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State Legal Services Authorities must ensure that all possible legal aid reaches the army personnel, tribal community, deprived and vulnerable sections of society on time so that their lives become easier and their rights granted by the Constitution are protected.

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True Test Of Country's Legal System Lies In Treatment Of Marginalised Sections: CM

Addresses North Zone Regional Conference Of NALSA At SKICC



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said the true test of the country's legal system lies in its treatment of the weaker sections of the society.

Abdullah was addressing a two-day north zone regional conference on reaffirming the constitutional vision of justice for defence personnel and tribals at SKICC.

This constitutionally significant conference focuses on advancing the rights and

entitlements of defence personnel and tribal communities—two segments of society that, in the Chief Minister's words, "one defends the Constitution with unflinching resolve" and the other has "long waited for its full embrace."

Addressing the audience at SKICC, CM said that this Regional Conference was of great significance to deliberate and collectively reflect on the foundational promise of our Republic for realization of justice—**●P-06**

Google Executives Call On CM Omar

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SRINAGAR: A team of senior executives from Google met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and offered

to be part of the journey of digitisation through AI and empowering people of the Jammu and Kashmir through technology.

The Google team comprised of leadership executives Ashish Watal -Country Director, **●P-06**

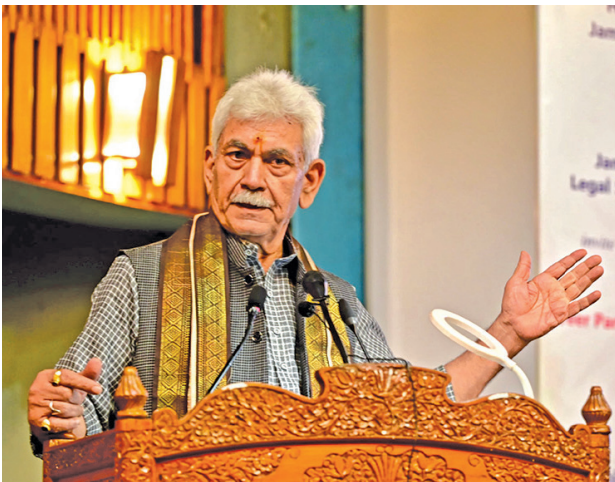
890 Laws Were Not Applicable In J&K Before 2019: LG Sinha

Addresses North Zone Regional Conference Of Legal Services Authorities

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SRINAGAR: Asserting that a total of 890 Indian laws were not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir till August 5, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said abrogation of Article 370 paved way for bringing the region at par with the rest of the country.

"Before 2019 various central laws including two important central legislations namely the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were not applicable to J&K," LG said while addressing the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals: Bridging the Gaps" organised by National Legal Services Authority, High



Court of J&K and Ladakh and J&K Legal Services Authority, at Srinagar.

The event was graced by Judge Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman National Legal Services Authority, Shri Justice Surya Kant; Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal; Chief Justice High Court of Jammu

Kashmir and Ladakh, Shri Justice Arun Palli; Chief Minister, Shri Omar Abdullah; Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority, Shri Justice Sanjeev Kumar; Judge High Court J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairperson Ladakh Legal Services Authority, **●P-06**

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You Guard Our Borders, We Will Guard Your Homes: Justice Kant



PEERZADA UMMER

SRINAGAR: In a landmark step fusing poetic symbolism with legal reform, Justice Surya Kant, Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), launched the 'Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana 2025' in Srinagar on Saturday.

The scheme is designed to provide proactive and accessible legal assistance **●P-06**

Govt Orders Probe Into SMHS Incident

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SRINAGAR: On the directions of Ministers for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, Enquiry Officer has been appointed to probe the recent incident at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar on July 23.

As per the order issued by, Health and Medical Education department, Mission Director, National Health Mission J&K, Baseer ul Haq Chaudhary has been appointed as the Enquiry Officer to conduct a comprehensive examination of the facts and circumstances related to the incident.

The order reads that the Enquiry Officer shall Assess the immediate precursors to the said incident, as well as the developments that ensued after the incident. It also reads that the enquiry officer shall investigate the reasons for the closure of Operating Theatres (OTs), assess whether such closure was avoidable, and fix responsibility upon the individual(s) found to have acted in dereliction of duty or in contravention of established protocols.

The order also reads that the officer **●P-06**

Kargil Vijay Diwas Observed In Drass With Ceremonies, Tributes



SAJID RAINA

DRASS: On the occasion of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, a padyatra and several commemorative events were held in Drass to mark the day India concluded Operation Vijay in 1999.

The events were organised by Mera Yuva Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Man-

sukh Mandaviya and Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth led a 1.5-kilometre padyatra from Himabass Public High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbet. More than 1,000 participants took part in the march, including youth volunteers, serving and retired Armed Forces personnel, family members of soldiers who lost their lives in the war, and local residents. **●P-06**

Forces Braved Extreme Heights, Fire To Reclaim Kargil Peaks: CDS Chauhan

'Pahalgam Marked Turning Point In How India Would Respond To Cross-Border Threats'

SAJID RAINA

DRASS: Paying tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the 1999 Kargil War on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said that Indian security forces fought against impossible odds, climbed near-vertical cliffs under heavy enemy fire in extreme weather conditions at high altitudes, and yet emerged victorious.

He extended his greetings to the Indian Armed Forces, veterans, and their families, honouring the courage and sacrifice of the nation's soldiers.

In a post on X, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff



(HQ IDS) stated: "General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), extends heartfelt greetings to all ranks of the Indian Armed Forces, veterans, Veer Naris and their families. Saluting our soldiers on Kargil Vijay Diwas. Their courage and sacrifice will continue to guide us. Let us honour their actions by serving the nation with duty and commitment." **●P-06**

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CS Reviews Implementation Of PM Surya Ghar Yojana



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chaired a high-level meeting to review the implementation status of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana across J&K.

The meeting saw detailed deliberations on the progress of rooftop solar installations being carried out under the flagship scheme aimed at promoting clean energy and easing electricity expenses for households.

The meeting besides Principal Secretary, PDD and Sec-

retary, S&T Department was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Deputy Commissioners; MD's of JPDCL/KPDCL; CEO, JAKEDA; Chief Engineers of JPDCL/KPDCL and representatives from NHPC and other implementation agencies.

While taking stock of the current implementation, the Chief Secretary expressed concern over the slow pace of installations and called for immediate acceleration of efforts on the ground. He underscored **●P-06**

Op Sindoor Strikes Sent Clear Message To Pakistan: Army Chief

AGENCIES

DRASS: Indian army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday said that the surgical strikes carried out during Operation Sindoor were a clear message to Pakistan that supporters of terrorism will not be spared.

"Operation Sindoor was a message to Pakistan as well as a response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which was a deep wound for the entire nation. This time India did not only mourn but showed that the response will be decisive," Gen Dwivedi said at the Kargil War Memorial here.

Addressing a gathering on Vijay Diwas, the chief of army staff said a stern response to the



adversary was the new normal established by India.

"The faith shown by the countrymen and the free hand

given by the government, the Indian Army gave a befitting surgical response. Any power that tries to challenge the unity,

integrity, and sovereignty of India or harm the people will be given a befitting reply. This is the new normal of India," he said.

Gen Dwivedi said that during Operation Sindoor, the army eliminated nine high-value terrorist targets in Pakistan with zero collateral damage.

"India attained a decisive victory by effective targeting of terror infrastructure in Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. The army targeted the terrorist infrastructure and foiled the other aggressive moves of Pakistan to attain a decisive victory," he said.

Dwivedi said Indian gave peace a chance, but Pakistan resorted to cowardice. **●P-06**

Launches 3 Projects In Ladakh

RAJA SYED RATHER

DRASS: To mark the 26th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday inaugurated three significant

projects in Ladakh, blending technology with tribute to honour the heroes of the 1999 Kargil War.

Among the new initiatives is an 'E-Shradhanjali' portal, which allows people across India to pay virtual tribute to fallen soldiers without physically visiting war memorials. "This

digital platform aims to make remembrance more inclusive and accessible," a senior army officer said, adding that it's part of a broader effort to spread awareness about the sacrifices made by the armed forces.

The second project unveiled is a QR code-based audio storytelling gateway.

Positioned at key battle sites, these codes will offer visitors the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts and details of the pivotal battles of the Kargil conflict including at high-altitude theatres such as Tololing and Tiger Hill.

"Just like museum audio guides, this initiative **●P-06**

'Op Sindoor' Symbol Of India's Decisive Military Response: Union Law Minister



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Saturday praised the armed forces for their unwavering commitment to the nation and lauded their growing stature following the success of Operation Sindoor.

The Minister while speaking at North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities at SKICC here on the occasion of Kargil

Vijay Diwas, described "Operation Sindoor" as a symbol of India's decisive military response.

"I congratulate the organisers for holding such a meaningful programme on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. This is the first event of its kind after Operation Sindoor, which demonstrated India's might to the world," he said.

The Union Law Minister, lauded the Indian Army's swift and strategic action

during "Operation Sindoor," launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians.

"The operation, which destroyed nine terror camps deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) within 22 minutes sent as a bold message to the world that India has zero tolerance towards terrorism," he added.

