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Academic Activities Resume In All Educational Institutions Of Kashmir



RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: All educational institutions in Kashmir valley resumed academic activities on Monday.

The schools upto 8th standard in Kashmir region reopened nearly after more than two months of winter vacation.

However, the reopening of the establishments upto 8th standard was delayed by a week as the government had ordered closure of all schools, colleges and universities as a precautionary measure in the region amid tension in Middle East.

Following the killing of Supreme leader of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in joint US-Israeli strikes, a widespread protest had erupted across Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, schools from 9th to 12th standard reopened on February-23 in Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu division following a winter break of over 70 days. The government had

ordered the students of 9th class and onwards to observe the winter vacations from December-11-2025 to February-22-2026.

On November-25, School Education Department (SED) had announced winter break in a phased manner for Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu division.

SED in an order had 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, the department had 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 had ordered the teaching faculty to remain available for any academic activity during the vacation period.

The Teaching staff was ordered to report back to their respective schools on February-20-2026 •P-06

Iftar Buffets, Special Plates Gain Popularity During Ramadhan

Restaurants, Cafes Roll Out Traditional Platters As Families Throng Eateries For Evening Meals



REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: With only the last ten days of Ramadhan remaining, eateries across Kashmir are witnessing a surge in demand for special Iftar plates and buffet-style meals, making evenings increasingly busy at food outlets across the Valley.

From busy street stalls to upscale restaurants, food outlets have introduced a variety of Ramadhan-specific menus featuring traditional Kashmiri delicacies to attract customers looking to break their fast outside their homes.

As reported, many restaurants in Srinagar and other districts have begun offer-

ing curated Iftar platters that include a mix of local favourites such as kebabs, dates, refreshing drinks and dishes inspired by the famed Kashmiri wazwan.

The initiative, according to restaurant owners, has received an encouraging response from families and groups of friends who prefer communal dining during the holy month.

Residents say the growing trend reflects a changing Ramadhan culture in the Valley, where social gatherings around food have become more common. "People now like to explore different Iftar options and spend time with relatives

and friends at restaurants," said a Srinagar resident.

The trend is not limited to the summer capital alone. Restaurants and cafe owners in districts such as Baramulla, Sopore, and Shopian have also introduced combo Iftar deals featuring desserts, snacks and main courses, attracting a steady rush during evening hours.

However, some residents have raised concerns over rising food prices during Ramadhan, saying that the cost of a basic Iftar meal has increased compared to previous years. They urged authorities to keep a check on pricing to ensure affordability for the public—(KNO)

J&K Generates 665 Million Litres Of Sewerage Per Day

SRINAGAR: The Government of India on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that Jammu and Kashmir generates around 665 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage, while the installed sewage treatment capacity in the Union Territory stands at 218 MLD.

In a written reply to an unstarred question, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh, said that the operational sewage treatment capacity in J&K is about 93 MLD, while the actual utilisation of installed capacity is around 49 MLD.

The data, based on the "National Inventory of Sewage Treatment Plants in India-2021" prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board, highlights the gap between sewage generation and treatment capacity across several states and Union Territories, including J&K.

The government said steps are being taken to strengthen sewage treatment infrastructure through schemes such as the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Smart Cities Mission, aimed at improving sewage treatment, recycling and reuse of treated water in urban areas—(KNO)

Rain, Snow Likely In Kashmir Till March 11



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday forecast cloudy weather with light rain and snowfall in higher reaches of Kashmir over the next few days, with a noticeable drop in day temperatures across the Valley.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, Kashmir is expected to remain generally cloudy on March 9 with light rain in the plains and light snowfall over the higher reaches at scattered places.

The weather department, said that from March 10 to 11, the region is likely to witness generally cloudy conditions with light to moderate rain in the plains and snowfall over higher reaches at many places.

It said a few higher altitude areas of Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Anantnag, and Kishtwar may receive moderate snowfall during this period.

The MeT department said weather conditions are expected to •P-06

Panchayat Electoral Roll Revision To Begin This Month

Final Rolls Expected By May; Urban Local Body Rolls Only After SIR

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: J&K's State Election Commissioner, Shantmanu, on Monday directed officials to gear up for the revision of Panchayat electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir. The exercise is likely to begin in the fourth week of this month.

Sourcessaid that Shantmanu chaired a high-level meeting Monday to review preparations for the revision of electoral rolls in the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by both divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners, the commissioners of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Jammu Municipal Corporation, as well as officials from the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

Department. During the meeting, the SEC instructed officials to remain prepared for the upcoming revision of the Panchayat electoral rolls across the Union Territory.

"The exercise is likely to begin in the fourth week of this month with the unveiling of draft electoral rolls," sources said, adding that the process is expected to be completed by the first or second week of May with the publication of final electoral rolls.

According to officials, the electoral roll for Urban Local Bodies will be available only after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is completed in J&K.

"The electoral roll of assembly polls is used for municipal polls. No revision of electoral rolls •P-06

Centre Provided Assistance Worth Hundreds Of Crores For Tourism Projects In J&K: Shekhawat

RAJA SYED

SRINAGAR: The Union Ministry of Tourism on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, while the Centre provides financial assistance under various schemes.

Replying to an unstarred question raised by MP Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, said that the Government of India supports tourism infrastructure development through schemes such as Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) and PRASHAD.

He said the assistance is provided to States and UTs based on project proposals received from them, subject to scheme guide-



lines, government directions, availability of funds and priority considerations.

The minister also informed the House that under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale, projects have been sanctioned across the country in the financial year 2024-25 with

the aim of comprehensive development, branding and global promotion of iconic tourist destinations.

According to the details placed before the House, several tourism projects have been sanctioned earlier for Jammu and Kashmir under the Swadesh Darshan Himalayan Circuit (2016-17). These include •P-06

J&K Eyes AI To Transform Governance And Citizen Services

CS Engages Key Stakeholders To Chart Future Roadmap



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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo Monday held detailed deliberations with stakeholders on the adoption and expansion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in governance and delivery of public services across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting besides the concerned Administrative Secretaries was attended by the Director, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, CEO, India AI Mission; Special Director General, Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and

Geo-informatics (BISAG-N), and other concerned officers of the Union Territory.

The meeting held detailed discussions on the potential of AI-based interventions in a range of citizen-centric governance sectors and explored ways to establish a robust institutional and technological framework for accelerating such initiatives in the UT. Participants deliberated on how advanced technologies could improve administrative efficiency, decision-making and accessibility of government services for citizens. Speaking •P-06

Indian Students In Iran Send Distress Messages To Govt

Parents Seek Urgent Evacuation As Blasts Near Accommodations Heighten Anxiety

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Indian medical students, including several from Jammu and Kashmir, studying at universities across Iran have sent urgent distress messages to authorities, expressing fear for their lives and demanding immediate evacuation as explosions rattle areas near their accommodation amid escalating tensions.

Students from Urmia University of Medical Sciences, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran University of Medical Sciences in Qom, Kerman University, Shiraz University and Isfahan University of Medical Sciences have all reported being in contact with the Indian Embassy in Tehran seeking help.

Students at Urmia said they



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had submitted their details to the embassy for evacuation, but were told that the only route out was through Armenia, and that they would have to bear their own onward travel expenses from there to India.

"Most of us are students and cannot afford such costly arrangements," a Kashmiri student at Urmia University said.

Many students have been

accommodated by the embassy in a hotel near the Fatima Masumeh Shrine area in Qom. However, students say that the location has become alarming.

"On the night of March 8, we heard two to three loud blasts near our hotel. Some buildings within nearly 200 metres of our accommodation were reportedly targeted. We are extremely frightened. Many •P-06

India Issues Critical Travel Advisory For Nationals In Iran

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The Embassy of India in Tehran has issued an important advisory for Indian nationals currently residing in Iran, urging them not to approach any of the country's land borders for travel outside Iran without prior coordination with the mission.

In the advisory accessed, the embassy said any movement toward land border points should be undertaken only after obtaining explicit guidance from the embassy. The advisory comes amid growing con-

cerns among Indian citizens, including a significant number of students, about travel arrangements and safety in the region.

The embassy cautioned that individuals attempting to leave Iran through land borders without proper coordination may face serious difficulties.

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BRO Scripts History, Keeps Zojila Pass Open In Winter

Sgr-Leh Highway closed for only 4 days despite heavy snowfall



RAJA SYED

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to winter connectivity to Ladakh, the strategically important Zojila Pass remained open during the winter season this year, marking a historic milestone.

Brigadier Rahul Oberoi, Chief Engineer Project Vijay, said, "Keeping the Zojila Pass open for such a long duration during winter is a major strategic and logistical achievement. It ensured the continued supply of essential commodities to Kargil and other parts of Ladakh during the holy month of Ramadan."

He said that about a

decade ago, the pass used to remain closed for nearly five months during winter, isolating Ladakh from the rest of the country. However, with the induction of modern technology, advanced snow-clearance equipment and improved operational planning, the Border Roads Organisation has been able to extend the operational period of the pass.

He added that despite heavy snowfall and avalanche threats this winter, the road remained closed for only four days.

Highlighting the strategic importance of the route, he said that Ladakh •P-06

Augmentation of seed storage, irrigation facilities underway at SM Farms



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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu, Anil Gupta Monday chaired a meeting to review the progress of projects undertaken to augment irrigation and storage facilities at the Seed Multiplication Farms, Chinore and Chakroi.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Agriculture (Farms/SLUB) Aman Jyoti Sharma; Deputy Director Agriculture (Central)/Agriculture Chemist Sanjeev Rai Gupta; Regional Level SMS Krishan Kant; Deputy Director Planning Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar; Accounts Officer Vriti Uppal; Farm Manager Chinore Verinder Dogra; Farm

Manager Chakroi Parshotam Kumar along with other senior officers and staff of the department.

At the outset, the Joint Director Agriculture (Farms/SLUB) briefed the Director about the ongoing and the projects proposed for the augmentation of irrigation infrastructure and storage facilities at the twin farms.

Detailed discussions were held regarding the availability of irrigation sources, status of functional and non-functional tubewells, land levelling works, installation of micro-irrigation systems, repair of irrigation channels and progress of NABARD-funded projects, including proposals under Phase-II projects for

further strengthening the infrastructure.

The Director Agriculture stressed the early completion of fencing and irrigation infrastructure development works. He further instructed for formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Phase-II and submission of the same to Directorate within 15 days for necessary processing.

The meeting also reviewed proposals aimed at enhancing seed storage capacity by developing new storage facilities. Detailed deliberations were held regarding the installation of Automatic Weighing Machine under CAPEX and other infrastructure required for efficient farm

operations.

“The seed processing unit available at the farms shall be made operational at the earliest so that seed produced at the farms can be processed locally in a systematic manner,” the Director Agriculture instructed. He further directed to expedite the repair of non-functional borewells to ensure adequate irrigation facilities for farm activities.

The meeting concluded with an emphasis on strengthening irrigation infrastructure, expanding storage capacity and improving seed processing facilities at the Seed Multiplication Farms to enhance quality seed production in the region.

DC Kulgam reviews NABARD projects under RIDF Sector

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam Monday chaired a workshop cum review meeting of NABARD projects, funded under Rural Infrastructure Infrastructure Fund (RIDF) in the district.

