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'We Feel Safe & Respected Here' Amarnath Yatra Set To Cross 3 Lakh Mark Today



UMAISAR GULL GANIE

SRINAGAR: The ongoing Amarnath Yatra is set to achieve a major milestone, with the number of pilgrims expected to cross the 3 lakh mark today.

Officials informed that a total of 2,87,098 pilgrims have performed Darshan at the holy cave shrine in the South Kashmir Himalayas since the Yatra began on July 3.

On Saturday, 14,007 pilgrims, including 9,796 men, 3,587 women, 201 children, 47 sadhus, 6 sadhvis, and 3 transgender persons visited the cave shrine, while 367 security personnel also paid obeisance, they said.

Officials said the Yatra has been witnessing a consistent daily turnout, and with more batches arriving, the cumulative figure is likely to cross 3 lakh on Sunday if all goes well.

Pilgrims expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made by the adminis-

tration. "The food, lodging, and medical facilities are excellent throughout the route. We did not face any difficulty, and everything has been well-organised," said Ravi Kumar, a pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh.

He added that security personnel are cooperative, and the entire Yatra track is well-maintained. "We feel safe and respected here," he said.

Several pilgrims appreciated the overall peaceful atmosphere in the Valley. "There is complete peace in Kashmir. Locals are very welcoming and helpful. The perception outside is different from the reality on the ground," said Mahesh Kumar, a pilgrim from Madhya Pradesh.

Moreover, amid tight security arrangements, the 17th batch of 6,365 pilgrims left Jammu on Saturday morning to perform the annual Amarnath Yatra through the twin routes of

LG Manoj Sinha Urges For Terror-Free, Drug-Free J&K

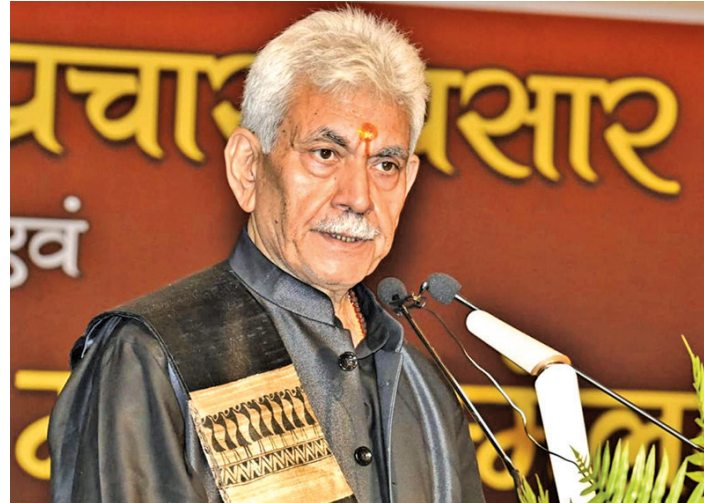
Salutes Army, JKP, CAPFs Personnel Who Have Made Sacrifice For J&K's Peace

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Vowing to take action against a "handful of individuals" using rhetoric linked to the banned terror group, The Resistance Front (TRF), Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday stated that all residents of the Union Territory share the crucial duty of fostering a society free from terrorism and narcotics.

"There are few elements who speak the language of TRF. Police administration and security forces are committed to ensure peace and action against such elements as per the law," LG said while addressing the Provincial Arya Mahasammelan at Baba Jitto Auditorium, SKUAST Jammu.

The two-day Mahasammelan is being organised by Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu Kashmir to commemorate 200th birth anniversary of Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati and 150th anniversary



of the founding of Arya Samaj.

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to the Army, J&K Police and CAPFs personnel, who have made supreme sacrifice for J&K's peace and progress.

The Lieutenant Governor said every citizen of J&K has the onerous responsibility to build Terror-free and Drug-free UT.

He observed that the Provincial Arya

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J&K Braces For 3-Day Wet Spell From Monday

OWAIS GULL

SRINAGAR: The weather conditions are expected to witness a shift again on Monday as the weatherman here has predicted a three-day wet spell from July 21 to 23 with the Meteorological department (MeT) here issuing yellow and orange alerts again for the region.

The day temperature witnessed a rise once again today with Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recording a maximum temperature of 32.7 degrees.

As per the data, the mercury in Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded a maximum temperature of 32.5 degrees while Pahalgam recorded 27.3 degrees.

In Kupwara, the mercury settled at 32.5 degrees followed by 31.4 degrees in Kokernag while Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 22.0 degrees.

Jammu division has also recorded the above normal temperatures today while the weatherman here has predicted hot & humid weather conditions for tomorrow as well with brief

Termination Of IWT Is Befitting Response To Pakistan: LG

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday said its termination of Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is a befit-

ting response to Pakistan and will ensure immense benefit to Jammu and Kashmir, which will be able to harness its real hydro power potential.

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that blood and water cannot flow together, terror and talk cannot go together and terror and trade cannot happen together. Termination of 'Indus Water Treaty' is a befit-

ting response to Pakistan and it will have far-reaching consequences since it's dependent on Indus River system," the Lieutenant Governor said while launching a

CIK Raids Multiple Locations Across Kashmir In Terror Case



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SRINAGAR: Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) on Saturday conducted searches at ten locations across four districts of Jammu and Kashmir, linked to a terror case under NIA Act.

During investigation, suspicious technical signatures were traced as the suspects were found using suspected encrypted messaging applications, officials confirmed.

As per a press statement issued, "searches at multiple

locations across Kashmir were conducted by CIK officers after obtaining search warrant from the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, designated under NIA Act, Srinagar in a terror linked case FIR No. 07/2023 U/S 13, 18, 38, 39 ULA(P) Act r/w 120-B IPC of P/S CIK Srinagar."

"During further analysis, various suspects were found using a 'specific encrypted messaging application' which is widely used by terrorists/handlers from across for coordinating.

Be Ready To Respond To Any Emerging Security Challenges: DGP To Security Forces

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Saturday directed the officers to maintain close synergy and real-time coordination to effectively respond to any emerging security challenges.

Chairing a security review meeting at Police Control Room Kashmir, DGP Prabhat, commended the dedication of all forces. He highlighted their professionalism and commitment in challenging terrains & urged upon all the personnel to remain vigilant while adopting innovative approaches to tackle evolving security dynamics.

An official said that the hybrid security review meeting of all



formations of J&K Police, Army, BSF, CRPF, SSB, ITBP, CISF and agencies was attended by GOC 15 Corps, Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GOC 9 Corps, Lt Gen Rajan Sharawat, SDG Coord, SJM Gilani, AdSg of CRPF, Armed

Police, CID, IsGs of BSF, CRPF, ITBP, Kashmir/ Jammu Zones, Security, Traffic & Railways.

They participated in the deliberations which focussed primarily on the ongoing Amarnath Yatra and the obtaining security scenario.

"At the outset, participating officers briefed the chair about overall security challenges across the Union Territory. A detailed assessment was carried out on current security scenario and the coordinated efforts of various forces to ensure peace in Jammu and Kashmir," the official added.

"The DGP besides reviewing multi-tiered security arrangements, emphasized upon the seamless coordination

Quality Edu, Teacher Accountability Pillars Of Educational Reforms: CS

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the School Education Department to take stock of the teaching scenario and implementation of other education reforms in the Union Territory.

The meeting besides Secretary, School Education Department was attended by PD, Samagra Shiksha; Director, School Education, Kashmir/Jammu; Secretary, JKBOSE and other concerned officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary stressed on further improving the quality of education in government schools,

highlighting the department's substantial budget of approximately Rs 11,000 crore that should complement with the quality of education imparted.

Dulloo underscored the pivotal role of teachers, teaching scenario and the infrastructure or technological upgradation would bear fruits unless the teachers do not play their roles in an efficient manner. He further remarked that there is no alternative to the dedication and creativity of teachers in teaching the students.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the critical need to monitor the teacher punctuality and time spent in classrooms. He called for use of IT tools to identify teachers demonstrating



Q1 CFY

Handmade Products Exports From Kashmir Cross Rs 300 Crore-Mark

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In a major fillip to Kashmir's famed craft sector, hand-made products worth 309.62 Cr have been exported to various overseas destinations in the First Quarter of the current financial year, up from 126.90 Cr in the same quarter last year.

As per figures made available by the concerned financial institutions, exports have recorded a huge jump of 243% and is the highest for Q1 in last four years.

In a press statement issued here today, a spokesperson from the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, stated that the Department is targeting craft exports of over



Rs.1500 Cr during the current FY, provided global conflicts relent. "Higher exports of craft products to overseas destinations secures the welfare of Kashmir's famed artisans and weavers," he said.

Last year, craft products worth 733.59 Cr were exported, largely

affected due to various global conflicts. "While Kani, Sozni shawls and hand-knotted carpets continue to lead exports, the other products exported include crewel, papier mache, chain stitch and wood carving items," he added.

The spokesman urged the exporters to avail

Export Subsidy Scheme notified by the Government, which provides incentive of 10% of the total volume of GI registered handloom/ handicraft export products to any country with maximum reimbursement up to 5.00 crore in favour of eligible exporters registered with the Department," he explained.

Highlighting the Government's strategy for welfare of artisan community, the spokesman further stated that the Department has a well-established Design Studio in the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology at Bagh-e-Ali Mardan Khan and unique prototypes conceived by the School of Designs and Craft Development Institute. "We

SUPERMAN (U/A 13+)
3D ENGLISH ATMOS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES - 01:45 PM

SMURFS (U)
ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES
04:30 PM

JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH (U/A 13+)
ENGLISH ATMOS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES - 11:00 AM

INOX SRINAGAR

Sunday Movies Watch list
20TH JULY

FI-THI MOVIE (U/A 16+)
ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES
05:50 PM

SAYAARA (U/A 6+)
HINDI - 10:00 AM, 01:05 PM, 04:10 PM, 06:35 PM, 07:15 PM

ADITYA CHOPRA PRESENTS
ANAHAD PANDAY & ANEET PANDAY

SITAARE ZAMEEN PAR (U/A 13+)
HINDI - 11:45 AM

Commissioner SMC reviews Independence Day preparations

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb chaired a high-level review meeting Saturday at SMC Headquarters to take stock of the Corporation's preparedness for the national celebration.

He emphasized that the celebration must reflect not only national pride but also the spirit of civic responsibility and inclusivity. He directed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure seamless execution of plans and urged every official to treat this responsibility as a service to the nation.

Commissioner directed that major government buildings, public monuments, bridges, and flyovers be illuminated with tricolour lighting. Road medians and traffic islands are to be decorated with thematic floral arrangements and national flags.

He instructed the Sanitation Wing to launch intensified city-wide



cleanliness drives in the days leading up to August 15. Sanitary supervisors are to ensure 24/7 deployment in high footfall areas and near venues where official functions are scheduled.

Haseeb stressed strict adherence to the Flag Code during all displays of the national flag. All departments have been asked to ensure proper handling and hoisting.

