/3500MW for other than 09-14hrs duration,” it reads—(KNO)



Renowned Filmmaker Yuvraj Kumar Pledges To Revive Kashmir’s Film Industry

Praises LG Manoj Sinha For Reviving Kashmir’s Film Tourism Boom

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SRINAGAR: In a significant boost to Kashmir’s cultural resurgence, acclaimed filmmaker and counter-radicalization expert Yuvraj Kumar has announced five ambitious film projects aimed at reviving the region’s film industry. These films will spotlight Kashmir’s rich heritage, resilience, and narratives of peace, while providing a platform for local talent and fostering economic growth in the creative sector.

Kumar, who gained widespread recognition for his critically acclaimed feature film “ISIS - Enemies of Humanity”, is collaborating closely with Kashmiri artists, technicians, and writers, supported by the Jammu & Kashmir government’s progressive film policy. His initiative aligns with the region’s renewed focus on storytelling as a tool for youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and global engagement.

“My film ‘ISIS - Enemies of

Humanity’ dismantles extremist propaganda and showcases Islam as a religion of peace and compassion. It highlights how real Muslims stand against radical ideologies,” says Kumar. “Now, with these five new films rooted in Kashmir, I aim to amplify voices of hope, showcase the region’s cultural richness, and celebrate the indomitable spirit of its people.”

The upcoming projects will be entirely shot in Kashmir, employing local actors, crew members, and technicians, ensuring that the region’s film industry grows sustainably. By integrating home-grown talent with international storytelling standards, Kumar’s efforts are expected to position Kashmir as a thriving hub for cinema.

Kumar’s presence in Kashmir marks a pivotal shift in the region’s cultural landscape, where cinema is re-emerging as a medium for dialogue, healing, and transformation. His commitment comes at a time when Kashmir is increasingly open-

ing its doors to artists, filmmakers, and storytellers from across India and the world.

The five films will explore diverse themes, ranging from historical epics and contemporary dramas to inspiring real-life stories, all designed to resonate with global audiences while staying true to Kashmiri identity. The initiative is also expected to boost tourism, as the breathtaking landscapes of Kashmir will serve as a cinematic backdrop.

Yuvraj lauded Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his efforts in promoting film tourism in the UT. Speaking at a press conference, Kumar highlighted how Sinha’s initiatives have attracted major Bollywood productions to Kashmir, revitalizing its scenic locales as prime shooting destinations. “The LG’s vision has not only boosted local tourism but also created opportunities for artists and technicians,” Kumar said.

Beyond entertainment, Kumar’s work carries a deeper humanitar-

ian mission. As a security expert and peace activist, his films consistently focus on conflict resolution, national integration, and countering extremist ideologies through authentic storytelling. His contributions have earned him accolades, including honors from the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Ministers.

“Kashmir has an untold wealth of stories waiting to be shared with the world,” says Kumar. “Through these films, we will not only revive the local industry but also create a positive narrative that inspires future generations.”

The Jammu & Kashmir administration is extending support to filmmakers under J&K Film Policy, recognizing the potential of cinema to drive economic growth and promoting Kashmir as a film destination. With streamlined permissions, subsidies, and infrastructure development for filmmakers, Kashmir is poised to reclaim its legacy as a favored filming destination

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CM Omar Meets

national pride and adventure sports activities.

Later, Sameer Baktoo, Chairman of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI), J&K Chapter, met the Chief Minister along with a visiting team from SKAL INTERNATIONAL. The team, currently on a visit from Mumbai, discussed the upcoming SKAL India Convention and proposed to make the event Kashmir-centric in the post-Yatra season, with an aim to promote the region’s tourism potential globally.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured appropriate action and continued government support as may be necessary.

2.20 Lakh Devotees

on board. The Baltal-bound pilgrims included 1,646 men, 507 women, 5 children, 44 sadhus and 13 sadhvis.

“The Pahalgam-bound group consisted of 3,045 men, 741 women, 12 children, 123 sadhus and 7 sadhvis. In terms of transportation, 235 vehicles were used for Monday’s convoy, including 100 for Baltal and 135 for Pahalgam,” official said.

The annual yatra started on July 3 and will culminate on August 9, the officials added—(KNO)

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appreciated the arrangements made along the Yatra route. “We receive full support from the army and authorities. Food and shelter are easily available, and the overall management is commendable.”

Prasad added, “I will pray for the happiness of our country and a united India (Akhand Bharat). I urge people not to fear – come and have Baba Barfani’s darshan, there is no problem here.”—(KNO)

Three Killed, One

(SDRF) Baramulla, Civil Defence, Jammu and Kashmir Police and local volunteers.

On the same day, an individual identified as Syed Mohammad Ilyas Geelani, of Tawheedgunj Baramulla was rescued and shifted to PHC Sheeri, where his condition was reported to be stable.