The programme was attended by JDP, Malik Suhail; ACR, Riyaz Ahmad Shah; ACD, Bilal Ahmad Kamgar; ADDM NABARD, District Sectoral Officers and Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Shakti, IFC, KPDC.

The workshop aimed at sensitizing all the development departments of the district regarding the submission of projects by various departments under various sectors.

Giving a detailed presentation, DDM NABARD, Rouf Zargar outlining the operational guidelines, funding modalities, and strategic priorities of the RIDF scheme.

The presentation highlighted the 39 eligible activ-

ities categorized under three broad sectors, Agriculture and related sectors including minor irrigation, watershed development, cold storage, and flood protection, the Social Sector (covering rural drinking water, public health institutions, and anganwadi centers), and Rural Connectivity (focusing on the construction of rural roads and bridges). Presentation also covered the information regarding DPR formulation, fund flow process and operational process involved in sanctioning the projects.

The DC was informed that a total of 112 projects with total outlay of Rs 349.63 Crore was sanctioned by NABARD in district since the inception out of which there are currently 22 ongoing projects with total outlay of Rs 106.12 Cr; under different sectors.

The DC undertook the detailed component wise review of each project, discussing the physical and financial progress of works.

JKEDI launches 2nd Batch of ESDP under RAMP at Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Pulwama, Monday launched the 2nd batch of the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Program (ESDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme at the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Pulwama.

The program was formally inaugurated by Range Officer (South Kashmir) JKEDI, Nafia Nazir, in presence of District Nodal Officer (DNO), JKEDI Pulwama Raiyees Manzoor, Superintendent, ITI Pulwama, Gh Nabi Shah, and other senior officials from JKEDI.

Speaking on the occasion, Nafia Nazir outlined the key objectives of the RAMP scheme, emphasizing its vital role in nurturing grassroots-level entrepreneurship across Jammu and Kashmir. She highlighted how such targeted program empower aspiring entrepreneurs

with essential tools to build sustainable businesses.

Furthermore, the District Nodal Officer, commented the initiative and stressed the critical importance of entrepreneurship in addressing unemployment challenges and fostering a self-reliant economy in the region.

The RAMP-funded ESDP is designed to equip prospective entrepreneurs with comprehensive skills in business development, financial planning, market awareness, and other foundational areas necessary for launching and successfully managing their ventures. The program forms part of a broader effort by JKEDI, in collaboration with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), Government of India, to promote youth entrepreneurship and strengthen the MSME ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event saw enthusiastic participation of 32 trainees, who expressed keen interest in the training modules.

High Court holds Full Court Reference to condole Justice Jhanji's demise

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JAMMU: A Full Court Reference was held Monday in the Courtroom of the Chief Justice at Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to condole the demise of Justice V. K. Jhanji, Former Judge/Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, who passed away on 23rd February, 2026.

The Full Court Reference was convened in accordance with the long-standing conventions and institutional traditions of the High Court.

The Reference was attended by all the Judges of the High Court with the Judges from the Jammu Wing joined the Reference physically, while those present in the Srinagar Wing joined through virtual mode.

The proceedings were also attended by family members of Justice V. K. Jhanji, former Chief Justices and former Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh; Senior Addi-



tional Advocate General; Deputy Solicitors General of India at Jammu and Srinagar; President, Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu; Senior Advocates; Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu; Judicial Officers and officers of the Registry. Besides, officers and Advocates of the High Court from the

Srinagar Wing joined the proceedings through virtual mode.

On the occasion, the Senior Additional Advocate General and the President, Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu, in their condolence addresses, remembered the distinguished judicial career and invaluable contribution of

late Justice V. K. Jhanji to the administration of justice. They prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Arun Palli, in his condolence address, recalled the remarkable judicial career of Justice V. K. Jhanji and observed that his profound knowledge of law and commitment to justice has left a lasting impression on the legal fraternity. He recalled the justice jhanji's capacity to decide the complex legal issues.

The Chief Justice, on behalf of all the Judges of the High Court, placed on record collective respect and gratitude for the life and service of Justice Jhanji.

The proceedings concluded with observance of a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul and the Court work was suspended for the rest of the day.

The proceedings were conducted by M.K Sharma, Registrar General.

3-day Nasha Mukt Bharat training program commences at Shopian

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SHOPIAN: A three-day training programme organised by District Surveillance Unit, Shopian under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) commenced Monday at Shopian.

The programme was conducted on the directions of Director, Health Services Kashmir and was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Shopian, Dr. Arshid Hus-

teachers and community members in guiding youth towards career development.

Medical Officer, District Hospital Shopian, Dr. Aadil Farooq delivered a detailed presentation, highlighting strategies for drug prevention, early detection, counselling mechanisms and community-based interventions to combat substance abuse.

Other resource persons including Dr. Rahil Hassan Khan and Quratul

sain Tak.

The programme witnessed participation from lecturers, teachers of various Higher/Secondary Schools and members of NRLM Self Help Groups.

The first day of the training focused on strengthening awareness and preventive measures against substance abuse.

During the sessions, experts threw light on the harmful effects of substance abuse, early identification of drug use among students and the role of

Comm SMC reviews preparedness for Swachh Survekshan 2025-26

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the preparedness and ongoing initiatives being undertaken by the Corporation under Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the nationwide cleanliness assessment programme.

During the meeting, the Commissioner undertook a comprehensive review of sanitation measures being implemented across the city and directed officials to further strengthen cleanliness standards in accordance with the parameters laid down under Swachh Survekshan. He emphasized the need for strict adherence to efficient door-to-door waste collection, segregation of waste at source, and scientific processing and disposal of municipal waste.

Stressing the importance of sustained and coordinated efforts, the Commissioner instructed

the concerned officers to intensify monitoring of sanitation services and ensure visible improvements in cleanliness across public spaces, markets, residential localities, and other key areas of the city.

The Commissioner also highlighted the critical role of citizen participation in achieving the objectives of Swachh Survekshan and directed officials to strengthen public awareness and outreach initiatives aimed at encouraging community involvement in sanitation and waste management practices.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation towards making Srinagar a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable city, the Commissioner urged officers to work with dedication, efficiency, and accountability to achieve improved outcomes in the national cleanliness survey.

The meeting was attended by Joint Commissioners SMC and other senior officers of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DC Budgam visits DH; Inspects Blood Bank, Oxygen Plant

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, Monday conducted an extensive visit to District Hospital (DH) Budgam to inspect its functioning, assess ongoing infrastructure development projects, and review the progress of critical facilities aimed at improving healthcare services in the district.

During the visit, the DC inspected the upgraded Blood Bank, which has been expanded to a second storey. He was apprised that all necessary machinery and equipment for conducting blood tests and storage of blood, including advanced diagnostic tools, have been installed.

The DC emphasised the importance of ensuring that the Blood Bank operates efficiently to meet the critical healthcare needs of the residents.

He also reviewed the functioning of the Oxygen

Plant at DH Budgam and interacted with the staff to assess its operational readiness. He directed the concerned authorities to ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply to cater to emergency requirements and patient care.

During his visit, the DC interacted with hospital staff and enquired about the availability of healthcare services, infrastructure, and maintenance. He also interacted with the patients and attendants. He stressed the need for cleanliness and sanitation in and around the hospital premises and called for maintaining a patient-friendly environment.

Later, the DC visited the under-construction 125-Bedded new District Hospital and 100-Bedded Critical Care Unit at Reshipora Budgam.

During the inspection, the DC reviewed various components of the under-construction health infrastructure and took stock

of the pace and quality of the work.

He was informed that the structural skeleton of the building has been completed and the structural steel truss work is about 95 percent complete. Overall, nearly 65 percent of the project has been physically completed so far. The project is expected to be completed by March 2027, while the target for substantial completion is December 2026.

The DC directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work while ensuring quality standards and compliance with accessibility norms so that the facility benefits patients and attendants once completed.

During the visit, the DC stated that the District Administration will conduct weekly monitoring of the construction works to ensure that the new hospital is completed within the stipulated timeframe and dedicated to the public at

the earliest.

He also remarked that the new District Hospital is a long-standing requirement of the people of Budgam as the existing hospital lacks adequate space to cater to the growing healthcare needs of the district. He said the new facility will significantly strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improve patient care services in the district.

The DC reiterated that the District Administration remains committed to improving healthcare delivery and directed all concerned departments to ensure the timely completion of the ongoing projects.

Senior officials including the Chief Planning Officer Budgam, Chief Medical Officer Budgam, Executive Engineer R&B Budgam, Tehsildar Budgam and representatives from executing agencies accompanied the DC during the inspection.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MACHINERY DIVISION KASHMIR

MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, KASHMIR

GIST of e-Tender

e-NIT No:	MDSK/TS/2025-26/103		
Date	07.03.2026		

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from OEMs of Snow Mobile / their authorized dealers/representatives:

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost	Bid security (EMD) in Rs	Position of AA	Position of TS
1	2	3	4	5	6
Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Snow Mobile (Polaris 550 Voyager LXT144) for Gulmarg Development Authority	500.00	26.50 Lacs	53000.00	Accorded vide order No. 132 GDA of 202, dt:- 15.01.2026	Accorded vide No. MHED/K/TS/179; dated:-28-02-2026

The bidding document 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 Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Sl No	Publish date	Date and time
01	Period of downloading of bidding document	07.03.2026 (18:30hrs)
02	Bid submission start date	07.03.2026 (18:55hrs)
03	Bid submission end date	13.03.2026 (18:55hrs)
04	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	14.03.2026 (14:00hrs)

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Sd/
Executive Engineer,
Machinery Division, Srinagar

CS, Census Comm sensitise J&K officers on preparations for digital Census-2027

Over 30,000 enumerators, supervisors to cover 6,462 villages, 78 towns in two-phases

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, in presence of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, Monday chaired a high-level sensitisation session to review and strengthen preparations for the upcoming Census, 2027 which will be conducted digitally for the first time across the country.

The session was attended by Administrative Secretaries of various departments, senior officers of the Union Territory administration, Divisional and District administration officers and representatives of multiple government departments.

Addressing the officers, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for coordinated and proactive preparations for the smooth conduct of the census operations. He stated that the meeting had clearly delineated the roles and responsibilities of each department and called upon all departments and field functionaries to extend full support to the census machinery so that the exercise is carried out in a systematic, transparent and efficient manner.

He also underscored the importance of public awareness and outreach, stressing that citizens must be encouraged to actively participate in the census process and provide accurate information.

He observed that a successful census depends on the cooperation of both the administration and the public, and all stakeholders must work together to ensure the credibility and completeness of the data collected during this mega UT wide programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan expressed satisfaction over the level of preparedness and the comprehensive sensitisation carried out for officers at different levels of the administration in Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that the discussions and briefings held during the session had instilled confidence that the census operations in both phases would be completed diligently and within the prescribed timelines.

Highlighting the significance of the census exercise, he said that census data plays a pivotal role in determining the share of states and Union Territories in various Finance Commission allocations and government development programmes. He noted that the census serves as the foundational dataset guiding policy planning and development initiatives for the next decade.

He urged officers and field functionaries to exercise utmost diligence while collecting information, stressing



that the quality and reliability of census data are critical for ensuring evidence-based planning and objective policy outcomes. He also emphasised the importance of rigorous training for field staff engaged in the exercise, noting that a clear understanding of procedures and digital tools would ensure smooth and efficient operations on the ground.