Commissioner directed the installation of drinking water kiosks and mobile toilet units at all public celebration sites and key public spaces. Besides, he instructed the Drainage Wing to remain on high alert and deploy dewatering pumps in low-lying areas to prevent waterlogging in case of rain.

Commissioner directed close liaison with district administration and law

enforcement agencies to ensure crowd control, emergency response readiness, and traffic management around celebration venues.

He called for encouraging active participation of schoolchildren, senior citizens, civil society members, and cultural groups in the city-wide celebrations. Awareness messages through LED screens, street art, and banners shall be placed at strategic points to promote unity and patriotism.

Commissioner advised SSCL to utilize surveillance systems and digital signage for public messaging, traffic advisories, and safety alerts during the celebration period.

The meeting was attended by all Joint Commissioners, SE Drainage Circle, Secretary, Health Officer, Executive Engineers, Chief Engineer SSCL, Chief Sanitation Officer, Chief Enforcement Officer, Chief Anti-encroachment Officer and other senior officials from SMC and Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL).

Chairs strategic meeting to strengthen Urban Services, Governance

SRINAGAR: In a focused effort to enhance civic services and accelerate Srinagar's urban development, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, convened a high-level meeting with senior officers from all departments of the Corporation.

The meeting served as a platform to review departmental performance and outline clear directions for improving service delivery, infrastructure maintenance, grievance redressal, and administrative efficiency across the city.

Commissioner SMC emphasized the need for all departments to operate with punctuality, accountability, and a citizen-first approach.

He directed the wing to maintain office discipline, ensure timely file disposal, and improve internal coordination to avoid service delays.

Haseeb instructed officers to revisit and align planning initiatives with the city's dynamic

growth requirements. He directed the Urban Planning, Town Planning, and Enforcement Wings to streamline the building permission process, ensuring efficiency, transparency, and compliance with the Master Plan and building by-laws.

Commissioner called for proactive field monitoring and immediate action against encroachments and illegal constructions to protect public assets and planned development.

He emphasized the need to expedite repairs and upgrades of roads, drains, and dewatering stations, especially in flood-prone areas.

He also instructed strict monitoring and timely completion of all civil works, maintaining both pace and quality.

Commissioner called for intensified sanitation drives, efficient garbage collection, and regular hygiene audits across all wards.

He directed the department to scale up Animal

Birth Control (ABC) operations and improve responsiveness to stray animal complaints.

Commissioner stressed adherence to financial discipline, timely payments, and full transparency in procurement procedures. He advised digitization of services and public access to records, particularly for birth and death certificates and property management.

He instructed timely legal support to departments, active follow-up on court cases, and pre-emptive legal vetting of decisions.

Regarding grievance redressal, Commissioner directed all departments to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms by ensuring prompt response to public complaints received through various channels including the SMC helpline, social media platforms, and ward-level offices. A clear escalation matrix should be maintained to ensure resolution within

defined timeframes.

He instructed the Control Room staff to maintain round-the-clock vigilance and ensure real-time coordination with field teams. All emergency or citizen distress calls must be recorded, monitored, and resolved promptly. The Control Room was also directed to prepare daily status reports for the Commissioner's office.

Haseeb underscored the importance of measurable outcomes, inter-departmental synergy, and transparent service delivery.

Attendees included heads and senior officials from key departments such as Administration, Urban and Town Planning, Enforcement and Anti-Encroachment, Civil Works, Mechanical, Drainage, Public Health, Sanitation, Solid Waste Management, Veterinary Services, Finance, Procurement, Estates, Vital Statistics, Legal Wing, and the 24x7 Control Room.

Sanction letters under Mission YUVA distributed at Kupwara

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KUPWARA: District Administration Kupwara in collaboration with Lead District Bank Saturday organized a function at Lead Bank Office Kupwara to distribute sanction letters among the prospective beneficiaries under Mission YUVA Scheme.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Mufti Fareed Ud Din was chief guest on the occasion. Lead District Manager (LDM), Tariq Ahmad Jan; Cluster Head, Abdul Majid Bhat, besides Branch Heads and a large number of beneficiaries attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC emphasized the importance of schemes like Mission YUVA in promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship among the youth of the district. He encouraged



the beneficiaries to make the best use of the opportunities provided under the scheme and contribute to the economic growth of the district. He urged them to use the loan amount exclusively on the targeted business, without wasting a single penny on any unproductive activities.

ADDC assured complete

support to the beneficiaries from the district administration and the J&K Bank for addressing their issues in availing the financial assistance under Mission YUVA scheme. He appealed to the aspirants to take maximum benefit of the scheme by earning their livelihood with dignity.

LDM in his speech said

that the function marked a crucial step towards achieving the goals of youth empowerment and financial inclusion in Kupwara district. He urged the beneficiaries to focus on their business and become successful entrepreneurs, being the first batch in the queue. Cluster Head also spoke and motivated the prospective beneficiaries in establishing their business units by proper and sensible use of the financial assistance given by the Government.

It was given out that the beneficiaries will also be given a short term training course by RSETI Kupwara to upskill their business management for their success.

Meanwhile, 42 sanction letters were distributed among the beneficiaries for establishing their self employment generating units under Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) sector of Mission YUVA scheme.

ARTO Pulwama conducts strict enforcement drive, penalizes traffic violators

AKHTER ABAS

PULWAMA: In a bid to enforce traffic discipline and ensure road safety, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Pulwama, Mahnaz Chishti Saturday led a rigorous enforcement drive across the district. The crackdown targeted traffic violators, resulting in stringent actions, including hefty fines, vehicle blacklisting, and seizures.

During the drive, a total of 38 challans were issued to offenders for various violations, including reckless driving, and improper documentation. The enforcement team also blacklisted 94 vehicles found flouting traffic norms, restricting them from operating until compliance is ensured. Additionally, one vehicle was seized for severe violations, underscoring the



administration's zero-tolerance policy towards traffic offenses.

The drive generated a revenue of 21000 through fines, which will be utilized for road safety initiatives. ARTO Mahnaz Chishti emphasized that such enforcement campaigns aim to curb accidents and promote responsible driving. "Strict action against

violators is necessary to ensure public safety. We will continue conducting surprise checks to deter reckless driving and enforce traffic laws," she stated.

LARTO urged citizens to adhere to traffic regulations, including wearing helmets, carrying valid documents, and avoiding overloading. The ARTO

office has also announced plans for regular inspections to maintain traffic discipline.

The ARTO Pulwama has warned that similar enforcement actions will continue, urging motorists to follow rules to avoid penalties. The administration has also advised the public to report traffic violations for prompt action.

SED rebuts news regarding inclusion of Sanskrit in curriculum

'Deptt has not proposed, approved, or initiated any process for inclusion of subject'

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: School Education Department, Jammu & Kashmir has strongly rebutted the news report published in an English local daily newspaper on 18 July, 2025 with the headline 'Mandatory subject: Union Education Ministry mulls to introduce Sanskrit in Kashmir schools from class 6th to 10th.'

In an official communiqué issued here, the department has taken serious note of a misleading news item circulating in certain sections of the media, which claims that Sanskrit is being introduced as a mandatory subject for classes 6th to 10th and an optional subject for classes 3rd to 5th in Kashmir division.

"The School Education department of J&K has not received any communication/direction from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, regarding mandatory/optional introduction of Sanskrit in the curriculum of School Education," the department stated in the rebuttal.

Clarifying on the matter, the department said that the Secretariat of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor had received a representation from Shri Purshotam Lal Dube (NGO) for inclusion of Sanskrit in the schools / colleges of JKUT under the provisions of NEP 2020.

The said communication was forwarded to Higher/ School Education department by Secretariat of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

Accordingly, School Education department J&K forwarded the communication of GAD to Director School Education Jammu /Kashmir for furnishing of comments in the matter. Subsequently, he communication was forwarded to the sub-offices for comments.

Further, the School Education department has stated that the department has not proposed, approved, or initiated any process for the inclusion of Sanskrit as a mandatory or optional subject in schools across Jammu & Kashmir.

In the rebuttal the department said that it follows a transparent and consultative process for curriculum changes, in line with NEP 2020.

Any future decision regarding the inclusion of new subjects will be officially communicated through proper channels after due deliberation.

Meanwhile, the public and media have been advised to verify facts from official sources before publishing such unfounded and baseless claims.

Workshop held for Horti. deptt officers, private entrepreneurs at Dir. of Horticulture

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: A day-long workshop/training programme on New Engineering Guidelines and Minimum System Standards for implementation of cold chain components was Saturday organized at the Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir.

The workshop was organized under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Kashmir, Vikas Anand.

Ashish Fotedar, Chief Operating Officer; Manoj, Under Secretary Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) from Government of India imparted the training to the participants.

The training was aimed to equip the officers of the department and private entrepreneurs about the basic knowhow of the operation as per the new engineering guidelines of the programme. Threadbare deliberations were made on the topic and on spot queries were responded to by the experts.

Programme comprised of two sessions with thorough discussions, all the relevant information on the subject was disseminated among the participants.

Presidents of CA Stores and Chamber of Commerce also deliberated on the subject referring to the present status and issues regarding the subject.

TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 18-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 19-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 02 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HMVs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HMVs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary halts between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 20-07-2025:-

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

SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS :-

- To be released from:-
- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
 - Jakhni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
 - Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.
- TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from Jakhni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HMV shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Udhampur shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

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

Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice-versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/ KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

SSG ROAD

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

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

Mughal Road:-

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

ADVISORY :-

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

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191-2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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DT: 19/07/2025

LG Sinha meets specially-abled students of Jammu Sanskriti School

Lauds their achievements in national sports meet



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday met the Children With Special Needs (CWSN) of Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu, at Raj Bhawan. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the talented students on their remarkable performance

in sports disciplines like Volleyball and Badminton, at the Special Olympics Bharat's National Unified Sports Meet held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He said their inspiring journey and extraordinary skills exemplify their determination, perseverance, teamwork, and the true spirit of inclusion on

the national platform. He also underscored the crucial role of inclusive education, acknowledging the transformative power of sports in fostering confident and capable individuals. During their visit to Raj Bhawan, the students—Jasjeet, Mannan, Mridul, Anand, Uttman, Varaspreet, Praful, and Sparsh

Sharma—were accompanied by: Ms. Rohini Aima, Principal-cum-Vice Chairperson, Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu; S. Harpreet Singh Anand, Chairperson; Ms. Avneet Kaur Budhraja, Vice Principal; and the school's special educators: Ms. Bhawna, Ms. Komal, Ms. Ujjwal, and Ms. Ambica.

Sakeena Itoo inaugurates NTPHC, Sheep Extension Centre in Kulgam

Says Omar led govt committed to establish all essential facilities in rural areas

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: In order to strengthen healthcare facilities in rural areas, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, inaugurated the New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) and Sheep Extension Centre at Khull village of DH Pora here Saturday.