The Union Law Minister narrated a few lines of a song being sung in Rajasthan in the honour of the armed forces after the success of 'Operation Sindoor.'

Talking to reporters on the side-lines of the event, Meghwal said that three major legal initiatives have been taken in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure ease of justice delivery to members of the armed forces and tribal communities. "We are committed to providing legal aid to the tribal population and ensuring timely legal assistance to our jawans. Legal support is essential for those who **●P-06**

Sakeena Itoo holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp in Kulgam

Reaffirms Govt’s commitment to transparent, accountable, citizen-centric governance

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KULGAM: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Saturday visited Binimulla Chandergri area of Kulgam district and held a massive Public Grievance Redressal Camp to directly engage with the people and address their concerns.

During the camp, the Minister patiently listened to the grievances and demands put forth by the local residents and assured prompt redressal through effective coordination among concerned departments.

Addressing a large gathering, the Minister highlighted that the government under the leadership of Omar Abdullah is a pro-public government that remains committed to transparent, account-



able and citizen-centric governance. “We are working tirelessly to ensure improved public services, equitable development and doorstep delivery of essential facilities,” she said.

She further assured the public that all promises made by the government will be fulfilled in a phased and transparent manner.

The Minister also announced that a water supply scheme worth Rs. 2.5 crores has been sanctioned to resolve the drinking water scarcity in the area.

The Minister also highlighted about new developmental projects aimed at the holistic upliftment of the region.

Javid Dar launches road projects to boost rural infrastructure in B'la



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BARAMULLA: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, Saturday inaugurated the macadamization work on Seeloo and Bomai inner link roads in Baramulla district.

The project is aimed at strengthening the local infrastructure and providing greater convenience to the residents of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister reiterated the government’s commitment to ensure the basic facilities for the public, emphasizing that infrastructure development is key to improving the quality of life in rural areas. He highlighted that enhancing road connectivity is a core priority under the Omar Abdullah-led government, as it facilitates better access to markets, healthcare, education and other essential services.

Dar informed that execution of the works has commenced and assured that all pending roads will be macadamized in a phased manner. He further stressed that there will be no compromise on the quality of work and all vital projects will be completed within fixed timelines.

During the event, the local residents raised several demands pertaining to the availability of basic amenities.

The Minister assured them that all their genuine concerns would be addressed on priority.

Later, Javid Dar laid the foundation stone for widening and upgradation of the Watlab–Chetkak road. The project aims to facilitate smoother transportation and significantly reduce travel time for commuters.

Senior officers from various departments and a large number of local residents were present on the occasion.

LoP Sharma, Shagun Parihar review JJM progress in Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR: A meeting was convened Saturday under the chairmanship of Sunil Sharma, Member Legislative Assembly Pad-dar-Nagsemi and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly alongside MLA Kishtwar Shagun Parihar to review the development works undertaken by the Jal Shakti Department in the District.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma; CPO (Joint Director Planning) Akhil Thakur; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and

other field functionaries.

The focus was on the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes, with an emphasis on submitting detailed reports on completed schemes and assessing habitation-wise saturation to ensure 100% functional household tap connections.

The chair directed the concerned officers to expedite pending works and submit comprehensive progress reports in a timely manner, underscoring the commitment to enhancing water accessibility and management in the district.

Awareness camp for artisans, weavers held at Chijhama



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BARAMULLA: Department of Handicrafts Saturday organized a one-day awareness camp at Dak Bunglow Chijhama, under Handicrafts Block Rafiabad.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of artisans and weavers of Rafiabad, alongside officials and representatives from various line departments, banks, and RSETI.

The camp was chaired by ADC Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; Assistant Director Handicrafts Baramulla, CDI Faculty, Handloom Training Officer Baramulla, and Assistant Handicrafts Training Officers of district Baramulla.

It aimed to spread

awareness about various departmental initiatives and welfare schemes to uplift the artisan and weaver community. Participants received detailed information on financial incentives, training programs, and government support available for their growth and welfare.

Kashmir Handicrafts, especially from Baramulla, are known for their exquisite craftsmanship and unique designs. The region is famous for hand-knotted carpets, intricate woodwork, and handloom products that reflect the rich heritage of Baramulla’s artisan community.

Such awareness camps play a vital role in promoting these crafts and ensuring that artisans receive the support and recognition.

Strike of sanitation workers of ULBJ ended peacefully

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SRINAGAR: Nearly 300 daily wagers and casual labourers from the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Jammu undertook a five-day foot march from Jammu to Srinagar to demand regularisation of their services and resolution of long-standing employment grievances. They met Hon’ble Advisor to the Chief Minister J&K Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani and then Mandeep Kaur (IAS), Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department and again presented their demands for regularisation of their casual and daily rated workers.

During a detailed interaction, she acknowledged the legitimacy of their demands and urged the employees to call off their strike, assuring them of the government’s commitment to addressing their issues of regularisation, their provident funds issues, issues of their wages and legal cases during the strike period, payment of relief to the



workers who met with accident during performance of their legitimate duties. She informed them that proposal of reorganisation of Directorate of Jammu & Kashmir including all Urban local bodies is under active consideration of the department and shall soon be concluded to the benefit of these workers. She also assured them that Director Finance, Housing & Urban Development Department, has been directed to initiate reconciliation of PF contributions, ensuring trans-

parency and rectification of discrepancies reported by the workers. Cases of workers who have met with accidents while on duty will be sent for financial assistance from the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund or any other fund, offering relief to families often left unprotected by the absence of formal insurance.

While the workers welcomed the government’s outreach, they strongly appealed for a time-bound and monitored implementation of the promised mea-

sures. They called upon the Chief Minister to personally oversee the progress to ensure credible follow-through.

The Padyatra concluded peacefully in Srinagar after both the meetings of the sanitation workers’ union, with the Union formally announcing a suspension of the strike in light of the government’s assurances. The workers remain hopeful but affirmed that their peaceful and democratic struggle will continue until all their demands are met in full.

MD NHM reviews progress on Mission’s schemes; calls for time bound execution

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SRINAGAR: Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary, Saturday conducted an extensive review of all ongoing NHM schemes, emphasising time bound achievement of targets set by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Mission Director highlighted the critical importance of timely and measurable outcomes, asking all the officials and programme units to adopt a result-oriented approach to achieve the targets within defined timelines. He emphasized the necessity of qualitative and quantitative progress in each program, ensuring efficient service delivery and tangible health improvements across the Union Territory.

Major programs reviewed included Maternal and Child Health, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, Tele Radiology, Ambulance Services



(102-108), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), the 104 Comprehensive Health Helpline, e-Sanjeevani Tele-Consultation, Disease Control Programs, ASHA Programme, DNB Programme, Quality Assurance, Bio-Medical Equipment Maintenance, National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), PM National Dialysis Programme Ayushman Bharat, Health & Wellness Centres and Non-Communi-

cable Diseases (NCDs). Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary reiterated J&K NHM’s commitment towards strengthening the health infrastructure and furthering government initiatives for equitable health access. He called upon all the stakeholders to uphold the highest standards of transparency, accountability and dedication in implementing the health interventions and overcoming the challenges and achieving time-bound

results.

The meeting concluded with a renewed determination among all the participants to intensify efforts and deliver exceptional outcomes in alignment with national health goal.

The meeting was attended by Director Planning, FA&CAO, State Nodal Officer, Divisional Nodal Officer Jammu/Kashmir along with all Programme Managers and Management Units.

Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers Union Calls on Advisor to CM

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of the All Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers’ Union Saturday met Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to Chief Minister, at the Chief Minister’s Raabita Office in Srinagar.

The delegation apprised the Advisor of the challenges they are facing in the smooth transportation of livestock into Kashmir, particularly while passing through the state of Punjab. They conveyed their concern over repeated disruptions and difficulties being encountered by livestock carriers during

transit through the state, which is affecting the timely and safe supply of livestock to the Valley.

The Union members urged the intervention of the J&K Government in taking up the issue with the authorities in Punjab to ensure hassle-free passage of livestock trucks.

The Advisor gave them a patient hearing and assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up with the Punjab Government on priority and all the genuine concerns of the livestock traders will be addressed to avoid any disruption in the supply chain.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E- NIT No.30 R&B Div./TDR /of 2024-25 e-tendering Endtt. No:1456-66 DATED:24/07/2025..

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis(as applicable) from approved and eligible Contracts registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/ Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
1	Restoration of Shazbanikhul by way of Construction of CC drain at Spots.	2.00	200	4000	20 days	DEE	2702 M&R
2	Construction of Head work on Dringla Khule and Bed Treatment at various spots/Extension of left over portion	4.00	200	8000	20 days	DEE	Capex Budget
3	Maintenance Repairs restoration of damages of embankments plugging of branches and railing of bunds of various Nallahs of flood control hydraulic Sub Div Tangdar	1.40	200	2800	20 days	DEE	2711 M&R

Position of AAA/TS=Accorded.

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below:-

01. Date of issue of Tender Notice	24/07/2025
02. Period of downloading of bidding documents	24/07/2025
03. Bid submission start date	24/07/2025
04. Bid submission end date	01/08/2025 up to 4:00 PM
05. Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	02/08/2025 at (11.00)AM or any other convenient day in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangdar

Terms and Conditions :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0702) (Treasury Challan) must be written **boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contract alongwith Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT**, in favour Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar(tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Div. Tangdar. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government’s circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

All other terms and conditions as laid down in the CPWD shall also remain in force.

