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Second LPG Tanker Arrives In India; 22 Ships Still Stranded



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NEW DELHI: A second Indian-flagged LPG tanker reached the country early Tuesday after safely sailing from the war-hit Strait of Hormuz, and efforts are on to ensure the safe passage of the remaining 22 Indian vessels still stranded in the conflict zone.

The LPG tanker, Nanda Devi, reached Kandla port in Gujarat at around 2.30 am this morning, said Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

On Monday, the first ship, Shivalik, reached Mundra port in Gujarat.

The two ships are carrying about 92,712 tonnes of LPG – equivalent to a day's requirement of cooking gas in the country.

"The two have started discharge (of LPG). Right now, Nanda Devi is doing a ship-to-ship transfer – from mother

ship to daughter ship," he said at a media briefing.

Sinha said all Indian seafarers in the Persian Gulf region are safe and no shipping incidents involving Indian vessels have been reported in the past 24 hours.

Two LPG carriers started their journey on March 13 and crossed the Strait of Hormuz early on March 14. This takes the number of Indian-flagged vessels or ships to have safely navigated through the war zone to four.

Currently, 22 Indian-flagged vessels carrying 611 seafarers remain in the western Gulf, with the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping) monitoring operations closely in coordination with ship owners, agencies and Indian missions, he said.

The Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway that connects the Persian Gulf to the open ocean, has effectively been shut following the US and Israel attack. **•P-06**

Elements Threat To Peace, Safety Of Innocents Will Have To Pay 'Very Heavy Price': LG Sinha

Attends Passing Out Parade Of J&K Police Constables At STC Talwara

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday said that any individual or group that seeks to threaten the peace, law and order, or the safety of innocent civilians in Jammu Kashmir will have to pay a very heavy price.

Addressing the Passing Out Parade of the Constables at the STC Talwara, in Reasi, LG said any attempt to disrupt public peace, undermine commercial activity, or incite violence shall be met with the full force of the law and J&K Police is unequivocal in its commitment to safeguard order and stability, and shall pursue all necessary measures against such acts, without exception.

Congratulating the bravehearts of J&K Police on their successful completion of the tough training, the Lieutenant Governor called upon them to focus on protecting Jammu Kashmir's achievements.

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a pivotal role in achieving remarkable milestones in good governance, innovation, social unity, and building a just society. We must uproot separatist elements which are trying to divide people and derail development. Let this serve as their stern warning," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that every woman or man donning the J&K Police uniform pledges to exceed public expectations with superior standards.

"From today, public trust is your greatest asset – but earn it relentlessly through integrity, impartiality, and empathy. Your role transcends enforcing law; embody its spirit and soul. I trust you will uphold every citizen's dignity in protection," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that J&K Police stand fully committed to peace, security, and democratic values, ensuring every citizen scale new heights of progress in tranquility.

"With all resources and resolve, J&K Police pursue zero tolerance to terrorism. We are working on a multi-pronged strategy with all the stakeholder agencies and soon J&K will be terror-free," the Lieutenant Governor said.

A total of 430 Trainee Constables passed out after their basic training and all trainees were administered the Oath. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor awarded trophies to the trainee constables who excelled during their **•P-06**

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Snowfall, Rains Continue For 3rd Consecutive Day In Kashmir



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Several upper reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall, while plains recorded rains for third consecutive day on Tuesday.

An official said that areas including Gurez, Karnah and Razdan Top experienced fresh snowfall, while light rainfall was reported in Srinagar and other plains of the Valley.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said the sky is expected to remain partly cloudy with brief spells of light rain in plains and light snowfall over higher elevations at a few places till March 20.

The MeT office said a few upper reaches of the Chenab

Valley and parts of South Kashmir may receive moderate to heavy snowfall during this period.

After this spell, weather conditions are expected to improve for a few days. The department said the region is likely to remain generally dry from March 21 to March 25.

However, another spell of cloudy weather is expected between March 26 and March 28, with the possibility of light rain in plains and light snowfall over higher reaches at scattered to many places.

The Meteorological Department has issued an advisory for travellers and the general public, particularly those moving **•P-06**

J&K Police Moving To Dense Forests, Mountains To Neutralise Terrorists: DGP

Says We Are Not Allowing Nefarious Neighbour To Succeed In Its Designs

SAJID RAINA

REASI: Revealing that Jammu and Kashmir Police have changed tactics to counter terror, Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday said the force is now carrying out operations in dense forests and mountainous areas to neutralise terrorists operating in the region.

Addressing a passing out parade of the constables at the STC Talwara here, the DGP, said, "Over the past two years the J&K Police altered its operational strategy and intensified action in remote forests and mountains where terrorists have attempted to regroup."

He said, "The battle has shifted to jungles and upper reaches. We are moving upwards into these areas to get them (terrorists) and destroy their hideouts."



DGP Prabhat said Police are now actively engaging terrorists in forests of Udhampur and Kathua Districts.

In an apparent reference to Pakistan, the DGP said, "Our operations are aimed at countering terrorists who are sent by our nefarious neighbour. We are not allowing them to succeed in

their evil plans."

Recalling last year's "Operation Mahadev," the DGP said security forces eliminated three Pakistani terrorists during the operation. "The terrorists were responsible for the killing of 26 civilians in the Baisaran (Pahalgam) area. Police had pursued them deep inside the forest before neutralising them."

The J&K Police Chief also highlighted the force's outreach programmes and its engagement with local communities across the Union Territory.

He said the police maintained close ties with society and had conducted around 5300 "Thana Diwas" programmes in the past year to strengthen interaction with the public and address local concerns.

DGP Prabhat also spoke about the police campaign **•P-06**

'Moderate Increase In J&K's Central Assistance Allocation For 2026-27'



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SRINAGAR: The Department-related Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs has observed that there has been a moderate increase in the allocation for Jammu & Kashmir in the Budget Estimates for 2026-27 compared to the previous year.

In its report tabled in the Lok Sabha on Monday, the Committee stated that while the allocation for 2026-27 reflects a moderate increase over the previous year, greater alignment between projected requirements and approved allocations, improved planning of project-linked expenditure, and an enhanced focus

on capital formation would contribute to more effective and outcome-oriented utilisation of funds.

According to the report, the Union Territory was allocated Rs 43290.29 crores against a projected requirement of Rs 50,640.02 crores.

The Committee observed that there is scope for enhancing capital support to facilitate asset creation and long-term growth.

"The Committee further notes that support for capital expenditure has remained constant at Rs 101.77 crores and has been fully utilised during 2025-26 (till 31st January 2026). In the Committee's view, given the **•P-06**

Sluggish Markets Cast Shadow Over Eid-ul-Fitr In Kashmir

Traders Cite Multiple Factors Behind Slowest Business In Years

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The festive buzz that traditionally sweeps Kashmir's markets in the days before Eid-ul-Fitr is missing this year, with traders across the Valley describing one of the slowest pre-Eid seasons in living memory. They say that the effects of the Pahalgam attack, a bad apple season, rising prices, and global oil problems have all made families spend much less money.

"We have never seen such dullness before Eid. Usually, by this time, markets remain crowded till late evening, but now there are barely any customers," said Bashir Ahmad, a trader from Shopian. "Sales are at an all-time low, and it is becoming difficult to even cover daily expenses."

Traders said that while Eid



shopping traditionally centred on clothes, footwear and bakery items, this year people were buying only essentials. They said the decline has been building since autumn, with hopes of a pre-Eid recovery now fading.

Mohammad Shafi Ganaie, a trader from Anantnag, said the damage ran deep. "People suffered losses due to low tour-

ism after the Pahalgam attack last year and low apple demand due to highway closures. They are just buying essential commodities," he said.

Rouf Ahmad, a member of the Traders Association in Pulwama, said sales had plummeted to a level where many were worried about sustaining their businesses. He cited global war tensions,

rising crude oil prices and a shift in local investment towards high-density farming as compounding factors.

According to traders, tourism plays a crucial role in boosting local trade, and the lack of adequate tourist inflow has had a cascading effect on the overall economy.

"Last year's tourism was not as good as expected, and that has directly affected our earnings," said Ghulam Nabi, a garment shop owner in Anantnag. "People associated with tourism – cab drivers, hotel workers and guides – have less money this year, which means less spending in markets."

The horticulture sector also faced challenges. Apple growers said they faced a "punishing" season. They added that low demand and poor returns left an entire segment of Kashmir's **•P-06**

Mortal Remains Of Two Indian Nationals From Oman Arrived In India: MEA

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NEW DELHI: The mortal remains of two of the five Indian nationals who lost their lives amid the conflict in West Asia have been brought back to India, while efforts are underway for the early repatriation of the mortal remains of other three, a government official said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference in the national capital, Additional Secretary (Gulf) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Aseem Mahajan, underlined that the safety and the wellbeing of the Indian community continues to remain the highest priority.

He made the remarks during the Inter-Ministerial Briefing on recent developments in West Asia.

"The mortal remains of the two Indian nationals who unfortunately lost their lives in the incident in Sohar city in Oman have been received by the families in Jaipur today. We express our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased," the MEA official said.

He said that the embassy remains in regular contact with the hospital authorities and the **•P-06**

Evacuation Of Students From Iran Hits Delays As Families Demand Faster Action

Kashmir Parents Call For Direct Flights, Smoother Border Crossings



JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Anxiety continues to mount among parents in Jammu and Kashmir as the evacuation process of Indian students stranded abroad faces delays, logistical challenges, and what families describe as an inadequate response from the Government of India.

Despite ongoing efforts to bring students back safely, several developments over the past 24 hours have added to the uncertainty.

According to details

obtained, a group of 51 students from Golestan has departed towards Armenia as part of the evacuation process. However, many others remain stranded at various transit points, awaiting clearance and further assistance.

The third batch of Indian students returning from Yerevan, Armenia, has been delayed by approximately three hours. Flight FZ718, originally scheduled to depart at 11:25, is operating via Dubai and was expected to reach New Delhi at 9:55 AM. Officials **•P-06**

Man dies after being hit by fire tender during Pahalgam fire response

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ANANTNAG: A hotel and a vehicle were damaged in a major fire that broke out in the Pahalgam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district late Monday evening, while a man was killed during firefighting operations, officials said.

The fire engulfed a resort at Laripora Pahalgam, prompting authorities to rush fire tenders to the scene to contain the blaze.

The incident highlights concerns over fire safety in tourist areas, especially as the region enters the peak travel season, with hotels and resorts witnessing increased activity.

Officials said the fire spread rapidly, causing damage to multiple structures within the hotel premises.

"Three structures of the hotel and a vehicle suffered damage in the incident," an official said, adding that the cause of the fire was being ascertained.

During the firefighting operation, several LPG cylinder explosions were reported, which hampered efforts to control the blaze.

Firefighters continued



operations despite the explosions and managed to bring the fire under control after strenuous efforts, officials told the news agency Kashmir News Trust.

Amid the response operation, a fatal incident occurred when a man was hit by a reversing fire tender.

The deceased has been identified as Manjeet Singh, 31, son of Wakeel Singh, a resident of Hutma-

ra Mattan area of Anantnag district.

Officials said he was working as a gatekeeper at a nearby lodge when the incident took place.

He sustained critical injuries after being struck by the vehicle and later succumbed, officials added.

Authorities said the circumstances surrounding the accident are also being examined.