The NTPHC, completed at an estimated cost of Rs.1.88 crore, aims to provide upgraded healthcare services to the residents of Khull and other adjoining areas.

The Sheep Extension Centre, constructed by R&B Department at a cost of Rs. 40.62 lakh, will provide the routine treatments, mini operations, extension activities and shearing services thereby significantly strengthening the livestock care and related services in the area. Addressing a large public gathering on the occasion, Sakeena said that Omar Abdullah-led



government is committed to establish all kinds of essential facilities in all rural areas. She further stated that this newly inaugurated NTPHC will play a vital role in delivering healthcare to the people of Khull and its adjoining areas. She said the government is ushering in a new era of development and prosperity and all promises

made to the people will be fulfilled. Sakeena Itoo reiterated that the government is striving for inclusive growth of all regions of Jammu and Kashmir. Later, the Minister interacted with various public delegations and individuals and took stock of their grievances and issues. She assured them that their

genuine issues and problems will be redressed promptly. The Minister, among others, was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, Director Health Services Kashmir, senior officers of Agriculture Production and Health departments and other officers of district administration.

Chief Secretary visits Vicharnag Temple, Srinagar

Launches renovation, upgradation works under heritage conservation scheme



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday visited the ancient Vicharnag Temple, a site of historical and religious significance, in Nowshera area of Srinagar city.

The visit was aimed at to take onsite appraisal of the works being taken up for revival, restoration and conservation of the monumental asset under government's initiative of preserving the rich cultural and architectural heritage.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb accompanied the Chief Secretary during the visit.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary kick started the renovation and restoration works of the ancient Vicharnag temple, also known as 'Vichar Sahab'.

The Chief Secretary, while reviewing different project components at the site, directed the officers to execute the works at fast pace, strictly adhering to the set timelines and quality of the work as envisioned under the project guidelines.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary emphasized that the renovation and conservation work on the prestigious project is aimed to restore the temple's centuries old past glory and preserve its cultural and architectural legacy.

The Chief Secretary said that the Vicharnag temple holds significant historical, cultural and religious importance, reflecting Kashmir's

diverse cultural society. He expected that the renovation work will revive and preserve the temple's aesthetic, heritage and social values.

On the occasion, the public, particularly the members of Pandit community from various parts of the country participated in the event and sought blessings from Shri Vichar Sahab.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary was apprised that the work on the project is being executed by R&B Srinagar at a cost of Rs 4.58 crore which included conservation and restoration of the main Temple structure, earth filling around the temple precincts to restore the site's original topography, construction of entry gate to provide a formal and aesthetic look, construction of toilet block, desilting of egress channel up to Gilsar Lake to be undertaken by the Irrigation & Flood Control Department.

The restoration works also include the use of traditional lime mortar and Budloo/Fir wood, ornamental wood and stone work preserving original aesthetics, grills, signage, and landscape integration to enhance the visual appeal of the temple. The project is planned to be completed within one year, i.e., by July 2026.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, senior Officers from R&B, PHE, PDD, I&FC, SMC, Police, Revenue and other concerned departments were present on the occasion.

Reviews development scenario of B'pora district



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BANDIPORA: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting with the district administration of Bandipora to assess the ongoing development works and the status of Centrally Sponsored and UT Sector schemes in the district.

The meeting, held at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora, was attended by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, SSP Bandipora Harmeet Singh and other district and sectoral officers.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner presented a detailed overview of the district's developmental status, covering key sectors such as health, education, power, tourism, agriculture, rural development and water supply.

The Chief Secretary emphasized mission-mode implementation of schemes by the departments like Power, Education, Health, Agriculture, Horticulture and Tourism. He directed the officials to accelerate the infrastructure works to improve the overall ease of living for the citizens.

He also stressed on effective implementation of Centrally and UT Sponsored Schemes, including the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), promotion of cooperatives, PMAY and saturation of healthcare schemes, with a

particular focus on achieving the set targets under different schemes.

During his visit, Atal Dulloo laid foundation stones for several key projects worth ₹805 lakh, including construction of a 100-bedded ST/G&B hostel and a district veterinary hospital at Bandipora.

As part of the review, the Chief Secretary was also briefed on the District Capex Plan 2025-26, under which a total allocation of ₹41 crore has been earmarked for Bandipora. This included ₹10 crore under DDC grants, ₹3 crore under BDC grants, ₹25 crore under PRI grants, ₹2 crore for Aspirational Block Development and ₹1.2 crore for Aspirational Panchayat Development. The plan encompasses 483 works under DDC grants (including 139 spillovers), 107 under BDC grants (30 spillovers) and 1,488 under PRI grants (579 spillovers).

In addition, projects worth ₹1.86 crore in the health sector and ₹2.85 crore in elementary education are under execution, with ₹1.04 crore available for new initiatives under the Aspirational Block schemes.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted several key issues, including the need for human resource and infrastructure augmentation at the District Hospital Bandipora and the road widening of the Sumbal-Bandipora stretch.

Dir Agri takes stock of establishment of Pesticide Residual Analysis Lab at Lalmandi

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, chaired a significant meeting Saturday at the Directorate of Agriculture, Lalmandi Srinagar to discuss the establishment of a state-of-the-art Residual Analysis Laboratory.

The initiative aims to enhance quality assurance and safety standards in agricultural produce across the Kashmir Valley.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineer of the Mechanical and Hydraulic Engineering Department (M&HED) Kashmir, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Head

of the Residual Analysis Lab at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), and senior officers from the department of Agriculture.

Director Agriculture emphasized the laboratory's critical role in analyzing pesticide residues, to promote sustainable farming practices and ensure consumer safety. "This facility will empower farmers by providing accurate data to improve crop quality and comply with national and international standards," he stated.

Chief Engineer, M&HED Kashmir, briefed the attendees on the infra-

structure requirements and technical specifications for the laboratory, ensuring its alignment with modern analytical standards.

Head of the Residual Analysis Lab at SKUAST-K highlighted the integration of advanced technologies and research methodologies to support the region's agricultural ecosystem.

The establishment of the Residual Analysis Lab at Lalmandi is a pivotal step towards strengthening the agricultural sector in Jammu and Kashmir, fostering innovation, and ensuring the safety and quality of farm produce for both local and global markets.

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Over 890 staff vacancies, 98 rented buildings

Budgam schools struggle with acute shortages

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SRINAGAR: Students enrolled in government schools across central Kashmir's Budgam district are facing major hardships due to acute staff shortages and lack of basic amenities, with many suffering in silence as these issues remain unaddressed.

Details accessed reveal a concerning scenario in Budgam, where a significant number of schools have long-standing vacancies for principals, headmasters, and other key staff. The

district, which has 13 education zones, is grappling with a shortage of not only principals, headmasters, and master grade teachers, but also Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) and lecturers.

Out of the 917 government schools catering to 7548 students in Budgam, 12 of the 46 sanctioned principal positions remain vacant. Of the 572 lecturer posts, a staggering 171 have been vacant for the past three years. Additionally, 460 middle schools in the district are struggling due to a severe lack of teachers.

Though Budgam has 101 high schools, the district is short 210 master's positions and has four unfilled posts in areas such as Magam, Khag, Khan Sahib, and Char Sharif. Five Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) positions in

Khan Sahib, Budgam, and Khag also remain vacant.

Support staff shortages are equally concerning. There are 568 vacant head assistant posts, 12 senior assistant posts, 16 junior assistant positions, five laboratory assistants, 21 librarians, 17 library assistants, and 90 Class IV and MTS positions that have been unfilled for years.

Locals say that the absence of principals and headmasters is negatively impacting the quality of education. In many cases, a single principal has been given charge of up to three schools, complicating administrative tasks for both staff and students. Employees have expressed strong dissatisfaction over the failure to assign additional charges for secondary schools in several areas.

Adding to the woes, 98 schools across the district, from primary to higher secondary level, are operating from rented buildings—36 primary, 59 middle, two high schools, and one higher secondary. Senior education officials have failed to address these infrastructure issues, with the administration largely playing the role of a silent spectator.

A lack of proper drinking water and electricity in most schools is causing further distress to students. Local residents have voiced their frustration with the education department and are demanding urgent action to resolve the persistent staff shortages and basic facility gaps that are hampering the education and well-being of thousands of children in Budgam. —(KNO)

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EDITORIAL

The Silent Retreat Of CAPD

Once a cornerstone of public service delivery, the Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CAPD) now finds itself a shadow of its former self. From being a buzzing epicenter of mass engagement and citizen outreach, it has shrunk into near-obscurity, now only managing the distribution of 5kg free ration to destitute families, a noble act, yet a far cry from the department's expansive past.

There was a time not long ago when the CAPD was a household name. Its decisions directly impacted every kitchen, every dining table, and every household budget. It commanded attention, engaged deeply with the people, and served as a vital interface between the government and the citizenry in matters of essential commodities, ration cards, fair price shops, and grievance redressal. The average person felt a tangible connection to its workings.

Reduced to a single-line function of ration distribution, however essential it may be for the vulnerable, it no longer carries the same weight in the eyes of the public. Where once files moved rapidly, public hearings buzzed with dialogue, and shops bustled with oversight and inspection, now silence pervades the corridors of the department.

This gradual retreat has not gone unnoticed. A slow, premature death is perhaps the most apt description. And in its fading, it raises serious concerns: What happens when an institution central to food security and price regulation begins to wither? Who fills the vacuum of public accountability? Are we slowly moving towards a model where critical welfare services are either outsourced, sidelined, or dissolved in bureaucratic indifference?

One cannot discount the importance of targeted welfare, free ration to destitute families is still life-saving, but reducing the entire department to just that is shortsighted. The CAPD was not merely a food distribution center; it was a watchdog for consumer rights, a regulator of essential supplies, and a lifeline during inflation and crises.

Reviving the CAPD doesn't just mean giving it more tasks, it means reimagining its relevance in today's economy. In a time of digital public service delivery and rising cost of living, the department can evolve into a hub for consumer education, transparent pricing, digital rationing systems, and oversight of e-commerce practices. But for that, it needs vision and will. Let us not allow a once-vibrant department to fade into irrelevance. Institutions don't die naturally, they're allowed to die when neglected. It's time for policymakers to take note, and for citizens to demand more from those meant to serve them.

Rethinking Education In The Age Of Artificial Intelligence



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The global education system, including India's, is at a critical crossroads. As conversations intensify around the relevance, structure, and delivery of education, it becomes evident that the traditional models are struggling to keep pace with the demands of the modern world. The current system emphasizes rote learning and theoretical knowledge over the application of learning to real-world challenges. Moreover, a growing school of thought questions the very age at which structured education should begin, suggesting that true learning should be delayed until children are cognitively and emotionally mature enough to make informed choices about their education.

In this digital era, particularly in the context of Artificial Intelligence (AI), these concerns are not just academic. They call for urgent and pragmatic reforms.