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...A Call **To Conscience**

An Open Letter To Patwaries On Integrity, Duty, Road To Redemption

MOHD AMIN MIR

Dear Fellow Patwaries,

This is not just an open letter. It is an invitation. An invitation to self-reflect. To rise. To reform. We, the Patwaries of Jammu & Kashmir, occupy one of the most crucial, historic, and sensitive positions in the revenue hierarchy. For centuries, the Patwari has been the bedrock of land administration, the custodian of village records, and the first interface between the state and its citizens in matters of land, crops, inheritance, and ownership.

But somewhere along the road, the glory dimmed. The reverence faded. And suspicion replaced trust.

Today, I write not to accuse but to awaken. Not to shame but to summon the best in us. This is a call to conscience—because the future of our institution depends not just on technology or government policy but on our individual and collective moral resolve.

The Salary Is Not Just Payment, It Is Public Trust

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir pays us our monthly salary. It ensures timely disbursement of incentives, allowances, and pensionary benefits. We are paid not out of a business surplus, but from public money—collected from the very people we are supposed to serve. That salary is not a bonus. It is a trust, a moral contract between the state and its officers to deliver service with integrity.

We must ask ourselves: If our salary is sufficient to live with dignity, why then do some of us still accept bribes, favours, or gifts in return for basic official services?

Isn't this a betrayal of that public trust?

Let us remind ourselves every morning: "The salary I receive is enough. My dignity lies in honesty. My service must not be for sale."

Europe is Not a Miracle; It Is Just Honesty in Practice

We often admire the work culture of European countries—their efficiency, transparency, and discipline in public administration. Their roads

are cleaner, their records are accurate, and their officials don't ask for or accept bribes. Why? Because they follow the simple principle that public duty is sacred.

A German land clerk would never imagine taking Rs 500 to sign a record. A British revenue officer would never delay an entry because someone hasn't "warmed his chair." Their cultures thrive not because of miracles but because of discipline, honesty, and law enforcement.

If Europe can achieve that, so can we—and it must start from the Patwari Circle. Let it begin with you. With me. With us.

The Patwari is a Custodian, Not a Landlord

Too many of us have started behaving like landowners or unofficial zamindars. We forget that the land we deal with does not belong to us. We are custodians—not controllers—of public records. We hold in our hands the Jamabandis of generations. We mark crops that determine insurance, compensation, and livelihoods. We verify mutations that affect inheritance. We issue Fards that impact bank loans. A single dishonest pen stroke can ruin a family. So let me remind you—the Patwari is not just a post. It is a sacred responsibility. To misuse this office for personal gain is to betray both the people and the law.

Let Us Take a Collective Pledge

Today, I urge all my fellow Patwaries across the Union Territory—from Uri to Kathua, from Gurez to Poonch, from Doru to Hiranagar—to take a solemn pledge: "I will not accept or demand any bribe or gratification for doing my official duties. I will deliver public services honestly, timely, and transparently. I will treat every landowner—rich or poor, influential or voiceless—with equal fairness. I will uphold the dignity of my office and restore the honour of the Revenue Department."

- Let us print this and frame it in every Patwari Khana.
- Let our desks carry not just a pen and register but a visible message of integrity.
- Let us give the people hope that not all officials are corrupt, and that the Revenue Department can still shine.



- What Happens When a Patwari Turns Honest?
- When a Patwari refuses to take a bribe and works with honesty
- Land records get updated on time.
- Mutations are processed without harassment.
- Fards are issued without middlemen.
- Encroachments are identified and stopped.
- Confidence in the government increases.
- The poor begin to trust the system.
- And most importantly, we sleep with a clean conscience.
- Imagine the power of that transformation.

Now multiply that by the number of Patwaries across the UT—over 2,000. That's a revolution waiting to happen.

Let's Not Wait for Inspections and FIRs

Often we only clean our acts when a Vigilance Officer visits, or a media report goes viral, or an RTI exposes our lapses. That must change. True reform is internal. Let's not fear punishment—let us fear disrespect from the public. We should not be afraid of being caught; we should be afraid of being called corrupt in front of our children. Let us become models of discipline who do not wait for orders, notices, or threats—but choose honesty because that's who we are.

Respect Begins With Accountability

The Revenue Department was once the King of Departments. Land meant power. And the Patwari was the king's agent on ground. But today, the public often speaks of us with suspicion and anger.

Why?

Because we allowed corruption to creep in. Because we did not resist unethical instructions. Because we did not clean our own house. It is time to earn that respect back. We can do this not through slogans or seminars, but by showing—case by case, service by service—that the era of delay and bribe is over. Let the public say: "This Patwari didn't take a penny from me. He did my work on merit."

That one compliment is more valuable than all titles.

Small Actions, Big Changes

You don't need to become a saint overnight. Start small:

- Issue Fards within 24 hours.
- Write mutations on priority, not favour.
- Respect farmers when they visit your office.
- Do spot Girdawaris honestly and in person.
- Record oral statements truthfully.
- Keep landowners informed of changes in records.
- Say no—firmly but respectfully—

when someone offers you money.

- Every small honest act builds a strong institution.

The Government is Reforming. We Must Too.

The government is digitizing records, modernizing land maps, and launching portals like WALHARUS and Auto Mutation Integration. These are not mere IT projects—they are tools to reduce discretion and increase transparency.

But no amount of digitization will succeed if the Patwari is dishonest. Technology may hide corruption, but only morality can remove it. So let us align ourselves with this wave of reform. Let us be seen as partners, not hurdles.

Our Children Deserve to Be Proud

When your child grows up and someone asks: "What does your father do?" Wouldn't you want them to say: "My father is a Patwari—and an honest one at that"? What's the point of earning illegal money if it comes with public shame and inner guilt?

- Let your legacy be service, not scandal.
- Let your children learn from your example, not suffer from your reputation.

If We Reform, the Department Will Rise Again

If we, the Patwaries, decide today to reform—nothing can stop the Revenue Department from regaining its lost honour.

- The media will begin writing positive stories.
- The public will begin thanking us instead of fearing us.
- The administration will trust us with more powers.

And the department will become the benchmark of good governance in the UT. Let that be our contribution to this land, let that be our legacy to future generations, let us not be remembered for what we ruined but for what we rebuilt.

I urge you all: Let us clean our ranks. Let us serve with honour. Let us redeem the Revenue Department—one honest Patwari at a time.

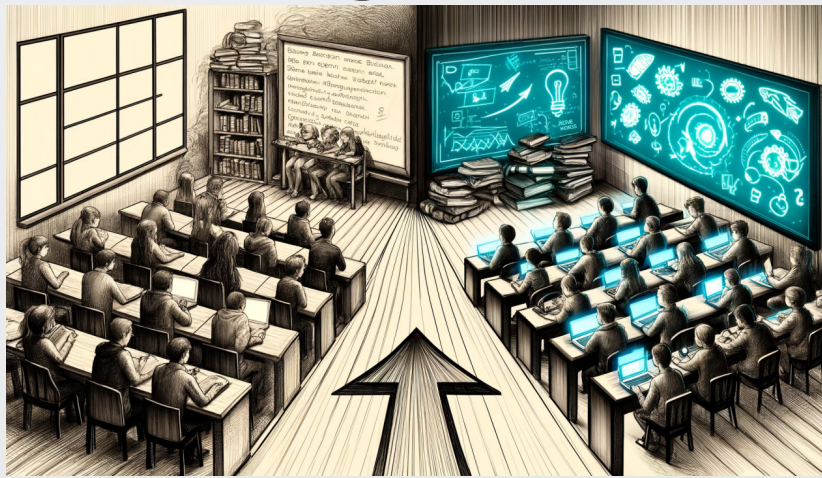
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Rethinking The Aim Of Education

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Idealism in education tends to develop an individual in such a way that he becomes a facilitating factor for human society. Education is said to be ideal when it aims at mental, physical, spiritual, and social development. Plato's education system, primarily outlined in The Republic, aims to cultivate virtue and wisdom, ultimately leading to a just society. It emphasizes a holistic approach, encompassing physical, artistic, and intellectual development with a focus on understanding the "Form of the Good." Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge but about developing character and guiding individuals towards their highest goal that makes them an ideal man. And it has been observed that God sent prophets to this world with the only purpose of educating the people about the divine setting of this universe and man's interaction with nature. They used to preach and teach the human values and principles of a smooth life in the world and would often advise people to strive and struggle for survival in a justified way and practice honesty, truthfulness, and dedication.

