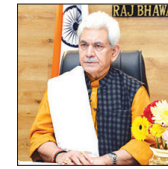


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## CM Omar Distributes Appointment Orders To 90 RAS, SRO-43 Beneficiaries

Encourages New Appointees To Work With Sincerity, Dedication



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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday formally distributed appointment orders under SRO-43 and the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS) to 90 beneficiaries from across Kashmir division at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC).

The appointments, made on compassionate grounds, aim to provide much-needed employment support to families who have lost their primary earning members, reaffirming the government's commitment to stand firmly with such families in times of distress.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister emphasized that the government has made sincere efforts to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with the people, particularly those who have endured personal tragedies.

He remarked that while securing a government job is a moment of great pride

and happiness, the circumstances under which these appointments are granted are deeply painful for the candidates.

"Some people get government jobs through examinations and interviews. But you have made a sacrifice far greater than any test. You have lost someone precious, someone who is no longer with you," he said, acknowledging the emotional weight carried by the beneficiaries.

The Chief Minister noted that no compensation can truly substitute the loss of a loved one, adding that if there would ever be a choice to make, no one would ever choose employment over the return of a departed family member.

Highlighting systemic reforms, the Chief Minister stated that the transition from SRO-43 to the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme was aimed at addressing structural shortcomings and improving efficiency.

He acknowledged

## Strong Nation Stands On Citizens' Integrity, Not Just Buildings: LG Sinha

Says Humanity Cut Off From Cultural Roots Loses Its Power

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**JAMMU:** "Nation-building is rooted in our shared mindset. A strong nation stands on citizens' integrity, common values, and trust among people, not just buildings. My message to the youth is that true nationhood sparks alive when self-interest gives way to community good," the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Thursday.



was attending a musical opera 'Mata Sukrala Ki Kahani' depicting the revered legend of Mata Sukrala Devi at Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the cultural heritage is a powerful societal resource that shapes our thinking, actions, values, beliefs and acts as a backbone for society.

He called upon the youth to reconnect deeply with their cultural roots. "Humanity cut off from cultural roots loses its power. J&K's youth, anchored in heritage, will prove unstoppable in nation-building," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor

of Art, Culture & Languages (JKACL), encapsulates Goddess Sukrala's timeless message of true devotion remains incomplete without righteous action, while action devoid of devotion loses its essence.

"Truth, faith in the Divine,

and love for our motherland bind us together. Mata Sukrala's grace and our common heritage spur nation-building efforts. Duggar Culture's lively stories, arts, and folk practices carry timeless wisdom from elders to youth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

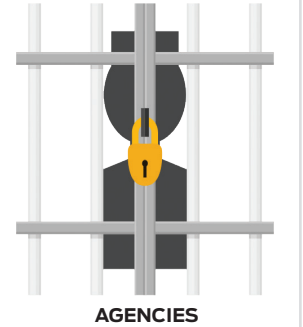
The Lieutenant Governor stated that when we revitalize these traditions through various artistic mediums, we are not merely reminiscing about the past; we are making an investment in the future. By breathing new life into traditional values, we are preparing the younger generation to lead with a strong moral and cultural compass, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the paramount challenge today is viewing nation-building solely as governmental duty.

"Nation-building is a collective responsibility. Aware citizens guide a

### J&K's High-Security Prison Ready

Home Department Issues Formal Notification



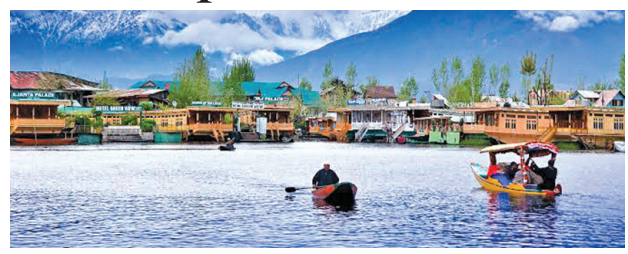
**SRINAGAR:** The much-talked-about high-security prison in Jammu & Kashmir is now ready, with the Home Department officially notifying it as a prison.

The Union Territory's Home Department has issued a notification declaring it both a prison and a designated high-security jail.

"In pursuance of subsection (1) of Section 3 of the Prisons Act, 1894, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir hereby declares the structures erected on the land measuring 148 kanals, bearing Khasra No. 427 min & 486 min at village Dambra, Tehsil Mahanpur, District Kathua, as a prison, and also designates the said prison as 'High Security Prison, Mahanpur,'" reads the notification issued by Principal Secretary Home, Chandraker Bharti.

The notification has been issued on the

## Weather To Remain Dry From April 13 Onwards



SAJID RAINA

**SRINAGAR:** The Meteorological Department on Wednesday forecast light rain and thundershowers at scattered places in Jammu and Kashmir over the next two days, with a gradual rise in day temperatures expected during the coming week.

An official of the MeT Centre Srinagar said that brief spells of light rain or thundershowers are likely at scattered locations on April 9-10, with the possibility of hailstorms at isolated places during the afternoon hours.

"The weather is expected

to remain partly cloudy on April 11-12, with brief spells of light rain at a few places towards evening. Conditions are likely to remain generally dry on April 13-14, followed by cloudy skies and light rain at isolated places on April 15-16. The department has forecast dry weather again from April 17 to 20," he added.

Farmers have been advised to resume agricultural operations, while a gradual rise of 4-6 degrees Celsius in maximum temperatures is expected over the next six days.

Meanwhile,

## 315 Lakes Vanished, 203 Shrunk; CAG Calls For Structured Management Efforts

AGENCIES

**JAMMU:** The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has flagged alarming degradation of lakes in Jammu and Kashmir, revealing that 518 out of 697 natural lakes -- over 74 per cent -- in the Union territory have either disappeared or decreased in size since 1967, leading to significant ecological imbalance and loss of biodiversity.

As per the CAG report on the conservation of lakes in Union territory for the year ended March 31, 2024, out of the total 697 lakes with a total area of 28,990 hectares, as many as 315 lakes covering 1,537.07 hectares have disappeared, while the area of 203 lakes shrank by 1,314.19 hectares. "There was total decrease and disappearance of area of 2,851.26 hectares in 518 lakes," the report stated.

The CAG strongly recommended a series of measures for effective conservation and management



of lakes in Jammu and Kashmir, stressing the need for a structured and time-bound approach.

It said this large-scale shrinkage has resulted in loss of flora and fauna, disruption of ecological services, and adverse impacts on water, food and biodiversity.

It also said the reduction in lake area has contributed to climate insecurity and was one of the factors behind the devastating Jammu and Kashmir floods in

September 2014, highlighting that lakes act as natural flood buffers.

Jammu and Kashmir, endowed with 697 natural lakes spread across 20 districts in two divisions, holds immense ecological and socio-economic significance, it said. These include 185 major lakes larger than five hectares, such as the Wular Lake, the largest freshwater lake in India, along with several other prominent water bodies.

## CS Reviews Position Of Fuel, LPG Stocks Across Districts

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**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday chaired a high-level meeting with the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners and District Administrations to review the availability and distribution of essential commodities across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in light of the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia, with the aim of ensuring adequate buffering against any potential supply chain disruptions.

Comprehensive data presented during the meeting indicated that the UT currently maintains stable stocks of Motor Spirit (Petrol), High-Speed Diesel (HSD) and LPG, supplemented by significant stock in transit to further strengthen reserves.

The Chief Secretary also

reviewed public grievances registered through helplines and their disposal by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and district administrations, while emphasizing the need for intensified IEC campaigns and strict inspections across districts to prevent hoarding, overpricing and black marketing of essential commodities, including fertilizers and food grains. He underscored the importance of ensuring 70 percent supply to commercial and industrial sectors in both divisions and called for expediting e-KYC of all active consumers.

Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Saurabh Bhagat, informed that adequate measures have been put in place to ensure smooth supply across the UT, including availability of 5 kg LPG cylinders for migrant populations and labourers.

## Army Chief Lauds 'Op Sindoor' For Strengthening Domain Jointness

AGENCIES

**BENGALURU:** Army Chief General Uday Shankar Dwivedi on Thursday said Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's progression towards "domain jointness" and called the military offensive a "defining case study" of operational significance of integration.

In May last year, India had launched a military response targeting terror launchpads in Pakistan post the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 Indian tourists.

"Operation Sindoor was India's most powerful tool of progression towards domain jointness. But we need to achieve domain integration and fusion," General Dwivedi said.

He was addressing the "Ran Samvad" forum on "Land Forces visualisation of Multi Domain Operation (MDO)," here.

The Chief of Army Staff said his visualisation of MDO



is not of six domains operating in parallel but all of them "in constant dynamic interaction where the weight shifts and the lead changes".

The Army chief stressed that modern warfare is no longer confined to geographical boundaries or single-service dominance, but is instead defined by continuous interaction across domains, stakeholders and levels of conflict.

"We are living through a dispersed, undeclared, multi-theatre, multi-domain war of our times. The question is not whether domains interact, it is how the interface is orchestrated across the battle space," he said.

General Dwivedi drew a distinction between land domain and land forces, explaining that while the former refers to the operational space, the

latter represents the actors, comprising all six domains—land, air, maritime, cyber, space and cognitive—operating in a shared environment.

He underlined that these domains are no longer siloed but function through dynamic synergy.

Elaborating on the evolving battlefield, General Dwivedi noted that MDO has transformed warfighting into a layered, three-dimensional construct.

"In MDO, the battlefield is no longer a line on a map. It's a 3D—cyber effects shaping the cognitive space, space assets cueing targets, and electronic warfare contesting every frequency simultaneously," he said.

He emphasised that commanders must develop cross-domain situational awareness from the tactical to strategic level.

Highlighting the operational significance of integration, General Dwivedi referred to Operation Sindoor as a

## ...Boosts Connectivity Northern Railway Runs Special Katra-Banihal Train

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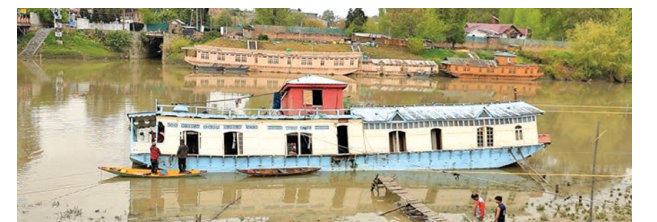
**JAMMU:** The Jammu Division of Northern Railway achieved another milestone today by successfully operating a special train—Train No. 04689/04690 (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Banihal)—between Katra and Banihal.

According to a statement issued, through this special train service, more than 1,000 passengers completed their journeys, thereby significantly strengthening rail connectivity in the region.

This special service was introduced with the specific objective of providing improved connectivity for passengers traveling from Kashmir to Katra, particularly in light of road traffic disruptions caused by heavy rainfall.

Departing from Katra, the train carried a large number of tourists alongside local residents, all of whom traveled with great

## 'Sector Faces Extinction' Houseboats On Jhelum Decline From Over 200 To Just 60-70



REHAN QAYOOM

**SRINAGAR:** The number of houseboats operating in the Jhelum river and its connected channels has dropped drastically over the years from over 200 earlier to just around 60-70 at present, raising concerns over the survival of the traditional sector.

Chairman of the Houseboat Owners Association (HBOA), Manzoor Ahmad Pakhtoon said that the decline translates into a loss of more than 130 houseboats over time. This data, he said, excludes Dal Lake and includes Jhelum, Tsochooni Koul and areas near Dal Gate.

Providing further details,

Pakhtoon said the Tsochooni Koul stretch alone once had around 100-150 houseboats, but the number has now come down to barely 40. "Even among these, many are deregistered or non-functional," he added.

The concerns come after a houseboat partially sank in the Jhelum in Srinagar's Rajbagh area amid continuous rainfall.

According to officials, the incident occurred between Zero Bridge and Abdullah Bridge after the structure tilted and partially submerged due to conditions in the river. Timely intervention helped

# Doordarshan Signs MoU with ICCR to Expand Global Reach of Indian Cultural Content

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**NEW DELHI:** In a significant step towards strengthening India's cultural diplomacy and global outreach, Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on April 7, 2026, at Doordarshan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The MoU was signed by Director General, Doordarshan, Shri K. Satish Nambudiripad, and Director General, ICCR, Smt. K. Nandini Singla, in the presence of senior officials from both organisations.

