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## Police Begin Probe Against Fallah-u-Darain For 'Unlawful' Activities



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**BARAMULLA:** Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Tuesday said to have initiated investigation on receipt of information concerning alleged unlawful activities of a local association identified as Idarah Fallah-u-Darain.

A case under FIR number 208/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Baramulla, a police spokesman said in a statement issued.

In the course of investigation, multiple coordinated raids were conducted at various premises and assets linked to the association. Several individuals associated with the organization were

also questioned, police said. The investigation remains active, and further appropriate legal action will be taken based on evidence and findings during inquiry, police said.

In a separate but concurrent development, police on Tuesday initiated a Preliminary Enquiry under DDR No.09 at Police Station Tangmarg into the functioning of Al Huda Educational Institute and its managing trust.

According to an official police statement, the enquiry was triggered after receiving information about serious violations, including suspected breaches of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), Possible tax evasion due to incomplete

## Youth Must Step Up Against Radicalisation In Kashmir: LG Sinha

Asks Youth To Nurture Spirit Of Oneness, Build Better World, Free Of Discrimination

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called upon the Youth to step up against organisations and individuals involved in Radicalisation in the Kashmir valley.

He was speaking at the closing ceremony of 69th National School Games-2025 organised by Department of Youth Services & Sports and School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor asked the youth to nurture the spirit of oneness and build a better world, free of discrimination.

"Young athletes are the architects of the nation's destiny and they are responsible for promoting the spirit of national unity to build a golden future of this country. Youthful energy working for the national goals usher dynamism into the society," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated all the winners and participants. He also



extended his felicitations to the teams' management, coaches, and officials for the successful conduct of the National School Games.

"Dream big and have the courage to make those dreams come true. As role models, you hold a special place in society and have a huge responsibility to inspire the coming generations, both on and off the field.

From the sports field to the grassroots level, you must continuously strive for progressive policies and social transformation through sports," the Lieutenant Governor told the youth.

The Lieutenant Governor handed over trophies to the winners and other top performing teams and the players who excelled in the different games'

disciplines. He also released a Compendium of Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The Games successfully featured four disciplines: Football, Wushu, Taekwondo, and Table Tennis, drawing participation from athletes across 34 states and union territories.

Ms. Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Youth

## SED Announces Phased Wise Winter Break



RIYAZ BHAT

**SRINAGAR:** School Education Department (SED) Tuesday announced winter break in a phased manner for Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu division.

SED Secretary Ram Niwas Sharma in an order said that the vacations for Pre-primary (Balvatika) classes shall commence from November-26 to February-28-2026.

In case of middle classes upto 8th standard, Sharma said that the vacations shall be observed from December-01 to February-28.

It also said that the winter break for 9th to 12th standard shall commence from December-11 to February-22.

SED also said that all Teaching faculty shall remain available for any academic activity during the vacation period.

"The Teaching staff shall report back to their respective schools on February-20-2026 for making arrangements regarding opening of schools," reads the order. P-06

## Raise Issues In Parliament, Not On Streets: Dy CM Advises Ruhullah

OWAIS GUL

**SRINAGAR:** Advising Member Parliament Aga Ruhullah Mehdi to raise issues in the Parliament and not on streets, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Tuesday said the senior leader should focus on working for people rather

than looking for opportunities to remain in the limelight.

Talking to reporters, the Deputy CM, said that the Chief Minister has made it clear that there is no proposal to hike the electricity tariff. "Nobody has stopped Aga Sahab from protesting. He is an Honorable P-06

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## Expedite Work Execution, Ensure Quality Infrastructure Dev Across J&K: Dy CM

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**SRINAGAR:** Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Tuesday called for expeditious and quality infrastructure development across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Deputy Chief Minister, while chairing a high level review meeting at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, assessed progress on ongoing works being executed under Capex Budget 2025-26 of the PWD (R&B) Kashmir Division. He emphasised timely completion of all ongoing developmental projects in the region.

Senior officers including the Chief Engineer PMGSY Kashmir, Chief Engineer PWD Central/South/North Kashmir, Chief Engineer Mechanical Engineering & Hospitality Department Kashmir, Superintending Engineers of PMGSY, PWD, MEHD Kashmir and Executive Engineers of the



concerned wings attended the meeting while officers based in Jammu participated virtually.

The Deputy Chief Minister conducted a comprehensive review of roads, bridges, PMGSY and other connectivity-related works presently underway across Kashmir Division.

He issued strict directions for speeding up execution of all ongoing projects, ensuring timely clearance of bottlenecks to achieve the targets within the

stipulated timelines. He asserted that timely completion of projects must remain the top priority, underscoring that infrastructure development plays a pivotal role in boosting connectivity, improving public convenience and enhancing overall socio-economic growth.

He directed all the engineering wings to intensify monitoring, maintain strict adherence to technical standards and ensure that ongoing works are P-06

## CS Emphasises On Accountability To Achieve Power Sector Reforms

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**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday undertook an in-depth review of the reforms being implemented by the Power Development Department (PDD) across Jammu and Kashmir with a focus on enhancing operational efficiency, strengthening infrastructure and substantially reducing power losses under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

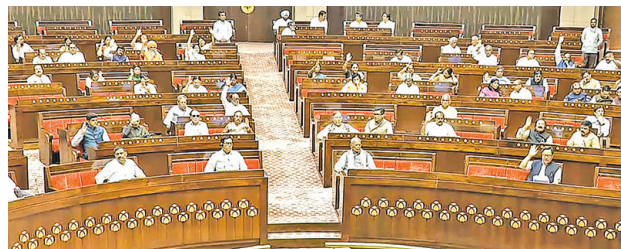
The review meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, PDD; Managing Director, JPDCL/KPDCL; Chief Engineers of the Corporations; representatives of NTPC and PESL, besides other senior officers.

Emphasising the need for strict adherence to timelines, the Chief Secretary directed that all ongoing reform works aimed at loss reduction must be completed within the sunset period prescribed under RDSS by the Government of India.

He stressed on fixing daily and weekly targets for all components of loss reduction works, including LT cable replacement, augmentation and replacement of the distribution system, HT line cabling, replacement of HT conductors, feeder segregation and installation of electric poles.

He further underlined the importance of improving feeder-wise billing and revenue collection P-06

## After 5-Year Break, 4 MPs To Represent J&K In Rajya Sabha



SAJID RAINA

**SRINAGAR:** Three recently elected Rajya Sabha members from National Conference will take oath on December 1, the opening day of the Winter Session of the Parliament.

According to the details

available, three MPs, Shammi Oberoi, Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo, and Chowdhary Mohammad Ramzan will be administered the oath by Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan.

The oath ceremony would mark the return P-06

## New India Won't Bow Against Terrorism, 'Op Sindoor' Biggest Example: PM Modi

AHMAD TAIMUR

**SRINAGAR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that new India does not bow against terrorism and that it is committed to peace, but won't compromise on its security.

Addressing a programme on the 350th Martyrdom anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur in Kurukshetra, PM Modi, said that India preaches the message of brotherhood to the world, but at the same time knows how to secure its borders.

"We are committed to peace, but won't compromise on our security. Operation Sindoor is the biggest example of this. The whole world has seen that new India neither fears, nor stops, nor bows down against terrorism," he said.

The Prime Minister said



that today's India moves forward with courage, clarity, and full strength.

India launched Operation Sindoor in May this year against Pakistan in response to the April 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam that left 26 civilians dead and many others injured.

It was a targeted and precision strike operation to dis-

mantle terrorist launchpads and facilities belonging to groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK)

The operation involved precise, non-escalatory, and proportionate military action, targeting terrorist infrastructure and avoiding P-06

## "Lights, Camera, Action" Kannada Film Crew Shoots At Famous Dal Lake

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** The beautiful and chilled waters of Dal Lake turned cinematic on Tuesday as a Kannada film crew, including the Director, Actress and Actor rolled cameras for their latest project in Srinagar.

Sharing details with a select group of media, the film's Director A.R. Vikhyath, said it feels very good to be here. "We waited six months to come and shoot here. We are feeling very safe and it's nice to work in Kashmir as everyone is supportive here."

The crew also praised the coordination between local authorities and security agencies, saying the arrangements made filming "smooth and comfortable."

A local houseboat owner said it felt good to see cameras back on the lake. "When film crews come, it brings work for many of us Shikarwalas, guides and small vendors," he said.

A crew member also thanked the people of Kashmir, P-06

## Lal Chowk Now Reflects Peace, Progress: Punjab Guv

Kataria Calls Kashmir's Transformation A Story Of Unity, Resilience

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** The Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria on Tuesday walked through the streets of Lal Chowk in Srinagar, describing the iconic square as a reflection of India's unity and Kashmir's journey from uncertainty to progress.

Recalling the 'Ekta Yatra' led by senior BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi, as a journey that culminated with the hoisting of the tricolour at the same spot, Kataria said it was an emotional moment to see the flag flying freely at the Clock Tower.

"The tricolour here is not just a piece of cloth. It represents our collective struggle, unity and pride as a nation. I always wanted to stand here, where the symbol of India's integrity waves proudly," he told reporters, at clock tower Lal Chowk.



Kataria, who arrived in Kashmir on a multi-day visit, said Srinagar's transformation into one of India's top tourist destinations was a matter of national pride. "There was a time when coming here wasn't easy. But today, tourists from all over India are walking freely in Lal Chowk and enjoying the beauty of Kashmir. That is the biggest sign of peace and progress," he said.

The Governor also praised the Valley's cold weather and natural charm, saying both have helped boost winter tourism. "Kashmir's chill carries warmth and it brings people together. The more tourists visit, the stronger our emotional and cultural unity becomes," he added.

Referring directly to the recent Pahalgam incident, Kataria said occasional challenges should P-06

# IFFI 2025 Pays Tribute to Legendary Actor Dharmendra

He was iconic actor, exceptional human being: Rahul Rawail

GMK NEWS NETWORK

GOA: Indian cinema mourns the passing of Dharmendra, one of its greatest and most beloved icons, who left for his heavenly abode on Monday. The 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) joined the nation in expressing profound grief and paid a moving tribute to the legendary actor Tuesday.

Noted filmmaker Rahul Rawail delivered an emotional remembrance, reflecting on his cherished memories with one of the brightest stars of the silver screen. He began by urging everyone to celebrate the extraordinary life of Late Shri Dharmendra, acknowledging the immense sorrow his family must be enduring. "He was an iconic actor and an exceptional human being," Rawail said.

Recalling his days as an Assistant Director on Raj Kapoor's Mera Naam Joker, Rawail shared how Late Shri Dharmendra portrayed trapeze artist Mahendra Kumar with unmatched dedication. He narrated how the actor would take an evening flight to Delhi every day for a month, shoot till 5 a.m., and then return to Mumbai



to continue filming Aadmi Aur Insaan—a grueling schedule he maintained unflinchingly.

Rahul Rawail also reminisced about the shooting of Betaab (1983), which marked the debut of Late Shri Dharmendra's son, Sunny Deol. While filming in Kashmir, crowds would gather in large numbers just to catch a glimpse of Late Shri Dharmendra. After the film's release, he watched his son's debut at Gaiety Cinema in Bandra West every evening for several days and would visit Director Rahul Rawail's home afterward to discuss the film with the same enthusiasm of someone viewing it for the first time

each and every day. Rawail also noted with pride that the legendary actor's children continue to carry forward his 'tremendous legacy'.

