

Good Morning

Kashmir

16th Year Of Publication



Srinagar • Saturday 19, July 2025 • Vol: 16 • Issue No: 165 • Pages: 08 • Price: ₹ 1/- (Air Surcharge for Delhi, Jammu & Ladakh 50/- Paisa) RNI No. JKENG/2010/36998

Monsoon Session Ahead

Rajnath, Shah Discuss ‘Op Sindoor’ With NSA, Tri-Service Chiefs



AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: Ahead of Parliament's Monsoon Session slated to commence from July 21, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high level meet here on Friday.

According to the details available, the meeting held at Rajnath Singh's Delhi residence was attended by National Security Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval, Chief of

Defence Staff, Tri-Services Chiefs and other top officers.

The top officers, according to the sources, briefed the ministers about the success of “Operation Sindoor” and other proactive steps that were taken after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead.

The Defence Minister is likely to give a statement on “Operation Sindoor” in the upcoming monsoon session of the Parliament.

Sources said ●P-06

Omar Interacts With Citizens At Raabita Office Srinagar



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: CM Omar Abdullah after his interaction on Thursday with public at his Jammu Raabita office, today listened to public grievances at Srinagar Raabita office. Several deputations and individuals today called on

the Chief Minister at the weekly public outreach programme and apprised him of various issues, demands and challenges faced by different sections of society.

Prof. Iqbal S. Hasnain, Padma Shri awardee and Member of the Board of Trustees at the National University of ●P-06

DGP Reviews Security Situation, Anti-Terror OPs In Trio Districts

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Friday reviewed the security situation and anti-terror operations in the mountainous districts of Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar, an official said.

The DGP, who visited Bhaderwah and Batote areas, laid emphasis on eliminating both existing and newly formed terrorist groups

hiding in the higher reaches of these districts.

The DGP underscored strengthening the intelligence grid and focused on conducting successful operations.

“The Director General of Police visited the range police headquarters in Batote to review the security, law and order situation, anti-terror operations and administrative readiness in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts,” said a police ●P-06

J&K Emerged As Hub Of Education, Innovation Under PM’s Leadership: LG

Addresses Valedictory Session Of Orientation Programme At IIM Jammu



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir had emerged as a hub of education and innovation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Addressing the Valedictory session of 5-day Orientation Programme at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, LG sinha said, “I wish to see the young and bright minds as business leaders and thinkers of tomorrow who will shape the economic progress of society and the

future of this great country. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to all the students on the beginning of their new journey.

He called upon the management students to focus on changing the lives of people, push for inclusive growth and make sure no one is left behind.

As we seek to make India a developed country by 2047, we must ensure greater prosperity for all.

Future of India's business innovation and ●P-06

US Labels ‘The Resistance Front’ Behind Pahalgam Attack As Terrorist Group

AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS: The United States has designated The Resistance Front (TRF)—a proxy of the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the outfit behind the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack—as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT).

The announcement was made on Thursday (local time) by the US Department of State. In an official statement, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the move reflects Washington's resolve to enforce President Donald Trump's call for justice for the Pahalgam attack.

Rubio stressed that TRF acts as a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba and claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack. “This action underscores our commitment to counter terrorism and hold accountable those who target civilians,” he said.

The State Department further emphasised that the Trump administration remains committed to pro-



tecting US and allied interests by cracking down on extremist organisations worldwide.

“These actions reflect the Trump administration's commitment to protecting national security, countering terrorism, and upholding President Trump's call for justice after the Pahalgam attack,” the statement noted.

India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar welcomed the US decision and expressed his appreciation in a post on X.

“Thank you Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the US

State Department for designating TRF—a Lashkar-e-Tayyiba proxy—as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). A strong affirmation of India-US counter-terrorism cooperation,” he wrote.

On April 22, four armed terrorists stormed the Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam and shot Hindu men after confirming their religion.

This escalated a major military conflict with India launching Operation Sindoor - precision airstrikes on terror launchpads ●P-06

THANK YOU SECRETARY OF STATE MARCO RUBIO AND THE US STATE DEPARTMENT for designating TRF—a Lashkar-e-Tayyiba proxy—as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). A strong affirmation of India-US counter-terrorism cooperation,” he wrote.

Govt Intends To Make J&K 365- Days Destination Beyond Seasons: Dy CM

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Friday chaired the maiden meeting of Confederation of Indian Industry Northern Regional Committee on tourism and hospitality held in Srinagar to discuss the strategic interventions on revival of tourism and position J&K as global tourism hub.

Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Aslam Wani and MLA Gulmarg Farooq Ahmed Shah were present in the meeting.

While addressing the meeting, the Dy CM highlighted several key points on boosting tourism growth through collaboration and value-added verticals in Jammu and Kashmir. He maintained that the government intended to position J&K



as a premier 365-Day destination beyond seasons. He urged the CII to support the government in shifting focus from summer/winter peaks to year-round tourism through curated experiences.

“Tourism and Kashmir are inter-related in such a way that one can't be described in absence

of other. It is not like that tourism in Kashmir is for a particular season but round the year. Every season has its own significance” he added.

The Dy CM said that the CII has been working closely with government on policy issues, enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and expanding ●P-06

Every Disaster A Lesson To Learn From: CS



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards enhancing the disaster resilience and preparedness, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir conducted a high-level workshop on the Incident Response System (IRS) Friday.

The workshop was attended by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary Home and DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti, senior Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Heads of Departments and National Disaster Manage-

ment experts including Brigadier Kuldeep Singh (Retd), Former Senior Consultant, Ministry of Home Affairs.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary underlined the critical importance of building a culture of disaster preparedness among the citizens and institutions. “Disasters often arrive without warning and in every such instance, citizens are the first responders,” he said. “Each capable individual has a moral responsibility to contribute to disaster resilience by being aware, prepared and proactive.”

Highlighting Jammu ●P-06

Amarnath Yatra Resumes After Daylong Suspension

Over 16,000 Pilgrims Perform Darshan At Holy Cave



UMAISAR GULL GANIE

SRINAGAR: The annual Amarnath Yatra resumed on Friday after remaining suspended for a day due to bad weather, while over 16,000 pilgrims had darshan at the holy cave today, officials said.

An official informed that the Yatra had been halted on Thursday following relentless rains, which triggered landslides along the routes, posing a threat to the safety of pilgrims. However, with improved weather conditions, authorities gave the green light for pilgrims to proceed.

Amid religious fervour and passion, 16,858 pilgrims paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine

on Friday, he said.

The pilgrims who paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine included 11,357 males, 4,816 females, 220 children, 125 sadhus, 18 sadhvis, and 322 security personnel. The cumulative number of pilgrims who have performed darshan so far has reached 2,73,091.

The official said the 16th batch comprising 7,908 pilgrims left from the Jammu base camp early on Friday morning under tight security.

The convoy departed in 261 vehicles, with 92 on the Baltal route and 169 on the Pahalgam axis. The batch comprised 5,957 males, 1,613 females, 26 children, 290 sadhus, and 22 sadhvis. ●P-06

Dressed In Traditional Ladakhi Goncha, Gupta Sworn In As LG Ladakh

YOGESH

SRINAGAR: Kavinder Gupta, former deputy chief minister of Jammu & Kashmir, was sworn in as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh on Friday morning.

At an impressive function held at Raj Niwas, Leh, Gupta was administered oath of office and secrecy by Justice Arun Palli, chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

Dressed in traditional Ladakhi attire, known as Goncha, Gupta was administered the oath by the CJ after Chief Secretary Pawan Kotwal read out his warrant of appointment.

The swearing-in ceremony of the LG was attended by Member Parliament Ladakh, Haneefa Jan, Chief Executive Councilors of Leh and Kargil Hill Councils, Tashi Namgayal and Dr Jaffer Akhoun, respectively, BJP J&K unit president Sat Pal



Sharma and top bureaucrats and police officials.

Talking to reporters after taking oath, the LG said that he will work collectively for development of Ladakh. “I want to assure the people of Ladakh that we will rise above religion, caste, and party politics and work together for the development of Ladakh. We have to do much more for Ladakh. There is no doubt that Ladakh has faced discrimination in the past. ●P-06

CS inspires new batch at IIM Jammu

Emphasizes ethical leadership, nation-building

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In an insightful address to the newly admitted batch of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday exhorted students to embrace their journey with purpose, passion and a deep commitment to public good.

The event marked the commencement of the academic year for one of India's youngest and most dynamic IIMs.

Congratulating the students for securing admission to a premier national institution, the Chief Secretary emphasized that IIM Jammu is not merely an academic campus, but a crucible of transformation. "You have crossed a significant milestone and now stand at the threshold of an experience that will transform your lives," he said, calling upon the students to not only become professionals but also leaders of values and vision.

Quoting Malcolm X, he remarked, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today," setting the tone for an address that combined wisdom, pragmatism and inspiration.

Describing IIM Jammu



as a symbol of aspiration and excellence in New India, the Chief Secretary said the institution carries the energy and potential to shape the future leaders who can contribute to the region and the nation. "You are not just students you are ambassadors of this institution," he told the gathering, underlining the mutual responsibility between the individuals and institutions.

