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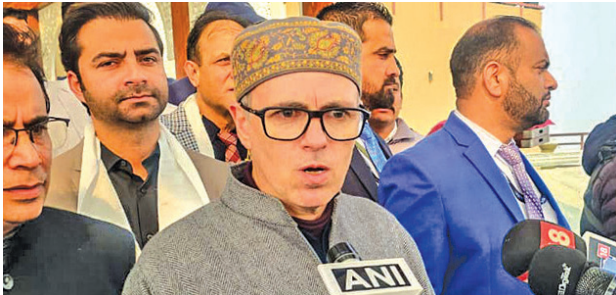


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CM Omar Pins Hope On Snowfall To Revive J&K's Tourism

Launches SKÅL In Kashmir
Representing Travel & Tourism Sector



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SRINAGAR: In the wake of the Pahalgam attack and Delhi blast, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said 2025 has not been good for tourism, but pinned hope on snowfall reviving the sector and helping attract more visitors to the valley. "This year has not been easy for us from a tourism point of view. Be it Pahalgam, Delhi, and Nowgam, it has had a huge impact on our tourism," CM Omar Abdullah told reporters while attending the launch of the SKÅL International Club, Kashmir Chapter in Srinagar, marking a significant step towards strengthening global tourism linkages and expanding international outreach for Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector. The initiative is poised to open new avenues for

sustainable tourism, international collaboration, and long-term growth, while further integrating Jammu & Kashmir with global tourism networks. The Chief Minister said that SKÅL's core values resonate deeply with the ethos of Jammu and Kashmir. "If you look at SKÅL and you look at tourism in Kashmir, you realise that there are synergies that automatically become apparent. The word SKÅL is Nordic and the translation of those four words is good health, friendship, long life and happiness," he said. He noted that the organisation's founding principles reflect the most basic aspirations of human life, going beyond monetary success. "An organisation whose name comes to symbolise these four important things is not talking about

LG Launches Construction Of 530 New Homes For Calamity-Hit Families

Says PM Modi Led Regime Committed To Secure J&K's Future

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday laid the foundation stone for construction of new homes for families who were affected by recent natural calamities in Ramban and Udhampur. 189 completely damaged homes will be constructed at a cost of Rs 18 crore. In Udhampur, 341 fully damaged homes will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 34 crore. The construction cost of these new three-bedroom prefabricated Smart Homes for the affected families will be borne by the High-range Rural Development Society (HRDS India). Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to HRDS-India for the noble initiative to shape the better future of flood-affected families. He directed the district administration for inclusion of all the genuine beneficiaries. "I will personally ensure that every poor affected family has a roof over their heads," the Lieutenant Governor said.



In the first phase, a total of 1,500 homes will be built across the Union Territory for families affected by recent natural calamities and unprovoked Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor. Construction to be completed within six months from the start of the foundation work. Specific techniques will be used to build comfortable, stronger and more resilient pre-fabricated homes. HRDS-India will provide free

life insurance coverage to all family members for the next 15 years. HRDS-India will also provide free health checkups to all family members every year. The houses will include specific facilities like cowsheds. HRDS-India will also cover maintenance for the next 5 years. Massive coverage of beneficiaries who were affected during Operation Sindoor and natural calamity make this initiative historic in scale.

The Lieutenant Governor also commended the district administration, police, army, CAPFs, Disaster Response forces, emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K Bank, civil society members, volunteers and everyone involved in the relief and rescue operations. The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the commitment of the UT administration, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to eliminate social imbalances and disparities to ensure social and economic justice and secure the future of Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir. He stated after 2019, we have worked with new energy to give impetus to the making of a new J&K UT. "A strong foundation has been laid in past 5 years and keeping sustainable development and individual growth paramount, we are committed to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people. With the strong will power, we have built a new J&K UT which takes pride

“OUR EFFORT WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT REACH THE last mile. Infrastructure projects were completed at a faster speed and schemes were implemented to integrate all sections of society into the mainstream of development,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

ANTF J&K Arrest Hardcore Narcotic Supplier From Mumbai

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SRINAGAR: The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir arrested an Interstate Hardcore Narcotics drug supplier from Agripada, Mumbai, after conducting series of raids in different areas of Mumbai city. The arrested person identified as Sartaj Ahmed Mansoori, S/o Mumtaz Mansoori, R/o 112/3232, Kannamwar Nagar, Vikr-oli East, Tagore Nagar Mumbai was wanted by the Police Station ANTF, Jammu under various sections of the NDPS Act in Case FIR No. 15/2022 of P/S ANTF, Jammu. A team of ANTF conducted the raids in Mumbai and arrested the accused near Kala Pani Junction Byculla road Agripada, Mumbai city. He was the main receiver of seized commercial quantity of narcotic drugs in the case. He used to deposit money in the accounts of drug dealers of Kashmir who further send drugs by concealing them in trucks going from Kashmir valley to Mumbai where he used to collect the drugs and sell to local youth of the area to earn huge

Borders Fully Secured, Forces Remain Alert Round-The-Clock: IG BSF



SAJID RAINA

JAMMU: Border Security Force (BSF) Inspector General (Jammu Frontier) Shashank Anand on Saturday said the force remains on round-the-clock alert along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB) in all weather conditions and is focused on meeting the government's objective of zero infiltration. Speaking at an event marking the 60th Raising Day of the BSF, Anand, said that troops deployed across the Jammu division operate in rain, fog, floods and extreme

temperatures to secure the border. He said the force's operational approach is guided by coordination with multiple security and intelligence agencies and supported by modern technology. "The BSF is aware of every movement across the border and receives regular intelligence inputs. There is a continuous flow of information regarding which group is moving in which area," the IG said, adding that the border grid in Jammu and Kashmir involves the BSF, Army, Intelligence Bureau, Special Bureau,

'Op Sindoor' Brilliant Example Of Civil-Military Fusion: Rajnath

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: Operation Sindoor is a "brilliant example" of civil-military fusion, where the administrative machinery worked seamlessly with the armed forces to communicate vital information and build public confidence, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday. He was addressing the valedictory ceremony of the 100th Common Foundation Course at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand. Singh also called upon young civil servants to understand their crucial role in safeguarding national interests, and, akin to brave soldiers, always stay ready for such critical situations. "Operation Sindoor is a brilliant example of civil-military fusion where the administrative machinery worked seamlessly



with the armed forces to communicate vital information and build public confidence," he said. The defence minister asserted that, during Operation Sindoor, the armed forces destroyed the terror camps in Pakistan and PoK in a "balanced and non-escalatory response, but it was the misbehaviour of the neighbouring country which did not allow the situation along the border to return to normal." While he commended the

bravery of the soldiers, he appreciated the work carried out by the administrative officers as they communicated crucial information and ensured successful conduct of mock drills across the country. He emphasised increased coordination between governance and national security to achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. Shedding light on Prime Minister Narendra

...PM Vishwakarma Scheme

CS For Giving Push To Strengthen Credit Linkage For Artisans

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JAMMU: Chairing a high-level review meeting of PM Vishwakarma Scheme today, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo directed the concerned departments and banking institutions to give a major strategic push for improving credit uptake under this scheme here. He stressed that credit linkage is a significant pillar of the programme and must progress in tandem with training, toolkit distribution, and capacity-building components. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C), Vikramjit Singh; Secretary, Labour & Employment, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan; Managing Director, J&K

Bank; Director, L&E; Directors, I&C Jammu/Kashmir, and senior officers of these Departments. The Chief Secretary called for focused interventions to bridge the growing gap between sanctioned loans and actual disbursements. He directed banks to streamline procedures, minimize delays, and ensure that sanctioned beneficiaries receive funds quickly so that the scheme's benefits saturate at the grassroots. The Chief Secretary directed both departments and banks to raise the Union Territory's disbursement percentage at least to the national average of 70 percent. He emphasized that the renewed push would ensure that artisans,

'Ready For Op Sindoor 2.0'

Pak Shifted 72 Terror Launchpads From Border Areas: BSF

AGENCIES

JAMMU: More than six dozen terror launchpads have been shifted to the "depth areas" in Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, and the force is ready to inflict heavy losses on the enemy if the government decides to resume the cross-border operation, senior BSF officers said on Saturday. However, the BSF is honouring the halt in military action after four days of clashes from May 7-10, they said. "After the BSF destroyed many terror launchpads along the border during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan government shifted all such facilities to the depth areas... About 12 launchpads are working from the depth areas of Sialkot and Zaffar-



wal, which are not exactly on the border. "Similarly, 60 launchpads are working in the other depth areas away from the border," BSF DIG Vikram Kunwar told reporters here. Kunwar, along with BSF IG, Jammu Frontier, Shashank Anand, and DIG Kulwant Rai Sharma addressed a joint press conference to

highlight the achievements of the force in 2025, including its role in Operation Sindoor, India's military response to the April 22 Pahalgam massacre with cross-border links that claimed 26 lives. The officer said the figures of these launchpads, as well as the terrorists present in them, keep changing. "They do not

'J&K Power Grid In Dark, Lack Data Visibility'

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: In view of 'non-availability of real-time telemetry data', authorities have said that the power control rooms in Jammu and Kashmir are unable to monitor and see as to what is happening at their own power

“REMOTE Terminal Units (RTUs) were tested locally and commissioned without data availability at the Control Centre.

stations and substations. Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC) while taking up the issues of telemetry in J&K has said, "Reliability and accuracy of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) data and its associated communication system is essential for monitoring and coordinating operations of a large electricity grid." "It helps in visualization and management of the critical grid element failure, grid

Article-370 Removal Completed India's Integration Project: Nadda

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president and Union Minister J P Nadda on Saturday said the decision to scrap Article 370 "completed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision of a fully integrated India", asserting that the constitutional provision had long remained an impediment to national unity and particularly to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing the 'Sardar@150 Unity March' in Vadodara, he said the removal of Article 370 in August 2020 enabled J&K to be placed "on the same constitutional footing as the rest of the country". Nadda said Sardar Patel had succeeded in securing the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India, but the subsequent "political call" taken by independent India's leadership prevented the state from being integrated at par with the rest of the Union.