"Dharam ji was a man whose life must be celebrated, for he brought a lot of pleasure to people", he said emotionally. He recounted the story of a Delhi police officer who had longed to meet Late Shri Dharmendra and touch his feet. Upon learning that the icon had passed away, the officer broke down in grief, called Rawail and expressed his desire to meet Sunny Deol to convey his condolences. "This is the power of Dharam ji," Rawail emphasized.

Rawail also called Late Shri Dharmendra a father figure who nurtured and supported him throughout his career. He also praised him as a wonderful producer.

In his concluding remarks, he said, "We've lost a great human being. We were fortunate to have lived in times when icons like Dharmendra ji were working." He expressed gratitude to the IFFI organizers for arranging a special homage to honour the timeless star.

A towering figure, a beloved artist, and a man of unmatched warmth—Late Shri Dharmendra's legacy will forever remain etched in the heart of Indian cinema.

# NCB Srinagar Dismantles Charas Supply Module; 2.730 kg Seized, 3 Arrested

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SRINAGAR: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Srinagar Zone, has successfully dismantled a narcotics supply module active in the Baramulla-Pulwama belt with the seizure of 2.730 kilograms of charas and the arrest of three accused persons, including the main supplier.

The NCB spokesperson in a statement issued said, that, acting on specific intelligence, on 20.11.2025, a team of NCB Srinagar intercepted Bashir Ahmad Malla, R/o Dhobiwan, PS Kunzer, District Baramulla, and recovered 2.730 kg of charas from his possession.

"During sustained interrogation and prompt follow-up action with the help of Baramulla Police, i.e., Kunzer Police Station, the NCB team arrested his close associate, Mansoor Ahmad Wani, R/o Dhobiwan, PS Kunzer, District



Baramulla, who was actively involved in the supply chain," he said.

NCB Srinagar appreciates the strong cooperation and timely support extended by Baramulla Police, whose proactive assistance played a vital role in the successful execution of the operation and further strengthened inter-agency coordination in the region.

Based on the disclosures of both the accused and

subsequent operational intelligence, the main supplier, Abdul Rashid Dar, was apprehended from Pulwama, thereby unearthing the complete trafficking chain.

According to NCB, all accused have a previous criminal history in connection with NDPS cases.

"With the mastermind, associate, and supplier, the entire module involved in the procurement, transporta-

tion, and distribution of the seized contraband has been dismantled. Further investigation is ongoing to identify backward and forward linkages, financial trails, and any inter-state connections," the spokesperson said.

The establishment of the NCB office in Srinagar is part of the Government of India's strategic initiative to strengthen narcotics enforcement in Jammu & Kashmir. NCB remains committed to curbing the drug menace, protecting youth, and enhancing cooperation with law enforcement agencies across the Union Territory.

NCB appeals to the public to support the fight against drugs. Citizens may report any information related to narcotics trafficking confidentially through the MANAS - National Narcotics Helpline: Toll-Free 1933. The identity of the caller is kept strictly confidential.

# KVIB organizes Workshop to strengthen E'ship Dev, Financial Inclusions under PMEGP

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Khadi & Village Industries Board Tuesday organized one-day workshop at Institute of Hotel Management Rajbhag Srinagar aimed at critically evaluating the implementation of PMEGP and JKREGP to ascertain the viewpoint of various stakeholders to improve the reach of these schemes to aspirant micro and village industries.

The workshop was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian, Deputy General Manager Agri and MSME credit

JAK Bank, Lead District Managers, Director RSETs and Cluster Heads of all districts, representatives from Industries-Commerce Department Kashmir, line departments and KVIB.

Speaking on the occasion Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian, highlighted the role and relevance of successful and smooth implementation of schemes being implemented by J&K KVIB in mitigating unemployment amongst the youth and artisans. He asked the educated youth to come forward and avail benefits of the employment generation programmes being implemented by

KVIB in mitigating unemployment amongst the youth and artisans.

It was informed that during the year 2024-25 Margin Money to the tune of Rs 112.73 crore was released for establishment of 4691 units thereby creating employment opportunities for 37528 entrepreneurs under PMEGP and Margin Money to the tune of Rs 25.42 crore was released for establishment of 970 units thereby creating employment opportunities for 5820 persons under JKREGP. During the last five years out of the total number of 35902 established units 13940 units (39%) are only Women entrepreneurs.

Deputy CEO KVIB Kashmir lauded the efforts of J&K KVIB and stated that these schemes are popular amongst the youth. He said that both the schemes are implemented through online mode through respective Online Portals.

Deputy CEO KVIB Kashmir highlighted the importance of the workshop and expressed his gratitude to Banks for their support and stated that J&K Bank has played a pioneering role in implementation of PMEGP and JKREGP and has been adjudged as "the best performing bank" under these schemes.

# DC B'la Flags Off Exposure Visit of Progressive Farmers to Zawoora



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BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, Tuesday flagged off two buses carrying 60 progressive farmers for an exposure-cum-training visit to Zawoora, Srinagar under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture - Tribal Sub Plan (MIDH-TSP).

Before departure, the DC interacted with the farmers at Dak Bungalow Baramulla, highlighting the importance of adopting modern horticultural practices to enhance productivity and income. He urged participants to observe new techniques during the visit and implement them in their fields for better results.

The programme, organised by the Department of Horticulture Baramulla, aims to expose farmers to advanced technologies, high-density plantation models, and successful farm management practices being implemented in Zawoora.

Chief Horticulture Officer, Farooq Ahmad Tantry, along with other concerned officers and officials from the Horticulture Department, were present during the event and briefed the farmers about the objectives and schedule of the day-long training.

The DC assured continued support from the District Administration to strengthen the horticulture sector through capacity-building and awareness initiatives.

# DLSA Budgam Organizes Awareness Programme on Unsafe Sewer Cleaning

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam, Tuesday organized an Awareness Programme on the complete prohibition of manual scavenging and unsafe sewer cleaning at Sheikh ul Alam School Chadoora.



The programme was conducted under the directions of Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Shazia Tabassum and supervised by, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Budgam, O.P. Bhagat.

The primary objective of the programme was to ensure the complete prohibition of manual scavenging and all forms of unsafe sewer cleaning, in strict compliance with the statutory mandates.

DLSA, Budgam, deputised Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC) and assistant LADC as resource persons for the event. They delivered insightful presentations on the scheme and sensitized the participants about its objectives, legal framework, and implementation mechanisms.

In his address, Deputy LADC, emphasized the prohibition of manual scavenging and unsafe sewer cleaning and explained the significance of implementing the Supreme Court's directions.

Assistant LADC Budgam, also addressed the gathering and elaborated on various aspects of the subject, enhancing public understanding of the legal and humanitarian concerns associated with manual scavenging.

# Civil Defence, KIMST Host Disaster Awareness Programme

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SRINAGAR: Civil Defence Srinagar, in collaboration with Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology (KIMST), Lawaypora Srinagar organized a one-day Disaster Management Awareness Programme at the institute premises.

The programme witnessed active participation of more than 300 students and faculty members. The Civil Defence team Srinagar demonstrated various life-saving techniques and emergency response skills including fire-fighting methods, first aid, evacuation procedures, and practical ways to rescue people during natural and man-made disasters.

The programme was attended by SSP Raja Nighat Aman as Chief Guest. Among other dignitaries present were Naseem Akram, Deputy Control-



ler Civil Defence Srinagar (KPS), Mehrajuddin Faraz, Rahi Riyaz Ahmad, President Medalist & Divisional Warden Civil Defence Srinagar and TOT, and Dr. Hafizullah Director Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology.

Addressing the gathering, SSP Raja Nighat Aman emphasized the importance of disaster preparedness and community awareness. She stated that such programmes play a vital role in equipping students with essential knowledge and practical skills to respond effectively during

emergencies. She appreciated the Civil Defence team for their dedication and encouraged students to remain vigilant and responsible citizens.

Naseem Akram, Deputy Controller Civil Defence Srinagar highlighted the role of Civil Defence in safeguarding lives and property during disasters. He said that awareness, timely response, and coordinated efforts are the pillars of effective disaster management and stressed the need for regular training programmes in educational institutions.

Rahi Riyaz Ahmad in his address said that Disaster Management is not only the responsibility of authorities but a collective duty of society. He urged students to take the learning seriously and act as ambassadors of safety within their families and communities.

Gh Ahmad Mir Sahib, while presenting the vote of thanks, expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, Civil Defence officials, faculty members, and students for making the programme a success. He commended the efforts of the organizers and reaffirmed the institute's commitment to promoting safety awareness and preparedness among youth.

The programme concluded with practical demonstrations and interactive sessions, leaving participants better informed and prepared to handle emergency situations.

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### GIST OF TENDER NOTICE No:- 24 /E-Tendering OF 2025-26

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from the Registered PWD Civil Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules, for the below mentioned works strictly as per the terms and conditions given hereunder:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work incld. Depttl. materials (Amount in lacs)	Earnest Money	Class of Contractor	Time of completion.	Cost of Tender Document in the shape of Treasury Challan) (Rs.)	Head of Account
1.	Construction of drain from H/o Molvi Hatim Ali upto Asghar Haji near Aza Khana hazrat Fatima Zehra at Jaffari mohalla Gund Hassi Bhat	Rs.19.83	Rs.39660/-	BEE/CEE	25 Days	Rs.600/-	NGT Urban Development Sector 2025-26
2.	Construction of Storm Water drainage Network in Shah Villayat Colony Sector 8-Umerabd Phase 3rd	Rs.15.69	Rs.31380/-	BEE/CEE	25 Days	Rs.500/-	NGT Additional Financial Assistance 2025-26

In terms of Government order Circular No.01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated:- 08.07.2025 that "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatory disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payment shall be released by the Government Department /Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder"

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the schedule of dates given hereunder:-