The partnership seeks to leverage Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati)'s extensive television, radio, and digital ecosystem to amplify the reach of cultural content provided by ICCR. These include cultural events organised by Indian Missions abroad—such as Embassies, Con-



sulates, and Indian Cultural Centres—as well as programmes conducted by ICCR Headquarters and its Zonal and Regional Offices across India.

Under the MoU, ICCR will provide cultural content and performances, while Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) will undertake their coverage and dissemination across multiple platforms, including television channels, radio networks, OTT platforms, and social media. The arrangement

also facilitates the broadcast of recorded cultural content received from Indian Missions overseas, thereby ensuring wider access to India's cultural expressions across geographies.

A key feature of the agreement is the provision for joint ownership of content rights in perpetuity, including digital rights, enabling both organisations to archive and disseminate content for long-term use. Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) will also undertake pre-

event publicity and cross-platform promotion, as feasible, to enhance audience engagement.

The MoU further enables Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) to explore monetisation opportunities arising from the content generated under this collaboration, contributing to the sustainability of cultural broadcasting initiatives.

The agreement will remain in force for a period of three years, with provisions for extension through mutual consent.

This collaboration is expected to significantly enhance the visibility and accessibility of India's rich and diverse cultural heritage, while aligning cultural promotion efforts with contemporary media platforms and global audiences.

Officials from Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) and ICCR attended the event.

# Youth Delegation from J&K Calls on Vice President

'Watan Ko Jano' Initiative Strengthening National Integration: VP

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**NEW DELHI:** A 250-member youth delegation from Jammu and Kashmir, participating in the 'Watan Ko Jano' programme organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, called on the Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi Thursday.

The 'Watan Ko Jano' programme is an initiative by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, aimed at fostering national integration by providing the youth of Jammu and Kashmir an opportunity to explore different parts of India.

Addressing the delegation, the Vice President said he was pleased to interact with such vibrant, talented, and determined young minds from Jammu & Kashmir, and determined to witness significant progress in women's development and empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Vice President also



highlighted the Jammu and Kashmir cricket team winning the Ranji Trophy for the first time. He said that the leadership of women in education and such sporting achievements by young cricketers together reflect the progressive direction in which the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are shaping the future.

Commending the Ministry of Home Affairs for the 'Watan Ko Jano' programme, he said such initiatives not only help young people connect with the idea of a shared national identity but also build confidence, awareness, and aspiration, while fostering the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat."

Highlighting Jammu and Kashmir as a land of extraordinary scenic beauty, and rich culture, he said Jammu and Kashmir has the potential to become a major global tourist destination. He added that as opportunities expand in education, technology, tourism, and entrepreneurship, each young person has the potential to become a builder of a peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive future. He urged them to believe in their abilities, remain connected to their roots, and work collectively towards making Jammu and Kashmir a symbol of harmony, growth, and inspiration for the nation.

The Vice President expressed his happiness that students from Jammu and Kashmir are excelling in Civil Services, IIT, and IIM entrance examinations.

He also urged the students to stay away from drugs and encourage their peers to do the same, emphasising that a healthy youth is the foundation of a strong and progressive nation.

Conveying his best wishes, he called upon the young participants to stand tall, believe in themselves, and take pride in contributing towards building a Viksit and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He said that a Viksit Bharat can be achieved only when every state becomes developed.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh was also present during the Call On. Addressing the delegation, he recalled the developmental transformation of J&K over the past decade under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He further observed that the aspirations of youth of Jammu and Kashmir have risen, with many excelling across diverse fields.

## Historic Democratic Milestone

# PSAJK Holds First-Ever Elections in Bandipora

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**BANDIPORA:** In a landmark development and a defining moment in the history of the Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK), the first-ever district elections were successfully conducted at the Municipal Committee Bandipora, marking a new and progressive chapter in the association's democratic journey.

The elections were held under the supervision of the Dy Chief Education Officer Bandipora, G M Pajoo ensuring transparency and credibility in the entire process.

The occasion witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries and key office bearers, including Mr. Farooq Ashai, Convenor Election Commission PSAJK; Advocate Nadeem Qadiri, Legal Advisor PSAJK; Mr. Nazir Ahmad Malik, Member Election Commission; and Mr. Majid Bhat, Incharge Head Office Srinagar and Member Election Commission.



Adding further significance to the event, several district presidents and senior leaders attended, including Mr. Bashir Ahmad Shah (DP Ganderbal), Dr. Abrar Ahmad (DPBaramulla), Mr. Tahir Wagay (DPSrinagar), State Advisor Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Baba, and State Coordinator Mr. Tariq Balli.

The participation of member schools was overwhelming, with a large number of institutions actively taking part in the electoral process. Demonstrating rare unity and

consensus, the majority of member schools submitted a written declaration—duly sealed and signed—in unanimous support of Mr. Fayaz Ahmad, Chairman IDPS Bandipora, for the post of President, PSAJK Bandipora chapter.

Speakers on the occasion expressed strong confidence in the leadership abilities of Mr. Fayaz Ahmad, highlighting his vision, commitment, and capacity to lead the district towards growth and reform. They termed the election as a "new beginning" that would bring posi-

tive transformation in the private education sector of Bandipora.

The event was also attended by former PSAJK President Mr. Saleem Akhtar and Central Executive Member Mr. Saidullah Bhat, whose presence added experience and encouragement to the proceedings.

The successful conduct of these elections reflects PSAJK's commitment to democratic values, transparency, and collective decision-making, setting a strong precedent for other districts to follow.

# DC Kulgam reviews key infrastructure projects in district

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**KULGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, Thursday chaired a review meeting at the DC Office Kulgam to assess the progress of various ongoing construction projects across the district.

The meeting was attended by the Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Kulgam, Executive Engineers of the Mechanical Division, R&B Electric Division, KPDC, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kulgam/Qazigund, and the District Mineral Officer Kulgam, among other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a comprehensive review of several key infrastructure projects, including Transit Accommodations at Mirhama, Chowgam and Vessu; Sub-District Hospital (SDH)



Qaimoh; Government Degree College (GDC) Frisal; Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Tangmarg; Multipurpose Sports Hall at GDC Kilam; SDM Office D.H. Pora; Tehsil Office Pahloo; PHC Pahloo; Solid Waste Management Sites at Kulgam and Yaripora; Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Kulgam; DDC Quarters, and ADDC Quarter at Lirrow.

concerned executing agencies regarding timelines, bottlenecks and the overall status of execution.

Emphasizing the importance of timely completion of these vital infrastructure projects, the DC directed all executing agencies to expedite the pace of work and strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines.

He instructed officers to closely monitor the progress on the ground and ensure that any issues hindering the execution

of works are addressed promptly.

The DC further stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination to ensure smooth implementation of projects aimed at strengthening public infrastructure and improving service delivery in the district.

He also directed the concerned officers to submit updated progress reports and ensure regular monitoring so that all projects are completed within the stipulated timeframe.

## KPDCL announces power shutdown in Kashmir parts

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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Arampora-Bandipora will be observed due to which power supply to Dooru, Dangerpora, Shiva, Mundji, Watlab, Kunusa, Botingoo, Hathlangoo, Tujjar, Harwan and adjoining areas will be affected on 11 April 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Kanipora-Pinjora Line will be observed due to which power supply to Arhama, Town, Bongam, Shopian, Pinjora, Pahnoo, Killora, Imamsahib, Vehil, Nowgam, Reshinagri, Kachdoora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03:30 PM on 12, 15 & 18 April 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Budgam SIDCO Tapline will be observed due to which power supply to Ompora, Housing Colony, NIFT, SIDCO, Mohanpora, Sheikhpura, and adjoining areas will be affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 12 April 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 132 /33 kV, 100 MVA GIS Khanyar will be observed due to which power supply to Industrial Estate-BAMK, Raja colony, Nowshera, Zadbala, Hawal, Botakadal, BSNL, Gil kadal, athi-Darwaza Rainawari, psychiatric Hospital, PHE, Central jail, Saída Kadal,

and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 12 & 13 April 2026.

Meanwhile, Executive Engineer Load Dispatch Centre Division Bemina has informed that the Shutdown of 33 Kv Achabal Cherpura tapline will be observed due to which power supply to Achabal, Shangus, Nowgam, Cherpura and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 11 April 2026.

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## DC Bandipora holds Candid Session with G&B Hostel Students

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**BANDIPORA:** Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, visited the Gujjar and Bakarwal Boys Hostel Bandipora and held an engaging interactive session with students of Classes 10th, 11th, and 12th.

During the session, the Deputy Commissioner welcomed open questions from students and spoke at length on career pathways, leadership, and ethics, drawing from her own academic and professional journey to inspire young minds to pursue their aspirations with dedication and integrity.

She underscored the importance of balancing sports and physical activity with academics for holistic development, and stressed the need for regular mental health sessions within the hostel to nurture students' overall well-being.

On the occasion, 13 meritorious students were felicitated for their outstanding performance in the recently concluded Annual Examinations.

The session was attended by Bashir Ahmad Khan, Warden; Munawar Hussain Lone, Assistant Warden; and Altaf Ahmad Mir, Tutor, who also served as Anchor and Moderator for the proceedings.

## OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, POSHAN, PROJECT SRINAGAR.

Tentative Merit List of Sahayikas (Anganwari Helpers) of Advertisement posts of Poshan Project Srinagar advertised Vide Notice No 03-CDPO (SGR) of 2025 dated.29.12.2025. The Tentative Merit list is subject to objections regarding Marks Obtained/Electoral Ward/Date of Birth or any other information. The Objections with Substantial documents proof can be submitted to the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Srinagar, Aqaf Building Sheikh Hamzah Complex, Karamnagar, Srinagar within 07 days of Publication of Tentative Merit List during office hours.

S.No	Name of the Electoral Ward	No of Posts Advertised	Name of Applicant	Parentage	Husband Name	Address	DOB	Marital Status	Total Marks in 10th	Marks Obtained in 10th	Percentage %	Additional Points (Wether from retiring family of AWW/AWH)	Document Deficiency (if any)	Provisionally Selected/Waiting
1	Bemina-26	1	Nahida Gul	Gulam Mohammad Dar	Waheed Ahmad Mir	Haji Abad Bemina	10.03.1993	Married	500	225	45.00	nil		
2			Anjum Asra	Azad Mohd Shaban Loan	Showkat Ahmad Bhat	Gousia Colony, Bemina	15.03.1993	Married	500		0.00	nil	10th Marks card pending	
3	Syed Ali Akbar- 34	1	Ahaba	Ali mohammad Gujri	nil	Malikyar Fateh Kadal	25.11.2002	Unmarried	500	368	73.60	nil		
4			Zareena Jan	Abdul Aziz Gania	Shahid Ahmad Taploo	Karfali Mohalla, Srinagar	09.08.1989	Married	500	326	65.20	nil		
5			Iqra	Gilam Mohammad Sholla	Nil	Karfali Mohalla, Habba kadal, Srinagar	14.08.1995	Unmarried	500	267	53.40	nil		
6	Sheikh Dawood Colony-20	1	Iqra Jan	Shakeel Ahmad Sheikh	nil	Karfali mohalla, Sonna Masjid	08.11.2002	Unmarried	500	188	37.60	nil		
7			Tawheeda Naseer	Naseer Ahmad Sheikh	Amir Majeed	Firdous Abad, Batamalo	01.02.1995	Married	500	289	57.80	nil		
8			Saima Jan	Gulam Mohd Sheikh	Habib Ul Razeeshah	Firdous Abad, Batamalo	06.08.1993	Married	500	264	52.80	nil		
9	Chattabal-24	1	Rameeza Akhter	Mohd. Akber Hajam	Ishtiaq illahi	Bazar Batamalo, Srinagar	25.10.1990	Married	500	186	37.20	nil		
10			Insha Sidiqi	Mohd sadiq bhat	Tauseef Ul bhat	Patli Pora Payeen, Chattabal	17.02.1993	Married	500	294	58.80	nil		
11	Ziyarat Batmaloo 21	1	Shaheena jan	Gulam Ahmad Dar	Tahir Murtaza Mir	Dairwani Batamalo	02.10.1995	Married			Under Matic	nil		
12	Zainakote-30	1	Razia Mushtaq	Mushtaq Ahmad Reshi	nil	Abanshah Zainkote Srinagar	06.04.2006	Unmarried	500	265	53.00	nil		
13			Nighat Jan	Gulam Nabi Waggay	Shafat Ahmad Bhat	Shalteng Srinagar	16.02.1995	Married			Under Matic	nil		
14	NawaKadal	1	Bismah Ji	Mehraj Ud Din	Aqib Nabi Najar	Jamalatta Nawakadal, srinagar	23.05.1991	Married	500	293	58.60	nil		
15	Solina	2												
16	Fateh kadal	1												
17	Tankipora	1												
No Response recieved from Applicants														
Total posts		11												

Sd/- Zonal Educational Officer Zaldagar (Member)

Sd/- Zonal Education Officer Batamalo (Member)

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Sd/- Child Dev Project Officer Poshan Srinagar (Member Secretary)

Sd/- Secretary Srinagar Municipal Corporation (Member)

# CM dedicates ₹3.17 crore community hall at Umerhair, Buchpora to public

Says govt committed to provide affordable housing, decongest Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday said that the government is planning to develop modern, well-planned housing colonies to decongest Srinagar city, emphasizing that providing dignified housing to the underprivileged is both a responsibility and a duty of the government.