"Patel had already built the groundwork. The complication came later," he said, adding that the current government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah "settled the issue that history had left incomplete". The BJP chief accused the Congress of "systematically minimising" Patel's role in nation-building, alleging that attempts were made for decades to prevent the first Home Minister from receiving recognition in school cur-

ricula and political discourse. He claimed that even senior leaders were discouraged from attending Patel's funeral. "His (Patel's) contribution was deliberately overshadowed for political reasons," he said. Nadda described Patel as a leader whose administrative ability and personal sacrifices helped shape independent India. He recalled that Patel left a flourishing legal career after Mahatma Gandhi persuaded him to dedicate himself to public life.

Chief Secretary chairs 17th J&K UTLBC meeting



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JAMMU: J&K Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo Saturday chaired the 17th meeting of the UT-Level Bankers’ Committee (UTLBC) in Jammu to review the performance of Banks and Financial Institutions in providing credit and other banking services during the first quarter and first half of the current financial year 2025-26.

He said that despite the ups and downs caused by the Pahalgam terror attack followed by cross-border tensions and floods that engulfed the J&K UT, lending to the priority sector has remained satisfactory. Agriculture, he stated, is a major opportunity, and the banking sector needs to provide appropriate credit to the sector for the economic upliftment of J&K.

He urged banks to come forward and provide hassle-free loans under schemes like the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), PM Vishwakarma, Mission YUVA, and Homestays, which have been designed to create self-employment opportunities for the

youth. He added that there is also a need to improve the CD Ratio of J&K and push credit to Self-Help Groups.

The meeting was attended by MD & CEO J&K Bank (Convenor J&K UTLBC) Amitava Chatterjee; Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar; Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh; Executive Director J&K Bank, Sudhir Gupta, besides Secretaries to the Government, Heads of Departments, and senior officials from the UT Government, RBI, NABARD, Banking Institutions, Insurance Companies, BSNL, and Lead District Managers.

The Chief Secretary stressed upon the banks to improve lending under the Priority Sector with special emphasis on segments like Agriculture, Housing, Education, and Social Infrastructure, which he said are important for the overall growth of the UT.

He directed banks, especially private sector banks,

to improve outreach in unbanked and under-banked pockets of J&K so that banking facilities are made accessible to the people. He further directed banks to improve enrolment under Social Security Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana, besides ensuring timely settlement of claims under these schemes.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Convenor UTLBC and MD & CEO J&K Bank, Amitava Chatterjee, expressed optimism over the banking sector’s role in meeting the developmental aspirations of the Union Territory. “The banking sector plays a pivotal role in driving economic transformation, and we remain steadfast in our mission to strengthen financial empowerment, promote entrepreneurship, and enhance access to credit across all segments of society,” he said, assuring full cooperation from J&K Bank and other member banks in implementing employment and enterprise-focused initiatives.

On the occasion, General Manager (J&K UTLBC) Ashutosh Sareen presented the progress report of banks for the review period, highlighting key performance indicators, including total credit disbursed, number of beneficiaries covered, and the percentage achievement of the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) in financial and physical terms. Performance under key schemes like Mission YUVA, PMEGP, PMFME, HADP, KCC, SHG-Bank Linkage, Financial Inclusion, and Social Security Schemes was also reviewed.

The house was informed that banks in J&K have disbursed credit of Rs 43,017 Crore to 10.07 lakh beneficiaries during the first half of the current financial year 2025-26.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by the General Manager, J&K UTLBC, who appreciated the contribution of all stakeholders and emphasized prompt implementation of decisions to facilitate inclusive and sustainable economic development in Jammu & Kashmir.

Div Com Kashmir reviews traffic decongestion plan for Srinagar City

Conducts extensive tour of city for on-ground assessment of traffic issues

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SRINAGAR: To address persistent traffic congestion at critical junctions and routes across Srinagar, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, Saturday chaired a meeting of the Multi-Disciplinary Committee to review the implementation and impact of various interventions being implemented by the Regional Traffic Authority (RTA) and Smart City.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo; Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL, Faz Lul Haseeb; SSP Traffic City, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat; ADC Srinagar, RTO Kashmir, Chief Engineer PWD, and officers from Srinagar Smart City Limited.

The Div Com reviewed the effectiveness of the recently introduced one-way traffic system in Downtown Srinagar, and instructed SSP Traffic to explore similar measures in other congested routes of the city.

To minimise disruption caused by public transport, the Div Com directed the identification and establishment of designated bus stops in the city to prevent frequent, unregulated halts that contribute to traffic jams.

He further issued instructions to implement colour-coded vehi-



cle zoning for eastern and western corridors to ensure that Mini buses operate strictly within permitted routes.

Meanwhile, he directed CEO SSCL for completion of traffic light installation at all junctions by December 10 and ensure functionality of all ITMS cameras by December 30.

Garg also called for completion of work of e-bus charging station at Zoonimar at the earliest, and also directed immediate commencement of work on charging stations at Hazratbal and Batamalo.

Further, PWD officials were instructed to begin the process of removing road bottlenecks, and to initiate rehabilitation of shopkeepers and families affected by land acquisition for road widening projects.

RTO Kashmir was asked to identify and regulate illegally operating maxi-

cab stands and share the report with the stakeholder departments.

Also, the Div Com called for the identification of black spots and unsafe median cuts requiring urgent corrective measures, in consultation with all stakeholder agencies.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner undertook a extensive city tour along with the DC Srinagar, Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL, SSP Traffic City, ADC Srinagar, Joint Commissioner SMC, and other officers to assess on ground traffic issues and issued on spot directions for corrective measures and modifications.

At Jahangir Chowk, he issued directions for road realignment to streamline traffic taking the Rambagh Flyover and advised SSCL to utilise optimum space under the flyover for vehicular movement.

He instructed the Smart City team for development of a plan for a roundabout near the Exchange Junction on MA Road and closure of unnecessary median cuts.

At Sangarmal Junction, the Div Com called for road widening for improvement of traffic flow besides instructed for slight changes of Sangarmal bus stop for aesthetic purpose and durability.

At Rajouri Kadal, he directed SSP Traffic to devise the most effective strategies for decongestion, streamlining at the cross road and ensure adequate deployment of traffic personnel at the site.

While inspecting Jama Masjid Nowhatta, the Div Com inspected the proposed area for the development of a parking facility after ascertaining feasibility in coordination with all stakeholders.

Saffron growers warn of further drastic decline, seek supply of quality corms

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Kashmir’s iconic saffron industry is on the brink of collapse, with growers warning that the next season’s production could plummet to a catastrophic 5% unless the government intervenes immediately.

The growers said that consecutive dry spells during the crucial autumn, summer and even winter months have severely affected corm health, putting the next season’s production at grave risk.

Farmers from several saffron-growing belts of Pulwama and other areas have urged the government to ensure the availability of certified, disease-free, high-yield corms well before planting begins next year.

Without timely intervention, the growers warned that the Valley could witness further low production in the coming year, as autumn this year has remained dry again.

They said the prolonged absence of rain over the



last few years in autumn and summer has caused a rapid decline in soil moisture, directly impacting corm quality. Many farmers said the corms lifted this year were unusually small, lightweight and less productive.

“We are extremely worried. If the government does not supply quality corms before the next sowing season, production may not even reach 5% next year and will be even lower in the coming year,” said Abdul Gani, a grower from Lethpora.

“Last year we somehow managed, but this year the condition of corms is the worst and production we

have seen in decades, and immediate steps won’t be taken, it will dip further,” he added.

