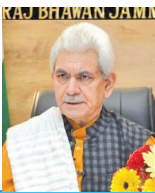


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SIA arrests Batamaloo man linked to ‘white collar’ terror module



AHMAD TAIMUR

**SRINAGAR:** The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Saturday detained a man from the Batamaloo locality of Srinagar in connection with the Red Fort blast case, sources said. Six people, including three doctors, have been arrested so far linked to the blast case. A top official of the SIA said that the man has been detained for questioning as he is linked to the Delhi blast that claimed at least 15 lives and injured many others on November 10 near the iconic Red Fort area. He said that the questioning of the man, identified as Tufail Niyaz Bhat of Batamaloo's Diyarwani locality, is underway to ascertain his role in the blast. "More raids and deten-

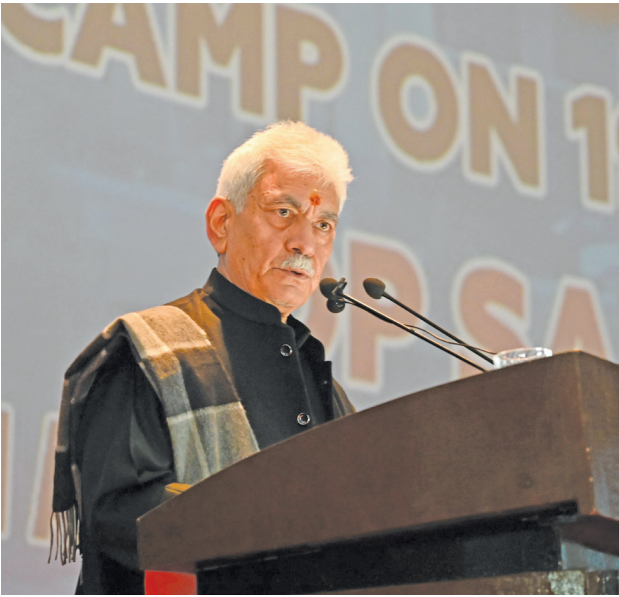
tions are also expected in the coming days as the investigation into the case is underway," he added. Tufail was arrested after crucial leads emerged linking him to the November 10 blast, which, investigators believe, was triggered by a suicide bomber - Dr Umar Mohammad - who was driving the explosive laden car in one of Delhi's busiest area. Earlier, reports quoting sources said that Dr Muzamil, one of the six arrested accused who are believed to be the part of the terror module that conspired to trigger the Delhi blast, has told the NIA investigators that he had purchased an AK-47 for Rs 6.5 lakh, which was later recovered from Dr Adil's lock in **● P-06**

LG lauds Army for its sacrifices, terms them ‘symbol of unity’

Attends closing ceremony of mega eye camp ‘Op Drishti’ for veterans, veer naris at Udhampur

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**JAMMU:** "I am proud of selfless service and supreme sacrifices by the Indian Army, the symbol of unity and national integration. The army has contributed in creating a conducive environment for sustainable peace and overall development of the J&K UT as well as the growth of our country," the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday. He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the mega eye camp 'Op Drishti' for veterans, Veer Naris and civilians, organised at Command Hospital Northern Command, Udhampur. The four-day long camp witnessed cataract surgeries performed by professional team of eye surgeons from Army Hospital Research & Referral, Delhi. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor commended the Northern Command, Armed Forces Medical Services, Army Hospital Research & Referral, Delhi and the professional medical team asso-



ciated with the camp for setting the highest example of humanitarian ideals before the nation. He also lauded Brig. Dr. Sanjay Mishra, a renowned eye specialist at Army Hospital Research & Referral, Delhi for his selfless service to society. "Leadership qualities are important for making a fearless soldier and dedicated officer, who leads from the front and lives by example. This camp is testament to such leadership who are inspiring the communities and building a healthy society," the Lieutenant Governor said. **● P-06**

LG attends 64th Raising Day celebrations of ITBP

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**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday attended the 64th Raising Day Celebrations of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at 15th Battalion, ITBP Udhampur. He interacted with the ITBP personnel and extended his greetings on the occasion. The event was graced by Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs. Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command; Shri Nalin Prabhakar, DGP J&K; Shri Praveen Kumar, Director General, ITBP; Shri Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General, ITBP, and other senior officials attended the Raising Day celebrations.

Pak drone sighted along IB in Samba



AGENCIES

**JAMMU:** A Pakistani drone was sighted over a forward village along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said on Saturday. The drone, which was seen coming from the Chak Bhura post in Pakistan late Friday, hovered over Regal village in the Ghagwal area for a few minutes before returning to other side the border, the officials said. Security forces have searched the area to ensure that there was no airdropping of any payload such as narcotics or weapons, they said.(PTI)

Power Hike Proposal Came from JERC, Not Govt: NC



AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference (NC) on Saturday said the proposal to hike electricity charges during peak hours was not initiated by the Jammu and Kashmir government but by the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission, a quasi-judicial body that regulates power tariffs across India. Party senior leader and spokesperson, Imran Nabi Dar said there is a need to clearly understand the origin of the

proposal. He said JERC is responsible for tariff regulation nationwide and may not fully comprehend the harsh winter conditions and power dependencies in Kashmir. He added that the NC-led government has not proposed the surcharge and will oppose it at every stage. Dar said the party will challenge the surcharge recommendation tooth and nail and that the Chief Minister will present the government's position before the **● P-06**

Police step up security, audits, anti-terror measures across J&K

Coordinated inspections of industrial estates, sensitive areas conducted

SAJID RAINA

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu & Kashmir Police on Saturday carried out multiple security operations across the region, including industrial audits in Ganderbal, property seizure in Awantipora, heightened security in Chenab Valley, and a multi-agency exercise at Jammu Airport, officials said. Officials said, that in Ganderbal, police conducted extensive inspections of industrial estates to audit stocks and usage of industrial chemicals. They said the drive aimed to ensure that no units were handling substances that could be misused for unlawful or anti-national activities. Officers interacted with managements, reviewed documentation, and inspected storage facilities, stress-



ing the importance of regulatory compliance. Police said such preventive measures will continue to eliminate potential threats and ensure industrial materials are not diverted for malicious purposes. Meanwhile, police in Awantipora attached an immovable property at Syedabad Pastoona, Tral, belonging to Mubashir Ahmad, son of Ghulam Nabi Dar, a terror handler linked to Jammu & Kashmir National Operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (JKNOP). Investigations revealed that Mubashir Ahmad had been actively involved in promoting terrorism, supplying arms and ammunition, and activating local terror networks, an official said. **● P-06**

CS for creating analytical tools on PMGS Portal to ease governance



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**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Saturday chaired a high-level meeting of all concerned Administrative Heads to review the status of data layers uploaded on the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) Portal across Jammu & Kashmir and to assess progress in leveraging the platform as a comprehensive decision-support system for holistic and evidence-based governance. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the critical importance of developing innovative and user-oriented analytical tools on the PMGS portal

to derive clear insights from the available datasets. He emphasized that accurate, granular and dynamic data is vital for informed policy formulation and efficient service delivery aimed at enhancing public welfare. He took this occasion to urge all departments to move beyond conventional data uploading and focus on meaningful analytical integration to strengthen planning and monitoring mechanisms. He called for accelerating the creation of polygonal point data instead of mapping point data only. The Chief Secretary directed the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department **● P-06**

Dal, Wular lakes see large migratory bird arrivals, officials step up surveillance