Dulloo highlighted that an MBA is more than a degree, it is a holistic journey that shapes decision-making, leadership character and ethical thinking. "You will learn the language of markets and innovation, but more importantly, you will learn collaboration, humility and empathy," he said, quoting Martin Luther King Jr., "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

Speaking on India's evolving economic and developmental landscape, the Chief Secretary observed that the country is witnessing a historic transformation through rapid digitalization, infrastructure growth, start-up momentum and global positioning. However, he stressed that along with these opportunities come challenges like climate change, social equity and sustainable development.

Emphasizing on developing the leadership traits, he maintained that the nation doesn't need managers who maintain the status quo but it needs leaders who think boldly, act ethically and lead with courage.

Touching upon the region's rapid development, the Chief Secretary noted that Jammu & Kashmir is emerging as a hub for innovation, entrepre-

neurship and governance reforms. He encouraged the students to engage with the region meaningfully. He urged them not to be just passive observers but to be catalysts to bring the necessary change.

Drawing from his experience in public life, Dulloo offered five principles for personal and professional success. He asked for staying curious, being resilient, acting ethically with full integrity, be inclusive showing respect to diversity and leading with compassion saying that kindness is a powerful leadership characteristic.

The Chief Secretary encouraged the students to see the next two years as the foundation of a meaningful life. "Don't just aim for a good job only aim for a good life too," he said, urging them to build a legacy of purpose and service.

Youth dies fighting off robber during burglary attempt in Qazigund

Accused arrested; FIR registered, investigation underway: Police

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

QAZIGUND: A 25-year-old youth was killed in Qazigund area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district during the intervening night of Thursday and Friday after a thief, impersonating a security forces official, broke into his house and engaged in a scuffle with him.

Official sources said that the robber, posing as a security personnel, barged into the residence of Mohammad Yaseen Bandy, a resident of Kishgund Sangran, under the pretext of conducting a search operation.

Sensing something suspicious, Zahid Ahmad Bandy, son of the house owner, confronted the intruder and tried to apprehend him, leading to a scuffle.

During the altercation, Zahid was critically injured after being attacked with a sharp-edged weapon. He was immediately rushed to Emergency Hospital Qazigund, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The accused has been identified as Naseer Ahmad Sheikh, a resident of Nussu Badragund. He

was later caught by locals and handed over to the police. He was found wearing a security forces uniform, and a walkie-talkie, toy pistol and a sharp knife were recovered from his possession.

The robber, who also sustained injuries during the confrontation, was shifted to GMC Anantnag for treatment before being taken into police custody.

Locals expressed shock over the incident. Ajaz Ahmad Bandy, a local resident, said: "There is fear in the village. Such incidents must not happen again. We demand severe punishment for the accused. He can't be acting alone, those behind him must be identified and the motive should be thoroughly investigated."

The deceased Zahid Ahmad Bandy was scheduled to get married in September, adding to the grief of the family and the local population.

A police officer told KNO that a case under FIR number 147/2025 has been registered and investigation is underway with all possible angles being probed—(KNO)

AIOF office bearers call on Forest Minister



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The office bearers of the All India Forest Officers Federation (AIOF) Friday called on Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat, here.

Led by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Suresh Kumar Gupta, the delegation apprised the Minister that the main function of the Forest Martyrs Day, 2025, will be observed in Srinagar on September 11, 2025.

The purpose of this observance is to commemorate the sacrifices of the foresters who have laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect India's precious forests and wildlife.

The Minister appreciated the decision of the Federation to hold the national level function in Srinagar. He acknowledged the crucial role that

forest officials, guards and environmentalists play in preserving the country's natural resources.

The Minister instructed the Forest authorities to extend all possible assistance to the Federation in collectively organising the national level event. This celebration will ensure that the sacrifices of those who have given their lives in the service of the environment are duly honored.

The Minister stated that the government is committed to support the initiatives that recognize and celebrate the bravery and dedication of individuals working towards environmental conservation.

"The commemoration of Forest Martyrs Day is a tribute to the selfless service and ultimate sacrifices made by forest officials and others who have worked tirelessly to protect India's forests and wildlife," he said.

Comm SMC Inspects Animal Birth Control Facilities at Tengpora, Shuhama

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at reinforcing animal welfare and public health infrastructure in Srinagar, Fazlul Haseeb (IAS), Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), undertook an inspection tour of multiple Animal Birth Control (ABC) facilities in the city Friday. The visit was part of SMC's ongoing efforts to ensure efficient and humane management of the stray dog population under the guidelines of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

Commissioner SMC was accompanied by Joint Commissioner (Administration), Joint Commissioner (Works), Health Officer, and Executive Engineers of the Corporation during the inspection.

The Commissioner first visited the ABC Centre at Tengpora, which is fully functional and plays a critical role in carrying out sterilization and vaccination of stray dogs. The



facility is equipped with dedicated operation theatres, post-operative care units, and recovery kennels. Mr. Haseeb interacted with the veterinary and support staff and reviewed the procedural workflow, ensuring that all operations are being conducted in compliance with animal welfare norms.

He then proceeded to the ABC Centre at Shuhama, a key institutional support unit in collaboration with the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences at SKUAST-Kashmir. The Commissioner appreciated the collaborative efforts of SMC and SKUAST in delivering quality veterinary services and highlighted the impor-

ance of continued inter-agency coordination for effective implementation of ABC protocols.

The final leg of the inspection covered the under-construction ABC facility at Chatterhama, where nearly 80% of the work has already been completed. The new center is being developed as a state-of-the-art unit with multiple operation tables, holding areas, and enhanced sanitation and waste disposal mechanisms. Commissioner Haseeb issued directions for expediting the remaining work and instructed the engineering and animal husbandry teams to ensure the project is completed within the

stipulated timeframe, with strict adherence to quality standards.

During the inspection, the Commissioner reiterated the importance of ABC facilities not only as a means of stray dog population control but also as a critical component of public safety, urban sanitation, and humane animal care. He expressed satisfaction over the progress made and assured that SMC is committed to scaling up its ABC infrastructure in line with the city's growing needs.

He also emphasized community awareness and the role of citizens in supporting these initiatives by reporting stray dog hotspots and cooperating with field teams during capture and release operations.

These visits are part of a broader SMC initiative to modernize civic infrastructure, promote animal welfare, and strengthen the city's preparedness in handling zoonotic disease risks in urban environments.

'Saiyaara' draws packed houses in Srinagar's INOX multiplex

REHAN QAYYOM MIR

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to Kashmir's cinema culture, Srinagar's INOX multiplex is once again witnessing packed shows, as this time for 'Saiyaara', the much-anticipated romantic drama from Yash Raj Films, marking the first such craze since Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster Pathaan movie.

The film's advance bookings were sold out within just two hours of opening, prompting the theatre to increase the number of shows to meet the soaring demand.

"Initially, we planned only two shows, but the response was overwhelming. We had to add three more shows, and now all of them are houseful for Friday, Saturday and Sunday," the INOX Srinagar Manager said.

Notably, the film, which marks the Bollywood debut of Ahaan Panday and Annet Padma, is directed by Mohit Suri.

Its emotional storyline, combined with the buzz around the title track, sung by Kashmiri artists Faheem Abdullah and Arslan Nizami, has gone viral across the Valley. The soulful track, blending Kashmiri musical sensibilities with Bollywood romance, has already made an emotional connection with listeners, especially local youth, who are widely sharing the lyrics and humming the lyrics on social media platforms.

Meanwhile, as cinema culture gradually returns to the Valley, such overwhelming public response is being hailed as a key milestone in the revival of collective movie-watching and cultural engagement in Kashmir—(KNO)

ment, this is the second time since Pathaan's release in January 2023 that the multiplex has witnessed such a massive public turnout.

"In Pathaan, we came to watch King Khan on the big screen after 30 years. Now, with Saiyaara, it's the freshness of new faces, a strong love story and Kashmiri voices in the music that's drawing us in," said Irfan Ahmad, a local resident from Bemina, Srinagar.

Another movie lover said the theatre was jam-packed just like it was during Pathaan's release. "But this time, I felt more emotionally connected because the music felt like it belonged to Kashmir. It's a proud moment," he said.

According to INOX officials, while Pathaan relied on nostalgia and star power to draw crowds, Saiyaara is attracting audiences with its relatability, youthful vibe and regional music connect.

It is worth mentioning that the title song of Saiyaara, sung by Kashmiri artists Faheem Abdullah and Arslan Nizami, has gone viral across the Valley. The soulful track, blending Kashmiri musical sensibilities with Bollywood romance, has already made an emotional connection with listeners, especially local youth, who are widely sharing the lyrics and humming the lyrics on social media platforms.

Meanwhile, as cinema culture gradually returns to the Valley, such overwhelming public response is being hailed as a key milestone in the revival of collective movie-watching and cultural engagement in Kashmir—(KNO)

Doctors call off strike at GMC Jammu, medical services resume

JAHANGEER GANAIE

JAMMU: After two days of disruption, the doctors at Government Medical College (GMC) and Hospital (GMC&H) Jammu have officially called off their indefinite strike, bringing much-needed relief to the patients and restoring regular medical services across the hospital.

The strike, which began following an alleged physical assault on two female doctors by attendants of a deceased patient on Wednesday, had severely affected healthcare delivery, including Out-Patient Department (OPD), in-patient care, and several critical services.