Later, the body of Ibrahim Bin Showkat (13), a resident of Narkara Budgam, was recovered near Binyar, some distance downstream from the site of the incident.

The search continued throughout the night and into Monday. In the early hours of July 14, the rescue teams recovered the second minor victim, Ahmad Bin Khalid (13) of Hyderpora Srinagar.

Later that morning, the third and final body was retrieved. He was identified as Haji Mehnaz Rashid Shah (40), a resident of Khanyar Srinagar, who had reportedly jumped into the water in an attempt to save the children.

Police officials, meanwhile, confirmed the completion of medico-legal formalities and said the bodies were handed over to the respective families for last rites.

The incident has caused widespread grief and has triggered appeals for stricter safety measures near water bodies, especially in areas frequented by the public during the summer—(KNO)

Fresh Rains Bring

with the possibility of intermittent spells of light to moderate rain and thundershowers at many places, with intense showers and heavy rain at a few locations until 17 July.

He said that fresh spells of rain and thundershowers are expected at scattered places from 18 to 21 July.

Moreover, the MeT has issued an advisory saying that there is a possibility of intense showers at a few places in J&K, with heavy rain expected at isolated locations in Jammu division from July 14 to 17.

It added that flash floods are expected at vulnerable sites, along with landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones.

Meanwhile, the Srinagar district administration has issued a weather advisory in view of the forecast of heavy rain, thunderstorms, and strong winds from 14 July (today) to 17 July across parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar.

Officials have advised residents, especially those living near the Jhelum River, its tributaries, and nearby streams, to stay away from water bodies during this period.

The advisory issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Office of the District Magistrate Srinagar, states that in light of the forecast of heavy rain and thunderstorms with strong winds, tourists, Shikara riders, sand extractors, and boat operators are advised to avoid travel on Dal Lake, the Jhelum River, and other water bodies until weather conditions improve.

It has urged people to remain alert and follow safety instructions. In case of emergencies or queries, the public can contact the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), or the Police Control Room.

The important helpline numbers are: 0194-2457543 / 0194-2483651 / 0194-2457552; 9103998355 / 9103998356 / 9103998357; 112; and 0194-2477567—(KNO)

Former Dy CM Kavinder

three consecutive terms, from 2005 to 2010.

In the 2014 Assembly election, Gupta contested and was elected a Member of Legislative Assembly from the Gandhinagar constituency. He defeated Raman Bhalla of Congress. On March 19, 2015, Gupta was elected speaker of the assembly.

On April 30, 2018, he was appointed as the deputy chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir State—(KNO)

Cs Pushes For 100%

department to rationalize manpower, especially for data entry tasks critical to success of the HMIS module.

In a significant push towards improving accountability and data integrity, the Chief Secretary instructed the department to expedite the Health Professional Registry (HPR) and take strict measures against professionals delaying compliance. He also advised for seeking technical support from BISAG-N to professionally and swiftly conclude digitization targets under the ABDM framework.

During the meeting, Secretary H&ME, Dr. Shah, briefed about the steps already taken to accelerate digital transformation. He highlighted the Department’s success in initiating the HPR, digitizing patient health records, integrating radio diagnostic reports with ABHA IDs and rolling out the Scan and Share facility in numerous health institutions.

He reaffirmed the Department’s commitment towards ensuring full saturation of these initiatives within a defined timeline. He delineated the strategies that are going to accomplish the mission satisfactorily across all the healthcare facilities in J&K.

Adding to the deliberations, MD ABDM, Anant Dwivedi, outlined the mission’s three core pillars including ABHA ID, Health Professional Registry (HPR) and the Health Facility Registry (HFR). He informed that J&K has made notable strides in all these domains.

As per the latest figures, it was informed that 94.49 lakh ABHA IDs have been created, covering 69.7% of the target population. It was further revealed that 100% registration of all 3,607 public health facilities (HFR) has been completed besides 87% registration of public doctors (6,713 out

of 7,730) and 100% registration of public nurses (5,149) has been achieved.

Moreover, 20.58 lakh digital health records have been linked with ABHA IDs, with 1.44 lakh new records added since May. Additionally, 104 out of 105 health facilities are now actively using the HMIS (JK-e Sahaj) portal. Notably, 71.16 lakh Scan and Share tokens have been generated so far, as was informed in this meeting.

These milestones reflect the UT’s firm commitment towards harnessing technology for better healthcare delivery.

The Chief Secretary lauded the department for the progress and stressed on sustaining momentum to ensure full digital inclusion of all citizens in the futuristic health ecosystem in the days to come.

Adventure Tourism

with Kashmir and Kashmir with Ladakh—are not just physical pathways, but cultural corridors of heritage and sustainable tourism.