Addressing a large public gathering after inaugurating the Imam-ul-Asr Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri (RA) Community Hall at Umerhair, Buchpora in Hazratbal constituency, the Chief Minister highlighted key developmental priorities of his government, including housing, healthcare, transport, and social welfare.

The multi-purpose community facility centre has been constructed at a cost of ₹3.17 crore, providing a dignified, accessible, and affordable venue for weddings, social functions, and community gatherings.

“As far as Srinagar city is

concerned, it continues to face several challenges, particularly congestion in old city areas. In many homes, multiple families live together, placing immense pressure on limited space. Unless we develop new residential colonies, this situation will persist,” he said.

“We are planning to develop modern, well-planned housing colonies, including provisions for affordable housing. This initiative is specifically aimed at those who lack the means to purchase land or construct homes. Providing dignified housing to such sections is not merely a responsibility—it is our duty,” he added.

The Chief Minister also underlined the need to strengthen healthcare infrastructure by improving primary health centres, community health centres, and sub-district hospitals to reduce the burden on major hospitals.

Highlighting reforms in the transport sector, he said the introduction of free bus travel for women has seen overwhelm-



ing success. “Today, a majority of passengers in public buses are women, which reflects the success of this initiative. Ensuring safe and accessible mobility for our mothers and sisters is our responsibility,” he remarked.

Referring to welfare measures in the current budget, the Chief Minister said that promises made to the people are being fulfilled. “When we promised free LPG cylinders during

the elections, it was mocked by many. Today, we have translated that promise into action, with six free gas cylinders to be provided to eligible families this year,” he said, assuring that all manifesto commitments would be implemented with sincerity and accountability.

Congratulating MLA Hazratbal Salman Ali Sagar, the Chief Minister said the completion of the community hall reflects his dedication and perseverance.

“This is not merely a building; it is a symbol of service, community spirit, and respect for our rich intellectual and spiritual heritage,” he said.

The Chief Minister noted that the facility would serve as an affordable and dignified venue for social functions, especially for families who cannot afford private banquet halls. He said the centrally located hall is equipped with modern amenities, including a spacious

hall, multiple rooms, dedicated spaces for bride and groom, essential facilities, and parking provisions.

He directed the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to prepare a comprehensive plan for further development of the surrounding area, including parking and landscaping, to enhance the utility and aesthetics of the complex. Emphasizing youth empow-

erment, the Chief Minister called for the establishment of a library in the vicinity and assured full government support. He also stressed the need to dedicate a section of the proposed library to preserve and showcase the life and contributions of Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri (RA), so that future generations remain connected with his legacy.

“Together, we will continue to represent the Hazratbal constituency and address your concerns—be it related to SMC, L.C.M.A. or any other department. We stand committed to your service,” he assured.

Member of Legislative Assembly Khanayr Ali Mohammad Sagar, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Gurwinder Singh Oberoi, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Commissioner SMC Fazlul Haseeb senior officers, party functionaries and a large gathering of people were present on the occasion.

# CS reviews BISAG-N supported e-Governance initiatives in J&K

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**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday chaired a meeting to review the progress of key e-governance and digital transformation initiatives being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N).

The meeting besides the Secretary, IT, Dr. Piyush Singla; and Special Director General, BISAG-N, Vinay Thakur; was attended by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, senior police officers, representatives from the National Informatics Centre, and other stakeholder agencies.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary undertook a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in developing various online platforms across departments aimed at enhancing governance efficiency and improving public service delivery. He sought a detailed, first-hand appraisal from BISAG-N regarding the readiness of these platforms, while also directing departments to address bottlenecks hindering their timely completion



and rollout.

Dr. Piyush Singla apprised the meeting of the overall status of ongoing and upcoming digital initiatives across departments, highlighting completed platforms and outlining their benefits in terms of transparency, efficiency, and citizen-centric service delivery.

Presenting a department-wise overview, BISAG-N shared insights into the initiatives undertaken over the past few years. Special DG, Vinay Thakur emphasized the need to make these initiatives more outcome-driven and time-bound, and advised departments to designate nodal officers for sustained coordination with BISAG-N to ensure successful implementation.

Among the key digital platforms reviewed during the meeting were the AI-

based GST Fraud Detection System of the Finance Department and the End-to-End Energy Tracking and Management System (EETMS) for the Discoms under the Power Development Department. The meeting also reviewed improvements in portals such as JKCIIP, Kisan Khidmat Ghar, Daksh Kisan Mobile App, and Kisan Sathi developed by the Agriculture Production Department.

The Tourism Department's web portal and mobile application, featuring an AI-enabled chatbot supported by BISAG-N's GPU infrastructure, were also discussed, with particular focus on their user engagement and service delivery potential.

The survey application for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban 2.0 aimed at identifying houseless and

landless beneficiaries across all 78 Urban Local Bodies in J&K was also reviewed. Significant progress in digitization initiatives of the Revenue Department, including Legacy Jamabandi visualization and the online mutation module, was noted.

The Chief Secretary stressed the need for integration of the recently launched Single Window for Recruitment Rules (SWRR-JK) with the e-Office platform to ensure seamless functioning. He also underscored the importance of introducing similar digital systems for the online conduct of Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs).

The meeting further deliberated on the upgradation of the JK Samadhan portal to enable seamless integration with the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring

System and to strengthen MIS-based monitoring of grievance redressal timelines at both district and departmental levels.

The Home Department informed the meeting about the readiness of an AI-based search engine designed to assist investigation officers, particularly in preparing charge sheets under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, which is set to be rolled out shortly.

Other major platforms reviewed included the JK Sehat Mobile App, Jal Shakti Mobile App, J&K PWD asset mapping application, J&K Industrial Mobile App, MSME Health Clinic App, District Good Governance Index platform, Village Planning Portal of the Planning Department, digitization of SRCT data, and the J&K Anganwadi Tracking System.

Reiterating the Government's commitment to leveraging technology for efficient governance, the Chief Secretary directed all departments to expedite implementation, ensure inter-departmental coordination, and maximize the impact of these digital initiatives in enhancing transparency, accountability, and citizen service delivery across Jammu and Kashmir.

# Dy CM takes up industrial promotion, revival of struggling units in J&K with JCCI

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**JAMMU:** Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, is taking proactive steps to boost the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir with emphasis on recalibrating incentives, streamlining approvals and establishing institutional mechanisms for revival of ailing industries.

He convened an exclusive meeting with the Jammu and Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) to discuss the strategies for promoting industrial growth and reviving sick units in J&K. The meeting aimed to create a conducive environment for the industries, focusing on income security, skill development and generating employment opportunities for locals.

President, Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jammu, Arun Gupta, Treasurer, Rajesh Gupta and other representatives from JCCI besides officials were present in the meeting held at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.



During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on various issues faced by the industrial stakeholders.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured that the government is actively working towards addressing these concerns through timely and effective measures.

Emphasizing the revival of sick industrial units, he stressed the need for revamping the industrial policy to facilitate ease of doing business and ensure smooth and timely operations of industries across J&K. He further highlighted the importance of providing adequate infra-

structure, including uninterrupted water and power supply, improved road connectivity and other essential facilities in the industrial estates to support seamless functioning of the industrial units.

The stakeholders raised several key issues, including industrial incentive packages, timely release of allotments, streamlining of registration processes and concerns related to Phase-III Samba.

The Deputy Chief Minister assured that all their genuine concerns would be addressed on priority to further boost industrial growth in the region.

# Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam meets several delegations at Raabita

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**SRINAGAR:** Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani Thursday met several delegations and individuals at the Chief Minister's Public Outreach Office, 'Raabita' and listened to the issues and demands raised by them.

Delegations from Ganderbal, Pattan, and Budgam called on the Advisor and apprised him of various public concerns and developmental issues of their respective areas. In addition, several individuals from across the Kashmir valley also met the Advisor Wani to highlight issues related to local development works and other community matters.

The Advisor patiently listened to all delegations and individuals, assuring them that their genuine concerns would be examined and forwarded to the concerned departments for appropriate action.

# Javed Rana lays foundation for major eco-tourism projects at Shahstar

Says 'efforts underway to develop area as adventure tourism hub'

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**POONCH:** In a significant push towards sustainable development and environmental conservation, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, Thursday laid the foundation stone for a series of eco-tourism and infrastructure projects in the Mendhar and Surankote areas of Poonch.

The initiatives, undertaken by the Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, mark a concerted effort by the government to harness the area's natural beauty while ensuring ecological balance and community participation.

Senior departmental officials and local residents were present on the occasion.

Among the key projects was development of an Eco Park at Shahstar, with an estimated cost of ₹90 lakh under the SAsCI scheme. The park is envisioned as a hub for nature-based tourism, offering the visitors an immersive experience while fostering environmental awareness and con-



servation practices.

To strengthen the field operations and improve monitoring capabilities, an Inspection Hut will also be constructed at Shahstar at a cost of ₹20 lakh under CAMPA. Additionally, a Block Officer Quarter at Pahar Masjid, to be built under the CAPEX budget at ₹35 lakh, will enhance the Forest Department's presence in the area and provide better residential facilities for staff.

Further boosting eco-tourism infrastructure, the Minister laid the foundation for a trekking route complemented by cafeteria facilities to be developed at an estimated cost of ₹6 lakh under the CAPEX budget.

This project is expected to attract more adventure enthusiasts while creating livelihood opportunities for local communities.

Collectively, these projects amounting ₹1.51 crore, have been designed to integrate the conservation efforts with economic development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasized that the initiatives would open up sustainable employment avenues for the local youth as tourist guides, hospitality worker and service providers while also increasing the visitor footfall and regional revenue.

“These projects reflect our firm commitment

to preserve our natural resources while simultaneously creating opportunities for sustainable tourism and improving the livelihoods of local communities,” the Minister said.

He added that strengthening forest infrastructure would enable departmental personnel to carry out conservation works more effectively.

Highlighting the long-term vision, the Minister stated that such initiatives would help position Mendhar and Surankote as promising destinations for eco and adventure tourism in Jammu & Kashmir, drawing visitors seeking pristine landscapes and authentic experiences.

Rana also issued strict directions to the executing agencies to ensure timely completion of all projects. He emphasized the need for maintaining accountability and quality in work execution. He called for strict adherence to the set technical standards and warned against any compromise in construction practices or material quality.

# Pilgrim Registration for Amarnath Yatra Opens April 15 Nationwide



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**JAMMU:** The advance registration for the annual Amarnath Yatra will commence from April 15 across 554 designated bank branches in the country, with the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) issuing a detailed step-by-step procedure for pilgrims.

Officials said that the registration and issuance of yatra permits will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to a fixed daily quota for each route at every designated branch.

As per the guidelines, only pilgrims aged between 13 and 70 years will be eligible for registration, while women with more than six weeks of pregnancy will not be permitted to undertake the pilgrimage, even if they possess the mandatory health certificate.

For the 2026 yatra, registration will be carried

out in real time through Aadhaar-based biometric eKYC authentication, and permits will be generated online through the official portal of the Shrine Board, guidelines said.