During the session, Director Census Operations for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma delivered a detailed presentation outlining the strategy, methodology, administrative arrangements and digital systems planned for conducting the census operations in the Union Territory.

He informed that the Census of India 2027 will be conducted in two phases across the country. The first phase will

comprise the House Listing Operations (HLO), followed by the second phase of Population Enumeration.

To effectively manage the massive scale of the enumeration process, he apprised that a structured hierarchy of trainers had been envisaged by the Department. This includes a core team of National Trainers and Master Trainers who will subsequently train 614 Field Trainers. These trainers will further impart training to approximately 30,871 Enumerators and Supervisors at the Charge level across the Union Territory.

The field functionaries are scheduled to undergo specialised three-day training programmes between May 7 and May 25, 2026, equipping them with the required skills and operational knowledge before

the commencement of field-work.

As per the operational plan, Phase-I (Houselisting and Housing Census) will begin with a 15-day self-enumeration window from May 17 to May 31, 2026, allowing citizens to submit their details digitally. This will be followed by 30 days of house-to-house enumeration throughout June 2026. The phase will focus on documenting housing conditions, household amenities and related infrastructure, which will form the statistical framework for the subsequent population enumeration phase.

Considering the unique geographic and climatic conditions of Jammu and Kashmir, Phase-II (Population Enumeration) will commence in September 2026 for snow-bound areas and in February 2027 for non-snow-

bound regions. This phase will collect detailed data on demographic, socio-economic and cultural characteristics of the population.

Recognising the crucial role of grassroots personnel in the census exercise, the Government has sanctioned an honorarium of ₹25,000 each for Enumerators and Supervisors, including ₹9,000 for the Houselisting phase and ₹16,000 for the Population Enumeration phase.

The Director further informed that the Census Reference Date has been fixed as March 1, 2027 for most areas, while October 1, 2026 will serve as the reference date for snow-bound regions.

The upcoming census will capture comprehensive information related to housing conditions, household amenities, assets, demographic characteristics, language, literacy, education, economic activity, migration patterns and other socio-economic indicators. Such data forms the backbone for policy formulation, planning and development programmes at the national, state and local levels.

A major highlight of the upcoming census will be digital data collection through a dedicated mobile application specifically developed for census operations. The application will be available on both Android and iOS platforms and will sup-

port multiple regional languages, including Hindi, English and Urdu in Jammu and Kashmir.

The application will also function in offline mode, enabling enumerators to collect data in areas with limited or no internet connectivity, while internet access will only be required for device registration and uploading of the collected data.

It was also highlighted that census data serves as the primary basis for delimitation and reservation of constituencies for Parliament, Legislative Assemblies, Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies, besides being extensively used by government agencies, researchers and development institutions.

Providing details of the administrative framework for census operations in the Union Territory, the Director Census Operations informed that the exercise will cover 20 districts, 207 tehsils, 6,462 villages and 78 towns, in addition to two Municipal Corporations.

He added that only enumerators registered on the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) will be authorised to collect and upload data. The information will subsequently be verified by supervisors through the system to ensure accuracy, transparency and authenticity of the data collected during the enumeration process.

Rana reviews development projects in Baramulla district

Emphasises efficient fund utilisation, timely work completion

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Monday virtually reviewed the progress on development projects besides assessing implementation of government schemes in Baramulla district.

During the meeting, the Minister conducted a detailed review of the progress achieved under several flagship schemes and development initiatives. These included Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Irrigation and Flood Control projects, CAMPA, Tribal Affairs schemes, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), NABARD, District Capex and various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The meeting was attended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chairman of the Pollution Control Committee, Director Tribal Affairs Department, Director Finance Tribal Affairs Department and other senior officers.

Legislators from various constituencies of the district, District Development Commissioner Baramulla and all district officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Minister emphasised that holistic and balanced development of every region remains the top priority of the current dispensation. He reaffirmed that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to



accelerate infrastructure development and welfare initiatives to ensure timely and efficient delivery of services to the people.

Rana stressed the need for greater accountability and coordination among the government officers to ensure effective implementation of developmental programmes, improved monitoring of public services and prompt resolution of issues affecting different constituencies of the district.

Highlighting the importance of optimal utilisation of resources, the Minister directed the concerned departments to ensure that allocated funds are utilised effectively and do not lapse, so that developmental works directly benefit the public. He also expressed concern over the apprehensions raised by MLAs regarding the possible lapse of funds and directed the Deputy Commissioner to work closely with the Legislators and concerned departments to ensure timely utilisation of allocated resources.

Addressing administrative challenges faced by the public in Baramulla, the Minister asked the Deputy Commissioner to conduct a comprehensive exercise and submit a proposal for easing administrative hurdles arising from jurisdictional issues, so that appropriate corrective measures can be taken.

While expressing satisfaction over the overall progress achieved on various developmental works, the Minister noted that certain projects are still pending and require expedited execution. He urged the officers to adopt a proactive and result-oriented work culture to ensure timely completion of development projects.

During the meeting, Legislators from different constituencies raised several issues concerning infrastructure development and public services.

MLA Baramulla, Javed Hassan Beigh, raised key issues including decongestion of Old Town Baramulla, establishment of a multi-level car parking facility, implementation of the water supply scheme

under AMRUT 2.0 for Baramulla town, beautification and upgradation of the National Highway stretch from Delina to Khanpora and approval of the Sheeri-Shranz via Kawhar (Defence Road) project.

MLA Uri, Dr. Sajad Shafi Uri, highlighted the need for upgradation of existing power feeders and establishment of receiving stations at Nambra, Trikanjan and Bijhama. He also raised the issue of upgradation of the 33 KV Uri power line besides sanctioning of a Forest Guest House and a PHE Inspection Hut at Uri.

MLA Pattan, Javaid Riyaz, sought implementation of the AMRUT water supply scheme for Pattan town, upgradation of Community Health Centre (CHC) Pattan to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) and establishment of a New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Nihalpora along with an Urban Health Centre in Pattan town.

He further requested for construction of Mini Secre-

tariat and residential complex for government offices in Pattan town and development of a mini parking complex.

MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah, raised issues including construction of a multi-level car parking facility, water reservoir at Tangmarg, phased completion of the mini-secretariat at Tangmarg, development of an indoor stadium at Wussan, implementation of water supply schemes for Utikoo and Wussan and widening and upgradation of the Goigam-Pinjoora road.

MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar, demanded upgradation of SDH Sopore to a District Hospital, strengthening of Nahre-Zangeer canal and execution of special water supply schemes for Adipora, Sharkvora Sopore Rural, Check Nowpora and Wular Stage I & II.

MLA Wagora-Kreeri, Irfan Hafiz Lone, raised issues related to restoration of canals, upgradation of health facilities, filling of vacancies in government departments, and construction and improvement of roads in his constituency.

Responding to the concerns raised, the Minister assured the MLAs that the issues highlighted during the meeting are under consideration of the government and will be addressed in a time-bound manner. He reiterated that all matters concerning the public welfare will receive due priority and necessary action will be taken to resolve them in the larger interest of the people.

Of 33 National Skill Training Institutes in country, 2 functional in J&K: Centre

UMAISER GUL

SRINAGAR: The Government of India on Monday informed the Lok Sabha that thirty-three National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and five extension centers are currently functioning across the country.

Replying to a starred question in the House, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary, said that the institutes operate under the Director General of Training to

provide advanced technical and vocational training to instructors for developing skilled manpower for industry.

As per the official data, Jammu and Kashmir currently has two NSTI facilities, including the National Skill Training Institute for Women in Jammu and an NSTI Extension Centre in Srinagar, aimed at enhancing skill development opportunities in the Union Territory.

The Minister also informed that the Centre is working to strengthen

skill infrastructure under the Pradhan Mantri Skill- ing and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme, which has an approved financial outlay of ₹60,000 crore, including contributions from the Centre, states and industry partners.

The scheme also focuses on capacity augmentation of select NSTIs and establishing Centres of Excellence for skilling in collaboration with industry and global partners, the government said—(KNO)

MLAs call on CM Omar Abdullah, raise constituency issues

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JAMMU: Several Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) Monday called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and discussed issues concerning development works and public welfare in their respective constituencies.

MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia, MLA Banihal Sajad Shaheen, MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju, MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar, MLA Gulabgarh Er Khurshid Ahmed,



and MLA Anantnag West Abdul Majeed Bhat Laram met the Chief Minister and apprised him of various issues pertaining to their respective constituencies.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the legislators and assured them that all genuine issues raised by them would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

Registrar General, Census Comm Gol reviews preparations for Census 2027

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Government of India, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan Monday reviewed preparations for the upcoming Census 2027 during his exclusive visit to the Directorate of Census Operations Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The visit was focused on preparation and readiness of the Directorate of Census for conducting the processes and training workshops in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh for smooth conduct of the Census



of India 2027.

Director Census Operations, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, Amit Sharma, apprised the Registrar General and Commissioner Census, India of the working and functioning of the office.

Mritunjay Kumar Narayan interacted with the senior officials and staff of the Directorate office and enquired about their roles and functions. He emphasized the significance of conducting the process of Census with utmost focus, vigi-

lance and diligence with meticulous planning and robust mechanisms in place. He also highlighted the importance of training of field officials who will visit each district during the Census 2027.

Discussion was held on the workshops for awareness and publicity of Census for connecting the general masses with the national exercise that becomes the basis of several development and social planning at the National level.

Earlier, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner inaugurated Census e-library, medical room and canteen facility for the welfare of Census employees.

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Ensuring Safety Of Kashmiri Students In Iran

The escalating tensions involving Iran, Israel and the United States have left many families in Kashmir deeply worried about the safety of their children studying abroad. For parents whose sons and daughters are pursuing education in Iran and nearby countries, the unfolding situation has brought days of anxiety and sleepless nights.

Recent appeals from Kashmiri students who were moved from Tehran to the Iranian city of Qom underline the growing concern. The relocation was meant to be a precautionary step to keep them away from possible danger in the capital. However, reports of strikes in areas close to their current location have once again heightened fears among the students and their families back home.

Most of these students are pursuing medical degrees at different universities in Iran. Like thousands of young people from Kashmir who travel abroad in search of affordable and quality education, they went there with hopes of building a secure future. Instead, they now find themselves in the middle of an uncertain and tense situation far from home.

Their appeal to the Ministry of External Affairs (India) and the Embassy of India in Tehran is both understandable and reasonable. The students are not only worried about their immediate safety but also about the emotional stress their families are facing. In such circumstances, even small developments can cause major panic among parents who are helplessly following news from afar.

India has a strong record of responding to crises involving its citizens abroad. In the past, the government has successfully evacuated Indians from conflict zones and taken coordinated diplomatic steps to ensure their safety. This experience should serve as reassurance to the students currently in Iran and their families waiting anxiously in Kashmir.

At the same time, the present situation calls for constant communication and swift action from the authorities. Keeping students informed and ensuring that necessary contingency plans are in place can significantly reduce fear and uncertainty. Even timely updates from officials can provide much-needed relief to families who are closely monitoring every development.