The religious scriptures, whether revealed or unrevealed, tend to guide the man to adopt a straight path that leads him to an ideal goal and ultimate destiny to have salvation/Nirvana/Mukti, etc. Dr. Sheeba Jojo, vice principal at GEMS-Our Own English High School, Dubai, in her article, "Education in an 'ideal state'—just a platonic dream!" Published Jun 22, 2019, he writes, Plato deemed education as the most significant thing in life. So many centuries later, education still is the most significant thing! However, many things have changed with the passage of time. There has been a drastic paradigm shift in education in terms of 'what to learn' and 'how to learn.' There is a greater thrust on 'assessment' than there is on 'real' learning. Even at a time



when it was believed that knowledge and learning were vested with a privileged group of erudite and elite in society, a great philosopher like Plato claimed that the quintessential purpose of education is not to fill minds with knowledge but, rather, to illuminate the soul and to earn the ability to live a virtuous life. We certainly may want to define 'virtue' in our own right; I doubt a great discrepancy in the attempt to interpret the same thought. In short, the key focus of Platonic education was simply the 'common good' of mankind. Is that too lofty an ideal to work towards?

I think no time is better than today to promote the ideals of Plato on education, perhaps in snatches, to avoid opening doors to controversy and resentment. Plato advocated that early education ought to focus on everything that would inculcate a love for learning in young, impressionable minds: play, storytelling, music & arts. In addition, early schooling must heavily focus on developing the physique and mental health of children. We must be able to nurture individuals who possess 'sound minds' in 'sound bodies.' During the formative years, if learning is forced upon young minds, it is

going to have nothing but adverse effects, with children reeling under pressure and detesting school, teachers, and learning. Knowledge acquired in a controlled environment will have little hold on the mind and will fail in terms of producing any authentic outcomes. What a sad state of affairs! As far as higher education is concerned, Plato recommends 'benchmark' exams at strategic intervals to assess current learning and evaluate the potential for advanced learning. These exams must help glean individuals for various occupations/careers in society, with the most competent of the lot making it to the levels of leadership and governance. Thus, a successful educational system would be able to nurture an 'ideal state' where all the citizens would be 'just, honest & happy.' A platonic dream indeed!" Although some modern educationists stress pragmatism, that doesn't necessarily mean that idealism is totally invalidated."

Today's society is being utilitarian in approach and attitude, hence focusing just on material benefits like jobs and earning money by hook or by crook. The present teaching methodology focuses merely on making the children learn formulae and

concepts that have a very rare application in practical life. It seems as if we are leading our young towards destruction instead of empowerment. And there is no denying that we are creating robots and not the ideal citizens. A movie wherein Amir Khan played as a student with innovative ideology, hence rejecting the dogmatism in education that always tends to create memorisers and copiers instead of creating great minds. According to that movie, we are supposed to take our children out of this confused system where a learner starts with the aim of becoming a doctor and ends his studies with a post of VLV, Accounts Assistant, Patwari, etc. The result is that we are creating fragmented souls and confused minds. As a person having the purpose of serving humanity, he is transfixed amidst the winds of utilitarianism, where he is caught in the whirlwind of corruption, nepotism, fraud, and cheating. If the education system had been going in the right direction, we would not have to face the problems of corruption, nepotism, burglary, murders, rapes, loot, and plunder. The rising crime rate in today's society simply indicates that there is a large loophole in the present education system. If education had been set right, we would not have to face the problem of parental abandonment in old age either. Very recently, news went viral on social media that the mother of two hearing-hand sons was found helpless because her sons have refused to adopt her with them. If education had been going fairly, we would not have to see divorces and extramarital affairs.

So, the matter of concern is who can be held responsible for all this chaos and confusion. It is only the utilitarian mindset of the masses that has led our society at the verge of moral degradation. Because, at the time our children are innocent, we only and only teach them to make a path through the material void, whatever may come. The result is that when those children become grown-ups, they start treating parents as a burden over them. Every

now and then we watch videos or listen to the news that Mr. XYZ has lost lakhs while playing online games with the intention to become a millionaire within a night, for they have not been trained in the sense that life is the name of continued struggle and strife. The goal we have set for life is not the day's work. It is a common sight to see sons ruthlessly beating the parents who have given them birth and cared for them throughout days and nights. We see that mothers/sisters/wives, etc., are being murdered. Brothers are being killed only for the sake of money and property.

Every layman like me is often meditating on what can be the possible solution to this problem. But very hardly anyone comes out with the required solution. If we want to make our society and nation an ideal one, we shall have to ensure the re-establishment of an ideal education system that trains both the mind and spirit of the students. A system that provides the children with an insight that God is there to look after the matters of all. It is God who makes means of survival available to all. Our role is that of an explorer. A system is required that doesn't put our children into the destructive waves of competition. As the idea of competition is not healthy for an ideal state. By nature every human is born with an inborn potential and yet with the same type of potential. The five fingers can work as the metaphor for this idea. And it is also a fact that a hand is not complete with a minor finger. So, it is imperative to say: Give the devil his due. There is denial that we have to move our arms and legs with the intention that we shall strive for existence without making harm to the human and animal world. It is said that God doesn't leave any soul untended until and unless every mouth is fed before the falling of the night. Hence, moral education is the paramount need of the hour. We can no longer afford to be passive listeners and mute spectators.

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social, economic, and political which is enshrined in the preamble and concretised in Article 39A of our Constitution, which enjoins the State to ensure that access to justice is not curtailed by economic or other disabilities.

Paying tribute to the service and sacrifices of defence personnel, many of whom hail from Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister emphasized the need for swift, compassionate legal redressal for those serving in inhospitable terrains under difficult circumstances. He highlighted the systemic legal barriers faced by defence personnel in matters such as pension disputes and service-related grievances owing to their geographic remoteness, and the distinct constraints of military life.

CM commended the J&K State Legal Services Authority for its initiative in amending its legal aid rules to expressly include serving and retired defence personnel. CM said that establishment of dedicated legal aid clinics in cantonments and in districts with significant ex-servicemen populations should be prioritised. “Equally important is the need to ensure that families of defence personnel—particularly widows, aged parents, and dependent children—receive empathetic, expert, and timely legal support,” CM said, adding that para-legal volunteers trained specifically in military legal issues should be deployed in areas with high defence populations. Simultaneously, technology must be harnessed to democratise access—through mobile apps, virtual consultation platforms, and user-friendly legal information portals. Justice, in our times, must not merely be available—it must be accessible.

On tribal communities, CM said that they were custodians of rich cultural and ecological heritage. Jammu & Kashmir is home to several Scheduled Tribes, including Gujjars, Bakarwals, Pahadis, Gaddis and Sippis, who have preserved ancient traditions while braving difficult terrains.

“Our Government has correspondingly augmented its developmental efforts. This year, the capital expenditure for tribal welfare has been raised to 98 crores. Six Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been made operational, 222 smart classrooms have been established in tribal-dominated schools, and healthcare services have been expanded through mobile medical units. The Tribal Research Institute has also been commissioned. These interventions reflect our commitment to combine dignity with development. Yet, development alone cannot substitute justice. Structural barriers to legal literacy, representation, and redressal continue to persist among tribal populations—owing to linguistic, cultural, and geographic factors.

CM noted that the Legal Services Authority has commendably operationalised 255 legal aid clinics, including in tribal villages and correctional institutions, supported by 527 panel lawyers and 561 para-legal volunteers.

CM expressed the hope that para-legal volunteers are trained from within tribal communities themselves. “This will ensure that legal support is rendered in familiar idioms, dialects, and cultural frameworks. We must also expand mobile legal aid vans, promote the use of Tele-Law platforms, and facilitate virtual hearings. Justice, if it is to be meaningful, must reach every remote hamlet—from Poonch to Kishtwar, from Rajouri to Karnah,” he said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also spoke about the sensitive balance that must be maintained between national security and the rights of tribal citizens. Many tribal regions are located in border belts or areas of heightened security oversight. However, law enforcement must not translate into legal disenfranchisement. Mechanisms for lodging complaints, accessing courts, and redressing grievances must be made transparent, timely, and responsive.

CM said that Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms also offer immense promise. Lok Adalats, mediation centres, and village-level panchayat forums, when duly sensitised, can provide swift, culturally respectful adjudication—especially in matters related to land rights, service entitlements, and local grievances. These models need to be institutionalised and resourced accordingly.

CM stated that capacity-building is essential for Judicial officers, legal aid lawyers, and field functionaries who must be trained in tribal customary law, military jurisprudence, and the ethics of constitutional service. Only through sustained cross-learning can our justice system be truly responsive to the diversity it is meant to serve.

Highlighting the Government's vision, the Chief Minister informed that his Government has sanctioned establishment of a dedicated Law University in Jammu and Kashmir with an initial allocation of 50 crore. This institution will focus on specialized legal education and research in fields such as tribal law, military justice, constitutional studies, and environmental law.

Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, the Chief Minister concluded, “A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.” He reaffirmed the Government's unwavering support to Legal Services Authorities and their partners in delivering justice to the most marginalised

The conference was also addressed by Justice Surya Kant Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman NALSA; Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State Ministry of Law and Justice Government of India; Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir; Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh; Justice Sanjeev Kumar Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority; Justice Sindhu Sharma Executive Chairperson, Ladakh Legal Services Authority; Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.

The conference was attended by the members of the Judiciary, Mian Altaf Member of Parliament, members of the Armed Forces, representatives of the Tribal Communities, Senior Officers of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and other States, and members of the Legal Fraternity.

Google Executives

Sanjay Dewan - Head State Governments sector, Pankaj Shukla - Head Technology & AI from Google Cloud.