The Crisis of Relevance in Current Educational Systems

The current education model in India, and in many parts of the world, is rooted in an industrial-era mindset. Students are treated more like products on an assembly line than individuals with diverse talents, aspirations, and learning styles. The system focuses heavily on memorizing facts, mastering formulaic methods, and clearing standardized examinations.

While this model may have served past generations well, it is ill-equipped to prepare students for a future where adaptability, creativity, emotional intelligence, and technological literacy are far more valuable than static knowledge. It has created a generation of degree-holders who are often ill-prepared for problem-solving in dynamic real-life or workplace situations.

Early Education: Too Soon or Too Structured?

Another pressing debate is whether children should begin formal schooling at a very young age. While early learning does have its advantages, over-structuring and academic pressure in the formative years can stifle curiosity, creativity, and natural development. Countries like Finland have successfully demonstrated that delaying formal education until the age of 7 can lead to better academic and emotional outcomes.



in the long run.

The argument is not about keeping children away from learning but about the kind of learning they engage in. At early stages, the focus should be on play-based, exploratory, and experience-driven learning that aligns with natural developmental stages rather than rigid academic benchmarks.

The Indian Coaching Culture: Mass-Producing Degrees, Not Thinkers

From an Indian perspective, the booming coaching industry—especially for engineering (IIT-JEE), medical (NEET), and government job aspirants (UPSC, SSC, Banking)—has created a parallel education universe that prioritizes rote learning and mechanical test-cracking strategies over real understanding.

According to a 2022 report by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), over 7.1 crore students across India attend private coaching classes. In cities like Kota (Rajasthan), thousands of students migrate annually, creating a "coaching economy" worth over 5,000 crore. These institutions focus obsessively on marks and ranks, often ignoring the mental well-being, creativity, and individuality of students.

Impact on Students and Society:

- A 2019 study by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) found that over 60% of students in coaching centers felt extremely stressed and demotivated.
- The suicide rate in Kota, one of the coaching hubs, has consistently raised national alarms, with 25 student suicides reported in 2023 alone.
- Students spend 4-6 years preparing for competitive exams, and even after clearing them, they often lack the skills needed for innovation or leadership.
- According to NITI Aayog data, only 5%

of India's engineering graduates are considered employable in core engineering roles, reflecting a disconnect between exam success and workplace readiness.

The damage extends beyond individuals. This coaching-centric culture:

- Discourages entrepreneurship, as students are groomed to become job seekers, not job creators.
- Kills problem-solving instincts, replacing them with template-based answers.
- Promotes a herd mentality, draining communities of diverse talents and original thinkers.
- Creates deep socioeconomic divides, as only those who can afford expensive coaching get ahead in the rat race.

The Digital Disruption and the AI Revolution

We now live in a world where information is readily available, and AI tools can perform tasks that once required years of academic training. This has profound implications for what and how we teach. Education must evolve from content delivery to skill development, from knowledge acquisition to problem-solving, from passive absorption to active creation.

With AI capable of tutoring, assessing, translating, writing, and even coding, the question arises: what is the role of the human educator? The answer lies in human values—creativity, ethics, empathy, and judgment—traits that machines cannot replicate. The goal of modern education should thus be to cultivate uniquely human abilities in tandem with technological proficiency.

Pragmatic Approaches for a Relevant and Humane Education

- **Curriculum Redesign**
 - Shift from textbook-heavy curricula to interdisciplinary, project-based learning.

- Include real-world problem-solving activities and case studies in every subject.
- Teach students how to learn, not just what to learn.

Delay High-Stakes Testing

- De-emphasize high-stakes exams at early ages.
- Use formative assessments and portfolio evaluations to gauge progress and creativity.

Encourage failure as a step in the learning process, not a point of punishment. Emphasize Socio-Emotional and Ethical Learning

- Integrate emotional intelligence, mindfulness, ethics, and digital citizenship from early schooling.
- Promote classroom discussions that foster empathy, inclusion, and global awareness.

Leverage AI for Personalization

- Use AI tools to deliver personalized content suited to individual learning speeds and styles.
- Free up teachers' time from administrative tasks, enabling them to focus on mentorship and creativity.

Flexible Learning Pathways

- Provide students with options: vocational training, academic specialization, creative arts, or entrepreneurship—all of which are equally valued.
- Encourage lifelong learning and continuous upskilling rather than seeing education as a one-time event limited to childhood and early adulthood.

Parental and Community Involvement

- Engage parents and communities in co-creating learning experiences.
- Encourage learning outside classrooms: internships, social work, travel, and digital collaborations.

Conclusion: Learning to Live, Not Just to Earn

The education system must no longer be a relic of the past but a bridge to the future. In this AI-driven era, we must prepare learners not just to survive but to thrive—as thoughtful citizens, compassionate humans, and agile professionals. This means letting go of rigid timelines, outdated syllabi, and single definitions of success. The world is changing fast, and education must lead, not lag.

It is time to reimagine education as a joyful, meaningful, and empowering journey, rooted in human values and enhanced by technology. The future belongs not to the most knowledgeable, but to the most adaptable, curious, and compassionate.

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MATTER OF THE HEART

Filling The Education Gap

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Once upon a time, education was a means of character-building, a sacred pursuit to understand the world, oneself, and the Creator. Today, education has lost its soul. It has become a commercial hub, a factory of degrees and competition, a race to nowhere.

We wake our children before the sun rises, push them into coaching centres, schools, and tuitions like soldiers in a battle they never chose to fight. We give them tiffin boxes and hopes that they will become doctors, engineers, IAS officers—our pride, our honor.

But in this journey, somewhere, the essence is lost. We never ask if they are kind, if they help their neighbours, if they feel anything when a poor child sleeps hungry across the street. Instead of values, we've given them pressure. Instead of compassion, we've taught them ambition. This is not education.

The Prophet Muhammad said, "I have only been sent to perfect good character" (Bukhari). Yet today, we have children with straight A's and dead hearts—unable to greet elders with respect, unable to offer a glass of water to their mother, unable to weep at another's pain. Is this the success we envisioned? Is this the outcome of our modern education?

We build massive schools with tinted windows and English signs but cannot teach the child inside that arrogance destroys the soul. Our educated youth today mock their own parents, find them out dated, hand them over to old-age homes when they grow tired of their responsibilities.

But this is the same mother who



left warm food in the pot just so her child could eat first, the same father who walked barefoot to save money for his child's shoes. What kind of education allows such betrayal? The Qur'an says, "And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small'" (Surah Al-Isra, 17:24). But we, the so-called educated, have become blind and deaf to these divine commands.

A society that disrespects parents, neglects neighbours, and celebrates degrees more than decency is already dead from within. Swami Vivekananda once replied to a man who asked why he didn't wear good clothes: "In your culture, the tailor makes a gentleman; in our culture, character does." This reply stings more today, for we have become obsessed with image.

What we wear, what car we drive, which brand we use—all these determine our worth in today's society. Children grow up thinking that happiness lies in iPhones, foreign trips, and branded shoes. But they don't know how to sit silently and reflect, how to pray with a weeping heart, how to spend a night without Wi-Fi. They

do not know the pain of another soul because we never taught them. We taught them to be successful, not good.

We told them to win, not to care. And then we wonder why society is crumbling. Today, a child can explain quantum physics but not sit beside a grieving friend and offer sincere words. They can crack JEE, NEET, and IAS, but cannot greet a janitor with respect.

Is this what the Prophet taught us? No. He taught us that the best among you are those who are best to others. He taught us that even a smile is charity. But our education system has stripped away such lessons and replaced them with rankings, entrance exams, and salary packages. Even schools are no longer centers of learning but centres of business—uniform shops, transport contracts, donation fees, and marketing tactics. The poorer the parent, the heavier the burden, and the child becomes a commodity. Where are the values of empathy, humility, and servitude? We have sent them out with the dust of blackboards that no longer echo truth.

Millions of parents stand outside school gates every morning,

not knowing they are sending their children into an ocean where they may lose their souls. These children may become CEOs but will forget the warmth of human connection. A generation that never sits with its grandparents, never asks about the struggles of their fathers, never lifts the burden off a laborer's head. We are producing educated zombies—mechanical, competitive, and cold. What did the Prophet teach us about being human? He cried with the poor, ate with the orphans, and stood with the oppressed. When a woman who used to throw garbage on him fell ill, he visited her.

Today, we teach our children to cross the road if they see a beggar. Are we not ashamed? The Prophet said, "He is not one of us who does not show mercy to our young and respect to our elders." (Tirmidhi). But this mercy is missing. Parents are proud their children study abroad, but forget to ask if they still pray.

We have confused literacy with education. A person who speaks English fluently, holds a degree from a reputed university, but cannot wipe his mother's tears or carry his father's medicine, is not educated. A person who cannot ask his neighbour, "Have you eaten today?" is not educated.

A person who abuses his wife, insults his maid, mocks the poor—is not educated. Education is not what you wear on your body, but what you carry in your soul. Education is not the certificate on your wall, but the way you treat the waiter at a restaurant.

We have taught our children how to earn crores but not how to live. We have taught them how to argue but not how to apologise. We taught them how to compete

but not how to forgive. What kind of education is this? Our schools must teach love. Our homes must preach compassion. Our mosques must revive values. And we as adults must practice what we wish to see in our children. Otherwise, the child we raise may become powerful, but never peaceful. They will know how to fly rockets, but not how to sit with a crying sibling. They will know everything, but understand nothing. That is the curse of our modern system.

When will we realise that education is not just learning, but becoming? Our schools need not be palaces, but sanctuaries. Our teachers need not be experts, but examples. The best lesson is not on the blackboard but in how we treat people. Remember, Mother Teresa had no classroom, but she taught the world compassion. She had no chalk, but her silence healed hearts. That is education. So let us not confuse success with goodness.

Let us not call a selfish man educated just because he owns a company. Let us not admire a cruel achiever and ignore a kind failure. Education is to make you human. And if your education has taken away your humanity, then you are worse than illiterate. It's time to rewrite the aims and objectives of education—not in policy papers, but in our lives, in our homes, in our hearts. Only then can we hope to see a generation that not only builds skyscrapers, but also raises their hands for dua. A generation that not only earns in dollars, but also gives in zakat. A generation that knows that true success lies not in being known by the world, but in being loved by Allah.

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Heirs, Adoption, And The Will

Who Inherits When The Landlord Dies Issueless

A Legal Deep Dive Into Inheritance Disputes Involving Adopted Heirs And Competing Wills In India

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In rural India, and particularly in regions like Jammu & Kashmir where land ownership still defines social stature and security, the death of a landlord without natural heirs often ignites a silent war. These disputes do not involve weapons, but documents. Not armies, but affidavits. And yet, their emotional and financial cost is staggering. This is the story of Ahad Lone (name changed), a well-known landlord who died childless. During his lifetime, he legally adopted a boy, someone he raised, educated, and to whom he bequeathed his property in his own way. But upon his death, his biological brothers surfaced with a counterclaim: a Will Deed, allegedly executed by Ahad, granting them the entire estate.