Beyond the immediate crisis, this situation also highlights the need for stronger support systems for Indian students studying in regions that may face geopolitical tensions. Thousands of students travel abroad every year for higher education, and their safety must remain a top priority for both the institutions they study in and the governments responsible for their protection. For now, the focus must remain on ensuring that the students currently in Iran feel secure and supported. Their trust in the Indian government and its diplomatic machinery is evident in their appeal. Responding promptly and effectively will not only protect them but also reassure countless families back home who are praying for their children's safety.

Education should open doors to opportunity, not expose young people to fear and uncertainty. Safeguarding these students is both a responsibility and a duty that must be taken with the utmost seriousness.

Physics Of The Soul

Exploring The Intersection Of Scientific Law And Islamic Eschatology



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When we speak of death, we usually resort to the language of biology—the stopping of a heart, the ceasing of breath. Or we turn to the language of poetry and grief. However, there is a third language that offers a profoundly different perspective: the language of Physics. Through the eyes of Richard Feynman, one of the 20th century's most brilliant minds, the universe is not a collection of separate objects, but a continuous, interlocking dance of matter and energy. In this view, death is not a "deletion" from the cosmic hard drive; it is a "reformatting."

The Immortal Atom: A Legacy of the Stars

Feynman's most famous premise was that if all scientific knowledge were to be lost and only one sentence could be passed to the next generation, it should be: "All things are made of atoms." This isn't just a fact of chemistry; it is a profound statement on immortality.

Your body is composed of approximately 7×10^{27} atoms. These atoms are not "new." They were forged in the high-pressure furnaces of ancient stars billions of years ago. When a star dies in a supernova, it scatters its elements across the void. Every carbon atom in your DNA, every calcium atom in your bones, was once part of a celestial explosion.

The Mathematical Certainty of Connection

Consider the "Law of Large Numbers." Because atoms are so small and so numerous, they are constantly redistributed by wind, water, and time. There is a high mathematical probability that you currently contain millions of atoms that once belonged to a cedar tree in ancient Lebanon, a drop of water in the Cretaceous ocean, or even the lungs of historical figures like Aristotle or Rumi. Atoms' teaches us that we do not "own" our atoms; we are simply their current curators. In death, we return these borrowed components to the library of the universe so that new "books" (new life) can be written.

Thermodynamics: The Conservation of the Self

The First Law of Thermodynamics is perhaps the most comforting law in all of science: Energy cannot be created or destroyed. In life, a human being is a powerhouse of energy. We are a "biological battery" converting chemical bonds from food into the electrical impulses of thought and the kinetic energy of movement.

The Dissipation of the Spark

When a person passes away, that energy doesn't simply vanish. To say it "dies" would be to violate a fundamental law of the universe. Instead, it transforms. The thermal energy (your body heat) radiates into the environment, warming the air. The chemical energy stored in your cells is released and becomes the building blocks for the ecosystem. If you are buried, you become the energy that drives the growth of a forest; if you are cremated, your energy is released as light and heat into the atmosphere. You are never "gone"; you are simply distributed.



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Entropy: The Architecture of Memory

Feynman often spoke about the "Arrow of Time." This is governed by Entropy (the Second Law of Thermodynamics), which states that systems naturally move from order to disorder. Life is a temporary, magnificent rebellion against entropy. We use energy to stay "ordered."

The Sandcastle and the Wave

Think of a human life as a complex sandcastle built on a beach. It takes effort to maintain the towers and walls. Death is the moment when the "builder" stops, and the tide eventually smooths the sand back into the beach. The sand is still there—every single grain—but the pattern has changed. Physics suggests that while the "pattern" (the individual) is transient, the "substance" (the universe) is eternal.

Quantum Information: The "No-Hiding" Theorem

Modern physics goes even further than Feynman's classical views. The "No-Hiding Theorem" in quantum mechanics suggests that information is never truly lost. Even if you burn a book, the information of the text is theoretically still present in the arrangement of the smoke and ash particles—it is just "scrambled" beyond our current ability to read it.

Similarly, the unique information that made you—the specific way your atoms interacted—is encoded into the environment. From a quantum perspective, the universe "remembers" everything that has ever existed. You are a permanent record in the fabric of space-time.

When we bridge the gap between Richard Feynman's physics and the Islamic explanation of death, we find a fascinating dialogue between the "how" and the "why." Islam teaches that man was created from "sounding clay" or "earthly dust" (Surah Al-Hijr 15:26), a concept that aligns perfectly with the physical reality that our bodies are composed of the same atoms found in the soil and stars. In both views, the physical body is a temporary vessel.

The Intersection of Science and Faith: The Islamic Perspective

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Alignment in Continuity

Islam describes death not as an absolute end, but as a transition (Barzakh)—a movement from one state of being to another. This mirrors the Law of Conservation of Energy; just as energy cannot be destroyed but only

transformed, the Islamic faith holds that the soul (Rooh) is a form of "divine energy" or consciousness that persists after the material body decays. The scientific "No-Hiding Theorem"—which suggests information is never lost—resonates with the concept of the Lawh al-Mahfuz (The Preserved Tablet), the belief that every action, atom, and moment is recorded in the fabric of divine reality.

The Point of Divergence

The primary difference lies in the source and the destination. While physics views the recycling of atoms as a byproduct of natural laws like entropy, Islam views it as a purposeful design by the Creator (Al-Khaliq). Physics observes the "Arrow of Time" leading toward disorder, but faith suggests that after this worldly dissolution, there is a re-assembly—a Resurrection (Qiyamah) where the scattered "information" and "atoms" are brought back together by Divine Will. For the physicist, we return to the universe; for the believer, we return to the Source of the universe.

Final Word: A Unified Mystery

Whether we look through the telescope of the physicist or the spiritual lens of faith, the conclusion is strikingly similar: we are far more than a fleeting moment in time. We are part of a grand, eternal continuity. By understanding that our atoms are ancient and our essence is conserved, we can approach the end of life not with a sense of loss, but with a profound sense of wonder at the journey that lies ahead.

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When Financial Independence Is Not Empowerment



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When discussing women's empowerment, many people equate it with financial independence, especially in urban settings where there's a strong belief that women should earn their own income to gain respect and value. This perspective often overlooks the contributions of women who choose to stay at home, reflecting societal biases that still view women's work as less significant. However, it raises an important question: does financial independence truly define an empowered woman, or is there a deeper meaning to empowerment that goes beyond just earning a paycheck?

Many financially independent women still lack the authority to make family decisions. Despite earning their own income, they often lack control over how it is spent, with investments and property purchases typically managed by male family members. In some cases, they may not even have access to their own debit or credit cards. While this situation might not be prevalent in urban areas, it certainly exists. Social media often portrays a



narrative where husbands must agree with their wives. However, even when women out-earn their male counterparts, household responsibilities still fall squarely on their shoulders. This highlights a crucial point: true empowerment goes beyond financial independence. A woman is truly empowered when she has a voice in decision-making, her dignity is acknowledged, and her freedom is respected.

Despite progress, many working women continue to face societal judgment, workplace biases, and family pressures. In professional settings,

they often encounter gender discrimination and pay disparities, with doubts lingering about their suitability for leadership roles. Opportunities for women in leadership remain limited across various fields, and their contributions are frequently unrecognized or undervalued. True empowerment involves ensuring equal opportunities and creating an inclusive work environment, which also encompasses education about rights and access to resources. A significant challenge for financially independent women is their lack of awareness regarding

their rights at home and in the workplace. While some organizations have established committees to address harassment and protect women's rights, these groups often fall short of established guidelines. They may include members who lack the necessary knowledge and commitment. This makes it difficult to effectively safeguard women's rights in both domestic and professional spheres.

True empowerment lies in the freedom of choice, allowing individuals to decide whether to work without the fear of losing their social standing or security. It's not about seeking

validation from others; rather, it's about fostering a healthy interdependence where women can lean on their support systems without feeling like a burden. Empowerment means having the strength to stand on your own while choosing to walk alongside others. It's not merely about financial independence; it's about ensuring equal access to both physical and intellectual well-being. While financial stability is a crucial milestone, it is not the ultimate goal of women's empowerment. Genuine empowerment is achieved when women are respected socially, confident in their psychological well-being, and free to make their own choices.

Women deserve to live in safety, express themselves freely, and enjoy equal rights. We need to advocate for justice and take action. True empowerment goes beyond mere financial independence; it involves recognizing and valuing women's voices, choices, and dignity. A salary can provide financial security, but real empowerment comes from a shift towards sovereignty, where women are respected and their contributions acknowledged.

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Childhood In A Digital World

Screen, Social Media And Mental Health

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In the digital age, the pace and nature of human life are changing rapidly. Communication, education, entertainment, and social relationships are increasingly being conducted through virtual platforms. While this transformation has brought many conveniences, it has also created new challenges, especially for the mental, educational, social, and emotional development of children and adolescents. In this context, the technologically progressive Indian state of Karnataka has taken an important and exemplary initiative by deciding to keep children below sixteen years of age away from social media platforms. In its 2026-27 budget session, the state government announced that strict regulations would be introduced to restrict the use of social media by adolescents. This decision addresses the growing concerns of parents who are troubled by the risks arising from uncontrolled digital activities, including cyberbullying and cyber fraud. The objective of this initiative is to protect children from the harmful effects of the virtual world and to ensure their healthy mental development. It is indeed a commendable step, and other states should draw inspiration from it and take meaningful measures to safeguard childhood from the dangers of social media.

Soon after this initiative by Karnataka, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu, announced in the state assembly that a law would be introduced within the next ninety days to prohibit children below the age of thirteen from using social media. With this decision, Andhra Pradesh is set to become the second state after Karnataka to adopt such a policy. These initiatives are not merely administrative decisions; they are also part of a growing global debate on safeguarding children in an increasingly virtual world. Many countries around the world are seriously deliberating this

issue. For example, Australia has already implemented a ban on social media use for children under sixteen, while countries such as France have also introduced strict regulations to enhance children's digital safety.

Over the past few years, psychologists and child health experts have repeatedly warned that uncontrolled use of social media can have serious consequences for the mental and emotional development of adolescents. Problems such as lack of self-confidence, loneliness, anxiety, depression, reduced attention span, and aggressive behavior are increasing rapidly among young users. The constant culture of comparison and performance on virtual platforms often creates feelings of inferiority and dissatisfaction in children. This concern was also highlighted in the Economic Survey of India 2025-26, which pointed out the growing impact of excessive screen time on young minds. Various international studies indicate that the average daily screen time among adolescents is steadily increasing. Many surveys reveal that children in the 13-18 age group in several countries spend three to six hours each day on virtual platforms. This excessive engagement has a direct impact on their studies, sleep patterns, family interaction, and physical activities. Reduced attention and concentration affect the quality of learning. The natural childhood that should be enriched with outdoor play, friendships, and connection with nature is gradually shrinking into an artificial virtual space. Moreover, problems such as cyber harassment and online fraud are also increasing through digital platforms. Many children unknowingly fall into such traps, which can seriously affect both their mental well-being and personal safety. Exposure to inappropriate online content can also negatively influence their psychology. In view of these circumstances, it has become clear that awareness alone is not enough to address the growing influence of the vir-



tual world; strong policy measures are also necessary to ensure children's safety.