01. Date of issue of Tender Notice	19.11.2025
02. Period of down loading of bidding documents	20.11.2025 from 11:00 A.M. to 03.12.2025 up to 4.00 PM
03. Bid Submission Start Date	20.11.2025 from 11:30 AM
04. Bid Submission End Date	03.12.2025 up to 4.00 PM
05. Date & time of opening of Bids on line	04.12.2025 at 11.30 PM in the office of Executive Engineer, Sewerage & Drainage Division No. II, SMC, Daresh Kadal Srinagar or any subsequent date convenient date to the tender Opening Authority
06. List of soft copies to be uploaded	Scanned copy of Treasury challan (cost of tender document) with Sl. No. of NIT/ Name of the work (without overwriting). Scanned copy of CDR/ FDR/BG (Earnest Money) (without Over writing). Scanned copy of GST Registration with latest clearance and PAN Card. Scanned copy of JKPWDOMS Registration card with latest renewal on JKPWDOMS PORTAL, Cell No./ e-mail ID and correspondence address. NIT (Terms and conditions) duly signed by the bidder. BOQ.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- In case the bids are found unbalanced / abnormally low bid price, the Successful bidder has to produce/ deposit additional performance security in shape of FDR/CDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer Sewerage & Drainage Division 2<sup>nd</sup>. SMC Srinagar within three days after opening the bids, as per the circular instructions of the Finance Department Circular No. FD-Code/441/2021-02-158 Dated:- 08.08.2025. The additional performance security shall be released after the successful completion of work till Defective Liability (DLP) period is over and the defective liability period for each work shall be reflected in the allotment order when issued.
- Where the bid price is below 10% but not below 20% of the Advertised cost put to bid, the additional performance guarantee / security percentage shall be incremented by 0.1% for every percentage of Bid Price Below 10% of advertised cost put to bid starting at 11% with the additional bid performance guarantee being 0.1% and this Additional Performance Guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid Price.
- Where the Bid Price is 20% or more below the advertised cost put to bid the Additional Performance Grantee percentage shall be incremented by 0.28% for every percentage of Bid Price Below 20% of project cost put to bid in addition to 0.1% of the bid price and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid price.
- Additional Performance Security shall be treated as part of Performance Security.
- In addition to above the successful bidder has to produce/ deposit Performance security i.e, 05% (Five Percent) of the value of contract in shape of FDR/CDR pledged to Executive Engineer Sewerage & Drainage Division 2<sup>nd</sup>. SMC Srinagar within three days after opening the bids. The performance security shall be released after the Defective Liability (DLP) period of the work
- In case of the bids the department shall identify the tied bidder and shall select the L1 based on the draw lots, in presence of tied bidders, if they chose to be present
- The Successful Bidder has to produce Hard Copies within three days after opening of Bids.
- Bidders are advised to read the NIT carefully before participate in the Bidding process.
- Treasury Challan (Tender Document Fee) should be a fresh i.e, between the date of issue of tender notice & bid submission end date.
- The Contract shall be awarded only after obtaining Administrative Approval from Competent Authority and release of funds on BEAMS portal by the Finance Department.
- The payment of work on account of work done shall be made under rules subject to availability of funds under the prescribed head of account.
- The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel any bid / tender / NIT or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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# CM Omar reviews progress in completion of Revenue Deptt projects

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Tuesday chaired a meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review the progress of infrastructure projects taken up by the Revenue Department.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary (Financial Commissioner Revenue) Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance Santosh D. Vaidya, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Secretary Revenue Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, all Deputy Commissioners, and other senior officials. Officers from various districts joined via video conferencing.



At the outset, Secretary Revenue delivered a detailed presentation on 18 major building projects—including tehsil and niabat offices, residential quarters, mini secretariats, and revenue complexes—currently being executed across Jammu and Kashmir. These projects are located in Ramban, Kathua, Poonch, Doda, Udhampur, Reasi, Bandipora, Anantnag, Pulwama, and Srinagar, form a critical part of the administration's efforts to strengthen building infrastructure and grassroots governance. The review highlighted certain bot-

tlenecks, including delays in funds disbursement, pending administrative approvals, and legal issues at a few locations.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasised the need to fast-track the remaining projects. He directed officials to adopt a coordinated approach to clear pending approvals, resolve legal impediments, and synchronize financial planning with project timelines to avoid cost escalation. Reiterating the government's focus on building a modern and efficient revenue administration, the Chief Minister

said that timely completion of these infrastructure projects is essential for improving citizen-centric service delivery. He called for enhanced monitoring, proactive inter-departmental coordination, and strict adherence to deadlines.

The Chief Minister assured that the government will extend full support to ensure smooth execution of the pending works, underscoring that strengthening administrative infrastructure remains a top priority for the overall development and governance reforms in Jammu and Kashmir.

# Lays foundation of modern Automated Testing Station in Nagrota

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Tuesday laid the foundation stone for setting up of an Automated Vehicle Testing Station (ATS) at Khanpur, Nagrota, Jammu, marking a significant stride towards strengthening road safety and modernising transport infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir.



The Chief Minister said that the establishment of the state-of-the-art Automated Testing Station will usher in a more transparent, effi-

cient and technology-driven vehicle fitness regime.

He noted that such facilities are essential for

reducing road accidents, ensuring compliance with safety standards and curbing manual irregularities

in the fitness certification process.

Omar Abdullah reiterated his government's commitment to adopting modern systems and improving public service delivery across various departments.

The foundation laying ceremony was attended by Minister for Transport Satish Sharma, Secretary Transport Avny Lavasa, Transport Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Regional Transport Officer Jammu and other senior officers of the Transport Department.

# CS adds J&K's first ever digital Land Bank to PM Gati Shakti Platform

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday launched the Land Bank layer on the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) portal in presence of Commissioner Secretary, Forests; Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF); Secretary, Information Technology and other Heads of Departments of the Forest Department.

The Deputy Commissioners of all districts participated in the programme through video conferencing from their respective offices.

This pioneering initiative marks the first such exercise in the UT, wherein land parcels exclusively defined as 'State Land' were jointly surveyed by the Forest and Revenue Departments. Only those parcels verified to be free from all encumbrances have been mapped and integrated into the PM Gati Shakti portal, ensuring accuracy and reliability in land identification for developmental purposes.

Termining the initiative as a highly useful and forward-looking exercise, the Chief Secretary said that the availability of clearly identified and geo-tagged land on a single digital platform would significantly smoothen and expedite the development process across the districts. He urged the Deputy Commissioners to take proactive measures to safeguard these identified patches from any encroachment and misuse.

The Chief Secretary further directed the Remote Sensing Wing of the Forest Department to institution-



alize a mechanism for continuous and regular monitoring of these land parcels. He emphasized that any change in occupancy status should be immediately detected and acted upon to maintain the integrity of the land bank.

He also asked for capacity-building sessions to be organized with district administrations to ensure comprehensive understanding and effective utilisation of the system on the PMGS portal for varied administrative and planning purposes. Additionally, he impressed upon the DCs to identify and add any left-out 'State Land' parcels, making the portal a one-stop solution for meeting land requirements for key developmental projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary, Forests, Sheetal Nanda highlighted that the Forest Department was tasked with GIS mapping of identified land parcels in close coordination with the Revenue Department to ensure precision and efficiency.

She informed that a joint ground-truthing exercise was conducted by officers of both departments to validate the suitability of land and confirm that all selected parcels were free from encumbrances before

being included in the land bank.

Elaborating on the details of the land bank, PCCF Suresh Kumar Gupta informed that an initial scrutiny of 668 land parcels, covering an area of 6,221.30 hectares, was conducted to assess any overlap with forest lands including GairMumkin Jangal, Jhar, Berune line forests, etc. Following rigorous verification and ground-truthing, 462 land parcels measuring 2,406 hectares were found encumbrance-free and suitable for the creation of critical government infrastructure, he added.

Providing the district-wise breakup, he stated that the parcels uploaded on the portal includes 10 from Anantnag totaling an area of 12.43 hectares of land, Baramulla 7 parcels (74.44 ha), Budgam 15 (28.99 ha), Doda44 (332.52 ha), Ganderbal26 (30.45 ha), Jammu3 (4.55 ha), Kathua 154 (750.47 ha), Kishtwar 45 (513.90 ha), Kulgam10 (17.44 ha), Kupwara15 (74.24 ha), Poonch60 (135.35 ha), Pulwama 1 (4.10 ha), Rajouri 12 (55 ha), Ramban 16 (56 ha), Reasi 20 (150 ha), Samba 5 (12.85 ha), Shopian 1 (2.02 ha) and Udhampur 18 parcels with 152.08 hectares of land stands marked and

added to the portal.

The meeting was also briefed on the systematic, multi-departmental process adopted for creation of this comprehensive digital inventory. It was divulged that initially the Divisional Commissioners compiled information on various categories of revenue lands by seeking inputs from all Deputy Commissioners. This was followed by joint verification on the ground by Forest and Revenue officials to confirm feasibility and ensure that the lands were free from any legal or physical encumbrances.

Subsequently, KML files of the finalized land parcels were prepared and submitted to the Department of Environment and Remote Sensing, which completed the digitization process as per prescribed protocols. The validated data was then uploaded on the PM Gati Shakti portal, integrating it into the national framework for coordinated and data-driven infrastructure planning.

The launch of the Land Bank Layer is expected to significantly enhance evidence-based decision-making, inter-departmental coordination and efficient utilization of state land for development projects across Jammu and Kashmir.

# Tarigami chairs environment committee meeting

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JAMMU: A meeting of the Committee on Environment of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was held Tuesday under the Chairmanship of MLA, Mohammad Yousof Tari-

gami, to discuss the environmental issue.

Threadbare discussions were held on environment related issues pertaining to illegal Mining, conservation and preservation of wet-land areas, rising threats

of cancer decease due to pesticides in Kashmir particular south Kashmir besides other various issues pertaining to save environment.

Legislators, Rajiv Jasrotia, Sajjad Shafi, Zafar Ali Khatana,

Irshad Rasool Kar and Yudhvir Sethi attended the meeting. They gave their valuable suggestions regarding various environment issues in respect of protection of environment in Jammu and Kashmir.

# J&K Pavilion steals the show at IITF 2025; draws record crowds



GMK NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), under the aegis of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, presented the region's vibrant cultural heritage and entrepreneurial spirit at the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 with the theme "EK BHARAT, SHRESHTHA BHARAT".

Over the past three years, JKTPO has significantly expanded the participation of artisans, farmers and entrepreneurs in national exhibitions and trade fairs, including IITF. The number of exhibitors has grown remarkably from fewer than 30 participants a few years ago to over 140 in 2025.

During the previous edition, in 2024, approximately 110 exhibitors represented J&K at IITF. This consistent growth reflects rising enthusiasm among the J&K's business community to present their products on prestigious national platforms.

The participants have not only gained extensive exposure but secured valuable business leads and confirmed orders, fostering long-term and sustainable trade relationships. On-the-spot sales have risen significantly, offering direct financial gains and enhancing exhibitors' confidence. This strong buyer interest, coupled with the overwhelming footfall at the Jammu and Kashmir Pavilion, further underscored its growing national appeal.

# Sakeena Itoo conducts assessment of Winter Preparedness across South Kashmir



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Tuesday conducted a comprehensive assessment of winter preparedness of various departments across South Kashmir districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian, in a virtual meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, Minister Sakeena directed the officers of concerned districts to ensure that essential services and supplies are in place well before the peak winter season sets in. She emphasized on the importance of advance stocking of medicines, ration and other critical supplies, especially in remote and heavy snow prone areas to avoid any disruption during harsh weather conditions. She called for coordinated efforts between civil administration, health authorities, and public works departments to secure uninterrupted mobility and healthcare access for residents.

The Minister also underscored that people living in far-flung pockets must not face any hardship due to delayed supplies or administrative gaps. "Winter preparedness is not merely a routine exercise, it is commitment to public safety and well-being", she asserted.

Sakeena Itoo instructed the officers to maintain buffer stocks, activate control rooms, and keep rapid-response teams on standby. She also stressed on the need for regular monitoring to ensure the availability of essential drugs, ambulance services, and functional health centres throughout the winter period.

She urged departments to identify vulnerable habitations and prioritize them for supply mobilization, particularly in higher reaches that often remain cut off for extended periods due to heavy snowfall.

During the meeting, the officers of concerned districts briefed the Minister about the winter preparedness plan of their respective districts. They assured the Minister that the winter arrangements have been fully stabilized and any exigency due to weather eventuality will be addressed promptly.

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA.

### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No: Fresh-132/EEA/R&B of 2025-26/ 7107-17 Dated: 25-11-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/D/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor	Project Authority
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Construction of Chowkidar shed at ECSD Pampore " under Scheme Code No.PDDSS2526100061 "	12.88	600/-	2% of Adv cost	60 days	under Capex Budget out of BE 2025-26 (Regular Budget)	BEE, CEE, DEE	KPDCL

Position Of AAA: Accorded Vide No: SE/Proc/KPDCL/ 13 of 2025 Dated: 28.07.2025

Position of funds: Committed

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 viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-11-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-11-2025
3	Bid submission Start Date	26-11-2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	08-12-2025 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	09-12-2025 12:00 PM

- Every participating contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder. (As per circular No. 01(ADM) FD of 2025 Dated 08-07-2025 of J&K Finance Department) (The participating contractor may disclose his Bank Account as per the format, devised as Annexure- A of the NIT and submit/upload the same accordingly at the time of submission of the bid).
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (Dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) with NIT No., Serial No. and name of work to be deposited in M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora(tender inviting authority)
- All the bidders must upload Earnest money /Bid security equal to 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender receiving authority)(The Date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the Bid Submission start date and Bid submission End date, otherwise bids shall be rejected).
- The Successful bidder will have to provide performance security @ 5% of contract value in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender receiving authority)as per rule-171 (I) of GFR 2017. The earnest money/ Bid security @2% shall be released to the successful bidder only on receipt of Performance Security @ 5% of Contract value which shall be released after successful completion of DLP / maintenance period.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora(tender receiving authority).
- The earnest money/ Bid security in favour of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of original Treasury Challan.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- The tender / bid is liable rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

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## Ruhullah Issues Ultimatum

The concerns raised by Srinagar MP and National Conference leader Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi have once again brought into sharp focus an issue that should never have been allowed to linger: the prolonged uncertainty surrounding admissions linked to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. At its core, this is not a political dispute but a crisis affecting the futures of hundreds of young students — yet the responses so far suggest a troubling indifference from those in power.

According to Ruhullah, students were initially given a six-month assurance that their cases would be resolved. That deadline quietly expired. Another promise surfaced ahead of the Budgam Assembly by-election, but that too dissolved into silence. What was supposed to take "a few days" has now stretched past a month. The pattern is unmistakable: repeated commitments, repeated delays, and repeated distress for those who can least afford it.

The question Ruhullah raises — who will compensate students for the academic years they have lost? — strikes at the heart of the matter. Opportunities once missed cannot be reclaimed. Seats that lapse do not reappear. The careers of young people are being shaped not by merit or opportunity but by bureaucratic inertia and political hesitations.

What makes this situation even more unfortunate is the injection of personal and political differences into an issue that directly concerns the academic rights of students. Ruhullah's statement that he is willing to withdraw himself from the matter if his involvement is seen as an obstacle should serve as a wake-up call to the administration: the students' welfare must take precedence over political discomfort.

The authorities owe these youths clarity, engagement and action. Meeting the affected students and taking decisions based on reason — not convenience — is the bare minimum expected from any responsible government.

Ruhullah has also warned that if the matter remains unresolved by the end of the Parliament session on December 20, he will join the students in protest, adding that the next agitation will be longer than the one staged last December. This should not be dismissed as political posturing; it reflects a growing frustration that could have been avoided through timely intervention.

The government must not wait for campus gates to become sites of protest once again. The delays have already cost students dearly. It is time to restore their confidence by providing answers, resolving the deadlock, and ensuring that the academic aspirations of Kashmir's youth are not sacrificed at the altar of negligence.

Young futures are at stake. The administration must act — and act now.

## Jhelum In Peril: The Ecological Cost Of Neglect

JEROME ENRIQUEZ JOHN

The River Jhelum — Vyeth to Kashmiris — has always been more than a river. It has been the cradle of civilisation in the valley, the cultural memory of its people, and the artery that carried life through its towns and fields. Today, however, the Jhelum flows under the weight of a slow and dangerous decline. What was once a symbol of harmony between people and nature is now a mirror reflecting our neglect.

This decline is not a sudden tragedy. It is the result of years of inaction, short-sighted planning, and rapid urbanisation. Yet the most troubling part is that the latest official data shows how rapidly the crisis has worsened. According to an RTI reply, no capital dredging of the Jhelum has taken place since March 2020, leaving the riverbed heavily silted at a time when flood risks are increasing every year.

In 2023-24, authorities did remove 2.90 lakh cubic metres of silt — but only from canals, not from the river's main stretches, where the need is most critical. The problem is compounded by widespread encroachment. Nearly 1,884 illegal structures, 283 concrete walls, and more than 632,000 trees obstruct the embankments, reducing the river's natural width and flow.

Because of this narrowing, experts warn that Jhelum's carrying capacity in certain key stretches has dropped to 20,000 cusecs, a perilous figure for a region that lived through the devastating floods of 2014.

**The Mining Crisis**  
Illegal and poorly regulated sand mining continues to damage the river's ecology. Government data shows extraction jumped from 0.47 million tonnes in 2021-22 to 1.14 million tonnes in 2022-23, more than doubling in a single year.

This mining does far more than drain sand. Studies show it has altered the river's geomorphology, caused bank erosion, increased turbidity, and created sinkholes, destabilising the river channel.



**Pollution Choking the River**  
Pollution is another major threat. A 2023 study by NIT Srinagar detected 600-2,500 microplastic particles per cubic metre of river water — levels that pose significant risks to aquatic life and human health.

Meanwhile, the Achan landfill in Srinagar receives 400-500 tonnes of garbage daily, much of which eventually washes into the Jhelum through runoff or drainage leaks.

Adding to this is the growing stress from climate change. In June 2025, the Jhelum recorded a low of 0.57 ft at a key monitoring point — a five-year low that signals shrinking water volumes and rising pollutant concentrations.

**Plans Without Progress**  
Government plans to restore the Jhelum remain far more effective on paper than on the ground. A significant portion of projects under the Flood

Management Programme-II is still incomplete, and the absence of capital dredging continues to undermine the river's health and flood resilience.

This is not a problem of inadequate knowledge or resources — it is a problem of urgency, accountability, and long-term vision.

**A Cultural Loss Beyond Calculation**

The Jhelum's decline is not just an environmental tragedy. It is a cultural one. For centuries, the river has carried prayers, poetry, commerce, and memory. To lose it is to lose a piece of Kashmir's identity, something no policy document can measure.

**The Way Forward**  
If Kashmir is to protect its future, the revival of the Jhelum must become a shared priority. This means:  
· Restart full-scale dredging across the main river stretches.

- Remove encroachments and restore the natural floodplains.
  - Strictly regulate mining, with mandatory ecological restoration.
  - Expand waste and sewage management, especially in Srinagar.
  - Involve schools, communities, and civil society in long-term stewardship.
- The Jhelum once carried the rhythm of life through the valley. Today, it carries a warning — one we can no longer afford to ignore. Saving this river is not merely an environmental obligation. It is a duty to Kashmir's history, its people, and its future.

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## Special Intensive Revision: Strengthening India's Democratic Foundation



VINOD DIXIT

Kudos to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for initiating the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme! This crucial process is a significant step towards ensuring the accuracy and purity of electoral rolls. By identifying and correcting errors, removing duplicate entries, and including eligible voters, the ECI is strengthening our democratic process. The SIR programme demonstrates the ECI's commitment to free and fair elections, and its efforts to empower citizens by ensuring their voices are heard. This initiative will undoubtedly enhance voter confidence and promote electoral transparency.

In a country like India, with its large population and frequent migration and resettlement due to employment and other reasons, revising elector-

al rolls before every election is a necessity. Unfortunately, this exercise was not carried out consistently or diligently in the past, leading to many eligible voters being disenfranchised on election day as their names were missing from the rolls.

Equally disturbing is the failure to remove the names of deceased persons from the rolls in a timely manner, which has sometimes led to malpractices and inaccuracies, affecting not only the accuracy of voter turnout statistics but also, in some cases, the outcome of elections themselves.

SIR is the most effective method for identifying and deleting names of deceased persons, duplicate entries, and individuals who have permanently shifted residence from the electoral roll. This prevents fraudulent voting and ensures that only eligible citizens vote. It provides an opportunity to correct errors in names, addresses, age, and

other details, leading to a more accurate and reliable voter list. Through house-to-house enumeration, BLOs can identify eligible citizens who have turned 18, or who were previously missed, and assist them in registering. This is crucial for expanding the democratic franchise and ensuring universal adult suffrage.

Given India's rapid urbanization and internal migration, SIR helps in updating the rolls to reflect demographic changes, ensuring that migrant populations are correctly enrolled in their new places of residence. A transparent and rigorously updated electoral roll builds confidence among voters, political parties, and the general public in the fairness and legitimacy of the election process. When the voter list is perceived as pure, it enhances trust in election results.

Political parties often raise concerns about the integrity of electoral rolls, especially

regarding the inclusion of illegal voters or exclusion of genuine ones. SIR is the ECI's most robust tool to address such concerns and ensure a level playing field.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) aims to create an error-free voter list, ensuring every eligible citizen is included and no ineligible or duplicate names are present. This objective is part of the National Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP), launched to link Aadhaar numbers with voters' electoral data and eliminate inaccuracies.

To achieve this, the ECI is updating Voter Information by conducting door-to-door surveys and using digital platforms to verify and correct voter details. Identifying and deleting duplicate voter IDs to prevent electoral fraud and ensuring all eligible citizens, including those without permanent addresses, are regis-

tered to vote. The ECI has taken steps to address concerns about voter list discrepancies, including implementing Systematic Instrument for Rectification (SIR) and Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication (ERPAP) processes. These initiatives aim to improve the accuracy and transparency of the electoral rolls.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is a vital exercise that ensures the accuracy and integrity of electoral rolls. By participating in SIR, citizens can help create a clean and reliable electoral roll, strengthening our democracy and promoting fair elections. There is no doubt that by implementing SIR, India can strengthen its electoral system, ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections that reflect the will of its citizens.

