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Briefed Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji & Hon'ble HM Shri Amit Shah Ji on the flood situation. Relief & rescue work is underway in various Districts & I've directed officials for maximum readiness & presence of staff at their posts to respond to emergency situations.

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## LG, CM Review Flood Situation In Jammu



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**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday visited Jammu to take stock of the worsening flood situation caused by continuous heavy rainfall across the region.

LG Sinha rushed to Jammu earlier in the day to review the ground situation and direct officials to step up relief and rescue measures.

Team of senior doctors briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the health condition of the injured and the medical procedures being followed. The Lieutenant Governor directed the Doctors and Hospital Administration for ensuring the best possible treatment for the speedy recovery of the injured. It was informed that 13 people are presently under-going treatment at SMVD Narayana Superspe-

ciality Hospital, Katra and their condition is stable.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board employees and citizens for their exemplary interventions which saved many lives.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Yatra was suspended yesterday due to bad weather. Cloudburst occurred and devotees at Ardhuwari were caught in it. It was a heart-wrenching natural calamity, in which we have lost precious lives. We are providing all possible assistance to bereaved families."

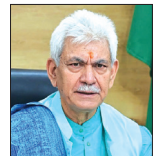
The Lieutenant Governor also announced ex-gratia relief to the families of the deceased. He said the Shrine Board and the administration are extending all the necessary

Efforts On To Restore Essential Services

## Over 5000 Evacuated From Flood-Hit Parts Of Jammu: LG Sinha

Directs Officials For Restoration Of Power, Communication, Water Supply

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More than 5000 people were evacuated from low-lying flooded areas to safety. Army, NDRF & SDRF is working in coordination with Div Com's office and we are ensuring that there is adequate supply of relief materials & all possible assistance is being given to those affected.

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**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday said that more than 5,000 people have been evacuated from low-lying flood-hit areas across the Union Territory to safer locations.

He said that teams of the Army, National Dis-



aster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) are working in close coordination with the Divisional Commissioner's office to ensure timely rescue and relief. "We are ensuring adequate supply of relief materials and extending all possible assistance to those affected," the LG stated.

Most of the Jammu division, which has been inundated by flash floods triggered by heavy rains, continued to receive rain, although of less

intensity. Efforts to restore water supply, electricity and internet services that have been severely hit are underway, but schools and colleges have been ordered shut.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Spoke to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Sh. Ramesh Kumar and other Senior Officials and took stock of flood situation and rescue and relief Operations. Directed the officials for

## Div Com Reviews Flood Preparedness Amid Inclement Weather

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**SRINAGAR:** In view of the inclement weather across Kashmir division, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg convened an urgent meeting to assess the readiness of departments & district administrations to respond to any emergency and potential threat of floods in low-lying areas.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner SMC, CEO ERA, and senior officials from various key departments including ULB, FCS&CA, Education, IMD, Radio Kashmir, Doordarshan, I&FC, KPDC, MED, UEED, R&B, BSNL, SDRF, NDRF, SRTC, PHE, BEACON and others.

At the outset, Div Com took a detailed district-

## ...Residents In Panic Jhelum Floodwaters Inundate Kursu Rajbagh



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**SRINAGAR:** Panic spread through Kursu Rajbagh and other parts of the City on Wednesday as floodwaters from the Jhelum River breached local lanes and internal bilanes, submerging residential areas and prompting urgent concern among residents.

Eyewitnesses said that water levels began rising sharply in the morning, leaving many anxious. "The lanes and bilanes are already submerged. Water has now reached our courtyards and is entering houses. People are frightened, many have shifted essential belongings to upper floors," said Ghulam Ahmad, a Rajbagh resident.

Another local described the tense situation: "Children and the elderly are the most affected. Everyone fears a repeat of the 2014 floods." Residents also expressed frustration over what they see as insufficient preventive measures. "Despite repeated requests,

**SPOKE TO DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER, JAMMU SH. RAMESH KUMAR AND other Senior Officials and took stock of flood situation and rescue and relief Operations. Directed the officials for restoration of Power, Communication, Water Supply on priority in areas where flood water is receding.**

## PM Mourns Loss Of Lives In Vaishno Devi Landslide



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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in the landslide that struck the Vaishno Devi route near Adhkuwari in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district. At least 32 pilgrims have died

and 20 others sustained injuries in the tragedy triggered by incessant rain.

In a message posted on X, the Prime Minister described the incident as "saddening" and extended condolences to the families of those who died. He also wished a speedy recovery to the injured.

## Vaishno Devi Landslide Death Toll Rises To 32, IAF's C-130 Joins Rescue Ops

AGENCIES

**JAMMU:** The death toll in the Vaishno Devi landslide has gone up to 32 with rescuers pulling out more bodies from under the debris, officials said on Wednesday, a day after disaster struck the route to the hilltop shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

At least 20 people were injured in the landslide triggered by heavy, relentless rain and are undergoing treatment in different hospitals, officials said.

With fears that more people could be trapped, rescue teams are continuing to dig through the mounds of rubble to look for survivors. While 30 bodies were recovered from the debris, two of those injured died in hospital.



The pilgrimage to the shrine was suspended when the mountainside literally gave way and stones, boulders and rocks came hurtling down around 3 pm on Tuesday, catching people unawares.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his prayers are for everyone's safety and well-being.

"The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected," he said in a post on X.

The landslide

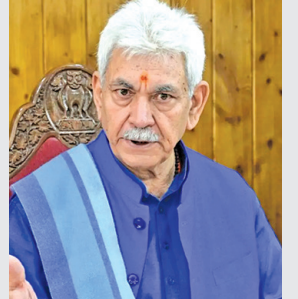
## LG Sinha Announces Rs 9 Lakh Relief For Families Of Victims

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**KATRA:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday described the Katra landslide incident, which claimed several lives, as a deeply unfortunate tragedy.

Speaking to reporters, LG Sinha said that families of the deceased will receive Rs 9 lakh in compensation—Rs 5 lakh under Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board policy and Rs 4 lakh from the Disaster Management Department.

"I have already briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the situation. The administra-



tion is carrying out rescue and relief operations with full urgency," he stated.

He further said that the yatra was halted after heavy rains and a cloudburst near Ardhuwari triggered the landslide. "Unfortunately,

## India Never Seeks War But Will Respond With Strength If Challenged: Rajnath Singh

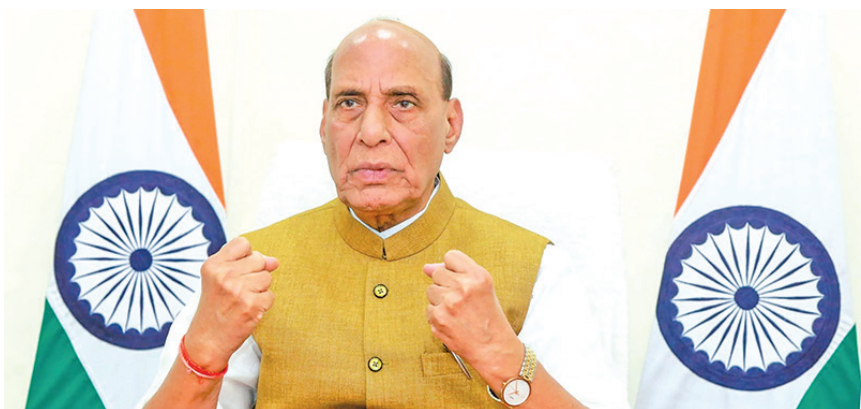
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**MHOW:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday reaffirmed that India has never been a nation seeking war or initiating aggression but warned that any challenge to the country would be met with decisive strength.

Speaking at the 'Ran-Samwad 2025' Tri-Service Seminar at the Army War College in Madhya Pradesh's Mhow, Singh stressed the importance of continuously enhancing defence preparedness to deal with emerging challenges.

"The very title of the programme, Ran-Samwad, strikes me as quite interesting. On one hand, 'Ran' evokes the imagery of battle and conflict, and on the other hand, 'Samwad' points towards dialogue, discussion, and reconciliation," he said.

"At first glance, the two words seem contradictory. Where there is a battle, how can there be a dialogue, and where dialogue is taking place, how can there be a battle? But if



you look deeper, this very name embodies one of the most relevant truths of our times," Singh said, drawing a reference from the Mahabharat.

The event, the first of its kind, brought together the three services to deliberate on technology and its impact on modern warfare. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi were also present.

Reiterating India's long-held position, Singh

said, "India has never been a nation that seeks war. We have never initiated aggression against anyone. However, the present geopolitical reality is quite different. Even though we do not harbour any aggressive intent, if someone challenges us, it becomes imperative that we respond with strength. To do so, we must continuously enhance our defence preparedness. This is why training, technological advancement and sustained dialogue with partners are of utmost importance for us."

Highlighting the trans-

formation of modern-day conflicts, the Defence Minister said, "Today, in the 21st century, this transformation has become even more rapid. Sheer numbers of soldiers or the size of weapon stockpiles are no longer enough. Cyber Warfare, Artificial Intelligence, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Satellite-based Surveillance are shaping the wars of the future. Precision-guided weapons, real-time intelligence and data-driven information have now become the cornerstone of success in any conflict."

He said modern

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# More than 3,500 shifted to safety as flood situation deteriorates in Jammu

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**JAMMU:** In a swift multi-agency operation led by the Jammu District Administration, over 3,500 residents have been evacuated to safety following incessant rains that caused flash floods and waterlogging across Jammu in J&K.

Teams from District Administration, J&K Police, NDRF, SDRF, Indian Army and local volunteers have been working on evacuation and relief in the worst-hit areas, while authorities are also focused on restoring critical infrastructure and essential services.

Immediate priority has been to move residents from vulnerable pockets to safer locations while ensuring food, clean water and medical care at temporary shelters, said officials.

In RS Pura, 85 people were shifted from Balool to secure sites and in Pargwal, 347 residents from Hamirpur Kona and Gujral village were relocated to Akhnoor and Jammu.

A total of 160 people in Jammu North's Nai Basti and Lower Muthi were evacuated and have been sheltered at

Kailash Resorts, Muthi, where langar facilities have been arranged.

In Nagrota, 100 people were moved to Kondoli Mandir, while restoration teams are clearing debris from highways to reopen routes for emergency services.

Two families comprising 15 members in Suchetgarh were rescued after their houses collapsed in Badyal Quazian and Tibba Bains.

In Indra Nagar and Ballol areas of Jammu, 150 residents were shifted to safety, and some were relocated to Brij Nagar. In Sitriyala, 45 people were evacuated, and a relief camp was established at CHC Jourian. In Satwari, 300 residents were shifted to HSS Satwari, where authorities have provided full meals and water supplies through community kitchens.

Across Khour and Pargwal, more than 500 people were rescued from Indri, Maan Chak, Bakore, Hamirpur Kona and Gajral, with temporary shelters arranged for the displaced. In Khour, 48 individuals are housed at Government High School Garkhal, and another 50 at the Community Hall

Garkhal.

The district administration has established relief camps at multiple locations, with Youth Hostel Jammu serving as a major temporary shelter.

Community kitchens at Muthi and Satwari are providing food, while medical teams are stationed at all major relief sites.

Restoration of power, water supply and road connectivity is being taken up on priority, with Tehsildar Nagrota overseeing debris clearance on highways.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr Rakesh Minhas reaffirmed the administration's commitment to safeguarding lives and ensuring immediate relief for all affected families, and said the situation is being continuously monitored, with further updates to be issued as the response progresses.

The DC has also credited the coordinated efforts of the District Administration, Police, NDRF, SDRF, Army and civil society volunteers for their contribution and ensuring no loss of life. Public cooperation has also been recognised as critical to the success of the operations.