Although the initiatives taken by Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are commendable, several practical challenges remain in their effective implementation. In today's world, smartphones and digital applications have become an integral part of education and daily life. Many schools use digital platforms for assignments, communication, and information sharing. Therefore, it may be difficult to determine whether a child's online activity is for educational purposes or for social networking. Another important challenge is related to the process of age verification. Ensuring that a user is genuinely under thirteen or sixteen years of age is technically complex. If technology companies do not cooperate in this effort, implementing such regulations effectively may become difficult. In many families, a single mobile phone is shared by several members, making it even harder to completely restrict children's access to social media. Despite these challenges, the initiative remains extremely significant

because it draws society's attention to a serious and growing problem.

In reality, protecting children from the harmful effects of virtual platforms requires more than just restrictions; it calls for a balanced and comprehensive approach along with widespread awareness. Governments, schools, technology platforms, and parents all have equally important roles to play. Governments should formulate clear policies for children's digital safety and collaborate with technology companies to develop effective systems for age verification. Schools should educate students about digital discipline and responsible use of technology. However, the role of parents is the most crucial, because children's habits and behavior are shaped primarily within the family. If parents themselves demonstrate digital restraint and maintain open communication with their children, the negative effects of virtual media can be greatly reduced. At the same time, it is essential to provide children with a creative and constructive environment. Activities such as sports, reading, music, art, and interac-

tion with nature contribute significantly to the balanced development of a child's personality. When such positive habits are nurtured from an early age, children naturally develop a healthier relationship with technology and become less dependent on virtual platforms. Society must also take proactive steps to create a healthy and inspiring environment for children.

It has now become clear that alongside the digital revolution, there is an equally pressing need for digital discipline. Technology should enrich human life rather than push it toward psychological and social crises. The initiatives taken by Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh serve both as a warning and as an inspiration in this direction. If other states also draw inspiration from these measures and take concrete steps to protect children, and if the central government considers introducing a national law on this issue, it could prove highly beneficial for future generations. Given the rapidly deteriorating situation, the central government may eventually be compelled to introduce a nationwide law to regulate children's exposure to social media. It would also be important for the government to consult subject experts and representatives from different sections of society before formulating such legislation. At a time when children's screen time is increasing to the level of addiction and their declining concentration is affecting their education, addressing this challenge must become a priority for both the central and state governments. Ultimately, childhood is not meant to be lost in the virtual world. It should be filled with imagination, play, learning, and creativity. If society and governance together can ensure that children grow up in a safe, balanced, and creative environment, only then can we truly envision a healthy, sensitive, and empowered future.

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Artificial Intelligence: Reshaping The Global Labour Market



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Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the global labor market, and while it has not yet caused widespread unemployment, it is slowing hiring in certain sectors and creating structural shifts that demand urgent policy attention. In India and globally, the challenge is not just job loss but job transformation—and whether workers can adapt fast enough to keep pace with AI's evolution. The rise of artificial intelligence is one of the most transformative developments of the 21st century. From automating routine tasks to generating creative content, AI is altering the way we work, think, and interact. But with this transformation comes a profound question: will AI lead to mass unemployment? The answer is complex, layered with technological, economic, and social dimensions. AI does not simply replace jobs—it reshapes them, redistributes them, and in some cases, eliminates them. The challenge lies in how societies respond to this disruption, how workers adapt, and how governments and institutions prepare for a future where machines and humans must coexist in the workplace.

In Kashmir, AI is quietly reshaping the employment landscape—especially in sectors like education, IT services, and administration—without causing mass job loss yet. However, hiring has slowed in AI-exposed roles, and the region faces unique challenges due to limited infrastructure, digital divides, and socio-political constraints. Artificial Intelligence is no longer a distant concept in Kashmir. It has begun to influence sectors such as education, governance, healthcare, and customer service. From automated attendance systems in schools to AI-powered diagnostics in hospitals, the technology is making inroads. But with this transformation comes anxiety—will AI lead to unemployment in a region already grappling with economic fragility? Kashmir's labor market is characterized by high youth unemployment, limited private sector growth, and dependence on government jobs. The introduction of AI into administrative workflows—such as document processing, grievance redressal, and recruitment—has improved efficiency but also reduced the need for clerical staff. Similarly, AI-driven chatbots and virtual

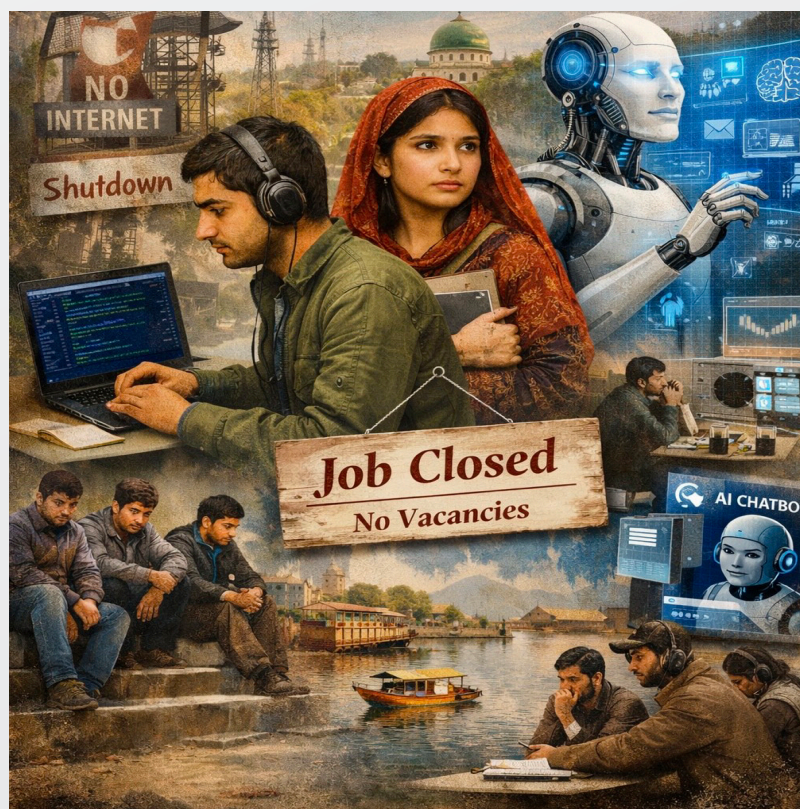
assistants are replacing entry-level customer support roles in telecom and banking sectors operating in the region.

Hiring in AI-exposed roles has slowed, especially for younger workers. While existing employees have not been laid off en masse, new job openings in areas like data entry, call centers, and basic IT support are fewer than before. This silent disruption is particularly concerning for Kashmir's educated youth, many of whom pursue degrees in computer science and business administration with hopes of stable employment. Education and skill gaps compound the challenge. While urban centers like Srinagar have access to digital learning and coding bootcamps, rural areas lag behind. The digital divide—both in terms of infrastructure and literacy—limits the ability of many Kashmiris to transition into AI-augmented roles. Moreover, AI-related jobs often require advanced skills in data science, machine learning, and programming, which are not widely taught in local institutions. Government initiatives like Skill India and Digital India have reached Kashmir, but their impact remains uneven. Vocational training centers exist, but they often lack updated curricula and qualified instructors. Without targeted interventions, AI could exacerbate existing inequalities—benefiting a small elite while leaving behind the majority.

The region's socio-political context adds another layer of complexity. Frequent internet shutdowns, political instability, and limited private investment deter tech companies from setting up AI hubs or innovation centers in Kashmir. This restricts job creation and stifles entrepreneurial energy. Even talented youth who are trained in AI often migrate to other states or countries for better opportunities.

To address these challenges, Kashmir needs a multi-pronged strategy: i) Invest in AI education and digital infrastructure, especially in rural districts. ii) Create local innovation hubs that support startups and AI-driven enterprises. iii) Offer re-skilling programs for workers in vulnerable sectors like administration and customer service. iv) Ensure ethical AI deployment, with safeguards against bias and exclusion. v) Encourage public-private partnerships to bring AI jobs to the valley. In conclusion, AI in Kashmir is a double-edged sword. It offers efficiency and innovation but threatens traditional employment pathways. The region must act proactively—embracing AI while protecting livelihoods. With the right policies, Kashmir can turn this technological disruption into an opportunity for inclusive growth.

At the heart of the AI-unemployment debate is the nature of automation. AI systems, especially large language models and machine learning algorithms, are increasingly capable of performing tasks that were once considered uniquely



human. Customer service, data entry, translation, legal research, medical diagnostics, and even creative writing are now within AI's reach. This has led to fears that entire professions may become obsolete. But the reality is more nuanced. AI tends to automate tasks within jobs rather than entire occupations. For example, a lawyer may use AI to review contracts faster, but the judgment, negotiation, and client interaction remain human domains. Similarly, a teacher may use AI to personalize learning, but the emotional connection and mentorship cannot be replicated by machines. However, certain sectors are more vulnerable than others. Jobs that are routine, repetitive, and rule-based are at higher risk of displacement. Manufacturing, logistics, retail, and administrative roles are particularly exposed. In contrast, jobs that require creativity, empathy, and complex decision-making are more resilient. But even these are not immune. AI-generated art, music, and literature challenge the boundaries of creativity. AI-powered therapy bots raise questions about emotional labor. The line between augmentation and replacement is becoming increasingly blurred.

Recent studies show that occupations with high AI exposure are projected to grow more slowly over the next decade. Workers in these fields tend to be older, more educated, and higher-paid, suggesting that AI is not just affecting low-skilled labor but also white-collar professions. Interesting-

ly, there has been no systematic increase in unemployment among highly exposed workers since 2022, but hiring of younger workers in these roles has slowed. This points to a silent disruption—where jobs are not lost overnight but gradually become less accessible to new entrants. In India, the challenge is compounded by demographic and structural factors. With a large youth population entering the workforce each year, job creation is a national imperative. AI threatens to disrupt traditional employment pathways, especially in sectors like IT services, customer support, and back-office operations. These have been engines of India's growth, but automation is reducing demand for entry-level roles. At the same time, India's informal sector, which employs a majority of workers, is less exposed to AI but also less protected. The risk is that AI may widen existing inequalities, creating a divide between those who can adapt and those who cannot.

Education and skill development are critical to addressing this challenge. The future of work will demand not just technical skills but adaptability, creativity, and emotional intelligence. India must invest in re-skilling and up-skilling programs that prepare workers for AI-augmented roles. Vocational training, digital literacy, and lifelong learning must become national priorities. Schools and universities must rethink curricula to include AI ethics, data science, and interdisciplinary learning. The goal is not to compete with

machines but to complement them. Policy responses must also evolve. Governments need to create safety nets for displaced workers, including unemployment benefits, retraining subsidies, and job matching services. Labor laws must be updated to reflect new forms of work, including gig and platform-based employment. Taxation and regulation of AI-driven enterprises must ensure that productivity gains are shared equitably. Public-private partnerships can play a vital role in creating inclusive innovation ecosystems.

Ethical considerations are equally important. AI systems can perpetuate biases, invade privacy, and make opaque decisions. In employment, this raises concerns about fairness, transparency, and accountability. Hiring algorithms must be audited for discrimination. Workplace surveillance must respect dignity. Decision-making must remain human-centric. The challenge is not just technological but moral—how to ensure that AI serves humanity rather than replaces it. There is also a geopolitical dimension. Countries that lead in AI development will shape global labor markets. India must position itself not just as a consumer of AI but as a creator. Investing in AI research, startups, and infrastructure can create new jobs and industries. Exporting AI solutions tailored to local needs—such as agriculture, healthcare, and education—can drive inclusive growth. But this requires vision, investment, and coordination.