What happens when an adopted heir and a set of biological brothers both claim legitimacy over the same property through different legal instruments? When does a Will prevail, and when does adoption secure full succession? How do Indian succession laws and revenue records reconcile such disputes?

This article takes a legal deep dive into this complicated inheritance knot—using the case of Ahad Lone as the narrative lens to explore broader questions of family law, adoption, testamentary succession, and property transfer.

The Facts: A Life, an Adoption, and Two Sets of Heirs

Ahad Lone was a bachelor, a respected zamindar with agricultural land, an orchard, a residential house, and several tenants. He lived a quiet, disciplined life and had no children. But in the 1990s, he took in a distant relative's child, raised him, and introduced him to everyone as his "beta" (son).

Over time, Ahad executed several documents in the name of this adopted son—gift deeds, affidavits, a power of attorney, and applications for mutation in revenue records. The boy inherited Ahad's surname. He managed Ahad's affairs for years and was treated as his natural successor by society and even by local patwaris.

However, after Ahad's demise in 2023, the situation took a turn.

Two of Ahad's brothers—long estranged—appeared with a registered Will Deed, claiming that Ahad had in fact left the entire estate to them. Interestingly, this Will was dated after many of the property-related transfers to the adopted son had already taken place.

The central legal question: Who inherits the estate—an adopted son whose adoption was never formally registered under

the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, or the biological brothers armed with a registered Will Deed?

Understanding the Legal Framework: Adoption vs Will

- Adoption Under Hindu Law
- Under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956, a valid adoption must fulfill certain statutory conditions:
 - The adopter must have the capacity and intention to adopt.
 - The adoptee must be eligible for adoption.
 - The adoption must be completed via a formal ceremony—Datta Homam (in many traditions), and preferably documented.

Importantly, once validly adopted, the adopted child is deemed equivalent to a biological child for all inheritance purposes. Section 12 of the Act states: "An adopted child shall be deemed to be the child of his or her adoptive father or mother for all purposes with effect from the date of the adoption..."

However, failure to comply with formal procedures or to register the adoption could weaken the claim, especially if it is challenged in court.

In Ahad's case, although the adoption was never registered, it had de facto recognition: community acceptance, revenue records, and consistent treatment as son. Indian courts, including the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have held in multiple judgments that informal adoption can be proved through conduct and surrounding circumstances, especially in rural settings.

Case Reference: Laxmi Narayan vs. State of Rajasthan (2013) – Held that adoption can be inferred from consistent conduct if supported by evidence, even if not formally registered.

Will Deeds and Testamentary Succession

A Will is a testamentary instrument where a person (testator) declares how their property is to be distributed after their death. It comes into effect only after death and can be revoked anytime during the testator's lifetime.

Crucial points:

- A Will must be executed voluntarily, without coercion.
- It must be signed by the testator and attested by two witnesses.
- Registration of a Will is not mandatory under Indian law, but strengthens its credibility.

Case Reference: K. Laxmanan vs. Thekayil Padmini (2009) – Supreme Court held that mere registration does not make a Will valid; surrounding suspicious circum-



stances can still invalidate it.

If Ahad's Will was dated after he had transferred property rights to the adopted son, the Will cannot override those prior transfers. A person can only bequeath property that legally belongs to them at the time of their death. If the property had already been transferred or mutated, the Will becomes ineffective to that extent.

Key Legal Doctrines in This Case

Let us now apply certain principles to Ahad Lone's case:

Nemo Dat Quod Non Habet – One Cannot Give What One Does Not Own: If Ahad had already transferred ownership of the land, or executed valid gift deeds or relinquishment in favor of the adopted son during his lifetime, he ceased to be the owner of those assets. Hence, he could not bequeath them later via Will.

This doctrine strongly favors the adopted son if mutation entries, sale deeds, or gift documents exist in his name prior to the Will.

Prior Registered Gift or Sale vs. Will
Indian courts consistently hold that a registered gift deed or sale deed executed during lifetime takes precedence over a Will, which is always revocable and comes into force after death.

Case Reference: Thulasimani vs. Rajeswari (Madras HC, 2007) – Held that a valid gift cannot be revoked by a subsequent Will.

In this case, if Ahad had executed a gift deed or mutation entry under his signature prior to the Will, such documents have overriding legal weight.

Estoppel by Conduct and Possession

The adopted son was in physical possession of the land, was cultivating the orchard, and had been treated as legal heir for decades. Indian courts have held

that such uninterrupted possession, especially when accompanied by documented evidence, creates a strong presumption of rightful ownership.

Case Reference: Gurdev Kaur vs. Kaki (2006) – "Long possession and recognition by community can be the foundation of lawful title."

How Revenue Records Come Into Play

In rural land governance, mutation entries in jamabandi or girdawari often determine who enjoys possession, cultivation rights, and revenue liability. While mutation does not create ownership, it reflects it. Courts give substantial weight to longstanding mutation entries unless proven fraudulent.

If Ahad's adopted son has his name entered in mutation records prior to Ahad's death, and if these were based on documented gift or adoption evidence, it becomes difficult for the brothers to oust him through a Will.

Tehsildar's Role in Mutation Disputes

Such disputes inevitably reach the tehsildar or naib tehsildar. However, these revenue officers must:

- Examine whether the mutation was based on gift, sale, or adoption.
- Check if the Will presented is genuine and whether it includes land still legally owned by the testator at the time of death.
- Refer complex legal disputes to civil courts.

In this case, the tehsildar should not hastily entertain the Will mutation if valid pre-death transfers are already recorded.

Remedies Available to Each Party

- For the Adopted Son:
 - File a declaratory suit in civil court to establish his status as adopted heir.

- Produce proof of adoption: school certificates, Aadhaar with father's name, revenue records, witnesses.
- Invalidate the Will under suspicion if it conflicts with prior transfers.
- Seek injunction against further mutation or dispossession.

For the Brothers Claiming Will:

- Establish authenticity of the Will through attesting witnesses.
- Prove that the properties mentioned were still in Ahad's ownership at the time of his death.
- Challenge prior documents in court as forged or fraudulent (if applicable).

Broader Policy Implications: Why These Cases Keep Occurring

This case is not an outlier. Across India, especially in agrarian states:

- Adoption is often informal, without proper registration.
- Wills are often created under pressure, especially by elderly landowners.
- Revenue officers mutate names without thorough legal scrutiny, increasing litigation.
- There is urgent need for:**
 - Mandatory registration of adoptions to secure adopted heirs.
 - Integration of gift and will registries with land records, to detect conflicts.
 - Public awareness about legal formalities in succession.

Conclusion: Who Inherits?

In the battle between the adopted heir and the biological brothers, the courts will rely not just on documents, but on the chain of facts, intentions, and conduct. If Ahad had truly handed over his estate to the adopted son during his lifetime—through gift, possession, and public recognition—then the subsequent Will becomes irrelevant.

Ultimately, land is not just about ownership—it's about memory, responsibility, and justice. The law exists to honor the true intent of the deceased. If that intent was to reward loyalty, love, and upbringing through adoption, the courts should ensure that the adopted heir is not left landless merely because a Will surfaced after death.

Author's Note: This article is based on a real-life case pattern common in Jammu & Kashmir, but names and events have been altered for privacy. The legal analysis reflects prevailing laws as of 2025 and recent judicial trends.

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Brand Of Happiness Under The Guise Of Sacrifice



DR. PRIYANKA SAURABH

In childhood, we used to hear that a Sadhvi is one who has risen above worldly attachment, illusion, adornment, attraction and worldly responsibilities. She is one who dedicates herself to meditation, sadhana and purification of the soul. In today's world, when we hear the word 'Sadhvi', we don't imagine a meditative woman, but rather a 'modern Sadhvi', dressed in designer saffron clothes, giving sermons on a stage under bright lights, with thousands of followers on social media, emerging.

Now becoming a Sadhvi does not mean self-sacrifice, but is associated with a new lifestyle—in which there is a claim of renouncing pleasures, but the enjoyment of happiness and popularity continues. Now a safe branding is done in the name of sacrifice, in which a woman creates a spiritual aura by separating herself from home, family, marriage and social obligations—in which there is glitter, crowds, donations, trips to the country and abroad, but there is no deep connection with self-restraint and self-reflection.

This trend is not a spiritual awakening, but a strategic escape—where women do not run away from the world, but reshape it in their own way, according to their convenience and expectations. They say—we have renounced everything, but in reality they renounced only that which troubled them—responsibility, expectation, accountability, and the burden of relationships. But they did not renounce their 'I', did not renounce

their 'importance'.

Many of today's so-called Sadhvis preach on public platforms that enjoyment is an illusion, domesticity is a bondage, the true form of a woman is one who is silent inside and surrendered outside. But when the same Sadhvi uploads videos on Instagram with filters, when she advertises her every event, when there are special passes and VIP galleries at her events—then the question arises whether this is spirituality or just a successful public relations plan?

In old times, becoming a Sadhvi was an act of courage. When a woman separated herself from the world, she had to face the society at every step. Today, when someone says—I am now a Sadhvi—all social criticism of her becomes silent. Because we have accepted that the woman who wears saffron, keeps a veil on her head, and speaks in Sanskrit language—she is now a "goddess" and cannot be questioned.

The biggest danger in this trend is that it is giving women a new escape route—the path of self-conceit in the name of self-development. They neither want to take up the responsibility of the house, nor do they want to compete in the workplace, nor do they want to clash with family, society or politics. They want a field where they are worshipped but not scrutinised. Becoming a Sadhvi has become a medium of that 'holy image', which neither makes anyone question, nor forces anyone to answer.

When an ordinary woman struggles with mental exhaustion, she is silenced with "take rest", "give yourself time" and so on. But when someone says "I am now a Sadhvi", her exhaustion is turned into a spiritual epic. She gets a platform, media support, and a crowd of followers.

This Sadhvi now speaks on the mike—"I renounced everything", but what I got after renouncing that—no ordinary housewife can ever get.



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She gives sermons, but never talks about women's rights, social justice, or economic equality, because these topics can make her self-created spiritual field uncomfortable. She does not clash with any government, does not speak on any inequality, she just keeps creating the cycle of meditation, mind, soul and life.

This is what we can call—"refined enjoyment". This is such enjoyment which is not directly obtained in material things, but through attention, power, recognition and prestige. This is not lust, but definitely a 'hunger for fame'. There is no adornment in it, but definitely a desire for self-display. There is no personal responsibility in

it, but there is definitely a shadow of collective control.

Society, especially the male-dominated mindset, finds this role very acceptable. It does not want a woman who questions, thinks, and struggles. It wants an 'obedient Sadhvi' who stays silent under the cover of religion and remains the face of 'peaceful spirituality'. In such a situation, becoming a Sadhvi becomes a safe platform—which not only protects the woman from her inner questions, but also fulfills the expectations of society.