SAJID RAINA

**SRINAGAR:** With over a million migratory birds having already arrived in Kashmir this winter, the Department of Wildlife Protection has deployed multiple staff teams at Dal Lake and Wular Lake and other key wetlands to monitor the birds during their stay, officials said. An official said that the teams supervise the birds and ensure human activity in and around the wetlands does not disturb their natural behaviour. As of now, the highest number of birds has been recorded at Wular and Dal Lake, he added. "Wular Lake is under strict CCTV surveillance to track bird movements and prevent potential threats," the official said. He said the facilities for bird observation have been established, including designated ponds and observation points where birds can



be fed and monitored. The arrival of migratory birds coincides with the onset of colder temperatures in the valley. Birds travel from Europe, Central Asia, and parts of East Asia to spend the winter months in Kashmir, where lakes and marshes pro-

vide resting and feeding grounds. Wetlands, including Dal Lake, Wular, Hokersar, Haigam, and Shalbugh, have begun hosting a wide variety of species, including the Black-headed Gull, Tufted Duck, Brahminy Duck, and Northern Pintail. **● P-06**

Hygam Wetland faces alarming environmental crisis

WARIS FAYAZ

**SRINAGAR:** The Hygam Wetland, a Ramsar-designated ecological site, located in Baramulla district of north Kashmir, is facing an alarming environmental crisis as it has regrettably turned into a garbage dump. The absence of a garbage lift facility and inadequate government action have forced local residents, living on state land adjacent to the wetland, to dispose of their waste in the wetland, an act driven by necessity rather than choice. Local inhabitants, express deep concern and frustration over the situation, stating that they have never seen any garbage lift facility from the Rural Development Department. The wetland's ecological balance is under severe threat due to widespread pollution from solid wastes such as plastics, glass bottles and domestic refuse dumped by the local population. The concerned Block Development Officer (BDO) while talking to KNO, conveyed concerns about the lack of proper waste management infrastructure, stating that they currently have no direct facility and are in discussions with the Municipal Council Baramulla to devise **● P-06**

After closure, Gulmarg's Drung to reopen for tourists tomorrow



WARIS FAYAZ

**SRINAGAR:** Drung, a tourist destination in Gulmarg, is all set to reopen for visitors on Sunday (tomorrow) after being closed for several months following security concerns. The closures across multiple key tourist sites, including Drung, were primarily due to heightened security threats following a major terrorist attack in Pahalgam in April 2025, which resulted in the loss of 26 lives and severely impacted tourism. The authorities in response had ordered closure of around 48 tourist

spots in Kashmir as precautionary measures to ensure visitor safety. The reopening of Drung in Tangmarg has been achieved after positive security reports from the civil and police administration. Officials confirmed that the tourist spot is all set to welcome visitors again, especially with the upcoming winter tourism season, which is a peak time for the region. Meanwhile, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Gulmarg., Farooq Ahmad Shah expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, **● P-06**







# LG Manoj Sinha to chair high-level security meet in Jammu today

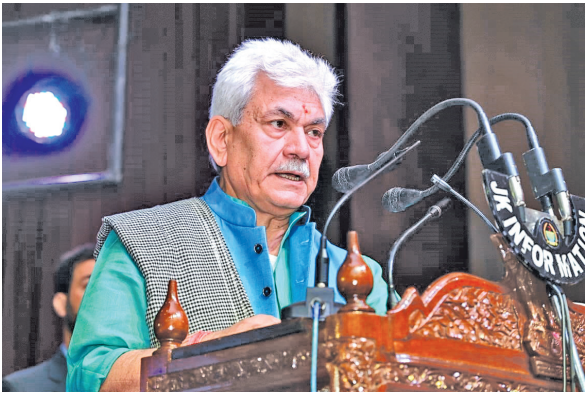
AHMAD TAIMUR

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha will chair a high-level security meet in Jammu on Sunday to review the situation following the deadly blast in Delhi last week and oversee winter preparedness by the forces, sources said.

Sources said that the LG will chair the meeting at 11 am at the Jammu Convention Centre tomorrow. “The meeting will be attended by top Police, Army, CRPF officers, intelligence agencies and top officials of the civil administration,” they said.

They said that the LG will review the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the Delhi blast last week and also oversee the winter preparedness by the security forces.

Earlier, Sinha chaired a high-level meeting with police and civil administration on Saturday following



the accidental blast at the Nowgam police station that killed nine people and injured other 32.

The blast occurred after a stockpile of explosives seized from Faridabad went off accidentally in the Nowgam police station last Friday when a Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team was taking samples from the explosive for further examination.

Sources also said that Sinha would take a review of the situation along the Line of Control in Jammu

and Kashmir in view of the situation that emerged after the Delhi blast. “The security forces would be directed to keep a tight vigil along the LoC and in the hinterland to deter any security threat posed by anti-national elements to disturb peace and law and order situation in the Union Territory,” they said.

They added that the LG would be briefed about the steps taken to destroy the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

At least 15 persons were killed and many others were injured a blast ripped through an explosive laden car near Delhi’s iconic Red Fort area on November 10.

Following the blast, security measures have been heightened with frisking and regular patrolling by various security agencies being intensified at vital locations across Jammu and Kashmir.

Security personnel have been deployed at strategic locations along highways, including the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in Pulwama and the Qazigund gateway, to monitor vehicle movement and maintain public order.

Police have also intensified inspections of shops and establishments dealing with chemicals, fertilisers, explosives, hardware, and automobile workshops across Jammu and Kashmir.

The blast occurred hours after Jammu and Kashmir police and Faridabad police busted a doc-

tors’ module and recovered 2,900 kg of ammonium nitrate along with other arms and ammunition on their revelation.

So far, six persons, including Dr Muzamil, Dr Shaheen, Dr Adil, Molvi Irfan, Amir Ali and Jasir Bilal, have been arrested so far in connection with the Delhi blast case.

The NIA has said that they all had played a key role in the terror attack, with Amir Rashid Ali arrested after probe revealed that the car used in the blast was registered in his name, while Jasir Bilal Wani alias Danish had provided technical support to the suicide bomber.

The investigation of case was handed over to the NIA by the Home Ministry, soon after the attack. The Anti-Terror Agency has said it is working closely with various state police forces to track and arrest every member of the terrorist module involved in the carnage—(KNO)

## CM thanks Shivraj Singh Chouhan for additional 50 days of MGNREGA employment support

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**JAMMU:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Saturday extended his gratitude to the Union Minister for Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, for increasing the MGNREGA work limit for Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the enhanced support will play a vital role in helping vulnerable communities overcome economic distress.

The Chief Minister also congratulated the Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, and his team for successfully pursuing the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, to approve an additional 50 days of employment under MGNREGA for rural areas affected by natural calamities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister said that this crucial decision will assist thousands of households impacted by recent floods and landslides by ensuring enhanced livelihood opportunities and



timely relief. He expressed appreciation for the Government of India’s swift support to J&K.

The Government of India has formally raised the MGNREGA work limit from 100 to 150 days for affected households in Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2025-26. This decision follows the declaration of 1,962 Panchayats as flood-affected, after the UT administration sought special relief to address the adverse impacts on agricultural activities and rural livelihoods. The Department of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had recommended this extension, which will directly benefit the most vulnerable families by creating stable incomes, reducing economic hardships, and enabling the creation of durable community assets.

The additional employment support will be implemented with revised management protocols and enhanced monitoring through NREGASoft, the national MIS system, which is being updated to record the extra workdays.

## LoP Sharma Calls Proposed Power Tariff Hike ‘Electoral Fraud’ by NC

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma on Saturday, accused the party of committing “electoral fraud” by promising free electricity before elections and now burdening the people with proposed hefty 20 percent tariff hike.

Sunil Sharma said the NC’s 2024 election manifesto has collapsed under its own lies and false assurances.