The psychological impact of AI-induced unemployment must not be overlooked. Job loss is not just an economic event; it affects identity, self-worth, and social cohesion. Workers must be supported not only with skills but with counseling, community, and hope. Societies must foster resilience, empathy, and solidarity. The narrative must shift from fear to empowerment—from being replaced to being reimaged. In conclusion, AI and unemployment are not binary outcomes but part of a complex transformation. The challenge is not to stop AI but to shape its trajectory. This requires foresight, inclusion, and courage. India, with its demographic dividend and technological prowess, has the potential to lead this transition. But it must act now—reforming education, updating policies, investing in innovation, and protecting workers. The goal is not just to survive AI but to thrive with it. In the journey toward Vikshit Bharat, AI must be a partner, not a threat. And unemployment must be addressed not with fear but with vision, ensuring that every citizen finds dignity, purpose, and opportunity in the age of intelligent machines.

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Dir SEK visits schools of Mir Behri after Winter Break, interacts with students

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SRINAGAR: Following the reopening of schools after the winter vacation, Director School Education Kashmir (SEK), Naseer Ahmad Wani Monday conducted a visit to schools located in the remote area of Mir Behri, Dal Srinagar, to assess the functioning of schools.

During the visit, the Director inspected Government Boys Middle School Moti Mohalla, Dal Kalan and other nearby institutions. He warmly welcomed the stu-

dents by distributing sweets and flower garlands, creating a cheerful atmosphere on the first days after reopening.

The Director interacted with young students and enquired about their activities during the winter break. He also held discussions with the teaching staff and emphasized that many students in the area belong to economically weaker sections, and urged teachers to extend additional academic attention and guidance to support their learning.

On the occasion, the Direc-

tor stressed the importance of strengthening elementary education to ensure strong academic foundations for students across the Kashmir Division.

He further directed Chief Education Officers (CEOs), Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) and Cluster Heads across the Kashmir Division to undertake regular field visits, interact with students and teachers and closely monitor the academic functioning of schools in their respective jurisdictions to ensure quality education at the grassroots level.

DC Anantnag inspects Transit Accommodation for PM package employees

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ANANTNAG: To take stock of the ongoing works on PM package Employees Transit Accommodations at Machbawan, Rambirpora and Shangus, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, Monday conducted an extensive tour of these under construction accommodations.

During the visit, the DC reviewed about the progress of the construction and allied works like provision of water supply, electricity, etc at these transit accommodations.

Major focus of the visit was the approach road issue at Masbha-

wan for which the DPR at the cost of Rs. 1.5 Crore has been prepared.

Taking further review of the construction works, the DC issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned executing agencies to expedite the same for timely completion and allotment of the residential quarters.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said the district administration is committed to ensuring the construction and other works for these accommodations are completed in a time bound manner. He said the accommodations will come up will all the requisite utilities and essential amenities for convenience of the allottees.

The DC was informed that the necessary measures for provision of essential facilities at these accommodations have been in place for the allottee employees.

It was given out that there is 92% completion of physical work and 50% physical progress has been achieved on allied works for 15 blocks of Machbawan and it is expected to be completed by October-2026. Regarding financial progress, Rs.32 cores expenditure has been achieved on construction work and Rs 3 crores on allied works so far.

In respect of Rambirpora, 94% physical work for 21 blocks has been completed and 65% physical

progress has been achieved for allied works so far, with completion expected in October-2026. In financial progress, expenditure of Rs.46 Core for construction and Rs 3.9 Core on allied works has been achieved so far.

Further, in case of Shangus, the physical progress is 81% for construction of 20 blocks and 45% for allied works with expenditure of Rs 42 Core and Rs 3.45 Core on construction and allied works respectively so far.

ADC, SE PWD, SE Jal Shakti, Tehsildar Mattan besides officers from PDD and other concerned departments accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

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Academic Activities

for making arrangements regarding opening of schools.

Earlier on February-16, Colleges in Kashmir valley resumed activities following a 52 days of winter vacations.

The Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department on December-23-2025 had announced 52-days winter vacation for degree colleges falling in the winter zones of Kashmir division.

The government had said that the degree colleges in the Kashmir Division and those in the winter zone of Jammu Division shall observe winter vacations from December-24-2025 to February-14-2026—(KNO)

Rain, Snow Likely

improve from March 12 to 15 with generally dry weather and occasional cloudiness. However, brief spells of light rain or snow may occur at isolated places during this period.

It added that from March 16 to 18, the weather is likely to remain generally cloudy with light rain or snowfall over higher reaches at isolated to scattered places.

The department has issued an advisory warning of temporary traffic disruption over higher reaches and important mountain passes in parts of Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Kishtwar due to snowfall.

Farmers have been advised to suspend farm operations between March 10 and 12.

The MeT department further said that day temperatures are expected to fall by four to six degrees Celsius at many places after March 9 and may remain below normal till March 12.

There is also a possibility of thunder and gusty winds with speeds of 30-40 kmph at a few places between March 9 and 11, it added.

Meanwhile, the minimum temperature in Srinagar was recorded at 3.3 degrees Celsius, while Gulmarg recorded minus 4 degrees Celsius, the MeT department said—(KNO)

Panchayat Electoral Roll

for assembly polls has been undertaken since 2021. So, new electoral roll of Assembly is expected to be available only after the SIR exercise," they added.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise is expected to begin in April, as the Election Commission of India (ECI) pointed out in a communique to the Chief Electoral Officers of States and Union Territories.

It is worth to mention here that the term of the first two tiers of the Panchayati Raj system-Panchayats and Block Development Councils-ended on January 9, 2024, while the tenure of the third tier-District Development Councils-concluded on February 24, 2026. The tenure of elected Urban Local Bodies came to an end in October-November 2023—(KNO)

Centre Provided Assistance

development of the Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad-Uri-Kargil-Leh circuit with an allocation of 77.33 crore.

Similarly, development of tourist facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama was sanctioned at a cost of 81.60 crore, while another project for construction of tourism assets destroyed in the 2014 floods under the PM Development Package was approved with an allocation of 90.43 crore.

The Centre also sanctioned 91.99 crore for development of tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev and 86.39 crore for tourism infrastructure across Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar-Padum-Daksum-Ranjit Sagar Dam.

Another project for development of tourist facilities in Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Kargil-Leh was sanctioned at a cost of 91.84 crore.

For Ladakh, the government sanctioned projects including development of Julley Leh Biodiversity Park experience in Leh with a cost of 23.17 crore and Exploring LOC and Hundarman Village Experience in Kargil with an allocation of 11.91 crore.

The Minister said the detailed list of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes, including those in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, has been annexed with the reply—(KNO)

J&K Eyes Ai To

during the meeting, the Chief Secretary emphasized that Artificial Intelligence offers enormous potential to transform governance and enhance the quality and reach of public services across Jammu and Kashmir. He urged all departments to proactively identify areas where AI-driven solutions could improve efficiency, transparency and outcomes in their respective sectors.

He stressed the importance of strong coordination between the UT administration, the Union Ministry concerned, IIT Jammu, BISAG-N and other technical institutions to ensure timely and effective implementation of all these AI-enabled initiatives.

To provide strategic direction and oversight, the Chief Secretary proposed the constitution of a high-level Steering Committee to be chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department. The committee would include representatives from IIT Jammu, BISAG-N with Secretary Information Technology and Inspector General of Police Jammu being the members of this committee and would guide the implementation of AI projects while addressing operational bottlenecks.

The Chief Secretary also directed the Information Technology Department to establish a dedicated anchoring mechanism within the department to coordinate AI-related initiatives with different departments. He stressed the need for identifying and deploying specialized human resources to support this institutional framework and ensure effective on-ground implementation.

Highlighting the importance of capacity building, he underscored the need for earlier establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Emerging Technologies in Jammu and Kashmir and setting up Data Innovation Labs in skill development institutions. He maintained that such facilities would play a key role in preparing the region for future technological challenges and creating a skilled workforce in data science and AI-related domains.

The Chief Secretary further called upon the School Education Department to explore the possibility of introducing basic introductory courses on Artificial Intelligence at the secondary school level. He also suggested that AI-related skill programmes could be incorporated under Mission YUVA to enable youth to acquire emerging technology skills and improve their employment prospects. During the meeting, Administrative Secretaries from various departments shared their perspectives on the use of AI-enabled tools to improve efficiency, data analysis, service delivery and decision-making within their sectors.

CEO of the IndiaAI Mission, Abhishek Singh, suggested the creation of a core AI team within the Union Territory to guide the mission's implementation locally. He noted that the national mission has been mandated to catalyse AI-driven initiatives across the country and assured full support to Jammu and Kashmir for its AI-related programmes.

He further recommended that the Union Territory may initially identify five priority sectors for pilot-based AI implementation. Once these projects demonstrate success, additional initiatives could be gradually scaled up based on the expertise developed. He also emphasized the importance of establishing the proposed Centre of Excellence and Data Labs to develop a strong pool of local talent capable of driving AI innovation in the region. Director, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, Prof Manoj Gaur, described the proposed initiatives as timely and significant. He stated that the institute possesses strong research capabilities in the area of disaster mitigation, risk reduction which could be leveraged to support AI-driven governance solutions in Jammu and Kashmir. He also highlighted the institute's work on developing data pipelines in local languages, which could further strengthen AI applications in the region.

Special Director General, BISAG-N,

Vinay Thakur, assured full support from the organisation in rolling out AI-based solutions for governance in Jammu and Kashmir. He also stressed the importance of establishing a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) to facilitate smooth implementation and monitoring of these initiatives across departments.

Inspector General of Police Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, informed the meeting that the police department as per the earlier directions had developed an AI-based tool aimed at improving investigation and litigation processes. He said that the project is currently at an advanced stage and would significantly enhance operational efficiency. Notably, the tool is being designed to function entirely in-house without the need for internet connectivity, he apprised the meeting.

Earlier, Secretary Information Technology, Dr Piyush Singla, briefed the meeting about the progress made by the Union Territory in leveraging AI for governance. He informed that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth 20 Cr for establishing a Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technologies has been jointly prepared by the IT Department and Indian IIT, Jammu and submitted to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for approval. The proposed centre is expected to be set up under a Centre-UT funding pattern of 90:10.

He further stated that eight additional Data Innovation Labs are proposed to be established with central funding in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the Union Territory. These labs are expected to play a pivotal role in strengthening the AI and data ecosystem and building grassroots-level capacity in data science. The Secretary also highlighted the need for establishing a dedicated Jammu and Kashmir AI Mission (JK AIM) to coordinate AI-related initiatives across departments in a structured manner.