Therefore, many of today's Sadhvis are not actually 'renunciants', but women who are tired of life, broken by relationships, dissatisfied with

society, and hide this dissatisfaction in the 'search for God'. They want that no one should say anything to them, no one should have any expectations, but everyone should respect them, everyone should listen to them, everyone should believe them. This is not spirituality, but 'social cleverness'.

In this modern spirituality, there is stage in place of sacrifice, limelight in place of penance, and digital glamour in place of peace. This is a spirituality where salvation is still the goal, but the path is now traversed through YouTube channels, Instagram live and online courses.

Therefore, we have to understand that renunciation is not only proved by clothes, hair or speech. It is related to the mind, conduct and intention. As long as the process of becoming a Sadhvi remains not of self-introspection but of self-display, this Sadhvi culture will continue to swallow real Sadhana.

This is not a protest, but a humble request—if women become Sadhvis, they should really do Sadhana. They should come down from the stage and speak on those topics which the society is afraid of. They should not only meditate, but also adopt the path of contemplation and movement. Because if every woman becomes silent after becoming a Sadhvi, then who will bring that change?

Sacrifice is not something that is seen, sacrifice is something that is done from within. And enjoyment does not come only through the senses, it also comes through admiration, ego and identity.

Unless we understand this new 'Sadhvi trend', spirituality will remain an industry, a style, a marketing model—in which one will keep smiling on every platform wearing the clothes of renunciation of worldly pleasures.

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J&K Bank organizes Roz-e-YUVA, Udyami YUVA Day across J&K

Hundreds of youth receive sanction letters; MD & CEO chairs Ganderbal event

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Carrying forward the J&K Government's flagship initiative Mission YUVA (MY) aimed at empowering local youth through entrepreneurship and self-employment, J&K Bank Saturday organised multiple Login Day events titled as 'Roz-e-YUVA' in Kashmir and 'Udyami YUVA Day' in Jammu across various districts of the UT.

Held simultaneously at a number of designated venues, hundreds of young entrepreneurs were handed over loan sanction letters, at these programs, to help them establish their ventures. Notably, these login day events will be conducted on weekly basis throughout the Mission YUVA period.

The main programme of the day was held at Government Degree College, Ganderbal, wherein MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee was the chief guest, Mission Director

(MY) Shahzad Alam was guest-of-honour and Deputy Commissioner (Ganderbal) Jatin Kishore was special guest amid a large gathering of aspiring youth. Principal (GDC) Dr Fouzia Naqshbandi, Bank's General Manager (CAM) Ashutosh Sareen, Divisional Head (Kashmir) Shabir Ahmad, Zonal Head (Budgam) Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, DGMs Rakesh Magotra and Tanveer Hussain Farooqi, Cluster Heads Javed Rashid and Masood Ahmad Lanker were also present on the occasion along with other senior administration and Bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee expressed his pleasure at the enthusiasm shown by the youth and reiterated the Bank's commitment to stand firmly behind them.

MD & CEO said, "Mission YUVA is a very unique project that has witnessed support of entire government machinery right from the

conception to implementation to ensure that most people especially youth can avail maximum benefits without hassles. And J&K Bank remains steadfast in supporting the Government's vision of empowering youth through sustainable livelihood opportunities."

On behalf of J&K Bank, he assured the people that the Bank will make every possible effort to make Mission YUVA program a success. "I am sure that my team will take forward this project of transformation, which is very closer to my heart, and make it a success", he said.

MD & CEO urged the participants to carry forward the message so that everyone in the district benefits from the mission YUVA. He further said, "Youth-led enterprises are the backbone of local development. By facilitating access to finance under Mission YUVA, we are not just disbursing loans - we are investing in the future of our young entrepreneurs

and the economic growth of our region. I advise all the beneficiaries under this project to use their finance in the best possible way so as to generate a dignified livelihood not only for themselves but for many others as well."

He also thanked both the MD Mission YUVA and DC Ganderbal for exhibiting lead roles on the ground.

Expressing his appreciation for the Bank's proactive role, Mission Director (MY) Shahzad Alam remarked, "I am pleased to be part of this milestone event in this transformational journey of Mission YUVA. The collaboration with J&K Bank is a vital part of this mission. And the presence of MD & CEO Shri Amitava Chatterjee at today's event, where so many young people are receiving sanction letters, is not only gesture of leadership but of solidarity with the dreams and aspirations of the youth."

He also appreciated the efforts of Ganderbal administration led by DC Jatin Kishore. "I believe our collective efforts are opening up new pathways of progress and hope", he added.

DC Ganderbal Jatin Kishore expressed his gratitude to the Bank for organising for such an event first time in district Ganderbal and thanked MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee for gracing the occasion.

He further said, "We are committed to continue work in a mission mode to achieve the objectives set by the J&K Government. Under Mission YUVA, we are trying to promote the culture and heritage of this district by getting the artisans and entrepreneurs credit-linked so that they can improve their lives and expand their ventures. I urge all beneficiaries to make full use of this support and become role models in their communities."

General Manger (CAM) Ashutosh

Sareen apprised the participants about the benefits of the schemes designed by the Bank under Mission YUVA. He further said, "The entire process of registration is app driven and hassle-free. The steps taken to make this project successful includes counselling, guidance and handholding."

Emphasizing that the success of the mission also depends upon the participation of youth, he said, "I urge all the young entrepreneurs and employment seekers to come forward and register to participate in the process and become job providers."

Earlier, in his welcome address, Divisional Head (Kashmir) Shabir Ahmad said, "This Roz-e-YUVA is a testament to our shared commitment to youth empowerment and livelihood generation in J&K." He called Mission YUVA a vibrant platform to create an enabling ecosystem for ensuring sustain-

able growth in the economy of this region.

At the Ganderbal event alone, scores of beneficiaries - many of them first time entrepreneurs - received sanction letters under the Mission YUVA schemes.

The program concluded with enthusiastic interactions between the dignitaries and the beneficiaries, reaffirming the Bank's pivotal role as the region's leading financial institution dedicated to realising the objectives of Mission YUVA - creating avenues of employment, promoting entrepreneurship, and empowering the youth to become drivers of economic transformation.

Similar programmes were held across the UT in the districts of Srinagar, Rajouri, and Kupwara etc. that also saw distribution of sanction letters, counselling sessions, and guidance from the Bank's officers.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Amarnath Yatra

Baltal and Pahalgam.

As per the data, 2,851 pilgrims departed via the Baltal axis, while 3,514 pilgrims chose the traditional Pahalgam route.

The batch included 4,690 males, 1,499 females, 41 children, 108 sadhus, and 27 sadhvis.

Officials said the pilgrims were accommodated in 211 vehicles, including 133 buses, 31 mini-motor vehicles (MMVs), and 47 light motor vehicles (LMVs). The Baltal convoy consisted of 92 vehicles, while 119 vehicles were allotted for the Pahalgam axis—(KNO)

LG Manoj Sinha

Mahasammelan will provide the new generation with an opportunity to connect with its cultural roots and inspire them to imbibe the noble teachings and ideals of Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati that holds great significance to humanity in the 21st Century.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the revival of Vedic knowledge and its integration into the school curriculum is crucial to offer the young generation great classics of world literature, values and ideals of our ancient civilization and also a treasure of knowledge in science, arts, humanities and mathematics.

The Lieutenant Governor said when the Vedas were composed 6000 years ago, India was the centre of world culture and spirituality. There is no evidence of development of civilization and culture in any other country at that time, he added.

"Thousands of years before the European Renaissance, the foundation of socio-economic progress was laid in India through development in the fields of science, mathematics, astronomy and medicine. The same vibrancy is visible today.

India will soon reclaim its position of Vishva Guru under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and our great country will show the new path to the world. Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision is propelling India's economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the Arya Samaj to spearhead the efforts in disseminating the message of unity, peace, and the collective well-being of humanity.

"The teachings of Swami Dayananda will ensure lasting peace and stability in the world. Today the entire world is acknowledging India's soft power and its spiritual wealth. Today, our society is balancing traditional values with modern advancements. The time has come when India will guide the world towards peace and harmony and institutions like Arya Samaj will have to play a major role," the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the people from different walks of life for their outstanding contributions in fostering teachings of Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati.

Prof BN Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu; Shri Narendra Trehan, President, Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K; Shri Prakash Arya, President, Madhya Bhartiya Arya Pratinidhi Sabha; Shri Vinay Arya, General Secretary, Delhi Arya Pratinidhi Sabha; Swami Devrat Saraswati Secretary, Arya Veer Dal; Acharya Nandita Shastri, Principal, Panini Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi; senior officials of civil and police administration, religious leaders and prominent citizens were present.

Termination Of IWT

monograph 'Indus Water Treaty-Mirroring the Facts' authored by Sant Kumar Sharma, at Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated the author on his remarkable work to bring out various historical aspects of 'Indus Water Treaty'.

He said the thoughtful and timely monograph offers interesting insights on 'Indus Water Treaty' with Pakistan and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's decisive move to terminate the treaty post Pakistan Sponsored Pahalgam Terror Attack.

The Lieutenant Governor said the historic step has marked a new beginning, and reiterated Government of India's commitment to utilize India's water exclusively for the benefit

of its citizens.

"India's water will now flow within India and remain in India. With the termination of Indus Water treaty, we now have full control over the Jhelum and Chenab rivers, he said further adding that the termination of IWT will ensure immense benefit to J&K, which will be able to harness its real hydro power potential, the barren areas of Jammu can be irrigated and there will be new momentum in the development of infrastructure in Jammu Kashmir.

He said India will now create infrastructure, power plants and diversion to new areas with proper infrastructure to use the water and it will enable construction of new reservoirs.

The Lieutenant Governor citing the debate in Parliament in November 1960 and statements of prominent leaders in the house also observed that Indus Water Treaty was a historical mistake, unfair, one-sided and hampered infrastructure development in Jammu Kashmir and restricted growth of development projects.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also paid tribute to the civilians who were martyred in the Pakistan sponsored terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

He also reiterated his resolve to honor and deliver justice to the terror victims of Jammu Kashmir.

"No Terror Victim Families will be left behind. It is being ensured that Family members, who have been waiting for justice for decades, will receive jobs, financial assistance and necessary handholding. Their culprits will not be spared. The properties of terror victims which were encroached by terrorists or terror sympathisers will be vacated soon," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Author Shri Sant Kumar Sharma, Smt Anuradha Sharma; Shri Ashok Bhan, Member, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Prof. BK Kuthiala, former Vice-Chancellor, Makhnall Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication; Shri Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman Team Jammu, senior officials, prominent literary personalities, journalists, and people in large number were present at the launch ceremony.

J&K Braces For

spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower at scattered to fairly widespread places.

Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that generally cloudy weather with intermittent spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower is expected from July 21 to 23 at many places with intense showers at few places with heavy rain at isolated places of J&K.

From July 24 to 27, he said that there is a possibility of brief showers at scattered places.

Moreover, the MeT has issued an advisory, stating that there is a possibility of intense showers with gusty winds at few places with heavy rain at isolated to scattered places of J&K during 21-23rd July.