“Omar Abdullah promised 200 units of free electricity to every household in Jammu and Kashmir. Today, more than a year later, instead of fulfilling that promise, his government is preparing to loot people with an outrageous 20 percent increase in peak-hour consumption charges,” he said. Regional History Books

Challenging the Chief Minister directly, Sharma added said if Omar Abdullah has even an ounce of



honesty, let him reveal how many households have actually received the so-called free 200 units. “The people deserve to know how badly they’ve been misled.”

Sharma asserted that the BJP will strongly resist any move that adds to the financial burden of ordinary citizens. Handicrafts online store

He said the proposed tariff hike has already gen-

erated widespread anger among political parties, traders, and common consumers, all of whom see it as an “unjust, exploitative, and anti-people decision.”

He reiterated that the NC government should withdraw the proposal immediately and deliver what it promised during the elections, instead of punishing the very people it vowed to support. (KNO)

## DSEK strengthens School Infrastructure at GHSS Chursoo

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani, Saturday inaugurated a newly established Reception Centre and Mini Auditorium at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Chursoo, Awantipora.

Speaking during an Enrollment Drive organized on the occasion, the Director reaffirmed that ground-level inspection and continuous monitoring of schools are essential components of an effective education system. He further added that the department remains committed to enhancing school facilities across the region to ensure a conducive learning environment for every child.

During the event, the school unveiled a notable student publication titled “All for Thy Name”, authored by the student of the said school, Adnan Gul, reflecting the institution’s



focus on promoting creative and academic excellence.

On this occasion, the Director also facilitated the formal enrollment of nearly two dozen students, encouraging parents to actively support their children’s educational journey.

Outstanding student performers were felicitated with certificates and awards in recognition of their achievements.

In his address, the Director commended the school administration for its efficient utilization of available resources and acknowledged its continuous efforts to improve academic standards. He reiterated that quality education

remains a top priority of the Government, and every possible effort is being made to provide the necessary facilities to educational institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Education Officer Pulwama, Shabir Ahmad Khan, highlighted the recent achievements of the district in the education sector and expressed pride that Pulwama secured the first position in the latest PARAKH Test.

A documentary film was also screened in the newly inaugurated Mini Auditorium, showcasing the school’s reconstruction efforts following the devastation caused by the 2014 floods.

## Dir Agr chairs review meeting on HADP, CSS, CAPEX, NABARD Schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** In a bid to assess the physical and financial progress of key agricultural initiatives across the Kashmir Division, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, Saturday convened a high-level review meeting at the Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, Srinagar.

The session focused on the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Capital Expenditure (CAPEX), Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)-funded projects. All Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs) and District Development Officers (DDOs) from the division were present, ensuring a thorough district-wise evaluation.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation highlighted scheme-wise and component-wise expendi-

tures, physical achievements, and progress against set targets under HADP projects, CSS, CAPEX, and NABARD.

The Director emphasized the critical importance of expeditious and judicious utilization of allocated funds to deliver maximum benefits to the farming community. He urged officers to maintain utmost transparency and accountability in all financial transactions while accelerating project implementation to prevent any lapses.

“Strengthening agricultural infrastructure, integrating technological interventions, and ensuring seamless scheme delivery are pivotal to enhancing productivity and uplifting the socio-economic status of our farmers,” said the Director. He directed the officers to intensify outreach efforts, actively engage with farmer communities, and promote awareness about HADP initiatives and modern farming techniques for grass-roots-level success.

## Labour Commissioner issues final compliance notice to defaulter Trade Unions

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** In a significant move to strengthen transparency and statutory governance, Labour Commissioner & Registrar Trade Unions, Jammu & Kashmir S. Charandeep Singh has issued a fresh and final notice, directing all defaulter Trade Unions and Associations to immediately submit their pending Annual Returns within 10 days.

Under Section 28 of the Trade Unions Act, 1926, every registered trade union is required to file its Annual Returns for the year ending 31st December by 31st July of the following year. However, despite repeated reminders and earlier notices issued by the department, a considerable number of unions have continued to remain non-compliant.

Referring to the earlier notices that had clearly called upon the unions to fulfill this mandatory statutory requirement, the Labour Commissioner has now issued a final compliance directive. “Unions that fail to file their pending returns within the stipulated 10-day period will be considered defaulters with no further opportunity for explanation, making them liable for strict action, including the cancellation of their registration,” the Notice reads.

Labour Commissioner J&K and Registrar Trade Unions, J&K, has emphasized that submission of Annual Returns

is not only a legal obligation but also essential for ensuring accountability, transparency and proper functioning of trade unions across the Union Territory.

The Labour Commissioner J&K directed all Deputy Labour Commissioners and Assistant Labour Commissioners to ensure compliance at once and verify that all returns are submitted in Form ‘D’ within the prescribed period.

OBITUARY

*Imna Lillahi Wa Imna Ilayhi Raji'un*

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of wife of late Ghulam Qadir Thakoo, a respected and noble lady, resident of Usmania Colony, Eidgah, Hawal, Srinagar, who left for her heavenly abode on 21 November 2025 ( Friday ). Mourning will be observed for three days only. May Allah (SWT) grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannah and give strength and patience to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Bereaved

Thakoo family



Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

PWD (R&B) DIVISION TANGMARG

Subject: -

Corrigendum to e-NIT No. 97/R&B/Tangmarg of 2025-26

Ref -

This office endorsement No. Divn. / Tang/5842-52 Dated: 04-11-2025.

Kindly read as:-

“The last five financial years are (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25)”.

Instead of:-

“The last five financial years are (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24)”

All other terms & conditions will remain same as already advertised.

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Sd/-

Dated: 22-11-2025

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DT: 22/11/2025

Executive Engineer,

R&B Division Tangmarg

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DRUG AND FOOD CONTROL ORGANISATION (FDA)

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOOD SAFETY

DESIGNATED OFFICER UNDER FSS Act DISTRICT SRINAGAR

Subject: Prohibition on the Sale of Cow Ghee under the Brand Name "Nand Krishna"

PROHIBITION ORDER

Whereas, the Food Safety Officer, Zone IV, District Srinagar, lifted a sample of Cow Ghee sold under the brand name Nand Krishna, Batch No. PC-08-25, Date of Packing: 21-08-2025, Date of Expiry: 20-08-2026 (200 ml), manufactured by Om Sarthi Dairy Products Ltd., Plot No. 88-95, Block No. 274 & 276, Satyam Industrial Estate, Bediku Wanaijk, Taluka Vyara-294650, District Tapi, Gujarat, from the premises of Sheikh Suhail Ahmad Prop Emmco Enterprises Dodh Ganga Karanagr

Whereas, the sample was analyzed by the Food Analyst, National Food Laboratory, Ghaziabad, who vide Test Report No. JK-497/Oct/25/jk/630 dated 27-10-2025, declared the sample as Unsafe and Substandard.

Whereas, Clause 2.1.8 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Thirteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017 mandates that Ghee shall be a product derived exclusively from milk or milk products, and Regulation 2.1.1(3) and 2.1.1(10) of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011 prohibit the sale of Ghee containing any matter not exclusively derived from milk fat or any substance not naturally found in milk.

Whereas, the above-mentioned Ghee sample tested positive for non-dairy ingredients, including Beta-Sitosterol and foreign vegetable fat, and showed deviations in essential quality parameters such as Iodine Value, RM Value, P Value, and fatty acid composition, thereby violating the prescribed standards. Such deviations constitute a serious breach of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and pose potential health risks to consumers.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 36(3)(b) read with Section 18(l)(g) of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, and in the interest of public health and consumer safety, I, Yamin-ul-Nabi, Designated Officer, Food Safety, District Srinagar, hereby order that The sale, storage, distribution, or display of Cow Ghee under the brand name "Nand Krishna", Batch No. PC-08-25, is strictly prohibited within the jurisdiction of District Srinagar with immediate effect and until further orders.