Emergency services were only partially operational, managed by senior doctors and limited medical staff.

The decision to end the protest came after successful negotiations between the hospital administration and representatives of the protesting doctors.

According to officials, the woman accused of assaulting the doctors has been taken into custody and a formal case has been registered against those involved.

"We deeply respect our duty to serve patients and regret the inconvenience caused. However, our protest was essential to demand accountability and protection for healthcare professionals," said a spokesperson from the doctors' association. "Following firm assurances from the administration and the government, we have decided to end the strike."

The doctors had demanded immediate arrest of the culprits, registration of an FIR, and stronger security arrangements to prevent such incidents in the future. Their primary concern was ensuring a safe and secure working environment within the hospital premises.

The hospital administration, in a statement, acknowledged the doctors' concerns and assured that strict legal action will be taken against those responsible for the assault. Officials also committed to enhancing the hospital's internal security system to safeguard medical staff.

"Patient care is our top priority, and any threat to our healthcare workers will not be tolerated. We will strengthen surveillance and ensure more security personnel are deployed within the hospital premises," an official said.

As the strike ends, normalcy is gradually returning to GMC Jammu. OPD and in-patient services have resumed and patients who had been waiting for consultations and treatment have begun receiving care again.

Patients and their attendants expressed relief at the resumption of services. "We understand the doctors' concerns, but we are glad that things are finally getting back to normal. Healthcare must not suffer," said Ramesh Kumar, an attendant at the hospital.

The incident was widely condemned especially by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and various doctor bodies across India—(KNO)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR
(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhcdk@yahoo.in)
CANCELLATION
Subject: - 1. S.I.T.C of Hot water Generator of capacity 06 Lac Kcal/hr along with allied works at Govt. CD Hospital, Srinagar.
Ref:- 1. This office e- NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2025-26/42/e-tendering Dated 08.07.2025
In view of the technical reasons, the above referred e-NIT issued by this office is here by cancelled same shall be issued afresh shortly.
No: M&HDS/TS/2690-93 Sd/-
Dated: 17.07.2025 Executive Engineer,
DIPK-3929-25 Mechanical & Hospitals Division,
DT: 18/07/2025 Srinagar

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR
Email-directortourismkmr@gmail.com Phone/Fax: 0194-2502279-81
Subject:- Tentative Seniority List of Ministerial/ Technical staff of the Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir and Tourism Development Authorities- Seeking of objections thereof.
CIRCULAR
The Tentative Seniority List of Ministerial/Technical staff of the Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir and Tourism Development Authorities prepared by this office as per records available, is hereby issued for information to the concerned employees for objections. The objections, if any, shall reach to this office within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of the Tentative Seniority List. Objections received thereafter, will not be entertained.
No. Est/407-A/DTK/483 Sd/-
Dated:-15- 07-2025 DIPK-3927-25 Joint Director Tourism,
DT: 18/07/2025 Kashmir.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (U T)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MACHINERY DIVISION KASHMIR, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, KASHMIR.
| Fax No: 0194-2497093 | email: xenmds@gmail.com |
website: www.medkashmir.org |
CORRIGENDUM 04
FOR DATE EXTENSION
Name of work: - Stage contract for Mechanical / Electrical spare parts of road construction Machinery of Machinery Division Kashmir.
Reference: This office e-NIT No: - MDSK/TS /2025-26/07 Date:04-06-2025. (Tender ID: - 2025_PWD-JK_278281_1)
Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT are extended as under: -

S.No.	Description	Previous Dates	New Dates.
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	16-07-2025 upto 06:55 PM	24-07-2025 upto 06:55 PM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	17-07-2025 at 02:00 PM	25-07-2025 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.
Sd/
No: MDSK/TS/1371-74 DIPK-3923-25 Executive Engineer
Date: 17-07-2025. DT: 18/07/2025 Machinery Division, Kashmir.

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA AISHMUQAM
DISTT. ANANTNAG
CBSE AFFILIATED SCHOOL
The last date to submit the application form for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) is 29th July 2025. The date of Selection Test: 11th April 2026
Eligibility Criteria:
The student must be a bonafide resident of District Anantnag. The student must be currently studying in Class V in a government or government-recognized school in the same district. The child should be born between 1st May 2014 and 31st July 2016 (both dates inclusive).
How to Apply:
Visit the official websites for complete details and online application:
► www.navodaya.gov.in
► https://cbseitms.rcil.gov.in/nvs
DIPK-3915-25 Sd/-
DT: 18/07/2025 Principal JNV Aishmuqam

Good Morning
Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Lalbazar Colony: Parks Turned Private Property

Once envisioned as spaces of joy, health, and recreation for the people, especially for children, the public parks established by the government in new colonies around Srinagar are slowly vanishing. What was meant to be a sanctuary for play and leisure has now become a battleground of encroachment, apathy, and silence. The case of Lalbazar stands as a glaring example of how a noble initiative can fall prey to greed and negligence.

In Lalbazar's newly developed colony, a park that was meant to offer children a place to play and families a space to unwind has been brazenly occupied by residents. Once earmarked as public land, the park now wears the look of a private property, divided, fenced, and used in a manner far removed from its intended purpose. The tragedy is not only in the illegal occupation itself but in the quiet acceptance of this transformation by both citizens and authorities. This issue points to a deeper crisis: the erosion of public responsibility and the failure of enforcement mechanisms. Public land, especially parks, are not empty spaces waiting to be claimed. They are community assets, essential for mental and physical well-being, social interaction, and urban sustainability. Their loss is not just the loss of land, but the loss of a right.

Authorities must act, not merely by issuing notices but by taking visible and enforceable steps to reclaim these spaces. Simultaneously, residents must remember that community living demands a sense of shared responsibility. Vandalizing public assets only diminishes the quality of life for everyone, including the offenders.

We urge the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and local development bodies to launch a full-scale audit of parks across the city, beginning with Lalbazar. Let this not be another case of "what could have been." Instead, let it be a turning point, where we choose to protect our public spaces rather than plunder them. The city's children deserve parks, not concrete plots disguised as homes.

Good Morning
Kashmir

Editor, Owner, Printer, Publisher
Javed Ashraf Shah

Associate Editor

Sulaiman Muhammed Shah

Legal Advisor

Bashir Sidiq

Bureau Chief Jammu:

Harbans Nagokay

R.N.I No: JKENG/2010/36998

Regd No: 109555

Office No: 0194-3593724

Email:

goodmorningkashmir@gmail.com

Office Address:

B-11, Budshah Flats, Jehangir

Chowk, Srinagar-190001

Printed at:

Khidmat Offset Printing Press, The Bund, Srinagar

Published From:

Main Bus Stand, Near Masjid Rehmat, Lal Bazar, Srinagar - 190023

Layout Designer
Aijaz Ahmad Dar

The Glorious Chinar

Conservation Of This Tree Is A Critical Need Today



DR.SHIBEN KRISHEN RAINA

The Chinar is Kashmir's most celebrated tree, a symbol of this land's beauty, culture, and heritage. In the Kashmiri language, Chinar is called 'Boony,' and according to linguists, the word 'Boony' derives from 'Bhavani.' From this perspective, it holds special religious significance. In the Kashmir Valley, wherever there is a temple or religious site, a Chinar tree can almost always be found nearby.

In truth, the Chinar is an integral part of Kashmir's beauty. It is Kashmir's heritage, a cultural thread woven into its very soul. The uniqueness of Chinar leaves lies in how they change color with the seasons. In summer, the Chinar's leaves are deep green, while in autumn, they transform first to blood red, then deep yellow, and finally to golden yellow. It is believed that Chinar trees are also found in the northern temperate regions of North America, Eurasia, and North Africa. Among these, Kashmir has the highest concentration of Chinar trees. When I was at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study at Rashtrapati Niwas in Shimla, I saw three or four Chinar trees in the campus. It is believed that the Chinar tree has an extraordinarily long lifespan. Some claim its age can exceed three thousand years. This is not merely a tree, but a symbol of Kashmir's Kashmiriyat, deeply influencing the life, history, and environment there. This tree is Kashmir's identity, lovingly called "Boony" by its people. This characteristic sets the Chinar apart from other trees. The Chinar can grow 30 to 40 meters tall, and its shade spreads far and wide.

As mentioned, the Chinar has religious importance. Ancient temples and pilgrimage sites are often graced by Chinar trees. This tree is considered a symbol of peace and spirituality. The Chinar trees standing by Dal Lake and those in Naseem Bagh are special attractions for tourists.

The Chinar is not merely a symbol of beauty but is also extremely beneficial for the environment. Its leaves provide coolness and purify the atmosphere. The Chinar tree is a primary source of shade and cool air during summers in Kashmir's cold climate. Its dried leaves serve as fuel in winter. Chinar wood is used for making furniture and handicrafts.