During the meeting, several potential AI applications across governance sectors were identified, including AI-based disaster risk and early warning systems, agriculture and horticulture advisory platforms, health triage and disease surveillance tools, office workflow automation, AI-supported learning systems in education, land asset and infrastructure monitoring, youth employment and skill-matching platforms, and AI-based grievance redressal systems along with a dozen of initiatives across different departments.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary also launched the inaugural issue of 'Digital Dhara', a bi-monthly magazine of the Information Technology Department. The publication aims to promote digital awareness and transparency while documenting key milestones in IT governance in Jammu and Kashmir. It will also highlight emerging technological trends and innovations to inform and engage readers across the UT on regular basis from today.

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has only two major road connections with the rest of India — the Srinagar-Kargil-Leh highway via Zojila and the Manali-Leh highway. Keeping at least one axis open ensures uninterrupted movement—(KNO)

Indian Students In Iran

students were crying and calling their families," a student said.

"We are living in constant fear. Whenever we hear a loud sound, we rush towards basements or safe corners. Our families are extremely worried, and we request the Government of India to evacuate us as soon as possible," another student said. Students from Kerman, however, said embassy officials had informed them that the area was considered safe and that there was no relocation plan in place.

"Officials told us that the area is safe and there is no relocation plan for now. But we are seeing reports of attacks in nearby places, which have created panic among students," a Kerman student said.

Students at Shiraz and Isfahan universities reported receiving similar responses from authorities despite reports of attacks in surrounding areas. Many have begun shifting to basements and safer corners of their buildings whenever they hear sounds of explosions. Parents of the affected students in Jammu

and Kashmir have urged the Government of India to act immediately.

"Our children are calling us, crying and saying that blasts are happening near their accommodation. We are extremely worried and unable to sleep at night. The government must immediately evacuate them," a parent from Pulwama said.

Another parent alleged the official response had been slow. "It appears that the Indian government is not taking the situation seriously. Our children are stranded in a conflict zone. The government should arrange special flights and bring them back safely," the parent said. Dr Mohammad Momin Khan, National Representative of the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA), said distress calls from students across Iran were increasing rapidly.

"We are receiving nearly 500 distress calls daily from students across Iran. Many of them are frightened and requesting immediate evacuation. We are in constant contact with them and are also conveying their concerns to the concerned authorities," Dr Khan said. He urged the Government of India to take urgent steps for safe evacuation—(KNO)

India Issues Critical

only after obtaining explicit guidance from the Embassy," the advisory reads. Officials further warned that the embassy may not be able to assist individuals who leave Iranian territory but fail to gain entry into a third country.

"It may please be noted that the Embassy will not be in a position to extend assistance once individuals have exited Iranian territory and are unable to enter the third country concerned," the advisory stated.

The development assumes significance as several Indian nationals, including students studying in Iranian universities, have been exploring options to travel through neighbouring countries by land routes. Authorities have urged them to remain in contact with the embassy and follow official instructions to avoid complications.

The embassy reiterated that it remains available to guide and assist Indian nationals through its emergency helplines. Citizens requiring urgent assistance have been asked to contact the following numbers: Mobile: +98 912 810 9115, +98 912 810 9102, +98 912 810 9109, +98 993 217 9359, and email: cons.tehran@mea.gov.in

Officials have advised Indian nationals to stay updated through official communications and avoid taking independent travel decisions, especially involving land border crossings, without consulting the embassy—(KNO)

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Sakeena Itoo reviews performance, functioning of JKMSCL

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JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo Monday emphasized on stricter quality checks and greater accountability in the procurement and supply of medicines and medical equipments for Health facilities across Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that patient safety remains government's top priority.

The Minister made these remarks while chairing a high-level review meeting at Civil Secretariat here to assess the performance and functioning of Jammu & Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (JKMSCL).

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), M Raju; MD NHM, Akriti Sagar; MD JKMSCL, Tariq Hussain Ganie; Director SKIMS, Prof M. Ashraf Ganie; Director Finance H&ME, Director Planning H&ME, Director Health Services Kashmir/Jammu, Principals of all GMCs, Principal Dental College Sri-

nagar/Jammu, State Drug Controller, Medical Superintendents of all Hospitals, Chief Medical Officers and other concerned officers attended the meeting, either in person or through video conferencing.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Minister underlined the impact of corporation's responsibilities, stating that JKMSCL plays a vital role in public healthcare delivery system by ensuring timely availability of medicines, surgical consumables and medical equipments in government health institutions. "Any compromise in quality, transparency or efficiency will not be tolerated, as it directly affects patient safety and credibility of the public health system", she maintained.

While reviewing quality control measures and other protocols, the Minister instructed the MD to maintain constant check on the quality of medicines and equipments procured by the Corporation. "Tighten quality control protocols at every stage, from procurement and testing to storage and final distribution", she said.



The Minister further instructed the corporation to ensure that only certified, safe and standard-compliant medicines and equipment reach government hospitals, warning that any negligence in quality verification will invite strict action.

"Conduct regular quality audits, enhanced laboratory testing and strict vendor scrutiny so that suppliers adhere fully to prescribed standards and contractual obligations",

the Minister maintained.

While reviewing procurement procedures, supply chain management, inventory status, vendor performance and existing quality testing mechanisms of the corporation, the Minister directed the MD to take action against firms/vendors delaying supply of essential drugs or medical equipments. She also sought a detailed report from the Corporation on action taken since 2021 against ill-performing firms/vendors.

Emphasising on timely availability of life saving drugs, the Minister delved on the Corporation to follow protocol of prominent medical institutions regarding Cancer medicines. She directed all medical Superintendents and hospital administrators to submit life saving drug requirements as per that protocol.

Highlighting the challenges faced by healthcare institutions in far-flung and rural areas, the Minister instructed JKMSCL to

improve supply chain coordination and maintain adequate buffer stocks of essential medicines and life-saving equipment so that hospital faces no shortages.

She also directed the corporation to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms and ensure immediate response to complaints from healthcare institutions regarding supply delays or quality issues.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening healthcare ser-

vices in Jammu and Kashmir, the Minister said that accessibility, affordability and quality of medicines and medical equipments remain at the core priorities of present Omar Abdullah led Government.

During the meeting, MD JKMSCL gave a detailed presentation on the functioning of Corporation. Regarding quality testing, he informed the Minister that during year 2024-25, 3390 medicine samples were tested, out of which 32 were declared Not of Standard Quality (NoSQ). In 2025-26, he informed that out of 2806 tested samples, 65 were declared NoSQ with reports of 361 samples still pending.

The MD also apprised the Minister about the active rate contracts in JKMSCL and informed that 3478 rate contracts in categories like machinery and equipment, hospital furniture, drugs and vaccines, instruments and others are available. He also informed the Minister about the Drug and Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS) portal usage by health institutions across J&K.

No risk of 'black snow' or toxic rain in Kashmir, says weatherman Arif

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Terming viral social media claims as misleading, independent weatherman Faizan Arif on Monday said there is no risk of "black snow" or toxic acidic rainfall in Kashmir due to the ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

Arif said, "Posts circulating on social media suggesting that the conflict in the Middle East could trigger black snow or toxic rain in Kashmir are not supported by current atmospheric conditions."

He said such phenomena usually occur only during large-scale environmental disasters involving prolonged burning of oil wells or refineries that release massive amounts of soot, sulphur dioxide and other pollutants into the atmosphere.

Arif cited the example of the Gulf War oil fires, when hundreds of oil wells were set ablaze, producing large quantities of smoke



and pollutants that travelled long distances and affected regional weather patterns.

"At present, there is no large-scale war scenario or widespread destruction of major oil infrastructure in the Middle East that could generate emissions on such a scale," he said.

According to him, most incidents reported so far in the region involve localized military strikes or short-duration fires, many of which were controlled

within hours. Such emissions, he said, generally disperse and dilute in the atmosphere and are unlikely to travel thousands of kilometres in concentrations capable of affecting precipitation.

Arif said Kashmir lies roughly 1,800 to 4,000 kilometres away from major Middle Eastern conflict zones, and pollutants from relatively small fires would significantly dilute before reaching the region.

"For black snow or

chemically significant acid rain to occur, there must be extremely large and sustained emissions of particulate matter and sulphur compounds along with specific atmospheric circulation patterns that transport those pollutants towards the region," he said.

Under the current circumstances, he added, the likelihood of black snow or toxic acidic rainfall in Kashmir due to the present Middle East conflict remains extremely low—(KNO)

Textiles Ministry invites application from artisans for Shilp Guru, National Award

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Union Ministry of Textiles has invited applications from registered artisans and craftsmen for National Handicrafts Awards (Shilp Guru & National Award) for the Award Year 2025 and Pension Scheme 2025-26, under its premier National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

In a press statement issued here today, a spokesman of the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, stated that the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, has invited applications from registered artisans for



Handicrafts Award 2025 under HSC for Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts, the last date of which has been fixed for March 31, 2026. "We urge the artisans to apply in online mode along with self-attested copies of documents including 02 recent passport size photographs, Adhaar, Artisan & PAN Cards, Award & Character

Certificate, photograph of Award Entry, history of craft, his Brief Note along with videos and affidavit in a pen-drive," he said, adding that the copies of the notification, along with enclosures, are available on the department's official social media handles.

Similarly for Pension Scheme under the aegis of 'Financial Support

Scheme to Artisans in Indigent Circumstances', the spokesman stated that the office of DC (Handicrafts), Government of India, has fixed April 02, 2026 as the last date of submission of forms in online mode from eligible artisans of Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts. "The documents to be affixed with online form include 02 recent passport size photographs, Adhaar, Artisan and PAN cards, Awards certificate, if any, Income Certificate, Caste and Disability Certificate, Age Certificate and affidavit along with Bank Mandate form," he added.

The artisans have been further advised to submit their online applications complete in all respects at www.indianhandicrafts.gov.in

PM Modi to visit Kerala, TN on March 11; to launch slew of projects

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KOCHI/CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kerala and Tamil Nadu on March 11 during which he will inaugurate, dedicate to the nation, lay the foundation stone and flag off a slew of development projects across the two states.

According to an official statement, the Prime Minister will first reach Ernakulam in Kerala, where at around 1.30 p.m. he will launch multiple infrastructure and development projects worth about Rs 10,800 crore and address a public gathering.

A major highlight of the programme in Ernakulam will be the laying of the foundation stone for a new polypropylene unit at the Kochi Refinery of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). The project, being developed at an investment of more than Rs 5,500 crore, will have a capacity of 400 kilo tonnes per annum.

Polypropylene is a critical material used in packaging, automotive components, medical devices, textiles and household products.

The facility is expected to strengthen India's domestic polymer manufacturing capability, reduce import depen-



dence and create employment opportunities in the region.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate two major highway projects under the National Highways network.

The six-laning of the Thalapady-Chengala section of NH-66, developed at a cost of over Rs 2,650 crore, forms part of the Mumbai-Kanyakumari Economic Corridor. The project will enhance connectivity between Kasaragod and Kannur districts and neighbouring regions including Mangaluru and Muzhapilangad, while also improving access to towns such as Kasaragod, Bekal, Payyannur and Kannur. It is also expected to boost connectivity to Azhikkal Port and support tourism and trade.

Another key project is the six-laning of the Kozhikode Bypass between Vengalame and Ramanattukara, built at a cost of around Rs 2,140 crore.

SC to hear Mamata Banerjee's plea against Bengal SIR tomorrow

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday the plea filed by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and several Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders challenging the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the poll-bound state.