Another farmer, Sha-keela Bano from Chandrahara, said her family has already reduced the area under saffron due to continuous losses. “The dry autumns have destroyed our corms. Unless the authorities step in, many families like ours will be forced to abandon saffron farming altogether,” she said.

Farmers revealed that due to shrinking returns and rising input costs, saffron fields are slowly being converted into land for other crops.

“You can already spot

mustard and other crops replacing saffron in many areas. Some people are even planting apple trees,” said Ghulam Rasool, a grower from Dusoo. He added, “If saffron is to survive, growers must feel secure. Nobody will continue with a crop that brings loss year after year.”

The growers have demanded that the Agriculture and Horticulture departments begin an early procurement and distribution process of high-quality corms to help revive the crop.

“We only want the government to step in at the right time,” said Mohammad Yousuf, a farmer from Samboora. “A single season of quality corms can change everything. But delay will push farmers out of this traditional and precious crop.”

Farmers said that saffron is not only a source of livelihood but a cultural identity of Kashmir, and allowing the crop to decline further would have long-term consequences for the region—(KNO)

DC Ganderbal holds Public Outreach programme at Sonamarg

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore Saturday conducted a Public Outreach programme at Sonamarg to review public issues and ensure timely delivery of services, especially in view of the upcoming winter season.

A large gathering of residents from Sonamarg, Gund, Shuktari, Kullen, Gagangeer and adjoining villages participated in the



programme. Officers from all line departments were also present.

During the public interaction, locals raised issues related to road connectivity, water supply, power, healthcare, education, solid waste management, wildlife safety, land compensation, tourism facilities and winter preparedness among others.

DC addressed several

grievances on the spot and issued directions for mactimization of link roads, upgradation of PMGSY roads, strengthening of drinking water supply and ensuring adequate power supply in Sonamarg.

Officers and heads of departments responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments.

Health-related demands including installation of digital X-ray machine, availability of ambulance

After ‘Op Sindoor’ Pak shifted 72 terror launch pads into depth areas: DIG BSF



YOGESH

JAMMU: A top BSF officer on Saturday said that after ‘Operation Sindoor’ Pakistan shifted 72 terror launch pads into depth areas.

Talking to reporters here DIG Vikram Kunwar, said, “After the BSF destroyed many terror launchpads along the border during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan government shifted all such facilities to the depth areas. About 12 launchpads are working from the depth areas of Sialkot and Zaffarwal, which are not exactly on the border. Similarly, 60 launchpads are working in the other depth areas away from the border.”

The officer said the figures of these launchpads, as

well as the terrorists present in them, keep changing.

“They do not sit there permanently. These launchpads are generally active when terrorists have to be pushed (into India)... They are not kept in more than two or three groups,” DIG Kunwar said while informing that there are no training camps in the areas close to the International Border presently.

“Earlier, they used to have areas marked, where those belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad would be active on the down side, and those from Lashkar-e-Taiba would be active on the upper side. After Operation Sindoor, they formed a mixed group. Those who want can get training in a mixed group,” DIG Kunwar said—(KNO)

DM Rajouri mandates disclosure of tenants, hotel guests to strengthen security measures

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RAJOURI: The District Magistrate Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma issued an important security-related order mandating compulsory disclosure of details of tenants and hotel guests across the district. The order has been issued after the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, apprised that there is an imminent need for verification of tenants and hotel guests in view of prevailing security concerns.

As per the order, all landlords, property owners, business owners, commercial establishment owners, and persons in charge of properties must ensure proper

verification and disclosure of details before renting out or hiring workers/tenants/PG occupants. This measure has been taken to ensure accountability and prevent misuse of rented accommodations by antisocial or suspicious elements.

Key directions of the order included that all owners shall submit a detailed declaration of their tenants as per the prescribed form within three days from issuance of the order. The form must be signed by both owner and tenant and submitted to the concerned Station House Officer (SHO) either personally or via registered post.

Owners who have already let out their premises prior to issuance of the order must also submit the tenant details to the concerned SHO within two days. Owners who have allowed jhuggi dwellers on their lands must also disclose details as per the declaration form.

SHOs across the district will maintain a separate register to record tenant information. Any person found violating this order shall be liable for punishment under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, has been directed to ensure strict implementation of the order across the district.

NC-led govt likely to expand cabinet in January 2026

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SRINAGAR: The ruling National Conference-led government is likely to go for a cabinet reshuffle and expansion in January 2026, sources disclosed.

Sources said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah dropped broad hints of a cabinet expansion/reshuffle during the two-day Central Working Committee meeting held in Srinagar on November 27 and 28.

“During the meeting, the CM told party colleagues that the party president will assess the performance of the council of ministers over the next one-and-a-half months and then accordingly decide whom to retain and whom to drop,” sources said.

During the CWC meeting, several MLAs pushed for an

expansion of the cabinet. They argued that a larger council of ministers would help improve the visibility and outreach of the government.

Currently, three cabinet slots are vacant in Jammu and Kashmir, as the maximum strength of the council of ministers is capped at 10 percent of the total number of members in the Legislative Assembly. In the 90-member House, the maximum limit of the council of ministers is restricted to nine. At present, the council comprises six members - the Chief Minister and five cabinet ministers.

Even if five nominated seats are taken into account, the strength of the council of ministers cannot exceed nine, as 0.5 is treated as no increase, while fractions above 0.5 are rounded up to one—(KNO)



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Outsourcing The Human Mind

We proudly believe that we are living in the most enlightened era of human history, an age of artificial intelligence, instant information and boundless digital creativity. We tell ourselves that machines are making us smarter, faster and more efficient. But beneath this comforting illusion lies an uncomfortable question: Are we actually becoming wiser or are we merely reproducing copies of copies until the original meaning fades away? We are living in what may best be described as the age of photocopy. Like a document repeatedly copied from an already faded page, our ideas, thoughts and expressions are slowly losing clarity. At first glance, everything seems abundant, articles, videos, opinions, artistic content flooding our screens every second. Yet abundance should not be confused with depth. The more we duplicate, the more diluted originality becomes.

The logic is simple and unsettling. Take a sheet of paper with some beautiful image on it and photocopy it. The first copy is nearly perfect. Copy that again and the image begins to blur. Repeat the process several times and the page becomes dark, smudged and the image on it becomes unrecognizable. This is not a technological fault; it is a natural consequence of replication. What happens to paper also happens to ideas. Artificial intelligence tools, after all, do not create knowledge out of thin air. They feed on human-produced material, books, essays, research, poetry, lived experiences. The problem arises when the digital world becomes dominated by machine generated content, which then becomes the training material for future machines. In such a loop, intelligence begins to feed on itself. The result is not progress but intellectual decay.

becomes normal. Yet this moment is not only a warning; it is also an opportunity. Paradoxically, as machines become better at imitation and copying, human experience becomes more valuable. Machines can rearrange information, but they can't live through grief, failure, love, moral conflict or spiritual doubt. They can't feel the weight of regret or the quiet joy of understanding something after years of confusion. Insight is born not from data alone but from experience filtered through consciousness. In the coming years, originality will become the new premium. The most valuable voices will not be the loudest or the fastest, but the most authentic. People who think deeply, question inherited assumptions and speak from lived reality will stand out in a sea of mechanical noise. This is why artificial intelligence must remain a tool, not a teacher. A calculator never replaced mathematical thinking; it only supported it. Similarly, artificial intelligence should assist human reasoning but it should not replace it. When that boundary blurs, we risk becoming intellectual consumers rather than intellectual creators.

The future of knowledge will not belong to the most advanced machine, but to the human humans who refuse to think mechanically. In an era of photocopies, it is not technology that will save us but it is the courage to remain original. At the end, I must say that much has already been written regarding this concern and I am fully aware that no shortage of opinions exists on this subject. Yet, watching the rapidly growing culture of creating through AI and copying from it, I felt compelled to add my voice. When technology begins to replace thinking rather than assisting it and creativity is outsourced instead of cultivated, silence itself becomes a form of surrender. This piece, therefore, emerges not from novelty but from concern over how this trend is quietly paralyzing our capacity to think, imagine and create on our own.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Western countries often focus on individual therapy sessions and medication-based treatments. In contrast, Eastern traditions frequently incorporate mindfulness practices and look at healing the whole person rather than just treating symptoms. While these approaches may seem different on the surface, they all share the same goal: helping people feel better and live fuller lives.

mental health movement is that everyone can contribute. You don't need to be a doctor or therapist to make a difference. Healthcare providers, teachers, business leaders, and everyday citizens all have something to offer. Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is simply be there for someone who needs support.

The goal is clear: we need to create a world where mental health support is available to everyone who needs it, where asking for help is seen as a sign of strength rather than weakness, and where every person's emotional and psychological well-being is valued and protected. This is not an impossible dream. With continued effort, open dialogue, and collective determination, we can build a society that truly cares for the mental health of all its members. The conversation has begun, and now it's time to turn our words into meaningful action.

areas where specialized services are limited. Perhaps most importantly, we must recognize that mental health cannot be separated from broader issues of social justice, economic equality, and human rights. These challenges are all interconnected, and addressing them requires a comprehensive approach.