All Food Business Operators (FBOs), wholesalers, and retailers shall immediately stop sale and distribution of the said product and furnish the stock position of the affected batch to this office within 48 hours.

This order is issued as an abundant precaution in public interest. The concerned Food Business Operator retains the statutory right to seek re-analysis from any FSSAI-Notified Referral Laboratory as provided under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

NO: DO/FSSA(Yamin-ul-Nabi)/SGR/557-559

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Designated Officer  
Food Safety, District Srinagar

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EDITORIAL

Unpacking a Disturbing Conspiracy

The recent arrest of another person from Srinagar by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) in relation to the tragic Red Fort explosion serves as a timely reminder that the investigation into the event on November 10, which resulted in the deaths of innocent civilians and injuries to many others, is still ongoing. Each new piece of the jigsaw raises even more disturbing possibilities-not simply that the incident was a violent and random act, but rather the by-product of a careful, long-held conspiracy that was all executed under-the-radar, and to horrific effect.

Not only was the deadly explosion at or near one of India's most recognizable national monuments the murder of 15 innocents and injury to many more, it was an assault on the fundamentals of national identity, pride and security. But the narrative unfolding before us, and pieced together by agencies investigating the explosions, may be more disturbing than the act itself. The involvement at any level of educated professionals, especially doctors, certainly is a disturbing new direction for homegrown terror modules. The interrogations of the arrested suspects tell a story of a sophisticated, well-funded, chillingly patient cell.

According to the investigation, the conspiracy began as early as 2023, amassing the explosives and materials over two years. The accused allegedly sourced the materials with cold calculation, bringing ammonium nitrate and fertiliser from Gurugram and Nuh (to manufacture IEDs and for possible attacks against military and government facilities), and electronic components from Bhagirath Palace in Delhi and Faridabad for IEDs of their own design for potential attacks. They allegedly invested considerable personal funds - amounting to about 26 lakh - into their destructive aims. The storage of chemicals for bomb-making in a compact residential experimental lab, possibly housed in a deep freezer, demonstrates a keen disregard for the safety of their communities.

Possibly the most troubling issue is the profile of the alleged conspirators. They are not impoverished, easily radicalised youngsters, but rather, they have achieved in society one of its most respectable positions. Their alleged attempt to travel to Afghanistan via Turkey indicates their possible ties to a larger international terror ecosystem. To plan, finance, and nearly execute this type of mass violent event while being in this country is extremely concerning. It is a clear failure, but not only of intelligence, but of the social mechanisms meant to identify and counter these much more entrenched radicalisations.

This episode poses a key admonition to our security apparatus. It illustrates the clear imperative for increased monitoring of sources of supply for explosive material and electronic components, as well as a further understanding of the potentially seductive nature of radicalisation, even into well-educated and seemingly assimilated constituents. Community awareness, combined with strong intelligence methods, matter in this case.

The Red Fort destruction was a blunt message delivered by terrorists. Our response must be an even more blunt message on behalf of the Indian state and its people: Digging up conspiracies to spill the blood of the innocent will compel all assets of the state to relentlessly pursue and not tire until all are hunted down to explicitly state that the webs they have weaved will be pulled apart, thread by thread. The response to the loss of the lives must be unwavering and absolute. The country expects nothing less.



MOHAMMAD HANIEF

Specially abled children in Jammu and Kashmir continue to fight an unseen yet unyielding battle for dignity, inclusion, and opportunity. Their struggle begins at birth and persists throughout their lives, defined not only by physical or cognitive challenges but also by a society that still struggles to see them as equals. Beneath the region's breathtaking mountains and tranquil valleys lies a quieter story, one of courage, resilience, and determination in the face of indifference.

Behind every beautiful sunrise over the Dal Lake or every bustling schoolyard in Srinagar lies a reality many prefer to overlook. For children with disabilities, whether physical, intellectual, or sensory, life in Jammu and Kashmir is a constant uphill climb. Their fight is not only against physical limitations but also against the invisible barriers of stigma, isolation, and indifference. In a society that often views disability through the lens of pity or shame, these children strive not just to live, but to belong.

According to official records, over 3.6 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir live with disabilities, though experts believe the real number is much higher. Among them are thousands of children, each with dreams, laughter, and potential like any other. Yet, their paths are strewn with obstacles. In far-

flung villages, children born with hearing or visual impairments often go undiagnosed for years. Families, unaware of available therapies or too poor to afford them, do what they can, sometimes carrying their children for miles to hospitals in Srinagar or Jammu, only to return with little hope and empty pockets.

Education, which should be a gateway to freedom, becomes another closed door. Most schools in the region are not built for inclusivity. There are no ramps for wheelchairs, no Braille textbooks for the visually impaired, no interpreters for those who cannot hear. Teachers, however kind, are rarely trained to teach children with special needs. In rural districts, where distances are long and winters harsh, many children never even make it to school. Some watch their siblings pack their bags each morning, wondering why they cannot do the same. Their classrooms remain confined to the four walls of their homes, silent, lonely, and full of unspoken dreams.

Even in urban centers like Srinagar or Jammu, where awareness is growing, the struggle persists. The few specialized schools available are often overcrowded or too expensive for ordinary families. Many parents face impossible choices, to send their child far away for education or to keep them close, safe, but uneducated. Either way, they carry a heavy burden of guilt and helplessness. For the children, a cost is deeper — they begin to internalize the belief that the world was not made for them.

But beyond policy failures and infrastructure gaps lies a more painful truth, society's indifference. In many parts of Jammu and Kashmir, disability is still treated as misfortune, even punishment. Families of specially abled children often endure whispered comments, pitying stares, or cruel judg-



ment. Some parents, in their heartbreak, hide their children from the world to shield them from humiliation. Yet, within those hidden rooms, you will find stories of incredible resilience, children who paint with their toes, learn to read through touch, or communicate through gestures filled with joy. Their spirit refuses to surrender.

Healthcare, too, remains a distant promise for many. While early diagnosis and therapy can make a world of difference, specialized services are rare and scattered. In districts like Kupwara, Kulgam, and Doda, rehabilitation centers are few, and therapists even fewer. Parents often undertake exhausting journeys across mountains and snow just to keep hope alive. Some sell their livestock to buy a wheelchair or a hearing aid; others rely on faith and persistence when medicine fails them. Every small milestone, a first step, a clear word, a steady hand, becomes a celebration of love and perseverance.

Amidst all this, there are flickers of light. Some organizations have become beacons of hope, offering therapy, counseling, and education to those forgotten by the system. Their centers echo with laughter, music, and stories of transformation. Here, children once confined by silence learn to speak through

art and play. Here, parents find not pity, but understanding. These small spaces of compassion prove that change is possible, when empathy replaces apathy.

There are also stories of triumph that rise like spring blossoms after a long winter. A girl from Pulwama, born visually impaired, now teaches Braille to younger children. A boy from Baramulla, who lost his legs to an accident, paints breathtaking landscapes that capture the very mountains that once limited his movement. Another child from Jammu, born with hearing loss, has become a motivational speaker, helping others like him find their voice. These are not tales of charity, they are stories of strength, of what happens when a spark of opportunity meets the flame of determination.

Yet, for every success story, there are hundreds of unheard ones, children who remain locked away from the world, their laughter stifled by silence and shame. What they need is not sympathy, but inclusion. They need schools that welcome them, teachers who understand them, and communities that celebrate, not conceal, their differences. Above all, they need a society willing to see them, not as burdens, but as children with boundless

potential.

The government, to its credit, has introduced several welfare programs, disability pensions, scholarships, and employment quotas, but the journey from policy to practice is uneven. Bureaucratic red tape, lack of awareness, and poor implementation mean that benefits often fail to reach those who need them most. The system must shift from a model of charity to one of empowerment, where access, dignity, and equality are non-negotiable rights, not favors.