The fire incident caused panic in the area, with locals and workers gathering near the site as flames engulfed parts of the resort.

Pahalgam, a major tourist destination in Kashmir, witnesses a significant inflow of visitors during the spring and summer months, making fire safety measures crucial for hotels and hospitality establishments. [KNT]

DC Anantnag reviews progress of Land Record Digitization

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, on Monday reviewed the status of the district on land record digitization during a meeting with the concerned officers at Dak Bungalow Khanabal.

The meeting was attended by the ADC, ACR, SDMs besides the Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and other officials of revenue department.

At the outset, the DC conducted Tehsil-wise evaluation of the progress of verification and uploading of Jamabandies on PM Gati Shakti Portal and issued specific directions to the Tehsildars, showing pendency, to ensure the verification of the remaining Jamabandies immediately.

Dr. Bilal emphasized that the digitization initiative is aimed at enhancing transparency and directed the officers to take appropriate action on non-quasi judicial errors within the



stipulated timeframe. Simultaneously the work on back log mutations be taken up so that maximum updation is achieved, he remarked.

The DC enjoined upon the Tehsildars to start the grievance collection work, with respect to last updated Jamabandies and ensure the process along with data capturing is completed within the stipulated time-

frame of next 3-4 weeks. To achieve this, special camps be conducted and field functionaries be tasked to collect the data from the land holders during regular and scheduled visits to the Revenue Villages, he added.

Directing ADC, ACR and SDMs to monitor the process, the DC asked them that a proper mechanism and format be devised to

receive the information on grievances from every Revenue Village and Tehsil on a daily basis.

Reviewing implementation of the Public Services Guarantee Act, the DC directed the officers that benefits of all revenue services that come under the ambit of the Act be provided to the eligible applicants in a fair, transparent and time bound manner.

The meeting was informed that verification of digitized Jamabandies is nearing completion and the district has achieved above 99% progress so far, with possibility of achieving 100% this week. Also updated geo-referenced digitized maps showing attributes such as Khasra Number and area stand prepared besides appreciable progress has been made on sub-parcellation of maps.

Further, the work on the pending mutations which will update the current revenue records, is also being carried out.

No disruption in LPG refills, eKYC applies only to select beneficiaries: Govt

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NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has clarified that biometric Aadhaar authentication (eKYC) for LPG consumers is not mandatory for all users, dismissing reports suggesting a new directive requiring universal compliance.

In an official clarification, the ministry said the ongoing push for eKYC is part of routine efforts to improve transparency and is not a newly introduced rule.

The clarification comes amid confusion among consumers following circulating reports that LPG users would be required to undergo biometric authentication to continue receiving gas cylinder refills.

The ministry said the eKYC requirement applies only to those LPG consumers who have not completed the process so far.

Officials stated that consumers who have already completed their eKYC earlier do not need to repeat the process.

For beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the ministry said eKYC is required only once in a financial year and that too for receiving targeted direct benefit transfer (DBT) subsidies beyond a specified number of refills.

The ministry added that the process can be completed easily and free of cost, including through home-based options. "Supply of LPG refills is not affected in any case," the ministry said, addressing concerns about possible disruption in gas supply.

Officials said the eKYC process is aimed at ensuring transparency, identifying genuine beneficiaries and preventing misuse of LPG subsidies.

Students from Nagarjuna College Secure third place in Hackathon



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BENGALURU: In a display of technical prowess and innovative thinking, students from the city's premier Nagarjuna College brought laurels to their institution by securing the third position at a recently concluded inter-collegiate Hackathon.

The team, which comprised bright young minds from the college, showcased exceptional skill and problem-solving abilities during the highly competitive event. The achievement has brought a wave of cheer and pride to the entire Nagarjuna College community.

Among the standout performers was Nauman Shah, who, along with his fellow students, shone brightly throughout the competition. Their success at the event highlights the quality of technical education and the innovative spirit fostered at the Bangalore-based institution.

The achievement has been widely appreciated, with Good Morning Kashmir extending its congratulations to the college and the winning team. In their message, they lauded the students for their accomplishment and wished them continued success in their future academic and professional endeavours.

PDP criticizes Sakina Itoo's remarks on private teachers

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party on Tuesday criticized Education Minister Sakina Itoo over her remarks on the qualifications of private school teachers, calling them "unfortunate" and raising concerns over their impact on the education sector.

In a statement, PDP spokesperson Syed Tajamul said such comments risk creating divisions within the teaching community and undermine the role played by private school educators in the region.

The remarks have triggered a broader debate on the contribution of private institutions to education in Jammu and Kashmir, where both government and private schools cater to a large number of students.

Tajamul said private school teachers, despite working with limited resources and comparatively lower salaries, have made a significant contribution to the development of education in the region.

"Much of the progress visible in the sector can be attributed to their dedication and perseverance," he said.

He added that the teaching profession should not

be divided along institutional lines, as educators across both sectors share a common responsibility.

"Teachers, whether in government or private institutions, are engaged in nurturing young minds. Drawing comparisons or creating divisions sends a negative message," he said.

The PDP leader also questioned public perceptions regarding qualifications, pointing to what he described as a contradiction in societal choices.

"If private school teachers are perceived to be less qualified, why do many government employees, including teachers, choose private schools for their children?" he asked.

He said the issue reflects broader realities in the education system and the level of trust placed by families in private institutions.

Tajamul also linked the discussion to wider concerns about employment in the region, saying Kashmir has no shortage of qualified individuals but faces a lack of adequate job opportunities.

He said it is increasingly common to find highly educated youth working in unrelated or low-paying jobs, describing it as a concerning trend.

Anantnag hosts Gender Sensitisation Workshop to empower rural women

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ANANTNAG: In continuation to International Women's Day celebrations aimed to promote inclusivity and empower rural women, the Agriculture Production Department Anantnag, on Monday organized a "Gender, Targeting & Inclusion Sensitization Workshop" at Town Hall Anantnag.

The workshop was held on the theme "Rights, Justice, Action for all Women and Girls," under the aegis of the IFAD-JKCIP Project.

District Development Commissioner (DDC), Dr. Bilal Mohiud Din Bhat, graced the event as chief guest, which also witnessed the participation by Chief Agriculture Officer, DD Fisheries, officers from agriculture and allied sectors, officials and women from different walk of life.

The main objective of the program was to sensitize officers and field functionaries on the importance of gender mainstreaming in agricultural projects. Discussions primarily centered on ensuring women farmers and girls have equitable access to resources, technology, and decision-making processes within the farming

community. Addressing the gathering, the DDC called women as leaders and drivers of change who are committed to excel in all sectors including agriculture, adding they deserve due recognition for their gender specific and general roles in the society. He encouraged women to choose suitable lines of activity in agriculture and allied sectors and generate employment for themselves and others as well, through flagship initiatives like HADP, JKCIP and Mission YUVA.

Dr. Bilal stressed that farmers and prospective beneficiaries must come forward and take full advantage of various government schemes aimed at strengthening the agriculture sector and improving livelihoods.

On the occasion, the CAO briefed participants about different schemes of the department, which have been designed to enhance agricultural productivity and boost livelihood opportunities. These schemes can have a positive effect on economic upliftment and social empowerment of women associated with agriculture and allied sectors, he noted.

KU concludes week-long entrepreneurship training on mushroom cultivation

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SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir (KU) on Monday concluded week-long entrepreneurship training programmes on "Nursery & Post-Harvest Management of Commercially Important Ornamental Plants" and "Cultivation & Commercialization of Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms in Kashmir" at the Main Campus.

Organised by the varsity's Department of Botany, the programmes aimed to equip participants with practical skills and technical knowledge in nursery management, mushroom cultivation and post-harvest handling, while encouraging entrepreneurship and livelihood generation in the floriculture and mushroom sectors.

Speaking at the valedictory session, Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, said that skill-oriented training programmes play a crucial role in linking academic knowledge with practical enterprise opportunities.



"Such initiatives help build entrepreneurial capacity among participants and encourage them to explore sustainable livelihood avenues by applying scientific knowledge to local resources," she said.

Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, said that the University remains committed to promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development through focused training programmes that address

local needs and economic opportunities.

Dean, School of Biological Sciences KU, Prof. Abdul Hamid Wani, highlighted the growing potential of floriculture and mushroom cultivation in the region and emphasised the importance of scientific training and capacity building in strengthening these sectors.

Earlier, Head, Department of Botany KU, Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Wani, said the

programme was designed to provide participants with practical exposure and scientific understanding necessary for developing entrepreneurial ventures in ornamental plant nurseries and mushroom production.

The training programme included 12 expert sessions and five practical training sessions, providing hands-on learning opportunities for participants. The sessions focused

on nursery management, climate-controlled cultivation environments, floriculture systems suited to Kashmir's conditions, and post-harvest innovations aimed at extending the vase life and market value of flowers.

Participants also undertook field visits to the Division of Floriculture (SKUAST-K), Government Hi-Tech Nursery at Polo View, and several private nurseries to gain practical insights into commercial nursery management and cultivation practices.

Entrepreneurs from nursery management and mushroom cultivation programmes, along with participants, shared their feedback and expressed satisfaction with the training programme.

On the occasion, the 'Botanical Society Bulletin' was also released, and certificates were distributed among the participants. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Manzoor Shah, faculty at the Department of Botany KU.

Security tightened in Katra ahead of Navratra, DIG reviews arrangements

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JAMMU: Security arrangements in Katra, the base camp for the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, were reviewed on Tuesday ahead of the upcoming Navratra festival, with authorities planning enhanced surveillance and multi-layer deployment to ensure a smooth and secure yatra, officials said.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sarah Rizvi chaired a joint review meeting to assess preparedness and coordinate security measures among multiple agencies involved in managing the pilgrimage.

The review assumes significance as Navratra attracts a large influx of pilgrims to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, requiring heightened vigilance and crowd management.

Officials said senior officers from the police, CRPF, Army, Intelligence Bureau, CID, Railways, Traffic Police and the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board attended the meeting.

During the session, SSP

Reasi presented a detailed security grid plan covering Katra town, the yatra route and the shrine area.

Officials said the focus was on ensuring seamless movement of pilgrims while maintaining strict security checks to prevent any untoward incident.

The DIG directed the establishment of random checkpoints across key locations to intensify vehicle checking and monitoring of movement in and around Katra.

Round-the-clock joint long-range patrolling by police and CRPF was also planned to strengthen area domination and surveillance, officials said.

Additional deployment on elevated points and high ridges has been proposed to monitor vulnerable stretches along the pilgrimage route.

Authorities also emphasised increased foot patrolling in crowded areas to maintain visibility and quick response capability.

Village Defence Guards are being activated as part of local-level vigilance measures, while continuous

area domination exercises and long-range patrols will be conducted, officials said.

Special attention was given to crowd management, with officials stressing the need to regulate pilgrim flow and avoid situations that could lead to congestion or stampede-like conditions.

Officials said verification drives would be intensified, including background checks of migrants, construction workers, pony porters and others entering Katra during the festival period.

Regular inspections of hotels, lodges and homestays have also been planned to verify the credentials of visitors and ensure compliance with safety protocols.

Authorities said inter-agency coordination would be key to handling the increased footfall during Navratra. The meeting concluded with directions to maintain close coordination among all stakeholders to ensure that pilgrims can undertake the yatra in a secure and orderly environment. [KNT]

Stranded at Iran-Azerbaijan border

We ended up managing everything on our own, say Kashmiri students

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Far from home and caught in a maze of uncertainty, around 180 Kashmiri and Indian students studying in Iran are stranded near the Azerbaijan border, facing fear, mounting financial losses and an unclear path back as evacuation efforts remain inconsistent on the ground.