“It is imperative that we market our trekking routes not just as a tourism product, but as part of our ecological and cultural legacy. We must not confine ourselves to markets where advisories act as obstacles. There are many countries with no such restrictions, whose tourists would be eager to explore our terrain,” he said, calling for joint efforts with Ladakh to keep traditional routes alive and accessible.

Referring to the current situation, Omar Abdullah said it was unfortunate that the book is being released at a time when many of the trekking routes described in it remain inaccessible due to recent developments.

“Reading this book evokes both admiration and sadness. Admiration for the unmatched natural wealth we possess, and sadness because we are not able to experience or share it at present. It is my heartfelt hope, and indeed my effort, that these routes will soon be reopened for our youth, trekkers and visitors,” he said.

Reflecting on his personal regret at not having trekked these trails, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah praised the author’s dedication and passion. “Mr. Shah is truly fortunate to have explored these routes over the last 20–25 years. His experiences, beautifully documented in this volume, reflect deep commitment and love for the land.”

The Chief Minister emphasized the need for digitizing the book to ensure wider accessibility. “If we want this work to benefit those who are truly interested in trekking, we must digitize it—perhaps through an app. Let the coordinates, photographs, anecdotes, and waypoints become a digital guide for adventure lovers,” he suggested.

He added that while the book will adorn coffee tables, its real value lies in becoming a functional resource that inspires exploration and fosters sustainable tourism.

On the occasion, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, and the author Mehmood A. Shah also spoke. The event was moderated by noted endocrinologist Dr. Shariq Masoodi and was attended by prominent figures from the travel, trade, tourism and media—(KNO)

Hirapora Wildlife

becoming increasingly urgent in the face of global warming.

“Recommendations include getting the final notification of the PA issued and establishing research and monitoring projects on glacial studies and climate change,” it mentions.

The report states that the sanctuary has benefited from a reasonable protection network and good coordination with police and revenue departments.

The MEE evaluation calls for a comprehensive policy upgrade, including improved infrastructure, staffing, and scientific engagement, to ensure that Hirapora fulfils both its conservation potential and its

critical role in water security—(KNO)

Pahalgam Terror Attack

economic prosperity,” he said, noting that the widespread public condemnation served as a strong rebuttal to Pakistan and terror groups.

When questioned about the involvement of local collaborators, Sinha maintained that terrorist recruitment within J&K had plummeted to historic lows.

“This year, there has been only one case of local recruitment, compared to six or seven last year, a drastic decline from the earlier figures of 150–200. However, Pakistan continues to push infiltrators into both Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

The Pahalgam incident initially caused a sharp decline in tourist arrivals, but Sinha remained hopeful that the Amarnath Yatra would mark a revival.

“Post-attack, tourism came to a near halt. We see the Yatra as a pivotal moment for recovery,” he said, adding that shuttered tourist spots were gradually reopening with enhanced security measures.

On broader security concerns, Sinha highlighted the impact of Operation Sindoor, asserting that India had sent a firm message to Pakistan.

“We have made it clear that any terror strike will be treated as an act of war. Our precision strikes on terror hubs in Pakistan delivered a stern warning. Yet, a nation that institutionalizes terrorism cannot be trusted,” he cautioned.

Despite ongoing threats, Sinha expressed confidence in the preparedness of the Home Ministry, Defence Ministry, and intelligence agencies to thwart future attacks.

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Robert Vadra ducked questions on ties with UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari: ED Sources

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NEW DELHI: Robert Vadra, husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, was evasive in answering ED questions on his alleged financial association with UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari and his family members, sources said on Monday.

Summoned in connection with a money laundering case registered in 2016, Vadra was non-cooperative during his two-hour questioning and failed to answer questions on two London property deals, said sources.

Vadra, accompanied by his wife, reached the ED office in central Delhi around noon and left almost two hours later, without giving any statement to mediapersons.

The businessman, son-in-law of Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, has denied any wrongdoing in his repeated appearances before the ED.

On several earlier occasions, Vadra has hit out at the ED for harassing him by calling him on several occasions despite his stand that he has nothing new to share with them.

The ED has alleged that the two properties in question are benami properties of Vadra, which he



acquired in collusion with UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari.

The two London properties are at Grosvenor Hill Court, 13, Bourdon Street, and 19, Bryanston Square. The ED treats them as proceeds of crime related to a money laundering case registered in 2016.

The ED alleged that Vadra lived in the Bryanston Square property on a few occasions during his London visits.

The properties under the ED's lens drew attention after investi-

gators sniffed benami deals between Vadra and Bhandari.

The investigation agency alleged that Bhandari renovated a property in London in 2009 using funds provided by Vadra.

Earlier on July 5, Bhandari was declared a fugitive economic offender by a Delhi Court, a development which came within months of a British court's refusal to extradite him to India.