The unseen battle of specially abled children in Jammu and Kashmir is, in truth, a mirror reflecting society's conscience. Their fight is not only for ramps and wheelchairs but for recognition and respect. They are not seeking sympathy; they are seeking space, a rightful place in classrooms, playgrounds, and dreams. Their resilience exposes the cracks in our compassion and challenges the world to do better.

As dusk settles over the valley and the call to prayer echoes across the Dal Lake, somewhere a mother whispers words of encouragement to her child struggling to walk. Somewhere a father lifts his son into a wheelchair, determined that tomorrow he will reach school. Somewhere a teacher stays after class, helping a child read a single line of Braille. These small, unseen acts of love and endurance are what hold the valley together.

Disability does not define these children; courage does. Their strength is a quiet revolution, a reminder that inclusion is not a gift but a right, and that the truest beauty of Jammu and Kashmir lies not only in its mountains or meadows, but in the indomitable spirit of its children who refuse to be left behind.

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No More Glamour in Poison

Why Alcohol Packaging Needs a Warning



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Recently, the country's highest court made a serious observation regarding the packaging of alcoholic beverages, a remark that serves not only as a legal intervention but also as a powerful warning that shakes the conscience of society. The Court clearly stated that presenting liquor in attractive and tempting packaging is a violation of public health, cultural values, and social responsibility. Glitter bottles, foreign-inspired designs, flashy colours, and glamorous boxes, these strategies have now become tools to lure people, especially the youth and women, toward alcohol. This deceptive, market-driven packaging is a new and dangerous threat. It not only expands the alcohol market but also strikes at the very foundation of the nation's health, morality, and mental balance. Such misleading packaging—sometimes resembling juice cartons, is nothing short of a criminal act that plays with public health.

At a time when the country is battling illnesses, accidents, violence, family breakdowns, and mental depression caused by alcohol, promoting liquor as a “fashionable” product becomes a major danger. Alcohol companies have linked

packaging with modernity, prestige, and style, leading young people to treat drinking as a symbol of achievement. Psychologically and socially, this packaging creates an illusion that drinking is a hallmark of sophistication, whereas the reality is that alcohol, in all its forms, is a toxic poison for both body and mind. The destructive effects of alcohol are no secret. It gradually hollows out the body from within and drags individuals into the dark alleys of addiction. Liver cirrhosis, heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, mental imbalance, depression, and severe sleep disorders are its direct consequences. Thousands die every year in road accidents caused by drunk driving. Domestic violence, crime, and the breakdown of families have long been linked to alcohol abuse. In such circumstances, presenting liquor in glamorous packaging amounts to willingly pushing people toward destruction.

This is why the Supreme Court has expressed concern that liquor bottles should not be packaged in a way that hides the real dangers of alcohol. Health warnings are often placed on the sides or bottoms of bottles, barely visible. Companies conveniently overshadow health messages to highlight the visual appeal of their products. This is not only unethical but also violates the spirit of public-health policies. The government has already mandated large and graphic warnings on tobacco products; therefore, similar strict rules should apply to alcohol, whose impact on health is equally devastating. A major reason for the growing acceptance of alcohol in society is that the liquor industry has turned packaging itself into a form of advertisement. Where direct advertising



of alcohol is legally prohibited, companies use colourful bottles and stylish boxes as indirect promotions. This surrogate advertising circumvents the law and pushes young people toward addiction. Therefore, moving towards plain, simple, and non-appealing packaging is essential so that alcohol no longer appears as a “luxury product” but as a substance whose very appearance warns of danger.

Another distressing fact is that the sole objective of the liquor industry is to increase sales, regardless of how deeply society may suffer. They never acknowledge that alcohol destroys households, deteriorates health, and puts countless lives at risk. Strong legal action is therefore indispensable. Restricting glamorous packaging will not only create greater awareness among consumers but also contribute significantly to building an environment conducive to de-addiction. Governments, however, depend heavily on alcohol-related revenue, which often prevents them from openly confronting the industry. Thus, the Supreme Court's warning must be seen as a crucial message not only

for the industry but also for governments, society, and families. Alcohol is harmful to health in every form, and making it attractive reduces the value of human life itself. It is imperative to regulate its packaging, make it plain and non-appealing, ensure that warnings are clear and prominent, and restrict the cultural legitimacy granted to drinking. The government must prioritize public health and enact strict laws to curb the manipulative marketing practices of the alcohol industry.

Today, the spread of alcohol has become not only a health crisis but also a major cause of social and cultural disintegration. Crimes and violent incidents linked to alcohol have risen at an alarming rate, especially those involving women, domestic violence, economic exploitation, and mental harassment. Numerous studies show that nearly half of all violent incidents against women involve alcohol consumption. Intoxicated men, driven by frustration, anger, and loss of control, often inflict abuse on women, destroying their dignity and trapping entire families in fear, insecurity, and humili-

ation. This impact is not limited to any one class; it affects rural and urban, rich and poor alike, and can no longer be ignored.

Another worrying trend is that alcohol is no longer confined to bars and nightclubs. It has seeped into weddings, birthday celebrations, office parties, festivals, and even small social gatherings. Alcohol is being pushed as a “social necessity” and a “marker of modernity,” indicating a dangerous cultural shift. Young people, seeing elders drink openly, begin perceiving it as normal, which leads to early initiation into drinking. School and college students, influenced by fashion, peer pressure, and deceptive packaging, are falling into addiction. This generation is becoming physically and mentally weaker. Alcohol destroys their education, career prospects, and cognitive abilities; it weakens the very foundation of future families and society. Addressing these concerns requires more than just legal measures, it demands social awareness, cultural discipline, and responsible behaviour within families.

Society can be safe only when alcohol is seen not as a symbol of attraction but as a symbol of destruction. Its packaging should convey warning, not glamour. Its consumption should be viewed not as modernity but as weakness. This awareness will grow only when laws are strict and society is vigilant. The Supreme Court's warning is an important step in this direction; now it is the responsibility of the government and society to transform it into real reform.

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# Why Students Should Build Portfolios, Not CVs



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In a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence, automation, and digital innovation, the way students present themselves to future employers is being rewritten. The traditional Curriculum Vitae, once the hallmark of professionalism, is losing relevance in an age where algorithms can generate, scan, and filter resumes in seconds. The future belongs not to the CV, but to the portfolio: a living, evolving showcase of skills, creativity, and adaptability.

## A LIVING RECORD OF GROWTH

For decades, the CV has served as the go-to summary of achievements, a neat list of degrees, job titles, and bullet points meant to impress. But in today's fast-changing job market, that static format feels out of step. Employers no longer want to know only what you've done; they want to see how you think, create, and learn.

That's where portfolios come in. Unlike a CV, a portfolio tells a story. It's not just a record of the past, it's a reflection of who a person is becoming. It can include videos, designs, essays, code, or even reflections on lessons learned.

It's dynamic and constantly evolving, showing a real-time picture of a student's skills and potential.

In many ways, a portfolio acts as a personal museum of learning. It highlights creativity and growth, the ability to adapt to feedback, and the process behind achievements. These are exactly the traits employers are searching for in the age of automation.

## STANDING OUT IN AN AI WORLD

Artificial intelligence is changing not only the nature of work but also the hiring process itself. Automated systems now scan resumes for keywords and rank candidates long before a human ever looks at them. Ironically, this means the CV, once a symbol of individuality, has become standardized and predictable.

A portfolio cuts through that noise. It offers authenticity in an age of automation. By showcasing real projects and creative processes, portfolios give employers something algorithms can't evaluate: genuine human insight. They demonstrate skills that machines can't easily mimic: critical thinking, emotional intelligence, problem-solving, and originality.