The students, mostly pursuing medical and professional courses, were first relocated from Tehran to Qom amid rising tensions in Iran. Initially offered routes through Armenia and later Azerbaijan, they were asked to book tickets in advance and share PNR details. Limited border clearances and changing instructions have since left them stranded near Astara, waiting anxiously to return home.

One of the students described a distressing journey over the past nearly three weeks, marked by repeated relocations, changing travel plans and prolonged waiting at the Astara border crossing. "We left our universities hoping we would be evacuated safely, but we have ended up

managing everything on our own," a student said.

According to her, they were initially in Tehran when tensions escalated, prompting them to seek evacuation. "We were later moved to Qom, considered relatively safer at the time, where we stayed for around 10-12 days amid uncertainty," she said.

"Even there, we were told repeatedly that evacuation was not confirmed. Later, we were given options to leave through Armenia or Azerbaijan, but we had to arrange everything ourselves," the student said.

The student said they were advised to book flight tickets in advance and share their travel details before being moved further.

"To secure our exit, we booked tickets ranging from rupees 50,000 to over rupees 1 lakh from Azerbaijan to New Delhi. For many of us, this amount is more than our families' monthly income," another student said.

However, upon reaching the Astara border near Azerbaijan, the situation became more uncertain. Students said crossing requires official clearance or 'codes', which are being



issued in very limited numbers. "Initially, we were told dozens would be allowed daily, but the numbers kept decreasing. Now, only a handful are being allowed, and many are still waiting despite having confirmed tickets," the student said.

Notably, the delays have resulted in several students missing their flights, many of which were non-refundable or difficult to reschedule. "We were first told to book tickets to be moved forward. Now we are being asked to cancel or reschedule them, with no clarity on refunds. We don't know how much more loss we can bear," she added.

Students also described the situation at the border as unpredictable, with names

being cleared without a clear sequence, leaving others waiting anxiously. "Every day we gather, hoping our turn will come. It feels uncertain and stressful because we don't know who will be allowed next," the student said.

Apart from financial losses, students spoke about emotional strain and pressure from fami-

lies back home.

"Our parents are worried. Some of us used all available savings for tickets. We do not know what to tell them when flights are missed, and plans keep changing," another student said.

Students said they remain in contact with associations and officials, but pointed to a lack of consistent communication regarding routes, permissions and timelines.

The situation involves multiple stages of coordination, including movement within Iran and permissions at the Azerbaijan border, which students believe has contributed to delays and confusion.

The stranded group has appealed for smoother border clearances, clearer communication and support in managing financial losses caused by missed or cancelled travel plans.

Meanwhile, the Jammu & Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has sought the urgent intervention of External Affairs Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar, requesting immediate steps to facilitate safe passage for the stranded students and ensure their timely return.

The Association, in a statement, highlighted growing distress among students and their families, stressing the need for coordinated diplomatic and logistical support.

National Convener of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, said the students had travelled from different parts of Iran and reached the Azerbaijan border in the hope of crossing over for their onward journey to India. "However, Azerbaijani authorities have reportedly closed the border and are not allowing them to enter the country or granting transit permits, leaving hundreds of Indian students, of which the majority are from Kashmir, stranded in extremely distressing conditions."

Khuehami said that students were earlier instructed to book their flight tickets in advance and submit their PNR details, after which they would be escorted to the border. They were also informed that travel permissions would be coordinated in batches, enabling them to cross the border and board their onward flights. Following these instructions, many students booked tickets for March 18, 19, and 21—(KNO)

NC MP raises concern over Indians stranded in Gulf, Seeks Govt Intervention

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NEW DELHI: Member of Parliament Chowdhry Mohammad Ramzan on Tuesday raised serious concerns in Parliament regarding Indian nationals stranded in Gulf countries, including businessmen, workers and pilgrims, as well as students from Jammu & Kashmir pursuing education abroad.

He urged the Government of India to take immediate steps to ensure their safety and security and, where necessary, facilitate their relocation to safer places.

During his address, he strongly condemned the assassination of Iran's Supreme and Spiritual Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and criticized the unilateral attack by the United States and Israel

on the sovereign nation of Iran.

He also stated that the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and its President Dr. Farooq Abdullah have strongly condemned the unilateral attack by the United States and Israel on the Iran, as well as the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

He noted that Dr. Abdullah described the attack as unjust and a violation of the sovereignty of an independent nation. He further conveyed that the party stands in solidarity with the people of Iran in this moment of grief, extending heartfelt condolences.

He also reminded the House of India's longstanding and principled support for the Palestinian cause, particularly during the leadership of Yasir Arafat and the Palestine Lib-



eration Organization. He noted that India was the first non-Arab country to recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in 1974, later granting it full diplomatic status reflecting India's historic commitment to the Palestinian cause.

He stated that India has traditionally stood for moderation, non-alignment and a balanced foreign

policy rooted in justice and dialogue. However, he expressed concern that an unfortunate shift appears to have taken place, alleging support for a country that has caused large-scale civilian casualties in Gaza, where over 70,000 people have been killed, including children, journalists, health workers, UN Peace keepers and NGO personnel.

Several Members across parties associated themselves with the speech and sentiments expressed by Chowdhry Mohammad Ramzan, reflecting broad support for the concerns he raised. Prominent leaders include Sonia Gandhi (INC), Digvijaya Singh (INC), Derek O'Brien (TMC), Jaya Bachchan (SP) and Sanjay Singh (AAP), and Priyanka Chaturvedi (Shiv Sena) along with other members from DMK, CPI, NCP, BJD and the UDF.

19 years on, two vital bridges on Jhelum await completion in Awantipora

Residents risk lives crossing river as long-pending projects continue to face delays

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PULWAMA: Nineteen years after their foundation stones were laid, two bridges over the Jhelum river at Dogripora and Reshipora in Pulwama district remain unfinished, forcing hundreds of residents, school children, elderly citizens and patients to cross the river daily in wooden boats, at constant risk to their lives.

The Dogripora bridge was sanctioned in 2006, with construction beginning in 2008, while work on the Reshipora bridge started shortly after. Despite nearly two decades of assurances from successive governments, both projects remain stalled, largely due to funding constraints and prolonged

administrative delays.

Residents fear a tragedy on the lines of the Gandbal boat capsizing could occur if the projects are not completed urgently.

Yasir Ahmad, a resident of Dogripora, that the delay had made life extremely difficult. "Several people have suffered injuries while crossing the river. These bridges are lifelines that would connect our villages to the national highway and the Panzgam Railway Station. Their completion would significantly cut travel time between Tral and Shahpora and boost local economic activity," he said.

In Reshipora, residents said they were forced to travel nearly 10 kilometres to reach the highway, a journey that would take

minutes if the bridge were functional. "It is not just an inconvenience but a daily suffering. During emergencies or harsh weather, we feel completely cut off," said Tariq Ahmad, a local resident, adding that the absence of public transport compounded the hardship for children and the elderly.

Basit, another Dogripora resident, said nearly 70 per cent of the bridge structure had already been completed before work abruptly stopped. "The foundation was laid during the PDP-Congress regime, and work was initiated by JKPCC in 2007-08. Since then, the incomplete structure stands as a reminder of unfulfilled promises," he said.

Last year, the govern-

ment sanctioned Rs 1,529.47 lakh for the completion of the Dogripora bridge, raising hopes among residents. However, no visible progress has been made on the ground.

For the Reshipora bridge, a revised Detailed Project Report estimating the remaining work at Rs 1,383.01 lakh has been prepared and is awaiting administrative approval.

A senior official said both bridges were partially complete and work had been halted due to financial constraints.

"The tendering process will begin once approvals are in place. We are aware of the public concerns, and efforts are underway to resume work at the earliest," the official said—(KNO)

Sajad Lone asks J&K Govt to review EWS criteria for reservation in jobs

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Citing official figures of Below Poverty Line (BPL) population in Kashmir Valley, Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone has asked the J&K government to reconsider the asset-based criteria under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category for reservation in jobs and admissions.

In a post on X, Lone said that the BPL population in Kashmir exceeds that of Jammu, yet only one out of nine qualifiers in the EWS category in the recent KAS examination was from Valley.

"The number of souls in the Below Poverty Line Category (Antyodaya Anna Yojana + Priority Households) in Kashmir Valley exceeds that in Jammu," Lone said, citing official figures of 37.71 lakh in Kashmir compared to 29.81 lakh in Jammu.

He pointed out that in response to his questions in the Assembly, the government revealed that only 7.7% and 8.6% of certificates issued under the EWS category were from Kashmir.

He said the problem lies in the criteria for granting these certificates. "While almost all BPL population in Kashmir falls within the income criteria for issuing these certificates, the asset-relat-

ed conditions, especially the size of the residential house and residential plot ensures exclusion of Kashmiris from the EWS category," he said.

Citing the district-wise BPL population of Kashmir, Lone said that asset-based criteria is grave injustice with people of the Valley.

"It is grave injustice with people of Kashmir. We have 5.09 lakh BPL souls in Srinagar, 5.21 lakh in Kupwara, 5.79 lakh in Baramulla and 5.76 lakh in Anantnag," he said, adding that EWS certificates could have been a major confidence building measure for old city Srinagar, old town Baramulla, Anantnag, Budgam and parts of Sopore.

Lone appealed to the Chief Minister to address the issue urgently, stating that continuing recruitment without correcting the criteria would amount to injustice. "All reservations are heavily tilted towards Jammu. This particular category is tilted towards Jammu because of government norms, not because Kashmir is rich and Jammu is poor," he said.

He asked why Jammu & Kashmir cannot do away with asset-based norms.

"It is time to study what states like Rajasthan and Kerala have done. If they have done away with asset-related conditions, why cannot we?" Lone asked—(KNO)

Railways to Add Extra Sleeper Coach in Kolkata-Jammu Tawi Express

AGENCIES

JAMMU: The Northern Railway's Jammu Division has decided to attach an additional sleeper coach to the Kolkata-Jammu Tawi Express in view of the expected surge in passengers during the Navratri festival, officials said on Tuesday.

The additional coach will be attached to Train No. 13151/13152 (Kolkata-Jammu Tawi-Kolkata Express) from March 20 to April 2 to accommodate the heavy rush of devotees travelling to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

Officials said the move was taken as a large number of pilgrims travel to Jammu during Navratri to visit the shrine and the demand for berths increases significantly during the period.

"With the addition of the extra sleeper coach, the chances of ticket confirmation for passengers on the waiting list will improve considerably," an official statement issued by the Jammu Division of Northern Railway said.

The railway authorities said the step would also help reduce overcrowding in the existing coaches and provide a safer and more comfortable journey to passengers.

According to officials, the additional coach will enable around 72 to 80 passengers on the waiting list to get confirmed berths each day during the period.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said the decision was taken keeping in view the heavy passenger rush and long waiting lists

during the festival.

"Keeping in mind the surge in passenger numbers and the long waiting lists during the Navratri festival, we have decided to attach an additional sleeper coach to this train," Singhal said.

He said the railways were closely monitoring the waiting list status and would take further measures if required to facilitate passengers.