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Cinematic Legend: Dharmendra's Legacy Lives On

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The Indian film industry mourns the loss of a legendary Bollywood actor, Dharmendra Deol, who passed away at the age of 89. Dharmendra, who was affectionately known as Bollywood's "He-Man," was one of the most iconic and enduring figures in Indian cinema. His journey from being a small-town Punjab boy to a celebrated superstar epitomizes hard work, versatility, and charisma. Dharmendra's demise has left behind an unmatched legacy spanning over six decades that will continue to inspire future generations of actors for years to come. His charm, humility, and larger-than-life screen presence made him one of Indian cinema's most enduring icons.

Dharmendra Singh Deol was born on December 8, 1935, in Sahnawal, a village in the district of Ludhiana, Punjab, in a traditional Jat Sikh family. He initially attended the Government Senior Secondary School, Lalton Kalan, and then went to Ramgarhia College, Phagwara, for his intermediate studies. Raised by his parents, Kewal Krishan and Satwant Kaur, he was brought up in an environment of strong family and cultural values that would later be reflected in his feet-on-the-ground personality. Dharmendra spent most of his childhood in Sahnawal, where his father used to work as the headmaster of the local government school. With his schooling thus complete, He moved to Mumbai to pursue his dream of becoming an actor. His natural charm, good looks, and emotional depth quickly made him one of Indian cinema's most admired stars.

His entry into Bollywood marked the beginning of a glorious era in Indian cinema. He starred in over



300 films, showcasing his talent in romance, comedy, drama, and action genres. His on-screen pairing with Hema Malini, whom he later married, remains one of the most iconic collaborations in Hindi cinema. His personal life was marked by controversy, particularly his second marriage to Hema Malini while still married to Prakash Kaur. Despite this, he remained devoted to his family and was known for his warmth and humility off-screen. He is survived

by his wife Hema Malini, sons Sunny Deol and Bobby Deol, and daughters Esha Deol and Ahana Deol.

His career spanning six decades journey in the film industry began in the 1960s, and he quickly rose to fame with his charismatic performances in films like "Sholay", "Chupke Chupke", "Anupama", and "Phool Aur Patthar". His versatility and range earned him a place in the hearts of audiences across generations. Beyond his on-screen roles, Dharmendra's humble

nature, fun personality, and sincerity attracted fans. His journey began as a village boy from Punjab who won the Filmfare New Talent Contest, leading to his 1960 debut in Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere. His career took off with the 1966 hit Phool Aur Patthar, establishing him as a versatile actor who transitioned from romantic hero to action icon, earning him the nickname "He-Man". He rose to fame with classic films like Satyakam, Chupke Chupke, and Sholay, which is regarded as one

of the greatest Indian films of all time. In 2005, Sholay received the Filmfare Best Film of 50 Years award.

Dharmendra's legacy will continue to inspire generations of actors and cine-goers alike and his films will always remain timeless classics and his name will be etched in the annals of Indian cinema history.

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Stop Overthinking A Practical Guide To Finding Clarity Through Action



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There is a quotation that has been circulating for a reason. It speaks to a modern disease—analysis without motion:

"Clarity comes from action, not thought. You can't think your way to the right path.

You have to walk different roads to find yours.

Start anywhere and adjust as you learn. Motion creates clarity.

Overthinking creates paralysis."

At first glance, this sounds like a provocation—almost an attack on intellect. But it isn't anti-thinking. It is anti-stagnation. The quotation is really offering a philosophy of decision-making: in the most important areas of life—career, learning, relationships, creativity—clarity is rarely something you discover sitting still. More often, it is something you earn by moving.

The wrong assumption: that clarity should come first

Many of us operate with a hidden rule: I will act when I feel clear. It sounds responsible. It sounds rational. But it's often backwards.

Why? Because life is not a multiple-choice exam where the correct option exists and your job is to identify it through thinking alone. Life is closer to a landscape in fog. You can stand at the edge and theorize. You can build models, lists, spreadsheets, and "pros and cons." But at some point, the only way to learn what the path is like is to step onto it. That is why the quotation insists: "You can't think your way to the right path. You have to walk different roads to find yours."

The path is not only chosen; it is revealed through experience.

Action is not the enemy of intelligence—action is its laboratory

Intellectuals sometimes fall into a trap: believing that thinking is the highest form of problem-solving. In certain domains—pure mathematics, logic, theoretical reasoning—this is true. But many real-life questions are not solvable through reasoning alone because they require information you do not yet possess.

Do you love teaching? You may



believe so. But do you love teaching large classes or small groups? Do you thrive in online settings or in-person classrooms? Do you enjoy designing assignments or mentoring one-to-one? These details are not discovered through speculation. They are discovered through experiments. In this sense, action is not an impulsive leap—it is a method of knowing.

That is what the quotation means by "Clarity comes from action, not thought." Action generates feedback; feedback reduces uncertainty.

Overthinking feels productive, but often functions as avoidance

The most dangerous part of overthinking is that it disguises itself as seriousness. You tell yourself you are being careful, mature, strategic. In reality, you might be rehearsing fear.

Overthinking tends to follow a predictable pattern:

1. You want certainty before taking a step.
2. But the world does not offer certainty without real-world testing.
3. So you think more to reduce anxiety.
4. Anxiety grows because time passes and nothing changes.
5. You then seek even more certainty—by thinking even more.

This is why the quotation ends with

a harsh truth: "Overthinking creates paralysis." Not because thinking is bad, but because thinking becomes a substitute for living. Instead of reflection guiding movement, reflection becomes a cage.

"Start anywhere" is not a call to be reckless

A fair critique of this quotation is obvious: if we act too quickly, we can make costly mistakes. That's true. But notice the sequence: "Start anywhere and adjust as you learn." The key word is adjust. This is not advice to gamble your future on one dramatic decision. It is advice to begin with steps that are small enough to be corrected.

You do not have to resign from your job to test a new direction. You can:

- launch a small side project,
- teach a workshop,
- publish an article,
- record five short videos,
- interview people in the field,
- volunteer for a related initiative,
- enroll in a short micro-course.

These are not "life commitments." They are experiments. They are roads you can walk without burning bridges. Starting anywhere means starting with something reversible.

Motion creates clarity because motion creates data

The mind loves to predict. But predic-

tions without data are guesses. When you act, you turn guesses into evidence. You discover what energizes you, what drains you, what skills you lack, and what conditions you need to excel. This is another way of understanding the quotation's line: "Motion creates clarity."

Even failure becomes useful when it is framed correctly.

A failed attempt is not an identity verdict; it is feedback. It tells you where the friction is: in your strategy, your skills, your habits, or your expectations. Over time, your decisions become less emotional and more informed because you are no longer trapped inside speculation—you are engaging reality.

A truth that should humble every planner: the plan is not the path

Planning is valuable, but it should be judged by one metric: does it produce movement? There is a difference between thinking that prepares action and thinking that delays it.

A useful distinction:

- Planning reduces risk and clarifies next steps.
- Overthinking expands options but avoids commitment.

In other words, planning is thinking with an exit door. Overthinking is thinking with no door at all.

The quotation is calling us back to a healthier relationship with thought:

think, yes—but think in service of action. Think like a scientist: form a hypothesis, run a test, learn, revise.

A practical framework: turn uncertainty into experiments

Here is how to apply the quote without becoming impulsive:

Name the decision clearly.

"I want to improve my career direction," is vague.

"I want to test whether I enjoy creating educational videos," is concrete.

Choose the smallest meaningful action.

Not "build a channel," but "publish one video per week for four weeks."

Define what you will measure.

Energy, consistency, feedback, learning curve, and outcomes.

Review and adjust.

This is the "adjust as you learn" principle in practice.

Repeat.

Consistent motion compounds clarity.

You don't need perfect confidence to begin. You need a first step that is safe, specific, and repeatable.

The deeper message: clarity is earned, not found

The quotation offers a serious worldview: clarity is not a sudden revelation given to the patient thinker. Clarity is an outcome of lived engagement. The person who acts—carefully, consistently, and reflectively—starts seeing patterns others cannot see. They develop confidence not because they never doubt, but because they have evidence of agency: they have moved, learned, corrected, and improved.

That is why the quote's tone is firm. It is warning us that waiting for clarity can become a lifelong delay. Many people do not fail because they choose the wrong road; they fail because they never step onto any road at all.

Closing: let thinking guide motion, not replace it

So the quotation should not be read as "don't think." It should be read as "don't hide in thinking."

Start anywhere and adjust as you learn.

Motion creates clarity.

Overthinking creates paralysis.