Portfolios also encourage students to think deeply about their learning journey. They prompt questions like: What have I built that matters? What challenges have I overcome? What can I do differently next time? These reflections don't just prepare students for interviews, they make them better learners, collaborators, and innovators.

## BEYOND EMPLOYMENT: A TOOL FOR LEARNING



While portfolios are powerful job tools, they are also invaluable for education itself. Building a portfolio pushes students to connect what they learn in class with the real world. It turns theory into practice and helps them see how their skills evolve

over time. Teachers are beginning to recognize that portfolios foster critical self-awareness. When students document their projects and reflect on their outcomes, they start to identify patterns in how they work and think. This

self-knowledge becomes the foundation for lifelong learning, an essential trait in a world where jobs are constantly changing and new technologies emerge daily.

Some universities are already integrating portfolios into their assessment systems, replacing exams or essays with digital showcases. Instead of testing memorization, they're encouraging creativity, experimentation, and personal expression. That's education built for the future.

## AI AS A CREATIVE PARTNER

Ironically, the very technology that made the CV obsolete is now helping students build stronger portfolios. Modern tools powered by AI can assist in everything from organizing digital work to improving reflective writing. Some platforms even use AI to suggest which projects best represent a student's abilities or to design visually appealing layouts for online portfolios.

Used wisely, AI becomes not a competitor, but a collaborator, one that helps students better express their individuality. It can help turn a scattered collection of projects into a coherent personal brand, highlighting not only achievements but also the journey behind them.

## EVIDENCE, NOT CLAIMS

The shift from CVs to portfolios reflects a broader cultural change: the move from claiming competence to proving it. Anyone can list skills on a resume. A portfolio, on the other hand, provides tangible proof. It says, Here's what I've created. Here's what I've learned. Here's how I've grown.

In a time when AI can fabri-

cate credentials and generate generic application materials, authenticity has become the new currency. A well-crafted portfolio communicates credibility, it's harder to fake a genuine process than to embellish a CV. Employers know this, and they're increasingly turning to portfolios to spot genuine talent and potential.

## A CALL TO ACTION FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

The message is clear: if students want to thrive in the age of AI, they must learn to show, not just tell, what they can do. That starts with building a digital portfolio early in their academic journey. Schools and universities, in turn, need to support this shift by helping students develop portfolios that capture their learning, creativity, and career goals.

This change isn't just about employability, it's about mindset. It's about preparing students to be adaptable, reflective, and self-driven in a future where success depends on how quickly one can learn and reinvent oneself.

The world doesn't need more polished CVs. It needs evidence of curiosity, initiative, and innovation. Portfolios deliver that.

In the age of artificial intelligence, where machines can write the perfect resume, students must show what only humans can offer: imagination, integrity, and individuality.

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# Silent Threat: Why Kidney Disease Goes Unnoticed



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Kidney diseases are increasing worldwide and affecting a large part of the population. Yet many people remain unaware about symptoms related to kidney disease and these individuals might be at risk until the disease has progressed significantly. I want to ensure that every individual should know about the risk factors and potential signs which can harm our kidneys. Education about symptoms and potential risk factors may avert the problem if intervened early and May stop further progress of disease by receiving appropriate treatment.

## WHY KIDNEYS MATTER

Your kidneys quietly support your life every day. They work relentlessly to filter waste products, balance fluids, regulate blood pressure, and maintain the cleanliness of your blood. Damage to these organs can lead to serious health complications—but early awareness can prevent irreversible harm.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

Several factors may put you at greater risk for kidney disease:

- High Blood Pressure (Hypertension): Persistently elevated blood pressure can strain the delicate blood vessels in your kidneys, damaging their ability to filter waste.
- Diabetes: Uncontrolled diabetes can injure the tiny filtering units of the kidney. India, being a diabetes capital, means many are at hidden risk.
- Family History: If kidney disease runs in your family, you may be genetically predisposed—regular check-ups are

essential.

- Obesity: Being overweight increases your risk, not only for kidney disease but also for contributing factors like diabetes and hypertension.
- Smoking and Excessive Painkillers: Tobacco and frequent

use of analgesics (especially without prescription) harm kidney function over time.

- Advanced Age: As we age, our organs—including kidneys—are more likely to experience wear and tear.

**WARNING SIGNS YOU SHOULDN'T IGNORE**

Early kidney disease rarely causes symptoms, making it a silent condition. However, watch for:

- Persistent fatigue, decreased energy, or poor concentration
- Swelling in the ankles, feet, or

face

- Changes in urine appearance or frequency
- Unexplained nausea or vomiting
- Difficulty sleeping or muscle cramps at night
- Loss of appetite

If you notice these signs—especially with any risk factors—seek medical attention for basic kidney tests. Simple blood and urine tests, such as measuring creatinine levels and checking for protein in urine, can offer crucial early warnings.

## PROTECTING YOUR KIDNEY HEALTH

You can significantly lower your risk through preventive actions:

- Maintain a healthy weight and balanced diet low in salt and processed foods.
- Control your blood pressure and blood sugar if you have hypertension or diabetes.
- Quit smoking and limit alcohol intake.
- Avoid unnecessary painkillers; consult your doctor before any regular use.
- Stay hydrated, but don't excessively overdrink water.
- Schedule annual check-ups, especially after the age of 40 or if you have risk factors.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Kidney disease does not discriminate—it can affect anyone. The best weapon you have is awareness and regular monitoring. Prevention, prompt detection, and lifestyle modification are your strongest allies. Don't wait for symptoms—get proactive about your kidney health and encourage loved ones to do the same.

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## DC Srinagar reviews functioning of KKGs established under HADP

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** To review the progress in functioning of Kissan Khidmat Ghars of District Srinagar established under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme(HADP), a comprehensive meeting of line departments was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo at Meeting Hall of the DC Office, here Saturday.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed assessment of the status of farmer and farm registrations on the KKG App, daily reporting mechanisms of Krishi Udyamis (KUs), and the readiness of KKGs for the Phase-II launch. He also reviewed the KYC verification status of farmers visiting KKGs and the availability of IT and non-IT infrastructure, including PoS machines.

Further, the DC evaluated the status of seed, fertilizer, and pesticide license, along with the progress of CSC onboarding across the district. The meeting also discussed the engagement of Krishi Udyamis for Faqir Gujri Panchayat.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to accelerate the pace of service delivery through Kissan Khidmat Ghars to ensure

efficient implementation of HADP initiatives aimed at farmer welfare. He directed officers to ensure 100 percent coverage and saturation of farmer registrations on the KKG App by next week. He further instructed that Krishi Udyamis, through CSCs, must provide agriculture and allied sector services at the farmer's doorsteps, enabling KUs to emerge as capable agri-entrepreneurs.

The DC also emphasized substantially increasing farm registrations and KYC completion, directing the District CSC Coordinator to ensure timely provision of login credentials to all KUs for seamless updates and reporting.

Earlier, the meeting was informed that over 8,700 farmers have so far visited KKGs in the district and registered themselves on the KKG App to avail the services being offered.

Besides Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi, the meeting was attended by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Agriculture Officer, District Officer Sericulture, Srinagar, Assistant Director, Fisheries, District Coordinator, CSC and Krishi Udaymis of District Srinagar and other concerned.

# Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din chairs DLAMC Meeting

Directs for 100% Aadhaar Saturation, Mandatory Biometric Updates

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BUDGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Saturday chaired the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) meeting and reviewed the district's overall Aadhaar performance, including saturation across age groups, functionality of enrolment centres, Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs), and verification pendency on the State Aadhaar Portal.

As per the status presented during the meeting, the DC directed all departments to prepare a comprehensive action plan to cover the left-out population from projected population figures for 2024-25. He emphasised ensuring 100% Aadhaar enrolment and updation across all categories.