Google team termed the meeting as productive saying that they were keen on exploring initiatives in Education, Health, Tourism, Startups and Skill Development to create impactful and scalable AI solutions for the J&K.

The team informed the CM that focus verticals with AI technology intervention in Education and Health will have a huge impact on lives of the citizens of J&K.

They stated that giving access to AI platforms to the startup community will help local solutions from within Jammu and Kashmir and also give an opportunity to the young tech force within the state to get exposure on deep tech platforms and create AI based applications which will be used within and outside Jammu & Kashmir.

890 Laws Were

Smt. Justice Sindhu Sharma; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt. General Pratik Sharma; Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India and Chief Justice of various States and UTs.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the legal luminaries, officials of National Legal Services Authority, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, J&K Legal Services Authority and everyone associated with

the conference. He also paid tributes to the bravehearts of Kargil War.

“Constitution of India guarantees Justice, social, economic and political and one of the facets of providing Justice is access to justice to all the citizens and it is to be ensured that Justice reaches to the poorest of poor, who deserves it the most.

The justice system has been deeply rooted in the soul of India and played a pivotal to nation's progress. In our culture, the court is not merely an office of justice but a sacred temple of justice, dedicated to ensuring equal justice and access to the legal system for all, without discrimination,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the State Legal Services Authorities to ensure that all possible legal aid reaches the army personnel, tribal community, deprived and vulnerable sections of society on time so that their lives become easier and their rights granted by the Constitution are protected.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted key structural reforms taken in the past few years to establish social and economic justice in Jammu Kashmir.

Now, these laws have become applicable and tribal community has been empowered. We are extending all constitutional guarantees and protections to the members of Tribal population including access to justice by providing free and competent legal aid to them, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, spoke on the major initiatives taken by the J&K administration to ensure ease of justice to the members of Armed Forces and reiterated its commitment to provide legal aid to the tribal community.

“Amendment has been made in J&K Legal Services Authority, Rules 2020 to include Secretary, Zila Sainik Board as member of District Legal Services Authority to provide legal aid to soldiers.

Furthermore, Lieutenant Governor's Sainik Sahayta Kendra has been established and it is a dedicated institutional mechanism for facilitating the redressal of civilian grievances faced by soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces, who are posted in the J&K, or who belong to the UT and are presently serving in other parts of the country”, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that delay in justice means defeat of moral duties of legal services authorities at the grassroots level involved in helping the deprived and vulnerable sections.

“I am confident that in this important conference, along with solutions to the challenges being faced at the district level, the necessary interventions to make the common citizens aware of their rights under the Constitution will also be discussed,” the Lieutenant Governor further said,

On the occasion, NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana 2025, a dedicated legal services scheme for defence personnel, ex-servicemen and their families, was launched. The scheme provides for establishing legal services clinics within Rajya and Zila Sainik Boards for rendering legal services and assistance to Veer Parivar.

The event also witnessed the launch of various initiatives including Defence Personnel Case Management System; Special Samvad Legal Units for tribal communities; Legal Services support centres at Rajya Sainik Boards of all states and UTs and Zila Sainik Welfare Boards across the Districts of UT of J&K and Ladakh; Unveiling of Logo and Tribal kiosks at Leh airport; Mobile medical camp for tribal population of Ladakh.

Certificates of engagement as Para legal volunteers by Legal Services Authorities of J&K and Ladakh were also handed over to Veer Naris and ex-servicemen.

Former Chief Justices, serving and retired Judges, senior officials of Legal Services Authorities, Security Forces, Police and Civil Administration, Veer Naris, ex-Servicemen, members from Legal fraternity, and prominent citizens from different walks of life were also present.

You Guard Our Borders,

to families of armed forces personnel serving in remote and conflict-prone areas of the country.

For the first time in Indian history, a comprehensive nationwide effort will ensure that legal burdens at home do not distract soldiers from their duties. Under the scheme, legal aid clinics staffed by trained paralegal volunteers and lawyers will be established at every district and state sainik board. Retired soldiers, Veer Naris (war widows), and ex-servicemen with legal backgrounds will be given preference for these roles.

Addressing North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities here, Justice Surya Kant said, “You (soldiers) serve the nation at the borders. We will stand guard at your homes.”

He described Srinagar as a site rich with symbolism and sentiment for launching the program.

Justice Kant began his speech with an emotional explanation for choosing Kashmir as the location for this historic initiative. Quoting the revered Kashmiri poet Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor, he recited: “Walo ha baghawano, naw baharuk shaan paida kar; Pholan gul ghāt karan, bulbul tethai samaan paida kar.” [“Come, O Gardener, create the glory of a new spring. Let flowers bloom in clusters and make the nightingales sing again.”]

“These verses capture the spirit of our scheme, which aims to bring dignity, peace, and legal security to the families of those who defend the nation's borders. Our jawans are stationed in these mountains, always alert to safeguard the nation. It is only right that our commitment to their families also begins here.”

Justice Kant recounted his own experiences as a Supreme Court judge, recalling cases where families of soldiers suffered legal harassment while their loved ones were away serving the nation. Issues ranged from illegal encroachments on property, tenant disputes, forged ownership claims, to hurdles in accessing pensions or educational benefits.

“Even a stranger with no connection to the soldier can file a false case, and unfortunately, that happens. It should not be the soldier's responsibility to take leave from duty to appear in court back home,” Kant said. “Aaj se yeh zimmedari humari hai.”

Justice Kant confirmed that NALSA has completed all necessary coordination with the Ministry of Defence, and legal aid clinics will become functional at all sainik boards, including in remote villages. Preference will be given to ex-servicemen and Veer Naris for the roles of paralegal volunteers and legal aid counsels, especially those with legal training.

“Humne retired army personnel aur Veer Naris ko amantrit kiai hai ki woh paralegal volunteers banein. [“Unka anubhav unhein is kaam ke liye vishesh banata hai.”] [We have invited retired army personnel and Veer Naris to become paralegal volunteers. Their lived experience makes them uniquely suited for this work.]

The scheme further addresses calls from legal aid communities in Ladakh and the Northeast by revising the honorarium for volunteers and legal aid counsels, sometimes doubling previous amounts. State legal services authorities may increase these payments further, depending on available funds.

“Yeh daan nahi, yeh rashtra ka dayitva hai. Aur legal aid ko sirf mukadma support samajhna galat hai. Yeh hamara samajik sankalp hai. [This is not charity. This is

the nation's obligation. Legal aid must not be seen as mere litigation support—it is our social commitment.”]

Marking NALSA's 30th year, Justice Kant briefed on the organization's journey and impact, particularly in rural and tribal areas, and hinted at a new legal empowerment initiative for tribal communities in Kashmir and Ladakh to be announced later in the day.

Justice Kant also highlighted the judiciary's role as a public service while executing the Legal Services Authorities Act: “Hum yahan judge ki tarah nahi, jan seva ki tarah kaam kar rahe hain. Agar aap desh ki seemaon par seva kar rahe hain, toh nyay palika ko bhi aapke parivaar ki seva karni hogi.” “We are not acting as judges here. We are public servants carrying out a statutory duty given by Parliament. If you are serving the country at Siachen, the judiciary must serve your family back home.”—(KNO)

Govt Orders

shall recommend concrete measures aimed at enhancing internal grievance redressal mechanisms, strengthening administrative coordination, and improving the overall functioning of the institution; and propose remedial and preventive measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur in the future.

“The Enquiry Officer shall submit a report to the Government within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order”, it reads.

The order further adds that Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator Associated Hospitals, GMC Srinagar shall be the Presenting Officer in the case.

Kargil Vijay Diwas

The ministers, accompanied by 100 youth volunteers, later visited the Kargil War Memorial in Drass, where Sanjay Seth laid a wreath in memory of those who lost their lives during the conflict. In a social media post, he said the stories of the soldiers would continue to guide future generations.

Families of soldiers who lost their lives in the 1999 war also gathered at Lamoche Viewpoint to pay their respects. The solemn gathering included recollections from family members and served as a community platform to remember those who did not return.

Speaking during the events in Drass, Mandaviya urged the youth of the country to commit themselves to national service. He said, “We have always been victorious. Being victorious is our nature.” He added that the padyatra was meant to send a message to the youth across the country to take responsibility towards the nation seriously.

Seth, who joined Mandaviya and LAHDC Kargil Chairman Mohammad Jaffer Akhooon during the march, addressed those gathered and reflected on the events of 1999. “The country remembers the actions taken by Pakistan on May 6, 1999, and the response given by Indian soldiers,” he said. “India had responded through surgical strikes, air strikes, and operations such as Sindoor.”

The minister said the Kargil conflict area, including Drass, was at the centre of military operations and that the Indian Army had reclaimed the occupied positions through determined action. “The country stands with the soldiers currently stationed at the borders, and recognises the continued role they play in protecting the country,” he added.

Earlier in the day, local administration officials, students, youth groups, and civil society members gathered for the official programmes, which included tributes, flag hoisting, and a remembrance ceremony.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) also marked the occasion by releasing a video tribute showcasing scenes from the war and a collection titled “The War Diary in Photographs.”

Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 to commemorate the end of the Kargil War in 1999. The war lasted for more than two months and concluded with India regaining control of strategic heights that had been occupied by Pakistani soldiers—(KNO)

Forces Braved Extreme

Despite the enemy occupying higher mountain peaks with fortified positions, the Indian Armed Forces carried out the operation with coordination and discipline, he said, adding that the terrain, weather, and enemy advantage made the operation challenging, but the forces completed their mission.

In his message, CDS Chauhan said, “The enemy, having occupied higher mountain peaks with fortified positions, had the advantage and the element of surprise. Our forces climbed steep cliffs under heavy enemy fire, in difficult weather conditions and at high altitudes, and completed the operation. This action reflects the leadership of young officers who guided their troops in complex conditions.”

The Kargil conflict, which lasted over two months in 1999, ended with the Indian Armed Forces regaining control of key positions. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 in memory of those who lost their lives during the operation.

Meanwhile, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said the terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 26 civilians, marked a turning point in how India would respond to cross-border threats.

Speaking at a ceremony on Kargil Vijay Diwas in Drass, the Army Chief, as per KNO, said the May 6-7 operation was aimed at neutralising high-value targets in Pakistan and areas under its control in Jammu and Kashmir.

“The operation avoided civilian harm and was intended to send a clear message that the support system behind cross-border attacks would face direct consequences,” he said.

General Dwivedi said that following this strike, the Indian Army remained prepared between May 7 and 9 to respond to any further action from across the border.

The armed forces, he said, acted within a wider government strategy that involved multiple security agencies working together—(KNO)

CS Reviews

the need for setting monthly targets, directing JPDCL and KPDCCL to ensure at least 2,000 and 1,000 installations per month respectively without fail.

Dulloo also instructed the power distribution companies to prioritize commissioning of the already installed systems to enable the beneficiaries to start availing the benefits at the earliest. He remarked that the delays in activating installed units defeat the very purpose of this scheme.

Emphasizing the importance of awareness among the public, the Chief Secretary urged the Power Development Department (PDD) to launch an aggressive Information, Education & Communication (IEC) campaign. He said that concerted efforts must be made to mobilize registered applicants, encouraging them of the long-term benefits of adopting this beneficiary oriented scheme.

Earlier, Principal Secretary, PDD, Rajesh Prasad, briefed the meeting about the current status of this scheme and roadmap of its implementation here. He acknowledged the initial lag in implementation but assured that the department is witnessing steady progress now. He also laid out strategic interventions being

adopted to cut down the waiting time and fast-track installations for registered households.

He further revealed that the Government of India has set a national target of 1.0 crore households with no state or UT-specific targets and divulged that J&K has proactively set an ambitious proportionate target of 83,500 residential consumers to benefit from the scheme by March 31, 2027. This includes 39,500 consumers for JPDCL and 44,000 for KPDCCL.

He further added that the progress is being rigorously monitored on daily, fortnightly, and monthly intervals at the district, divisional, and UT levels.

Regarding the key achievements registered as on July 24, 2025 it was given out that a total of 8,046 RTS installations with a cumulative capacity of around 30.07 MW had been completed so far.

Moreover, about the benefits accruing to the consumers it was revealed that a Central subsidy of Rs 50.78 Cr and UT subsidy of Rs 2 Cr had been credited to the consumers in J&K. It was added that 64,080 consumer applications had been received on the portal from the consumers across the districts of the UT for whom 582 vendors are available to install the RTS here.

Regarding the loan disbursals from banks for PM Surya Ghar Scheme it was revealed that 3,293 cases in favour of JPDCL consumers had been disbursed amounting to Rs 5690.15 Lacs and for KPDCCL consumers 2,441 cases, totalingRs4653.54 Lacs stands disbursed.

On the outreaching to public through IEC campaigns the meeting was apprised that nearly 34.87 lakh consumers had been reached via bulk SMS and 525 IEC campaigns by JPDCL and 410 by KPDCCL had been organized in their respective jurisdictions to create awareness among public. TV and radio commercials, social media outreach, and testimonial videos were circulated widely besides running the print & outdoor promotion for large scale awareness about the scheme.

The meeting was also informed that special help desks are established for grievance redressal, resolving 449 consumer and 429 vendor issues for JPDCL, and 406 consumer grievances for KPDCCL.

Regarding the solarisation of Government buildings, the Secretary, S&T, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary revealed that a total of 22,494 government buildings have been identified for solarization out of which, 12,994 buildings are being covered under the CAPEX mode, while 9,500 buildings are being implemented through RESCO mode by NHPC and JAKEDA.

While giving out the updated status of this scheme, the Secretary informed that as of July 21, 2025, solar power systems have been installed on 5,331 buildings, with a cumulative installed capacity of 48.84 MW under the CAPEX mode. Furthermore, a capacity of 54MW has been allocated to vendors for survey out of the total proposed 70 MW.

It was added by CEO, JAKEDA, PN Dhar that work orders have been placed for 3,809 more buildings, covering a capacity of 37.6 MW. Material has already been delivered to sites equivalent to 18 MW, with installation completed at 602 sites, amounting to 9.4 MW. Currently, 685 additional sites are under active installation, he added.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the need to further accelerate the implementation pace and directed the concerned departments and vendors to remove bottlenecks and expedite completion of ongoing installations to meet the energy sustainability targets within the set timeline.

‘Op Sindoor’ Symbol

defend our borders and for the tribal communities who often face systemic barriers,” he said.

Meghwal urged the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) to play an active role in ensuring that legal aid is not just a formality, but a tool to empower the deprived and vulnerable sections of society. He emphasized that such efforts are essential for protecting constitutional rights and upholding the spirit of inclusive justice.

“The Constitution guarantees justice to all, and it is our duty to ensure that the most marginalized, whether they are soldiers in remote postings or tribals in far-flung areas, receive timely and effective legal support,” he added—(KNO)

Op Sindoor Strikes

“The Pakistani action on May 8 and 9 was responded to effectively. Our army air defence stood like an impenetrable wall which could not be breached by any missile or drones,” he said.

He said the Indian Army is on its way to becoming a force to reckon with in the world.

“Rudra, all of brigade, is being established for which I gave an approval yesterday. Under this, we will have infantry, mechanised infantry, armoured units, artillery, special forces and unmanned aerial units at one place to provide logistics and combat support,” he said.

The army has formed a special strike force Bhairav Light Commando Unit, which is “always ready to surprise the enemy at the border.”

Dwivedi said, “Every infantry battalion now has a drone platoon. In the artillery, the Shaktiban regiment has been set up, which will be equipped with a drone, counter-drone, and loiter munition. Every regiment will have a composite battery equipped with these things.”

The army chief said our capability will increase manifold in coming days as we are equipping the army air defence systems with indigenous missiles.

Recalling the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the silver jubilee celebrations last year, the military chief said the presence of top leaders shows that it is not only an army day but a festival for the entire nation.

“The nation is safe due to the sacrifices made by the heroes at the icy heights. We remember their dedication and determination, and we bow to the brave heroes who laid down their lives so that we can live a peaceful life with dignity,” he added.

Launches 3

lets people experience the courage and hardships of the soldiers through immersive narration,” the officer added.

The third project, titled ‘Indus Viewpoint’ offers visitors a rare chance to reach vantage locations close to the Line of Control (LoC) in the Batalik sector — one of the main battlegrounds of the war. At over 10,000 feet altitude, Batalik played a crucial role during Operation Vijay due to its strategic location linking Kargil, Leh and Baltistan.

“This viewpoint helps civilians witness the harsh terrains and understand the extreme conditions in which our soldiers operate every day,” the officer noted.

Once a remote village nestled in the Indus valley, Batalik has now emerged as a symbol of resilience and patriotism — and a growing tourist destination for those seeking to connect with the country's military history.

These new projects reflect a modern approach to honouring war heroes, combining remembrance with education and engagement—(KNO)

Massive infra boost for southern TN as PM Modi launches Rs 4,900 cr projects in Tuticorin

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TUTICORIN: In a major push for infrastructure and connectivity in southern Tamil Nadu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a slew of development projects worth Rs 4,900 crore in Tuticorin.

The initiatives span across aviation, railways, energy, roadways, and port logistics, promising a transformative impact on the region's economic and transportation landscape.

The highlight of the day was the inauguration of the newly developed terminal building at Tuticorin Airport, built at a cost of Rs 452 crore. Designed with modern, energy-efficient architecture, the terminal is set to handle increased passenger traffic, enhancing air connectivity to southern Tamil Nadu and boosting tourism and business in the region.

In addition to the airport, the Prime Minister also unveiled infrastructure projects worth Rs 550 crore aimed at urban development and port-linked logistics. These include road upgrades, sanitation improvements, and coastal infrastructure under smart city initiatives, further strengthening Tuticorin's status as a major industrial and maritime hub.

A significant focus was placed on the energy sector, particularly projects related to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant. Power transmission works to evacuate electricity from Kudankulam Units 3 and 4 have been initiated,



including high-voltage transmission lines, substations, and grid integration. Complementing this is the commissioning of power distribution systems that will ensure uninterrupted supply to homes, industries, and businesses across southern states.