Navratri, which witnesses a large influx of devotees to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, is one of the peak travel periods on the route.

Railway officials advised passengers to check the latest status of their tickets through the official railway website or by contacting the railway helpline number 139.(KNS)

Jammu Railway staff praised for ensuring passenger safety

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Demonstrating commitment towards passenger safety and service, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway has once again set an example through the prompt and commendable actions of its ticket checking staff.

Working under the guidance of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal, the staff has been actively contributing not only to passenger convenience but also to security across trains.

In a notable incident on March 17, ticket checking staff member Sandeep Kumar, posted at Pathankot headquarters, apprehended two mobile thieves near Narwana station.

The accused were caught red-handed while attempting to steal a pas-



senger's mobile phone in Coach S-1 of Train No. 14035 (Dhauladhar Express).

Acting swiftly, he handed them over to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel onboard for further legal action. The passenger later expressed gratitude and appreciated the staff's alertness and bravery.

In another instance, ticket checking staff aboard Train No. 14803 successfully traced and returned a lost mobile phone belonging to a passenger traveling in Coach

B-2. The passenger thanked the staff for their timely assistance and honesty.

Officials stated that under the leadership of the Divisional Railway Manager and the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, the Commercial Department of Jammu Division continues to play a vital role not only in revenue generation but also in strengthening passenger safety and trust.

Commending the efforts, Uchit Singhal lauded the staff for their dedication and professionalism.

Illegal mining in J-K 13,692 vehicles seized; 446 FIRs lodged over two years, says govt

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Under a sustained crackdown on illegal mining across Jammu and Kashmir, more than 13,600 vehicles have been seized and 446 FIRs registered over the past two years, official data showed.

According to official figures, a total of 6,219 vehicles were seized in 2024-25, while the number was 7,473 in 2025-26 (up to December 2025), taking the combined total to 13,692

vehicles.

In terms of legal action, 212 FIRs were registered in 2024-25, whereas 234 were lodged in 2025-26 till December, indicating a slight increase in enforcement activity, a statement said.

The data shows a noticeable rise in seizures in the last financial year, with 2025-26 already surpassing the previous year's figures by over 1,200 vehicles despite covering only nine months.

"FIR registrations have also

increased marginally, reflecting intensified monitoring and enforcement," officials said.

Among districts, Kupwara recorded the highest number of vehicle seizures in 2025-26, with 859 vehicles, followed by Kathua (796) and Baramulla (701), they said.

In 2024-25, Jammu district topped the list with 880 vehicles seized, while Samba (527) and Budgam (475) were among the other districts with high seizure numbers, the statement added.

Budgam, meanwhile, reported the highest number of FIRs in 2025-26 with 51 cases, followed by Kupwara (46) and Baramulla (32), it added.

In 2024-25, Budgam also led with 48 FIRs, while Ganderbal (44) and Bandipora (30) recorded significant number of cases.

Officials attributed the rise in seizures and FIRs to intensified anti-mining operations, stricter monitoring of riverbeds and increased coordination between enforcement agencies. (PTI)

Theft case cracked in Pulwama; Stolen vehicle recovered: Police

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Demonstrating swift and effective policing, Police in Pulwama solved a theft case within days of reporting and recovered the stolen vehicle.

According to a statement issued, on 14/03/2026, Police Station Kakapora received a written complaint from Mohd Noor Alam son of Abdul Hashim resident of Banagogi, Badalgawun, District Nagoan (Assam), stating that unknown thieves had stolen his Auto Rickshaw bearing reg-

istration No. JK04D-3791 from Kakapora Chowk. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 20/2026 under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation was taken up. Acting promptly on a specific input, a team from Police Station Kakapora apprehended one suspect identified as Yawar Ahmad Shaksaz son of Manzoor Ahmad resident of Karnabal Samboora. During sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to the commission of the crime, leading to the recovery of the stolen auto at his instance.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

No Panic Needed Over LPG eKYC Clarification

The recent clarification by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas should come as a relief to millions of LPG consumers who were worried about reports making the rounds on mandatory biometric Aadhaar authentication. For many, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, the news had sparked confusion and anxiety, people feared that failing to complete eKYC could disrupt their gas supply. But the ministry has made it clear: there is no new rule making eKYC compulsory for everyone. In reality, this is part of an ongoing process. Only those consumers who have not yet completed their eKYC need to do so. Those who have already done it earlier don't have to repeat it. For beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the requirement is even more relaxed. They only need to complete eKYC once in a financial year, and that too under specific conditions linked to subsidy benefits. Most importantly, the ministry has reassured people that LPG supply will not be affected in any way. Cylinders will continue to be delivered as usual, putting to rest fears of disruption. The larger aim behind eKYC is understandable, to ensure subsidies reach the right people and to weed out duplicate or fake connections. These are necessary steps to make the system more transparent and efficient. However, the episode once again highlights how quickly misinformation can spread and create unnecessary panic. A lack of clear communication often leaves room for rumours to take over. What's needed going forward is better awareness and timely communication so that people are not left guessing or worrying about essential services. For now, consumers can rest easy. There is no sudden change, no strict deadline looming, and certainly no threat to their LPG supply.

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From Hunger To Humanity: The Core Message Of Ramadan



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As we slowly come to a close in this blessed month of Ramadan, many Muslims ask themselves this important question: What have we really gained from this blessed month? We fasted, we prayed, and we tried to make ourselves better Muslims for thirty days. We entered this month with mercy, with blessings, and with many opportunities to make ourselves better. Now, as it leaves, it asks us to look back and think about the lessons it brought into our lives.

Ramadan is more than a month of fasting. It is a time that touches every part of a believer's life. From the early morning Suhoor to the peaceful moments of Iftar, the entire routine of life changes. Mosques become lively with worshippers, the recitation of the Qur'an increases, and people make a sincere effort to strengthen their faith.

However, the real value of Ramadan lies in the changes it brings within us. The purpose of fasting goes far beyond staying hungry and thirsty during the day. Ramadan teaches patience, humility, kindness, and responsibility toward others.

The Three Beautiful Phases of Ramadan

The first ten days are known as the days of Rehmat (Mercy). During this time, Muslims pray for the mercy of Allah and begin the month with hope and devotion. People increase their prayers and ask Allah to guide them toward goodness.

The second ten days are known as the days of Maghfirat (Forgiveness). Every human being makes mistakes in life. Ramadan provides a valuable chance to ask for forgiveness and turn back to Allah with sincerity. Believers seek pardon for their past errors and try to improve their actions.

The last ten days are considered to be the most precious period in the month



of Ramadan. These days provide the hope of protection from the Hellfire. Muslims pray more and stay awake at night to remember Allah and seek His guidance. Among these days, one of the biggest blessings that Muslims receive in their lives in the month of Ramadan is Laylatul Qadr, i.e., the Night of Power.

The Significance of Laylatul Qadr
Laylatul Qadr, or the Night of Power, is considered to be a night that is greater in blessings than a thousand months. It was on this night that the first revelation of the Quran was given to the Prophet Muhammad.

For Muslims, this night holds spiritual importance. Muslims stay at night in prayers and recite the Quran. They seek guidance and blessings from Allah for themselves and their families.

Laylatul Qadr also teaches us that Allah is extremely merciful. A night of worship can reward us with the blessings of a thousand months.

The Lesson of Self-Control
Ramadan teaches one of the most valuable qualities in life — self-control. From dawn until sunset, Muslims stay away from food and drink. This daily practice trains the body and mind to develop patience and discipline.

Fasting also encourages believers to watch their behaviour and speech. People try to avoid anger, harsh words, and unnecessary arguments. Ramadan becomes a time when individuals make a conscious effort to improve their character.

Through this process, they start to understand and appreciate the blessings that they normally don't pay attention to in their daily lives. Eating a meal in

the evening after a long day of fasting is no longer just a meal, but it is special.

Understanding the Pain of the Poor
Another important thing that one learns during Ramadan is compassion for those who suffer from poverty in society. The hunger experienced during fasting helps one understand the suffering of those in society who don't have food.

For this reason, charity becomes an important part of Ramadan. Many people distribute food, support needy families, and extend help to those who are struggling.

Another form of charity that is given specifically during the month of Ramadan is Sadaqat-ul-Fit. It is given before the prayer of Eid so that even the poor and needy can enjoy the festival of Eid along with the rest of the world. It provides support to the poor, needy, and disabled, who are facing financial difficulties, so that the joy of Eid can be felt by every individual.

Strengthening Bonds Within the Community

Ramadan brings people closer to one another, too. Families break their fast with Suhoor before dawn and again with Iftar at sunset. Neighbours break their fast with neighbours, and people socialize with their friends during this holy month.

Masjids are places of unity where people perform their prayers side by side, regardless of their social and economic status. This equality and unity are the real spirits of Islam. Acts of kindness are seen in greater frequency during Ramadan. Many individuals make an effort to help others, offer sup-

port, and spread positivity within their communities.

The Joy of Eid-ul-Fitr
After the completion of the holy month of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr is celebrated on the first day of Shawwal. It is the day of celebration of the successful completion of the month of fasting, praying, and awakening. On the morning of Eid, Muslims come in large numbers to offer special prayer for Eid. The environment is full of happiness and gratitude, as people greet each other, meet their families and friends, and take meals together.

Children are awaiting gifts, most important for everyone is Eidi, and families are awaiting the opportunity to spend time with each other. Eid is a day of happiness and celebration, yet it has one major lesson to offer to its observers, which is to improve relationships, forgive misunderstandings, and spread peace in society.

The Real Question After Ramadan
As Ramadan departs, the real question remains: Will the lessons of Ramadan remain with us?

The patience learned through fasting, the generosity shown through charity, and the kindness shared with others should continue beyond the month of Ramadan. These values form the true spirit of the holy month. Ramadan acts like a spiritual training period that prepares believers to live a more balanced and meaningful life.

Conclusion: Ramadan arrives each year with mercy, forgiveness, and opportunities for change. Its first ten days bring mercy, the next ten days bring forgiveness, and the final ten days carry the hope of salvation. Within this blessed month lies Laylatul Qadr, a night more valuable than a thousand months.

The lessons of Ramadan encourage believers to develop patience, compassion, and generosity. Helping the poor, supporting the needy, and strengthening community bonds reflect the true message of the month. As Muslims observe Eid on the first day of Shawwal, they carry forward the message of unity, peace, and gratitude. If these values are alive within Muslims throughout the year, then the blessings of Ramadan will continue to be with Muslims.

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STRAIGHTFORWARD

How Secure Is India's Energy System?

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The conflict between the United States, Israel and Iran in the Middle East has once again reminded the world how fragile the energy lifelines of the modern global economy are. Tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and disruptions in maritime traffic have severely disturbed the global energy supply chain. The impact is being felt most sharply in import-dependent countries like India. In India, the shortage of cooking gas (LPG) has become a topic of discussion from Parliament to the streets. Long queues outside gas agencies are being seen in many cities. Hotels and restaurants are shutting down due to the shortage of commercial cylinders, and reports of black marketing are emerging regularly.

This situation is not merely a temporary supply disruption but a serious indication of the structural weaknesses in India's energy security.