He instructed PO ICDS to ensure full Aadhaar coverage of children aged 0-5 years, including newborns, and to fully operationalise CELC tablets to expedite enrolment at Anganwadi Centres.

The DC directed CMO Budgam to conduct regular inspections in hospitals for on-the-spot Aadhaar enrolment and timely issuance of Birth Certificates

through CRS.

Reviewing the status of operational stations, the DC directed all departments to immediately make all Aadhaar Enrolment Stations fully functional and identify additional high-footfall government premises for opening new centres or holding special mega camps.

The DC instructed CEO Budgam to hold mega Aadhaar enrolment and updation camps in all Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools and Colleges. He also directed the CEO to ensure completion of Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs) at 5 and 15 years of age, in line with UIDAI guidelines.

The chair was informed that the district has an MBU pendency of 24,489 cases. To address the pendency, the DC directed the School Education Department to launch awareness drives, mobilise students through class teachers, and ensure matching of school records with Aadhaar details including name, date of birth, mobile number and email, which are essential for board exams, scholarships and competitive examinations.

The DC directed all

SDMs to monitor school and college drives and ensure 100% Aadhaar coverage in their respective jurisdictions. He instructed BDOs in rural areas and EO in urban areas to conduct block-level and municipal-level mass enrolment camps, ensuring that Date of Birth certificates are issued on the spot to facilitate enrolment.

Reviewing the portal details, the DC noted that all 18+ new enrolment applications must be verified and disposed of within 30 days.

For 100+ ANH verification, the DC stressed that service assignment must be completed at district and tehsil levels. He called for immediate verification of all pending cases as per field reports and directed that training be organised for district and sub-district officials for efficient portal handling.

The DC instructed departments to encourage residents to update their Proof of Identity (POI) and Proof of Address (POA) at the nearest enrolment centre as most of the residents have not updated their Aadhaar for over 10 years. He instructed to conduct

awareness programs on Aadhaar updation across villages, towns and schools, and promote the mAadhaar mobile app for easy access and verification.

During the meeting, the DC reiterated the importance of achieving complete Aadhaar saturation across all age groups, operationalising all Aadhaar centres, clearing the MBU pendency, ensuring timely verification on the State Aadhaar Portal for both 18+ and 100+ categories, running awareness campaigns in schools, Anganwadi centres and public spaces, and ensuring accurate demographic data for all school-going children.

The DC stressed the need for inter-departmental coordination, stringent monitoring and a time-bound strategy to achieve complete Aadhaar saturation in Budgam. He highlighted that updated Aadhaar information is essential for access to government schemes, welfare benefits, scholarships, pensions and other essential public services.

The meeting was attended by ADC Budgam, PO ICDS, CPO Budgam, ACD, all SDMs, all Tehsildars, all Executive Officers, BDOs and representatives of UIDAI.

## DLSA B'pora holds Special Lok Adalat on Criminal Compoundable Matters

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BANDIPORA:** District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Bandipora, conducted a Special Lok Adalat Saturday, exclusively dedicated to the disposal of criminal compoundable cases across the District Court Bandipora and the Munsiff Courts of the district.

The initiative underscores the continuing institutional commitment to conciliatory justice, timely dispute resolution, and augmentation of accessible legal redressal mechanisms.

The Special Lok Adalat was organized under the leadership of Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority), and Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority).

The proceedings were supervised by Shazia Tabasum, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, and Mir Wajahat, Principal District & Sessions Judge, In-charge Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Bandipora, with operational guidance by Sheikh Babar Hussain, Secretary, DLSA

Bandipora.

For the expeditious and amicable settlement of the listed matters, three benches were constituted which included first Bench at District Court Bandipora, Presided over by Mir Wajahat, Principal District & Sessions Judge with Bench Member Advocate Malik Mushtaq. The Second Bench was presided over by Aman-deep Singh, Chairman TLSC (Munsiff/JMIC) Bandipora, with Bench Member, Mehak Mehboob, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Bandipora. The Third Bench was presided over by Mushtaq Ahmad Hurra, President, Bar Association Sumbal with Bench Member, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Munsiff Court Sumbal.

A total of 814 criminal compoundable cases were taken up before these benches, out of which 704 matters stood amicably settled, and an amount of 19,71,187 was realized as settlement amount.

The District Legal Services Authority, Bandipora, reaffirms its resolve to promote participatory justice, reduce pendency through lawful conciliation, and strengthen public confidence in the justice delivery system.

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### SIA arrests Batamaloo

GMC Anantnag. They said that Muzamil also revealed that he along with Dr Adil and Dr Muzaffar went to Turkey in 2022 on the instructions of their handlers and they were supposed to be sent to Afghanistan from there. "After 5-6 days, their expected contact refused to meet and he could not send them to Afghanistan".

He has also revealed that Dr Umar, who triggered the blast, used to watch bomb-making videos and read related literature online. "He purchased explosive materials from Nuh, while electronic components were bought from Bhagirath Palace and the NIT market in Faridabad," Muzamil reportedly told the investigators.

It has also been revealed that Dr Umar had purchased a deep freezer, and he was storing chemicals and explosive materials inside it, where a chemical bomb was being prepared.

Muzamil has also revealed that the conspiracy to carry out blasts in Delhi and several other cities was hatched in 2023. "Explosives had been arranged for the blasts over the past two years. For two years, they had been collecting explosives, remotes, and other devices."

Probed has further revealed that Muzamil was responsible for purchasing ammonium nitrate and urea. "Muzamil bought 26 quintals of NPK fertiliser from Gurugram and Nuh. The responsibility of converting this fertiliser into explosives was given to Dr Umar. He was also tasked with arranging chemicals, remotes, and devices for the explosions," it revealed.

It has revealed that Muzammil bought the fertilizer for 3 lakh. "They had contributed funds for these things themselves with Muzamil contributing Rs 5lakh, Dr Adil contributing Ra 8 lakh, Dr Muzafar Rs 6 lakh, Dr Umar Rs 2 lakh and Dr Shaheen Shahid contributing Rs 5 lakh. A total of Rs 26 lakh in cash was collected and handed over to Dr Umar," the probe has revealed.

At least 15 persons were killed and many others were injured a blast ripped through an explosive laden car near Delhi's iconic Red Fort area on November 10.

The blast occurred hours after Jammu and Kashmir police and Faridabad police busted a doctors' module and recovered 2,900 kg of ammonium nitrate along with other arms and ammunition on their revelation. So far, six persons, including Dr Muzamil, Dr Shaheen, Dr Adil, Molvi Irfan, Amir Ali and Jasir Bilal, have been arrested so far in connection with the Delhi blast case.

As already reported by KNO, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay was arrested on 21 October, while Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganai, Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather and Dr Shaheen Saeed were arrested on October 22 and 23 by the J&K police.

The NIA said that they all had played a key role in the terror attack, with Amir Rashid Ali arrested after probe revealed that the car used in the blast was registered in his name, while Jasir Bilal Wani alias Danish had provided technical support to the suicide bomber.

The investigation of case was handed over to the NIA by the Home Ministry, soon after the attack. The Anti-Terror Agency has said it is working closely with various

state police forces to track and arrest every member of the terrorist module involved in the carnage—(KNO)

### LG lauds Army

The Lieutenant Governor appealed to everyone to participate in eye donation and inspire others for the noble cause.

He said the camp significantly raises awareness about vision-related diseases and offers vital guidance on necessary eye care. Such camps in remote areas reach vulnerable population who are often unaware of their eye conditions or lack the necessary income and resources for treatment, bringing critical care directly to those in need, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the brave personnel of Indian Armed Forces for their unwavering courage and sacrifices to effectively address the security threats.