“In case of technical issues in biometric authentication, a provision for manual data entry with webcam-based photo capture has been kept as a fallback option,” the guidelines read.

Pilgrims will be required to submit a valid Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC), issued on or after April 8, 2026, by an authorised doctor or medical institution, along with the prescribed fee of Rs 150 per permit.

For this process, the board has issued the list of doctors and institutions authorised to issue compulsory health certificates in 37 states and union territories, it said.

The designated bank

branches will verify the authenticity and validity of the CHC before issuing the system-generated yatra permit, which will specify the chosen route — Baltal or Pahalgam.

The permit will also bear the date on which the pilgrim is allowed to cross the access control gates at Domel (Baltal axis) or Chandanwari (Pahalgam axis), it said.

According to the procedure, registration for a particular yatra date will close seven days in advance. Banks have also been directed to set up adequate help desks, conduct staff training, and undertake publicity campaigns to facilitate smooth registration, it said.

The Shrine Board has advised pilgrims to ensure correct Aadhaar and mobile details during registration and follow all prescribed procedures for a hassle-free pilgrimage.(PTI)

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EDITORIAL

## Hope And New Avenues Await J&K Youth

The participation of students from Jammu and Kashmir in the 'Watan Ko Jano' programme sends a message that goes far beyond a routine interaction. It reflects a sincere effort to open doors for young people, giving them exposure, confidence, and a chance to see a wider world beyond their immediate surroundings.

This initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Home Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, is quietly addressing a gap many young people in the region have experienced for years. By travelling to different parts of the country, meeting new people, and experiencing diverse cultures, students are not only learning, they are growing in confidence and broadening their outlook on life.

During the interaction, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar appreciated the energy and determination of these young minds. Reflecting on his recent visit to the University of Kashmir, he noted positive changes, especially in the field of women's education and empowerment. This is a significant shift, one that signals a more inclusive and progressive society taking shape in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also highlighted the achievement of the Jammu and Kashmir cricket team, describing it as a proud moment for the region. Such successes go a long way, they inspire confidence, uplift spirits, and help change the narrative around Jammu and Kashmir to one of talent and resilience.

Yet, inspiration alone cannot drive lasting change. Programmes like 'Watan Ko Jano' can ignite ambition, but that ambition must be supported with real opportunities. Stronger educational systems, better job prospects, and transparent governance are essential to ensure that young people can turn their dreams into reality.

The focus on sectors like tourism, technology, and entrepreneurship points towards a promising future. With its unmatched natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, Jammu and Kashmir has all the ingredients to grow into a major hub of opportunity. What is needed now is sustained effort, investment, and support to unlock this potential.

Encouragingly, a quiet transformation is already visible. More students from the region are succeeding in competitive exams such as Civil Services, IITs, and IIMs. These achievements reflect not just individual hard work, but also a growing belief among the youth that they can compete and succeed at the highest levels.

The message to the youth is clear: stay rooted, believe in yourself, and keep moving forward. With the right support and opportunities, the young people of Jammu and Kashmir have the ability not only to shape their own future but also to inspire the nation.

# AI And India's Tradition Of Inquiry

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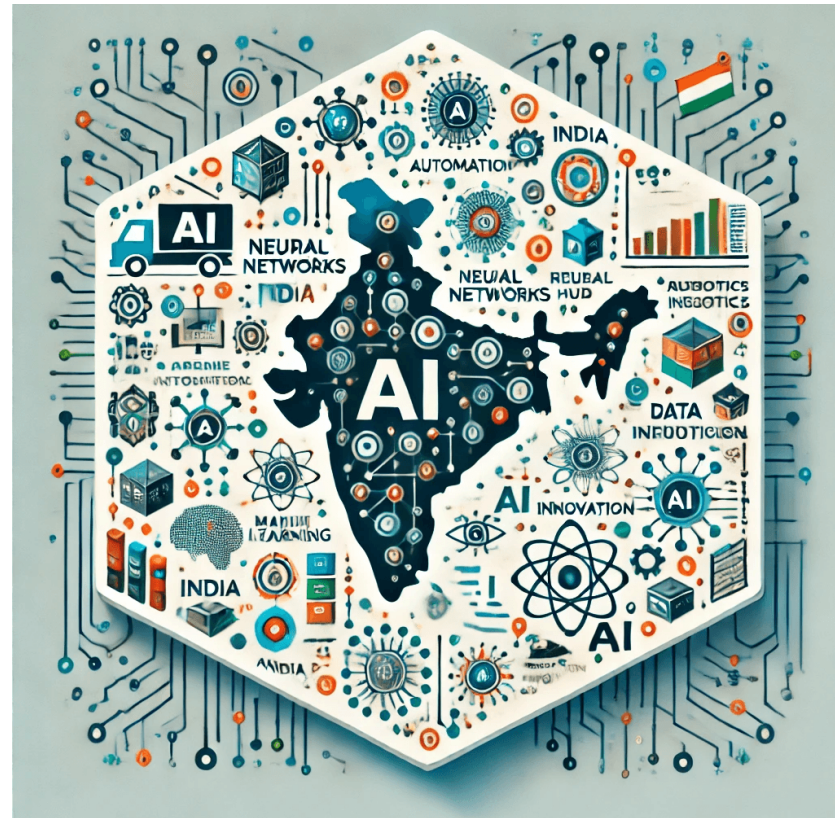
Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping how societies work, learn and innovate. In India, however, this technological moment can also be understood through a deeper historical lens. When the mathematician Aryabhata studied planetary motion in the fifth century, he was doing more than solving astronomical problems. He was participating in a long tradition of inquiry in which observation, calculation and debate formed the foundations of knowledge. As India expands its investment in artificial intelligence through initiatives such as the IndiaAI Mission, the country's engagement with new technologies reflects a much longer history of curiosity and systematic reasoning.

At a time when artificial intelligence is becoming increasingly important for research, economic development and public policy, recognising this intellectual continuity is particularly meaningful. Across centuries, scholarship in the Indian subcontinent has often been shaped by the desire to understand the natural world through careful observation and analysis.

Contributions in mathematics and astronomy by figures such as Aryabhata, Brahmagupta and Bhaskara II illustrate this enduring tradition. Their work reflects sustained efforts to interpret natural phenomena through structured reasoning and mathematical insight. These achievements demonstrate how intellectual curiosity can produce lasting contributions to scientific knowledge.

Such scholarship flourished in environments that encouraged learning and dialogue. Centres of study such as Nalanda are widely remembered as important spaces of intellectual exchange in the ancient world. Traditions associated with places such as Takshashila are also often remembered as part of this broader culture of learning and intellectual exchange. In these settings, curiosity was nurtured through discussion, learning and shared exploration of ideas.

Scientific knowledge has rarely developed in isolation. Throughout history, ideas have travelled across regions and cultures, shaping intel-



lectual developments in many societies. Over centuries, mathematical ideas and numerical methods travelled across regions and cultures, contributing to the development of the number systems widely used today. Such exchanges illustrate how knowledge grows through dialogue and interaction across civilisations.

Artificial intelligence can be understood within this longer trajectory of intellectual development. Modern computational systems do not replace human reasoning; rather, they extend it. By analysing large volumes of information and identifying patterns that may not be immediately visible, AI tools assist researchers and professionals in fields ranging from medicine and environmental science to logistics and education.

The foundations of modern computing also illustrate how technological change often builds on earlier ideas. In the nineteenth century, Charles Babbage envisioned programmable calcu-

lating machines, while Ada Lovelace recognised that such machines could manipulate symbols and information. Their insights anticipated many aspects of modern computing long before electronic computers became possible.

During the twentieth century, advances in electronics, programming and computer science transformed theoretical concepts into practical technologies. Digital computers expanded the possibilities for scientific research and information processing. The development of the internet later connected people and knowledge across continents, fundamentally reshaping how information is shared and accessed.

Today, artificial intelligence represents the latest stage in this technological evolution. Machine learning systems are increasingly used in areas such as medical research, language translation, logistics and environmental monitoring. These systems enable researchers to analyse complex datasets and explore questions that would previously have

been difficult to investigate.

India's engagement with artificial intelligence reflects both technological change and historical continuity. Universities, research institutions and technology companies across the country are exploring ways to apply AI across a wide range of sectors. Government initiatives such as the IndiaAI Mission aim to strengthen computing infrastructure, support research and encourage digital innovation.

Some of the most visible applications are emerging in language technologies. Initiatives such as Bhashini seek to improve digital communication across India's many languages, potentially expanding access to information and services. In areas such as agriculture, healthcare and public administration, data-driven tools are also being explored as ways to support research and decision-making.

For India, the challenge is not simply to adopt new technologies but to shape their development responsibly. Strengthening education, supporting research and encouraging innovation will be essential to ensure that technological progress benefits society broadly.

Scientific curiosity has also shaped India's exploration beyond Earth. The Chandrayaan missions demonstrate how research and engineering continue to expand knowledge about the Moon and the wider universe. In many ways, the impulse that once motivated early astronomical study continues to drive contemporary scientific exploration.

Across history, technological tools have expanded humanity's ability to observe, analyse and understand the world. Yet the most powerful force behind scientific progress has never been the tools themselves. It has been the curiosity that encourages people to ask questions and seek answers.

Artificial intelligence may be a new technology, but the curiosity that drives it is far older. In India, where traditions of scholarship and debate stretch back many centuries, the rise of AI can therefore be understood not as a break with the past but as another step in a continuing tradition of inquiry.

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## After All, What Did The War Bring?

CIVILIZATION, BALANCE, AND HUMANITY IN DANGER

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The world once again appears to be at a crossroads where the voice of humanity is drowned out by displays of power, threats, and military activity. Recent events have renewed the question of what war truly achieves. Is it merely a display of strength, or does it hold a lasting solution? History and experience both confirm that war does not end any problem, but rather gives rise to an endless series of new ones. Today, as instability in the global landscape grows, this question becomes even more pressing.

War is often initiated in the name of national security, self-defense, or honor, but its consequences are far more widespread and devastating. After a war, even the so-called victors are weakened from within. Their economies are severely strained, resources are wasted, and social structures begin to crumble. This has a direct negative impact on areas such as education, health, and development. On the other hand, defeated countries are already buried under the rubble of destruction, where the process of reconstruction can last for years, and generations pay the price. In this entire process, ordinary citizens suffer the most, who neither directly contributed to the war nor had any influence on the decision-making process.

War not only brings physical destruction, but it also leaves deep wounds at the psychological and cultural level. Displacement, fear, insecurity, and mental trauma are conditions that affect societies long after the war. Children, women, and the elderly are most affected. Their normal course of life is disrupted, and they are thrust into an uncertain future. Civilizations that



develop over thousands of years can crumble in a matter of days or months.

Recent events also demonstrate that external attacks and pressure, rather than weakening a country, can make it more organized and aggressive. When a nation is constantly under pressure, nationalism becomes stronger. People set aside their internal differences and unite against the external threat. Thus, the very strategy adopted to subdue a country can ultimately empower it. It is one of the greatest ironies of war that it often fails to achieve even its stated objectives.

The impact of war is not limited to the belligerent countries; its effects are felt globally. Vital sectors such as the international economy, trade routes, and energy supplies are directly affected. A crisis in sensitive sea lanes such as the Strait of Hormuz can impact global economic stability. The consequences,

such as oil price fluctuations, supply chain disruptions, and investment uncertainty, are felt globally. The impact is even more severe for developing countries, whose economies are already dependent on limited resources.

When superpowers become involved in a conflict, the situation becomes even more complex. Their intervention is not limited to the military, but also takes on diplomatic, economic, and strategic dimensions. This makes it difficult for small and medium-sized countries to articulate their positions. They often seek a balance that protects their national interests and avoids becoming involved in a larger conflict. However, maintaining this balance is not easy, as every decision has far-reaching consequences.

West Asia is a prime example of such complex conflicts, where tensions persist for political, religious, and strategic reasons. The situation here suggests that even a

small spark can escalate into a widespread conflict. The involvement of various countries and organizations has made the region even more sensitive. The impact of any development here is felt not only regionally but also globally.

In this context, some countries have attempted to demonstrate balanced and mature diplomacy. They prioritized not only their own national interests but also global peace and stability. This is proof that solutions to complex situations can be found through dialogue and diplomacy. While this process may be slow and challenging, it is the most reliable path towards lasting peace.