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# AMR: The Silent Pandemic Threatening Our Future

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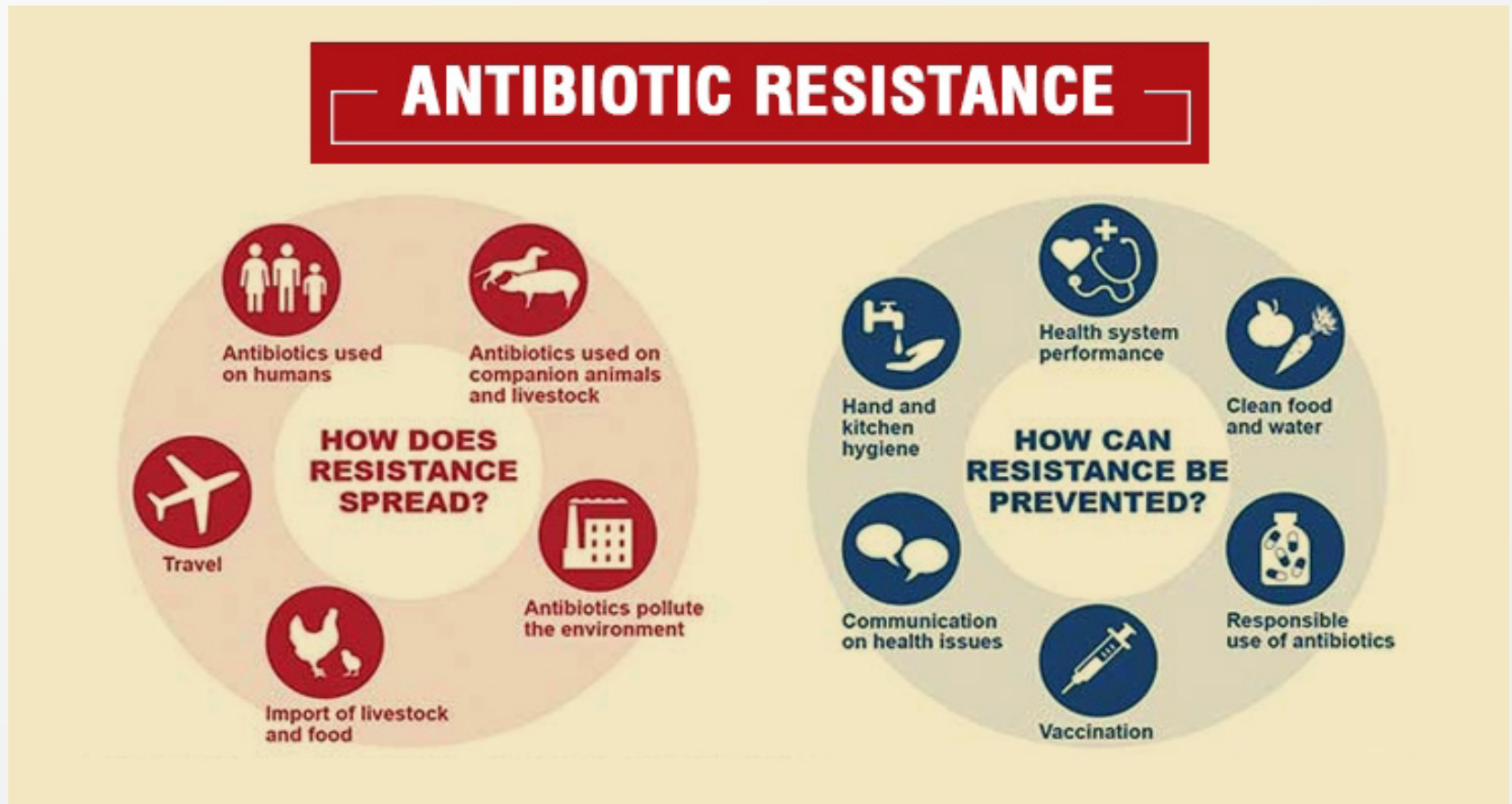
Last week (18-24 November) marked World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (WAAW), a WHO-led initiative to improve understanding of antimicrobial resistance and promote best practices that help prevent the further emergence and spread of resistant infections.

The WHO theme for 2025 is "Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future," emphasising the urgent need for coordinated, cross-sector action as AMR continues to impact health systems, food production, the environment, and global economies.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) report of 2019, AMR is responsible for the deaths of 700,000 people, while it's estimated that by 2050 the figure will have risen to 20 million, costing over \$2.9 trillion [4]. As a result, it has become a major problem, posing a serious danger to our lives and economy.

What is AMR: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) refers to the the survivability of pathogens against the exposure and administration of antibiotics that could kill them or restrict their proliferation. This happens when parasites change or adapt over time, making the medicine used against them less effective or completely ineffective. As a result, infections become harder to treat, leading to an increased risk of disease spreading widely. Antimicrobial resistance has become a major global health concern due to the misuse and overuse of antibiotics. The Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria-related infections became difficult to treat due to multidrug resistance and could not be treated with traditional antibiotics. In both pre-antibiotic and antibiotic periods, antibiotic resistance has badly affected antibiotic efficacy in clinical practices.

Despite mounting attention in recent years, the health threats posed by antimicrobial resistance are not new. Antimicrobial resistance has dogged infectious disease treatment processes since the first modern antimicrobials were discovered. In fact, resistance began to appear soon after the introduction of early antibiotics such as penicillin, with some bacteria developing mechanisms to



antibiotics less effective or ineffective?);

Before we understand the mechanism of antimicrobial resistance by pathogens, it is important first to understand the mechanism of antibiotics, which are used to treat microbial infections. The antibiotics mainly attack the biochemistry and physiology of the microbial cells to reduce their growth or cause death. Some antibiotics destroy the cell walls or cell membranes of bacterial cells by dissolving the -lactam and glycopeptide components, while other antibiotics target the protein synthetic machinery by linking with ribosomal units, which stops the antibacterial activity of those microbes. These cell-wall-targeting antibiotics include aminoglycosides, tetracycline, linezolid, chloramphenicol, and macrolides.

The other cell-machinery-targeting antibiotics and nucleic acid synthesis interfering molecules include rifampin and fluoroquinolones (FQ).

characteristics. This type of resistance is not acquired by the mutations or gene transfer, as of mycoplasma's resistance to penicillin.

Acquired Resistance is due to the change in the genome (Mutations) of bacteria that converts it from one that is sensitive to antibiotic to one that is now resistant.

Altering Target sites of Antibody: This occurs by mutating a gene that functions in the synthesis of the target or by acquiring by HGT a gene that either encodes an alternative version of the target or encodes an enzyme that modifies the target. This resistance mechanism is possible because each chemotherapeutic agent acts on a specific target enzyme or cellular structure. e.g. resistance to vancomycin arises when bacteria "pick up" the vanA gene that encodes a protein that changes the terminal D-alanine in the pentapeptide of peptidoglycan to either D-lactate or D-serine.

The affinity of ribosomes for

its target PBPs.

Antibiotics may also undergo enzymatic inactivation via covalent modification. Like chloramphenicol, it is neutralised through acetylation, in which chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT) transfers an acetyl group from acetyl-CoA to either of the drug's hydroxyl moieties.

Similarly, aminoglycosides are inactivated through a diverse set of modifying enzymes, including: Aminoglycoside acetyltransferases (AACs) that acetylate amino groups, Aminoglycoside phosphotransferases (APHs) that phosphorylate hydroxyl groups, and Aminoglycoside nucleotidyltransferases (ANTs) that adenylate hydroxyl groups.

Drug alteration: This resistance strategy of pathogens minimises the concentration of the antibiotic in the cell. This can be accomplished by altering membrane structure. In Gram-negative bacteria in particular, this is often achieved by modifying the structure or permeability

resistance. Many efflux pumps are drug/proton antiporters that is, protons enter the cell as the drug leaves.

Horizontal gene transfer: The lateral gene transfer or horizontal gene transfer (HGT) contributes to the transfer of resistivity, its evolution, and maintenance among pathogenic bacteria and also plays a role in the destruction of antibiotic resistance genes (ARGs) transferred from the natural environment in clinical settings. The best example of HGT is the spread of carbapenem resistance in Enterobacteriaceae. The blaNDM-1 gene, which encodes a carbapenemase enzyme that breaks down carbapenem antibiotics, can spread rapidly through horizontal gene transfer. This gene has been found in various Enterobacteriaceae species, allowing them to resist the effects of carbapenem antibiotics.

The spread of this gene among different bacterial species contributes to the widespread resistance to these last-resort antibiotics. An additional instance of horizontal gene transfer (HGT) is evident in the Shigella outbreak within the United Kingdom, resulting from the transfer of a plasmid-borne antibiotic resistance gene [48]. This dissemination of a plasmid carrying resistance to azithromycin enabled the proliferation of pathogens that were once infrequent, due to the decreased effectiveness of conventional antibiotics. In the end, several outbreaks involving distinct strains emerged as a consequence of these strains independently acquiring the same plasmid.

Conjugation: Conjugation is the mechanism by which DNA is transferred from cell to cell via cell surface pili or adhesins. It is aided by conjugative machinery, which is encoded by genes on autonomously replicating plasmids or integrative conjugative elements in the chromosome. The challenges of antibiotic resistance (AR) in hospital settings are further complicated by horizontal gene transfer (HGT), and this is prominently illustrated in the context of plasmid-mediated resistance to -lactam antibiotics.

Resistance mechanisms involving extended-spectrum -lactamases (ESBLs) and carbapenemase, for instance, operate by breaking down -lactam antibiotics like penicillin, carbapenems, and cephalosporins [50]. Notably, -lactam resistance genes are frequently situated on plasmids, leading to their dissemination through conjugation within and between different species, particularly within the Enterobacteriaceae, Pseudomonas, and Acinetobacter families.

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evade their effects within only a few years. Over time, the widespread and sometimes inappropriate use of antimicrobials in human medicine, agriculture, and animal husbandry has accelerated the evolution and spread of resistant strains. Today, antimicrobial resistance is recognised as a global health crisis, undermining our ability to treat common infections, increasing healthcare costs, and threatening medical procedures that rely on effective antibiotics, such as surgeries, cancer chemotherapy, and organ transplants.

Mechanism of Antimicrobial Resistance (How do organisms make

The remaining antibiotics are those that interfere with metabolic pathways and destroy the membrane matrix, including folic acid analogs, daptomycin, polymyxins, and sulphonamides.

Now understanding how bacteria deceive the above antibiotics mechanism and make them ineffective against them. There are two ways by which pathogens can counter back the medicine (antibiotics) one known as inherent AMR and another acquired AMR.

Inherent AMR refers to the resistance of pathogens due to its naturally existing structural and functional

erythromycin and chloramphenicol can be decreased by mutating the 23S rRNA to which they bind. Antimetabolite action may be resisted through alteration of susceptible enzymes. For example, in sulphonamide-resistant bacteria, the enzyme that uses p-aminobenzoic acid during folic acid synthesis often has a much lower affinity for sulphonamides.

Drug Inactivation or Drug Degradation: A well-characterized mechanism of antimicrobial resistance is the enzymatic hydrolysis of the -lactam ring in penicillin by penicillinase and other -lactamases, rendering the drug incapable of binding

of the outer membrane, which normally acts as a selective barrier. By altering porin proteins or reducing the number of porins, the bacteria allow fewer antibiotic molecules to diffuse into the cell. As a result, the effective intracellular concentration of the antibiotic remains too low to be harmful.

Drug extruding by efflux pumps: This approach is to pump the drug out of the cell after it has entered, using translocases, often called efflux pumps, that expel drugs. Efflux pumps are relatively nonspecific and pump many different drugs; therefore, they often confer multidrugre-

# DIPR promotes J&K Film policy at IIFI Goa

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government, through Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), participated in 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held at Goa.

The J&K Government was represented by Commissioner Secretary Information, M Raju; Director Information, Nitish Rajora; Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Dr. Zahoor Ahmad; Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey; Nodal Officer, J&K Film Policy Maheer Thakur and Cultural Officer Kashmir, Burhan Hussain at the grand film festival.

During the festival, a grand J&K Pavillion was established in WAVES Film Bazaar to promote J&K Film Policy, lay red carpet for the aspiring filmmakers to shoot in picturesque Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the festival, Director Information Nitish Rajora said that the DIPR particularly promoted the J&K Film Policy 2024 during the festival, with main purpose of promoting Jammu & Kashmir as premier film shooting destination in the country and across the globe. He highlighted that the New Film Policy 2024 aims to promote large-scale Bollywood and international shoots in Kashmir.

The Director further said



that the DIPR also utilised this platform to promote Art, Culture, Cuisines as well as famed tourist destinations of Jammu and Kashmir during the festival. He added that more than 500 visitors interacted with the officers of DIPR at J&K Pavillion of WAVES Film Bazaar and enquired about various

aspects of film shootings in J&K. He added that the visitors exchanged contacts with the representatives of DIPR and expressed their willingness for visiting J&K for film shootings.