In the global energy map, the Strait of Hormuz plays a decisive role. This nearly 21-mile-wide sea route, connecting the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea, is considered the world's most critical energy chokepoint. Nearly 20 percent of global oil and gas supplies pass through this narrow passage. Major energy-exporting countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Iraq rely on this route to transport their vast oil and gas reserves to global markets. Therefore, whenever war or military tension increases in this region, the global energy system becomes unstable. The present conflict has produced the same effect. Iran's warnings about restrict-

ing maritime activities and possible attacks on vessels in the Hormuz region have halted several tankers. LPG and LNG cargo ships have been delayed at sea, delivering a major shock to import-dependent countries.

For India, the crisis is more serious because LPG has become increasingly important in the country's energy structure over the past decade. India now consumes more than 30 million tonnes of LPG annually, but domestic production cannot meet even half of this demand. The remaining requirement is fulfilled through imports from Gulf countries. Estimates suggest that 80-90 percent of the LPG imported by India passes through the Strait of Hormuz. This is why even a minor disruption in this route has an immediate and visible impact on Indian households. The harsh reality is that the energy security of millions of Indian families depends significantly on a single narrow maritime passage.

Interestingly, petrol and diesel supplies have remained relatively stable during this crisis. Petrol pumps have not witnessed long queues, nor have prices surged suddenly. This is because India has developed a relatively flexible supply system for crude oil in recent years. Today, India imports crude oil from more than 40 countries. Oil from Russia, the United States and several African nations reaches India through routes that do not depend on the Strait of Hormuz. Moreover, India maintains strategic petroleum reserves where millions of barrels of crude oil are stored for emergency situations. These reserves and diversified supply sources ensure that petrol and diesel availability is not immediately affected. The situation is very different in the case of LPG. LPG must be stored in liquid form under high pressure and in



specialized tanks, which makes large-scale storage expensive and technically complex. As a result, India does not have a significant strategic LPG reserve.

Available estimates indicate that the limited LPG stock in the country is barely sufficient for two to three days of consumption. Consequently, even a minor disruption in imports quickly affects the market and household consumers. This structural weakness has deepened the present crisis.

Another important aspect of the crisis cannot be ignored. Over the past decade, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has provided cooking gas connections to millions of poor households. The scheme has played a significant role in freeing rural women from smoke-filled kitchens and promoting clean energy. In 2014, India had around 140 million LPG connections; today the number has risen to more than 330 million. While this represents a major social transformation, it also means that India's domestic energy system is now more dependent than ever on a steady supply of LPG. When that supply is disrupted, millions of families feel the impact in their daily lives.

The crisis is not limited to household kitchens. Industries, hotels, restaurants, small businesses and food-processing units also depend heavily on LPG and natural gas. When supply becomes limited, gas

allocation to these sectors is reduced first so that domestic consumers can be prioritized. As a result, industrial production slows down, small businesses face financial stress, and employment is affected in many places. From steel and metal industries to roadside eateries and small restaurants, numerous sectors are bearing the brunt of the shortage.

The government has taken some emergency measures to address the situation. Refineries have been instructed to maximize LPG recovery during crude oil processing. Certain petrochemical products are being temporarily diverted toward LPG production. Efforts are also being made to procure additional LPG cargoes from regions such as the United States and West Africa. Temporary restrictions on commercial cylinder supplies have been imposed to prioritize domestic consumers. While these steps may provide short-term relief, a long-term solution requires a far more comprehensive policy framework.

In reality, this crisis is not merely the result of a war. It exposes a gap in India's energy policy that has not received sufficient attention for years. While strategic reserves were created for crude oil, supply sources were diversified and refining capacity was expanded, similar foresight was not applied to LPG and gas security. If India had

developed adequate LPG strategic reserves or gas storage infrastructure, the current situation might not have been so severe. It is also essential to accelerate the expansion of the piped natural gas network so that the domestic energy system is not dependent solely on cylinder-based supply. Energy security is not only an economic issue but also an important dimension of national security.

When a nation's kitchens, industries and transportation systems rely heavily on external supply, global geopolitical events can directly create internal instability. This is why developed countries constantly work on diversifying energy sources, developing alternative energy, and building large-scale storage capacities. India must move more seriously in the same direction.

Energy crises are rarely sudden; they are usually the outcome of structural challenges developing over time. At this moment, what is needed is restraint, responsibility and robust policy planning. No one can predict when the Middle East conflict will end or when normal conditions will return to the Strait of Hormuz. But one lesson is clear: global energy supplies may be interconnected, yet they remain extremely fragile. If future crises are to be avoided, India must prioritize diversification of energy sources, development of gas storage infrastructure, expansion of renewable energy and increased domestic production. Otherwise, every global conflict will continue to expose Indian households and the national economy to the same cycle of uncertainty and vulnerability.

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Nature As Narrative

River That Remembers: Poetry And The Soul Of Kashmir



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The mystic poet Lal Ded, who lived in the fourteenth century, frequently used images from nature in her short mystical verses known as vakhs. One of the commonly cited lines associated with the spirit of her poetry can be paraphrased in English as: "Like a river seeking the sea, the restless soul moves until it finds its truth." This imagery reflects the spiritual philosophy that human life is a journey toward divine realization. The river here becomes the symbol of movement, purification, and destiny. Lal Ded's poetic vision suggests that just as the river cannot stop flowing, the human spirit cannot remain stagnant; it must seek deeper knowledge. In Kashmiri literary tradition, the river becomes a metaphor for life, longing, spiritual journey, and the passage of time. Although her poems rarely describe landscapes in elaborate detail, the symbolism of flowing water appears as a representation of inner awakening.

The rivers of Kashmir left a profound impression on Rabindranath Tagore, whose visits to the valley in the early twentieth century deeply influenced his reflections on nature, beauty, and civilization. During his travels through Kashmir, Tagore encountered the serene flow of the Jhelum River, historically known as Vitasta. Although Tagore did not write an entire poem solely devoted to the Jhelum, his letters, travel reflections, and lyrical observations contain evocative descriptions of Kashmiri rivers that reveal how deeply the landscape touched his imagination. When Tagore wrote about the rivers of Kashmir, he saw them not merely as geographical features but as living expressions of nature's quiet harmony. The Jhelum flowing through Srinagar particularly fascinated him because of its calm and reflective character. Unlike the turbulent Himalayan rivers that rush through narrow gorges, the Jhelum moves slowly through the valley, almost like a thoughtful traveler.

Another towering figure in Kashmiri spiritual poetry is Nund Rishi, also known as Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani. His verses often celebrate harmony between human beings and nature. In many traditional renderings of his sayings, the river is described as a source of sustenance and humility. One poetic sentiment often attributed to the Rishi tradition expresses the idea that: "Rivers nourish the fields and trees; those who respect nature learn the wisdom of life." Here the river stands for generosity and balance. The poet reminds people that the prosperity of Kashmir's orchards, rice fields, and villages depends upon the rivers flowing from the mountains. Thus the river is both a spiritual metaphor and a practical foundation of life. In modern Kashmiri poetry, rivers appear with a slightly different emotional tone. Contemporary poets often portray the Jhelum as a witness to history and memory.

The river flows through the city of Srinagar, passing under old wooden bridges and alongside houses that lean toward the water. For poets, this landscape becomes a repository of stories. One modern poetic line about the Jhelum expresses the idea that: "The river remembers every voice that once echoed on its banks." Such lines suggest that the river carries within its current the memories of generations—children playing by the banks, merchants trading from boats, lovers meeting at dusk, and communities sharing festivals and sorrows.

The imagery of the river also appears strongly in Kashmiri folk songs. In these songs a girl often addresses the river as if it were a messenger. She asks the flowing water to carry her feelings to her beloved who lives far away. A traditional lyric sentiment expresses this emotion: "O river of my valley, if you reach his distant land, whisper my name to him." This line reflects the emotional intimacy between people and nature in Kashmiri culture. The river is not a distant element but an active participant in human relationships. The poetic imagination of Kashmir frequently connects rivers with the themes of separation and reunion. Because rivers travel long distances and cross many landscapes, they naturally sym-



bolize journeys. Lovers separated by fate imagine the river as the path that may one day unite them. Similarly, migrants who leave the valley often remember the river as the most vivid image of home.

For them the river becomes a symbol of nostalgia and belonging. Another powerful image in Kashmiri poetry is the reflection of the sky and mountains in the river's calm water. Poets describe how the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas appear in the river like a mirror. This visual beauty leads to philosophical reflection. Some poets suggest that the river teaches human beings humility: the mountains may be majestic and permanent, but their reflection in the river reminds us that all beauty is transient and constantly changing. The seasonal transformation of rivers also influences poetry. During spring, when snow melts in the mountains, rivers swell with new energy. Poets interpret this moment as a metaphor for renewal and hope. The river becomes a sign that life continues despite hardships.

In autumn, when chinar leaves fall and float upon the water, the river evokes a mood of melancholy beauty. Poets describe the drifting leaves as memories moving slowly through

Tagore often interpreted landscapes in symbolic and philosophical ways. Observing the Jhelum, he wrote that the river appears to move "as if it were listening to the mountains." This striking metaphor reflects his belief that nature forms a continuous dialogue between land, water, sky, and human consciousness. The mountains surrounding the valley seem ancient and silent, while the river becomes their moving voice. Through such imagery Tagore transforms the Kashmiri landscape into a living poem.

One aspect that impressed Tagore was the cultural life that unfolded along the riverbanks. The Jhelum in Srinagar has long served as a natural artery of the city. Boats carry goods, people converse across balconies overlooking the water, and bridges connect neighborhoods across the flowing current. Tagore noticed how closely human life in Kashmir was intertwined with the river. In his reflections he suggests that the river shapes not only the geography but also the rhythm of social life. Tagore's sensitivity to rivers can also be understood through his broader poetic philosophy. Throughout his works, rivers often symbolize the flow of life, the movement of time, and the connection

sophical teacher.

Tagore also admired the quiet dignity of Kashmiri rivers compared to the more dramatic landscapes of other regions. In many Himalayan areas rivers roar through deep valleys, expressing raw natural power. In Kashmir, however, the river flows through open meadows and cultivated fields. Tagore perceived this gentleness as an expression of balance between nature and civilization. The valley seemed to him like a natural garden where water, land, and human settlement coexist harmoniously. During his stay in Kashmir, Tagore spent time on houseboats that floated upon the Jhelum and the nearby lakes. The experience of living upon water deeply influenced his perception of the landscape. From the deck of a boat he could watch the slow movement of the river and the changing light upon the mountains. Such moments of quiet observation often found their way into his letters and lyrical prose. The river at dusk, with fading sunlight and distant calls of birds, seemed to him like a moment suspended between reality and dream.

Tagore's reflections on Kashmir also connect the river to the idea of cultural memory. The Jhelum has wit-

world.

In essays discussing Kashmir's beauty, Tagore often emphasized the harmony between flowing water and human creativity. The gardens, bridges, and houses built along the riverbanks demonstrate how people adapt their lives to the rhythm of nature. This harmony reminded Tagore of his own educational philosophy at Visva-Bharati University, where learning was meant to occur in close contact with nature.

Another element that fascinated Tagore was the changing light upon the river throughout the day. Morning sunlight transforms the water into a sheet of gold, while evening shadows deepen its reflective calm. Tagore often described such moments in lyrical language, suggesting that the river becomes a mirror of the sky's emotions. Clouds drifting across the sky seem to travel again upon the water, creating a poetic illusion of two worlds moving together. Tagore's impressions of the Jhelum and other Kashmiri rivers therefore blend observation with philosophical reflection. He saw in them a quiet rhythm that resonates with the deeper rhythms of life. This paradox fascinated Tagore and appears subtly in his reflections on the Kashmiri landscape.