## Cabinet approves submission of bid for Commonwealth Games - 2030

Games to witness large-scale participation from 72 countries

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday approved the proposal of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for submission of bid for the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2030. It also gave its approval to sign the Host Collaboration Agreement (HCA) along with the required Guarantees from concerned Ministries, Departments and Authorities and sanction of required grant-in-aid to Gujarat Government, in case the bid gets accepted.

Athletes from 72 countries will participate in the Commonwealth Games. It will also include participation of a large number of athletes, coaches, technical officials, tourists, media persons among others visiting India during the Games, benefiting local businesses and generating revenue.

Ahmedabad is an ideal host city offering world



class stadiums, cutting-edge training facilities, and a passionate sporting culture. Narendra Modi Stadium, the largest stadium in the world, has already demonstrated its capability by successfully hosting the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Final.

Beyond sports, hosting the CWG in India would leave a lasting impact boosting tourism, creating jobs and inspiring millions of young athletes. Apart from that, a large number of professionals will be getting opportunities in Sports science, Event Oper-

ations and Management, Logistics and transport coordinators, Broadcast and media, IT and communications, Public relations and communications and in other fields as well.

Hosting such a globally prestigious event will foster a strong sense of national pride and unity. It will provide a shared national experience and boost the morale of our Nation. It will inspire a new generation of athletes to enter into Sports as a career option and encourage greater participation in sports at all levels.

## RBI, Crime Branch Conduct Sensitization Program on NBFC Frauds, BUDS Act

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** A one-day sensitization program on the growing menace of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) frauds and the implementation of the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act, 2019 was successfully held today at Tagore Hall in Srinagar. The event was organized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jammu, in collaboration with the Crime Branch of the Jammu & Kashmir Police.

The program saw participation from over 100 officers representing key law enforcement and regulatory agencies. Attendees included officials from the Crime Branch (Kashmir Zone), the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of J&K Police, the Anti-Corruption Bureau, and the Prosecution Department.

The event was inaugurated by Sh. Sujit Kumar, IPS, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Crime Branch, who presided as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address,



IGP Kumar underscored the significant challenges posed by financial frauds and emphasized the critical role stakeholders, particularly police investigators, play in combating this threat.

Sh. Ram Sarup, Deputy General Manager, RBI, set the tone for the day with his welcome address. He elaborated on the supervisory responsibilities of financial regulators and stressed the necessity of implementing specialized laws like the BUDS Act for the effective investigation of NBFC-related frauds.

The valedictory address was delivered by Sh. Abdul Qayoom, IPS, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Crime Branch. A key lecture was presented by Sh. Laeeq Ahmad, Joint Direc-

tor, Crime Branch, who provided detailed insights into the provisions of the BUDS Act, 2019, and explained the pivotal role of the police in its enforcement.

The program was conducted pursuant to the directions of the Learned Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, who is also the Chairman of the UTLCC, issued during the 35th UTLCC meeting.

The event was also graced by the presence of several senior officers, including Smt. Sudesh Kumari, Assistant General Manager, RBI; Sh. Abdul Waheed, SSP, EOW; Sh. Faiesal Qureshi, SSP, Staff Officer; and Sh. Muzaffar Hussain, SSP, SCW. Experts from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the RBI delivered comprehensive lectures on various aspects of financial frauds and regulatory frameworks.

The initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing inter-agency coordination and building capacity to tackle sophisticated financial crimes in the region.

## DC Ganderbal reviews functioning of Rural Development Deptt



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**GANDERBAL:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the overall functioning of the Rural Development Department (RDD) in the district.

The meeting reviewed the submission of estimates for various works approved under CAPEX 2025-26, functioning of Panchayat Ghars, and the status of projects under Solid Waste Management (SWM), Plastic Waste Management, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), and Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) across the district.

Executive Engineer RDD briefed the chair on the status of estimations received from the Block Development Officers (BDOs), tendering progress, and ongoing works.

DC directed all BDOs to submit estimates of all approved works within two days to facilitate timely tendering and ensure that projects are allotted and initiated without delay.

Discussing the status of Panchayat Ghars and land availability issues in some panchayats, DC instructed the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) to identify suitable land in the affected panchayats in coordination with Tehsildars and resolve any land-related bottlenecks to expedite the construction of Panchayat Ghars.

Similarly all BDOs were instructed to review the status of construction of various assets under SBM(G) and expedite their completion.

Reiterating the district administration's commitment to equitable and holistic development of all blocks, DC urged officers to work in close coordination and focus on timely implementation of all developmental works.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi; Chief Planning Officer, ACP, Executive Engineer RDD, and all BDOs of the district.

## DC G'bal chairs NCORD meeting, directs vigorous enforcement against drug menace

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**GANDERBAL:** To assess and reinforce the district's anti-narcotics efforts, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore Wednesday chaired the monthly meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) at the V.C. Room of DC office Ganderbal.

At the outset, DC took a department-wise review of progress on enforcement, awareness, treatment, and rehabilitation. Officers from concerned departments viz. Health, Education, Revenue, Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare presented updates against the Action Taken Report on directives issued in the previous NCORD meeting.

The functioning of the Drug De-addiction Centre was reviewed meticulously and the Chief Medical Officer was directed to explore the possibility of making IPD facilities available at the Centre.

While reviewing the status of computer billing and installation of CCTV

cameras by medical shops, the District Drug Inspector informed that 97 percent shops have switched to computer billing systems and 100 percent CCTV camera installation is also ensured.

DC directed for active enforcement to achieve 100% computer billing within the next 1 month.

Status of NDPS cases was also reviewed and Police and Prosecution departments were directed to ensure timely investigations, charge sheeting and trial proceedings in all NDPS cases.

Excise department was asked to intensify wild cannabis destruction drives across the district. Chief Education Officer (CEO) was directed to conduct drug de-addiction awareness campaigns during morning assemblies, particularly in high schools.

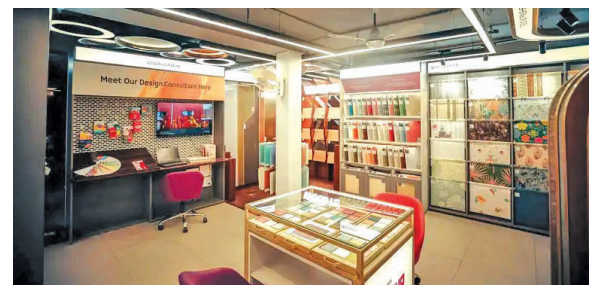
Emphasizing the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach, DC called for focusing on prevention, surveillance, and community engagement to effectively combat the drug menace.

## Asian Paints Redefines Paint Retail in Kashmir with Eight New Experiential Stores

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Asian Paints, India's leading paint and décor brand, has launched eight new experiential stores in Kashmir — four ColourIdeas showrooms and four Colour Cube shops-in-shops. This marks the largest retail network by any paint and décor brand in J&K, giving customers one-stop access to paints, textures, wallpapers, and wood finishes. With five stores in Srinagar alone, new outlets will come up in Baramulla, Sopore, Ganderbal, Budgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag bring premium décor closer to people across the region.

The expansion makes Asian Paints the first brand to introduce organized, design-led décor stores in Kashmir, moving beyond traditional paint shops to full-fledged décor destinations. These stores allow customers to see, touch, and visualize products, from luxury paint finishes to wallpapers and textured walls. For a market where wallpaper is central and wallpa-



pers are still new, the experience centres help homeowners and professionals make confident choices through life-size displays and digital visualization tools.

The ColourIdeas showrooms are immersive décor hubs with a dedicated WoodTech zone tailored for Kashmir, featuring bigger panels, Italian wood finishes for khatamband ceilings, and the exclusive Aks-e-Kashmir range of textures and shades. Customers can preview over 3,000 shades in 3D, explore designer wallpapers like Sabyasachi and Good Earth, and access waterproofing, imported finishes, and expert colour consultations — making them complete décor destinations.

The more compact Colour Cube stores, set up inside existing dealer outlets, offer a 100-150 sq. ft. curated display of paints, textures, and wallpapers. While simpler than ColourIdeas, they provide a strong touch-and-feel experience and highlight Asian Paints' Beautiful Homes Painting Services (BHPS), ensuring professional painting support with guaranteed timelines.

Beyond homes, Asian Paints has worked on tunnels, flyovers, luxury hotels, and AIIMS Kashmir, while also empowering local dealers, contractors, and craftsmen with advanced tools and training. With this expansion, Asian Paints now holds the largest and strongest presence in J&K, blending Kashmir's heritage with

modern finishes and setting a new benchmark in décor retail.

Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints said, "Kashmir has a unique design language, one that is rich in woodcraft, texture and warmth. We are proud to be the first to introduce dedicated physical experience stores in Kashmir, bringing our premium offerings and expert services closer to customers in the region. With the Colour Ideas and Colour Cube formats from Asian Paints, we are playing a larger role in the home décor journey of consumers by bringing to them a complete gamut of products & décor solutions. These stores offer the full spectrum of Asian Paints' expertise — from our authentic shade palettes and premium textures to our long-lasting wood finishes. We want to empower Kashmir's homeowners to see, touch, and visualise the transformation of their spaces before making a choice bringing together the best of design, technology, and personalized consultation."

## ACB Arrests JE, Two Employees For Demanding Bribe In Budgam

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today arrested Mohammad Irfan Ganaie, Junior Engineer of the PDD posted at Pakherpora, Charari-Sharief, Budgam, along with two other employees, Abid Hussain Wani (Line-man) and Sajad Ahmad Mir (PDL), for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000.

The action followed a written complaint alleging that the bribe was sought for relocating an HT line near the complainant's house.



After discreet verification of the complaint, ACB laid a trap and caught the trio red-handed while taking the bribe.

Accordingly, an FIR number 17/2025 under sections 7 and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended 2018) and section 61(2) BNS was registered at PS ACB Srinagar, and further investigation set into motion.

# Sakeena Itoo visits LD, B&JH, SMHS Hospital

Takes stock of medical supplies, other essential facilities

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In the aftermath of heavy rainfall, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo Wednesday visited major healthcare institutions of Srinagar city to evaluate the medical supplies and other essential facilities available for the public.

During the visit, Minister Sakeena visited Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar and took comprehensive assessment of its various hospital departments like emergency services, OPD, maternity and child care units, diagnostic labs as well as the pharmacy wing. She took note of the functionality of medical equipment, availability of essential medicines cleanliness and staff attendance.

During the inspection, the Minister also interacted directly with patients and their attendants to gauge their experiences and gather on-ground feedback about the facilities available for the public. She assured them that any kind of shortcomings related to healthcare would be addressed promptly.

Interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the need for sustained vigilance and greater responsiveness from medical staff in the hospital in view of the inclement weather. She also instructed the hospital administration to ensure 24x7 availability of doctors and staff and proper maintenance of duty roster. "Health is a priority sector for this Government and we are committed to establish a healthcare ecosystem that is efficient, compassionate and accountable to the people of J&K," the Minister stated.

The Minister, afterwards, visit Bone and Joint Hospital Barzulla and took stock of medical care facilities available at the hospital.

During the visit, the Minister undertook detailed inspection of different sections of the hospital like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, diagnostic labs and other units.

While interacting with the doctors and other paramedical staff on the occasion, the Minister emphasized on the timely and effective treatment of the patients in view of the adverse weather condi-



## Sakeena Itoo visits GMC Anantnag, reviews emergency preparedness

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**ANANTNAG:** Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo Wednesday visited Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag and held comprehensive review of the emergency preparedness and healthcare facilities in light of the incessant rains in South Kashmir.