Bhandari, 62, who fled to the UK in 2016, was declared a fugitive eco-

nomic offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, paving the way for the probe agency to attach his assets.

The ED filed a chargesheet against Bhandari in 2020 based on proceedings initiated against him by the Income Tax department under the anti-black money law.

Bhandari was accused of concealing overseas assets, making false statements to suppress information about overseas assets and using backdated documents.

Over 32 pc of global GCC talent is currently in India: FM Sitharaman

IAN S

NEW DELHI: India has become a leading source of AI talent, currently housing 32 per cent of the global GCC talent pool, 28 per cent of the world's STEM workforce, and 23 per cent of global software engineering talent, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday.

Addressing the Special Ministerial Plenary and Report Back session at the inaugural 'CII GCC Business Summit 2025' here, Sitharaman said "We have among the highest penetration of AI skills globally".

In the last decade, 7 new IITs & 16 new IIITs have been opened across the country. India has among the highest proportion of female STEM graduates, at 42.7 per cent. It is important because there is approximately 35 per cent female participation in GCC workforce," she told the gathering.

She noted that India's Global Capability Centres (GCCs) are at a critical inflection point, evolving from back-office hubs to strategic centres of innovation and leadership.

Since 1985, it took over 30 years to reach 1,000 GCCs, but in just the last decade, an additional 800 have been established.



Today, India is home to 1,800 GCCs employing 2.16 million professionals, contributing \$68 billion to GDP with the potential to touch \$150-200 billion by 2030.

Over 50 per cent of Fortune 500 companies now have a presence in India, drawn by the country's deep talent pool, competitive costs, and ecosystem maturity.

This rise, she emphasised, has been underpinned by India's emergence as a global talent engine.

Over 1.6 crore youth have also been trained under the PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana. "Our vision is clear: we are not just preparing for the future; we are building it," FM

Sitharaman stressed.

The Finance Minister emphasised how the government has been working on reducing approval timelines, enhancing tax certainty including on Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs), and integrating administrative support across ministries.

All these, she reiterated, extend to GCCs as well. Notably, she encouraged greater investment in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and showcased models like GIFT City as examples of regulatory facilitation. "India must not lose this opportunity," she concluded, pledging full government support in powering the GCC growth story.

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, acknowledged the government's leadership in positioning GCCs as a national priority.

He reiterated CII's commitment to working with the government and industry to ensure that India not only leads the world in GCC scale, but also in value, innovation, and strategic capability.

Earlier in the day, Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Department of Commerce, said manufacturing comparative advantage is no longer the benchmark for trade among nations.

"With the service sector expanding its niche and GCC's becoming a hub for providing services to manufacturing companies, FTAs have become a very critical enabler of the GCC ecosystem", Barthwal highlighted at one of the sessions.

Reiterating the importance of FTAs, Barthwal noted that the "India-UK" FTA has a special chapter on Innovation thereby strengthening innovation corridors between partner countries. He further added that FTAs ensure regulatory practices and institutional mechanisms between two sets of partners which can be harmonised and sustained.

EAM Jaishankar holds constructive India-China discussions ahead of SCO meeting



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BEIJING: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Monday met Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee (IDCPC), holding discussions on "constructive" Indo-China relationship in Beijing.

Taking to X, EAM Jaishankar wrote, "Good to meet IDCPC Minister Liu Jianchao in Beijing. Discussed the changing global order and the emergence of multipolarity. Spoke about a constructive India-China relationship in that context."

EAM Jaishankar also met Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and China's Foreign Minister, expressing the need for a far-seeing approach to bilateral ties and building a stable and constructive relationship between the two neighbouring countries.

"Incumbent on us to address aspects related to the border, normalizing people-to-people exchanges and avoiding restrictive trade measures and roadblocks. Confident that on the foundation of mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity, ties can develop along a positive trajectory," the EAM posted on X after the meeting.

The EAM is in China, his first visit to the country since the violent confrontation in Galwan Valley in May 2020, to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting (CFM) in Tianjin, on Tuesday.

"We will be meeting in the format of the SCO, whose primary mandate is to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism. This is a shared concern and India hopes that zero

tolerance for terrorism will be strongly upheld," Jaishankar said in his opening remarks during a meeting with the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar met SCO Secretary-General Nurlan Yermekbayev, holding discussions on the SCO's growing importance and ongoing efforts to modernise its functioning.

Following the meeting, the EAM shared on social media, "Glad to meet SCO SG Nurlan Yermekbayev in Beijing today. Discussed the contribution and importance of SCO, as well as the endeavours to modernise its working."