For readers and scholars today, Tagore's writings on Kashmir provide a valuable perspective on how one of the world's greatest poets experienced the valley's natural beauty. His descriptions of the Jhelum are gentle, contemplative, and filled with symbolic resonance. Rather than dramatizing the landscape, he presents it as a place of quiet harmony where nature and human life move together like lines of a poem. Thus, in Tagore's literary imagination, the rivers of Kashmir become more than scenic features. They are voices of nature, carriers of memory, and symbols of the eternal flow of life. Observing the Jhelum beneath the shade of chinar trees, Tagore discovered a landscape that seemed already shaped by poetry, a landscape where water, sky, and human thought merge into a single, continuous song.

Rivers occupy a deeply emotional and symbolic place in Kashmiri poetry. In the cultural imagination of Kashmir, a river is not merely a natural phenomenon; it is a living companion of the people, a listener to human sorrow, and a witness to centuries of joy and struggle. The gentle flow of the Vitasta (Jhelum) through the valley has inspired poets, mystics, and folk singers for hundreds of years. To read Kashmiri poetry about rivers is to understand how deeply the landscape has shaped the imagination of its people. The flowing water of the Jhelum, reflecting the mountains and sky, becomes a mirror of human experience. Within its quiet movement one can sense love, longing, faith, memory, and hope. For centuries poets have listened to the murmur of the river and transformed that sound into words, ensuring that the river continues to flow not only through the valley but also through the living tradition of Kashmiri literature.

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time.

Tagore's writings on Kashmir appear primarily in his travel letters and essays written during his visits in 1915 and later years. These reflections combine poetic imagery with philosophical meditation. In one of his reflective passages about Kashmir, Tagore describes how the river flows through the city like a silent companion of human life. Boats glide gently along its surface, wooden houses lean over the banks, and chinar trees cast trembling shadows upon the water. The scene seemed to him like a painting in motion. In his poetic language he suggested that the river carries the daily life of the people with quiet dignity, reflecting both the beauty and the simplicity of Kashmiri existence.

between the finite and the infinite.

This theme appears repeatedly in his poems in Gitanjali, where flowing water becomes a metaphor for spiritual longing. When Tagore encountered the rivers of Kashmir, he naturally interpreted them within this symbolic framework. The calm surface of the Jhelum particularly inspired contemplative thought. Tagore observed that the river reflects everything—the sky, the mountains, the trees, and the houses along its banks. Yet the reflections change with every ripple of water. This observation led him to reflect on the nature of perception itself. The world we see, he suggested, resembles the reflection in a river: beautiful, shifting, and transient. In this sense the river becomes a philo-

nessed centuries of history, ancient temples, medieval cities, Mughal gardens, and modern settlements. Tagore sensed this historical depth in the landscape. To him the river appeared like a silent chronicle of time, carrying echoes of past civilizations within its current. Although Tagore wrote primarily in Bengali, many of his travel observations about Kashmir have been translated into English and other languages. These translations reveal how deeply the Kashmiri environment resonated with his universal humanism. For Tagore, nature was never merely decorative; it was a manifestation of spiritual unity. The rivers of Kashmir therefore became symbols of the interconnectedness between human life and the natural

CM Omar hosts Iftaar in Srinagar, emphasizes unity and compassion

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday hosted Iftaar at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Center here, bringing together people from different walks of life in the spirit of harmony and togetherness during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Iftaar was attended by Deputy Chief Minister

Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javid Ahmad Dar and Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, legislators, senior civil and police officers, religious scholars, representatives of civil society and members of the media. The gathering reflected the inclusive ethos and communal harmony that Jammu and Kashmir has long been known for.



Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister extended his warm greetings to the

people and said that the holy month of Ramadan symbolizes compassion, patience and generosity.

Omar Abdullah also prayed for lasting peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed hope that the sacred month would further strengthen the spirit of unity and social cohesion across communities.

The Chief Minister inter-

acted with the guests and exchanged greetings with them on the occasion. The attendees appreciated the initiative, describing it as a meaningful gesture that brings people together and reinforces the spirit of goodwill during the holy month.

The evening concluded with special prayers for peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Second LPG Tanker

on Iran and Tehran's sweeping retaliation.

Originally, there were 28 Indian-flagged vessels - 24 on the west side of the strait and 4 on the east side - when the war broke out. As of now, 22 vessels remain on the west side and two on the east side.

From the vessels on the east side, the crude oil tanker Jag Laadki, which sailed safely from the UAE's Fujairah port despite an attack on the terminal, is scheduled to reach India on Tuesday, carrying about 80,800 tonnes of Murban crude. All 22 Indian seafarers onboard are reported safe. Another tanker, Jag Prakash, carrying gasoline from Oman to Africa, has safely crossed the strait and is en route to Tanzania.

Indian authorities are in constant touch with all the relevant stakeholders in the region to secure the safe passage of the remaining ships, officials said.

Of the 22 remaining Indian-flagged vessels on the west side of the Strait of Hormuz, six are LPG carriers, one is a liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker, four are crude oil tankers, one is transporting chemical products, three are container ships, and two are bulk carriers. Additionally, one vessel is a dredger, another is empty with no cargo, and three are in dry dock undergoing routine maintenance.

Sinha said Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had a video interaction with the crew of the two LPG tankers.

The intent was to thank them and praise their yeoman service they rendered, he said. "They were all in their uniforms and looked healthy and cheerful."

In a post on X, Sonowal also talked of the interaction.

"Interacted with the brave crew of Indian-flagged LPG Carriers Shivalik and Nanda Devi, after reaching Indian shores," he said. "Operating through the Persian Gulf and the strategically significant Strait of Hormuz, their conduct underscores the importance of vigilance, coordination and responsibility in ensuring safe passage amid evolving global dynamics."

On measures being taken, he said major Indian ports, including Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, are offering concessions on anchorage, berth hire, storage, and temporary transshipment storage to ensure smooth operations.

India imports about 88 per cent of its crude oil, 50 per cent of natural gas, and 60 per cent of LPG.

Before the war broke out, more than half of the crude oil that India imported came from countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the UAE, which use the strait for shipping. As much as 85-95 per cent of LPG and 30 per cent of the gas came through the strait. While the disruption in crude oil has been partially offset through alternative sources, such as Russia, West Africa, the US and Latin America, gas and LPG supplies to industrial and commercial users have been curtailed. (PTI)

Elements Threat To Peace,

training: Johnny Victor (All-Round Best), Vishal Bharat (Second All-Round Best), Yogesh Sharma (Third All-Round Best), Pankaj Raina (Indoor Best), Touseef Ahmed Lone (Outdoor Best), Tahir Rashid Dar (Best Marksman), Tasleem Kosar (Parade Commander) and Sushant Sharma (Parade 2nd-in-Command).

The DGP, Shri Nalin Prabhat and other senior officials were present on the occasion.

400 People Killed In

Afghanistan capital Kabul on the night of March 16 terming it "barbaric" and "unconscionable".

The remarks from the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came hours after the bombing that marked an escalation in the ongoing conflict between Pakistan and the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. The Taliban administration in Kabul had described the attack on the drug rehabilitation centre as a violation of Afghan airspace and revealed that the bombing led to the death of around 400 individuals who were seeking treatment in the facility.

"This heinous act of aggression by Pakistan is also a blatant assault on Afghanistan's sovereignty and a direct threat to regional peace and stability. It reflects Pakistan's persistent pattern of reckless behaviour and its repeated attempts to externalise internal failures through increasingly desperate acts of violence beyond its borders," said Randeep Jaiswal, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Snowfall, Rains Continue

through mountainous areas and important passes.

Travellers, transporters and people planning to move across higher reaches and key mountain passes have been advised to plan their journeys accordingly between March 18 and March 20 in view of the expected weather activity.

The department also warned of the possibility of thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds with speeds of 40 to 50 kilometres per hour at a few places during the same period. It said isolated locations may also witness hailstorms.

Farmers have been advised to suspend agricultural operations between March 18 and March 20 due to the expected wet weather conditions.

Meanwhile, weather data released by the department showed Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 14.9 degrees Celsius on Monday, slightly below the normal of 16 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature settled at 4.4 degrees Celsius.

Jammu recorded a maximum temperature of 25.7 degrees Celsius, about 1.8 degrees below normal, while the minimum temperature was recorded at 11.5 degrees Celsius.

Among other stations, Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 4.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded a maximum temperature of 12 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius, the MeT department said—(KNO)

J&K Police Moving

against drug trafficking in the Union Territory.

He said, "Nearly 2,276 accused were arrested in the past year. As many as 226 cases were registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Police also attached 54 properties linked to illegal activities."

The DGP said Jammu and Kashmir ranks among the top states in the country in action taken under NDPS laws.

DGP Prabhat said the police were organising sports and youth-engagement programmes to channelise the energies of young people in the Union Territory.

He said nine major events and 228 sports activities had been organised across districts to encourage youth participation and strengthen their connection with the police.

He also congratulated the new recruits who were joining the Jammu and Kashmir Police and asked them to remain committed to their duties.

He said the path ahead would be challenging but expressed confidence that the new personnel would contribute significantly to maintaining peace and security in the region—(KNO)

'Moderate Increase In

infrastructure and developmental needs of the Union Territory, there is scope for enhancing capital support to facilitate asset creation and long-term growth," reads the report.

The Committee said that a significant portion of the allocation for the current fiscal was yet to be utilised.

"The Committee notes that as on 31st January 2026, expenditure stood at Rs 38349.77 crores against RE of Rs 41340.22 crores, indicating that a significant portion of funds was yet to be utilised in the last quarter. The Committee further observes that support for capital expenditure has been fully utilised, reflecting effective deployment of limited capital grants," the report reads.

The Committee recommended that project-linked allocations, particularly under hydropower and externally aided flood recovery projects, may be synchronised with realistic implementation timelines. "Efforts may be made to avoid bunching of expenditure in the last quarter. Periodic review mechanisms may be strengthened to ensure that allocations translate into tangible physical outcomes, especially in infrastructure and recovery projects," reads the report.

The Committee recommended close monitoring of the Jehlum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) so that financial releases are matched with timely physical progress. An allocation of Rs 259.25 crores has been provided in BE 2026-27 for JTFRP in line with the projection.

The Committee recommended adequate emphasis on disaster preparedness, mitigation, and resilience-building measures in addition to relief expenditure.

"The allocation under the Disaster

Response Fund remains at Rs 279 crores, consistent with previous years. The Committee notes that utilisation under this head is demand-driven and contingent upon the occurrence of notified disasters. However, considering the vulnerability of the Union Territory to floods and other natural calamities, the Committee recommends that adequate emphasis be placed on preparedness, mitigation, and resilience-building measures in addition to relief expenditure," reads the report—(KNO)

Sluggish Markets Cast

economy with less to spend.

Inflation has emerged as another major concern. "Poor people are bearing the brunt of inflation," said Abdul Rashid, a grocery shop owner in Baramulla. "They are focusing only on essential items and cutting down on everything else, including Eid shopping."

Traders also noted a shift in spending patterns among those who do have resources. Rather than shopping, many are investing in high-density orchards. "People who have money are not spending in markets but are investing in agriculture. That is affecting retail businesses significantly," said a trader from Kupwara.