During the visit, the Minister conducted detailed round of key wards including the Emergency, OTs, and Intensive Care Units, and personally inspected flood preparedness measures such as water drainage, power backup systems, and availability of emergency supplies.

She directed the hospital authorities to create dedicated emergency counters for flood-related patients, enhance sanitation drives to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases and

inspected various wards including the emergency section, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and diagnostic facilities. She also underlined the importance of maintaining proper sanitation, hygiene, and patient-friendly services within the hospital premises.

The Minister, during the visit, also took note of certain grievances and issues raised by patient attendants, particularly regarding accommodation, waiting areas, and availability of essential drugs. She urged

ensure proper shelter facilities for attendants accompanying patients. The Minister also instructed that special focus be given to maternal and child healthcare during emergencies, noting that vulnerable groups require additional support.

During her visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, and paramedical staff. She also reviewed the availability of essential medicines, blood supplies, ambulances, and critical care infrastructure to ensure the hospital remains fully equipped to handle any surge in emergency cases.

The Minister emphasized on the importance of robust emergency response system, including round-the-clock duty rosters, coordination with district administration, and rapid deployment of mobile medical teams to flood-affected zones.

"Our priority is to ensure that every patient receives timely treatment. Adequate

medicines, power backup, safe drinking water and efficient referral linkages are non-negotiable in such situations. Our government is committed to strengthen healthcare institutions across J&K so that people receive quality healthcare services", she stated.

The Health Minister appreciated the efforts of the medical staff who have been working tirelessly under difficult conditions and assured them of every possible support from the government. She also urged citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with health advisories being issued from time to time.

Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Coordination New GMCs, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Anantnag, HoDs of various specialties, doctors and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

the hospital authorities to address these issues on priority to reduce hardships of the public.

Meanwhile, the Minister also visited SMHS Hospital and GMC Srinagar and undertook comprehensive review of available medical care facilities.

During the visit, the Minister inspected different sections like OPD, IPD, Emergency wards, OTs and other sections. She directed the officers to augment the facilities and other supplies in view of the adverse weather.

# Rana reviews flood preparedness; Instructs Officers to remain on high alert

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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the flood preparedness and response mechanism across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, DIG, Rajiv Pandey, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, officers from Irrigation & Flood Control department and other concerned officers.

Accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Minister also conducted an on-ground assessment at the Flood Monitoring Station, Sangam, and reviewed the water levels of River Jhelum.

He directed officers to maintain close surveillance on vulnerable spots, ensure round-the-clock communication, and acti-



vate public announcement systems for timely dissemination of alerts.

While chairing the comprehensive review meeting with the Divisional Administration Kashmir to assess the readiness across the Kashmir Division, Minister Rana emphasized the need for a robust and proactive strategy to ensure the safety of lives and minimize potential damage.

He instructed officials to evolve detailed Stan-

dard Operating Procedures (SoPs), ensure all personnel are fully aware of their roles during emergencies, and expedite the creation of flood mapping/inundation maps for each area to guide swift response efforts.

The Minister further called for effective inter-departmental coordination, resource mobilization, and the establishment of clear communication channels for prompt rescue and relief operations.

Officials briefed the Minister on the contingency plans in place, highlighting that the SDRF and allied teams are on high alert. It was informed that 24/7 control rooms have been activated to monitor gauge stations and issue early warnings.

The department also confirmed the availability of adequate stock of flood mitigation supplies and essential commodities in designated depots.

## Div Com monitors Jhelum Water Levels amid looming flood threat



Inspects real-time gauge data at Ram Munshi Bagh

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In view of the ongoing spell of incessant rainfall across the Valley, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg conducted an on-ground inspection at Ram Munshi Bagh Wednesday morning to assess the water levels of River Jhelum.

During the visit, Div Com reviewed real-time gauge readings from various monitoring stations and was briefed on the historical flood trends of

River Jhelum and its tributaries, along with the current rainfall statistics in the catchment areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Anshul Garg informed that the administration is continuously monitoring the evolving situation. He assured that all necessary contingency plans and response mechanisms are in place to effectively manage any potential flood-related challenges.

Div Com also appealed to the general public to remain vigilant, follow official advisories, and avoid venturing close to rivers, streams, and other water bodies during this period of heightened vulnerability.

## Several legislators call on Javed Rana



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**SRINAGAR:** Legislators Saifullah Mir, Javaid Iqbal Choudhary, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir and Iftikhar Ahmed Wednesday called on Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, at the Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the legislators held detailed discussion with the Minister on a range of pressing issues concerning public welfare and development in their respective constituencies.

Matters related to water supply, forest conservation, ecological sustainability and tribal welfare were prominently raised.

They emphasized the need for timely redressal of grievances and expedited implementation of key infrastructure and environmental projects.

Minister gave a patient hearing to all issues put forth and assured appropriate and time-bound action on each point, and urged the legislators to continue highlighting genuine public issues and collaborate with the administration to ensure delivery of essential services at the grassroots level.

He emphasized that sustained communication between elected representatives and the government is vital for achieving meaningful progress and addressing the needs of the people effectively.

## 3rd National Lok Adalat in Srinagar on September-13

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**SRINAGAR:** District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar is going to organize 3rd National Lok Adalat on 13 September, 2025 in the premises of District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar.

Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar or before the Court of Additional Mobile Magistrate TFC Panthachowk and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims /matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach the concerned Courts by or before 04 September, 2025.

Besides parties whose cases are not pending (i.e. Pre Litigation matters) in any court but desires to settle their disputes can also approach the office of the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar by or before 04 September, 2025, so that their cases, claims

or matters can be settled amicably in the National Lok Adalat.

Both pre-litigation and pending in court cases shall be taken up for settlement. Pre Litigation cases include NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non compoundable), and Maintenance cases, besides other (Criminal compoundable, and other civil disputes)

While Pending in Courts cases include Criminal compoundable offence, NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases, MACT cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non compoundable), Matrimonial disputes (except Divorce), Land acquisition cases, Service matters relating to pay and allowances and retiral benefits, and Revenue cases, besides other civil cases (Rent, easmentary rights, injunction suits, specific performance suits) etc.

## DC B'la directs officers to stay alert, ensure timely response

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**BARAMULLA:** To reviewed preparedness measures in view of the prevailing weather conditions, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Wednesday chaired a meeting with officers of essential service departments including Flood & Irrigation, PDD, R&B, Health and others, at the DC office meeting hall Baramulla.

The meeting served importance following the forecast of heavy rainfall that may lead to a rise

in water levels of River Jhelum, Wular Lake, and other water bodies.

On the occasion, DC directed all concerned departments to remain fully alert and ensure close coordination for timely response. He stressed on mobilizing resources, keeping emergency teams ready, and safeguarding life and property in case of any eventuality.

Meanwhile, the district administration has issued an advisory urging residents of low-lying and flood-prone areas to

remain cautious, avoid venturing into deep waters, and stay updated through official sources. People have also been advised to safeguard children, elderly persons, and livestock, and to keep essential supplies and important documents safely stored.

On the occasion, DC also said that the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) is fully functional round-the-clock and can be contacted on helpline numbers 01952-234343, 7006951766, 7006493646 for any emergency assistance.

## DC Kulgam visits several areas, assesses situation arisen due to incessant rains

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**KULGAM:** In the wake of adverse weather condition, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, visited Laisoo, Gudder, Chawgam, Chambagund and other areas to assess the ground situation arisen due to incessant

rains in the district. DC said that people from vulnerable spots were shifted to safer places as a precautionary measure, adding that the district administration is on high alert with men and machinery fully geared up to tackle any eventuality.

Amir also interacted with the locals and listened to their concerns. He directed all the departments to stay vigilant & ensure swift response to any eventuality.

Accompanying the DC were ADC Vigar Ahmed Giri, SDM D.H.Pora, ACD and other officers.

## DC Shopian assesses ground situation along Rambiarra River

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**SHOPIAN:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta Wednesday visited Wandina, Melhura and other adjoining areas of Zainapora subdivision to ascertain water levels amid the adverse weather conditions.

The visit was aimed to assess the current and emerging situation in the low lying areas of the subdivision along the Rambiarra River.

District administration Shopian is keeping close vigil over the emerging situation and staff has been deputed in the vulnerable low lying areas to keep vigil on the water levels.

Earlier in the early morning hours, as a precautionary measure, 10 nomadic families residing in Wanduna have been safely relocated to safer places by the sub divisional administration Zainapora.

The local administration was instructed by

DC to remain alert and the people were asked to adhere to the guidelines of the government and contact helpline numbers, already publicized, in case of emergency.

DC emphasized close monitoring of water levels and timely dissemination of information to the public.

DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, ACR, SDM, Tehsildar and other officers/officials during the visit.

## Rana grieves loss of lives due to landslide near Vaishno Devi

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**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives due to a landslide triggered by heavy rains near the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the

bereaved families in this hour of profound grief and prayed for the swift recovery of all those injured.

"The tragic incident of the death of several devotees in a landslide near the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple route is extremely painful. May the departed souls rest in peace," he said, mourning the tragic incident.

He said that the Omar

Abdullah government is taking all the necessary measures to assist all those affected. He further said that the administration is continuously monitoring the situation arising in various parts of Jammu Division due to heavy rain and officers have been instructed to remain on high alert to meet any eventuality.

Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

# A Grim Reminder From The Skies

The people of Jammu and Kashmir are once again staring at a familiar nightmare, unrelenting rainfall has brought with it the fear of flooding, rekindling painful memories of the catastrophic deluge of 2014. For two consecutive days, heavy showers have lashed the region, causing rivers to swell and triggering panic among residents. This is not merely a natural occurrence; it is a warning sign that the fragile ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir is under constant stress and that preparedness remains far from satisfactory.

The 2014 floods were a wake-up call, exposing the vulnerabilities of infrastructure, urban planning and disaster response. Yet, over a decade later, little appears to have changed on the ground. Encroachments on riverbanks, unchecked construction, and poor drainage systems continue to compound the risks. The memory of entire neighborhoods submerged, lives lost, and livelihoods destroyed should have pushed authorities to act with urgency. Sadly, the recurring scenes of panic suggest that lessons were only partially learned.

The threat of climate change further heightens the challenge. Erratic rainfall patterns, cloudbursts, and extreme weather events are no longer rare. In such a scenario, Jammu and Kashmir needs robust flood mitigation strategies: strengthening embankments, improving forecasting systems, clearing water channels, and enforcing strict land-use laws. Communities, too, must be made partners in preparedness rather than victims of neglect.

As the rains continue, the priority remains ensuring the safety of lives and property. But once the clouds clear, it is imperative that authorities do not let complacency return. A region as sensitive as Jammu and Kashmir cannot afford to treat natural disasters as passing events. Preparedness, foresight, and sustainable practices are the only safeguards against another tragedy.