According to reports, the number of Chinar trees in Kashmir is declining. Either they are being cut down illegally or are not



being properly maintained. Conservation of this tree is a critical need today. It is reported that in 1947, there were approximately 45,000 Chinar trees in Kashmir, but today this number is rapidly decreasing. Due to urbanization, illegal felling, and environmental changes, there has been a significant reduction in Chinar trees. The government has taken several steps for Chinar conservation. The tradition of celebrating 'Chinar Day' on March 15 has been initiated to raise awareness about this tree's importance. Several schemes have also been launched for planting new Chinar saplings. The Chinar has left a deep imprint on Kashmir's life, art, and literature. Designs of Chinar leaves are created on Kashmiri shawls, carpets, and papier-mâché items. Many poets and writers have mentioned the Chinar's beauty in their works.

As stated earlier, the Chinar is a symbol of Kashmir's cultural and natural heritage. It is not just a tree but Kashmir's identity and an integral part of life here. It is our duty to conserve it. The Chinar is a priceless heritage not only for today's generation but for generations to come.

'Chinar' is a Persian word. Clearly, this word must have become prevalent in Kashmir during Muslim rule. In this context, a folk tale is also popular in Kashmir. It is said that a king was traveling to Kashmir on horseback from the plains. It was autumn. The Chinar leaves in Kashmir had turned red. When the king saw a row of reddened Chinars from afar, he suddenly asked his chief attendant, pointing to the line of Chinars, 'Een Chinar?' meaning 'What fire is this?' It is said that from then on, this particular tree came to be known as 'Chinar.'

The Chinar is a tall and magnificently broad tree. Its trunk is quite thick. It is said that within six to seven years, a Chinar can reach a height of seventy feet. The trunk circumference of Kashmir's Chinars is generally found to be thirty-three feet and height up to a hundred feet! While there are Chinar

trees every hundred yards in Kashmir, they are mainly found along lakes, rivers, and roadsides in the valley. The prominent and famous Chinar gardens include Naseem, Vijayeshwar (today's Bijbehara), and Narayan Bagh (adjacent to Shadipur). Chinars are also found in the gardens, temples, mosques, schools, and college campuses of the Kashmir Valley. The two small islands of the world-famous Dal Lake, 'Sona Lank' (Golden Lanka) and 'Rupa Lank' (Silver Lanka), are centers of attraction for tourists and locals primarily because of their magnificent Chinars.

It is said that Emperor Akbar had a Chinar garden planted on the shores of Dal Lake in 1635 CE. Twelve hundred Chinars were planted in this garden. This garden is now called 'Naseem Bagh.' The Chinar garden of Vijayeshwar is said to have been planted by Dara Shikoh. The trunk circumference of the oldest Chinar in this garden is reported to be fifty-two feet. However, this Chinar has now succumbed to time. The Chinar thrives in temperate climates. It can be grown from both cuttings and seeds. After planting, considerable care is needed for four to five years. But after this period, no special attention is required. Chinar trees have been planted in several warm climate regions as well. However, they do not flourish here as much as they do in temperate climate regions. In November-December, Chinar leaves fall, and the tree remains bare throughout winter.

New leaves begin to appear on its branches in April-May. It is widely believed in Kashmir that when new Chinar leaves grow to the size of swan's feet, the air passing through them cures tuberculosis. Perhaps when Chinar leaves reach the size of a swan's foot, they release more oxygen, which is why this belief is prevalent in Kashmir. Very few people know that Chinars also flower. These flowers are so small that people don't even notice their existence. Over a hundred of these tiny flowers together form a small ball.

Two to six such balls hang in clusters from a small, thin, delicate branch. According to botanists, male and female flowers hang in separate clusters on different branches. The colors of these male and female flowers are yellow and green, respectively. The male flower cluster is more delicate than the female flower cluster. Male flower clusters fall early in spring, but female flower clusters remain with the tree longer to produce seeds. Chinar seeds are very light and small.

The Chinar's influence extends to Kashmir's handicrafts. Chinar leaves are embroidered on the world-famous shawls here, enhancing their beauty manifold. Shawls with Chinar leaf designs are named 'Chinar-dor.' Artisans who make beautiful wooden items, carpets, felt rugs, and papier-mâché proudly carve, weave, embroider, and paint Chinar leaves on their handcrafted products.

The Kashmiri language has several idioms influenced by the Chinar. When faced with a difficult task, people often say 'yi gav botri muhul tarun.' Similarly, to emphasize someone's extreme obesity, the idiom is 'bonyi gwad hyu' (meaning like a Chinar trunk).

Excellent plywood is made from Chinar wood. Beautiful and durable tables and chairs are crafted from its wood. Chinar wood also serves as fuel. Not just its wood, but its leaves are also useful. When Chinar leaves fall from branches in November-December, these crispy brown leaves save thousands of people from the deadly winter cold. The fallen dry leaves are collected and burned to make charcoal. A kangri filled with charcoal from Chinar leaves provides no less comfort to any Kashmiri in winter than sitting in an air-conditioned room.

Author is Former Fellow, IIAS, Rashtrapati Niwas, Shimla, Ex-Member, Hindi Sahakar Samiti, Ministry of Law & Justice (Govt. of India). He can be mailed at skraina123@gmail.com

>>> In Kashmir

Love Is No Longer Blind, It Waits For A Govt Job

MOHAMMAD NADEEM PARRAY

In the enchanting valleys of Kashmir, love once flowed like a river, wild, pure, and untamed. From the poetry of Habba Khatoon to the melodies echoing through Dal Lake, the Kashmiri heart always had a rhythm of romance. But today, that rhythm has changed. Love is no longer blind. It wears glasses—thick ones—through which it carefully examines government job status, salary slips, and selection lists.

From Soulmates to Selection Lists

In the past, young hearts fell for poetry, for eyes that sparkled, for a voice that whispered sincerity. Today, parents and even young lovers pause and ask: "Is he in a government job?" or "Does she have a permanent post?" This single question can decide whether a love story becomes a Nikah or a heartbreak.

Government jobs have become the modern-day dowry in Kashmir. An unmarried boy without a government position may be educated, noble, even deeply in love, but often, that's not enough. Unless he's been appointed as a teacher, engineer, or junior assistant, love remains in waiting.

What Changed the Game?

- Several factors have contributed to this societal shift:
- Economic Uncertainty:** With the private sector underdeveloped and political instability always looming, government jobs offer stability and long-term benefits.
 - Social Status:** Being a government employee elevates one's status in Kashmiri society. A constable may be preferred over a private-sector manager because of

"permanency."

- Marriage Market:** Families are increasingly using government jobs as a yardstick to measure suitability for marriage, especially for girls. For many, it has become the primary condition. Thus, the new rule is simple: No job, no Nikah.

Real Love Stories Paused for Appointments

Take Zubair, a 29-year-old post-graduate in mathematics. He has been in love with Asma for five years. But his repeated attempts at cracking the JKSSB exams have failed. "Her parents say they like me, but they won't let her marry me unless I get appointed," Zubair says with helplessness. Asma is now being pressured to marry a newly appointed forest officer.

Another case is that of Aqsa, a well-qualified girl from Anantnag, who rejected a sincere suitor because he worked with an NGO on a contractual basis. "My parents won't accept him," she said. "They fear instability."

Love, once a matter of the heart, now requires a formal verification letter.

The Changing Face of Nikah in Kashmir

Nikah in Kashmir, traditionally a spiritual and simple union, has also been caught in this job-centric mindset. In Islamic teaching, Nikah is a blessed act based on piety, compatibility, and mutual respect. But in today's Kashmir, Nikah is often delayed or denied due to joblessness.

Instead of asking, "Is he a practicing Muslim?" or "Is she righteous and respectful?" the conversations begin with, Kya naukri lagi hai?, Permanent hai ya contractual?, PSC qualify kiya?

The result? Thousands of young boys and girls are emotion-



ally committed but legally apart—waiting for jobs before they can make their love halal.

Psychological Impact on Youth

This new reality is not without consequences. The pressure to secure government employment for the sake of marriage has led to:

- Mental Stress:** Anxiety, depression, and feelings of inadequacy are common among young men who feel unworthy due to unemployment.
- Delayed Marriages:** Many are marrying late, leading to rising cases of emotional burnout, loneliness, and even sinful relationships.
- Broken Commitments:** Long-term relationships are being sacrificed at the altar of social status and financial security. What was once a soulful connection has now become a test of patience—and paperwork.
- Islamic Perspective:** A For-

gotten Standard

In Islam, the criteria for a good match is not a job or wealth, but Deen and character. The Prophet Muhammad said: "If a person whose religion and character you are pleased with comes to you (with a proposal), then marry him." (Tirmidhi)

Unfortunately, this standard is slowly disappearing from Kashmir's marriage discourse. A man who prays, fasts, and lives honestly may still be rejected if he doesn't hold a government post.

Likewise, women are now expected to be not just educated but employed—ideally as government teachers or doctors—to be considered "ideal" brides.

Social Media & Matrimonial Ads Facebook groups and local Kashmiri matrimonial pages now read like job circulars: "Looking for a groom for MA, B.Ed qualified girl. Preference: Government employee (Teacher, Lecturer, Engineer, KAS Officer)." "Well-educated boy, currently unemployed, searching for

bride. Few responses."

Love in Kashmir has become an exam, with criteria, cutoffs, and quotas. It's no longer about finding a companion for life—it's about matching ranks.

Can Love Be Liberated Again?

There is still hope. While the majority may follow this "job-first-love-later" philosophy, there are also brave hearts who dare to prioritize emotional compatibility and Islamic values.