Business associations have urged authorities to improve tourist inflow, ensure better returns for horticulture produce and control inflation to restore market confidence. Traders remain hopeful that last-minute shopping may bring some relief, but the prevailing mood suggests this Eid may pass without the economic cheer Kashmir's markets are known for.

Senior trade leader and Kashmir Economic Alliance Chairman Mohammad Yaseen Khan said market activity in Kashmir has remained largely subdued ahead of Eid, with traders yet to witness the expected festive surge.

"So far, the market response has been quite dull. There is routine movement due to traffic, but the usual rush for Eid shopping, especially in clothing, is missing. Normally, we see a significant rise in sales a week before Eid, but that momentum is not visible this time," he said.

With just a couple of days left, Khan said they are still hopeful. However, as of now, there is no major pickup in trade," he said—(KNO)

Mortal Remains Of Two

company to monitor the condition of the injured Indian nationals and that none of the Indian nationals is reported to be seriously injured.

Sharing the update on the incident involving 'Safesea Vishnu,' which took place off the coast of Iraq in Basra, the MEA Additional Secretary said that the Indian mission team is on the ground to assist the early return of the 15 Indian crew members of the vessel who have been safely evacuated and are currently residing in a hotel in Basra.

"They are also coordinating with the concerned Iraqi authorities for the early repatriation of the mortal remains of the Indian national who unfortunately lost his life in the incident", he said.

The oil tanker Safesea Vishnu was attacked off Khor Al Zubair port near Basra in Iraq on March 9 inside Iraq's territorial waters. In a press conference on March 13, Aseem Mahajan had informed that one crew member had died and the other 5 crew members had been safely evacuated and lodged in a hotel in Basra.

Meanwhile, in today's briefing, Mahajan added, "Five Indian nationals have unfortunately lost their lives, and one is missing in earlier incidents. The mortal remains of two Indian nationals from Oman have arrived in India today. Our missions in Oman, Iraq and UAE are in regular touch with the concerned authorities regarding the missing Indian national and for the early repatriation of the mortal remains of the three other deceased Indian nationals after completion of requisite formalities."

He also shared an update on the flight status and noted that the Ministry's dedicated special control room continues to remain operational to address queries from Indian nationals and their families.

The MEA official said that airlines continue to operate limited non-scheduled flights based on operational safety. "Today, around 70 flights are expected to operate from various airports in UAE to destinations in India."

"Flights are operating from various airports in Saudi Arabia to different destinations in India. Qatar Airways' operated three flights to India yesterday and is expected to operate three flights to India

today also.

The Additional Secretary underlined that the Ministry of External Affairs continues to monitor the evolving situation in the West Asia and Gulf region and that the safety and wellbeing of the Indian community continues to remain the highest priority. (ANI)

Evacuation Of Students

confirmed that the flight is running behind schedule, further prolonging the wait for anxious families back home.

In another development, a separate flight carrying students from Azerbaijan is scheduled to arrive in New Delhi at 3:40 AM on March 17. However, concerns persist regarding students currently stuck in Azerbaijan, where several individuals are facing difficulties in crossing the border. Families allege that the lack of clearances and coordination has left many students in a state of distress.

Parents of the stranded students have expressed deep concern over what they term as a "slow and insufficient evacuation process." Many have urged the Government of India to step up its efforts and ensure the safe and timely return of all students.

"We are constantly in touch with our children, but the uncertainty is unbearable. The government must act more decisively and ensure that no student is left behind," said a parent from Pulwama, whose child is currently stranded near the Azerbaijan border.

Another parent from Srinagar echoed similar concerns, stating that the situation demands urgent intervention at the highest level. "There seems to be a lack of coordination. Students are moving from one place to another without clarity. The government should facilitate smooth border crossings and arrange more direct flights," he said.

Amid these concerns, a positive development has brought some relief to families. A group of 16 students who had earlier arrived in New Delhi has been facilitated by the Jammu and Kashmir Government, which arranged buses for their onward journey. The students have successfully reached Jammu and are currently on their way to Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) has acknowledged the support extended by prominent leaders and coordinators during the crisis. The association expressed gratitude to Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi and Nasir Sogami for their continuous efforts in coordinating with authorities and assisting stranded students.

Students who have managed to reach safer locations have also shared their ordeal, describing long waits, uncertain travel routes, and lack of proper information at border points. Many have appealed for better communication and on-ground support to ensure a smoother evacuation process—(KNO)

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NATO declined to join US military campaign against Iran: Trump

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WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump said Tuesday that most NATO allies have declined to join the US military operation against Iran, criticising the alliance and asserting that Washington does not need foreign support.

"The United States has been informed by most of our NATO 'Allies' that they don't want to get involved with our Military Operation against the Terrorist Regime of Iran," Trump said in a statement.

He added that despite their reluctance, "almost every country strongly agreed with what we are doing, and that Iran cannot, in any way, shape, or form, be allowed to have a nuclear weapon."

Trump said he was not surprised by NATO members' response. "I always considered NATO, where we spend Hundreds of Billions of Dollars per year protecting these same Countries, to be a one-way street — We will protect them, but they will do nothing for us, in particular, in a time of need," he said.

He also claimed that US forces had significantly degraded Iran's military capability. "Fortunately, we have decimated Iran's Military — Their Navy is gone, their Air Force is



gone, their Anti-Aircraft and Radar is gone, and perhaps, most importantly, their Leaders, at virtually every level, are gone," Trump said.

He said that because of those gains, allied support was no longer necessary. "Because we have had such Military Success, we no longer 'need,' or desire, the NATO Countries' assistance — WE NEVER DID!" he said.

Trump extended the same position to key US partners in Asia. "Like-wise, Japan, Australia, or South Korea," he said, adding: "WE DO NOT NEED THE HELP OF ANYONE!"

The comments build on remarks Trump made a day earlier in the Oval Office, where he expressed frustration that some US allies were not willing to contribute militarily.

"What does surprise me is that they're not eager to help," Trump said. "There are some countries that greatly disappointed me."

Referring to Britain, Trump said: "When I hear the UK, which was sort of considered the Rolls Royce of allies," he had asked that "it would be really helpful if you'd send over a couple of ships and if you have some minesweepers, which they do, be very helpful."

He said the response fell short of expectations. "He says, well, I'd like to ask my team," Trump said. "I said, you don't have to worry about a team. You don't have a team. You're the prime minister, you can make a decision."

Trump said later offers of support did not carry weight. "I said, I don't want them anymore. I don't want them after we

win, I want them before we start. I don't need your aircraft carriers after we've already won."

He also linked the issue to long-standing US troop deployments abroad. "We have 45,000 troops in Japan. We have 45,000 troops in South Korea. We have 45,000, 50,000 troops in Germany," he said. "We defend all these countries."

Trump framed the situation as validation of his long-standing criticism of the burden-sharing in the alliance. "I've been saying it for a long time, this is the greatest thing to come out of this," he said, referring to the current conflict.

NATO, formed in 1949, operates on the principle of collective defence, with the United States as its largest military and financial contributor. Burden-sharing has been a recurring source of friction, with Washington often urging allies to increase defence spending and participation in joint operations.

Iran's nuclear programme and regional activities have long been central to US policy in the Middle East. Trump withdrew the United States from the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement during his first term, arguing it did not permanently prevent Tehran from developing a nuclear weapon.

Trump's counter terrorism chief quits in protest over Iran war

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WASHINGTON: The Director of the US National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), Joe Kent, has resigned with immediate effect, in a significant setback to President Donald Trump and the first high-level exit from the administration in protest against the ongoing Iran war.

"After much reflection, I have decided to resign from my position as Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, effective today," Kent said in a public statement Tuesday.

He directly challenged the rationale for the conflict. "I cannot in good conscience support the ongoing war in Iran. Iran posed no imminent threat to our nation, and it is clear that we started this war due to pressure from Israel and its powerful American lobby."

Kent also acknowledged his tenure. "It has been an honor serving under @POTUS and @DNIGabbard and leading the professionals at NCTC. May God bless America."

The White House did not immediately respond to a question on his resignation.



In a resignation letter addressed to President Trump, Kent expanded on his concerns, reiterating that Iran "posed no imminent threat to our nation" and warning against repeating past strategic mistakes in the Middle East.

He said the United States risked being drawn into another costly conflict under flawed assumptions. Kent added that "we cannot make this mistake again" and cautioned against decisions driven by external pressure and misinformation.

Drawing on his personal experience, Kent said he could not support sending "the next generation off to

intelligence community."

However, Warner added: "But on this point, he is right: there was no credible evidence of an imminent threat from Iran that would justify rushing the United States into another war of choice in the Middle East."

He warned that politically driven decisions could have serious consequences. "Ignoring the facts to pursue a predetermined war puts American lives at risk and undermines our national security," Warner said.

"The United States cannot be led into conflict on the basis of politics, impulse, or a president's desire for confrontation. We have seen where this road leads before."

Kent's departure highlights emerging tensions within the administration over the conduct and justification of the Iran conflict, particularly around intelligence assessments and decision-making.

The National Counterterrorism Center plays a central role in analysing terrorism threats and coordinating intelligence across agencies, making the resignation of its director highly unusual and politically sensitive.

Middle East conflict hits China's exports as shipping costs soar

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NEW DELHI: The conflict in the Middle East has hit China's exports due to the disruption in shipping, which has caused goods to pile up in the local warehouses, according to media reports.

The report in CBC news came from the Chinese city of Yiwu, which is known as the world's supermarket, as it is a key supplier of household goods and electronic products to US commerce giants such as Amazon and Walmart, as

well as to the Middle East. The report by Chris Brown states that due to the sharp rise in shipping costs as well as the danger to commercial ships due to the Iran war, importers are not lifting Chinese goods, as a result of which the inventory is piling up.

Shipping costs are reported to have gone up fivefold from \$1,200 per container to \$6,000, the report cited a local businessman as saying.

Apart from the high shipping costs, some importers do not want to take the risk of transporting goods, as it

is not considered safe due to the attacks taking place on commercial shipping amid the Middle East war. Another oil tanker was hit in the Persian Gulf on Tuesday, which appears to show that their fears are well-founded.

The report points out that the city in Eastern China provides an insight into how the Iran war and the blocking of the Strait of Hormuz are disrupting global supply chains.

The report cites some local businessmen as saying that the Middle East

consumes about 30 per cent of the goods exported from the Chinese city.

Apart from the exports being adversely impacted due to the war, China has also been hit on the energy front, as it is one of the biggest buyers of Iranian oil, the report points out.

Similarly, a lot of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imported by China comes from Qatar. The Middle East country has shut down some operations due to air attacks on its gas facilities, and this has disrupted supplies.

Mamata skips Nandigram, chooses familiar turf to face ex-aide

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NEW DELHI: Trinamool Congress Chairperson Mamata Banerjee refused to bite the bait offered by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to avenge her 2021 defeat in Nandigram that forced her to re-contest from the safer seat of Bhabanipur so that she could continue to be West Bengal Chief Minister for a third straight term.

Her once-trusted aide, Suwendu Adhikari, beat her that time by less than 2,000 votes in what was termed a prestige fight. Though Adhikari's vote share came down significantly compared to his performance as a Trinamool candidate in 2016, it was the victory that mattered more. He cornered over 1.3 lakh votes or 67 per cent in 2016 with a turnout of more than 2 lakh, which was some 87 per cent of the total number of electors in Nandigram.