Another important dimension of warfare today is information and propaganda. War is no longer confined to the battlefield, but is also fought in the media and digital platforms. Information control, the spread of rumors, and attempts to influence public

opinion have become integral parts of this conflict. This has made it even more difficult to distinguish between truth and falsehood. In the age of social media, even a small amount of misinformation can create widespread confusion and tension.

Additionally, war has a serious impact on the environment. Bombing, the use of chemical weapons, and the destruction of industrial infrastructure cause long-term environmental damage. Water, air, and land pollution disrupt the natural balance. This has a negative impact on biodiversity, and this loss is often irreversible. Thus, war affects not only the current generation but also future generations.

Ultimately, it is clear that war is not a permanent solution to any problem. It only provides temporary victories and leaves lasting scars. To advance humanity, development, and peace, nations must prioritize dialogue, cooperation, and mutual understanding. The role of international institutions also needs to be strengthened so that they can be more effective in preventing conflicts and finding solutions.

Today's world must understand that true power lies not in destruction, but in creation. Only those countries and societies that accept this truth will be able to pave the way for lasting peace and prosperity in the future. The smoke of war may offer the illusion of momentary victory, but when that smoke clears, only destruction, regret, and uncertainty remain. This is the greatest truth of war—a truth that is more important to understand and accept today than ever before.

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# Together, Let Us Empower Our Nari Shakti!



NARENDRA MODI

In the coming days, India will be immersed in a festive season, with celebrations taking place across the length and breadth of the nation. The people of Assam will mark Rongali Bihu while Odisha will celebrate Maha Bishuba Pana Sankranti.

In West Bengal, Poila Boishakh will usher in the Bengali New Year and in Kerala, Vishu will be observed with immense enthusiasm. In Tamil Nadu, Puthandu will be celebrated while in Punjab and other parts of Northern India, it will be Baisakhi, which will usher in a spirit of hope as well as positivity. I convey my best wishes to all those across India and the world who are marking these festivals. May these auspicious occasions bring happiness and prosperity to everyone's lives.

Furthermore, on the 11th of April, we will commence the 200th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Phule and on the 14th, India will pay homage to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on Ambedkar Jayanti.

In addition to these special occasions, when the spirit of renewal fills our hearts and minds, our nation stands at the threshold of another historic occasion. It is an opportunity to deepen the foundations of our democracy and to reaffirm our collective commitment to equality and inclusion.

On the 16th of April, Parliament will be convened to discuss and pass an important bill that advances women's reservation. To describe this merely as a legislative exercise would be an understatement. It is a reflection of the aspirations of crores of women



across India. It is an affirmation of a principle that has long guided our civilisational ethos, that society progresses when women progress.

Women constitute nearly half of India's population. Their contributions to our nation are vast and invaluable. Today, India is witnessing remarkable achievements by women across every field. From science and technology to entrepreneurship, from sports to the armed forces and from music to the arts, women are at the forefront of India's progress.

Over the years, sustained efforts have been made to create an enabling environment for women's empowerment. Greater access to education, improved healthcare, enhanced financial inclusion and better access to basic amenities have strengthened the foundations of women's participation in economic and social life.

Yet, their representation in the

world of politics and legislative bodies has not always been commensurate with their role in society. This is particularly unfortunate because when women participate in administration and decision-making, they bring with them experiences and insights that enrich public discourse and improve the quality of governance.

It is imperative that the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and the Assembly elections to the various states in the coming times are conducted with women's reservation in place. Over the decades, there have been repeated efforts to provide women with their rightful place in democratic institutions by the previous governments.

Committees were made, bill drafts were introduced but they never saw the light of day. But the broad consensus has remained that women's repre-

sentation in legislative bodies has to increase. In September 2023, Parliament passed the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam with the same spirit of consensus. I consider it to be among the most special occasions of my life.

This opportunity to ensure women's reservation also resonates deeply with the spirit of our Constitution. The makers of our Constitution, envisioned a society where equality is both enshrined and realised in practice. Strengthening women's participation in legislative institutions is an important step towards fulfilling that vision. It reflects our commitment to building a society where every citizen has an equal stake in shaping the nation's destiny.

This is a moment that cannot be deferred any longer. Every delay in advancing women's representation is, in effect, a delay in strengthening the quality and inclusiveness of our

democracy. For decades, the need for greater participation of women in legislative institutions has been acknowledged, discussed and reaffirmed.

To postpone action now would mean extending an imbalance that we already recognise and have the capacity to correct. At a time when India is moving forward with confidence and purpose, it is essential that our institutions reflect the aspirations of all citizens, especially those who form half our population. Timely action will not only honour long-standing commitments but also ensure that the momentum of progress is sustained. This is truly a historic opportunity to make our democracy more representative, responsive and future-ready.

This moment calls for collective action. It is not about any one government, party or individual. It is about the nation as a whole recognising the importance of this step and coming together to realise it. It is what we owe to our Nari Shakti. That is why the passage of a bill for women's reservation should reflect the broadest possible consensus and be guided by the larger national interest. Such opportunities call upon us to act not for ourselves, but for future generations. They remind us that the true strength of a democracy lies in its ability to evolve and to become more inclusive over time.

As we approach this historic Parliament sitting, I appeal to all Members of Parliament, across party lines, to come together in support of this important step for the women of India. Let us seize this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and purpose. Let us act in a manner that reflects the highest traditions of our democracy.

India has always shown that when it comes to matters of national importance, it can rise above differences and act with unity. This is one such moment. Let us move forward together and strengthen Constitutional values and empower our Nari Shakti for national progress. (PIB)

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## How Fixing High Targets Can Fix Education Crisis

MOHD SHABIR KHATANA

Education is fundamental for achieving full human potential, developing an equitable and just Society and promoting national development. Providing universal access to quality education is key to economic growth, social Justice and equality, scientific advancement, national integration and cultural preservation and to India's continued ascent, progress and leadership on the global stage. India will have the highest youth population in the world over the next decade, and our ability to provide high-quality educational opportunities to them will shape the future of our country.

The world is undergoing rapid changes in the knowledge landscape. With the rise of big data, machine learning and Artificial Intelligence, many unskilled jobs worldwide may be taken over by machines, while the need for skilled labour, particularly involving Mathematics computer Science and data Science in conjunction with multidisciplinary abilities across the sciences, social sciences and humanities, will be in rapid increasing demand. There will also be an urgent requirement and need for new skilled labour, particularly in biology, chemistry, physics and climate science. There will be growing demand for humanities and art as India moves towards becoming a developed country and among the three largest economies in the world.

Education must move towards less content and more towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems; how to be creative and multi-disciplinary; and how to innovate, adapt and absorb new material in a novel and changing field. Pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, discovery-orientated, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and, of course, enjoyable. Education must build character, enabling learners to be ethical, rational, compassionate and caring, while at the same time preparing them for gainful, fulfilling employment.

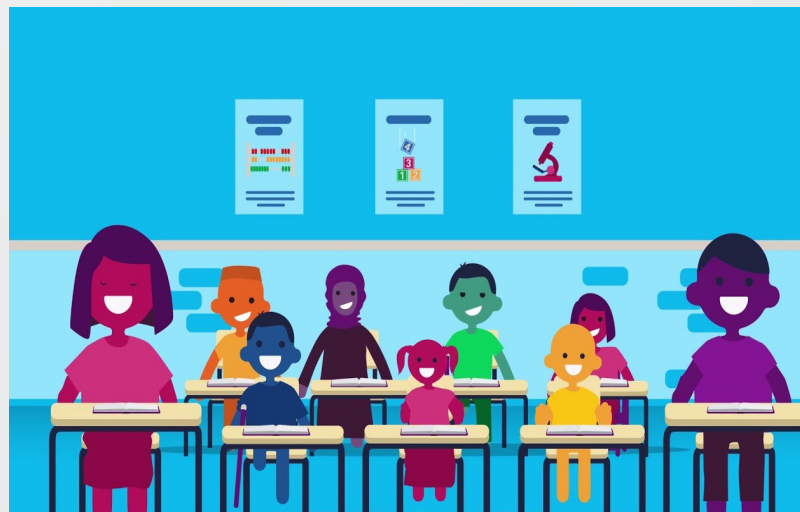
Now the benefits of Fixing high targets by teachers and their immediate officers :- When a high target is fixed by Headmasters and principals, viz. securing a hundred per cent result in the board examination

in the case of classes 10 and 12. When such a high target is fixed by a Headmaster Or principal then it would be possible to achieve 100 per cent overall results when the result of every subject is 100 per cent. Hence, when such a high target is fixed, then every teacher will try to obtain a hundred per cent result in his respective subject. This will create a strong unity among the teachers. They will work in close co-ordination and co-operation with each other. They will jointly analyse the problems of the students and will find the solution to all such problems with joint discussion. This will help in creating a strong unity among the whole staff and a congenial atmosphere for imparting equal high-quality education in which problems of the students will be resolved by mutual discussion of all the staff members. During such a discussion, a most appropriate solution will be possible with the help of the common experience of all the teachers. The most important aspect of such a discussion will be that with the help of the exchange of ideas, the teaching skills, innovative ideas and experience of all the teachers will increase, and hence all the teachers will become equally competent, efficient and experienced teachers. When such a high target is fixed, then teachers will get an opportunity of learning from each other.

Officers will also play their role in enhancing the teaching skills, innovative ideas and expertise of the teachers. They will create a sense of competition among teachers where in every teacher will try to become more efficient, intelligent and competent every day in respect of each previous day. With this the habit of continuous learning will be developed among the teachers. Moreover, officers will also enhance their own administrative/managerial skills for performing their professional responsibilities in a most efficient and excellent manner.

Slow learner students will also be identified, extra periods will be arranged for teaching them, and hence their learning level will be enhanced with the joint efforts of teachers and their immediate officers.

In this way, when a high target is fixed by the officers, then all the staff members will work in a more sincere, honest, efficient and professional manner, and there will be a



good impact on the overall scenario of imparting equal high-quality Education in all the Schools.

All the officers will also ensure to apply and implement the following steps for smooth functioning of their Schools/offices:

Once the students gain command over recognition of alphabet combinations and formation of words. Then teachers must create interest and desire in students for learning by reading/writing. Thereafter, teachers must change such desire and interest of the students into a thirst for learning and acquiring knowledge by focusing on literacy (English) and numeracy (Maths).

Note that when students gain full command over all the basic concepts/tools required for properly learning Maths and gain command over this important subject, then mental abilities of students will develop fully and their minds will become sufficiently sharp depending upon the keen interest of teachers in teaching the students with sincerity and honesty. In this way teachers can change the destiny of the students in the class rooms.

Let us ensure that education and knowledge must enlighten the minds and hearts of all the teachers. When the eyes of the heart are enlightened, then justice will be done by all the teachers to themselves and also to all others. A wonderful change in the education system will be possible only when each teacher engages in self-improvement, chooses a mentor teacher for themselves, and becomes equally efficient and competent for teaching the children every day in

respect of each previous day.

Dear teachers, Surprise society with your success. Success is when all the students taught by all the teachers are capable, efficient, intelligent and competent and can play their full role in the development of society beyond what society thinks. This would be possible only when every teacher works diligently, with great concern, foresight, high vision, sincerity, honesty, tolerance, patience and responsibility for the pleasure and approval of Almighty Allah.

Worth understanding Fact: The more beneficial a person is to the best creation of Almighty Allah, the more beloved he is to Allah. This means that a great benefit of working hard with sincerity and honesty is that the more we benefit society, the more we will become beloved to Almighty Allah.

Teachers must work as Academic Doctors :- All the teachers must develop an ability to identify or ascertain the reasons or the problems of slow learners. This can be done by making proper use of Child Psychology, educational psychology, self Psychology and personal experience in the field of teaching and learning. All the teachers must have equal abilities to resolve all such problems of the students. As academics, doctors' teachers can create desire and interest in the students for learning, and then by making use of their professional competencies, they can convert such desire and interest of students into a thirst for learning and acquiring knowledge, efficiency and competency to excel

in their bright future careers.

Full Use of Professional Competencies by All the teachers :- There is a very important paper in B.Ed. titled " School Management And Pedagogies of Education".