Couples who marry despite financial struggles often find deeper companionship. Families who support such unions prove that character still matters more than career.

Some Ulema and social workers are also now encouraging early and simple Nikah, without job-based conditions. But these voices are yet to overpower the dominant narrative of economic obsession.

Conclusion: A Love Deferred

In today's Kashmir, love waits, quietly and painfully. It waits for a job notification. It waits for a joining letter. It waits for society's approval stamped with "permanent employee" status.

The spiritual beauty of Nikah is now overshadowed by the harsh demands of a bureaucratic society. Until the collective mindset changes, love in Kashmir will remain suspended, not in air, but in files.

Perhaps the most tragic irony is this: In a land known for its poetry, love now speaks in the dry language of employment.

But hearts still beat. Souls still connect. And somewhere in the quiet corners of this Valley, a few still believe, love will find a way, with or without a job.

Author is an Educationist. He can be mailed at meravisionmoomin@gmail.com

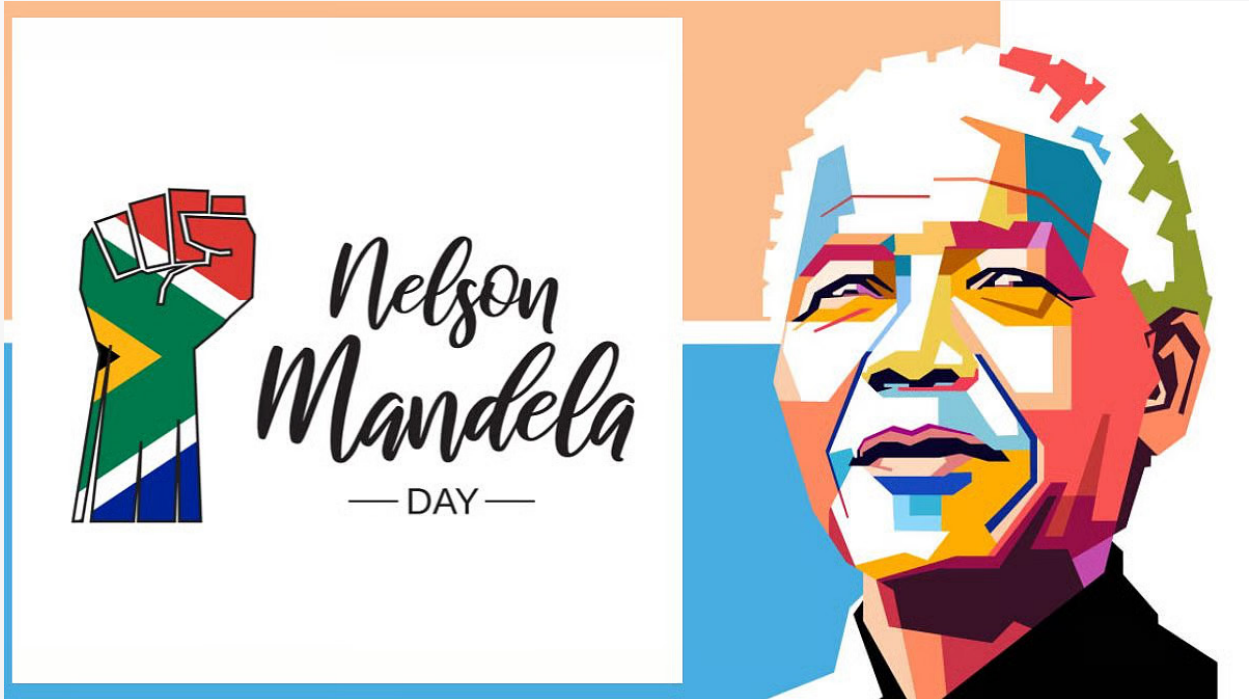
■Mandela Day

Celebrating A Life Of Courage, Compassion, And Leadership

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

The world will be celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18 — Mandela’s birth anniversary. Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician, and philanthropist. He as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999 and was a key figure in the fight against apartheid. Mandela’s leadership, compassion, and commitment to equality and justice have made him a global icon of hope and freedom. Mandela Day is a global call to action for citizens of the world to take up the challenge and follow in the formidable footsteps of Madiba, a man who transformed his life, served his country and freed his people.

Its objective is to inspire individuals to take action to help change the world for the better and in so doing, to build a global movement for good. A day not only to honour the man himself, but also a chance for us to join the global movement to make the world a better place. Most of us know the facts of his life: his fight against apartheid, his imprisonment for 27 years first at Robben Island, then at Pollsmoor Prison and finally at Victor Verster Prison, how he became the first Black President of South Africa, his winning the Nobel Peace Prize etc. Nelson Mandela of South Africa was an icon for modern democracy. Today Nelson Mandela is acclaimed as one of the greatest personalities of our times. He belongs to that category of men who have graced our civilization with their personal charisma and noble



contributions. He was a champion for rights of all humans. He showed to the world that all souls are created equal without any string attached. He was a leader with a difference.

Mandela spent twenty-seven consecutive years of his life in detention. For 18 years (1964–1982) he was held on Robben Island, in 1982 he was moved to Pollsmoor Prison, Cape Town, and in 1988 he was again moved to Victor Verster Prison, in Paarl, till 1990. A real leader according to him works and serves the people making

them know about their strengths. He was not for 'power', 'money' or 'greed'. This humble soul was created for benefits other souls who were suffering. He said, 'It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to see it realised. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die'.

Mandela followed three rules throughout his life, which he did at great personal sacrifice: [1] Free yourself, [2] Free others & [3] Serve every day. Mandela’s greatest legacy is perhaps his commitment to the redemp-

tive powers of hope and struggle. He played a major role in many political endeavors, many anti-apartheid movements such as the Program of Action, a policy based initiative that was founded on the principles of non-violent “civil disobedience, boycott, strike, and non-co-operation” Peace was his motive.

He achieved objectives for benefits of all mankind without 'violence and killings' which is a lesson to everybody in present day world. He showed to world how humanity can be achieved

through peace without violence and killings. In 1975 he wrote letter from prison “The cell is an ideal place to learn to know yourself,” & “Never forget that a saint is a sinner who keeps on trying.” Mandela was a liberator of the stature of Gandhi. Both shared a common vision and passion for the breaking away of the shackles of tyranny and oppression.

Both stand as stalwarts of our proximate history. Nelson Mandela was one man who was able and willing to stand up and fight back. Indeed, we can also see how this man developed his legacies through his years in prison, his activist years and his elaborate life afterwards. Many people have been inspired by the South African movement, especially their decision to forgive and move on. He’s endowed with many personality traits; this makes him a natural leader and also has developed many leadership skills and strategies in his lifetime.

Mandela’s legacy continues to inspire people worldwide to stand up for justice, equality, and human rights. His message of forgiveness, compassion, and leadership remains a powerful force for positive change.He was a super human being & an architect of Modern South Africa and of the world. Mandela will always be remembered as a saint, a sage of humanity in line with Mahatma Gandhi. Hope our present & future generations learn from his great experiments with struggle for oppressed and downtrodden.

Author is a Free-Lance Journalist. He can be mailed at dixitpatra-kar@yahoo.in

Unanswered Du`As – A Test Of Faith And Trust

DR AFTAB JAN

Why doesn't Allah accept our duas? Why, after millions raise their hands each year in the sacred places, does the Ummah remain drowned in pain, weakness, and humiliation? We weep, we scream, we beg Allah for mercy, for victory, for ease, and yet it feels as if our supplications strike a wall and fall back upon our own faces. People say, “Does Allah not hear the cries of so many Muslims praying together? Are our duas worthless?” But Allah is Al-Samee’, The All-Hearing, Al-Baseer, The All-Seeing. He sees every tear, hears every heartbeat, knows every pain we carry hidden from the world. He has promised: “Call upon Me, I will respond to you.” (Qur’an 40:60).

The Prophet Muhammad said: “No Muslim supplicates to Allah with a dua that does not involve sin or severing family ties except that Allah grants him one of three things: He either hastens the answer, stores it for him in the Hereafter, or averts from him a calamity.” (Musnad Ahmad). So the question is not whether Allah listens. The question is why we are not seeing His help descending like it did for the people before us. The painful truth is that Allah has not turned away from us. We have turned away from Allah.

Look into our homes. What Shari’ah of Allah have we truly implemented behind our doors? We say we are Muslim, but what Islam lives in our living rooms, our bedrooms, our screens, our conversations, our clothing, our businesses, our weddings, our gatherings? Our daughters wear clothes that reveal instead of conceal. Our sons follow fashion trends that defy modesty and manhood. Our tongues speak lies so easily. Our ears love music whose lyrics curse all purity. Our eyes watch scenes of zina and filth without blinking. Our phones are full of images and videos that bring the wrath of Allah. Our homes host entertainment that mocks Allah’s commands. Our gatherings are full of laughter about sin, gossip, backbiting, insults. Our marriages are built on showing off, competition, extravagance, and music rather than obedience, simplicity, and barakah. Our dealings are tainted with interest, fraud, and dishonesty. Our nights are wasted scrolling instead of standing before Allah in prayer. We beg Allah for help, but we refuse to help His deen.