The then runner-up from the Communist Party of India (CPI) managed about 53,000 votes or close to 27 per cent share. As a BJP candidate, Adhikari collected about 1.1 lakh from close to 2.3 lakh mandates cast in 2021 that accounted for 48 per cent vote share, beating his once-mentor in a close, but definitive, contest.

Interestingly, in 2011, when the Trinamool upset the communists' appecart in West Bengal, Mamata was the Railways Minister in Manmohan Singh's government at the Centre. She resigned to assume the office of the Chief Minister, contesting a bye-election from the Bhabanipur constituency, where she resides.

However, against a turnout of close to 1.4 lakh, or about 64 per cent of total electors who cast their vote in the 2011 general election, the turnout dropped to 95,064 voters, or some 45 per cent of the total. But she widened the winning margin by over 4,000 votes, with a massive vote share of over 77 per cent.

In the 2016 Assembly election, her vote share fell significantly to about 48 per



cent, and she collected a little over 65,000 votes contesting against Congress candidate Deepa Dasmunshi and the BJP's Chandra Kumar Bose.

In the bye-election last time, Mamata again increased the victory margin by about 30,000 mandates and more than 14 per cent vote share against the general state election.

In battleground 2026, it will be interesting to see how she fares against Adhikari, who has chosen to challenge her in her citadel, Bhabanipur, while also contesting from the safer seat of Nandigram.

Mamata had, however, thrown the gauntlet inside Adhikari's fortress without keeping another option in 2021. The Adhikari family has long been influential in West Bengal politics, with several of its members holding key positions. Suwendu's father, Sisir Kumar Adhikari, is a veteran politician who was with the Congress before joining the Trinamool and has been an MP. Brothers Dibendu and Soumendu Adhikari are also active in politics.

The 56-year-old Suwendu himself is known for his organisational skills and influence in East Midnapore. He was instrumental in organising Mamata's fight against the then Left Front Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's plan of setting up a chemical hub in Nandigram, which was subsequently scrapped.

Suwendu entered politics with the Congress, being with the party between 1985 and 1998. He then shifted allegiance to Mamata when she broke out of the Congress, rising through Trinamool ranks, becoming a minister in the state and then an MP.

Nita Ambani awarded for social impact, women empowerment initiatives

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NEW DELHI: Nita M. Ambani was honoured with the KISS Humanitarian Award 2025 at a grand ceremony held in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

The award was presented at the campus of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in recognition of her contribution to social development through the Reliance Foundation.

The honour was conferred on her by Nobel Laureate Mohan Munasinghe and Achyuta Samanta, founder of KISS, KIIT and KIMS.



The ceremony was attended by nearly 40,000 tribal students, who welcomed her with traditional performances.

In her address, Nita Ambani said she felt proud to receive the award and dedicated it to the entire team of the Reliance Foundation.

She praised Achyuta Samanta for building world-class institutions like KIIT and KISS, calling them a matter of pride for the country.

She expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and said she would always

remember the love and affection shown by the students.

She also spoke about Odisha's rich culture and traditions, adding that the state's people share a deep connection with nature.

Encouraging the students, she emphasised that there is no difference between boys and girls and that both have equal potential to succeed.

She urged them to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals, while also staying on the path of honesty and righteousness.

"Seeing the students

at KISS gives her confidence that India's future is bright," Nita Ambani said.

She described her visit to the institutions as a special and memorable experience.

The KISS Humanitarian Award, instituted in 2008, is the highest honour given by the institute. It recognises individuals and organisations for their outstanding humanitarian work across the world.

The award includes a citation and a gold plated trophy symbolising kindness, hope and the spirit of helping others.

Ramadan

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Səhəri & İftiäär Time Schedule

10 Days Of Rahmat

RAMADAN	DATE	DAY	SEHRI TIME	IFTARI TIME
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
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'There is no case to be made that this was not out': MCC issues verdict on Salman Agha run-out controversy

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NEW DELHI: The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has clarified that the controversial run out of Salman Ali Agha during the second ODI between Bangladesh and Pakistan in Dhaka was correctly adjudged under the Laws of Cricket, while also noting that the fielding side could have chosen to withdraw the appeal in keeping with the Spirit of Cricket.

The incident occurred when Bangladesh all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz attempted to field a shot played by Mohammad Rizwan. As Miraz moved across the pitch to collect the ball, he collided with Agha, who had backed up at the non-striker's end. In the confusion that followed, Agha bent down as if to pick up the ball and hand it back to the bowler, seemingly under the impression that play had come to a halt.

However, Miraz quickly gathered the ball and deflected it onto the stumps while Agha was still outside his crease, leading to the Pakistan captain's dismissal. After the match, Agha referenced the Spirit of Cricket, remarking that he would have chosen differently had he been the fielder and instead "gone for sportsman spirit."

In response to the debate over the incident, the MCC issued a statement confirming that the on-field decision was correct. "Under Laws, there is little that either umpire could have done differently. The non-striker was clearly out of his ground when the wicket was broken, and the ball was in play. That is out," the statement said.

The MCC also pointed out that Agha had put himself at greater risk by trying to handle the ball. "It is also worth point-



ing out that the non-striker had left his ground when the ball was in play and had just started to attempt to regain his ground when he collided with Mehidy. Furthermore, no batter should attempt to pick the ball up without the consent of the fielding side, and had he done so, he would have been at risk of an Obstructing the field dismissal. In retrospect, he would have been better using that time to attempt to regain his ground," the statement read.

Amid suggestions that the ball should have been declared dead after the collision, the MCC rejected that interpretation, stating that the Laws did not permit such a ruling in this situation.

"There have been some suggestions that the ball should have been treated as Dead. That is not viable under the Laws; the ball does not become dead when players collide - if it did, that would incentivise players to seek out collisions when the situation

was advantageous. There was no question of a serious injury, so there could be no call of Dead ball for that. It could not have been clear to the umpire that all the players ceased to consider the ball to be in play, since Mehidy clearly believed it was live, even if Agha did not. And it cannot have been finally settled in the hands of the bowler or wicket-keeper, since it was on the ground."

The MCC further explained that even the revised dead-ball law, scheduled to take effect in October, would not have changed the outcome of the incident.

"Under the new Laws, which will come into effect in October, an umpire will be able to determine that the ball is finally settled if it is stationary on the ground. However, it is hard to make an argument that the ball is finally settled if the nearest fielder to it is attempting to run the non-striker out, with that non-striker out of their ground.

"There is no case, therefore, to be made that this was Not Out under Law, nor that the Law could be rewritten to somehow make a situation like this Not out."

While backing the dismissal's legality, the MCC acknowledged that Bangladesh could have recalled the batter if they wished to uphold the Spirit of Cricket.

"Yet many people have expressed sympathy for Agha and suggested that this dismissal was against the Spirit of Cricket.

"It certainly would have been possible for Mehidy, as Bangladesh captain, to withdraw his appeal. Agha clearly thought the ball was dead and was attempting to assist the fielding side after an unintentional collision, which made it harder for him to regain his ground. The Laws allow a withdrawal for incidents where the batter is out in Law, but the fielding side feels that it would be better, within the Spirit of Cricket, to allow them to continue."

There is more to Indian cricket than just a couple of people, says R. Ashwin

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KOLKATA: The realisation that it was time for him to retire from Test cricket dawned on former India all-rounder Ravichandran Ashwin when the younger and less experienced Washington Sundar was preferred over him for a Test match in Australia.

During India's tour of Australia in 2024, senior bowler Ashwin lost his place in the XI and decided to retire at the end of the series.

At an event in Kolkata on Tuesday, Ashwin opened up about the moment he realised his time with the Indian team had come to an end. "At Perth, I was the senior bowler. Washi (Washington Sundar) played that Test, and I realised that my time was up," he said.

His retirement after the Brisbane Test prompted criticism of the team management, especially after Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli also stepped away following the series. Head coach Gautam Gambhir faced trolling on social media amid suggestions that senior players had



been pushed towards retirement. Ashwin, however, dismissed that narrative and backed Gambhir's approach.

"I like Gautam, and many people may have different opinions about him, but he is someone who always puts the team ahead of individuals," Ashwin said. "He credits the team, not individuals, and that's something I admire."

Ashwin also spoke about the culture within the Indian dressing room and

the importance of looking beyond individual stars. "There is more to Indian cricket than just a couple of people," he said.

Reflecting on his long association with Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, Ashwin highlighted the bond within the group during their years together. "The best part about us was that none of us blamed each other. We all wanted India to win and make the country proud. We were motivated to do that," he

said. Ashwin, who finished his Test career with more than 500 wickets, also shared his views on the challenges facing the Indian Test team during the ongoing transition. "The team is in transition. Playing against spin is a problem, but for me, batting is not that big an issue. We will produce batters," he said.

"Bowling is not as effective as batting, and that's where the concern lies."

PGTI NexGen: Aryav Shah leads after round one at Golden Greens

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GURUGRAM: The 21-year-old rookie Aryav Shah of Kolkata fired a four-under 68 to lead after round one of the INR 25 lakh DP World PGTI NexGen 2026 being played at the Golden Greens Golf & Country Club in Gurugram on Tuesday.

The trio of Ayaan Gupta, Lakshya Nagar, and Malaysia's Ruhannraj Vinayagam returned scores of three-under 69 to be tied third. Ayaan and Ruhannraj, like Aryav, are also playing their debut season on the DP World PGTI.

Aryav Shah had a slow front-nine where he made two birdies and two bogeys.



However, Aryav had a strong back nine where he made four birdies.

The 54-hole event features a field of 90. The top 35 players and ties will make the cut at the end of round two on Wednesday.

The NexGen Tour was launched by the PGTI last year with the objective of

providing equal playing opportunities to all professional golfers of India and to increase the bench strength in Indian golf, which in turn increases competition and the level of golf. The NexGen also aims to take professional golf to Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities in India, thus expanding the

reach of the sport within the country.

The 2026 PGTI Qualifying School participants are eligible to play on the NexGen Tour in 2026. The winner of this year's NexGen Order of Merit will earn an exemption on the main tour (DP World PGTI) for the 2027 season.

The NexGen 2026 season got underway with the first event at the Aravalli Golf Club in Faridabad. Abhishek Kumar produced a tournament low score, a sublime bogey-free eight-under 64 in the third and final round, to register a sensational come-from-behind victory in the first leg, which featured 72 players.

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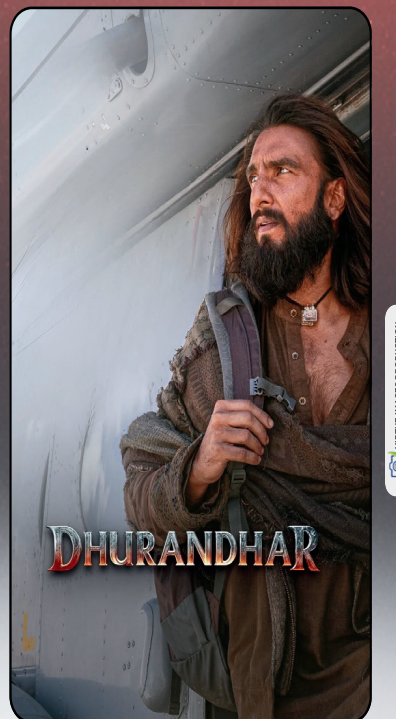
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