# Sanskrit: From Tradition To Technology

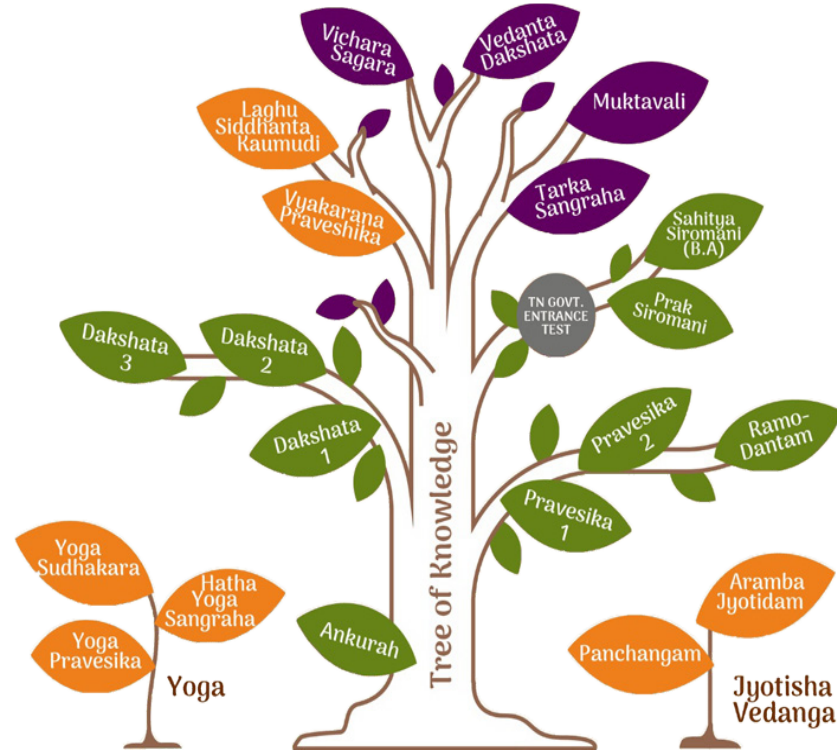


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Sanskrit language is the name of that wonderful heritage of human civilization, which has played the role of a pioneer in the field of knowledge, science, literature and culture for thousands of years. It is one of the most ancient, well-organized and scientific languages not only of India but of the entire humanity. Today, when the world has entered the era of the fourth industrial revolution and artificial intelligence, the importance of Sanskrit is being discussed afresh. This language not only preserves the experiences and traditions of the past, but also has the ability to establish harmony at a deep level with future technologies. This is the reason why Sanskrit is being seen as a bridge between ancient knowledge and future technology in today's time.

The biggest feature of Sanskrit is its grammatical structure. Panini's Ashtadhyayi is considered to be the most accurate and logical composition in the world from the grammatical point of view. Its systematic structure and regularity is so amazing that it can be considered ideal even in the creation of modern computer languages. While many types of inconsistencies are seen in the use of words and sentences in English or other languages, there is a kind of complete clarity and logic in Sanskrit. This is the reason that when the era of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning started in the world, many researchers found that Sanskrit language can be very useful for understanding and developing these technologies.

Today we see that universities of many countries of the world including Germany, America and Britain are studying Sanskrit in depth. Sanskrit course is being run in at least fourteen universities of Germany. In these countries, Sanskrit is not only taught from a religious or philosophical point of view,



but it is also given importance from the point of view of modern science and technology. This makes it clear that the global world has understood that the role of Sanskrit can be decisive in future scientific progress.

In India too, now the voice has started rising that Sanskrit should not be limited to just considering it as the language of the past. It should be presented in a new form in the modern education and technical world. If Sanskrit is connected with digital technologies, then this language can open the door to new possibilities in areas like artificial intelligence, computer programming, robotics and data science. The reason for this is that the word structure and grammatical rules of Sanskrit are very suitable for computers. Computers can easily understand any language when there is no ambiguity in it. The speciality of Sanskrit is that every word and sentence in it has a definite and clear meaning.

In today's time, the importance of Sanskrit is being recognized in a new form in the field of education. Earlier it was considered limited only to

scriptures, Vedas and religious texts, but now this belief is changing rapidly. The study of Sanskrit will not only provide opportunities for students in the field of teaching and research, but will also open new career paths related to modern technologies. For example, if algorithms of artificial intelligence are prepared on the basis of Sanskrit, then they can be much more effective and clear. This is the reason why many research institutes are calling Sanskrit the technical language of the future.

This question is natural that if Sanskrit is so useful then why was it not widely adopted in India. The answer to this is hidden in the mentality and education system of our society. After independence, India adopted the path of western countries more in the race of development. English language was considered synonymous with progress and modernity. As a result, Sanskrit slowly started disappearing from education and behavior. Whereas the truth is that if India had connected its own ancient language with science and technology, then perhaps today India would

have been showing the direction of technology to the world.

The importance of Sanskrit is not limited to technology or science. This language is also the basis of our society's cultural identity and philosophical traditions. It contains answers to life's most profound questions. Works like Vedas, Upanishads and Gita are in Sanskrit only. These works have shown humanity the art of living and the path to inner peace. Today, when humans are entangled in excessive materialism and stress, the teachings of Sanskrit literature can provide balance and peace to life.

In this context it can be said that Sanskrit is not only the pride of the past but also the need of the future. If we really want to make India a global power of knowledge and technology, then Sanskrit has to be revived. It should not be limited to rituals and temples but should be linked to modern experiments. Combined courses of Sanskrit and technology should be started in universities and research institutes. Children should be introduced to the modern and practical form of Sanskrit from the school level itself.

Today's young generation is living in the internet and digital world. If Sanskrit is adapted to this digital age, it can become easy and attractive for them. Mobile apps, artificial intelligence based tools, and robotics programs can be developed through Sanskrit. On one hand, this will keep our tradition alive, while on the other hand, we will also be able to face the challenges of the modern age.

Ultimately, we must understand that languages are not just a medium of communication, they are carriers of thought and culture. Sanskrit not only contains the soul of ancient India but also holds the key to the bright future of modern India. The time has come to restore this language to its original form. Sanskrit is the link between the past and the future that can take us to the heights of technology while connecting us to our roots. This is why it is being called the 'language of the future' today.

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# Remnants Of Eugenics In Blue Jeans

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The clothing retail company 'American Eagle' released an advertisement on July 23, 2025, featuring the young actress Sydney Sweeney. This company, which was operating at a loss, attempted to attract its young female customer base by featuring Sweeney, who has fair skin, blonde hair, and blue eyes. In American Eagle's advertising campaign, the catch line "Sydney Sweeney Has Great Jeans" was used. This campaign played on the homophones Genes and "jeans" (denim pants). In it, Sydney says, "Genes are passed from parents to offspring, determining characteristics like hair color, personality, and even eye color." In the advertisement, as the camera moves from her denim jeans and jacket to her face and eyes, she says, "My Genes (jeans) are blue." (Meaning, that's why her eyes are blue). The advertisement employed wordplay with "good jeans," playing on jeans (clothing) and genes (genetic traits).

Gradually, this advertisement began appearing everywhere on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube. It caught the attention of netizens. Criticism started pouring in. Genes are passed from parents to the next generation, but what was the need to mention this in a jeans advertisement? Why was it said that "my jeans are blue" by showing blue eyes instead of focusing the camera on the jeans clothing? Such questions led this controversy towards accusations of eugenics. Further, large-scale allegations of Nazism and racist advertising began to emerge. Within a few days, the advertisement was withdrawn. However, in those few days, American Eagle's share prices (NYSE: AEO) rose by 24% after the campaign was announced. This was their largest increase since the year 2000. The discussion grew so much that the success of this advertisement was compared to Brooke Shields' commercials for Calvin Klein in the 1980s. In stores, Sydney Sweeney's jeans sold out rapidly.

However, the discussion on

this advertisement did not stop there. The actress Sydney Sweeney in this advertisement avoided giving any reaction on it. While the company was trying to quell the controversy, in support of Sydney Sweeney, the American President tweeted, and Vice President JD Vance called Sweeney "all-American beauty," and President Donald Trump wrote on Monday (August 4), "Sydney Sweeney, a registered Republican, this is her hottest ad." He publicly declared this. In favor of this advertisement, the ruling Republican Party-supporting Fox News stood up. After the media investigated, this information turned out to be true that she is a registered Republican voter. Sydney Sweeney herself registered for the Republican Party on June 14, 2024, as per Florida's voter registration records, which was confirmed from her Florida voter registration record. This was verified and confirmed by reputable media outlets like The Guardian, BuzzFeed, Newsweek, and many others, who published reports based on it. In 2022, photos from Sydney Sweeney's mother's birthday party, where some guests were wearing hats in the MAGA (Make America Great Again) style, also came into much discussion. After this revelation, Donald Trump publicly praised Sweeney's advertisement for this reason.

Donald Trump's racist politics is more subtle than direct hate speech. While expressing the insecurities of white people, cultural fears, and identity crises in political language, he attracts them as voters by suggesting that white people are under threat as they become a minority. Trump's language is often such that it implies the dominance and cultural position of white people is in danger. Trump has repeatedly referred to the Black Lives Matter movement as anarchic or thuggish, while considering violent protesters like those at Charlottesville's 'Unite the Right' as within the bounds of law. The Republican Party is recognized as the party of white people afflicted by the sentiment that "the social status of white people is declining." Therefore, Sydney being a



Republican voter, doing a white supremacist advertisement, and when criticized for it, the President, Vice President, and the President's office of the world's most powerful country like America defending her—this is not unrelated.

White House spokesperson Steven Cheung mocked the ongoing criticism of this advertisement as "cancel culture run amok," meaning cancel culture has crossed limits. Right-wing people criticize it as "woke" extremism means cancel culture is running in such an extreme form that even the slightest mistake leads to large-scale negative reactions. According to the White House spokesperson, people have overinterpreted it and run an unnecessary boycott campaign against Sydney Sweeney and the jeans brand. Therefore, this matter was called "cancel culture run amok."

On the other hand, this advertisement is being criticized for watering the remnants of eugenics. 'American Eagle' putting Sydney Sweeney's statement that her jeans are 'blue' (eye color) in the category of 'good jeans' advertisement can be seen. "Good jeans" is a phrase commonly used in today's time to appreciate someone's physical beauty or attractiveness. However, behind this seemingly simple sentence lies a complex, horrifying reference connected to a dark chapter in history. That are eugenics—the concept of selectively controlling human reproduction to enhance "desirable" traits, meaning selective breeding. It emerged in the 19th

century and became popular in the 20th century. It was carried out under the name of 'improvement of the human race,' but it remained linked to racism, discrimination, and coercive policies. Eugenics ideas played a significant role in increasing racial hatred. This discriminatory thought provided scientific basis to already existing social prejudices, strengthening them at institutional and social levels. Eugenics was once a concept that came forward at the level of science and politics. However, due to its close associations with racial superiority, forced sterilization, and Nazism, today this concept is completely rejected. Nevertheless, reflections of what are considered "proper," "pure," and "attractive" traits from its underlying ideology still appear in subtle forms in the world of media and advertisements.

To understand why Donald Trump is taking the side of this advertisement, his policies should be examined. Since January, the President has imposed a national emergency on the shared border with Mexico, denied entry to asylum seekers, authorized nationwide immigration raids, announced aggressive policies for self-deportation, and increased pressure on third-world countries regarding deportation. He did not stop there. Steps to cancel diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives have created concern. The administration has gone beyond its mainly white, conservative, MAGA voter base. President Trump told his sup-

porters at rallies that they have "good genes." Last October, he said that illegal immigrants who commit murder have "bad genes." On the campaign trail, the President claimed that illegal immigrants are "poisoning the blood of our country," language that directly echoes Adolf Hitler's 1925 autobiography, Mein Kampf. Such language has been approved by two-thirds of Republican voters nationwide, according to a University of Massachusetts poll in October 2024. In recent years, conservative critics from TV host Tucker Carlson to billionaire CEO Elon Musk have also leaned into the controversial Great Replacement Theory, created by French writer Renaud Camus in 2010. According to the theory, white Americans are at risk of becoming a minority and losing their jobs to non-white immigrants. The Republican Party claimed in the 2024 election campaign that the Democratic Party is importing immigrants to win elections. Currently, American politics is reaching new lows every day.