We have kept the names of Islam but lost its soul. The Qur’an has become an ornament on our shelves. We kiss it, we wrap it in silk, but we never open it to live by its commands. We recite beautiful Tilawat, but we disobey every ruling it brings. Allah says: “And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed – then it is those who



are the disbelievers.” (Qur’an 5:44). Yet we replace His laws with our desires. We say Islam is perfect but live as if it’s outdated. We claim to love the Prophet Muhammad, yet our lives look nothing like his Sunnah. The Prophet said: “By Him in Whose Hand is my soul, you must enjoin good and forbid evil, or else Allah will soon send punishment upon you, then you will supplicate to Him, but your supplication will not be accepted.” (Tirmidhi). We’ve abandoned this duty. We see wrong and remain silent. We fear people more than we fear Allah.

Allah warned us: “Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.” (Qur’an 13:11). We want Allah to change the world while we remain in the same darkness. We cry over the suffering of the Ummah, but look at our own houses — they are drowning in sins that the Prophet said would destroy nations. Modesty is gone. Shame is gone. The word “haram” makes people laugh instead of tremble. Zina is casual conversation. Alcohol flows in secret. Gambling has become a game. Music has become oxygen for our souls, and those who speak about haram are labeled extreme. We complain about the Ummah’s weakness, but we are the reason for it.

Our children are growing up knowing every trend, every celebrity, every social media star — but they do not know even the names of the Sahabah who gave their blood so that Islam could reach us. Our daughters dream of beauty contests and likes. Our sons dream of fame and wealth, not martyrdom and righteousness. We have given them every luxury, every gadget, but no Islam. We care more about their careers than their akhirah. We want them to become rich, but

we don’t teach them to become obedient slaves of Allah. We are afraid they will fail in the dunya but don’t fear that they might burn in Jahannam. How then do we raise our hands to Allah and expect Him to save us, when we have not saved our own children from the fire? Allah says: “O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is men and stones...” (Qur’an 66:6). But we’re throwing them into a fire of social media filth, fashion culture, and godlessness — all while expecting angels to protect them.

Our duas are not rejected because Allah has abandoned us. They are not answered because we are calling with lips, not with hearts. We pray but we live in disobedience. We cry for help but we are too busy loving the dunya. The Prophet warned about a time when Muslims would be many, but worthless like foam. He said: “Allah will remove fear of you from the hearts of your enemies and will throw weakness into your hearts.” The companions asked, “What is this weakness?” He replied: “Love of the world and hatred of death.” (Abu Dawood). This is us. We are terrified of sacrifice. We want Islam’s victory without paying its price. We want Allah’s help without living by His commands.

We fast in Ramadan, but the rest of the year our eyes and ears indulge in haram. We give zakat, but our businesses deal in interest. We perform Hajj, then return to the same music, same revealing clothes, same gossip, same lies, same lack of hijab. We want Islam’s honor, but we refuse its discipline. We expect Allah to transform nations while we haven’t even transformed our own rooms, our own screens, our own families. The Qur’an says: “Say: What

would my Lord care for you if not for your supplication? But you have denied, so the punishment will be inevitable.” (Qur’an 25:77). How many of us are in denial? We think we’re safe because we call ourselves Muslim. But Islam is not just a name. It is submission, obedience, sacrifice, and the readiness to give up everything for Allah’s sake.

The pain we see around us is a mirror of what we’ve become inside. The suffering of the Ummah is a reflection of the diseases eating our own souls. Allah is not unjust. We have done this to ourselves. He says: “And whatever strikes you of disaster—it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons much.” (Qur’an 42:30). Even now, Allah is holding back so much punishment that we deserve. Even now, He is patient with us. If not for His mercy, we would be destroyed instantly for the rebellion we carry so casually. We should fall in sajdah and cry blood for what we have become.

We are Muslims in name but not in deed. We care more about the opinions of strangers than the commands of our Rabb. We fear people’s gossip more than Allah’s anger. We dress, speak, and act to fit in with a world that has turned its back on Allah. And then we raise our hands and cry, “Why is Allah not helping us?” The answer is written in the Qur’an. The answer is in the tears of the Prophet. The answer is in the Sunnah we have abandoned.

Allah is waiting for us to return. He is waiting for us to tear the filth from our lives, to clean our homes, our hearts, our phones, our screens. He is waiting for us to implement His laws in every part of our lives. Not just in prayer times, not just on Eid, not just during Hajj, but every single moment.

Our dua cannot rise while our sins remain chained to our souls. Allah says: “O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life.” (Qur’an 8:24). Until we respond, the heavens will remain silent to our cries.

So the next time we raise our trembling hands, soaked in tears, let us pause and look inward. Let us ask ourselves: What are we truly doing in our homes when no one sees us but Allah? What conversations echo through our walls? What images glow from our screens in the dead of night? What laws of Allah do we obey, and which ones do we casually break? How are we raising our children—are we teaching them the Qur’an and Sunnah, or are we feeding them to the wolves of social media, fashion idols, and godless ideologies? Are our clothes halal, covering us as Allah commanded, or are they stitched with threads of arrogance and desire for attention? Are our earnings halal, or tainted with interest, lies, and betrayal? Are our screens halal, or windows into a world of zina and shamelessness? Are our friendships halal, built upon righteousness and truth, or upon gossip, mockery, and sin? Are our marriages halal, founded on love and obedience to Allah, or poisoned with neglect, abuse, and disobedience? Are our words halal, speaking truth and kindness, or dripping with lies, curses, and filth?

We are Muslims in name but not in deed. Our tongues speak of Allah, but our hearts pulse with love for the world. We recite the Qur’an, but we do not tremble at its commands. We claim love for the Prophet, but we live lives he would never recognize. We seek respect from the world, but not from Allah. We want to be called Muslim, but we don’t want to live as Muslims. We want the dua of the Prophet for his Ummah, but we abandon his Sunnah. We want Allah to fight our battles while we sit in comfort. We want Jannah but refuse the path that leads to it. We cry rivers of tears in dua, but they dry up before they reach our hearts. Our voices scream for help, but our actions scream rebellion. Until we tear down the idols of our desires and stand naked in humility before Allah, our duas will remain unanswered. Not because Allah rejects us, but because we have chosen to reject Him.

May Allah forgive us. May He awaken us before the final hour strikes. May He not leave us among those whose duas are thrown back upon their faces because they refused to obey Him. May He make us Muslims in truth, so that our tears become the seeds of His mercy, and our duas become the keys to His infinite help. Ameen.

The author can be mailed at jaanfa-taab5@gmail.com



Rajnath, Shah Discuss

that the Singh and Shah took feedback from the security top brass on the host of issues that are likely to come up during the customary all-party meeting scheduled to be held on Sunday and during the “Monsoon Session.”

Later another meeting of the Group of Ministers chaired by the Defence Minister and the Union Home Minister discussed government's stand over a host of matters amid the opposition raising heat on issues, including the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar, the Pahalgam attack and “Operation Sindoor,” sources said.

They said the meeting was attended by Union Ministers J P Nadda, Kiren Rijiju, Piyush Goyal and G Kishan Reddy.

Pertinently, the opposition has been pushing for debate in Parliament on issues like “Operation Sindoor” and the claims of US President Donald Trump’ that he brokered the “ceasefire” between India and Pakistan.

The government has rejected Trump's claim, but the opposition has been insisting on a debate and has even demanded a special session of Parliament over the issue. The government has termed Operation Sindoor a big success, which inflicted massive damage on terror sites and military facilities in Pakistan.

It may be recalled that a few days after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, armed forces on May 6, 2025, launched “Operation Sindoor” and destroyed nine terrorist camps deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

The attack on terrorist camps led to breaking out of skirmishes between India and Pakistan that continued till May 10. Hostilities ended after Pakistan Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) approached his counterpart in India and requested for a ceasefire—(KNO)

Omar Interacts With

Science and Technology, Muscat, Omanpresented his book “Fault Lines in the Faith” to the Chief Minister. Prof. Hasnain also serves on the Executive Committee of Hamdard University and the Indian Mountaineering Foundation, and is the former Pro-Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard,.

Javid Ahmad Tenga, President of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), met the Chief Minister to discuss various trade-related matters and shared insights into the challenges faced by the business community in Kashmir.

A delegation of international martial arts players also called on the Chief Minister to deliberate on the emerging challenges concerning international-level sports persons from Jammu and Kashmir, and sought the government's continued support for developing their talent and giving them ample opportunities.

President and Secretary of the Kashmir Labour Union’s Federation, brought to the Chief Minister’s attention the pressing concerns regarding the Jammu and Kashmir Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB). He urged the government to expedite the appointment of the Board’s Chairman and to facilitate prompt approval of welfare funds for lakhs of construction workers across J&K.

In addition, deputations from Beerwah, Inderwal, Baramulla, and other regions also met the Chief Minister to highlight issues specific to their constituencies and local population.

Representatives from minority communities too called on the Chief Minister and flagged various issues and demands for his attention.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing with all visiting delegations and individuals and assured them that their genuine concerns will be addressed on priority, reaffirming his government’s commitment to inclusive and responsive governance.

Us Labels ‘The Resistance

in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir (POK) on May 7.