Rail connectivity has received a substantial boost with the electrification of the Madurai-Bodinayakkanur line, aimed at reducing diesel dependency, improving train speeds, and encouraging tourism and cargo movement in the Theni district. The Aralvaimozhi-Nagercoil section and the Nellai-Melapalayam stretch have been doubled, addressing long-standing bottlenecks in the region. The latter, built at a cost of Rs 283 crore, will greatly

improve suburban and passenger movement around Tirunelveli.

Further strengthening the road network, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the four-lane development of the Sethiyathoppu-Cholapuram section of the national highway. This key stretch connects central Tamil Nadu's Chidambaram and Kumbakonam regions, benefiting temple tourism and agricultural trade.

At the V.O. Chidambaram Port in Tuticorin, the third northern cargo logistics terminal, developed at a cost of Rs 285 crore, was inaugurated. The terminal, equipped with modern berths and mechanised cargo handling systems, is expected to significantly boost container and cargo

movement in South India.

Railway connectivity to India's southernmost tip also received a major push with the doubling of the Nagercoil City-Junction-Kanyakumari section, enhancing passenger, tourism, and freight movement. Overall, railway projects worth Rs 1,030 crore were launched, including line doubling, electrification, station modernisation, and signal upgrades. These initiatives aim to integrate southern Tamil Nadu's transport infrastructure with a cleaner, faster, and more reliable network.

The slew of projects inaugurated reflects the Centre's focus on accelerating development in Tamil Nadu and enhancing the state's role as a key logistics, energy, and transportation hub in the region.

SC to hear on Monday twin petitions in Justice Yashwant Varma cash-haul row

IAN S

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear two crucial petitions on Monday related to the sensational cash-discovery episode involving Justice Yashwant Varma.

The hearings come just days after a rare show of political unity, with 145 Members of Parliament – from both the ruling and Opposition parties – submitting an impeachment notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeking the removal of Justice Varma.

One of the petitions has been filed by Justice Varma himself, challenging the findings of the three-member in-house inquiry committee constituted by the Supreme Court, which recommended his removal under Article 124(4) of the Constitution.

The second petition, filed by advocate Mathews J. Nedumpara, along with other co-petitioners, seeks a direction to the Delhi Police to register an FIR in relation to the incident of alleged discovery of the burnt cash in an outhouse of Justice Varma's official residence while serving in the Delhi High Court.

As per the computerised case status, reflected on the website of the apex court, both these petitions will be taken up for hearing by a Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and AG Masih on July 28.

The writ petition filed by Justice Varma sought to quash the communication forwarded by former CJI Sanjiv Khanna to the President and then Prime Minister, recommending action based on the in-house committee's findings.

As per Justice Varma, the in-house panel acted in a "pre-determined manner" and denied him a fair opportunity to present his defence.

On the other hand, advocate Nedumpara, for the third time in a row, reiterated that the Union government—being in charge of the Delhi Police—was duty-bound to ensure registration of an FIR.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had declined to entertain similar pleas by Nedumpara—first in March, seeking an FIR and investigation into the cash-discovery allegations, and again in May, seeking Justice Varma's criminal prosecution.

Justice Varma came under scrutiny following the March 14 discovery of burnt cash in an outhouse of his official residence in New Delhi after the fire brigade had gone there to douse a blaze.

Following the cash discovery, which sent shockwaves through judicial circles, Justice Varma was repatriated to the Allahabad High Court, and an in-house inquiry was initiated into the allegations.

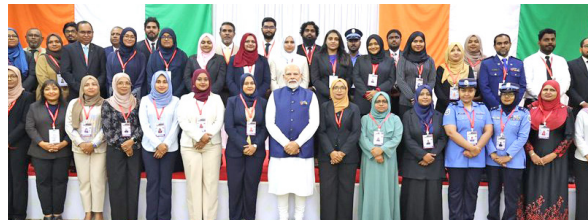
The in-house inquiry committee found both direct and electronic evidence indicating that the storeroom was under the covert or active control of Justice Varma and his family.

It concluded, based on strong inferential evidence, that the burnt cash was removed from the storeroom in the early hours of March 15.

The three-member inquiry committee – comprising Chief Justice Sheel Nagu of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, CJ G.S. Sandhawalia of the Himachal Pradesh HC and Karnataka HC's Justice Anu Sivaraman -- found the allegations serious enough to merit impeachment proceedings against Justice Varma.

The committee held that Justice Varma's misconduct was proven and grave, meriting his removal under Article 124(4) of the Constitution.

PM Modi interacts with ITEC beneficiaries in Maldives



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MALE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with beneficiaries of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme in Maldives on Saturday, noting that they embody the spirit of friendship between India and Maldives and the deep-rooted ties that unite both nations.

PM Modi stated that ITEC initiative focusses on capacity building and the group includes police officials, government officials, paramedics and nurses.

In a post on X, PM Modi stated, "It was a delight to interact with beneficiaries of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme. This initiative focusses on capacity building. The group included police officials, government officials, paramedics and nurses. They truly embody the spirit of the India-Maldives friendship and the deep-rooted ties that unite our two nations."

PM Modi also interacted

with the Indian community in the Maldives. He expressed appreciation for their contribution to progress of Maldives while remaining connected to their roots in India.

"Interacted with the Indian community in the Maldives. It is commendable how they are contributing to Maldives' progress and at the same time remain connected to their roots in India," PM Modi posted on X.

While sharing glimpses of his interaction with members of Indian community on X, PM Modi wrote, "The Indian diaspora continues to be one of the strongest bridges between India and the world. We are very proud of our diaspora."

PM Modi, who was on a two-day State visit to Maldives, attended the country's Independence Day celebrations as 'Guest of Honour' at Republic Park in Male, earlier in the day. Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu and First Lady Sajidha Mohamed were also present.

ED, CBI intensify probe into Anil Ambani companies; hard drive, documents seized

IAN S

MUMBAI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on the premises and people linked with Anil Ambani's Reliance Group (RAAGA Companies) intensified on Saturday, as investigators likely seized voluminous documents, hard drives, and other digital records from several locations across Mumbai and Delhi.

The raids first began on Thursday in connection with a money laundering probe related to the Yes Bank loan fraud case.

The enforcement watchdog and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted a large-scale money laundering probe into the matter involving over Rs 24,000 crore, according to reports.

The operation is part of a broader investigation into alleged financial irregularities, including possible diversion of funds, loan fraud, and money laundering.

The ED's probe is focused on whether funds from banks were routed through shell entities and misused by group firms. Meanwhile, the CBI has



reportedly begun its own inquiry into other companies within Anil Ambani's Reliance Group.

Subsequent to FIRs registered by the CBI, the ED started probing the offence of money laundering by RAAGA Companies under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Other agencies and institutions also shared information with ED, such as the National Housing Bank, SEBI, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), and Bank of Baroda, according to reliable sources.

Preliminary investigation by ED has revealed a well-planned and thought-

out scheme to divert/siphon off public money by cheating banks, shareholders, investors and other public institutions. The offence of bribing bank officials, including the Promoter of Yes Bank Limited, is also under the scanner.

Preliminary probe revealed illegal loan diversion of around Rs 3,000 crore from Yes Bank (from 2017 to 2019). ED has found that just before the loan was granted, the Yes Bank promoters received money in their accounts. The agency is also investigating this nexus of bribery and the loan.

The regulator has found gross violations in Yes Bank

loan approvals to RAAGA companies, such as Credit Approval Memorandums (CAMs) were back-dated, investments were proposed without any due diligence/credit analysis in violation of the Bank's Credit Policy, inter alia.

In violation of the loan terms, these loans were further diverted to many group companies and shell companies.

SEBI is also learnt to have shared its findings with ED in the case of RHFL. A dramatic increase in corporate loans by RHFL, from Rs 3,742.60 crore in FY 2017-18 to Rs 8,670.80 crore in FY 2018-19, is also under ED lens.

Trade talks with US progressing well: FM Sitharaman

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NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said that trade talks with the US is progressing well. Her comment comes ahead of the US President Donald Trump's country-specific tariffs scheduled to take effect from August 1.

During a book release programme in the national capital, FM Sitharaman said the trade talks with both US and UK are shaping well.

"I can't comment if bilateral trade is good or bad, but we are moving forward on bilateral. Negotiations with the US, EU are progressing well," said FM Sitharaman, as per media reports.

Earlier, Trump said that his administration will have most of its trade deals with countries finished by August 1.

During a press availability at the White House, Trump also said his administration might send close to 200 countries a letter on their tariff rate, which he said means, "They have a deal. It's done."

"August 1 is going to come, and we will have most of our deals finished, if not all," Trump told reporters before embarking on a trip to Scotland, Yonhap news agency reported.

"When those letters go out ... the page and a half ... That means they have a deal. It's done," he said. "They pay that tariff and that is the contract essentially."

Meanwhile, India this week signed free trade agreement (FTA) with UK.

Gujarat: Rahul Gandhi launches training camp for newly appointed district Congress chiefs in Anand

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ANAND: Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi inaugurated a three-day training camp for newly appointed District Congress Presidents in Gujarat's Anand under the party's 'Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan' initiative.

The camp, scheduled for July 26-28, witnessed the presence of several senior Congress leaders from the national and state levels, including AICC General Secretary and Gujarat in-charge Mukul Wasnik, Gujarat Congress President Amit Chavda, and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Dr Tushar Chaudhary.