The purpose of this paper prescribed in B.Ed. is to impart full professional training in Education management to all the teachers so that all of them can perform their professional responsibilities in a most successful manner. Once every teacher gets full training in this paper, then such training must be used while performing the professional duties so that all the teachers must work all the time in a most professional manner.

Benefits of working in a most professional manner.

A teacher will get peace of mind when he observes his students serving the society with all their abilities by working on the smart post. As much as the large number of students will be working on good posts, that much more peace of mind and soul a teacher will get.

Now, by working sincerely and honestly, one's earnings will also become rightful (halal). Then a teacher will fulfil his responsibility in a most professional manner.

One important thing worth considering is that the more evidence of teachers' work is made clear and visible to society, the more it will prove that teachers are the most respected and essential members of society. This can only be proved by the teachers through their excellent smart work so that Society will be happy with the work of teachers.

When a high target will be fixed by the officers then they will use all the motivational skills and innovative ideas discussed in this Article for enhancing efficiency and competency of teaching and other staff. They will also take full care of their own administrative and Managerial skill enabling them to enhance their competencies for working as a most competent professional officer of the most prestigious department. Hence there will be smart impact of fixing high targets by the officer on the overall scenario of imparting equal high quality Education in all the Schools across UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

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## CM Omar Distributes

delays in processing such cases and assured that further efforts would be made to remove bottlenecks.

"Even today, there are gaps in the system which we will try to remove. We understand that delays in clearances and procedures add to your hardship. We will make every effort to simplify and expedite this process," he said.

Describing the situation faced by beneficiaries as a colossal loss, the Chief Minister stressed that forcing affected families to navigate cumbersome procedures would amount to injustice.

"After such a loss, if people are made to move from office to office, it is a grave injustice. We are committed to ending this," he asserted.

Congratulating the appointees, the Chief Minister described the occasion as the beginning of a new chapter in their lives and urged them to dedicate themselves to public service with honesty and integrity.

He reminded them that, unlike elected representatives whose tenure depends on public mandate, government employees have a long-term responsibility to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"From today till your retirement, you will serve the people. Always choose the difficult but correct path over the easy one," he advised.

He cautioned the new recruits against external influences and urged them to remain vigilant and committed to ethical conduct in their professional roles.

Reiterating the government's supportive stance, the Chief Minister encouraged beneficiaries to reach out to concerned authorities in case of any difficulty, assuring that their concerns would be addressed promptly.

Invoking faith and hope, he prayed for their success in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of the Divisional Administration, particularly the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and his team, for facilitating the issuance of appointment orders and expressed hope that pending cases would be cleared expeditiously.

The event was attended by Minister Javid Ahmad Dar, Minister Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department M. Raju, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC Fazlul Haseeb, MD KPDCL Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Director SKICC Haris Ahmed Handoo, Director Tourism Kashmir Qamar Sajad, other senior officers, and a large gathering of beneficiaries along with their families.

## Strong Nation Stands

nation's path because indifference undermines even the mightiest systems. So, awaken your sense of duty and I firmly believe culture will anchor our identity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that our ancient culture embodies bravery, togetherness, devotion, and responsibility. "Reviving it through diverse art forms honors history while fueling the future, reigniting principles for young people to carry forward," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that vibrant culture molds how we think, understand, and live.

"India's rich and diverse traditions with distinct charm and insight, held together by mutual respect forms our essence and unity. This spirit turns attention from personal gain to giving back to the society and building a developed nation," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

Dr. M L Dogra, Chairman & Founder, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan; Dr. Vijay Kumar Magotra, Managing Director, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan; Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary Culture, senior officials and people in large number attended the musical opera.

Shri Yudhvir Sethi, Shri Satish Kumar Sharma and Ms. Devyani Rana, Members of Legislative Assembly; Padma Shri Dr S P Varma, Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, Shri Ashok Bhan, former DGP and prominent citizens were also present.

## J&K To Launch 100-Day

political parties, public representatives and the general public to maximize outreach and awareness.

"The influx of drugs to the UT is part of a larger international conspiracy to jeopardize the future of the youth of Jammu Kashmir. Every section of the society must join this fight against drug menace", the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor directed for continuous and intensive drives to dismantle drug trafficking networks.

"Don't Touch the Innocent and Don't Spare the Culprit" is our policy. We must identify the real victims of drug abuse and make committed efforts for their rehabilitation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The meeting also discussed the series of activities planned and department-wise activity calendar prepared for the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan. UT and Divisional Level Committees have already been constituted for effective implementation of the IEC campaign and action plan.

The Lieutenant Governor further directed to make the campaign a Jan Andolan with active participation of people. He also called for integration of public suggestions along with the feedback mechanism to make this campaign more impactful.

Common public should also be encouraged to report the drug abuse cases, he said.

The meeting was attended by Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shri S.J.M Gilani, Special DG (Coordination); Shri Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Shri Sarmad Hafeez, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Shri Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Shri V.K Birdi, IGP Kashmir; DIGs, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and other senior officials.

## J&K's High-Security

orders of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

On July 07, 2024, the Administrative Council headed by the LG created 342 posts for the prison.

The sanctioned staff includes one post each of Senior Superintendent Jail, Superintendent Jail, Deputy Superintendent Jail, and three Assistant Superintendents of Jail.

With this addition, the number of prisons under the Jammu & Kashmir Government has risen to 15, which includes two central jails, 10 district jails, one special jail, and one sub-jail.

It is worth mentioning that Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the site of the prison in 2022. After reviewing the blueprint, the Home Minister suggested certain changes—(KNO)

## Weather To Remain Dry

Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 17.1°C, 1.7 degrees below normal, and a minimum of 7.0°C, slightly above normal. Qazigund recorded 16.2°C maximum and 5.6°C minimum, while Pahalgam registered 11.8°C and 3.0°C respectively.

Kupwara recorded a high of 16.4°C and a low of 4.0°C, while Kokernag settled at 14.6°C maximum and 4.8°C minimum. Gulmarg, the coldest place in the Valley, recorded a maximum of 5.5°C and a minimum of minus 2.5°C.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded a maximum of 25.5°C, 4.9 degrees below normal, and a minimum of 12.2°C. Banihal registered 16.6°C and 6.6°C, Batote 16.0°C and 5.4°C, while Katra recorded 23.0°C maximum and 10.7°C minimum.

Bhaderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 15.5°C and a minimum of 3.4°C, the MeT office said—(KNO)

## 315 Lakes Vanished,

The audit report revealed that 150 lakes recorded an increase in area by 538.22 hectares, while 29 lakes remained unchanged. However, it pointed out that the reasons behind the increase in lake areas were neither analysed nor monitored by the departments concerned.

Of the disappeared lakes, 80 fell under the jurisdiction of the forest department, while 235 were under the revenue and agriculture departments.

Among the 203 lakes that recorded shrinkage, 63 have lost more than 50 per cent of their area, putting them at high risk of extinction, it added.

The CAG attributed the disappearance and degradation of lakes primarily to changes in land use within lake bodies and their catchment areas, along with deforestation, climate change and unregulated human activities.

The audit, which covered 63 sampled lakes accounting for 87 per cent of the total lake area, used satellite imagery, remote sensing data and field verification to assess spatio-temporal changes. It found that some lakes had nearly dried up, while others such as Khushal Sar and Anchar were undergoing severe degradation.

"A questionnaire-based survey on 63 test-checked lakes was also undertaken by audit. Further, audit utilised the satellite images of the lakes provided by ecology, environment and remote sensing department (EE&RSD) to analyse the spatio-temporal changes in lakes", it said.

The report also highlighted institutional and administrative gaps, noting that despite being mandated since 1989, the forest department had not prepared comprehensive conservation and management plans for 255 lakes under its jurisdiction. The report cited lack of technical manpower and infrastructure as key constraints.

The CAG observed that conservation efforts were limited to only six lakes -- Dal, Wular, Hokersar, Manasbal, Surinsar and Mansar -- while no structured programmes existed for the remaining 691 lakes.

It further pointed out the absence of a dedicated legal framework for lake conservation, with only fragmented provisions existing under various laws and policies. "Multiple agencies handling lake management have also led to lack of coordination and accountability," the report said.

Recommending urgent action, the CAG called for enactment of a comprehensive law for conservation and management of lakes and the establishment of a centralised, specialised authority to ensure coordinated efforts.

It also stressed the need for enhanced funding, scientific planning, and deployment of experts including hydrologists, ecologists and GIS specialists.

The report suggested strengthening sewage treatment, preventing encroachments, regulating construction around lakes, and launching public awareness campaigns to safeguard these critical ecosystems.

Emphasising that lake conservation is a scientific and multi-disciplinary process,

the CAG urged the government to adopt a holistic approach to restore and preserve the fragile lake ecosystems in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Comptroller and Auditor General has strongly recommended a series of measures for effective conservation and management of lakes in Jammu and Kashmir, stressing the need for a structured and time-bound approach.

It said that Generic lake management activities such as survey, categorisation, sewage treatment, flushing etc need to be planned and carried out in a time-bound manner.

CAG recommended that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir increase its budgetary allocation for the conservation and management of lakes, highlighting the need for greater financial commitment to protect these vital natural resources.(PTI)

## CS Reviews Position

and issuance of orders to ensure 70 per cent supply to commercial and industrial establishments in accordance with Government of India guidelines.

For Jammu Division, the Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar apprised that the Division has an availability of 7,325 KL of Petrol and 27,241 KL of Diesel, besides maintaining a robust 49-day cover for Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) and 12 days for Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), thereby ensuring uninterrupted essential services. Districts including Udhampur, Kathua and Doda reported strong stock levels, while Kishtwar and Ramban are being closely monitored to continuously replenish their 3-4 day buffers through transit supplies.

He further added that the division currently has 47,296 LPG cylinders in stock, and over the past 10 days, 7,769 cylinders were delivered to the consumers. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments to bridge this delivery-demand gap to avoid any disruption to industrial and commercial activities.

For Kashmir Division, the Divisional Commissioner, Anshul Garg informed the meeting that the Kashmir Division currently holds 7,721 KL of Petrol and 13,487 KL of Diesel, which along with transit stocks provides a reserve cover of 19 days for Petrol and 21 days for Diesel, while LPG reserves stand at 4,072 MT ensuring a 16-day cover.

He further made out that District-wise assessments indicated stable availability, with districts such as Srinagar, Anantnag and Pulwama maintaining consistent consumption patterns and an average of five days of immediate local storage supported by divisional reserves. A total of 148,769 LPG cylinders are currently available in the division, and between April 1 and April 8, 4,987 cylinders were delivered.

Moreover he added that the administration is closely monitoring supply to ensure that tourism, hospitality and other commercial activities remain unaffected, with directions issued to bridge any emerging demand-supply gaps, he

During this meeting the Deputy Commissioners presented the status of supply and distribution of LPG, automobile fuels and food grains across their districts, including residential institutions and labour populations, along with details of enforcement actions taken against violators and progress in grievance redressal.

The Chief Secretary directed district administrations to strictly monitor market prices to prevent hoarding and overcharging under the pretext of international developments and to ensure seamless last-mile delivery of LPG and other essential commodities, particularly in remote and far-flung areas, while reassuring the public that the UT is well-prepared with sufficient reserves and that there is no need for panic as existing stock levels and supplies in transit are adequate to maintain normalcy across Jammu & Kashmir.

## Army Chief Lauds 'Op

"defining case study".

"It was a ground intelligence network coupled with cyber and EW (electronic warfare) inputs that gave the joint army-air force targeting, while the navy's repositioning shaped the strategic calculus simultaneously. No single domain decided the operation," General Dwivedi added.

He described such mutually enabling actions as the essence of MDO. (PTI)

## Northern Railway

enthusiasm. Furthermore, passengers thoroughly enjoyed their journey while profusely appreciating this initiative undertaken by the Jammu Division.

According to the Railway Administration, the primary objective behind this successful operation is to ensure safe and rapid transportation across challenging terrains. Stringent arrangements regarding security and passenger amenities were implemented at the station to ensure that travelers did not face any inconvenience. In the near future, the frequency of this train's operations may be further increased, subject to demand and prevailing circumstances.

The highlight of this initiative was the successful operation of the train itself, which facilitated the travel of over 1,000 passengers, thereby providing them with superior and direct rail connectivity.