During the knowledge series session on the sidelines of IIFI 2025, Director Information also interacted with the filmmak-

ers and gave a presentation on J&K Film Policy 2024, to promote Film Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, through J&K Film Policy 2024, the government is promoting the UT as a prime shooting destination and woo the filmmakers to visit J&K for film shooting.

Under the J&K Film Policy,

2024, Film Permissions are being given through online single window portal. The J&K Government provides 5-10% subsidy for Films, 10-15% subsidy for Documentary/Web-Series and Extra Incentives for Films/Documentaries/Web-Series which promote Jammu and Kashmir or are of patriotic theme.

# World Heritage Week Concludes With Grand Felicitation Ceremony

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: World Heritage Week 2025 concluded Tuesday with a grand felicitation ceremony held at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

The event marked the completion of a week-long celebration of heritage, culture and community engagement organized by the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums under the supervision of Director, K.K. Sidha.

Principal Secretary, Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma, attended the event as chief guest.

Also present were Deepika Sharma, Secretary in Culture Department; Dr. Rubina Kaunser, Director General Libraries; Harwinder Kaur, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages; Parvez Ahmed, Special Secretary Culture; Dr. Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, IGNCIA; renowned veteran journalist O.P. Sharma and Principal of Rajouri Higher Secondary School.

Throughout the week, a variety of activities were organized including online essay competitions, seminars, workshops, heritage walks and visit to heritage sites such as Bahu Fort, Mubarak Mandi and the

historic Octroi Post at Suchetgarh. The workshops in Wood Carving and Calligraphy drew special attention.

In his address, Director Sidha shared that the celebrations focused on inclusivity, bringing together the students, women, ex-servicemen, specially-abled individuals, Kashmiri migrants and orphans. He proudly declared every participant a "Heritage Warrior."

On the occasion, awards were presented to winners of the Online Essay Competition. Advaita (Presentation Convent) and Advay Singh (BVM) were the winners in the junior category while Riya Sharma (GGMHSS Rajouri) and Aradhya Gupta (Jodhamal Public School) secured the senior title. Besides, members of the women's Bike Rally from Shakti Udghosh Foundation were also felicitated.

Addressing the gathering, B M Sharma said that Heritage Week 2025 was a remarkable success, largely because of its inclusive and diverse range of activities.

The evening ended on a cultural note, celebrating Jammu & Kashmir's living heritage with pride and warmth.

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### Police Begin Probe

and improper financial records and absence of required accreditations, illegal construction of the institute's buildings on state land without obtaining due permissions and in violation of land laws.

Both probes are being monitored at senior levels and are proceeding independently. Authorities have assured that the investigations will be thorough, impartial and time-bound, with strict legal action to follow against anyone found guilty.

### Raise Issues In

Member Parliament and should raise issues there," he said.

Choudhary added that the MP has his own protocol. "He should speak to the Chief Minister. He should speak to the Prime Minister. But, it doesn't suit an MP to speak on the streets to be in the limelight," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the media should avoid giving hype to the people who are trying to be in the limelight.

Replying to a query on Ruhullah's resignation, Choudhary said if he has tendered the resignation, let him show the copy of his resignation. "If he (Ruhullah) wants to serve the people then he should meet the honourable Chief Minister to discuss the issues, rather than speaking on the streets," he added.

Pertinently, the estranged National Conference Lok Sabha MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi has asked his party-led government in Jammu and Kashmir to resolve the reservation issue before the winter session of Parliament ends, saying he will join the quota protests if no action is taken.

Moreover, Choudhary stated that there are no plans to increase the electricity tariff, saying that the rumours are media creation and far from the truth.

The Deputy Chief Minister while reacting to the controversy over the enrolment of Muslim community students in SMVDU, said, "The education must be kept away from politics, religion and other things. Students must get admissions on the basis of merit irrespective of the caste and religion."—(KNO)

### Youth Must Step

Services and Sports; Ms Anuradha Gupta, Director General Youth Services and Sports; senior officials, prominent sports personalities, and youth in large number attended the closing ceremony.

### SED Announces Phased

SED said that any default on the part of the Heads of Institutions or Teaching staff in observance of the above schedule shall attract strict action under the Rules.

Pertinently, two weeks back KNO reported that the School Education Department had tentatively decided to announce the winter vacations in a phased manner from the first week of December for the winter zone of Kashmir division.

Sources had informed that Education Minister Sakina Itoo in a review meeting had informed the officials of the department that the government will likely announce winter vacation for primary level classes from the first week of December.

The official sources had further informed that in case of other classes upto 12th stan-

dard, the vacations are likely from the second week of December—(KNO)

### After 5-Year Break,

of Rajya Sabha representation for Jammu and Kashmir after a gap of nearly five years.

The leaders were elected last month in the maiden Rajya Sabha polls in the Union Territory since the reorganization of the erstwhile state and the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

The polls were held for four seats of which NC won three, while the BJP secured one seat, with its candidate Sat Sharma having already taken the oath.

Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan is a former minister and MLA who has served multiple terms in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo is also a former minister from Kishtwar, and Shammi Oberoi, the party treasurer, will join the Upper House representing the NC.

The previous Rajya Sabha members from Jammu and Kashmir completed their six-year terms on February 2, 2021. These members included Ghulam Nabi Azad (INC), Nazir Ahmad Laway (PDP), Fayaz Ahmad Mir (PDP), and Shamsher Singh Manhas (BJP).

Their seats remained vacant as Jammu and Kashmir did not have an elected legislative assembly, which is required under Article 80 of the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act, 1951 for conducting biennial elections to the Upper House.

The elections and oath-taking mark the significant step in restoring Jammu and Kashmir's representation in Parliament following the changes to its political structure.

The newly elected MPs will now assume responsibilities in the Rajya Sabha and participate in the legislative work of the Winter Session—(KNO)

### Expedite Work Execution,

executed in a transparent, efficient and result-oriented manner.

The Deputy Chief Minister added that the government is keenly focused on accelerating development, with special emphasis on high-quality public infrastructure.

The Deputy Chief Minister also highlighted the need for early completion of rural connectivity works under PMGSY, timely maintenance of road infrastructure before winter intensifies and efficient functioning of mechanical engineering services.

### CS Emphasises On

efficiency and called for stringent action against officials found negligent or lax in discharging their responsibilities. The Chief Secretary instructed the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir to conduct monthly reviews and identify field-level staff failing to perform responsibly.

To prevent delays during the harsh winter season, especially in snow-bound and remote areas, the Chief Secretary underscored the need for advance dumping of essential material in difficult terrains to ensure uninterrupted execution of works despite road closures.

He also directed senior officers and Deputy Commissioners to maintain continuous oversight for timely resolution of bottlenecks and to keep the pace of implementation up to the mark.

The ACS PDD, Shailendra Kumar urged all Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) to

submit comprehensive action plans for accelerating progress on the ground. He encouraged parallel execution of multiple components immediately after the erection of electric poles and sought detailed information on transportation and delivery of materials to remote areas like Marwah, Wadwan, Gurez and Tangdhar.

He also emphasised the need for immediate regularisation of illegal connections to augment government revenue and provide uninterrupted supply to consumers.

Sensitising PESL and NTPC, he called upon them to significantly accelerate their execution pace, assuring them of proportionate funding support once received by the Department from the Ministry of Power. He urged the agencies to clearly define milestones and adhere strictly to committed timelines.

MD JPDCL, Gural Singh, in his detailed presentation, outlined the progress of loss reduction, modernisation and smart metering initiatives under Phase-I of RDSS. He informed that works worth 4,709 Cr under loss reduction and 1,053 Cr under smart metering are targeted for completion in this phase across J&K.

He explained that works have been divided into multiple packages and awarded to four PIAs including JPDCL, KPDCCL, PESL and NTPC for their completion within stipulated deadlines.

The PIA-wise progress in Loss Reduction and IT/OT works stood at 74% for JPDCL, 73% for KPDCCL, 57% and 33% for PESL in Kashmir and Jammu respectively, and 72% and 31% for NTPC in these divisions.

The meeting was further informed that AT&C losses have already been reduced from 58% in 2022 to around 32% at present, with a target to bring them down to 12% by 2028. Similarly, the ACS-ARR gap has been reduced from 3.11 to 1.29, while billing efficiency has improved from 56% to 69% and collection efficiency from 75% to 94%, reflecting significant strides towards financial sustainability and operational efficiency in the power sector.

Regarding smart metering, it was disclosed that out of 7,62,872 meters to be installed by JPDCL, 1,87,894 have been installed so far, while KPDCCL has installed 1,93,777 meters out of the targeted 7,27,855, marking steady progress towards a transparent and consumer-friendly power distribution mechanism across the districts of J&K.

### New India Won't Bow

Pakistan's military or public installations. On April 22 this year, a group of terrorists targeted tourists at the Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, killing at least 26 civilians and injuring many others.

Meanwhile, speaking about the drug menace, the PM said that the government is also making all efforts to eradicate the problem of drug addiction from its roots. "But this is also a fight of society, and of the family. Drug addiction has pushed the dreams of many of our youth into deep challenges," he said—(KNO)

### Kannada Film

J&K Police, CRPF and others. "We have been provided ample security for all crews at all locations and the arrangements here are amazing," he said.

It is worth mentioning that the shoot is part of the continuing efforts under the Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy 2021, which has

drawn renewed interest from both Bollywood and regional industries eager to capture the Valley's natural beauty—(KNO)

### Lal Chowk Now

not overshadow Kashmir's enduring spirit. "Since 1947, border states have faced many tests. But the people of Jammu and Kashmir have shown unmatched resilience and faith in peace," he said.

As Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Kataria said his office remains open to everyone. "My doors are open. Governance should be accessible, that's the foundation of trust," he said.

Standing at Lal Chowk, Kataria described the moment as deeply personal and patriotic. "This place reflects India's unity, progress and shared spirit. It fills my heart with pride to see the tricolour flying high here," he said, adding that the scene of tourists, locals and business activity at the city centre was itself "a message of normalcy and confidence."

The Punjab Governor also appreciated the growing tourism sector in the region, noting its role in strengthening emotional and cultural unity across India. "Tourism is not just about destinations; it's about hearts connecting. Kashmir today is connecting India in ways that go beyond geography, through people, stories and shared pride," he said.

Moreover, Kataria also interacted briefly with residents and security personnel stationed in the area. He said the people of Kashmir have always been the region's greatest ambassadors of hospitality and peace—(KNO)

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# Trump administration targets six lawmakers over 'illegal orders' video

**WASHINGTON:** The US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has requested interviews with six Democratic lawmakers who appeared in a video telling US military personnel they must refuse unlawful orders, a media report said on Tuesday.

The move is set to escalate a widening clash between the Trump administration and members of Congress over civilian control of the armed forces.

The lawmakers -- Senators Mark Kelly and Elissa Slotkin, and Representatives Jason Crow, Maggie Goodlander, Chris Deluzio and Chrissy Houlahan -- released the video last week as Democrats voiced concerns that the administration was pressuring the military to carry out actions they believe may violate federal law.

On Tuesday, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth sharpened his criticism of the video, calling it a "politically motivated influence operation" that risked undermining military discipline.



In a post on X, he said the message "may seem harmless to civilians -- but it carries a different weight inside the military," arguing that the lawmakers reframed military obedience "around partisan distrust instead of established legal processes."

Hegseth also said the lawmakers' failure to cite a specific illegal order "created ambiguity rather than clarity" and described the video's language as "carefully scripted" to appear legally authoritative.