The subtle shadow of eugenics persists. In media and advertising, qualities like "beautiful, pure, attractive" are still shown as "good genes." Although eugenics has been rejected, the discriminatory seeds in its underlying ideology are still alive in society. "Good genes" is a casually spoken word in today's time, but behind it lies the horrifying legacy of eugenics. This movement, popularized in the name of science, gave legitimacy to racism, ableism, misogyny, and social injustice. Millions underwent forced sterilization, minorities faced inhuman atrocities, and it provided ideological basis for the Nazi genocide. Even today, when concepts like "good genes" are used in politics or media, it is necessary to remember this background. Science should be used for human equality, not for discrimination and racial superiority. The history of eugenics reminds us of this very danger. The blue jeans advertisement is precisely a remnant of eugenics.

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# Kashmir Continues To Grow Despite Pakistan's Misadventures Since 1947



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As India celebrated her 78th Independence Day on 15 August, Kashmir has been showing promising signs of recovery after decades of unrest, conflicts, and border clashes between India and Pakistan.

The region, known for its picturesque valleys, placid lakes, snow-capped mountains, and spectacular vistas, has been gradually returning to its old glory, with the increased tourism, economic expansion, and new prospects for its young people.

Since 1947, Kashmir has been stoutly resisting recurring armed intrusions which Indian security forces and the state police have jointly fought against two neighbouring adversaries, namely Pakistan and China. Apart from encounters with armed infiltrators sponsored and abetted by the Pakistan army and its affiliates, our security forces had also to tackle internal subversion. Pakistan indulged in these atrocities against Kashmir.

Soon after independence while Pakistan was all the time conspiring to grab the land of Kashmir, India was seriously interested in providing constitutional, political and economic rights to the people of Kashmir so that poverty, illiteracy and hunger are mitigated. While Pakistan was scheming for grabbing the land and its riches, India was busy planning and executing developmental projects.

**Kashmir economic growth trajectory looks robust**

Over the decades, the growth momentum of Kashmir is standing on a firm ground because of thorough planning and meticulous execution of plans with enormous potential for changing the destiny of the people of Kashmir. This stands in contrast to what some sections of media with vested interests have been feeding the people with, locally and globally.

According to the 2025 Economic Survey Report, presented in Jammu & Kashmir Assembly in March, 2025, the nominal GSDP is estimated to reach Rs 2.65 lakh crore, while the real GSDP is projected at Rs 1.45 lakh crore. This reflects a compound annual growth rate of 4.89% in real GSDP from 2019-20 to 2024-25, surpassing the previous period's growth rate of 4.81% from 2011-12 to 2019-20. The per capita income is expected to reach Rs 1,54,703 in 2024-25, showing a robust increase of 10.6%, indicating improved economic well-being for the residents of the J&K.

Each sector of production has made a significant contribution to the Gross State Value: the primary sector has contributed 20%, the secondary sector 18.3%, and the tertiary sector 61.7%. In terms of industrial development and financial inclusion, Jammu & Kashmir has taken long strides. Access to banking services has improved throughout the UT as a result of the growth in banks and other financial institutions besides popularizing the ease of banking concept among the people.

With a noticeable rise in credit flow to MSME's and agriculture, the credit-deposit ratio is currently 62.01%. In J&K, about 1,984 units with a total investment of Rs 9,606 crores have been operationalized providing employment to 6,37,10 people, the report added. Furthermore, the region has shown its commitment to economic development and empowerment by achieving notable growth in handicraft exports and financial inclusion for self-help groups.

The agriculture sector in Jammu and Kashmir is undergoing a transformative shift towards high value crops and organic farming. The holistic agriculture development plan aims to invest Rs 5,013



crore in 29 projects over the next five years, boosting the GSDP and creating significant employment opportunities. The horticulture sector in J&K has experienced significant growth in fresh fruit production, driven by improved farming techniques, better irrigation, high quality fruit varieties, expanded cold store facilities and lastly upgraded transport system. This sector now contributes significantly to the GSDP and supports a large workforce, reflecting the success of targeted interventions and investments, the report added.

Additionally, the unemployment rate improved, dropping from 6.7% in 2019-20 to 6.1% in 2023-24. This is an indication of improved employment opportunities for young people in the region. Invest-

ing tourism industry.

**Pakistan exhausts finances over Kashmir**

Following their independence from British colonial powers in 1947, India and Pakistan had steady growth that spurred notable advancements in health care, education, and other fields. However, it's interesting to note that throughout the first four decades or so, India lagged behind Pakistan in terms of growth rates. Pakistan's growth rate increased to almost 6% annually between 1961 and 1980, while India's growth rate was only 4%.

The main reason behind Pakistan's growth during the above mentioned time stems from the fact that Pakistan profited from significant trade from its East Pakistan

and massive debt. The debt-ridden nation has received multiple rescue packages from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and is primarily dependent on international loans and aid.

The once economically promising country Pakistan fell from a grace and the primary reason for her downfall is that she used every resource at her disposal to conquer Kashmir and bleed J&K between 1990 to till now. The country spent millions of dollars on training terrorists and establishing terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Not only this, but Pakistan sent hawala money into J&K through a number of illegal channels in order to organize street violence and disrupt the daily life in Kashmir. Paki-

diesel and petrol were on the verge of drying up.

**India vs Pakistan economic graph**

Today, the economies of India and Pakistan differ greatly from each other. India's GDP was \$4.2 trillion in 2024, while Pakistan's GDP was \$374 billion. The World Bank estimates that India's GDP in 2022 was \$3.39 trillion, more than 800% of Pakistan's \$376.53 billion GDP.

In terms of GDP per capita, India is significantly bigger than Pakistan. India's GDP per capita increased from \$1,560 in 2014 to \$2,711 in 2024. Pakistan's performance has been rather flat in contrast. It rose from \$1,424 in 2014 to just \$1,581 in 2024, representing a meager 11% gain during that time.

With regard to the inflation, India has maintained a comparatively steady inflation environment, with a rate of 4.9% in 2015 and 4.7% in 2024, according to the official data. In contrast, Pakistan saw a sharp increase in inflation. By 2024, it has risen from a meager 4.5% in 2015 to a staggering 23.4%. Foreign reserves are another important area where India and Pakistan economies differ. At the moment, Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves have only surpassed \$15 billion, while India's exceed \$688 billion.

Additionally, India outperforms its rival in commerce. According to official data, Pakistan's total export value in 2023 was only \$35.41 billion, while India's total export value was \$779.45 billion.

The trouble for Pakistan not only ends here. Recently, global rating agency Moody's has warned Pakistan and said, "a sustained escalation in tensions with India would likely weigh on Pakistan's growth and hamper the government's ongoing fiscal consolidation, setting back Pakistan's progress in achieving macroeconomic stability." At the same time, Moody's predicted that India's macroeconomic conditions would be stable mainly due to moderating but still high levels of growth amid strong public investment and healthy private consumption.

In a view of this, Pakistan is really on a thin ice and if the debt-ridden nation, who is surviving on bailout packages, won't stop her misadventures with India, especially threatening nuclear attack and dreaming of annexing Kashmir, it will definitely slip into oblivion with no traces found in the future.

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tor interest remained high and could potentially result in direct employment for a sizable portion of the population—5.90 lakh individuals, with bids totaling Rs 1.63 lakh crore submitted by December 2024.

On similar lines, the startup ecosystem has also expanded quickly; since 2019. The number of start-ups registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has increased by an astounding 287%. Tourism increased from 34 lakh in 2020 to 2.36 crore in 2024, indicating a

region. Also, the billions of dollars in military aid by US, along with contributions from other oil-producing Islamic states in West Asia contributed to Islamabad's economic expansion.

However, something gradually began to shift in 1990s, with India and Pakistan switched roles. New Delhi's economy soared to the 5th largest in the world, and by 2028, it is expected to surpass Germany to become the 3rd largest. Pakistan, however, is striving to survive due to its deteriorating economy

stan attempted to seize Kashmir by conventional warfare, but her army was routed because it lacked the Indian army's capabilities and experience.

With these misadventures, Pakistan, in a bid to annex Kashmir through a proxy war, lost the game at the world stage and threw her own country into economic depression. As a result of this, Pakistani currency hit a record low in 2023, medical supplies almost ran out, wheat prices had surged, and cash reserves exhausted. In addition,

# DC Ramban Inspects Progress Of Restoration Work On NH-44

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**RAMBAN:** Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan Wednesday conducted an extensive inspection of the National Highway-44 from Nashri to Banihal stretch, which has been affected due to heavy rainfall over the past few days. The incessant rainfall triggered landslides, mudslides,

and shooting stones at several vulnerable spots, disrupting traffic movement. SSP Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Ahmed, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Project Director NHAI Shubam Yadav, and other senior officers were present on the occasion. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner inspect-

ed critical stretches at Karoal (Batti), Maroge, and Kishtwari Pather, which have suffered damage owing to recurring landslides and shooting stones. He directed the Project Director to intensify restoration works on the highway to ensure safe and timely resumption of traffic movement. Executing agencies were also instructed to mobilize adequate men and

machinery to complete clearance and protection works at the earliest. Apart from the highway, the DC also visited areas affected by flash floods adjoining River Chenab and other Nallas. He also took stock of functioning of designated lodgment centres and reviewed the arrangements made for the affected families. He instructed the concerned

departments to remain vigilant and ensure adequate services and supply of essential services to displaced people. The Deputy Commissioner further directed Beacon, PWD, and PMGSY to expedite restoration of all internal roads which are blocked due to landslides. The Deputy Commissioner also directed officers of JPDC, Jal Shakti and other departments

to restore Water, Power and other services and supplies on a war footing basis. Speaking to media persons, the DC said that the District Administration has kept all rescue and relief teams on high alert. He said, "All necessary arrangements have been made at identified locations across the district for affected people. Our prior-

ity is to ensure the safety of citizens, timely restoration of road connectivity, and adequate supply of essentials." He added that the District Administration, in coordination with Police, SDRF, NHAI, Beacon, Health and other line departments, is fully prepared to tackle any emergency situation arising out of the prevailing weather conditions.

## Rains aftermath: DC Udhampur inspects condition of NH-44

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**UDHAMPUR:** Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai along with Additional Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat Wednesday conducted comprehensive inspection of National Highway-44 to assess the damages caused due to incessant rains over the past few days.

The team undertook an on-ground assessment of the damages caused by continuous rainfall, including landslides, road blockages and disruptions to vehicular traffic.

The DC emphasized the need for swift clearance of debris, restoration of road connectivity, and proactive safety measures to prevent accidents. She also directed officials to remain on high alert and extend every possible assistance to commuters stranded due to road blockages.

The Additional SP highlighted that adequate deployment of police personnel has been ensured to regulate traffic movement and provide assistance in coordination with district administration and NHAI authorities.

The DC reiterated the administration's commitment to safeguarding lives, restoring normalcy at the earliest and ensuring effective disaster response.

The district administration has appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary travel on NH-44 during heavy rains and follow official advisories for their safety. For any emergency or assistance, citizens may contact the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at 01992-272727, 272728, Mobile: 9697136717, 7889941318 or Police Control Room (PCR) at 01992-276915.

## 21 day training programme for Master Trainers concludes at Kot Bhalwal

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**JAMMU:** Twenty one day Training programme for Master Trainers concluded Wednesday at CTI HG-CD Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

The valedictory function was graced by Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu, Mohammad Arshad as the Chief Guest. The event began with a welcome address by Dy.SP Dev Raj, Principal CTI HG/CD Kot Bhalwal, who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants.

The Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu commended the participants for successfully completing the training and highlighted the importance of Disaster Management skills in mitigating the loss of life and property during emergencies and motivating civil society to

serve people. He urged the trainees to share their expertise with the community and actively contribute during any disaster.