"Our great nation remains committed to the values of peaceful coexistence, mutual harmony, and friendship. Today, India does not need to prove its prowess. The nation's valiant Armed Forces stand as a powerful testament to its valour," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the Armed Forces should continually adapt to and remain vigilant against the rapidly changing security environment.

"The adversary is making desperate attempts to disrupt peace and hinder India's progress. Recently, the Jammu and Kashmir Police unearthed and dismantled a pan-India terror network that was planning to carry out a series of terrorist attacks across the country. In such a situation, we must remain alert to protect the nation's honour, protect our borders, and preserve our unity and integrity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi also extended their felicitations, through video messages, to the Northern Command, Armed Forces Medical Services and everyone associated for their noble endeavour. An educational handbook on quality eye care was also released on the occasion.

The camp provided medical support to residents from the far-flung districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Udhampur, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, and Ramban, with over 1,000 persons screened and more than 300 surgeries performed.

Shri Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly; Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command; Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sarin, Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services; Lt Gen CG Muralidharan, Director General, Medical Services (Army); Brig. Dr. Sanjay Mishra; Ms Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, senior officials, veterans, veer naris, and people from different walks of life were present.

### Power Hike Proposal

Commission as and when required. Business Investment Opportunities

The party also said the Lieutenant Governor appears unaware of the regulatory pro-

cess and is attempting to exonerate the central government by shifting blame. He added that any such hike would burden people who are already grappling with rising living costs and severe winter conditions.

Imran Nabi Dar that the NC government will not allow the proposal to be implemented and will stand firmly with the public on the issue. [KNT]

### Police step up security

Meanwhile, security has been heightened in Doda and Kishtwar following the Delhi blast.

DIG DKR Range Shridhar Patil chaired a high-level review with police, army, SSB, and intelligence agencies to focus on patrolling, checkpoints, and intelligence monitoring.

"Coordinated anti-terror operations are ongoing, and the public has been urged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity," an official part of the meeting said.

Furthermore, a coordinated multi-agency mock drill was carried out at Jammu Airport to assess operational readiness and emergency response capabilities.

"Agencies that participated included CISE, Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K Police, Indian Air Force, Airports Authority of India (AAI), J&K Fire & Emergency Services, GMC medical team, AAI Fire Services, and CISF BDDS & Dog Squad," the officials said.

They said the exercise aimed to strengthen inter-agency coordination, evaluate standard procedures, and enhance preparedness for real-time emergencies.

Meanwhile, police remain alert across other districts of Kashmir, conducting CASOs, vehicle checks, and frisking to ensure public safety and maintain law and order—(KNO)

### CS for creating

to take the lead in uploading detailed data layers concerning youth engagement across all districts of the UT. He called for comprehensive datasets covering skilling initiatives, employment trends, entrepreneurial activities, sports participation and educational indicators of youth to facilitate the formulation of targeted and impactful youth-centric policies.

Highlighting the inter-departmental responsibility in strengthening the PMGS framework, the Chief Secretary urged the Home Department to upload granular data pertaining to drug hotspots, substance abuse patterns and area-wise prevalence of related cases.

He also called upon the Agriculture Production Department to consider integration of data relating to crop production, productivity indicators and animal husbandry statistics to enable data-driven agricultural planning and improved sectoral interventions.

The Health Department was impressed upon to upload comprehensive health-related datasets, particularly concerning the prevalence of critical diseases such as anaemia and cancer across the UT. He noted that such data would assist authorities in devising focused healthcare interventions

and optimizing resource allocation.

Furthermore, departments including Rural Development Department (RDD), Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) and others were advised to maximize their contributions by uploading as many relevant and analytical layers as possible to enhance the overall utility of the portal.

Providing an overview of the current status, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh informed the meeting that as many as 640 individual layers have been uploaded by around 40 departments, including 609 additional layers and 26 analytical tools, positioning Jammu & Kashmir among the top three States/UTs in the country in terms of PM Gati Shakti data integration and utilization.

Further, Director, I&C Jammu, Arun Manhas apprised the meeting that 37 infrastructure projects with an estimated value exceeding Rs 5000 crore have been deliberated in Network Planning Group (NPG) meetings following the GAD threshold order of Rs 20 crore.

He also highlighted the implementation of a structured Maker-Checker-Approver mechanism and the circulation of SOPs and a comprehensive Primer on PM Gati Shakti along with practical use cases among user departments. More than 100 capacity-building sessions have been conducted to enhance departmental proficiency in handling the PMGS platform.

Later, the Chief Secretary formally inaugurated the Advanced GIS Portal and GIS-Based Asset Mapping Mobile Application developed for the Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD), marking a significant milestone in the modernization of urban infrastructure planning and management in Jammu & Kashmir.

Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Manddeep Kaur highlighted that this future-ready initiative establishes a robust digital framework with real-time integration to the PM Gati Shakti national portal, ensuring seamless synchronization of both legacy datasets and new API-driven integrations. She added that the system hosts more than 90 comprehensive layers with over 600 attributes, covering key developmental schemes including AMRUT 2.0, SBM 2.0, PMAY, Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and 5G street infrastructure.

The mobile application has been designed for versatility, enabling conduct of varied field surveys and uniquely facilitating the mapping of online service portal data through dedicated layers. This comprehensive digital ecosystem is expected to serve as a dynamic and holistic tool for efficient urban governance, strategic planning and sustainable development across J&K.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to strengthen integrated planning through technology-driven platforms, reinforcing the UT's vision of transparent, data-driven and citizen-centric governance.

### Dal, Wular

Officials said the migratory season began in late October and will continue until March. The wetlands, still holding sufficient water after autumn rains, provide ideal habi-

tats for the birds.

The teams continue to monitor key areas and prevent poaching and habitat degradation. "Night patrols and coordination with local police units have been intensified, and awareness campaigns in surrounding villages aim to discourage illegal trapping," an official said.

The visiting flocks play a role in maintaining the wetlands' ecological balance and contribute to the food chain. Their presence also attracts photographers, bird watchers, and environmental students documenting species and behavioural patterns.

According to the official, the valley's lakes and marshes, combined with conservation measures and surveillance, provide safe environments for the migratory birds.

As already reported, over a million migratory birds have arrived in Kashmir. The department said the number is likely higher now, and a formal official survey is currently underway—(KNO)

### Hygam Wetland

a solution for waste disposal. Meanwhile, the primary guardian of the wetland is the Wildlife Department, which is expected to oversee its protection, the Sopore BDO, Nazima said.

The Wildlife Range Officer, Iqbal Wani of Hygam Wetland when contacted stated that they do not allow anyone to throw waste and degrade the site. "We actively create awareness among people to prevent pollution and conduct clean-up operations wherever necessary," Wani said.

He said that so far no resident has been seen throwing the waste in the Wetland, and any violations in this regard will be met with strict penalties including arrest.

The Ranger noted that the Ramsar site is currently not fully fenced, but once a proper boundary is established, it will effectively prevent waste disposal inside the Wetland. The department is making efforts to ensure the wetland remains protected from degradation, the official added—(KNO)

### After closure, Gulmarg's

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and the dedicated Police and civil administration for reopening the Drung tourist destination in Gulmarg.

"This reopening marks a significant step towards strengthening the tourism landscape in the region," said MLA Farooq Ahmad Shah.

He expressed hope that other picturesque spots like Gogaldara, Shranz Fall and Botapathri will soon also be accessible to visitors, providing vital opportunities for local employment and economic growth.

He said the government of Jammu & Kashmir's commitment to the revival of tourism is evident, with ongoing efforts to realize the vision of Greater Gulmarg.

The MLA assured the public that every proposal for tourism development is being personally followed up and emphasized the collective effort to pave the way for a vibrant and prosperous Gulmarg, promising a welcoming environment for tourists and locals alike—(KNO)