The next time you feel stuck, ask yourself a direct question: What is the smallest action I can take today that will produce real feedback? Then take it. Not because you feel ready, but because readiness often arrives after movement, not before it.

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Dy CM Inspects Work On Rs 119 Cr Pargwal Bridge Project In Akhnoor

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, Saturday inspected the ongoing work on the Rs. 119 crore Pargwal Bridge project in Akhnoor.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Rajesh Gupta, and

senior officers of the concerned departments.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need for accelerating work from both ends of the bridge to ensure its timely completion. He said that construction of the 1,640-metre bridge over the Chenab River is a vital project that will provide improved connectivity to over one lakh residents of Pargwal, Jourian, Khour Palanwalla and other adjacent areas. He added that the project will also link the two native constituencies of Chamb and Akhnoor, facilitating easier access to markets, healthcare facilities and educational institutions for local communities.

The bridge, located close to the LoC/International Border, will also serve as a crucial life-

line for the border population.

Reviewing the ongoing crate work, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the need to maintain high quality standards to ensure durable flood protection along the bunds on both sides of the bridge. He directed the executing agency to mobilise additional manpower and machinery and to carry out work in double shifts to ensure completion of the Bridge project by March-April 2026.

“No delays shall be tolerated on this vital bridge project,” he said, while asserting that hovertment is keenly watching completion of all road and bridge projects.

The Deputy Chief Minister also stressed on the fast execution of the 3.6 km approach road

across Sajwal (Pargwal–Indri Pattan) in Jourian. He assured that necessary patchwork on the road leading to Pargwal will be completed before its widening is taken up by the BRO.

He informed that out of the allotted Rs. 119 crore, Rs. 80 crore have already been released to the concerned agency to ensure unhindered and faster work execution.

During the tour, several public deputations met the Deputy Chief Minister and expressed gratitude for his close monitoring of the project. They also raised various local issues and demands.

The Deputy Chief Minister gave them a patient hearing and assured that all their genuine concerns would be addressed appropriately.

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CM Omar Pins Hope

profit or other day-to-day concerns. These are the things we would wish for each other—good health, friendship, long life and happiness,” he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that SKÅL’s philosophy of “business with friends” mirrors the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir’s tourism fraternity. “Here, many of my friends in the industry may be in competition with each other, yet they remain friends. They sit together, dine together, respect each other—and that is exactly what SKÅL talks about,” he remarked.

Underscoring the growing emphasis on responsible and sustainable tourism, Omar Abdullah said that tourism must evolve in a manner that protects both people and the environment. “If tourism is not responsible and sustainable, it will not last. A cornerstone of our recent activities has been to make tourism more responsible and more sustainable,” he said.

The Chief Minister revealed that the government is preparing to develop nine new tourism destinations in J&K as a mega-project entailing huge investment. “The foundation of this project is sustainability—environmentally responsible development that involves the local community. Tourism, or any industry that does not benefit locals, is an industry that will not survive,” he said.

Speaking about the resilience of the people of J&K despite recurring challenges, he noted, “We are nothing if not resilient. Yes, there is darkness, but it will not remain forever. Winters last for a few months; after that, snow melts and spring arrives. My desire, my wish, and my effort is that this spring lasts for years.”

Reflecting on the past turbulence in the tourism sector, he said, “We have seen a lot of ups and downs in J&K tourism. Now I want you to see only the upward trend. The relationship between SKÅL and Kashmir Tourism formalised today will benefit both SKÅL and the tourism industry here.”

“The key to (increasing) footfall is snowfall. We had a totally dry November. It is hoped that God will bless us and we will have good snowfall in December. When it snows, we think places like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg, and Srinagar will benefit from that, but it is up to God. The sooner it snows, the sooner our winter tourism season will start,” he said.

The Chief Minister thanked SKÅL International and its leadership for choosing Kashmir for the new chapter, expressing hope that this marks the beginning of a lasting, fruitful partnership. “I hope this will be a great start to a new relationship, and that we will get to host such programmes again and again. You came and encouraged us,” he added.

MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq, National President SKÅL Sanjeev Mehra, Director SKÅL NSN Mohan, several SKÅL members, tourism industry stakeholders, and senior officers were present at the launch event.

On the occasion, board members and founder members took their oath, followed by pinning and certificate presentation ceremonies.

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in the glory of ancient culture and enjoys the modern infrastructure of 21st century. We have built a J&K, which provides adequate facilities and new opportunities to poor, tribals, farmers, women and youth,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also shared the transformative and speedy development of Ramban and Udhampur over the past five years, underscoring the administration's commitment to equitable growth.

“Our effort was to ensure that the benefits of development reach the last mile. Infrastructure projects were completed at a faster speed and schemes were implemented to integrate all sections of society into the mainstream of development,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also highlighted that the Government of India has allocated Rs 355 Crore to Ramban and Rs 328.51 crore to Udhampur under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-4). This substantial allocation is earmarked for the completion of critical road projects to connect the unconnected habitations.

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Ms Saritha P. Menon, Administrator, HRDS India; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shri Shridhar Patil, DIG, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range; Ms Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; Shri Mohammad Alyas Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, senior officials of police and civil administration, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life attended the foun-

dation stone laying ceremony in both the districts.

Shri Lal Chand, Chairman, District Development Council, Udhampur; and representatives of various social and political organisations were also present.

ANTF J&K Arrest

money in lieu of that.

The arrest marks a significant triumph in the ongoing battle against drug trafficking, offering much needed relief to both law enforcement agencies and the youth of Jammu.

Meanwhile, ANTF J&K has earnestly appealed to the general public and youth to distance themselves from drugs and to report any information regarding drug distributors and peddlers to ANTF. The identity of informers will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Borders Fully Secured,

National Investigation Agency and other agencies working jointly.

On reports regarding the presence of terrorists across the LoC, Anand said the numbers fluctuate. “Their exit figure keeps changing. Launch pads remain active mainly when infiltration has to be carried out,” he said, adding that no more than two or three groups usually occupy a particular zone at a time.

According to him, there is no indication of terrorists' training activity in the immediate vicinity of the IB.

He said terrorists earlier preferred operating separately in upper and lower regions, but are now attempting mixed formations. “As such, we have not noticed their presence in the nearby area,” he added.

The IG referred to past examples of BSF personnel continuing operations despite adverse circumstances. Citing Operation Sindoor, he said two BSF jawans “fought till the last moment and were martyred”.

He recalled an incident during floods in Paragwal in Jammu district, where a constable remained at his forward post despite suffering a severe injury and died during the operation.

Assuring people of Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country, Anand said the BSF stands prepared for any situation along the border. “As long as the BSF is present on the border, we are ready for any challenge,” he said.

On the possibility of conventional or hybrid warfare, he said the BSF has experience from 1965, 1971 and the 1999 Kargil conflict. “Whatever strategy the government decides, the BSF will play its role,” he added.

The IG said the BSF is using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and various modern tools to secure the border in poor visibility and harsh weather. “We never leave the border unattended. Our personnel are present with all weapons and equipment in every condition,” he said—(KNO)

'Op Sindoor' Brilliant

Modi’s mantra of ‘minimum government, maximum governance’ and ‘reform, perform and transform’, Singh emphasised that the civil servants have a pivotal role to play in accelerating the goal of a self-reliant and developed India.

“When our government was formed in 2014, India was ranked 11th in terms of economic size. In the last 9-10 years, we have jumped to fourth place. Even highly reputed finance firms like Morgan Stanley now say that India might become the third largest economy in the next two-three years,” Singh said.

“You are not platonic guardians but people’s servants. You are not just providers, but facilitators of empowerment. Your character should be incorruptible. Your conduct should be full of integrity. You must create a culture where honesty is neither a virtue nor an exception; but a normal part of everyday life,” he said, urging them to work with the sense of responsibility and public accountability.

Singh also called upon young civil servants to work innovatively in the technology-driven era and find solutions to the problems of the people.

“You must use technology to increase public outreach, accessibility, and transparency. Use technology to promote welfare and increase inclusivity,” he said.

Singh also stressed that as civil servants, trainees must meet every citizen with empathy and understanding.

“When officers interact with the underprivileged or vulnerable sections of society, they must recognise that people’s struggles are shaped not only by their efforts but by wider social and economic circumstances. This is what makes an administrator

truly people-centric and compassionate,” he said.

Singh acknowledged the continuing rise of women in the civil services, noting that in the latest UPSC examination, a woman secured the top rank, and three of the top five candidates were women.

He expressed confidence that by 2047, many women will rise to the position of Cabinet secretaries and lead India’s development journey.

Singh described the Foundation Course not merely as a training module but as a commitment to building an efficient, capable, and sensitive governance system.

He lauded LBSNAA for its comprehensive training ecosystem, which, he said, makes it a complete institution that strengthens the nation’s administrative capabilities.