He also emphasized the significance of the specialized training in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, arid Nuclear) disaster response, which has equipped the participants with advanced knowledge and capabilities to act as Master Trainers, thereby strengthening the overall disaster response framework.

Later, the Dy. Inspector General HG/CD & SDRF Jammu gave away certificates to the trainees. The culmination ceremony was attended by Dy. SP, Staff Officer to DIG HG/CD & SDRF Jammu Tajinder Kour, and Dy.SP, Dev Raj, Principal CTI Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, along with other officers/officials and trainees.

## Minimal Chances of Deluge in Kashmir, No Need to Panic

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** The water level in the Jhelum River and its tributaries rose on Wednesday following incessant rainfall across the Valley, prompting authorities to issue an alert while advising people not to panic.

According to official readings at 12:00 p.m., the water level at Sangam was recorded at 24.17 feet, just below the danger mark of 25 feet. At Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar, the water level has already crossed the flood declaration mark of 18 feet, standing at 19.84 feet. The danger level at this point is 21 feet. Meanwhile, at Asham, the water level was measured at 9.75 feet, still well below the flood declaration level of 14 feet.

Weather monitoring platform, "Kashmir Weather", however, clarified that the situation does not war-

rant panic. "It is not the first time water levels have reached these marks. Even in 2015, levels crossed the danger threshold several times without any significant impact on the population," a weather update explained.

With rainfall having ceased, the water level is expected to stabilize and eventually recede. However, since higher reaches have also received snowfall, melting during daytime hours may delay the process. Forecasts suggest the water level at Sangam could rise by another 0-1 foot before showing signs of decline, while Ram Munshi Bagh may see an increase of 1-2 feet, with receding expected by late tonight.

Authorities have advised the public to remain alert and maintain contact with local administration until the water levels fall below the flood declaration marks. [KNT]

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## LG, CM Review Flood

assistance to the affected families. The Shrine Board's policy provides for an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of any individual who dies in an unfortunate incident. An additional Rs 4 lakh will be provided from SDRF.

The Lieutenant Governor has also briefed the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on the flood situation and the ongoing relief and rescue operations in various Districts of Jammu Kashmir.

He has directed the officials for maximum readiness and presence of staff at their posts to respond to emergency situations.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also visited flood-affected areas of Jammu, where he interacted with people and assured that all necessary measures would be taken to safeguard lives and extend relief to vulnerable communities.

Chief Minister visited the flood-affected areas in Jammu to take stock of damage caused due to floods. He assessed the ground situation and issued directions to the administration to take all necessary steps to safeguard the lives of people in vulnerable areas.

He was accompanied by Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma. Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Dr. Rakesh Minhas, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ansuja Jamwal, and other district officers were also present.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas briefed the Chief Minister on ongoing rescue operations, functioning of temporary shelters, supply logistics, and inter-departmental coordination.

During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected 4th Tawi Bridge Bhagwati Nagar, Science College at Old Campus University, Hari Singh Park near Hotel Fortune Riviera and flood hit areas of Gujjar Nagar Jammu. Chief Minister emphasized that the damaged end portion of the Fourth Tawi Bridge required immediate technical evaluation, recalling that the structure had suffered damage during the 2014 floods as well. He underlined the need for preventive measures to avert similar risks in the future.

On the issue of damaged houses, Omar Abdullah said rehabilitation must be planned in a holistic manner to ensure affected families receive adequate support. He directed officials to identify urgent on-ground challenges and resolve them on priority.

The Chief Minister also informed that he had briefed the Prime Minister about the flood situation who assured full support from the Government of India. Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister about the areas worst hit due to floods in several areas of Jammu along the banks of Tawi river. Chief Minister expressed satisfaction on the assurance given by the Prime Minister and thanked him for promising continued assistance to the people of J&K in the wake of floods.

Expressing grief over the recent landslide in Katra, which claimed the lives of pilgrims, the Chief Minister noted that preventive measures should have been implemented beforehand to stop the pilgrims from proceeding on the route and holding them at safe locations in view of advance warnings about the severity of the weather. He resented loss of precious lives and conveyed condolences and regrets over the tragic loss of lives.

Chief Minister also gave directions to the BSNL and private telecom operators Jio Network & Airtel to immediately restore internet and telecom services in Jammu & Kashmir which has disrupted working and communication in J&K stressing that functioning of com-

munication net work is all the more important during times of crises and emergency.

Chief Minister also directed that all immediate steps be taken for restoring traffic on Srinagar Jammu National highway and Jammu-Pathankot Highway so that stranded vehicles are cleared and traffic is restored on priority.

Chief Minister gave directions to line departments to work on war footing for restoration of electricity, water supply and road access in all affected areas. The Chief Minister added that a comprehensive relief package for Jammu and Kashmir would soon be formulated in coming days.

Later, during his field visit, Omar Abdullah inspected several flood-affected areas and interacted with residents, assessed damages, and directed officials to expedite relief, ensure temporary arrangements, and restore essential services without delay.

## Over 5000 Evacuated

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has spoken to Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Shri Ramesh Kumar and other senior Officials and took stock of flood situation and rescue and relief Operations.

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The Lieutenant Governor has also prayed for the safety and well-being of everyone affected by the natural calamity in various parts of Jammu Division, and those brave emergency responders and citizens actively helping in the relief efforts.

## Div Com Reviews

wise assessment of the flood situation, including the mapping of vulnerable areas and operational status of district-level control rooms. He reviewed the availability of essential supplies, readiness of manpower and machinery, deployment of resource personnel, and evacuation contingency plans.

Garg emphasized the importance of activating communication channels to ensure real-time information dissemination to both officials and the public. He directed Deputy Commissioners to update contact lists of district and tehsil-level committee members and to formulate backup communication plans in case of telecommunication breakdown.

Div Com also instructed departments to update logistics and resource data on the official portal and ensure all relevant information is accessible via a centralized dashboard.

To strengthen preparedness, he called for immediate clearance of debris from roads affected by landslides, facilitating the movement of emergency services and supplies.

Commissioner of SMC informed the meeting that 49 mobile dewatering pumps had been deployed in waterlogged areas across the city.

Officials from the Meteorological department informed the gathering that there is currently no imminent flood threat, and the weather is expected to improve later in the evening.

Div Com reiterated that all departments must remain on high alert and work in close coordination to ensure public safety and a prompt response to any emerging situation.

Later, Div Com visited Hari Niwas to inspect the operation and functioning of UT level Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) where he checked the consolidated data of the centre and distress calls received from the general public. He also assessed the timely response provided to address the issues.

Meanwhile, he has appealed to the public to reach out to the UT level EOC at 0194-2502254, 0194-2950767/ 1070 for any assistance.

Div Com was accompanied by DIG Police, DC Srinagar, Commissioner SMC and other officers of I&FC and line departments.

## Jhelum Floodwaters

no visible action has been taken. Authorities should act immediately," a group of locals said.

Officials from the Irrigation and Flood Control Department said teams were deployed at vulnerable points and that the situation was being closely monitored. "People are advised to remain cautious and follow official advisories. Measures are in place to prevent any major breach," an official stated.

Authorities have urged residents to stay alert and take precautions as water levels continue to fluctuate. (KNO)

## PM Mourns Loss

"The loss of lives due to a landslide on the route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple is saddening. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. The administration is assisting all those affected. My prayers for everyone's safety and well-being," he said.

A major tragedy struck the pilgrimage route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district on Tuesday, triggering a landslide that led to the loss of lives and injuries to pilgrims.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has deployed 17 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to carry out large-scale rescue and relief operations. The NDRF, along with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF) and other central agencies, is actively engaged in assisting the affected pilgrims.

A total of 32 special boats have been airlifted along with the rescue teams to the disaster-hit region. The Home Ministry control room is monitoring the situation round-the-clock.

Rescue teams have rushed to evacuate stranded pilgrims near Adhkwari, while the Yatra remains suspended until further orders.

## Death Toll Rises To 32,

struck near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Adhkwari, about halfway along the winding 12-km trek from Katra to the shrine.

There are two routes up to the shrine — while the yatra had been suspended on the Himkoti trek route since morning on Tuesday, it was going on on the old route till afternoon when authorities decided to suspend it as a precautionary measure.

The Indian Air Force's C-130 transport aircraft carrying relief and rescue material reached Jammu on Wednesday to provide aid to people affected by the landslide along the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine route near Adhkwari. The aircraft reached Jammu from the Hindon Airbase in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad today.

Unrelenting, torrential rain for days together has created havoc in Jammu region.

On August 14, a cloudburst triggered flash-floods in Chisoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata shrine, in Kisht-

war district leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. At least 65 people, mostly pilgrims, were killed, more than 100 injured and 32 are still missing. (PTI)

## LG Sinha Announces

many people were washed away in the sudden flow of water. I have personally met the injured, who are stable and under treatment. The bodies of identified victims are being sent to their native places," LG added.

## India Never Seeks

battles are no longer confined to land, sea and air; "they now extend into outer space and cyberspace", adding that the satellite systems, anti-satellite weapons and space command centres are the new "instruments of power". "Therefore, what we require today is not just defensive preparedness but also a proactive strategy," he said.

Calling technology, intelligence, economy and diplomacy the key drivers of future wars, Singh said, "Future wars will not merely be battles of weapons, they will be a combined play of technology, intelligence, economy and diplomacy. In the times ahead, the nation that masters the triangle of technology, strategy and adaptability will emerge as the true global power. To put it simply, this is the moment to learn from history and write a new one; this is the moment to anticipate the future and shape one."

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# Govt focused on creating next-gen infra, empowering street vendors: PM Modi

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the government's focus on connectivity and next-gen infrastructure is reflected yet again in the Cabinet decision pertaining to multi-tracking of three projects benefitting Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar as well as Assam and "for a new railway line in remote areas of Kutch in Gujarat".

The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, has approved four railway projects with a total investment of Rs 12,328 crore aimed at ensuring seamless and faster transportation of

both passengers and goods. The projects include Deshalpar - Hajipur - Luna and Vayor - Lakhpat New Line, Secunderabad (Sanathnagar) - Wadi 3rd and 4th Line, Bhagalpur - Jamalpur 3rd line and Furkating - New Tinsukia Doubling.

The four projects covering 13 districts across Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar and Assam will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by 565 km. These initiatives will provide connectivity and improve travel convenience, besides reducing logistics costs and decreasing dependence on oil imports. Additionally,

the projects will contribute to lower CO2 emissions, thereby supporting sustainable and efficient rail operations.

PM Modi further said in a post on X that "We are committed to making our street vendor brothers and sisters across the country self-reliant".

"In this direction, today, the PM SVANidhi scheme has been approved to be extended until March 31, 2030. I am confident that this will prove helpful in bringing about a significant change in their lives," the Prime Minister added.

The Cabinet has approved the restructuring and extension of the Prime

Minister's Street Vendors' AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme until March 31, 2030, with a total outlay of Rs 7,332 crore, with the restructured scheme aiming to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries, including 50 lakh new.

The implementation of the scheme would be the joint responsibility of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Financial Services (DFS), with the latter being responsible for facilitating access to credit cards through banks, financial institutions and their ground-level functionaries.

The key features of the restructured scheme

include enhanced loan amounts across the first and second tranches, provision of UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card for beneficiaries who have repaid the second loan, and digital cashback incentives for retail and wholesale transactions. The scheme's coverage is being expanded beyond statutory towns to census towns, peri-urban areas, etc., in a graded manner.

The enhanced loan structure includes first tranche loans increased up to Rs 15,000 (from Rs 10,000) and second tranche loans increased up to Rs 25,000 (from Rs 20,000), while the third tranche remains unchanged at Rs 50,000.