The Pentagon has warned that Kelly, a retired Navy captain, could be

recalled to active duty to face charges under the US Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Slotkin, a former CIA officer, and four of the other lawmakers previously served in the military but are not retired, and therefore are not subject to the UCMJ.

Kelly dismissed the Pentagon's threat as intimidation. "If this is meant to intimidate me and other members of Congress from doing our jobs and holding this administration accountable, it won't work. I've given too much to this country to be silenced by

bullies who care more about their own power than protecting the Constitution," he said in a post on X on Monday.

The video emerged amid rising tension over the Trump administration's directives authorising strikes on vessels in international waters suspected of transporting drug traffickers. Democrats have questioned the legality of those operations, while the Pentagon has defended them because the targeted smugglers qualify as terrorists.

US President Donald Trump has condemned the six lawmakers, posting earlier on his Truth Social platform that they should be arrested and prosecuted for "seditious behaviour" and adding, "punishable by DEATH!"

The administration has also faced criticism over its deployment of National Guard troops to Democratic-led cities, a decision Democratic leaders say reflects a broader pattern of politicising the military.

# India seeks peace but will never allow borders to be compromised: PM Modi

**IAN S**

**KURUKSHETRA:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India seeks peace but will never allow its borders or national security to be compromised.

The Prime Minister also praised the recently launched Operation Sindoor, saying strikes were carried out in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives.

"We want peace, but we do not compromise on the security of our borders," the Prime Minister said while addressing the state-level function to mark the 350th Shaheed Diwas of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru.

PM Modi said the whole world has witnessed that the new India neither fears, nor stops, nor bows before terrorism.

He added that today's India is moving forward with full strength, courage,



and clarity. Recalling a recent development, the Prime Minister said when the three original forms of the Guru Granth Sahib arrived from Afghanistan, it became "a moment of pride for every Indian".

He added that his government has worked consistently to strengthen the spiritual and cultural links to Sikh heritage.

The Prime Minister recalled that when the

ninth Sikh Guru began his journey from Anandpur Sahib, he connected numerous villages with the Sangat, expanding their devotion and faith while also transforming the conduct of society.

He remarked that the people of these villages abandoned all forms of intoxicant cultivation and dedicated their future at the feet of Guru Sahib.

PM Modi emphasised that by following the path

shown by Guru Maharaj, if society, families, and youth together wage a decisive battle against addiction, this problem can be eradicated from its roots.

The Prime Minister remarked that the teachings of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib should become the foundation of peace in our conduct, balance in our policies, and trust in our society, and this is the essence of the occasion.

He highlighted that the manner in which the martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur is being observed across the country reflects how alive the Gurus' teachings remain in the consciousness of society even today.

The Prime Minister concluded by emphasising that with this spirit, these celebrations should serve as meaningful inspiration for the youth to take India forward and extended his greetings to all once again.

# India and EU discuss shared security challenges, early conclusion of defence partnership

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**BRUSSELS:** India and the European Union look forward to constructive negotiations aiming at the timely and successful conclusion of a Security and Defence Partnership and a Security of Information Agreement, a joint statement issued following last week's 11th India-EU Foreign Policy and Security Consultations and the 6th Strategic Partnership Review Meeting in Brussels highlighted on Tuesday.

The meetings, held on November 18-19, assessed the full spectrum of the bilateral relationship and reviewed implementation of the India-EU Strategic Partnership: A Roadmap to 2025, which is reaching completion this year. According to the Joint Statement, both sides welcomed the "very positive momentum" in EU-India relations, including the landmark College of Commissioners' visit to India in February, the first EU-India Strategic Dialogue in Brussels held by HRVP Kallas and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in June, and the EU's adoption of the Joint Communication on the Strategic Agenda on India in September.

The discussions at the meetings covered a broad range of topics, including economic security, resilient supply chains, trade and investment, the Global Gateway, the India-EU Connectivity Partnership and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), as well as cooperation in the



fields of innovation, science and technology, and opportunities to deepen people-to-people contacts in education and research.

"The two sides reaffirmed the shared ambition to conclude negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement by the end of this year and to accelerate negotiations on the Investment Protection Agreement and the Agreement on Geographical Indications. They underlined the importance of cooperation at the multilateral level and of continued dialogue on economic issues, including on supply chain diversification. Both sides also noted the progress in the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) and looked forward to the next TTC Ministerial Meeting in Brussels in 2026," read the statement.

The Foreign Policy and Security Consultations were chaired by EU's Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs Olof Skoog and Secretary (West) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Sibi George. The senior Indian diplomat also chaired the Strategic Partnership Review with EU's Acting Deputy Secretary General for Economic and

Global Issues, Olivier Bailly. "The EU and India also discussed perspectives for their partnership on global matters, including enhanced cooperation in the multilateral system and collaboration on humanitarian and disaster resilience issues, including through the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. They took note of India's upcoming BRICS Chairship in 2026 and noted substantial points of convergence on global issues to be further explored. Both sides unequivocally condemned terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism. They also looked forward to the next edition of the India-EU Human Rights Dialogue," the Joint Statement added.

The consultations, both sides emphasised, highlighted the shared commitment to enhancing coordination on regional and global security, and reiterated their shared commitment to promoting a free, open, inclusive, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific. The exchanges called for the rules-based international order, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the peaceful resolution of disputes. The two sides underscored the need for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine in accordance with international law and the principles of the UN charter and also reiterated their support for the Peace Plan for Gaza and underlined the

need for early restoration of peace and stability.

"The consultations also acknowledged the broad range of shared security challenges and reaffirmed their mutual interest in strengthening and deepening EU-India security and defence dialogue and cooperation, including on maritime security, counterterrorism, cyber issues, space, defence industry, disarmament and non-proliferation. Both sides highlighted progress made in these domains and reaffirmed their commitment to deepening dialogue and cooperation in peace, security and defence matters. EU and India look forward to constructive negotiations aiming at the timely and successful conclusion of a Security and Defence Partnership and a Security of Information Agreement," the Joint Statement mentioned.

The exchange also focused on preparations for the next phase of the partnership, centred on the development of a new Joint EU-India Comprehensive Strategic Agenda and looked forward to endorsing it at the convening of the India-EU Summit next year in New Delhi.

The MEA Secretary (West) also participated in the EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum on November 20-21 and delivered a keynote address at the high-level event on Critical Maritime Infrastructure and addressed the roundtable on Shared Prosperity, Economic Security, and Digital Connectivity.

# India and Morocco discuss fostering deeper military engagement

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**NEW DELHI:** Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lieutenant General Pushendra Singh and Moroccan Royal Navy's Inspector Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin held a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday, with discussions focused on strengthening defence cooperation and fostering deeper military engagement.

"Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin, Inspector of Moroccan Royal Navy, called on Lieutenant General Pushendra Singh, VCOAS. The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral Defence Cooperation, fostering deeper military engagement and reinforcing the shared commitment of both Armies towards global peace and security," the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) posted on X.

Earlier in the day, Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Royal Moroccan Navy's Inspector Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin met in New Delhi, with discussions focused on enhancing operational interactions, structured training exchanges, strengthening information-sharing cooperation, and promoting shared commitment to maritime security.

In a statement shared on X, the Indian Navy Spokesperson stated, "RAdm

Mohamed Tahin, Inspector of the Royal Moroccan Navy, on an official visit to India, was received by Adm Dinesh K Tripathi CNS, with a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the South Block Lawns, New Delhi, on 25 Nov 25."

"Discussions focused on enhancing operational interactions, structured training exchanges, strengthening information-sharing cooperation, and promoting shared commitment to Maritime Security," the spokesperson added.

Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin also paid homage to Indian Bravehearts at National War Memorial. In the visitors book, he wrote, "With profound respect, I

pay tribute to the brave soldiers of India who laid down their lives in the service of their nation. Their sacrifice stands as a powerful symbol of courage and duty. On behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Moroccan Royal Navy, I express deep admiration and solidarity with the people of India in honoring their memory."

"On his visit to National War Memorial, Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin, Inspector of the Moroccan Royal Navy, acknowledged the supreme sacrifice of Indian Bravehearts by paying homage at Eternal Flame in a solemn wreath-laying ceremony," National War Memorial posted on X.

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**e-NIT.No. 19 of 11/2025**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders on percentage basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors Registered with Union Territory of J&K Govt.

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work amount in lacs	Performance security @ 3%	Time of completion	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Head of account
6	Restoration of breach on Nadi khul branch of Khanchi canal at RD 200m by way of crates and jacketing/lining wall(Fresh of e-NIT No. 16 of 11/2025)	2.03	6090	15 Days	DEE	200/-	UT Capex (DMRRR)

No of works Advertised: 01(one)  
 Position of Funds (Budgetary provision).  
 Position of Technical Sanction Accorded.  
 Position of Administrative Approval Accorded.

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, Bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

S. No	Event	Date
1.	Publishing date	24-11-2025 (6 PM)
2.	Download date start	24-11-2025 (6 PM)
3.	Bid submission date starts	24-11-2025 (6 PM)
4.	Bid submission date ends	01-12-2025upto (2 PM)
5.	Bid Opening date	01-12-2025at(2:30 PM)

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website.

**General terms and conditions:-**

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website [jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in) from 24-11-2025 to 01-12-2025 upto 2 PM. The Bids will be opened on 01-12-2025 at 2:30 PM. Online documents can be seen and downloaded from the website.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Technical bids of bidder shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Ompora Budgam.
- Bid document contains qualifying criteria for bidder, specification, conditions and other details.
- Any item /Items not included in the rate list but found necessary during the execution of work shall be paid as per the rates of J&K SSR 2022.
- Any omission / Typographic error shall be read as per the J&K SSR 2022, and as per the corrigendum / errata issued to J&K SSR 2022 in vogue.
- The rates should be strictly quoted as per the unit advertised in the rate list.
- The contractors shall inspect & examine the site, and shall satisfy himself about the location of the site, its approaches and nature of the ground and sub soil before uploading the bids/submission of tender.
- If the contractor fails to complete the work within the stipulated time period, the penalty of RS.0.01% of the allotted cost of work shall be imposed upon the Contractor recurring on daily basis. In addition to penalty prescribed in agreement form 25/26 double.
- During the execution of work, department reserves the right to vary the quantity provided in the contract.
- Tender drawings furnished with the tender document shall not be deemed as working drawings. These may vary from the actual working drawing.
- The contractors shall carry out the various mandatory tests as per specification (e.g the crushing strength of concrete i.e. cube tests, gradation test for aggregate, slump test etc) as directed by Engineer In-charge. All testing charges/expenses etc shall be borne by the contractor.
- The concrete mix shall be designed as per revised BIS (IS: 10262 of 2009) and concreting shall be strictly done as per the mix design by the contractor.