As the UPSC marks its 100th year ahead, he highlighted that the partnership between UPSC and LBSNAA has shaped generations of administrators and will continue to strengthen India’s governance architecture.

Singh also paid floral tributes at statues of former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and ‘Iron Man of India’ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He also inaugurated an ODOP Pavilion on the premises of the academy, the ministry said. (PTI)

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especially those in rural and marginalized communities, receive timely financial assistance to modernize their tools, enhance productivity, and scale up traditional crafts. Reiterating the commitment to saturating all components of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, he set an ambitious target of achieving 30,000 credit linkages by March 2026.

He further instructed that eligible artisans be integrated under the YUVA Mission to enable them to access enhanced handholding support and increased ticket sizes for entrepreneurship development. Reviewing the progress on skill training, toolkit delivery and artisan onboarding, he underscored the need to accelerate credit linkage as a critical enabler for artisans to upgrade tools, adopt modern practices, and scale their traditional trades.

During the meeting, Commissioner Secretary I&C Vikramjit Singh informed that J&K has secured the top rank among all Union Territories in registrations under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, a reflection of strong outreach initiatives across districts.

Sharing the current credit status as of November 28, 2025, he stated that J&K ranks 11th nationally in loan sanctions, with 14,028 cases sanctioned amounting to approximately Rs129.74 Cr, and 9,128 cases disbursed amounting to Rs79.66 Cr.

The Director, I&C Jammu, Arun Manhas further highlighted that a sizeable number of beneficiaries remain hesitant to avail loans even after sanction, owing to barriers faced particularly by rural artisans, including concerns over repayment timelines and limited financial literacy. The meeting also deliberated on the ways and means to increase the confidence of applicants and to alleviate beneficiary apprehensions to reap maximum benefits under this scheme.

To overcome these bottlenecks, the Industries & Commerce Department, in collaboration with J&K Bank, has rolled out a targeted intervention plan. This includes district-wise mapping of sanctioned but non-availed beneficiaries with their respective CSCs, organising on-spot loan camps to expedite processing, and conducting intensive awareness and sensitization drives across districts including Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Kupwara, Pulwama and Bandipora. These efforts aim to improve beneficiary confidence and ensure timely access to financial support.

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sit there permanently. These launchpads are generally active when terrorists have to be pushed (into India)... They are not kept in more than two or three groups,” DIG Kunwar said while informing that there are no training camps in the areas close to the International Border presently.

The reports generally say that there is deployment in the launchpads, indicating training before terrorists are moved to other areas.

“Earlier, they used to have areas marked, where those belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad would be active on the down side, and those from Lashkar-e-Taiba will be active on the upper side. After Operation Sindoor, they have formed a mixed group. Those who want can get training in a mixed group,” DIG Kunwar said.

IG Anand said the BSF is ready to follow the orders of the government if it decides to resume Operation Sindoor.

“If we talk about 1965, 1971, the 1999

Kargil War, or Operation Sindoor, the BSF has a good experience of all kinds of wars, be it conventional or hybrid warfare. We are ready.

“If we get a chance, we are capable of causing more damage than what we did in May. Whatever policy the government decides, the BSF will play its role in it,” he said.

Asked about Pakistani Rangers running away from their posts during Operation Sindoor, the IG said once the situation becomes normal, it is necessary that everyone returns to their respective positions.

“It took them a lot of time to recover from the damages inflicted by the BSF. In some locations, they have tried to strengthen their defence. But all of their activities are under our surveillance,” the IG said.

The BSF is making its plans according to the changing circumstances, he said, and “when we get a chance, we will take proper action”.

“At the moment, there is no movement (of terrorists on the border) to raise an alarm,” the officer said.(KNO)

'J&K Power Grid

incident in real time and minimizes the possibility of any untoward incidents or disturbances,” NRPC said.

The official documents of the committee further said, “Real-Time data availability from Jammu and Kashmir is very poor. There is zero visibility of data in J&K stations at J&K and NRLDC. With poor monitoring of data, it is very difficult to monitor the grid in an efficient manner.”

The committee also said that the matter has been discussed in various Technical Co-Ordination Committee (TCC) and Technical Sub-Committee for Testing and Commissioning (TeST) meetings. “But there is no improvement of the same.”

“Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) were tested locally and commissioned without data availability at the Control Centre. Due to non-availability of data, JKPPDD is not able to monitor its drawal from grid and its generation,” it reads.

NRPC further mentioned that J&K is dependent on central sector data for monitoring of drawal.

Pertinently, in the first week of September this year KNO reported that in Jammu and Kashmir, real-time telemetry data continues to remain unavailable at both JK-SLDC and Northern Regional Load Despatch Centre (NRLDC), raising concerns about increased risks of data breaches and other cyber threats.

According to official documents, the NRLDC representative had highlighted that till that time “real-time telemetry data from Jammu and Kashmir remains unavailable at both JK-SLDC and NRLDC.”—(KNO)

Article-370 Removal

“He stood firmly with farmers during movements and always placed national duty above personal comfort,” he said.

Referring to the unification of 562 princely states after Independence, Nadda said the task required diplomacy, persuasion and at times firm action, and “Patel’s resolve ensured India emerged as a single, stable Union”.

He said the achievement continues to form the basis of the country’s governance and security structure.

Responding to criticism over the Statue of Unity project, the Union Minister said the soil from villages across the country was collected for the monument, which he described as a tribute symbolising the collective aspirations of 140 crore citizens. “It is not merely a statue; it reflects the unity of the nation and the legacy of Patel,” he said.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who also participated in the event, said large public participation demonstrated the continuing respect and emotional attachment people hold for Patel.

Goyal added that India’s progress in multiple fields would remain linked to Patel’s work and ideals—(KNO)

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‘Millions of poor losing right to vote’: Sachin Pilot raises alarm over SIR



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JAIPUR: Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Saturday accused the Election Commission of acting with unprecedented haste and creating widespread fear during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), alleging that voter deletions, especially of the poor, Dalits, tribals, and the uneducated, were happening on a massive scale.

Speaking in Jaipur and Tonk, Pilot said the EC's conduct has raised serious questions about its impartiality, warning that public trust will collapse if constitutional responsibilities are carried out "under pressure from ideology or government."

Speaking to the media in Jaipur, Sachin Pilot said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise has taken place several times in the country before, but there was never fear or controversy surrounding it.

"For the first time, the attitude of the Election Commission has cre-

ated concern among the people," he said. Pilot alleged that names of voters were struck off in Bihar and that the current campaign has given ordinary citizens very little time to respond.

"People across many states are under stress; some are even taking extreme steps due to the pressure. This clearly indicates that irregularities are taking place," he added.

He emphasised that the Election Commission must function as an impartial constitutional institution, as the responsibility of purifying the voter list lies with the Commission, not with any political party.

Pilot said the Congress wants to ensure that the poor, Dalits, tribals, elderly citizens, and those lacking education or information are not victimised by having their names removed from the electoral rolls.

"We will not allow this to happen," he said.

He stated that the Congress Party is campaigning across the country to

ensure that no citizen is deprived of their constitutional right to vote. He urged the Election Commission to uphold neutrality.

"If you work under pressure from any ideology, government, or political leader, it will not be acceptable to the public or to the Congress Party," he warned.

Addressing the media in Tonk, Sachin Pilot said that with regard to the SIR process, "The Election Commission seems to be repeating in Rajasthan the same haste it showed in Bihar."

He referred to statements by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister claiming that infiltrators were being protected and their names were being removed from voter lists.

Responding firmly, Pilot said, "If anyone is living illegally in this country, then remove them. But tell us—how many infiltrators has the Indian government expelled in the last 11 years?"

He alleged that as elections approach, the BJP

is attempting to cut the votes of the poor, Dalits, backward classes, tribals, destitute, and uneducated, under the pretext of targeting infiltrators.

"The Constitution grants every citizen the right to vote. If someone's name is removed, there is no greater sin in a democracy," he said.

Pilot said that the impartiality of the Election Commission, whose foremost duty is to prevent vote theft, is now in question.

He added that Congress leaders, from the Legislative Assembly to the grassroots level, are working to ensure that no citizen above 18 years of age is deprived of their right to vote.

"It pains us to see millions of names being deleted, and most of them belong to the poor. The Congress Party stands firmly with them," Pilot said.

He warned that if those entrusted with safeguarding the Constitution do not remain impartial, people's trust will erode.

Parliament's winter session gears up for fiery speeches and heated arguments

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NEW DELHI: The coldest of Delhi's winters may fail to call a chill to the fiery speeches and heated arguments that Parliamentarians are readying for when they reassemble for the next session beginning Monday, December 1.

The three-week proceedings may witness a blend of symbolism and combative political mood as the respective presiding chairs will try to introduce legislation.

With the government signalling a reform-heavy agenda and the Opposition rallying around electoral and civic concerns, the session is poised for another storm within.