"Flash floods at few vulnerable places with landslides, mudslides & shooting stones," it reads, adding that rise in water level in rivers, streams, local Nallas & water logging in few Low lying areas is also expected.

Meanwhile, the farmers have been advised to spray till tomorrow—(KNO)

CIK Raids Multiple

financing and executing a variety of terrorist related activities including recruitment into terrorist ranks" it adds.

It reads, these individuals /users are suspected to be in touch with adversaries including 'Abdullah Gazi', a Pak based LeT/ JeM terrorist handler across the border. As such, maintaining the element of surprise, the searches were meticulously planned and conducted in furtherance of the investigation by CIK into this terrorist recruitment/financing module of Jaish-e-Mohammad/LeT terrorist outfit, operating from a known city in Pakistan which has been established by peaking into the server of encrypted messaging application.

It further reads that the terrorist commander/ handler was in continuous touch with these local Kashmiri youth and reportedly trying to radicalize them for recruitment into terrorist ranks. The terrorist commander/ handler is operating in close coordination with Pak ISI.

During searches, large number of docu-

mentary evidence and digital devices having bearing on the investigation of the case were seized. So far, 10 suspects have been rounded up. Analysis of the data would follow and leads that would emerge would become the basis for further investigation.

It is pertinent to mention here, reads the statement, that the operation is primarily aimed on prevention, to save the precious lives and careers of local Kashmir youth from falling prey to the designs of terror organizations besides, to uncover crucial evidence, curb illicit activities, prevent the misuse of communication devices, such as mobile phones, and dismantling the terror ecosystem in the UT by identifying terrorist associates/ Over Ground Workers (OGWs) supporting and abetting terrorism and also ensuring legal action against them as envisaged by the law of the land.

Be Ready To Respond

among all agencies. He also deliberated on the contribution of Army, along with other sister agencies, in maintaining a robust counter-infiltration grid and supporting civil authorities in sensitive areas.

Their active collaboration with J&K Police, CAPFs, and Int agencies in high-risk zones was appreciated, particularly in securing Yatra convoys and strengthening area domination to ensure a peaceful and incident-free environment" he said—(KNO)

Quality Edu, Teacher

a lackadaisical approach, tardiness or unauthorized departure from schools for personal matters. He directed that teacher salaries be linked to their school attendance and lawfully availed leave. He was informed that JK Attendance App, a geo-coordinates-based face recognition attendance system, has already been implemented, with 1.14 lakh employees actively marking their attendance.

The Chief Secretary enjoined upon the senior functionaries of the department to conduct surprise visits, both physical and virtual, to schools, especially in remote areas, to assess the staff presence and teaching effectiveness.

Dulloo stressed the importance of utilizing the modern infrastructure such as ICT labs, Computer-Aided Learning (CAL) labs, smart classrooms, Atal Tinkering Labs and other available resources. He directed the department's IT team to develop a dashboard for daily monitoring of IT infrastructure usage in each school. Currently, 1420 CAL Centers and 2036 ICT Labs and 4272 Smart Classrooms are fully operational across the UT.

Regarding vocational education, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the department for regular handholding and support to the vocational learners until they secure placements in the job market. Over 141,000 students from classes 9th to 12th were said to be currently enrolled in 15 different trades imparted in the schools.

Dulloo directed the department to exercise caution and make thorough preparation before adopting the ECCE model, emphasizing the extensive groundwork required for merging pre-primary education with childhood care in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department. He asked for appointment of nodal officers for each zone to ensure the feasibility of such mergers and prevent difficulties for children seeking admissions.

It was informed that Pre-primary classes are scheduled to be initiated in 15,550 schools and 13,804 AAYAs/helpers have been engaged in schools with ECCE sections.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress on various works under different schemes, including establishment of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVVs), Girls Hostels, modern infrastructure and particularly the PM SHRI scheme in designated schools across the Union Territory.

While throwing light on the overall educational landscape of J&K, Secretary, SED, Ram Niwas Sharma, revealed that 20 districts had been distributed into 188 Education Zones (Jammu: 97, Kashmir: 91) for managing the affairs of the department.

He also revealed that the literacy rate (UT, NSO Survey 2017) has been shown as 77.30% across the UT. He added that J&K has total schools strength of 24,137 (18,724 Govt. and

5,413 Pvt. + Other) with a cumulative enrolment of 2,617,817 students (1356838 in Govt+ 1260979 in Pvt Institutions) from Primary to Higher Secondary level.

The meeting was also apprised that the total budgetary allocation for the department for FY 2025-26 is Rs. 11,356.43 crore (including UT Capex and CSS) with an overall approved budget allocation of Rs. 13,492.27 crore. It was added that the expenditure on each enrolled student in a government school accrues to around Rs 1 lakh/year which is much higher than the national average.

It was further divulged that in J&K 396 schools had been selected for being taken up under PM SHRI programme.

Regarding the Vidhya Samiksha Kendra, it was informed that it has fully been completed and operational in Jammu, ensuring data-driven decision-making and improved educational outcomes. Four chat bots (Smart Attendance J&K, J&K Study Buddy, Field Monitoring Bot, J&K Parent Pulse Bot) have been rolled out, so far, from there.

Handmade Products

urge the business stakeholders to access these designs and packaging models to add value to their products in high-end global markets," he added.

Public Notice

I, Afroza Hassan W/O: Javid Ahmad Sofi, resident of Madina Colony B, Kanispora, Baramulla, intend to renew my passport (No. E0157961) and request the following corrections:

Name Correction: From "Afroza Javid" (as in current passport) to "Afrozah Hassan" (as per Aadhaar).

Address Correction: From "Sherwani Colony, Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla" to "Madina Colony B, Kanispora, Baramulla" (as per Aadhaar).

Anyone having objections to these changes should contact the Regional Passport Office, Srinagar, within seven (7) days from the date of this publication. No objections will be entertained thereafter.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE, BEERWAH LEGAL HEIR NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that Late Misra Bano, wife of Ghulam Ahmad Qureshi, resident of Chanthan-Checkpora, tehsil Beerwah, expired on 08-03-2025 at her home. We the undersigned, hereby declare ourselves as the legal heirs of the deceased. Ghulam Ahmad Qureshi (Husband), Raja Mansoor Ahmad (Son) Yasmeena Qureshi (Daughter) and Zireena Qureshi (Daughter). Any person (if) having any claims, objections or dues against the estate or property of the deceased are hereby requested to file the same at the Office of Executive Magistrate Beerwah, within 7 days of period from the date of publication of this notice. After passage of time no such claims shall be entertained.

*Sd/-
Naib Tehsildar Pattan*

HM Amit Shah applauds Dhama govt as Rs 1 lakh crore investments take ground in Uttarakhand

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RUDRAPUR: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Saturday praised the Pushkar Singh Dhama-led government for achieving what he called a "remarkable feat of governance, commitment, and execution."

Speaking at the grand Uttarakhand Nivesh (Investment) Utsav 2025, held at the Sports Stadium in Rudrapur, Shah lauded the state for successfully grounding investment projects worth over Rs 1 lakh crore, just 18 months after signing MoUs worth Rs 3.56 lakh crore during the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit 2023.

Describing Uttarakhand as central to India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, the Home Minister said that the Dhama government was working with "transparency in policy, speed in implementation, and vision for long-term development."

The event was not just a celebration of investment, but also a testimony to political will and effective administration.

He commended the Dhama government's resolve in translating investment commitments into reality.

"When I attended the summit in 2023, I told the Chief Minister that the real test will not be in signing MoUs, but in grounding them. Today, despite all odds, Rs 1 lakh crore worth of investments are now on the ground. That is real leadership," Shah said, amidst applause from industry leaders, officials, and public representatives.

The grounded projects are expected to create over 81,000 direct jobs, while associated industries and support systems could generate an additional 2.5 lakh indirect employment opportunities, marking a significant leap toward industrial self-reliance in the hill state.

On this occasion, Shah also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 20 development projects worth Rs 1,342.84 crore. These included new correctional facilities, technical institutes, police housing projects, multi-level parking, upgraded road net-



works, a working women's hostel, and a state-of-the-art homeopathic medical college. These projects, spread across various districts, are aimed at improving urban and rural infrastructure while strengthening education, security, and public services.

The Home Minister further emphasised the economic rise of India under the Modi government over the last decade. He cited unprecedented growth in infrastructure, from national highways and rail electrification to new airports and rural roads.

Shah highlighted that India, which was the world's 11th largest economy during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure, has now become the 4th largest economy globally, and is poised to rise to third place by 2027.

He described this as a result of Prime Minister Modi's balanced vision - that the poor must not be left behind even as infrastructure scales new heights. Citing the example of over 25 crore Indians being lifted out of poverty, Shah listed out major welfare achievements including five kilograms of free ration to the poor, five lakh rupees of free medical care under Ayushman Bharat, clean drinking water through tap connections to 16 crore households, construction of 12 crore toilets, 13 crore LPG connections, and electricity to three crore homes.

Bringing his speech back to Uttarakhand, Shah said, "A developed India by 2047 is only possible if states like Uttarakhand also achieve developed-state status. This land of Char Dham, Panch Kedar, and Panch Prayag is not just spiritually significant, but also strategically crucial to India's overall

Sitarganj, and an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster were all operational, he said.

He also outlined future-ready initiatives such as the Multi-Modal Logistics Park in Pantnagar and the proposed Industrial Smart City in Khurpia Farm, which is being developed with an estimated investment of over Rs 1,300 crore.

Dhama announced that a Rs 200 crore venture fund had been launched to support startups, and that over 260 business services were now available online to simplify approvals and reduce red tape.

Echoing the theme of holistic development, Union Home Minister Amit Shah underscored that the Centre had given Uttarakhand over Rs 1.86 lakh crore in the last 10 years, which is more than 3.5 times the assistance given in previous decades. This includes Rs 31,000 crore for roads, Rs 40,000 crore for rail projects, and Rs 100 crore for aviation infrastructure.

"This is the Modi government's commitment to cooperative federalism and strong states," he said.

Industry leaders and stakeholders also spoke on the occasion. Baba Ramdev, founder of Patanjali Group, called Uttarakhand "the crown of Bharat Mata" and said it was destined to lead in wellness, organic farming, and renewable energy.

He praised the Dhama government for its progressive wellness policy and for promoting solar and hydro-power initiatives. He also lauded the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code in the state.

Dr. Sunil Rai, President of UPES, highlighted the transformation in the education sector, improved connectivity, and availability of world-class research facilities in Uttarakhand. He said this had made the state a preferred destination for educational investment.

Industrialist Pawan Agarwal of Naini Papers spoke about sustainable production methods, including paper manufacturing using sugarcane residue and agri-based wood, which supports both farmers and the environment. His new plant, he added, had created 300 new jobs and set a model for eco-conscious industry.

PM Modi hails CJI Gavai, SC judges for joining 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam' campaign

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the participation of Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai and Supreme Court judges in the 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam' campaign in Delhi, hoping it will add momentum to the green drive.