This special unreserved train service between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Banihal is scheduled to operate once again on April 10.

Continuing this series of special trains, Train No. 04679/04680—a special service

connecting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Srinagar—is scheduled to operate from April 11 to April 15. Passengers holding either reserved or unreserved tickets may avail themselves of this train service for their journeys.

The train schedule is as follows: Train No. 04679 will depart from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 10:10 AM and arrive in Srinagar at 1:35 PM.

On its return journey, Train No. 04680 will depart from Srinagar at 3:15 PM and reach Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 7:00 PM. En route, this train will make scheduled stops at Reasi, Sangaldan, and Banihal railway stations in both directions.

Commenting on the successful operation of the train, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mr. Uchit Singhal stated, "Due to ongoing heavy rainfall and landslides in the region, road traffic on the National Highway (NH-44) has been completely disrupted.

Considering the difficulties faced by passengers—particularly devotees visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and local residents—the Railways has decided to operate a special train service between Katra and Banihal.

Our primary objective is to provide a safe and convenient travel option for stranded passengers. On its inaugural day today, the train carried over 1,000 passengers. The passengers have highly appreciated this special train service.

Keeping this commendable initiative in mind, and with the aim of providing even better facilities to locals and tourists, a special train service has once again been launched between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Srinagar.

Both reserved and unreserved passengers are eligible to travel on this train. Passengers are requested to avail themselves of this special train service—(KNO)

## Houseboats On Jhelum

stabilise the houseboat using ropes, preventing further damage. No casualties were reported.

Houseboat owners say such incidents reflect the deteriorating condition of many houseboats.

Pakhtoon said multiple factors have contributed to the decline, including structural damage, fire incidents and deregistration under various government policies.

"Many houseboats were damaged over time, some were lost in fire incidents, while others were deregistered after owners surrendered them under different policies," he said.

He said several owners had surrendered their houseboats with assurances of rehabilitation, including allotment of land or plots. "However, nothing has been provided so far," he claimed.

Pakhtoon said that over 100 houseboat owners had agreed to relocate ahead of proposed water transport initiatives, and their cases were processed by multiple departments, including the Divisional Commissioner's office, Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) and Flood & Irrigation Department around the year 2022.

"All formalities were completed and still waiting for allotment of land," he said.

Apart from declining numbers, he said the sector is grappling with several operational challenges, including a lack of business, absence of a clear policy framework, non-availability of subsidised timber for repairs and hurdles in licensing and renovation permissions.

Similarly, a houseboat owner from Rajbagh said the situation has worsened over the years. "Our houseboats are ageing, repairs are costly, and there is no support. Even small weather changes now pose a risk, as seen in the recent incident. Without help, it is becoming impossible to sustain this livelihood," he said.

The houseboats have long been part of Kashmir's cultural and tourism identity, particularly along the Jhelum and its connected waterways. However, shifting policies, environmental concerns and lack of sustained support have led to a steady decline in their numbers outside the Dal Lake—(KNO)



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# NITI Aayog Pushes 'Operation Golden Green' for J&K Horticulture Growth

AGENCIES

**NEW DELHI:** Government think tank NITI Aayog pitched for 'Operation Golden Greens' - a project for the horticultural sector's transformation in Jammu and Kashmir and increase exports of apple, walnut, almond and saffron.



The report, titled 'Roadmap for Horticulture Development in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir', further said that J&K's horticultural products pose significant global trade potential.

"However, India's presence in global markets for these commodities remains limited, with increasing import dependence and stagnant or declining exports," it said.

Outlining the roadmap to enhance production of horticultural products in J&K, the Aayog said that there will be five submissions, dedicated to dry fruits, fresh fruits, vegetables, floriculture and minor crops, with each sub-mission built on twelve identified common components but with differentiated priorities, allocations

and activities aligned to its respective value chain and regional potential.

"It will be implemented in three phases, with Phase 1 extending from 2026-30, Phase 2 from 2030-35 and Phase 3 from 2035-47," the report said.

According to the report, short-term (2026-28) and medium-term (2028-30) measures will fall within Phase 1, while long-term actions (2031 onwards) are implemented through Phases 2 and 3.

The report noted that initiatives such as the Indian International Kashmir Saffron Park and dedicated branding campaigns can help secure premium

positioning in global markets for saffron.

"Strengthening domestic production by increasing area in non-traditional areas with the support of irrigation systems and improved planting material, enhancing quality, and improving market linkages could help boost India's share in the global saffron trade," it said.

The report noted that enhancing apple production in Jammu and Kashmir requires a combination of import substitution strategies and export promotion efforts to strengthen the domestic apple industry.

"This includes enhanc-

ing domestic apple production through improved quality and productivity, reducing post-harvest losses by expanding storage and cold-chain infrastructure and establishing modern grading, packaging, processing and CA storage facilities, promoting high-density apple plantations to improve yield and land productivity and strengthening export competitiveness through better varieties, mechanisation of apple orchards, branding and improved market access," it said.

The report pointed out that over the past four decades, the area under fruit cultivation (fresh and dry) has expanded from 1.31 lakh hectare in 1980 to 3.44 lakh ha in 2022, registering a CAGR of 2.33 per cent, while the production of fruits has increased over fivefold, from 5.6 lakh tonnes in 1980 to 27.22 lakh tonnes in 2022, growing at a CAGR of 3.82 per cent.

However, it said the productivity has risen at a slower pace, from 4.3 tonne per hectare in 1980 to 7.91 tonne/ha in 2022, with a CAGR of only 1.46 per cent.(PTI)

# Five J&K Workers Die in Kuwait Road Mishap, Kin Seek Repatriation

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Five persons from Jammu and Kashmir, including one from Thanamandi in Rajouri and four from Surankote in Poonch died in a road accident in Kuwait, with families appealing to authorities for repatriation of the bodies.

The victims, all reported to be labourers working in Kuwait, had traveled to the

Gulf country to earn a livelihood for their families.

The incident has triggered grief across their native areas, particularly in Thanamandi and Surankote, where relatives and residents are mourning the loss of the deceased.

Family members of the victims have urged the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir

and the Chief Minister to facilitate the return of the bodies at the earliest so that last rites can be performed in their hometowns.

Details regarding the exact circumstances of the accident in Kuwait were not immediately available, however, a local BJP leader said that all the five persons died after two vehicles collided on a Kuwait highway.

The identities of all the deceased are expected to be confirmed formally as authorities coordinate with relevant agencies and diplomatic channels.

Locals from Jammu and Kashmir frequently migrate to Gulf countries, including Kuwait, in search of employment, particularly in labor-intensive sectors, to support their families back home. [KNT]

# BJP set to cross 90 seats: Assam CM

AGENCIES

**GUWAHATI:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday expressed satisfaction over the high voter turnout in the ongoing Assembly elections, stating that the enthusiasm shown by voters, particularly among Hindu and indigenous communities, reflects a strong commitment to the democratic process.

Speaking after polling concluded, Sarma said there has been a visible surge in participation among local and indigenous voters.

He termed the development as a positive sign for democracy, adding that such active engagement strengthens the electoral system and reflects public trust in governance.

Commenting on the overall rise in voter turnout, the Chief Minister said that the increased participation is an encouraging indicator and shows that people are more aware and eager to exercise their democratic rights.

He noted that peaceful polling and enthusias-

tic voter response point towards a vibrant democratic culture in the state.

Sarma also exuded confidence in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led alliance's prospects, reiterating his earlier claim

that the coalition would secure more than 90 seats in the 126-member Assam Assembly.

He said that the response from voters across constituencies suggests a clear mandate in favour of the ruling alliance.

The Chief Minister further said that the higher turnout would ultimately benefit the democratic framework and ensure a stronger, more represen-

tative government.

He added that the final outcome will reflect the aspirations of the people, as Assam witnessed one of its most participative elections in recent years.

Assam on Thursday recorded its highest-ever voter turnout in a Legislative Assembly election, with an impressive 85.38 per cent polling, reflecting strong public participation across the state, according to the Election Commission of India.

The turnout surpassed the previous record of 84.67 per cent registered during the 2016 Assembly elections, marking a significant milestone in the state's electoral history.

Officials described the polling process as largely peaceful, with only a few minor incidents reported from scattered locations.

As per provisional data shared by polling authorities, female voters slightly outnumbered male participation, with women recording a turnout of 85.96 per cent compared to 84.80 per cent among men. The turnout among third-gender voters stood at 36.84 per cent



# ACB Traps VLW While Accepting ₹5,000 Bribe in Kulgam

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday said it trapped and arrested Sheikh Zada Irfan, a Panchayat Secretary (VLW) posted in Block Devsar, Kulgam, for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹5,000.

According to an official statement, the ACB received a written com-

plaint alleging that the accused official was demanding ₹10,000 from the complainant for clearing bills related to labour charges under MGNREGA works. The amount was later negotiated and settled at ₹5,000.

"Acting on the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted which confirmed the demand. Accordingly, FIR No. 04/2026 under Section 7 of

the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered at Police Station ACB Anantnag and investigation was taken up," the statement said.

The ACB further stated that a trap team was constituted, which successfully caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount. He was arrested

on the spot, and the tainted money was recovered from his possession in the presence of independent witnesses.

"Subsequently, a search of the residential house of the accused was conducted in the presence of an Executive Magistrate and independent witnesses," the statement added.

Further investigation into the case is underway, the ACB said.

# Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

# District Admin Bandipora conducts IEC Awareness Programmes

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**BANDIPORA:** Continuing its sustained outreach under the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the District Administration Bandipora on Thursday organised a series of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) awareness programmes across multiple Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and educational institutions in the district.



The IEC activities were conducted at ULB Bandipora (Ward No. 11 Kaloosa), ULB Hajin (Parray Mohalla) and ULB Sumbal (Manz Mohalla). Simultaneously, awareness programmes were held in several educational institutions including HS Malangam, HS Bothu, HS Achoora, HSS Arin, HS Tarabal, HS Barnai and Candles Garden Secondary School Gund Jahangir.

A multi-departmental

team comprising officials and resource persons from Health, Police, Education, Social Welfare, Excise & Taxation, Youth Services & Sports and JKNRLM participated in the programmes, ensuring a coordinated and impactful awareness campaign at the grassroots level.

During the sessions, resource persons sensitised participants about the harmful effects of drug

abuse and emphasised the importance of preventive measures, healthy lifestyle choices and collective societal responsibility in eradicating substance abuse.

The programmes witnessed active participation from students, local residents and stakeholders, who engaged meaningfully in the sessions and expressed their commitment to support the Nasha Mukht initiative.

# JKEDI Shopian concludes 20 day ESDP batch at GDC Shopian

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SHOPIAN:** Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Shopian Thursday concluded the second batch of its 20 day Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under the RAMP initiative at GDC Shopian.



The valedictory session was presided over by Principal GDC Shopian, Prof. Tariq Hussain Mir.

Addressing the participants, the Principal commended JKEDI for organizing impactful programmes and stressed the need for sustained initiatives to

promote entrepreneurship and self-employment among youth.

On the occasion, JKEDI District Nodal Officer presented a comprehensive overview of the programme. He highlighted its core components, including structured classroom sessions, field exposure, group activities, business simulations, and inter-

actions with successful entrepreneurs, aimed at enhancing practical skills and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset.

Participants shared positive feedback, expressing satisfaction with the training and acknowledging the value of mentorship and hands on learning experiences gained during the programme.

# OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, POSHAN, PROJECT SRINAGAR.

Tentative Merit List of Sahayika (Anganwari Helper) of 4th Phase of Poshan Project Srinagar advertised Vide Notice No 02-CDPO (SGR) of 2025 dated. 22.08.2025. The Tentative Merit list is subject to objections regarding Marks Obtained/Electoral Ward/Date of Birth or any other information. The Objections with Substantial documents proof can be submitted to the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Srinagar, Aunaf Building Sheikh Hamzah Complex, Karamnagar, Srinagar within 15 days of Publication of Tentative Merit list during office hours.