**Bid Security/Performance and cost of Tender Document/Declaration form**

- Bid must be accompanied with Bid performance in shape of CDR/FDR and to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora and must be uploaded online and released after completion of DLP.
- The selected bidder must submit Additional Security Performance in case of abnormal Low Bid Price as per the instructions issued by the Finance Department through Circular No. FD-Code/441/2021-02-158 dated 08-08-2025 before issuance of formal contract as per the details given below:-  
 Where the bid price is below 10% but not below 20% of project cost put to bid, the Additional Performance Guarantee/Security percentage shall be increased by 0.1% for every percentage of bid price below 10% of the project cost put to bid starting at 11% with the Additional Bid Performance Guarantee being 0.1% and this Additional Performance Guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid price.  
 Where the bid price is 20% or more below of the project cost put to bid, the additional Performance Guarantee shall be increased by 0.2% for every percentage of bid price below 20% of the project cost put to bid in addition to 1% of the bid price and this additional performance guarantee percentage shall be applied on the bid price.
- Earnest Bidders must ensure to upload their bids in Single cover. The intending tenderers must ensure to upload the following necessary documents/ certificates with the online tender otherwise online tender will not be accepted / opened.  
 copy of valid registration card, PAN, & latest GST return and latest income tax return with seal and signature with the bid.  
 The cost of tender document fee should be deposited in treasuries under MH-0702 in favor of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Ompora and necessary treasury Challan must be uploaded online. (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/receipt).
- The tenderer whose tender is declared 1st lowest after opening of the price bid, the hard copy, of all uploaded online shall have to be produced in original in the divisional office within seven days.  
 a) The tenderer should quote his rate in such a way that the total amount of work amounts without any fractional amount.  
 The bidder must upload bank account No. linked with GST as per the circular/instruction issued by Finance Department J&K vide No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025 issued under No. FD-ST/75/2025-03 dated 08-07-2025(Details Annexed)
- The
- Other terms and conditions shall be same as laid down in detailed tender document of the work and form of contract (Agreement form-25).
- The Quantities given in the estimate shall be Subject to change as per the design within the allotted cost.
- Un-balanced tender shall be rejected without assigning any reason.

No: 4427-41  
 Date: 24-11-2025

**DIPK-8409-25**  
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**CORRIGENDUM 01 FOR DATE EXTENSION**

Name of work: - Repairs/ replacement to Departmental trucks and other Machinery of Machinery Division Kashmir.  
 Reference: - This office e-NIT No.: - MDSK/TS / 2025-26/62 Date:12-11-2025 (Tender ID: 2025\_PWDJK\_294939\_1)  
 Due to no response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT is extended as under:

S.No.	Description	Previous Dates	New Dates.
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	24-11-2025 upto 06:55PM	08-12-2025 upto 09:00AM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	25-11-2025 at 02:00 PM	08-12-2025 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.

No: MDSK/TS/3 999-4002  
 Date: 25-11-2025.

**DIPK-8409-25**  
**DT: 25/11/2025**

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 Machinery Division, Kashmir.

# Rana inaugurates, lays foundation stones for projects worth ₹80 cr in Mankote

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**MENDHAR:** In a major fillip to the developmental trajectory of Mankote block in Mendhar subdivision of district Poonch, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for a wide spectrum of infrastructure projects valued at over ₹80 crore.

The projects, covering essential sectors such as road connectivity, drinking water supply, education, public utilities and sports are poised to significantly uplift civic amenities and accelerate socio-economic development in the district.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the projects, the Minister underscored Omar Abdullah led government's resolve to bring sustained and inclusive development to border and remote regions. He stated that the newly sanctioned and inaugurated works will substantially improve the inter-village connectivity, enhance potable water supply and upgrade public institutions across Mankote, thereby improving the quality of life for thousands of residents.

Rana reaffirmed that the Omar Abdullah Government remains committed towards ensuring that geographically difficult and underserved areas receive priority attention and infrastructure at par with other regions.

Among the prominent inaugurations was the upgradation, purchase and electrification of the Community Hall at GMS Mankote, which is set to serve as a vibrant multi-purpose facility for social, cultural and educational events.

The Minister also laid the foundation for a Community Facility Centre (CFC) at Village Mankote, marking another step towards strengthening the local civic infrastructure.

Additionally, new academic rooms at Middle School Barja and Primary School Magyad Keni, along with smart classrooms, reading rooms and library infrastructure at Middle School Nar Chhajla were



launched to bolster the digital learning and improve academic environments.

Key education-related construction works including completion of High School Bareela, new Zonal Education Office at Mankote and a four-room block at High School Topa further highlight the Minister's emphasis on strengthening the educational infrastructure in tribal-dominated and remote pockets.

He also inaugurated and launched extensive road connectivity projects across multiple panchayats such as Mankote, Ghani, Sagra, Balnoi, Chhajla, Kasbalari and Dabraj.

Under RDD, several rural links, vital for daily mobility and emergency accessibility, were taken up. These inter alia included concrete pavement to HSS Mankote, 60-metre steel foot bridge at Mohalla Bacheri linking Balnoi and Sagra and numerous inter-hamlet roads such as KG Top-Kholi, Choudhrian Mohalla, Bella Bakerwala-Garh Dabraj, Dubhna Khandhroo-Nagalban, Mohalla Chowana (Sagra), Bobby Camp-Pillain Water Point, Balnoi-Sharif Mohalla, Dharan Morh-Nakka Mohalla via Jamia Masjid and several other stretches expanding connectivity deep into interior habitations.

Simultaneously, major RDD, PWD and PMGSY road and culvert works were also inaugurated. These included Defence Road-Gorsian link, Ziarat Pothi-Maghyad Road, Dullain-Chouhan, Jabran-Parat, Naki Mera-Bela Chhajla, Balhar-Moori, Sardaran-Gurdwara, Upper Narooni-Charan Simkan and Mera-Dakan Wala link in Balnoi.

Besides, macadamiza-

tion projects, considered crucial for all-weather durability, were initiated on several high-traffic and strategically relevant roads such as the Balnoi-Ghani, Dharana-Chhajla, Sagra-Balhar, Mankote Bridge-Bobi Camp and Uchhad-Kasbalari roads.

Similarly, additional construction and maintenance projects at Sagra-Ghani, Challas Gagito-Lehar Mohalla, KG-Kohliah Ghani, Nagar Gali-Bhagyote Gali and Uchhad Dewli-Ghani Bhatanar further highlight the comprehensive nature of this connectivity push.

Major PMGSY works, including the Dharana-Chhajla road and critical Ghani-Sagra link upgrades, were also rolled out, promising long-term improvements in regional accessibility.

Further expanding the road network, the Minister inaugurated key PWD projects. These inter alia included the roads from Gani to Mohalla Jattan, Bela Pathana to Therpur via Naki Kassi, approach road to the steel Jullah Bridge in Mankote, over Banloi via Kishti, Naka Salwah to Nar Tarkhana, Gurah Nima Chughan to Hudian Gali, the BRO Salani-Shaheed Aurangzaib link, Sagra-Balhar to Model School Dullian, Masoom Shah Ziarat to Ramkund Temple, Kani Narooni to Nagal Gali, Sona Gali Choi to Raja Shah Ziarat and the Tain-Thamlote road.

The education sector witnessed a corresponding boost through infrastructure upgrades at Girls Middle School Dhara Topa, High School Tain, High School Topa, Middle School Berja, Middle School Mankote (Boys), Middle School Nar Mankote,

Middle School Thera and several primary schools including Basni, Chontra, Deriyaran and Lower Tain.

The improvements underscore the government's focus on modernizing the academic facilities, promoting digital and experiential learning besides ensuring safe and conducive school environments for children in rural and tribal areas.

On the sports front, significant investments were made to nurture youth talent and encourage physical activity.

The Minister inaugurated the Mini Sports Stadium at Panchayat Magyad Keni, launched the upgrade of the Sports Stadium at Chhajla through chain-link fencing and initiated work on a modern Sports Complex at Panchayat Mankote Lower (Ward 4).

Equally noteworthy were the drinking water and Jal Shakti projects unveiled today. These included WSS Sagra Balhar Lower Devta, WSS Kasbalari, WSS Ramkund Chhajla, the drilling of a 250 mm tube-well at Mankote, and establishment of a Receiving Station at Ghani.

With these projects, potable water availability is expected to increase substantially, addressing chronic shortages and ensuring a reliable supply to households in water-stressed areas.

To strengthen the administrative outreach and community support systems, the Minister also inaugurated an Inspection Hut with a Chowkidar's Quarter and Driver's Rest Room at Mankote, as well as the newly constructed Zonal Education Office, marking a step forward in improving service delivery and governance at the grassroots.

## STRAY DOG MENACE

### DC Budgam Chairs Review Meeting on SC's Directions

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**BUDGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Tuesday convened a detailed review meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC), to assess the implementation of the directions issued by the Supreme Court of India regarding stray dog menace in educational and health institutions here in the New Conference Hall of DC Office Budgam.

As per the directives of the Supreme Court, the Court has expressed grave concern over the threat posed by stray dogs to school children and has issued explicit directions to ensure the safety of students and staff within all educational premises.

During the meeting, the DC underscored that compliance with the Court's directions must be ensured in letter and spirit and emphasized that the safety and welfare of children is an absolute administrative priority. He remarked that matters under direct judicial monitoring require strict accountability and that no delay, negligence, or procedural lapse would be tolerated.

The DC reviewed the preparedness of all departments and directed that immediate administrative measures be taken across government and recognized private educational institutions.

Chief Education Officer was directed to nominate a Nodal Officer responsible for the sanitation, upkeep, and cleanliness of the institution.

The DC directed the



CEO to ensure that no stray dogs enter or remain within school campuses and must coordinate with local authorities wherever interventions are required. The DC also issued a series of specific instructions to further strengthen the district-wide response to stray dog management. He directed the Municipal Committees of Budgam for construction of separate shelter sheds and quarantine centres for dogs and instructed immediate identification of suitable land parcels within one week, ensuring that the locations remain away from populated areas. He discussed in detail the modus operandi to be followed strictly as per the Animal Welfare Rules, 2023.

The DC also directed the immediate operationalisation of Animal Birth Control (ABC) setups in all Municipalities of Budgam.

He further directed implementation of Standard Operating Procedures for shelter sheds and ABC measures in rural areas through cluster formation. He said that five clusters will be operationalised,

and the ACD was instructed to frame a pragmatic blueprint within the next two weeks.

The DC also directed formulation of an inventory of public places, including schools, colleges, and hospitals, to ensure perimeter strengthening so that no stray dogs are present within these campuses, as such presence can pose a threat to children.

He further directed the CMO to ensure availability of Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) and immunoglobulins in all 24x7 health setups.

The DC directed Chief Education Officer and Heads of Colleges to chalk out detailed awareness programmes related to dog menace, including Dos and Don'ts concerning dog bites and protocol management.


The DC stressed that schools must organise awareness activities for students, teachers, and non-teaching staff on safe behaviour, preventive actions, and ways to avoid stray dog encounters. He also highlighted the need for strengthened preventive mechanisms, including proper waste management,

boundary inspections, and routine monitoring of vulnerable areas within school premises.

He further stated that the district administration is committed towards eliminating all risk factors around educational institutions and that the collective efforts of all departments would ensure visible and measurable results on the ground.

The DC directed all stakeholders to maintain close inter-departmental coordination, conduct regular inspections, promptly plug any existing gaps, and ensure time-bound implementation of Supreme Court directions. He instructed that updated compliance and Action Taken Reports be submitted within the stipulated timeline for further review at district level.

Besides SDM Beerwah, Taufeeq Gazi; CPO Budgam, ACD, ACP, CEO, CMO, CEO MC Budgam, DYSP Hqs, DAHO, DYSSO, Executive Officers of the Municipal Committees of Chadoora, Charar-i-Sharif, Magam, Khansahib, and Beerwah attended the meeting.




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