The diplomatic engagement comes ahead of the 25th Heads of State Council meeting of the SCO, scheduled to be held in Tianjin later this year. India had assumed the SCO Presidency in 2023, followed by Pakistan, which hosted the Leaders' Summit in 2024.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a permanent intergovernmental organisation comprising India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, and Belarus. The body aims to strengthen regional cooperation in political, economic, and security matters.

Jaishankar's visit also follows recent high-level Indian participation in SCO-related events, when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval visited China in June for defence and security-focused SCO meetings.

The EAM also met Chinese Vice President Han Zheng in Beijing and emphasised that the continued normalisation of ties between India and China can yield "mutually beneficial" results.

PM Netanyahu slams Attorney General for charging top aide

IAN S

TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday slammed the country's Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara over the announcement of pending criminal charges against the Prime Minister's top aide Yonatan Urlich calling the move "baseless and unfounded".

"The disgraceful announcement by the Attorney General regarding the intention to prosecute Yonatan Urlich, especially at this particular time, is an unfortunate decision that raises serious questions," the Israeli PM posted on X.

"I am familiar with the details, and I state clearly and unequivocally: there was no harm to national security. Yonatan did not harm national security. This is an absurd, baseless move — intended to serve a different agenda, and not the public's best interest," the post added.

The remarks came after Attorney General Miara announced pending charges against Urlich ahead of a government panel hearing scheduled for Monday to consider her potential dismissal.

Reports suggest that the prosecutors alleged that Urlich, together with Eli

Feldstein, a former military spokesman for Netanyahu, leaked classified Israel Defence Forces (IDF) documents to the press, a case that has embroiled the Prime Minister's Office.

"This was information classified at the highest possible level that was obtained through secret intelligence means, and Urlich, by exposing it, may have endangered state security and lives," the Attorney General's Office said in a statement to the press.

"The release of classified information by Urlich and Feldstein was intended, among other things, to influence public opinion regarding the Prime Minister, and to shift the discourse at the time regarding the murder of the six hostages in August 2024," the statement added.

However, Urlich's lawyers Amit Hadad and Noa Milstein asserted that their client "denies all the allegations against him", and that he "never possessed and never transmitted a classified document and definitely didn't harm national security". They called the attorney general's announcement "baseless" which "comes at a timing that isn't coincidental", adding that Urlich's "innocence will be proven beyond doubt".

India achieves 50 pc clean power capacity five years ahead of target

IAN S

NEW DELHI: India has achieved a landmark in its energy transition journey by reaching 50 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources - five years ahead of the target set under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy announced on Monday.

This significant milestone underscores the country's steadfast commitment to climate action and sustainable development, and signals that India's clean energy transition is not only real but

also accelerating, the statement said.

Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said, "In a world seeking climate solutions, India is showing the way. Achieving 50 per cent non-fossil fuel capacity five years ahead of the 2030 target is a proud moment for every Indian. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership continues to drive Bharat's green transformation - paving the path towards a self-reliant and sustainable future."

This achievement reflects the success of visionary policy design, bold implementation, and the country's deep commitment to equity and climate responsibility.

Lok Sabha ushers in AI era; adopts multilingual access, digital attendance, real-time transcriptions

IAN S

NEW DELHI: In a landmark move to modernise parliamentary operations, the Lok Sabha Secretariat has unveiled a suite of digital and AI-driven (Artificial Intelligence) initiatives aimed at enhancing transparency, inclusivity, and accessibility for both Members of Parliament and the public.

Foremost among the innovations is the launch of a digital attendance mechanism for Parliamentarians. The reforms were discussed during an informal meeting ahead of the Monsoon Session, with Speaker Om Birla presiding.

Beginning with the first

day of the Monsoon Session, members will mark their presence using Multimedia Devices (MMDs) installed at each seat in the Lok Sabha Chamber.

This streamlined system is expected to save time and reduce procedural redundancies, contributing to a more efficient legislative environment.

In a significant stride toward linguistic inclusivity, the Secretariat has also begun publishing daily Parliamentary business and agenda papers in twelve Indian languages using AI-powered translation tools. These include Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Pun-

jabi, Tamil, and Telugu.

The multilingual documents are made available in real time via the Digital Sansad portal, ensuring broader public engagement and improved comprehension of legislative affairs across linguistic communities.

Further advancing its digital transformation, the Lok Sabha Secretariat has partnered with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to deploy an AI-based speech-to-text transcription system.

Developed under the National Language Translation Mission and powered by the "Sansad Bhashini" model, this tool will operate alongside traditional

verbatim reporting to transcribe parliamentary proceedings with greater speed and precision.

The system supports multiple languages and is designed to eventually become the primary method of documentation, enabling real-time access to debates and discussions.

These initiatives reflect a forward-looking vision for Parliamentary governance, where technology serves as a bridge between elected representatives and the citizens they serve.