S.No	Name of the Electoral Ward	No of Posts	Name of Applicant	Parentage	Husband Name	Address	DOB	Marital Status	Total Marks in 10th	Marks Obtained in 10th	Percentage %	Addition at Points (Wether from retiring family of AWW/A WH)	Document Deficiency (if any)	Provisionally Selected /Waiting
1	Bemina-27	1	Irtiza Hassan	Gulam Hassan Guroo	Khursheed Amin bhat	Usmaniya Colony Bemina Srinagar	01-08-1993	Married	500	371	74.2			
			Sabreena Akhter	Sunaulah Mir	Aijaz Ahmad Bhat	Al-Farooq Colony Bemina Srinagar	03-05-1996	Married	500	243	48.6			
2	Allochi Bagh-19	1	Umi Kutsum	Mushtaq Ahmad Rather	nil	Shallapora Allochi Bagh Srinagar	20-12-2003	unmarried	500	327	65.4			
			Rukhsana Basir	Bashir Ahmad Sheikh	nil	Shallapora Allochi Bagh Srinagar	04-05-1992	unmarried	500	203	40.6			
			Shafiya Shafi	Mohmas Shafi	Burhan Adil Beigh	Allochi Bagh Srinagar	06-06-1988	Married	500	193	38.6			
3	Zaina-kote-30	1	Jabeena Akhtar	Ab.Gani Wani	Sajad Ahmad Rather	Shallapora Allochi Bagh Srinagar	01-02-1990	Married	500	173	34.6			
			Bintul Huda	Mohammad Shafiq Rather	nil	Dar Mohalla Zainakote	13-08-2001	Unmarried	500	403	80.6			
4	Tarbal-53	1	Shaista Sheeraz	Sheeraz Ahmad Wani	Owais Fayaz Chatoo	Arampora Nawakadal	07-01-1993	Married	500	267	53.4			
5	Shaheed Gunj-22	1	Hadiya Jan	Azad Hussain	nil	Chotta Bazar Karan Nagar	10-07-2003	unmarried	500	251	50.2			
6	Tankipora-33	1	Samrah Firdous	Firdous Ahmad Bhat	nil	Tankipora Srinagar	24-01-2000	unmarried	500	443	88.6			
			Rabiya Shafi	Mohammad Shafi Beigh	Aijaz Ahmad Bhat	Shalla Kadal Srinagar	05-03-1992	Married	500	194	38.8			
7	Basant Bagh-35	1	Nazia Rashid	Abdul Rashid	nil	Doompora Basantbagh	30-04-1998	Unmarried	500	197	39.4			
8	Lawaypora-31	1	Myser	Farooq Ahmad Parry	nil	Lawaypora Srinagar	12-07-2002	Unmarried	500	254	50.8			
			Nighat Bashir	Bashir Ahmad Wani	Irfan Majid Bhat	Lawaypora Srinagar	13-12-1993	Married	500	251	50.2			
			Ajmaeen Rasid	Abdul Rashid Khan Batilla	Amjid Ali Malla	Gund Hassi Bhat Srinagar	12-12-2001	Married	500	227	45.4			
9	Khankahi Mohalla-38	1	Tasleema Hamid	Abdul Hamid Mir	Rafiq Ahmad Wani	Namchibal Fateh kadal, Srinagar	21-07-1993	Married	-	Under Matric	-			
10	Qammerwari-25	1	Samreena Bashir	Bashir Ahmad Dar	nil	Guzarbal Chattabal Srinagar	29-07-1997	unmarried	500	419	83.8			
			Rukhsana Jan	Gulam Mohammad Haroo	nil	Rampora chattabal Srinagar	26-05-1999	unmarried	500	367	73.4			
			Saima Rasheed	Abdul Rasheed Guroo	nil	Bilal Colony Qammerwari Srinagar	27-10-1999	unmarried	500	231	46.2			
11	Nawa kadal -48	1												
12	Natipora-10	1												
13	Fateh-kadal-36	1												
14	Nundresh Colony-28	1												
15	Mahraj Gunj-39	1												
Total Posts		15												

No application form have been recieved.

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# IPL 2026: Rahane, Raghuvanshi lead KKR to 181/4 against LSG

IAN S

**KOLKATA:** Captain Ajinkya Rahane and young batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi played key knocks, while Rovman Powell provided a late boost as Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) posted 181/4 in 20 overs against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in Match 15 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Thursday.

After being asked to bat first, KKR had a cautious start. Mohammed Shami kept things tight in the opening over, conceding just six runs. The three-time champions then lost an early wicket as Finn Allen was dismissed for nine off eight balls, caught at third man off Prince Yadav, with Digvesh Rathi taking the catch.

Following the early setback, Rahane and Raghuvanshi steadied the innings. The pair started cautiously before picking up pace towards the end of the Power-play, collecting 16 runs in the final over to take KKR to 52/1 after six overs.

The duo continued to build steadily, rotating the strike well and targeting loose deliveries. While they were careful against Rathi, they scored freely off the other bowlers, guiding KKR to 98/1 at the halfway stage. Their 84-run partnership was broken in the 11th over when Rathi dis-



missed Rahane. The skipper scored a quick 41 off 24 balls, hitting four fours and two sixes.

Soon after, Manimaran Siddharth removed Raghuvanshi, who made 45 off 33 balls with four boundaries and two sixes, falling just short of a half-century. KKR then went through a quiet phase, struggling to find boundaries. Rinku Singh was dismissed cheaply in the 14th over, bowled by Avesh Khan.

Cameron Green also took time to settle, as Lucknow's spinners kept the scoring in check. The drought finally ended in the 16th over when Powell hit Siddharth for a six and a four.

Powell then accelerated in the final overs, finishing unbeaten on 39 off 24 balls with four boundaries and two sixes. Green also found some rhythm towards the end and remained not out on 32 off 24 balls. KKR managed to

cross the 180-mark, finishing at 181/4 in their 20 overs.

For Lucknow, Prince Yadav, Avesh Khan, Digvesh Rathi, and Manimaran Siddharth picked up one wicket each.

**Brief scores:**  
Kolkata Knight Riders 181/4 in 20 overs (Angkrish Raghuvanshi 45, Ajinkya Rahane 41, Rovman Powell 39; Digvesh Rathi 1-25, Manimaran Siddharth 1-34) against Lucknow Super Giants

# IPL 2026: Rashid was right on the money from first ball, dismissal of Rizvi was impressive, says Chawla

IAN S

**NEW DELHI:** Former India leg-spinner Piyush Chawla hailed Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan's precision and deception on his way to bagging figures of 3-17 for the Gujarat Titans in their one-run win over Delhi Capitals in IPL 2026, adding that his dismissal of Sameer Rizvi was a standout one.

At the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Rashid was at his accurate best to take out Rizvi, Nitish Rana, and Axar Patel to leave DC in trouble in chase of 211. David Miller, despite an injured left hand, counter-attacked with an unbeaten 41, but Prasadh Krishna defended 13 runs in the final over, including two runs off two balls, to give a



nail-biting win for GT.

"We all know what Rashid Khan is capable of on his day; he can trouble any batting line-up. Gujarat Titans needed him to step up, especially while defending this total on a good batting wicket and a small ground, and he delivered.

"He was right on the money from the very first

ball. The way he dismissed Sameer Rizvi was particularly impressive. He bowled several leg-spinners earlier, and when Rizvi walked in, a batter with strong numbers against spin this season, he showed him the slip, making him expect a leg-break.

"But deceived him with the 'wrong' un. It was a

beautiful delivery, right on target, beating the bat through the gap," said Chawla, a JioStar expert, on Star Sports.

He also pointed to KL Rahul's magnificent 92 as a key factor in keeping DC in the hunt, before the game slipped out of their hands. "At that stage, those runs were crucial, and KL Rahul ensured the required rate never went completely out of reach for Delhi Capitals.

"He started steadily, around 26 off his first 20 balls, but then accelerated well. Having played such an innings, he would probably be disappointed with himself because when you bat like that, you want to finish the game for your team. Unfortunately for him, that didn't happen," added Chawla.

# 'Not the right thing, I would rather...': Coach Joakim opens up on India U20 Women's AFC Campaign

IAN S

**BANGKOK:** India's performance at the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Thailand 2026 may not be fully captured by the results, with losses to stronger teams highlighting the gaps. However, beyond the scores, the tournament revealed a team dedicated to growth and improvement.

Competing in a tough Group C with top contenders like Japan, a strong Australia, and a disciplined Chinese Taipei, the Indian U20 women's national team was aware of the challenge and decided to face it on their

own terms.

Head coach Joakim Alexandersson early on emphasised development and clear style, favouring long-term growth over short-term conservatism. "I don't want to be that kind of coach who sits back with 10 players in a youth tournament just to hold on to results and play very defensively for 90 minutes," he told AIFF after India's campaign came to an end.

"I feel that is not the right thing to do for our players. I would rather try to play our game, but of course, also try to make it more difficult for the opponents. I believe in player development, and

at this age group, we have to try to do what we practise in training sessions. It wouldn't have been right for me as a coach if we suddenly started to play more defensively than we have been practising," he added.

India's approach was influenced by that philosophy in all three matches. The campaign started with a 0-6 loss to Japan, then a 0-5 defeat to Australia. Despite these results, India demonstrated structure, organisation, and controlled play in certain phases, especially when they competed with focus and discipline.

"It has been a great tour-

nament, qualifying to be here and competing against the best teams in Asia, to get a good picture of the strengths and weaknesses of all the teams. That has been very exciting," said the Swedish coach, who has worked with the team since December 2024.

"When it comes to our team's overall performance, I think that we have been doing a lot of good things. What I'm most satisfied with is that we looked very organised during all three games. But individual things have been too costly for us, especially in the first two games."

# Sub-jr Men's National Hockey: Punjab, UP, MP win quarterfinal matches in Division A



IAN S

**RAJGIR:** Teams from Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh registered wins in their respective Division 'A' quarter-final matches on Day 8 of the 16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2026 at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Rajgir, Bihar, on Thursday.

In the opening game of the day, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey clinched a 2-1 victory against Hockey Chandigarh. Captain Dhiraj Pal (27, 42') scored for the winners, while Jasmeet Singh (59') scored for Hockey Chandigarh.

In the second quarter-final, Hockey Punjab secured a 5-3 win against Hockey Jharkhand in a high-scoring clash. Rajveer Singh (29', 56') scored a brace, while Akash Deep (11'), Sahabjpreet Singh (32'), and Sanmukh Singh (39') also scored for Hockey Punjab. For Hockey Jharkhand, Ashish Tani Purti (15', 19', 56') bagged a hat-trick.

The third quarter-final saw Uttar Pradesh Hockey register a 6-3 win against Hockey Association of Odisha. Nitish Yadav (49', 51') scored a brace, while Karan Dhanuk (33'), Prahalad Rajbhar (39'), Captain Ketan Kushwaha (42'),

and Romit Pal (52') also scored for Uttar Pradesh Hockey. Deepak Prakash Toppo (34', 45', 57') scored a hat-trick for the Hockey Association of Odisha.

In the final game of the day, Hockey Madhya Pradesh and Hockey Haryana played out a 0-0 draw before the former clinched a 4-3 win in the shootout. Karan Gautam, Gazeer Khan, Siddharth Ben, and Ronin Ningombam Singh scored in the shootout for Hockey Madhya Pradesh, while Ayush Rajak was exceptional in goal for them, making two crucial saves. For Hockey Haryana, Ashish, Sachin, and Vishwjeet converted in the shootout.

Earlier, Hockey Chandigarh, Hockey Haryana, Hockey Association of Odisha, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey registered victories in their respective Division 'A' matches on Day 7 of the 16th Hockey India Sub-junior Men's National Championship 2026 in Rajgir, Bihar.

In the first match of the day, Hockey Chandigarh staged a spirited comeback to defeat Hockey Maharashtra 5-3 in a pulsating Pool A encounter. Maharashtra drew first blood through Pravin Patiyal Pratham (21'), but Chandigarh skipper Sahil Duhan (27') responded swiftly to restore parity.

# Show TIMINGS

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL

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DACOIT (U/A)  
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**PROJECT HAIL MARY**  
RYAN GOSLING

PROJECT HAIL MARY (U/A)  
ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES  
03:25 PM

**THE REVENGE**  
AN ADITYA DHAR FILM  
DHURANDHAR  
WRITTEN, DIRECTED & PRODUCED BY ADITYA DHAR  
PRODUCED BY JYOTI DESHPANDE  
PRODUCED BY LOKESH DHAR  
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