During the operation, India damaged Pakistan's major military infrastructure, including the Noor Khan air base in Rawalpindi. Pakistan also resorted to repeated ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, and the international border in Punjab and Rajasthan.

The ceasefire was initially announced by President Donald Trump on Truth Social, following discussions between Washington and both countries. However, India rejected Trump's claim that the ceasefire happened because of his intervention or threats to end trade talks.

India Welcomes

terror outfit Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, under US anti-terrorism laws had claimed responsibility for the Pahalagam terror attack.

The April 22 attack in the tourist spot in Jammu and Kashmir had claimed the lives of 26 civilians and triggered the four-day military escalation between India and Pakistan. In light of this, the US accorded the group as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT).

The United States noted this was the deadliest civilian attack in India since the 2008 Mumbai attacks, also carried out by LeT.

The US State Department further stated

that TRF has also been involved in multiple attacks on Indian security forces in recent years, including in 2024.

The decision, the US government said, underlined the Trump administration’s continued commitment to global counter-terrorism.

“These actions taken by the Department of State demonstrate the Trump Administration’s commitment to protecting our national security interests, countering terrorism, and enforcing President Trump’s call for justice for the Pahalgam attack,” Rubio said in the statement.

“TRF and other associated aliases have been added to LeT’s designation as a FTO and SDGT pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and Executive Order 13224, respectively. The Department of State has also reviewed and maintained the FTO designation of LeT. Amendments to FTO designations go into effect upon publication in the Federal Register,” the statement further added.

The Indian embassy in the US said in a statement, “Another demonstration of strong India-USA counter-terrorism cooperation. Appreciate the Department of State for listing The Resistance Front (TRF) as a designated Foreign Terrorist Organisation and Specially Designated Global Terrorist.”

“TRF is a proxy of Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and claimed responsibility for the April 22 terror attack on civilians in Pahalgam. ZERO TOLERANCE for terrorism!” the statement by the Indian embassy in the US further read.

Earlier this week, EAM Jaishankar, speaking at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting in Tianjin, emphasised the importance of taking an uncompromised stance against terrorism, citing the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack, which was condemned by the UN Security Council.

Jaishankar highlighted that three evils have taken over the world: “Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism,” which he believes often occur together. (ANI)

Rains Bring Relief,

a blessing,” said Ghulam Nabi, a farmer from Awantipora. “Now, our land has absorbed water and we have resumed our irrigation routines. There’s new hope,” he added with a sigh of relief.

The heatwave and dry weather had also affected orchards in South and Central Kashmir, with many fruit growers complaining of early fruit drop and stressed leaves. However, orchardists say the rainfall has brought some balance.

“We were spending heavily on irrigating orchards through different means but were unable to irrigate whole orchards. The rain has come at a perfect time and it’s a big relief for us,” said Mushtaq Ahmad, a fruit grower from Shopian. “Rainwater is far better for the trees than any other means of irrigation,” he added.

Agriculture experts say that while the rainfall may not completely reverse the damage caused by the dry spell, it will certainly help in stabilizing crop conditions and restoring soil moisture.

“The impact of the dry spell was visible in both paddy and horticulture sectors. Rain was essential at this stage. This spell has replenished water bodies and helped restore irrigation schedules. It has also enhanced the availability of groundwater to some extent,” said Dr. Talib Shah, an agriculture scientist.

According to the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, the water level in major streams and rivers like Jhelum and Lidder has increased, enabling irrigation pump stations to resume operations.

“Pump stations had either stopped or were operating at low capacity. Now, with improved water levels, they are functional again, and canals are being supplied adequately,” said an official from the department. “This will significantly help the farmers,” he added.

Experts, however, caution that a single rainfall spell is not a long-term solution. “While this rain has been beneficial, the larger issue of climate variability and decreasing water availability needs long-term planning and water conservation efforts,” Dr. Talib Ahmad said.

“We had lost hope,” said Fayaz Ahmad, a farmer from Budgam. “But Allah heard our prayers. This is what we were desperately waiting for.”

The Meteorological Department has predicted more light to moderate rainfall in the coming days, which may further improve the agricultural prospects for the region—(KNO)

DGP Reviews Security

officer.

The DGP was during his visit briefed by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Shridhar Patil and other district police chiefs.

“A detailed review meeting was held at Bhaderwah to assess deployment for the Amarnath Yatra and anti-terrorist operations,” the officer added.

Lauding the efforts of the civil and police administration in ensuring peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra, the DGP emphasized on strengthening the intelligence grid, focusing on the successful execution of operations and ensuring the welfare of police personnel.

He laid special emphasis on eliminating both existing and new terrorist groups hiding in the higher reaches of these districts as well as dismantling the overground support networks of anti-national elements.

The DGP during his visit to Batote highlighted strengthening the intelligence grid and conducting successful

operations.

The DGP’s visits reinforced the importance of inter-agency coordination in maintaining peace and stability in the region, the officer said.(PTI)

Govt Intends To

business opportunities for the industry through a range of specialised services and global linkages. He urged the CII to come forward with a special focus on tourism, handloom and handicrafts, adventure sports and skill development to explore more possibilities of campaigning and awareness about high scope in J&K.

The Dy CM stated that our partnership with CII will unlock sustainable growth, generate employment and showcase our cultural heritage to the world. He reiterated that the government is taking all steps to boost tourism in J&K with special focus on enhancing the infrastructure, diversifying tourism offerings, promoting safety and security besides engaging the local communities.

While speaking on the occasion, the Advisor to CM said that CII with its National and International connects should help government in targeting niche markets for sustainable growth and higher tourist spending. He invited the CII members and industry at large to promote J&K on MICE Tourism map and suggest ways to further strengthen the tourism infrastructure in J&K.

Highlighting the importance of handlooms and handicrafts, the Dy CM suggested showcasing them through live demonstrations, craft village tours, and immersive shopping experiences to captivate audiences." He asserted that J&K is famous for its rich culture and heritage and one of our endeavours should be reviving folk festivals, sufi music circuits, heritage walks in Srinagar/Jammu.

MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmed Shah, emphasized that adventure sports can be a key driver for tourism promotion, suggesting that Gulmarg and Pahalgam be leveraged to host national and international adventure sports competitions.

He further said that Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) is also one area where government and CII could jointly work and develop specialized infrastructure like adventure parks, wellness centers, heritage hotels via transparent PPP models. He also suggested to explore possibility of joint marketing campaigns with airlines, hotel chains and travel aggregators and empower the local cooperatives for homestay, guided tours and artisans markets.

Earlier, Chairman CII Northern Regional Committee on Tourism & Hospitality, K.B Kachru, highlighted the agenda of the meeting which mainly included police interventions, yearly action plan, tourism review of northern states, skill development, capacity building and flagship schemes.

He said that CII took a conscious decision to hold its first regional committee on tourism meeting in Srinagar to send a message to larger industry that we must promote J&K at this juncture. He reiterated that CII and its members would like to contribute in overall tourism development of this region. "Our priority is to drive policy reforms, sustainable practices, and public-private synergies" he added.

Lastly, Chairman CII J&K, Dr. M.A Alim, while presenting the vote of thanks, said that J&K government and CII will soon roll out certain initiatives to further boost growth in this sector.

Every Disaster

and Kashmir’s unique geopolitical and environmental vulnerabilities, the Chief Secretary emphasized the UT’s susceptibility to earthquakes, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), landslides, cross-border tensions and climate-induced challenges. “Given our exposure to multiple hazards, our preparedness must be all-encompassing, institutionally sound and technologically enabled,” he stated.

Dulloo stressed that disaster readiness is not measured by paperwork but by the number of lives saved and the responsiveness of the system during crisis. He noted that increasing urbanization and climate change have escalated the intensity and frequency of disasters, placing greater responsibility on governments, institutions and citizens to act decisively.

He advocated for clear institutional frameworks with defined roles and responsibilities. He emphasised the need of optimising use of advanced technologies such as GIS mapping, real-time weather forecasting and drone-based surveillance besides active community engagement, capacity building of NGOs, civil society and local volunteers. He also asked for integration of mid-career training for the officers and regular mock drills to ensure readiness.

The Chief Secretary called for customisation of IRS protocols based on local risk profiles at the district and block level. He proposed development of a Disaster Dashboard to map available resources, machinery, manpower and vulnerable zones across the UT.

In his inaugural address, Principal Secretary, Home and DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti, described the IRS as a newly notified system in J&K aimed at establishing a well-coordinated command structure during disasters. He explained that the IRS, modeled on international best practices and customized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), defines precise roles for each

officer to eliminate confusion during emergencies.

Bharti highlighted the ongoing initiatives under the Disaster Management Department including the Mitigation plans for GLOFs and landslides, Integration of the India Disaster Resource Network (IDRN), Deployment of Decision Support Systems and Establishment of Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

He expressed optimism about significantly strengthening the disaster management mechanisms through these efforts and urged the officials to institutionalize the disaster response protocols across all levels.

Delivering a detailed presentation, Brigadier Kuldeep Singh (Retd), a distinguished disaster management expert, shared his insights on disaster typologies, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the defined responsibilities of various stakeholders during emergencies. Drawing from real-life disaster incidents across India, he emphasized that “no region is immune to disasters”, and increased development must go hand-in-hand with increased vigilance and responsibility.