By embracing AI and digital tools, the Lok Sabha is setting a precedent for inclusive, transparent, and efficient legislative functioning in the digital age.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No.F1/58/ R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2025-26 issued under Endorsement No:ERB/3952-61 DATED: 10-07-2025.

For an on behalf of The Government of J&K(U)/Te-tenders (Double 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	Electrical / Mechanical work for Fountain at Club Park Kokernag B.W.O Electrical work.	Rs. 9.995/= Lacs	Rs. 600/=	Rs. 19990/=	30 Days	"AAY" Class Electrical/ OEM/ Firms fulfilling Eligibility criteria	UT Capex Budget	Accord of Administrative Approval accorded by Chief Executive officer Kokernag Development Authority Kokernag vide Order No. CEO/KDA/AA/17 of 2023 Dated:-21-07-2024

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-07-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	11-07-2025 from 06.00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	11-07-2025 from 06.00 PM
4	Bid Submission End Date	21-07-2025 upto 04.00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22-07-2025 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 Y.A.FinancedepartmentwideNo. OM No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018whichreadsunder:-a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submissionof e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-) after opening of financial bids.'

- The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing Treasury Challan (Receipt).
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- All the bidders AAYClass Class Electrical/ OEM Firms fulfilling Eligibility criteria shall include the following information and documents with their bids: a. 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.(AsreflectedinGSTRegd.IGSTForm-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.1Name of the work IS. No,Name of the division as per Annexure I
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- 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.

25 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.

26 The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

27 All other terms & conditions shall be as are as per the SBD/ Contract Agreement. Engineerin

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3rd Test: Resilient Jadeja brings up 4th successive fifty, drags match into final session

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LONDON: A resilient Ravindra Jadeja brought up his fourth successive half-century in Tests and dragged the third Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series into the final session after reaching 163/9 in 70 overs at tea on the final day on Monday.

Jadeja's persistent efforts to put up a strong resistance while keeping a calm head, along with Jasprit Bumrah and later Mohammed Siraj being rock solid, means India need 30 runs to win, while England need one wicket to get a hard-fought victory.

The second session began with Jadeja flicking Jofra Archer for four,

before Bumrah was defiant in defence and pulled the pacer for another boundary. England brought in fielders closer to stop giving singles, even as Jadeja and Bumrah hung around to delay the inevitable.

Jadeja got a life on 26 when Chris Woakes trapped him lbw, but got saved as replays showed the ball's impact was outside the line of the off stump. To rub salt on England's wounds, Jadeja danced down the pitch to smack Woakes over deep mid-wicket for six.

In the 49th over, Jadeja took a single on the fifth ball, before Bumrah blocked Brydon Carse on the last delivery. From

overs 50-54, Jadeja took a single on the fourth ball before Bumrah blocked out the remaining two deliveries.

Though the pattern was broken by a returning Shoaib Bashir, Bumrah played out a maiden against a charged-up Stokes and even managed to eke out four leg byes off Bashir to get the deficit below 50.

Stokes' 15-ball short-ball plan finally paid off when he enticed Bumrah to take on a wide short ball and substitute fielder Sam Cook caught the top-edge at mid-on to dismiss him for a 34-ball five. It also meant that a determined 35-run stand off 132 balls between Bumrah and Jadeja came

to an end.

With tea break pushed back by 30 minutes, Jadeja brought up his fifty off 150 balls with a big flash over slips to get a boundary off Stokes, marking it with a muted celebration, before walking off the field for the break with an equally persistent Siraj, who admirably stood up to a short-ball barrage. They were met with applause from India's fans, who now believe they are very close to seeing a miraculous win.

Brief scores:
England 387 and 192 lead India 387 and 163/9 in 70 overs (Ravindra Jadeja 56 not out, KL Rahul 39; Ben Stokes 3-48, Jofra Archer 3-52) by 30 runs



Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta Calls on Director General, Youth Services & Sports Department

GMK NEWS NETWORK

Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, General Secretary of the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Technical Director of the Asian Kabaddi Federation, & Secretary of the Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation, along with S.S. Gill, Technical Director J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association & S. Tajinder Singh, met Ms. Anuradha Gupta, newly appointed Director General, Youth Services & Sports Department, Jammu & Kashmir. The delegation extended warm congratulations on her new assignment.

During the meeting, Dr. Gupta informed the Director General about the upcoming J&K UT Kabaddi Referee Course (Level-I) scheduled to be held in Srinagar from 28th to 31st July 2025. He requested official directions be issued to all district officers to nominate interested PETs, PEMs & Lecturers involved in



Kabaddi for registration by 25th July 2025.

The course aims to enhance the knowledge & skills of officials through training by qualified national & international instructors. It will also prepare them to officiate at departmental camps & tournaments across age

groups. Dr. Gupta also highlighted achievements in the sport, including the establishment of North India's first international-standard Kabaddi Stadium at MA Stadium, Jammu. He expressed hope for greater Kabaddi development under Ms. Gupta's leadership.