PM Modi, in a message on X, called CJI Gavai and other Supreme Court judges' participation 'inspirational'. "The participation of honourable judges in Van Mahotsav is inspirational for everyone. I am confident that the 'One Tree in the Name of Mother' campaign will gain new momentum from this," wrote PM Modi in a message in Hindi.

Earlier, CJI Gavai highlighted the importance of environmental protection and called for collective efforts to clean Delhi's air. Addressing a gathering at a plantation drive organised by the Delhi government, the CJI said, "Development is important, but we must understand the cost at which it comes."

"Everyone starts getting worried as soon as October arrives... Forests, which are a part of humanity's lineage, do not belong to us alone; they belong to future generations too. They play a vital role in reducing Delhi's pollution," he added.

CJI Gavai said that the Supreme Court has time and again stressed the importance of sustainable development and issued landmark advisories on pollution control.

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Minister Sirsa said that the presence of the CJI and other judges under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam' campaign reinforces the message that we must come together to restore Delhi's green cover and reclaim clean air.

He added that it was an emotional moment for all the judges and for the Delhi government officials when judges planted saplings in the name of their mothers. "The spot where the CJI and other judges planted the saplings will be developed as Nyay Vatika," Sirsa told IANS.

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NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump said that a couple of big trade deals will be announced soon.

"They could almost do it today... maybe later on. We'll do it," said Trump at the signing ceremony of the stablecoin act at the White House.

"When I send out the paper that you're paying 35 per cent or 40 per cent tariff, that's a deal. Then, they'll call and see if they can make a little bit different kind of a deal, like opening up their country to trade," added Trump.

Trump has recently signed an executive order to extend the 90-day suspension of sweeping US reciprocal tariffs from July 9 to August 1, with trade negotiations ongoing with several major trading partners, Xinhua news agency reported.

There will be no change or extensions to the August 1 deadline, when tariffs will start being paid, according to Trump's post on social media on July 8.

Trump on Friday signed a landmark stablecoin act into law at a White House ceremony, the first federal regulation in this regard.

The Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for US Stablecoins Act, or GENIUS Act, was passed by the US Senate in June and by

the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Trump has been a supporter of the bill and recently intervened in persuading some Republican lawmakers to vote for it.

"The GENIUS Act creates a clear and simple regulatory framework to establish and unleash the immense promise of dollar-backed stablecoins. This could be perhaps the greatest revolution in financial technology since the birth of the Internet itself," said Trump.

The act lays out standards for stablecoins, a kind of digital currency pegged to the US dollar or other fiat currencies.

The Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency would undertake overseeing of stablecoin issuance, according to the GENIUS Act.

The act also creates requirements for issuers to regularly share information about their reserves in the form of US currency, demand deposits, Treasuries and other "approved assets."

Trump suggested that he would go further to make the United States the crypto capital of the world, and the use of stablecoins would increase the demand for US treasuries, lower interest rates, and secure the dollar's status as the world's reserve currency.

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Subject: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE in various schools for the year 2025.
Reference: 1. Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, Jammu & Kashmir's Order No.: 07- of CHIRAG of 2023 Dated: 09-01-2023 and amendments made from time to time.
2. Chief Education Officer Anantnag's letter No.: CEO/A/SmS/ECCE/25/28492-674/25 Dated: 09/07/2025.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications on the prescribed form are invited from eligible female candidates for participation in the selection process for engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAyAs under Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for the year 2025 purely on terminus basis, in following approved schools of this zone:

S. No.	School where AAyAs/ Helper is to be engaged	No. of AAyAs to be engaged
01	PS Benard	01
02	GMS Mahind	01
03	GMS Dalseer	01
04	PS GujrathKathsoo	01
05	MS Movera	01
06	MS Trail	01
07	PS HerporaWahidan	01
08	PS Kullar Gojran*	01
*Subject to the outcome of the suit, pending disposal.		

The detailed guidelines/terms and conditions issued by Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K vide order No.: 07-OF CHIRAG - 2023 Dated: 09-01-2023 read with Order No.: 150-CHIRAG OF 2023 Dated: 21-09-2023 and the amendments made from time to time with regard to eligibility, educational qualification, domicile, age honorarium etc. are as under:

- SELECTION PROCESS:**
The Selection of Helper/AAyA shall be restricted to Village in respect of Rural area, where approved school is located.
- NATURE OF DEPLOYMENT:**
i. The deployment of a Helper/AAyA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date, they are engaged/hired and shall conclude with the end of academic session. It may be extendable, subject to the performance and the approval of funds, from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the particular component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall be taken from the candidate at the time of joining, for not claiming for permanent absorption at any stage.
ii. All decisions of the funding agency (Samagra Shiksha, J&K under the aegis of School Education Department) shall be implemented in this regard.
- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF HELPER/AAyA:**
i. The candidate may be female only.
ii. The candidate should be a Domicile of the said Village in case of Rural Area, where Approved school is located. The candidate must possess Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority, on or before the last date of submission of offline application form.
iii. Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category.
iv. The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry-out her job.
- QUALIFICATION REQUIRED/PREFERENCE:**
a) The candidate must possess minimum qualification: 8th Class Passed on or before the cut-off date fixed for filling offline application form. In case there is no eligible candidate available in the Village, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be considered.
b) Candidates may note that their candidature will remain provisional till the genuineness of their documents relating to educational qualification is verified by the engaging/hiring Authority.
c) In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification (where it is applicable/required), it shall be mandatory to produce relevant Equivalence Certificate or seek equivalence from the concerned competent authorities as and when required. However, final decision regarding selection of such candidates will be taken by higher authorities, in light of relevant rules which shall be binding.
d) Preference shall be given to the candidates from BPL Category in the below mentioned order of Priority:
i. Widow
ii. Divorced
iii. Orphan
a. Double Orphan (women whose both biological parents are dead)
b. Paternal Orphan (women whose biological father is dead)
c. Maternal Orphan (women whose biological mother is dead).
- AGE LIMIT:**
The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January of the deployment year.
- HONORARIUM:**
Rs. 5000/- Rupees Five Thousand Only Per Month may be given to the Helpers/AAyAs which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of Samagra Shiksha.
- TOTAL NON-AVAILABILITY OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:**
In case of total non-availability of the candidate, as mentioned above, the candidates from the Panchayat Concerned/ (concerned) may be considered/engaged.
- FINALIZATION OF SELECTION PROCESS:**
i. In case of tie-up of the selection of candidate for Helper/AAyA, the preference shall be given to the elder candidate (i.e. Candidate with more age shall be considered).
ii. In case all the preferences get exhausted and the tie still persist, the higher merit obtained by the candidate in the minimum qualification (8th class) shall be considered.
iii. The name of Selected AAyA/Helper, shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the School/Panchayat Ghar/ZEO Office, 7 days before the commencement of the academic session.
- APPEAL:**
If anybody feels, aggrieved with the selection of Helper/AAyA, an appeal shall be preferred to the concerned Chief Education Officer, within a period of 15 days from the selection. 2nd Appeal, if any, may be filled before the Director School Education (concerned).
- PREMATURE TERMINATION:**
In case of any misconduct, misbehavior and poor performance while discharging duty, by a Helper/AAyA, as noticed/reported, the concerned Head of Institution (HOI) shall have the right to terminate the services of Helper/AAyA in consultation with the Panchayat Halqa with due adherence to the prescribed procedures, as the case may be. The replacement will be made within 07 days.
- JOB CHART OF A HELPER/AAyA:**
The Helpers/AAyAs for Pre-Primary sections of Govt Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks:
a) Escorting the Children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example while moving to outdoor areas, Play Ground and Toilet etc).
b) Maintaining the hygiene of the children- Toileting, Hand Washing, and Cleanliness of Children etc.
c) Helping the Teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up the material, making arrangements for day-to-day activities.
d) Assisting the Children in taking food under the supervision of Teacher, under PM Poshan (MDM).
e) Any other assignment given by HOI for the proper care of Children.
- DOCUMENTS VERIFICATION (DV):**
The candidates who are provisionally engaged/hired as Helper/AAyAs will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other documents like Domicile Certificate, Category Certificate (BPL), etc. on or before the last date of submission of offline application form. In case a candidate fails to appear before the DVC or fails to produce relevant documents/testimonials in original on the scheduled date of DV, he/she shall not be considered for selection.
- IMPORTANT DATES:**
Application forms complete in all respects duly supported by requisite documents must reach this office (Zonal Education Office Srigufwara) by or before 31.07.2025. The application forms can be had from this office as well as from the office of Headmaster of the concerned school. The advertisement notification is issued without prejudice to the final outcome of the case, if any sub-judice or pending disposal in any court of law and other orders, if any passed by the competent authority which may not be immediately within the knowledge of this office.

No. ZEO/S/SmS/1471-83/25
Dated: 18/07/2025

Sd/-
Zonal Education Officer,
Srigufwara

APPLICATION PROFORMA FOR ENGAGEMENT OF HELPERS/AAyAs UNDER ECCE FOR THE YEAR 2025 ZONE SRIGUFWARA ANANTNAG

(Only Female candidates (BPL) can apply)

- Name of the School where Helper/AAyA is sanctioned and applied for: _____
- Full Name of Applicant (in Capital letters): _____
- Father's/Husbands' Name (in capital letters): _____
- Mother's Name (in capital letters): _____
- Permanent Address: _____
i) Village: _____ (Attach Domicile Certificate).
ii) Panchayat Halqa: _____
iii) Tehsil: _____ District: _____
iv) Police Station: _____ Contact No: _____
- Present Residence: _____ (Attach PPRC).
- Date Of Birth: DD ____ MM ____ YYYY ____ (Attach DOB/Marks Sheet)
- Qualification: _____ (Attach Documents)
- Do you belong to any of the following category;
i) Widow: Yes/No ____ (if Yes, attach Widow Certificate and Non-Remarriage Certificate issued by concerned Tehsildar)
ii) Divorced: Yes/No ____ (if Yes, attach Divorced Certificate and Non-Remarriage Certificate issued by concerned Tehsildar)
iii) Orphan: Yes/No ____ (if Yes, attach Orphan Certificate and Un-Married Certificate issued by concerned Tehsildar)
- Ration Card Type: _____ E-Ticket No.: _____

Affix recent passport size photograph duly attested by HOI of the concerned school

Signature of Applicant

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the particulars furnished are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein. I understand that, if at any stage it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect or I do not satisfy/fulfil the eligibility criteria, my candidature is liable to be cancelled besides disciplinary action as per rules. I have read the contents of the notification and agree to abide by the Rules, regulations and procedure prescribed for hiring of Helpers/AAyAs. I shall accept the selection to be made by the selection committee which will be binding on me.

I also hereby declare that I have never been arrested/prosecuted or involved in any criminal case.

Date: _____ DDPK-3938-25
DT: 19/07/2025 Signature of Applicant