Brigadier Singh stressed the critical roles of central and UT governments, NDMA, SDMAS, DDMAs and block-level institutions in developing a seamless and scalable disaster response framework. He reiterated the need for integrated planning, resource allocation, and community-based preparedness to make India one of the most disaster-resilient nations in the world.

Later, a comprehensive Handbook on the Incident Response System (IRS) was unveiled, clearly delineating the roles and responsibilities of each officer and department involved in disaster response.

At the Union Territory level, the IRS is being headed by the Chief Secretary, who functions as the Response Officer. The handbook also outlines the hierarchical structure, including designated roles for the Incident Commander, Nodal Officer, Liaison Officer, Planning and the Media Communication System, thereby institutionalizing a well-coordinated and structured mechanism for disaster preparedness and response in the UT.

J&K Emerged As Hub

resource management rests on the shoulders of business leaders and thinkers of tomorrow. It will be business leaders and thinkers’ responsibility to accelerate industrial growth, secure private investment, promote economic activity and build a private sector that supports the country’s economic stability,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir has emerged as a major hub of education and innovation.

He lauded the IIM Jammu for its significant contribution in J&K’s education sector. He said the Tejas Sports Complex inaugurated today symbolizes IIM Jammu’s commitment to students’ holistic growth.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the students’ new journey at IIM Jammu will forge a powerful connection between the academic world and the real world, ensuring that through a blend of skills and values, they emerge competent professionals ready to contribute to nation-building.

He emphasised that 5Cs: Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Communication, Creativity and Curiosity will equip business leaders of tomorrow with essential life skills, empowering them to effectively navigate challenges of the rapidly evolving world.

“Technology is rapidly reshaping our world, especially the business landscape. Your role will be to utilise management practices and technological innovation for ease of doing business and enhancing ease of living for all.

Your leadership and problem-solving skills will provide fresh impetus to social development, fostering local entrepreneurship culture through sustainable business models,” the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The new batch of students at IIM Jammu brings together a diverse group across its various academic programs, with a total enrolment of 474 students for the academic year. This includes participants in the MBA, MBA (Healthcare & Hospital Management), Ph.D. & Ph.D. (Working Professionals), and EMBA programs.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Shri Sudhir Langer, CEO & MD, RPSC FMCG, senior officials, HoDs, faculty members, and incoming batches of students were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also inaugurated Tejas Sports Complex within the campus.

Amarnath Yatra Resumes

The pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced on July 3 and will conclude on August 9—(KNO)

Dressed In Traditional

We want to make Ladakh one of the best tourist destinations in the world,” he said

Gupta also expressed gratitude to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for appointing him as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh—(KNO)

MP Jugal Kishore chairs DISHA meet at Reasi

Stresses fast-tracking of development projects

GMK NEWS NETWORK

REASI: Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma Friday chaired the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting here to review the implementation and progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and ongoing development works in the District. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex Reasi and attended by DDC Chairperson Saraf Singh Nag; MLA Reasi Kuldeep Raj Dubey; MLA Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Baldev Raj Sharma; Vice Chairperson DDC Sajra Qadir; Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik; SSP Paramvir Singh; ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal and other district and sectoral officers from the development departments.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, who also serves as the Member Secretary of DISHA, gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation highlighting the physical and financial progress made under flagship schemes and major developmental initiatives across the district.

MP Jugal Kishore reviewed the progress of key infrastructure projects, including the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, BMG Road, RAM Road and other centrally sponsored initiatives. He directed officials to complete the targets within the stipulated time frame to ensure timely delivery of services to the beneficiaries.

The MP emphasised the need to fast-track the execution of all projects and ensure proper utilisation of allocated finances. He directed officials to take prompt action on all suggestions discussed during the meeting and to address the issues raised effectively. He advocated for a collaborative interdepartmental approach to ensure the timely completion of development projects.

MP further instructed officials to prioritise resolving the issues raised by the DDC Chairperson, MLAs, and other members during the meeting. He underscored the importance of collective field visits by officials and public representatives to enhance service delivery.



MP Jugal Kishore also appreciated the commendable efforts of the District Administration for their continuous work under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and their sustained crackdown on drug trafficking. He termed it a significant step toward building a drug-free and secure society.

MP laid Special emphasis on schemes such as PM SHRI, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, integrated watershed and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, with instructions to fast-track their implementation while maintaining high quality standards.

The MP further emphasised that with the recent visit of the Prime Minister and the inauguration of the Vande Bharat train connecting the Kashmir Valley, this region is now poised for rapid growth and development. This

landmark connectivity is expected to boost tourism, create new economic opportunities, and significantly improve access to the region.

MP Jugal Kishore praised the Reasi District Administration, led by DC Nidhi Malik, for taking timely action on issues raised during the last DISHA meeting and for successfully organizing the present meeting at short notice.

Reiterating the vision of Government of India, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma stressed the importance of interdepartmental synergy and coordination with public representatives to eliminate bottlenecks and accelerate development, particularly in border and rural areas.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Deputy Commissioner.

tion was conducted, which corroborates the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR number 14/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up," the ACB said.

During the course of investigation, a trap team headed by Gazetted rank officer was constituted, it reads, adding that the team laid a successful trap and the accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 10,000 from the complainant in the presence of independent witnesses.

"The accused was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following the due process of law. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in the presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team. Moreover, search is being conducted in the residential house of the accused situated in Flore Haramkund Gajansoo, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu in presence of independent witness and Magistrate," it reads, adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on

ACB arrests Junior official of JDA for accepting bribe of Rs 10,000

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday said to have trapped and arrested Junior official of Jammu Development Authority (JDA) for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000.

In a statement issued, ACB received a complaint alleging therein that public servant namely Kewal Krishan, Junior official of Jammu Development Authority (JDA) demanded illegal gratification from the complainant for allowing further construction of the double storey building at Ballain Domana, Jammu.

"The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 from the complainant for allowing further construction of the double storey building at Ballain Domana, Jammu and has agreed to receive 1st installment amounting Rs 10,000 out of the demanded bribe," the statement said, adding that since, the complainant didn't want to pay the bribe and he approached Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law.

"On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verifica-

tion was conducted, which corroborates the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR number 14/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up," the ACB said.

During the course of investigation, a trap team headed by Gazetted rank officer was constituted, it reads, adding that the team laid a successful trap and the accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 10,000 from the complainant in the presence of independent witnesses.

"The accused was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following the due process of law. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in the presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team. Moreover, search is being conducted in the residential house of the accused situated in Flore Haramkund Gajansoo, Tehsil Marh, District Jammu in presence of independent witness and Magistrate," it reads, adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on

JKEDI commences 3 fresh batches of Summer Internship Program

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) inaugurated three fresh batches of Summer Internship Program (SIP) welcoming 123 undergraduate students at its Bari Brahmana campus and District Centre, Jammu. This initiative underscores JKEDI's commitment to fostering experiential learning and strengthening industry-academia linkages in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The participating students, enrolled in undergraduate programs across Government Sri Pratap Memorial Rajput (SPMR) College, Jammu, Government College for Women, Parade Jammu, Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar and Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, will undergo a 10-day internship designed to fulfill the NEP-mandated 60-hour experiential learning component.

The program is structured to enhance students' understanding of entrepreneurship, innovation, enterprise creation and research. Interns will engage in interactive sessions led by

seasoned professionals, participate in business simulations and explore real-world entrepreneurial challenges and solutions. Key focus areas of the internship include fundamentals of research methodology and literature review, orientation on the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, preparation and presentation of internship reports, awareness of various self-employment schemes operational in the Union Territory of J&K, career guidance on pursuing entrepreneurship as a viable option.

The program was inaugurated by Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director JKEDI.

The participants will also gain insights into the organizational structure and functional verticals of JKEDI, with hands-on exposure to its various programs and initiatives.

By bridging classroom knowledge with practical application, this initiative aims to cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving capabilities, and an entrepreneurial mindset among the students. It aligns with JKEDI's broader vision of nurturing future-ready talent and contributing meaningfully to the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and beyond.

DLIC approves 63 cases under Mission Yuva Scheme in G'bal

GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: To examine and approve cases received under the Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) scheme for financial assistance and entrepreneurial support, the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore Friday chaired District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting here in the VC room of DC Ganderbal.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held regarding the applications received under the scheme. The committee deliberated upon the cases submitted through the Skill and Business Development Unit (SBDU) and, after thorough scrutiny and evaluation, approved 63 cases unanimously for financial and institutional support under the Mission YUVA initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the

DC highlighted the significance of Mission YUVA in empowering the youth through skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, and self-employment opportunities. He stressed the need for robust post-approval support and follow-up to ensure the sustainable success of the approved units.

The DC also directed the concerned departments to expedite the process of sanctioning, dis-

bursing benefits, and extending all necessary handholding support to the beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Chief Planning Officer, GM DIC, Assistant Director Employment Ganderbal, Lead District Manager; DSWO, Nodal Officer JKEDI and other concerned.

MAZBOOTI SE BANI HAR

— DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI —

DIL KE EHSAAAS



0.495 cm



Spectrum Adv | 9697006698

+91 1943501600

info@khybercement.com

www.khybercement.com

Follow Us: f i X in