T20I tri-series: Hermann-Brevis steer S.A to comfortable five-wicket victory vs Zimbabwe

IAN S

HARARE: South Africa continued their winning ways and registered a five-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the first T20I of the tri-series at the Harare Sports Club on Monday.

After Zimbabwe skipper Sikander Raza remained unbeaten 54 off 38 deliveries saw the hosts put up 141/6, Dewald Brevis' 41 off 17, alongside Rubin Hermann's 46, set up the comfortable run chase for the Proteas and won the game with 25 deliveries to spare.

Zimbabwe opener Wesley Madhevere (1) made it very difficult for his side to get off to a good start after a back of the length delivery by Lungi Ntidi saw him crash his back leg into the stumps for a hit wicket. His opening partner Brian Bennett (30) stood tall while Nqabayomzi Peter bowled over wicket-keeper batter Clive Madande (8).

Bennett followed soon after when he was caught by Reeza Hendricks off George Linde.

Raza, the only player to cross the half-century milestone on the day, struck three boundaries and two maximums as he out on a vital 66-run stand with Ryan Burl (29) before the latter lost his wicket to Nandre Burger.

Linde was the Proteas' most successful bowler on the day as he returned to dismiss Tashinga Musekwa (9) and Tony Munyonga (0) on consecutive deliveries in the final over to restrict the hosts to 141/6.

In response, Proteas were rocked hard when wicket-keeper batter Lhuan-dre Pretorius (0) was caught & bowled on the first ball of the second innings by Richard Ngarava. The left-arm medium pacer returned to clean up Hendricks (11) in his second over.

Proteas skipper Rassie



van der Dussen (16) was not able to make too much of an impact on the scoreboard as he became Trevor Gwandu's first scalp of the night.

From there on out, the duo of Hermann and Brevis took the game away from the Zimbabwe bowlers and put on a 72-run stand.

While Hermann relied on stroke play and carved five boundaries, while also hitting one maximum, Brevis was up to his usual destructive self and batted at a strike rate of 241.18, while hitting five sixes and one boundary, which also saw him being named man of the match, before Gwandu claimed his second and last wicket of the day.

Ngarava continued to trouble the Proteas batters and bowled over Hermann but the damage had already been done as only 13 runs remained. Corbin Bosch (23*) and George Linde (3*) remained unbeaten and steered Proteas to victory by five wickets with 25 balls remaining.

Brief Score: Zimbabwe 141/6 in 20 overs (Sikander Raza 54*, Brian Bennett 30; George Linde 3-10) lost to South Africa 142/5 in 15.5 overs (Rubin Hermann 45, Dewald Brevis 41; Richard Ngarava 3-35) by five wickets.

Hockey Jharkhand lifts Division A title in Sub-Junior women's hockey nationals



IAN S

RANCHI: Hockey Jharkhand were crowned as the champions of the 15th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship 2025 - Division 'A' after defeating Hockey Association of Odisha 1-0 in the final at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium here on Monday.

Hockey Haryana secured the bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in the 3rd/4th position match.

In the final match, Hockey Jharkhand won 1-0 against the Hockey Association of Odisha. Both teams played distinctly and prevented each other from scoring with strong defence skills, but it was Jirn Soy Munda (27*) who paved the way for Hockey

Jharkhand to lift the trophy after netting the only goal of the match on their home soil.

Also, in the 3rd/4th Place match between Hockey Haryana and Hockey Mizoram, Hockey Haryana secured the third place and won the Bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in a nail-biting thriller.

K. Vanlalpeki (9*) opened the goal count on the scoreboard for Hockey Mizoram, but Captain Bhavya (19*), Durga (27*), and Manjinder (30*) soon took the lead for Hockey Haryana to push Hockey Mizoram on the back foot throughout most of the game.

Hockey Mizoram tried hard but couldn't but was unable to convert the opportunities against the strong defence of Hockey Haryana until the very

last minute, where Laldinpuli (60*, 60*) heroics helped Hockey Mizoram end the match with a draw as the final whistle was blown, as she scored two back-to-back goals.

In the shoot-out, again, it was a neck-to-neck competition between both teams. Captain Bhavya, Manjinder, Neeshu, Radhika, and Harshita scored for Hockey Haryana in all five chances that they got. On the other hand, Laldinpuli, C. Lalruatsiami, and Lalinun-fell could only score out of their five chances and fell short in a closely contested game.

Hockey Haryana's goalkeeper Saina's match-winning save in the shootout stood out as be difference maker and helped her side end their campaign on the podium.