Meanwhile, the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) returns after an overwhelming victory in the Bihar Assembly elections, and members will thus exhibit confidence. The Opposition will raise the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, which they claim is intended to remove a certain section of voters.

The Congress, Trinamool Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Left are among those to raise their voice against the exercise, citing deaths allegedly linked to SIR. Opposition benches also have pollution among their agenda, with Delhi's air quality weighing heavily overhead.

The government will likely go for comprehensive discussions on electoral reforms in Parliament, but not debate or contest the decisions and processes of the Election Commission.

There are institutional boundaries where the poll body enjoys autonomy.

The Commission has already met a Trinamool delegation in the capital and discussed the issue. The government also wishes to emphasise cultural themes alongside legislative business by intending to introduce a full-day discussion on Vande Mataram.

Incidentally, it marks the sesquicentennial celebration of Bankimchandra Chatterjee's ode to the Motherland.

In his address at the inauguration of a year-long commemoration of 150 years of the National Song on November 7, Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised a pertinent topic that he pointed out as important to discuss.

"The spirit of Vande Mataram illuminated the entire nation during the freedom struggle. But unfortunately, in 1937, crucial verses of Vande Mataram, a part of its soul, were severed. Vande Mataram was broken; it was torn into pieces. This division of Vande Mataram also sowed the seeds of division of the country," he said. "This great mantra of nation building, why was this injustice done to it? This is crucial for today's generation to understand, because that same divisive thinking remains a challenge for the country even today," he added.

Leaders in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are expected to call on the Chairs to urge all parties to participate, stressing that the song remains a proud national symbol, already sung at the close of every session.

Land, air and sea — India works closely with Sri Lanka as 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' goes full throttle



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COLOMBO: Two MI-17V5 helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF) touched down in Sri Lanka Saturday evening to bolster ongoing Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts as the island nation continues to face extensive flooding, landslides, and severe disruption to essential services across multiple districts.

The two IAF helicopters brought essential humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) supplies and personnel to support relief operations in Sri Lanka as India's 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' gathered full steam, responding swiftly to the emerging humanitarian needs in the neighbouring country. The helicopters will work closely with the Lankan authorities in search and rescue missions, the Indian High Commission in Colombo stated.

Two Chetak helicopters also joined INS Vikrant - currently in Colombo for the International Fleet Review 2025 (IFR) - with Lankan Air Force members for search and rescue operations as India continues to work closely with Sri Lanka to support relief and assistance efforts amidst extensive damage throughout the island nation.

Heron UAVs from the INS Vikrant are also being

used in rescue and search operations.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Saturday declared a State of Public Emergency effective immediately, under the Public Security Ordinance.

The local media quoted Minister Wasantha Samarasinghe as saying that the Extraordinary Gazette aims at protecting public safety and ensuring rapid disaster response as the island nation faces one of its worst weather-related crisis with widespread floods, landslides and infrastructure damage impacting thousands of people across the country.

Samarasinghe maintained that almost all areas of the country have been affected by the adverse weather conditions.

As Sri Lanka continues to struggle with the severe aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) confirmed that the death toll has climbed to 123 over the past few days, according to local media reports on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka has set up an 'Emergency Help Desk' at the Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo to provide all required assistance, including food and water, to passengers in need.

PM Modi congratulates 'good friend' Albanese, wishes Australian PM 'happy married life'

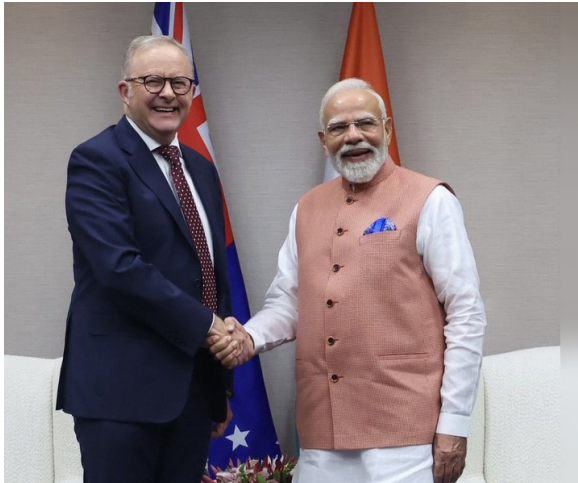
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NEW DELHI/CANBERRA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated "good friend" Anthony Albanese, the Prime Minister of Australia, on getting married while wishing the newly-wedded couple a happy married life.

"Congratulations to my good friend, PM Anthony Albanese and Ms. Jodie Haydon on their wedding. Wishing them a happy married life," PM Modi wrote in a congratulatory message on X.

Earlier in the day, the Australian Prime Minister announced his marriage to partner Jodie Haydon in a private ceremony at The Lodge in Canberra, making him the first Australian leader to wed while in office.

"We are absolutely delighted to share our love and commitment to spending our future lives together, in front of our family and closest friends," Albanese and Haydon said in a joint state-



ment Saturday morning.

Albanese also posted a brief video of the celebration on X with a one-word caption, "Married."

According to the local media, several leaders, including many senior ministers including Penny Wong, Mark Butler, Katy Gallagher, Don Farrell, Tony Burke, Richard Marles, Jim Chalmers, Tim Ayres and Jenny McAllister, as well as New South

Wales MPs John Graham and Jo Haylen, attended the wedding.

Australian Opposition Leader Sussan Ley also conveyed her best wishes for the wedding.

"Congratulations to Anthony and Jodie! I wish them every happiness as they continue building their lives together," Australia's Sydney Morning Herald quoted Ley as saying shortly after the

news broke.

The wedding caps a memorable year for Albanese, coming just months after he led the Labour Party to a landslide election victory, securing a record 94 seats in the lower house.

Haydon has accompanied Albanese at numerous events over the years, including during his 2022 election campaign and again in May this year when his Labour Party secured a strong majority.

Albanese also thanked Haydon on election night, noting that she "probably wasn't expecting this to be in your life half a dozen years ago".

"I am so grateful for your support, your friendship and your love. You make me so happy, which matters, you have my heart, I love you, and I look forward to living our lives together," he said.

The wedding is PM Albanese's second; his previous 19-year marriage to former NSW politician Carmel Tebbutt ended in 2019.

Manoj Tiwari slams Madani's 'jihad' comment; Mahant Raju Das calls it distorted thinking

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NEW DELHI: A controversy has erupted over the statement made by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind (JUH) chief Maulana Mahmood Madani. Responding to him, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Manoj Tiwari said that India is the safest country in the world for Muslims.

In his statement, Maulana Mahmood Madani described the current situation in the country as highly sensitive and concerning. He also alleged that a particular community is being deliberately targeted. Madani further said that whenever there is oppression, there will be jihad.

Manoj Tiwari said, "People who make such statements should be considered criminals." He added that India is the safest nation in the world. According to him, such remarks only damage the image of their own community.

Meanwhile, Mahant Raju Das of Ayodhya's Hanuman Garhi temple also countered Madani's remarks. He said Madani's thinking is flawed and claimed that people like him want India to become an Islamic nation.

Mahant Raju Das termed Maulana Mahmood Madani's remarks as a product of a "corrupted mindset."

Speaking to IANS, he said that the Maulana wants all citizens living in India to

adopt Islam. "We are followers of tolerance, which is why people like Madani can express their views here," he said.

He added that Maulana Mahmood Madani must understand that India is home not only to Muslims but also to Hindus, Sikhs, and people of many other faiths. The way Madani wants every person living in the country to be infused with Islamic ideology is completely unacceptable, he said.

Raju Das objected to Madani's mention of halala, saying that the Maulana's statement cannot be accepted under the current political circumstances.

"These people are trying to bring halala into the existing system, but it cannot be denied that such Islamic ideologies have only misled society. They are trying to deceive innocent people, but their attempts will not succeed in any way," he said.

Objecting to Maulana Madani's address, he asked why the number of people of other religions is decreasing in Muslim-majority countries.

"Why is their existence under threat? Why are the cultures of other faiths and sects in those countries endangered? Why are people of other religions safe only in India? Maulana Mahmood Madani must answer this and clarify his position," he said.

Madani's remarks a threat to nation and justice system: VHP's Vinod Bansal

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NEW DELHI: National Spokesperson of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), Vinod Bansal, has slammed the statements made by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind (JUH) chief Maulana Mahmood Madani on Saturday.

Speaking to IANS, Vinod Bansal said that Maulana Madani's remarks pose a serious challenge to India's nationhood, religion, culture, judicial system, and administrative structure. He alleged that people who make such statements "pierce the very plate they eat from."

According to Bansal, leaders like Madani incite Muslim youth and extremists in the name of jihad, which is a threat to the country's unity and security.

Bansal said that Maulana Madani is an influential leader of the Muslim community, and if he invokes "jihad against oppression" to mobilise the youth, it effectively means he is indirectly supporting terrorists.