# Heavy rainfall triggers flash floods in Telangana, hits road and rail traffic

**HYDERABAD:** Heavy rainfall in Kamareddy and Medak districts of Telangana triggered flash floods on Wednesday, inundating a few towns and villages and bringing road and rail traffic between Hyderabad and Kamareddy to a halt.

Flood water from overflowing rivulets, streams and lakes flooded highways, railway tracks, residential areas in towns and villages, trapping several people.

Farmers and workers were caught in overflowing streams at a few places and were waiting to be rescued. People in a few marooned villages have taken shelter on rooftops.

Pocharam reservoir in Nagireddy mandal on the border between Nizamabad and Medak districts was overflowing, posing a flood threat to nearby areas. Officials said the reservoir received massive inflows from upstream due to heavy rains since Tuesday night.

The reservoir was overflowing by about eight feet. About 1.30 lakh cusecs were flowing above the reservoir. This has inundated the Medak-Yellaredy highway, bringing the vehicular traffic to a halt.

A farmer was missing, and five others were trapped in Upper Maneru near Gambhiraopet in Rajanna Sircilla district. Union Minister of State for

Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar spoke to one of the trapped persons over the phone and assured full support to rescue them.

Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha and SP Mahesh B. Gite said that essential food items were delivered using drones to those trapped.

The five men had gone to graze cattle but were stranded in floods. Rescue efforts were intensified with the deployment of a State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team, while immediate food support was ensured through drone delivery.

A physician died in a wall collapse in Kamareddy district. The deceased was identified as Vinay.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA**  
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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: - Call 1st

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estim ated / Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
1.	RDDDC252610067-(CONST OF CONCRETE AND TILE PATH FROM HOUSE OF MUNEEH AH SHAH TO HOUSE OF GHULAM MOHAMMAD GANAIE TO HOUSE OF AB GAFFAR GANAIE AND OTHERS AT BUNPORA AT SAMBOORA B PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.849	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
2.	RDDDC252610068-(REPAIRING OF PANCHAYAT GHAR INCLUDING ROOF TOP CEILING WINDOWS AND TILES IN TWO ROOMS AT SAMBOORA B PAMPORE)	Pampore	3.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
3.	RDDDC252610070-(TONST OF TILE PATH AND WAZUKHANA IN KUMAR MASJID AT SAMBOORA B PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
4.	RDDDC252610073-(CONST OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD TO CULVERT NEAR HOUSE OF MOHD RAMZAN AHANGER AT WAHAB SAHAB SHAR A PAMPORE.)	Pampore	0.957	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
5.	RDDDC252610074-(TONST OF DRAIN FROM AB. AHAD SHEIKH TO MOIERFAT SHEIKH AT SHAR A PAMPORE)	Pampore	1.300	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
6.	RDDDC252610082-(IMP DEV OF LAWN BY WAY OF CONST OF FOOTPATH LANE AT PHC WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE.)phase1	Pampore	2.480	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
7.	RDDDC252610086-(TONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF MOHD MOHD AQRAM TO GH. HASSAN BHAT AT KADLABAL MOHALLA WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE)	Pampore	1.612	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
8.	RDDDC252610087-(TONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF MOHD SHAFI BHAT TO ABDUL GANIE BHAT AT RATHER MOHALLA WUYAN BALLA PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.621	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
9.	RDDDC252610088-(CONST OF BOUNDARY WALL AROUND GOVT HIGH SCHOOL WUYAN PAYEEN PH 2 PAMPORE.)	Pampore	2.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
10.	RDDDC252610089-(CONST OF LANE WITH STEPS FROM GOVT HIGH SCHOOL TO MUGHAL COLONY WUYAN PAYEEN PAMPORE.)	Pampore	1.800	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
11.	RDDDC2526100550-(IMP OF LANE FROM HO AB RASHID WANI TO ONWARDS BWO TILES AT CHEWAKALAN)	Newa	1.996	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
12.	RDDDC2526100552-(CONSTIT P BUND WITH SPUN PIPES 36 NLO GH MOHD WANI AND OTHERS AT CHEWAKALAN)	Newa	2.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
13.	RDDDC2526100554-(LAYING OF SPUN PIPES 36 INCHES NLO MOHD KAMAL BHAT AND OTHERS AT CHEWAKALAN)	Newa	1.494	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
14.	RDDDC2526100556-(FENCING OF RATHER GRAVEYARD AT CHEWAKALAN)	Newa	2.295	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
15.	RDDDC2526100558-(CO R WALL NHO M SHABAN RATHER AND OTHERS AT CHEWAKALAN)	Newa	1.487	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
16.	RDDDC2526100573-(CO P BUND NEAR LO MANZOOR AH LONE TO LO IMTIYAZ AHMAD MIR AT GDUDOORA)	Newa	2.977	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
17.	RDDDC2526100736-(CONSTRUCTION OF CHAIN LINK FENCING OF GRAVEYARD CHEWAKHURD PH II)	Newa	2.556	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
18.	RDDDC2526100737-(CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL NEAR HO RIYAZ AH BHAT AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.980	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
19.	RDDDC2526100739-(CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL NEAR HO ALI MOHD GANIE AND OTHERS AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.980	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
20.	RDDDC2526100740-(DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC PARK NEAR NAGBAL MASJID AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.990	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
21.	RDDDC2526100743-(IMP OF 2 SPOTS OF ROAD FROM JAMIA MASJID QADEEM TO HO AB AHAD PANDITH AND FROM MR TO HO AB HAMID PANDITH AND OTHERS AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	1.154	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
22.	RDDDC2526100744-(CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM HO HAJI GH QADIR BHAT TO HO MASTER AB GANI BHAT AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.596	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
23.	RDDDC2526100794-(IMP OF JINAZGAH AT HERPORA NOWPORA NOWGAM)	Newa	1.387	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
24.	RDDDC2526100809-(TO CHAINLINK FENCING OF GRAVEYARD AT PEER MOHALLA PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
25.	RDDDC2526100810-(TO LANE FROM HO MOHD ASHRAF TEELI TO ONWARDS AT PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.000	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
26.	RDDDC2526100811-(CO DRAIN FROM LO MAQBOOL WANI TO LO AB AZIZ WANI AT PEER MOHALLA PARIGAM B)	Newa	0.994	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
27.	RDDDC2526100812-(CO LANE WITH CULVERT AT KHALISA PARIGAM NHO GH MOHD MIR AT PARIGAM B)	Newa	0.939	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
28.	RDDDC2526100813-(CO LANE DRAIN FROM MR TO HO AB RASHID GANIE AT PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.197	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
29.	RDDDC2526100815-(CO DRAIN FROM HO BASHIR AH RISHI TO LO AB AZIZ MIR AT HAMZA PORA PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.196	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
30.	RDDDC2526100816-(CO LANE FROM AB SALMAN BHAT TO HO MASTER GH MOHD BHAT AT PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.200	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
31.	RDDDC2526100819-(CO P BUND ON BOTH SIDES OF KHULL FROM LO SYED SAJJAD TO LO SYED SHAMASUDDIN AT PARIGAM B)	Newa	1.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
32.	RDDDC2526100820-(TONST OF R WALL WITH FENCING AT ZIKR BAGH GRAVEYARD AT ZAMINDAR MOHALLA WANPORA)	Newa	1.500	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
33.	RDDDC2526100821-(CONST OF P BUND WITH FENCING OF IQRA MASJID AT TN PORA)	Newa	1.790	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
34.	RDDDC2526100822-(CONST OF LANE BWO TILES FROM HO AB AHAD BHAT TO HO MUKHTAR ALI BHAT AT BHAGAT MOHALLA WANPORA)	Newa	1.195	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
35.	RDDDC2526100823-(CONST OF P BUND FROM LO SHOWKAT AHMAD WANI TO SARBAND BRIDGE AND CONST OF P BUND FROM HO MOHD YOUSF TO HO HABIB ULLAH WANI AT ZAMINDAR MOHALLA WANPORA)	Newa	1.493	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
36.	RDDDC2526100824-(CONST OF P BUND ON PANCHAYAT ROAD AT TN PORA)	Newa	1.190	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
37.	RDDDC2526100825-(IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC PARK AT BHAGAT MOHALLA WANPORA)	Newa	1.757	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
38.	RDDDC2526101274-(FENCING WITH STEPS FOR THOLBA DAKAR GRAVEYARD AT BAMNOO AT BAMNOO (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	6.000	300/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	PRI
39.	RDDDC2526101047-(CO PLAYFIELD AT ABHAMMA)	Achgoze	7.000	300/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	PRI
40.	RDDDC2526101332-(CONST OF ROAD FROM VASEEN GORSI TO PATHRI AT INDERWALI (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	1.986	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
41.	RDDDC2526101343-(CO BOUNDARY WALL AROUND UPS INDERWALI (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	1.767	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
42.	RDDDC2526101344-(CO ROAD FROM PMGYS ROAD TO AB GANI TEADWA VIA NAZIR MOTTO TO ONWARDS AT BANJARAN INDERWALI (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	1.825	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
43.	RDDDC2526101448-(CO PBUND AND TILING OF SCHOOL GROUND FOR HS SANGERWANI A (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	2.796	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
44.	RDDDC2526101449-(IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL GROUND FOR PS CHAICHI MOHALLA AND PS KALAS MOHALLA ALONG WITH PBUND PH2 FOR PS KALAS MOHALLA SANGERWANI A (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	2.990	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
45.	RDDDC2526101452-(CO FOOTPATH AND TILING OF SCHOOL GROUND FOR MS ADITRAG AND CO TILE PATH AND TILING OF GROUND FOR MS BAGH SANGERWANI B (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	2.865	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
46.	RDDDC2526101454-(CO ROAD FROM MR TO POLICE POST BAGH SANGERWANI B (BLOCK ACHGOZA))	Achgoze	2.789	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	PRI
47.	FINDC2526100962-(CO ROAD FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL ADITRAG TO BASHIR AHMAD NAZIR AHMAD SIRAJ UD DIN DEEDAD AT ADITRAG)	Achgoze	1.972	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC

Sl. No.	Description	Block	Estim ated / Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender documents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Major head
48.	FINDC2526100968-(CO OF PBUND WITH DRAIN FROM FAROOQ AHMAD SHAH GH NABI SHAH AYAZ AHMAD MAGRAY AT AGLAR KANDI NEAR RESHWANI B)	Achgoze	1.977	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
49.	FINDC2526100881-(C O DRAIN NEAR HANFYA MASJID SHAIREF AT CHEWA KALAN BLOCK NEWA)	Newa	0.695	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
50.	FINDC2526100923-(C O R WALL FROM L O ARSHEED AH THOKER TO L O JAVED AHMAD AHANGE AND SHABIR AH AHANGER BONIKHAR KHA DUDOORA)	Newa	2.196	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
51.	FINDC2526101073-(C O P BUND ON ROAD NEAR L O SHABIR AHMAD WANI S O GH NABI WANI AT CHURGANT AND OTHERS KARIMABAD BLOCK NEWA)	Newa	0.600	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
52.	FINDC2526101081-(C O 2 NO OF P BUNDS BLOCK NEWA 1 NEAR THE L O OWAIS YOUSUF BHAT S O LT MOHD YOUSUF BHAT AT BAGWARI AND OTHERS AT CHEWA KHURD 2 NEAR THE L O AB GANI BHAT ON BAGI KUL AT TENG KHER LADI AND OTHERS AT CHEWA KHURD)	Newa	0.798	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
53.	FINDC2526101087-(IMP OF LANE FROM H O SHABIR AHMAD LONE TO H O MOHD SHAFI LONE AND OTHERS AT LONEPORA N NOWGAM BLOCK NEWA)	Newa	0.698	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
54.	FINDC2526101100-(CO PBUND ON GRAVEYARD SOFI MOHALLA NHO RAFIQ AHMAD SOFI AND ORS AT SOFI MOHALLA ZADOORA BLOCK NEWA)	Newa	0.699	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
55.	FINDC2526101103-(CO PBUND AROUND MASJID SHARIEF ON GRATA KUL AT CHAN MOHALLA ZADOORA BLOCK NEWA)	Newa	0.697	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	DDC
56.	FINDC2526100135- C/O Water Channel from L/O Bashir Ah Reshi to L/O Aziz Kumar at harkargund area Eidghal Drossu	Pulwama	1.831	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	BDC
57.	FINDC2526100136- C/O drain NLO Mohd Shafi yatoo and others at New Colony Chatripora	Pulwama	1.831	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	BDC
58.	FINDC2526100140- Constt. Of drain near land of Mohd. Iqbal Itoo and Mohd. Abdullah Reshi at New Bus Stand Drossu	Pulwama	1.831	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	BDC
59.	FINDC2526100149- C/O Drain NLO Mohd Afzal Magray and others at New Colony Chatripora	Pulwama	1.831	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	BDC
60.	FINDC2526100396-(DEV OF GRAVEYARD BWO ORNAMENTAL GRILL WORK AT CHATRIPORA)	Pulwama	0.99	200/=	2%	DEE/Other	30 days	BDC
61.	PLNDC2526100026-(CONSTIT. OF R WALL AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL PANZOO)	Aripal	4.775	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
62.	PLNDC2526100032-(INSTALLATION OF TRUSS FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER SYEDABAD BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	4.968	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
63.	PLNDC2526100179-construction of Boundary Walling around PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNKHA BAMNOO	Achgoze	4.345	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
64.	PLNDC2526100180- construction of Boundary Walling PRIMARY SCHOOL GORSI MOHALLA SANGERWANI	Achgoze	2.796	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
65.	PLNDC2526100016-(MID DAY MEAL SHED AT PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PRONIGAM GULISTAN BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	3.500	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
66.	PLNDC2526100018-(CONSTIT OF EXTENSION CUM SEED CENTER AT JAWHARPORA BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	7.000	300/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	ABDP
67.	PLNDC2526100022-(CONSTIT OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMODATION AT GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL DUDKULLAN LURGAM)	Aripal	10.683	600/=	2%	DEE / CEE / BE E	30 days	ABDP
68.	PLNDC2526100012-(CONSTIT. OF BOUNDARY WALL AROUND GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL YANGWANI AND WALLING INSTALLATION OF GATE AROUND PRIMARY SCHOOL BASANTPORA BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	3.460	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
69.	PLNDC2526100019-(CONSTIT OF WALLING ALONG WITH GATE AROUND HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER JAWHARPORA BLOCK ARIPAL)	Aripal	4.953	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	ABDP
70.	PLNDC2526100009-(ro DRAIN FROM LO GH HASSAN SHEIKH TO ONWARDS AT TN PORA)	Newa	2.383	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	APDP
71.	Upgradation of road from main road to pathad, Gojar Basti, Gulshanpora	Aripal	8.600	600/=	2%	DEE/CEE	30 days	TSP
72.	Construction of Girls toilet Primary School Basantpora	Aripal	1.712	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	Untied Grants
73.	Construction of Girls toilet Middle School Dusoo	Pampore	1.712	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	Untied Grants
74.	Construction of Girls toilet Boys Primary School tosi Mohalla Abhama	Achgoze	1.712	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	Untied Grants
75.	Construction of Girls toilet Primary School Badripora	Pulwama	1.712	200/=	2%	DEE	30 days	Untied Grants

Position of A/ A/- Accorded  
 The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates.

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-08-2025
2. Online Bid submission Start Date	25-08-2025 from 06:55 PM
3. Online Bid Submission End Date	17-09-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4. Date & time of opening of Online Bids	18-09-2025 at 09:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama
5. Note: - Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. Incase The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.	

**Special Condition 01:**  
 Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document with residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/ Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing in the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call 1st only).  
 SC02: - Contractors Strictly not eligible  
 The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24/2024-25 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/ who had left the work midway/ who had not started/ taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.  
**Conditions for Bidders:**  
 Every Participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the Bank Account No. which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No Payment shall be released by Govt. Deptt./ Agency to any other Bank Account except the one linked with GST Registered number of the Successful bidder. As per Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08/07/2025 issued by Govt. of J&K Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar.

- As per Government Order No. 238-F of 2021 Dated 07-09-2021, in case of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining Panchayats will be permitted (i.e in 2nd call of tendering preceding condition will be applied).
- Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2024-25) are not eligible for tendering for the current financial year (2025-26).
- Any Bidder who will go down more than 10% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S. No. 09 (Non uploading of Additional Security will

**FLOOD SITUATION**

# LG Chairs High-Level Meeting to Review Rescue, Relief Operations

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high level meeting Wednesday to review the rescue and relief operations and preparedness of Union Territory's and concerned central agencies, Army, Air Force, NDRF, CAPFs to deal with the situation arising out of incessant rain and flash floods.

The Lieutenant Governor directed officials to take every possible measure to ensure that people staying in low-lying flood affected areas are safely evacuated.

He asked the officials to ensure maintenance of all essential services such as power, healthcare, clean drinking water, ration and tele-connectivity. He said the essential services disrupted in flood-affected areas must be restored on priority and natural-disaster hit areas should have adequate stock of essential supplies and medicines.

The Lieutenant Governor also directed for immediate restoration of roads, bridges on National Highways, alternate routes for traffic movement and preparedness of hospitals

in case of influx of patients with water-borne diseases.

The Lieutenant Governor directed PDD to closely work with NHPC Limited and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for early restoration of Power Infrastructure. He called upon the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to assist PWD in restoring UT's roads along with National Highways.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti to ensure alternative arrangements for providing clean drinking water in the water logged and flood affected areas, especially in remote and hilly habitations, while restoring the regular water supply infrastructure.

He also directed the Secretary Health, Public Work Department (R&B), Food and Civil supplies and Power Development Department to remain in Jammu Division and reach out to the flood affected areas. He said no officer or employee will take leave or leave the station.

The Lieutenant Governor directed officials that non-essential government offices,



schools and colleges must be closed till further notice and every district to ensure 24x7 functioning of control rooms

to help individuals and households affected by the flooding.

The Lieutenant Governor said emergency responders

must be pre-positioned in vulnerable areas and other teams should be adequately equipped and ready to be deployed within

hours in case of an emergency.

The Lieutenant Governor is reviewing the situation 24x7 and is in touch with the UT and

central agencies officials concerned.

He lauded the efforts of Army, Airforce, NDRF, CAPFs, District Administration, Police and SDRF for minimizing the loss of precious lives by acting swiftly in evacuation of people to safe locations.

Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command; Shri Santosh Yadav, Chairman NHAI; Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Lt Gen. Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps; Shri Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti; Dr Manddeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Shri Vivek Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Jammu; Shri Devansh Yadav, Commissioner JMC; Maj Gen. Mukesh Banwala, GoC 26 Inf Division; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Administrative Secretaries of all Departments, senior officials of Army, CAPFs, Airforce, NHAI, BRO, NDRF, SDRF, UT head of telecom service providers and DCs attended the meeting.

## DC Srinagar & Commissioner SMC conduct tour of City areas to assess preparedness measures

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In order to assess the preparedness measures put in place in view of the prevailing weather conditions, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb Wednesday evening conducted a comprehensive tour of various City areas.

During the tour, the DC and Commissioner SMC inspected key locations prone to waterlogging, vulnerable areas & key installations including Flood Control Room at Ram Munshi Bagh, dewatering pump station at Lal Mandi, Kursu Rajbagh locality, Padshahi Bagh, Panthachowk, Khonmoh and other vulnerable areas.

The DC and SMC Commissioner took first hand appraisal of the ongoing mitigation efforts and readiness of preventive



and protective measures at vulnerable spots to prevent any flood like situation.

Instructions were passed on to departments to maintain full operational preparedness & close coordination to put ensure effective & multi sectoral systems of response.

Emphasizing the importance of preventive action, directions were given to all concerned departments to

stay updated & on alert to tackle any situation.

Stress was laid on ensuring that the necessary mitigation strategies including both Human Resources & machinery are effectively & optimally mobilised and kept in ready mode.

They also interacted with the local residents and urged the public to stay informed through official updates and report

any important information to the designated helpline numbers.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the public that all the administrative wings are on alert and are closely monitoring the situation and there is no need or cause for any panic.

Senior Officers of all line Departments accompanied the DC & Comm SMC during the visit.

## Jal Shakti Department elevates 8 in-charge Superintending Engineers as in-charge Chief Engineers

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant administrative move aimed at strengthening leadership and ensuring uninterrupted delivery of public services, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved the placement of eight in-charge Superintending Engineers as in-charge Chief Engineers in the Jal Shakti Department.

The decision, taken under exceptional circumstances by the department led by Jal Shakti Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana, is part of a broader strategy to reinforce managerial oversight and operational efficiency across key infrastructural sectors under the department's purview.

The move comes in light of pressing administrative exigencies and the need to ensure continuity in the functioning of critical divisions within the Jal Shakti Department and its allied

organizations.

The placements have been made to provide leadership support at the Chief Engineer level in view of existing vacancies, without allowing any disruption in project execution or departmental operations.

As per Government Order issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department Shaleen Kabra, eight officers namely Er. Mohd Hanief, Er. Showkat Hussain, Er. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Er. Jugal Kishore Nagotra, Er. Naseeb Chand, Er. Dev Raj Bhagat, Er. Zakir Hussain and Er. Muneer Hussain have been temporary placed as In-charge Chief Engineers.

Subsequently, after placement, the officers were posted in various wings of Jal Shakti department. Er. Mohd Hanief has been posted as in-charge Chief Engineer, PHE Jammu; Er. Showkat Hussain as in-charge Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control, Kashmir; Er. Rakesh

Kumar Gupta as in-charge Chief Engineer, PHE Kashmir; Er. Jugal Kishore Nagotra as in-charge Chief Engineer, UEED, J&K whereas Er. Naseeb Chand, Er. Dev Raj Bhagat, Er. Zakir Hussain, and Er. Muneer Hussain have been placed at the disposal of JKPD for further assignment.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Omar Abdullah Government to transparency, meritocracy and institutional integrity, Minister Javed Rana emphasized that all personnel decisions have been taken in line with the principles of responsive governance and public accountability.

"The department remains committed to aligning its human resource strategy with the evolving needs of the sector and the public interest. This move reflects our continued effort to strengthen leadership across all levels of the engineering cadre," he said.

## FSD conducts food safety enforcement drives in Shopian

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SHOPIAN:** The Food Safety department (FSD) Shopian conducted a targeted enforcement drive Wednesday across meat/mutton shops within the district.

The operation aimed at ensuring compliance with food safety and hygiene regulations, safeguarding public health, and curbing violations in the meat/mutton trade.

During inspection, 09 FBOs (Food Business Operators) were compounded under section 69 of FSS Act for violations observed during the drive.

Four FBOs were recommended for action under the unsanitary conditions provisions of the Act in the court of the Adjudicating Officer (ADC) under food safety.

Several shopkeepers were warned that continuing non-compliance would result in stricter consequences.

Shopkeepers were urged to maintain high standards of hygiene and adhere strictly to all regulatory provisions, besides they were also cautioned against hanging carcasses outside the shop, to maintain proper market hygiene and regulatory compliance.



# MAZBOOTI SE BANI HAR

— DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI —

# DIL KE EHSAAAS