Siraj fined for aggressive reaction to Duckett's wicket



IAN S

LONDON: India pacer Mohammed Siraj has been fined 15 per cent of his match fee after a breach in the ICC Code of Conduct during India's Test match against England at Lord's.

The incident happened on the fourth day when Siraj produced a fiery opening spell to claim the scalps of Ben Duckett and Olie Pope. After dismissing Duckett, the pacer celebrated close to the batter in his follow-through and made contact as the opener began his walk back to the Lord's long room.

Siraj was guilty of breaching Article 2.5 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an International Match".

In addition to the fine, one demerit point has been added to Siraj's disciplinary record, for whom it was the second offence in a 24-month period, taking his tally to two demerit points.

When a player reaches

four or more demerit points within a 24-month period, they are converted into suspension points and a player is banned.

The moment was one of several fiery moments in a Test match likely to go down to the wire on day five.

India finished day four at a precarious 58/4 - losing Yas-hasvi Jaiswal, Karun Nair and captain Shubman Gill in the final session on Sunday. With 135 required to win at the iconic venue, India's hopes rely on overnight batter KL Rahul (33 not out) and Rishabh Pant (who will face the first ball on Monday) to lead them to victory.

Commenting on India's position in the match, allrounder Washington Sundar backed his team to comfortably chase the target.

"Definitely, India (are) winning tomorrow. Probably just after Lunch. Yeah, the position we're in right now, probably for one (wicket) at Stumps today would have been ideal. But the way we bowled, all the fast bowlers in particular, the way they came out today, kept the pressure going throughout the day, it was amazing," Sundar stated.

'I have to do it every day' - Shamim on mixing the mercurial with the mundane

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In Sri Lanka, Shamim Hossain is doing things rarely expected from Bangladesh's cricketers. He finds boundaries early in his innings and clears the rope regularly. He is taking excellent catches, both inside the 30-yard circle and in the deep. Even his bowling - his weakest suit - has been accurate. On Sunday, he executed one of the rarest dismissals by a Bangladesh fielder: a direct-hit run out from a tight angle.

Shamim swooped in from point and struck the stumps at the non-striker's end, with Kusal Mendis well short of his crease. Kusal, surprisingly, slowed down despite seeing Shamim charging in. Given Bangladesh's poor history with direct hits, Kusal may be forgiven for underestimating Shamim, who ended his innings with sharp fielding.

Bangladesh's last direct-hit run-out came more than two years ago, when Mehidy Hasan Miraz removed Jos Buttler. Since then, and even long before, fielding has been a major problem for Bangladesh. Their drop-to-catch percentage remains high. Their approach to run-out opportunities receives less scrutiny, but is equally concerning, with frequent misses at the stumps - especially when only one stump is visible.

Earlier that day, Shamim had given Bangladesh a major lifeline with his 27-ball 48. He added 77 runs for the fifth wicket with Litton Das, who also returned to form in white-ball cricket. Bangladesh scored 76 runs in the final



six overs, with Shamim's big-hitting at the death taking them to 177 for 7 in 20 overs. It was 22 runs above Dambulla's average first-innings total in the last five night T20Is at the venue. Bangladesh eventually won by 83 runs, their second-highest margin of victory in T20Is.

Litton was named the Player of the Match, but Shamim was the toast of Dambulla, and one of the few bright sparks for Bangladesh on this tough tour of Sri Lanka. "Whenever I go out to bat, my plan is to stay positive," Shamim said after the match. "Someone has to take risks, and I want to take that responsibility for the team. This was an important win for us."

The series is now level 1-1 heading into the third and final T20I on Wednesday. Shamim also took a fine

catch in the second innings to complement his runs in the first innings, as Bangladesh dominated Sri Lanka in the powerplay. As much as he might want to be a trailblazer for his team, Shamim knows it starts with getting the basics right.

"I think fielding is very important," he said. "I can't say I'm overly happy [with the run-out] because it's my job, something I have to do every day."

Bangladesh's 83-run win was built on two fifty-plus partnerships. Litton and Towhid Hridoy steadied the innings after the openers fell in the first two overs. Then Shamim and Litton got them to a strong position with their rapid fifth-wicket stand.

"Sometimes, you have to slow things down a little," Shamim said. "At that point (when Litton and Hridoy got together), we needed a good partnership because we had strong batters to come later in the innings, and we can always catch up if we have wickets in hand. So, that partnership between Litton and Hridoy was crucial."

"Litton batted really well. It was a turning point because you need a good start early on, and because of that innings, we were able to finish strongly later."

Bangladesh have a chance to sign off the T20I series with a win in Colombo on Wednesday. Once again, they will expect their players to string together vital contributions. Shamim's will be especially crucial because of his ability to mix the basics in with his mercurial acts: common for other teams, but rare for a Bangladeshi. *(ESPNCRICINFO)*