He added that Madani should clearly state whether he supports terrorists, as his statements point in that direction. Referring to the terrorist Dr Umar, who carried out blasts in Delhi, Bansal asked, "Was he also, according to Madani, a victim of oppression?"

He further said that Indian soldiers posted at the borders sacrifice their lives while chanting Vande Mataram, and insulting such heroes is unacceptable under any circumstances.

He demanded strict action from the administration against Maulana Madani's statements.

Bansal also appealed to the Muslim community to distance itself from radical leadership, saying such leaders mislead youth with promises of jannat, jihad, and "72 hours," pushing them toward violence and bringing disrepute not only to the nation but to the entire community.

Bansal also objected to Maulana Madani's remark that people who chant Vande Mataram are symbols of a "dead community." He said this is an insult to patriotism and should not be taken lightly.

In addition, Bansal slammed the comments made by TMC MLA Humayun Kabir regarding mosque construction in West Bengal. He said that historically, Babur's son was named Humayun, but today's Humayun does not have Babur as his father.

"Either he should say that Babur is his father, or he should admit that he has adopted Babur and wants to build a mosque on that basis," Bansal said.

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DC Budgam chairs mega Block Divas at Pakherpora

Engages with Public for On-Spot Grievance Redressal



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BUDGAM: A Mega Block Divas programme was Saturday held at Government Higher Secondary School Pakherpora, where the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, presided over a public grievances redressal camp aimed at ensuring door-step delivery of services and direct interaction with local communities of Block Pakherpora.

The event witnessed active participation of residents, senior citizens, youth delegations and representatives from several adjoining villages.

A number of delegations from Futlipora, Tilsara, Kanidajan, Malpora, Chraripora, Shankerpura and other neighbouring areas met the DC and submitted their demands, concerns and developmental requirements pertaining to their respective villages. The public raised several pressing issues requiring administrative attention and intervention from the departments concerned.

Among the major demands projected by the locals included fencing of the primary school, upgradation of the Family and Welfare Centre, dredging and clearing of irrigation canals, improvement and widening of roads, development of a playground for youth, creation of a

dedicated parking facility at Pakherpora Ziyarat Sharif, and construction of a water reservoir for Chari-pora village to address drinking water scarcity.

After patiently hearing the delegations, the DC on-the-spot redressed several public grievances and assured that all other genuine and pending demands will be taken up promptly for early resolution.

The DC emphasised that speedy disposal of public matters remains a top priority for the district administration, and every department has been instructed to adopt a proactive and responsive approach in grievance handling.

The DC reiterated that public outreach programmes such as Block Divas act as vital platforms for bridging the gap between people and administration, enabling the government to understand grassroots challenges and deliver services effectively. He stressed that departments must stay committed to ensuring better service delivery and redressal of citizen concerns without delays.

While addressing the gathering, the DC also laid strong emphasis on maintaining cleanliness and sanitation in rural areas. He urged the locals to strictly avoid dumping garbage on roadsides, drains or open areas, and cooperate with the Rural

Development Department to ensure proper utilisation of dustbins, segregation of waste and scientific disposal practices.

The DC noted that cleanliness is a collective responsibility and community participation is essential for keeping the surroundings healthy and hygienic.

The programme also featured interaction between the public and officers of various departments, enabling villagers to raise individual issues related to power supply, water availability, revenue matters, RDD works, education, health, irrigation and more. Field officers provided on-the-spot responses and guidance for multiple service-related queries. Concerned officers closely noted the demands raised by the public and assured necessary follow-up action as directed by the DC.

The DC said that District administration is committed towards ensuring transparent governance, citizen-focused service delivery, and consistent outreach to remote and rural pockets of Budgam.

The Block Divas was attended by JD Planning, Javaid Ahmad; SDM Chadoora, Executive Engineers of all engineering wings, Tehsildar, BDO, District and Sectoral Officers, field officials and representatives from various departments.



Shining Star Dominates at 2-Day Handball Championship in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The Gindun Stadium in Rajbagh was buzzing with excitement as the 2-Day Handball Championship concluded Saturday, serving as a crucial selection trial for the upcoming State Championship. The event witnessed thrilling matches and outstanding performances from various schools and clubs.

The championship proved to be a showcase of exceptional talent and sportsmanship, with Shining Star establishing itself as a powerhouse by clinch-

ing victory in both the girls' and boys' categories.

In the girls' section, Shining Star emerged as the champions, with RP Zukara securing a well-fought runner-up position. The boys' category mirrored this success, with Shining Star taking the top spot, while RP School finished as the runners-up.

The closing ceremony was graced by chief guest Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar, Manager of Bakshi Stadium. He was accompanied by Dilbagh Singh, Incharge of Gindun Stadium, and Bilal Ahmad, Joint Secretary of the Handball Association.

The dignitaries distributed trophies and prizes to the victorious teams and individuals.

The District Handball Association, Srinagar, expressed its sincere gratitude to the JK Sports Council and its Secretary, Mrs. Nuzhat Gull, for their invaluable support and for providing the platform that made the championship a resounding success.

The event not only crowned new champions but also successfully identified promising talent, setting the stage for a strong contingent at the forthcoming State Championship.

Don't have a definitive answer to India's batting issues against spinners, says KL Rahul

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RANCHI: Ahead of the ODI series against South Africa, India's stand-in captain KL Rahul admitted he does not have a definitive answer to the side's batting struggles against spinners, adding that the batters are already trying to find solutions to this issue.

India come into the ODI series, starting at the JSCA International Stadium on Sunday, on the back of a 2-0 series defeat in Tests, where their batting issues against spinners came to the fore yet again.

"I cannot give you a definitive answer. I can only say that we have not been able to play spinners well. We understand and recognise that this is a part of our game and that we are not able to play better against spin bowling. You spoke about Gavaskar sir speaking on the



issue - we can talk to him and understand what we need to do better against spin. We are already trying to find ways to improve. I don't think it will happen overnight."

"I don't know the answer as to why we used to play earlier and why we don't play well now. There are many reasons for this. But we can only think about how we can do better as players and individually, how can we get better and when such a situation comes back,

in the next 6-7 months our series will be in Sri Lanka and then the Indian home series will be in Australia - so, how can we do better?"

"What are the technical changes we need to make? These are the things that we individually try to seek answers and try to do better. That's all we can do and we used to play very well against spin bowling. So, maybe we will reach out to those players and our seniors and try to learn from them," said Rahul in the pre-match press conference.

In Guwahati, Rahul reached out to an off-break from an off-spinner, but was undone by the drift and dip, resulting in him being castled. Asked if he had any regret over not taking the aggressive shot at that time, Rahul said he had no such regrets.

Startup Kashmir Hosts 'Finance for Founders' Session in Srinagar



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SRINAGAR: Startup Kashmir, in collaboration with J&K Bank's Jehangir Chowk Branch, Saturday successfully organized the Finance for Founders event, an initiative aimed at empowering startups with practical financial knowledge and direct banking support.

The session was led by Shahid Ansari, CEO, Startup Kashmir; Khair ul Nisa Shah, Director, Startup Kashmir; and Syed Ishrat Hussain, Branch Head, J&K Bank Jehangir Chowk.

A number of promising startups participated, including Cartzu (Furqan Qureshi), Helix-ionlink (Rizwan Bashir), Safar Sarthi (Sarwan Kumar), Bilal's Innovative Solar Automobiles (Bilal Ahmad), Upheld AI (Amir Mir), Harmain Services (Wajahat Dar), among other entrepreneurs. Founders received hands-on guidance on business loans, documentation requirements, financial products, and various government-sponsored schemes tailored for early-stage ventures.

DDC Shopian calls for saturation of social security schemes

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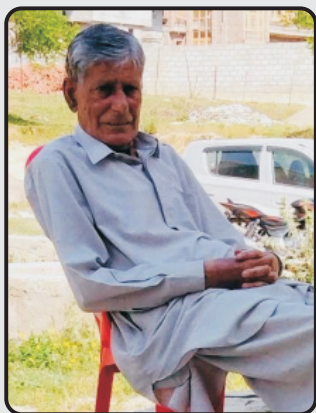
SHOPIAN: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta Saturday convened an important review meeting to assess the implementation, progress and challenges related to Crop Insurance and various Social Security Schemes being implemented across the district here at Mini-Secretariat.

During the meeting, the DDC took a department-wise review of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), farmer coverage status, awareness activities and steps taken

to ensure that farmers are brought under insurance cover ahead of the cropping seasons. He stressed on ensuring timely enrollment and transparency in service delivery.

The DDC directed the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to work in close coordination with financial institutions and CSCs for field-level verification, proper documentation and regular monitoring of insurance cases. He emphasized that no eligible farmer should remain uncovered and that the district must achieve saturation under the scheme.

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