Addressing the gathering, Rahul Gandhi emphasised the critical role district and city presidents will play in the upcoming electoral processes. He stated that their consent will be indispensable in ticket allocation for future elections, and their performance will be reviewed monthly as part of an accountability framework. "Each leader will be evaluated, and the organisation will be

strengthened on the basis of performance. With this campaign, we aim to prepare for the upcoming Assembly elections while staying rooted in Congress ideology and fighting for the rights of the Dalits, marginalised, women, youth, and farmers," he said.

As part of his visit, Rahul Gandhi also held a special dialogue with dairy cooperative members and livestock farmers associated with Gujarat's milk federations.

Members shared their grievances, including concerns over inadequate milk procurement prices, deep-rooted corruption in cooperative employment practices, and misuse of outsourcing for political appointments. In response, Gandhi pledged to raise these issues in Parliament and expressed his readiness to support agitation efforts on their behalf.

Families of victims from the Gambhira bridge tragedy, where over 20 people lost their lives, met Rahul Gandhi seeking justice. The families alleged inaction and negligence by the

state government. Offering them solidarity, Gandhi reiterated his commitment to justice and said the people of the country look to him with hope for fairness and rights.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Congress state president Amit Chavda said, "Corruption is rampant under the BJP government, and the people are suffering. This campaign is not just about training but about empowering district and city presidents to raise local issues and mobilise people. Our leader, Rahul Gandhi, has clearly told us: 'Do not fear.' We must take people's concerns from the streets to the Assembly."

Mukul Wasnik, AICC General Secretary and Gujarat in-charge, highlighted that the selection process for district presidents under the 'Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan' was unique and vision-driven. "This training is designed to strengthen the ideological foundation of every district leader. A strong organisation will empower people to reclaim their rights and defeat the BJP

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SELECTION LIST (ROUND 2)

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the Selection List (Round 2) of candidates who have applied for admission to various trades at ITI Shopian for the session 2025-26-27 against Normal, PPP & Self Finance seats has been issued. The selection list has been generated through the Admission Portal maintained by JKBOTE.

The list is available in the office of the undersigned and can be accessed at the institute's official social media handles.

All Selected candidates desirous of seeking admission are directed to report to the Training Section, ITI Shopian by or before 02 Aug 2025, along with the requisite admission fee and the following original document:

1. Date of Birth Certificate
2. Marks Sheet of the qualifying Examination
3. Category Certificate/ Physically Handicapped Certificate, (if applicable)
4. Latest discharge certificate from the institute last attended
5. Self attested photocopy of Aadhar Card
6. Domicile Certificate
7. Three (03) passport size photograph

Note:

- The Discharge/School Leaving Certificate will be retained by the institute until the completion of the course.
- If, at the time of admission or during the course of study, any document is found to be non-genuine or the candidate is found to be enrolled in any regular course elsewhere, the admission shall be automatically cancelled, and disciplinary action shall be initiated.

For any further assistance, candidates may contact the office during working hours.

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Dated: 25 / 07/2025

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DT: 26/07/2025

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Superintendent
ITI Shopian

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Ref.:- This office NIT No.:e-nit 15 of 2025-26 dated 21/07/2025 Please Read class of contract as "B/C" Instead of "B/C/D"for the above subjected NIT, invited vide above reference. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Dy CM conducts late hour inspection of SDH RS Pura

Emphasizes on proper patient care, sanitation



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary today conducted inspection of Sub District Hospital RS Pura at late hours and took stock of healthcare facilities available for the patients there. The Deputy CM inspected various sections of the hospital and assessed the

services being extended to the patients. He interacted with the patients and their attendants, seeking feedback regarding the quality of treatment and related services available at the SDH. While interacting with them, the Deputy CM assured them that the Government is focusing on increasing medical care facilities in rural areas so

that they can get access near their vicinities. He urged the hospital authorities to ensure timely treatment, streamlined processes and patient-centric care for the patients coming from different far flung and border areas. The Deputy CM asked for maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene in

and around the hospital premises besides checking the availability of medicine, duty roster and staff strength. He maintained that the Government under the leadership of CM Omar Abdullah is committed to provide all modern healthcare facilities and infrastructure to the people at their door steps.

Meeting on strengthening Science, Technology & Innovation Ecosystem through PI RAHI held at Directorate of Agriculture Jammu

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JAMMU: A meeting was held today at the Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo to deliberate on the collaborative role of PI RAHI – the Northern Region Science & Technology Cluster with the Agriculture Department Jammu. The meeting was chaired by Director Agriculture Jammu, S. Arvinder Singh Reen, and attended by Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora, Advisor, PI RAHI Northern Region Science & Technology Cluster. Others present in the meeting included Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Dr. Ashwani Sharma; SMS-RL Sanjay Anand; Agriculture Economist Tilak Raj Sharma; Agronomist (VIS) Vikas Padha; Assistant Entomologist Rajesh Verma; SMS-DL Sandeep Dogra; M.D. UNATI Jyoti Saroop Sharma; Chairman, JKDCF and UAMMCL Vikrant Dogra, members



of PI RAHI, senior officers and staff of the Agriculture Department. The meeting aimed at exploring ways to synergize and strengthen the Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir and the wider Northern region, covering Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh under the PI RAHI cluster. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora, Advisor PI RAHI, elaborated on the vision and initiatives of PI RAHI. She highlighted how the cluster is working as a platform to connect government bodies, research institutions, industry and start ups to develop region

specific solutions in agriculture, environment, health, energy and rural livelihoods. She emphasized that PI RAHI is committed to bringing technology-driven innovation to the doorstep of farmers and expressed confidence that the collaboration with the Agriculture Department Jammu will open new avenues for growth. Director Agriculture Jammu, S. Arvinder Singh Reen, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated the initiatives of PI RAHI and said that this collaboration will be a milestone for the agricultural landscape of Jammu Division. He added that with scientific interventions, research-based

solutions and innovation clusters like PI RAHI, the future of agriculture in the region is promising, especially in enhancing productivity, promoting agri entrepreneurship and ensuring sustainability. In his concluding remarks, Director Agriculture Jammu expressed gratitude to Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora and the PI RAHI team for their visit and deliberations. He assured that the Agriculture Department Jammu will work closely with PI RAHI to implement innovative projects that benefit farmers, uplift rural economies and strengthen the overall STI ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sakeena Itoo conducts surprise inspection of Emergency Hospital Qazigund

Assesses quality of healthcare services

GMK NEWS NETWORK

QAZIGUND: Minister for Health and Medical Education Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted surprise inspection of Emergency Hospital Qazigund to assess the quality of healthcare services available to the local population. During her visit, Minister Sakeena took detailed round of the hospital and inspected different sections of the hospital like emergency wards, general wards, laboratories and other sections. She interacted with the doctors and paramedics and took appraisal from them about the necessary upgrades required at this critical hospital in view



of its location along the National Highway. She also directed the hospital administration to maintain regular roster of doctors

and supporting staff for 24x7 functionality of the hospital. The Minister also interacted with patients and

attendants to gather first-hand feedback from them on the medical services being provided at this hospital.

6th District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Championship 2025 on 29th & 30th July



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The District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Association, under the aegis of the J&K Yogasana Sports Association and Yogasana Bharat, proudly announces the 6th District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Championship 2025, scheduled to be held on 29th & 30th July 2025 at the Shri Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex, Srinagar. The event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council & recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, as well as the Indian Olympic Association. This prestigious championship will witness the participation of over 150 athletes across various age groups, competing in

multiple Yogasana disciplines, including Traditional Yogasana, Artistic, Rhythmic, & five individual events. The tournament aims to showcase the cultural essence & competitive spirit of Yogasana, while inspiring youth to embrace physical fitness, mental well-being, & discipline. Educational institutions, clubs, & sports organizations are invited to send their Yogasana players for participation. The last date for entry submissions is 28th July 2025. For registration & further information, please contact the District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Association. The event is organized under the banner of "My Youth, My Pride", a flagship initiative of the J&K Sports Council.

105 students from Government Colleges complete summer internship at JKEDI Bari Brahmana



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: A batch of 105 students from Government SPMR College of Commerce, Government College for Women (GCW) Parade, and GCW Gandhi Nagar successfully completed their summer internship at the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Bari Brahmana campus on Saturday. The internship was organized in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which mandates a 60-hour internship for undergraduate students as part of their academic curriculum. The program was designed to nurture entrepreneurial thinking, research aptitude and teamwork among students. During the 10-day internship, students were introduced to the core functions and program verticals of JKEDI. They gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship development, startup ecosystem dynamics and self-

employment opportunities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The structured program included interactive lectures, hands-on assignments, exposure visits and knowledge-sharing sessions conducted by JKEDI's experienced faculty and guest speakers from the startup domain. The internship concluded with a valedictory ceremony graced by Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director JKEDI, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In his address, he emphasized the need to instill an entrepreneurial mindset in the youth and highlighted JKEDI's role in shaping the startup landscape of the UT. The interns appreciated the practical and immersive nature of the program, especially the sessions on government schemes, business model development and startup financing. The internship was conducted by a team of expert faculty members under the overall supervision of the Director, JKEDI.

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