As per the cause list published on the website of the apex court, a Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and comprising Justices R Mahadevan and Joymalya Bagchi will take up the petitions filed by Banerjee as well as TMC MPs Dola Sen and Derek O'Brien.

In her plea, Chief Minister Banerjee has accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of acting with political bias and alleged that the manner in which the SIR exercise is being conducted would result in the deletion of names of lakhs of voters belonging to marginalised sections of society.

She has contended that the process disproportionately affects vulnerable groups and has sought directions to ensure that genuine voters are not excluded from the electoral rolls.

During the previous hearing, the apex court had intervened to address the deadlock between the West

Bengal government and the poll body over the conduct of the revision exercise and directed that judicial officers be involved in the process of deciding objections and claims filed by voters.

Taking note of the situation, the CJI Kant-led Bench had directed the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court to nominate serving and some retired judicial officers of the rank of Additional District Judge (ADJ) to assist in adjudicating claims and objections filed by voters during the revision exercise.

The top court had said that the ECI officials and the West Bengal government would assist the judicial officers in carrying out the process.

The Supreme Court had also permitted judicial officers from neighbouring High Courts, including Jharkhand and Orissa, to be deputed to West Bengal to expedite the adjudication of voter claims and objections arising from the ongoing SIR exercise.

The direction came after the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court informed the apex court that nearly 80 lakh applications involving categories such as "logical discrepancy" and "unmapped voters" required adjudication, while only around 250 judicial officers were available to deal with the massive pendency.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION TANGMARG.

FRESH NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (CIVIL WORKS)

Fresh NIT No: 145 /R&B of 2025-26

Dated:-09-03-2026

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:-

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4	Bid Submission End Date	23-03-2026 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	24-03-2026 11:00 AM

3. 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 Tangmarg (tender inviting authority)

4. 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 Tangmarg (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).

5. 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 Tangmarg (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.

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ii. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

iii. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

iv. Failure of successfully bidder to submit the performance security within the time period (as per JKPWD Engineering Manual 2020) i.e 21 Days from the issuance of latter of acceptance, after that the work will be put to fresh tenders without any notice to the contractor and the EMD will be forfeited.

38. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25(Double agreement Form), NIT, GFR 2017 & JK PWD Engineering Manual 2020.

39. As per the Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated: 08-07-2025 issued by Finance Department of UT J&K "Every participating supplier/ 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".

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A hat-trick of firsts: India defend T20 WC title, break home jinx, claim record third crown

SIANS

AHMEDABAD: The ghosts of the past were finally laid to rest at the Narendra Modi Stadium as India delivered a masterclass against New Zealand to retain their ICC T20 World Cup title with a 96-run win on Sunday.

In a poetic reversal of fortune at the very venue that once hosted their most bitter defeats in 2023, the Men in Blue stood tall, transforming the world's largest cricket arena into a cauldron of pure jubilation.

India were the favourites to lift the title as they entered the tournament in scintillating form that has seen them win 48 of their last 56 T20I games dating back to October 2023. And producing a dominant series win against New Zealand ahead of the marquee event, they lived up to the tag.

The Men in Blue had a strong and steady campaign leading to the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, achieving seven wins in eight matches. Their journey started with a 29-run win against the United States national cricket team at the Wankhede Stadium on February 7.

They then dominated the Namibia with a convincing 93-run victory in Delhi on February 12. One of their most important wins in the group stage came when they defeated their arch-rivals, the Pakistan, by 61 runs in Colombo on February 15. The team continued to build momentum with a 17-run win over the Netherlands in Ahmedabad on February 18.

India's only defeat in the tournament came against South Africa in Ahmed-



abad on February 22. However, this loss did not derail their campaign. The team responded strongly, beating Zimbabwe by 72 runs in Chennai on February 26. They then overcame the West Indies team by five wickets in Kolkata on March 1, securing a spot in the semi-finals, where the Suryakumar Yadav-led side beat England by seven runs in a thrilling contest.

With this victory, India has rewritten the record books. Take a look at the milestones the Men in Blue conquered in their title defence.

- 1) First team to defend T20 World Cup
- 2) Entering the 2026 tournament as defending champions, India carried the momentum of their historic 2024 campaign—a victory that marked their second T20 World Cup title since the inaugural 2007

triumph. By clinically dismantling New Zealand in the final, the Men in Blue have now achieved what no other men's side in history has: a successful title defence. This back-to-back glory cements their status as the format's undisputed powerhouse.

This latest milestone follows their record-breaking 2024 run, where India redefined dominance by winning eight consecutive matches to lift the trophy. In doing so, they became the first team in the tournament's history to complete an entire World Cup campaign undefeated.

3) First men's team to lift T20 World Cup crown on home soil

India's victory in Ahmedabad marks a watershed moment in the tournament's history: they are now the first men's team to lift the T20 World Cup

trophy on home soil. Since the inaugural 2007 edition in South Africa, the coveted silverware has consistently eluded the host nations. From the Caribbean to Australia, and across previous editions in Asia, the "home-ground advantage" had historically proven to be a burden rather than a blessing.

Until Sunday's final, the list of hosts who fell short was long and distinguished, including South Africa (2007), England (2009), Sri Lanka (2012), and Australia (2022). Even in 2024, the co-hosting USA and West Indies watched as the trophy was claimed by others.

In this 10th edition, co-hosted with Sri Lanka, the Men in Blue finally shattered that long-standing hoodoo.

4) First team to win three T20 World titles

By defeating New Zealand in the final, India has etched its name into the history books as the first nation to win the Men's T20 World Cup three times. This unprecedented "treble" places them in a league of their own.

While the West Indies first broke new ground in 2016 by becoming the first two-time champions, and England later joined that elite club, India's 2026 victory represents a new pinnacle for the shortest format of the game.

The journey to this third star began with their iconic victory in the inaugural 2007 edition, followed by a masterful undefeated run to their second title in 2024. Now, by clinching their third trophy in the tournament's 10th edition, the Men in Blue have officially established a crickering dynasty.

Suryakumar Yadav poses with T20 WC trophy at historic Adalaj Stepwell after India's title triumph

SIANS

AHMEDABAD: India captain Suryakumar Yadav visited the historic Adalaj Ni Vav on Monday, where he posed with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 trophy following India's title-winning campaign.

Images shared by the International Cricket Council (ICC) showed the Indian skipper at the intricately designed stepwell, one of Gujarat's most renowned heritage landmarks, located near Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. The 15th-century structure, known for its elaborate carvings and architectural design, has long attracted tourists and history enthusiasts.

Suryakumar's visit came a day after India's emphatic victory over New Zealand in the T20 World Cup final.



The Indian team sealed the title with a commanding 96-run win at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday, successfully defending the trophy and further cementing their dominance in the shortest format.

The stepwell also holds recent cricketing significance. Ahead of the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup final, former India captain Rohit Sharma and Australia skipper Pat Cummins

had posed for a photoshoot at the same location.

Despite the tournament celebrations continuing across the country, Suryakumar appeared to take a moment to explore the historic monument. Photographs from the visit showed him walking through the stepwell's ornate corridors and admiring the detailed stonework while holding the World Cup trophy.

T20 WC: Samson, Bumrah star as India clinch third title, beat New Zealand by 96 runs

SIANS

AHMEDABAD: Fast bowling spearhead Jasprit Bumrah picked 4-15 as India became the first team to retain the Men's T20 World Cup title and win the crown for a record three times after beating New Zealand by 96 runs in front of 86,824 fans at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday.

Sanju Samson's blistering 89 off 46 balls, laced with five fours and eight sixes, powered India to 255/5, the highest total in a T20 World Cup final, before Bumrah and Axar Patel (3-27) ripped through New Zealand's top order to seal victory. The visitors were dismissed for 159 in 19 overs, with only Tim Seifert offering resistance through a fighting 52.

Samson, in prime form after scores of 97 not out and 89 in his previous innings, shared a 98-run opening stand with Abhishek

Sharma (52 off 21 balls) while Ishan Kishan added 54 off 25 deliveries. James Neesham briefly checked the charge with three wickets in an over, but Shivam Dube's unbeaten 26 off eight balls pushed India past 250.

India's bowlers then ensured there was no repeat of the semi-final scare against England, reducing New Zealand to 52/3 inside the powerplay. The win broke two hoodoos - India's first victory over New Zealand in a T20 World Cup and their first ICC white-ball triumph in Ahmedabad after defeats in the 2023 ODI final and earlier in this tournament.

Captain Suryakumar Yadav is now the fourth Indian skipper to lead the side to a men's cricket World Cup title after having not lost a single series since taking charge after the trophy triumph in Barbados in June 2024 - a remarkable record that highlights India's dominance in the shortest format.

Head coach Gautam Gambhir also gets his second ICC title, as India completed their two-peat of Men's T20 World Cup titles via their high-risk and reward approach.

On a flat mixed soil pitch, India's imposing total was built on an explosive platform laid by their top three, all of whom attacked from the outset with strike rates that underlined their dominance. Samson finished on a strike rate of 193.47, while Abhishek struck at 247.61 and Kishan hit his runs at a strike-rate of 216.

The early overs had set an ominous tone for New Zealand before the tactical decision to introduce fast bowler Jacob Duffy in the third over backfired badly. Runs and boundaries flowed from there like an avalanche, as New Zealand's bowlers were sent on a leather hunt via depending too much on slower balls and bowling away from stump-to-stump lines.

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1	19 FEB	THURSDAY	05:49	06:21
2	20 FEB	FRIDAY	05:48	06:22
3	21 FEB	SATURDAY	05:47	06:23
4	22 FEB	SUNDAY	05:46	06:24
5	23 FEB	MONDAY	05:45	06:24
6	24 FEB	TUESDAY	05:44	06:25
7	25 FEB	WEDNESDAY	05:42	06:26
8	26 FEB	THURSDAY	05:41	06:27
9	27 FEB	FRIDAY	05:40	06:28
10	28 FEB	SATURDAY	05:39	06:29

10 Days Of Magfirat

RAMADAN	DATE	DAY	SEHRI TIME	IFTARI TIME
11	01 MARCH	SUNDAY	05:38	06:30
12	02 MARCH	MONDAY	05:37	06:31
13	03 MARCH	TUESDAY	05:36	06:32
14	04 MARCH	WEDNESDAY	05:34	06:33
15	05 MARCH	THURSDAY	05:33	06:33
16	06 MARCH	FRIDAY	05:31	06:34
17	07 MARCH	SATURDAY	05:30	06:34
18	08 MARCH	SUNDAY	05:28	06:35
19	09 MARCH	MONDAY	05:27	06:36
20	10 MARCH	TUESDAY	05:26	06:37

10 Days Of Najat

RAMADAN	DATE	DAY	SEHRI TIME	IFTARI TIME
21	11 MARCH	WEDNESDAY	05:25	06:38
22	12 MARCH	THURSDAY	05:24	06:38
23	13 MARCH	FRIDAY	05:23	06:39
24	14 MARCH	SATURDAY	05:20	06:40
25	15 MARCH	SUNDAY	05:19	06:41
26	16 MARCH	MONDAY	05:18	06:42
27	17 MARCH	TUESDAY	05:16	06:42
28	18 MARCH	WEDNESDAY	05:15	06:43
29	19 MARCH	THURSDAY	05:14	06:44
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