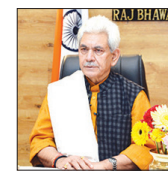


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CM Meets HM Shah, Discusses Statehood, Key Issues Concerning J&K



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NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah here and held detailed discussions on a range of important issues concerning Jammu & Kashmir.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed several significant matters including restoration of Statehood, Transaction of Business Rules, rationalisation of reservation and other key governance and public welfare issues related to Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting also deliberated on the prevailing security and economic situation in Jammu and Kashmir, with emphasis on ensuring

sustained peace, stability and inclusive growth for the people of J&K.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah stressed the importance of addressing governance-related concerns and accelerating developmental and welfare initiatives to meet the aspirations of the people.

He also highlighted the need for continued coordination between the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir Government on issues of public importance.

The discussions were held in a cordial atmosphere and covered various aspects aimed at strengthening governance, improving public service delivery and ensuring long-term peace and prosperity in the region.

Somnath Temple Survived Invasions To Inspire New India: LG Sinha

J&K Admin Marks Somnath Swabhiman Parv With Religious Ceremony, Public Event

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha hailed the Somnath Temple as a symbol of India's "unbroken faith and unyielding resolve," saying the shrine had survived repeated invasions and destruction to emerge as a beacon of national and spiritual resurgence.

Addressing a public gathering during the "Somnath Swabhiman Parv" celebrations at Lok Bhavan in Srinagar, Sinha said the temple represented the endurance of India's civilizational identity and continued to inspire the country's aspirations.

The Lieutenant Governor said despite countless atrocities and invasions by aggressors, Somnath has remained a guiding light ushering Bharat towards new horizons.

"From the consecration of the rebuilt Somnath on May 11, 1951, to this day, this center of faith has ignited the deepest spirit in every Indian.



I am confident that Somnath's blessings will continue to inspire us to march forward with renewed resolve," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also stated that Somnath Temple has always awakened new possibilities across the nation and laid foundation of a new India.

"Somnath is a celebration of India's rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Somnath embodies the divinity of our land. Somnath is eternal prayer. Somnath is inseparable from our culture and its sanctity lives in every Indian heart,"

the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor observed that Somnath is the very core of our eternal culture's existence and its purity is intertwined with the soul of every Indian.

"Somnath is the divinity of India. Somnath is dedication. Somnath is devotion. Somnath is eternal prayer. Somnath is the thirst for truth. Somnath is the radiant light of luminous saints. Somnath is our pride. Somnath is our strength," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that no other temple or sacred site

LG Inaugurates National Youth Festival- Aarohan 2026 In Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Monday inaugurated National Youth Festival-Aarohan 2026 in Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor said this event declares a new vision of 'Rise, Shine, and Conquer' to our youth which encapsulates a complete philosophy that lights the path to the future, a promise, and a bold challenge to build a developed India @2047.

"National Youth Festival is also a proclamation that the time for youth has arrived. Through Youth Festival's 'Young Leaders Dialogue,' we are laying the very foundation and the framework on which the next chapter of India's glorious heritage will stand tall," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said

Rain, Thunderstorms Likely Across J&K Today: MeT



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Meteorological Department on Monday forecast light to moderate rain, thunderstorms and gusty winds across Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, while advising people to suspend boating and farm operations during the period.

The MeT department said the weather remained generally cloudy across many places on Monday with intermittent spells of rain and thundershowers.

It said similar weather conditions are likely to continue on Tuesday with one or two spells of light to moderate rain and thundershowers at most places.

"There is a possibility of hailstorm, thunder, lightning and gusty winds with speeds of 50-60 kmph at a few places in Kashmir and Jammu divisions, mainly during afternoon, evening and night hours," the advisory, accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said.

The department advised people to suspend boating and shikara riding

'Peace Key To Tourism Growth' Parliamentary Panel Reviews Smart City Works In Srinagar



REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: The 18-member Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, led by Chairperson

Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy, on Monday visited Srinagar to review ongoing Smart City initiatives, urban infrastructure development and civic improvement

CS Reviews Census-2027 Preparedness

Emphasizes Public Participation In Self-Enumeration From May 17

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Duloo Monday chaired the 3rd meeting of the UT Level Census Coordination Committee here to review the preparedness for the initial phase of Self-Enumeration and House Listing activities for Census 2027 across the districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to emphasize on the need for conducting vigorous and comprehensive training programmes for both Enumerators and Supervisors to ensure the highest standards of accuracy and reliability in data capturing during the Census process. He underscored that

well-trained field functionaries would be key to maintaining the integrity and credibility of the entire enumeration exercise.

He further directed that the formation and demarcation of House Listing Blocks (HLBs) be completed well before the commencement of enumeration so that the process remains seamless, exhaustive and free from any lacunae. He stressed upon close monitoring of the progress at district and charge levels to avoid delays and ensure proper ground preparedness.

The Chief Secretary also called for launching effective and coordinated promotional campaigns involving different departments and stakeholders

Anti-Drug Campaign Police Make Arrests, Demolish, Attach Properties Across Kashmir

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday said seven alleged drug peddlers were arrested in separate operations in Sopore, Anantnag and Pulwama districts across Kashmir, while contraband substances including charas, codeine phosphate and psychotropic tablets were recovered from their possession.

The action, was carried out as part of the ongoing "Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyaan"

A police spokesman in a statement said that in Sopore two persons were arrested during naka checking at Janwara crossing after they allegedly tried to flee from the spot. Alprandazole tablets were recovered from their possession.

The accused were identified as Faisal Majeed Mir of Janwara and Naseer Ahmad Lone of Hathlangoo, police said.

In another operation in Sopore, police intercepted two more persons at Malpora crossing and recovered psychotropic substances

'Until Situation Becomes Normal'

PM Modi Reiterates Call For WFH, Reduced Fuel Use

AGENCIES

VADODARA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday reiterated his call for reduced fuel consumption, greater use of public transport and electric vehicles by citizens, and urged people to defer gold purchases amid the West Asia crisis which has caused large-scale disruptions.

Addressing a gathering in Vadodara after inaugurating the Sardar Dham Hostel built by the Patidar community, Modi appealed to people to opt for work from home, a pandemic-era practice, wherever possible and reduce foreign travel.

"The West Asia crisis is one of the worst in the decade; just as we overcame the COVID-19 pandemic, we will come out



of this also," the Prime Minister asserted.

Modi noted citizens had always fulfilled their responsibilities whenever the country faced war or any other major crisis.

"Whenever India faced war or any other major crisis, citizens fulfilled their responsibilities upon the government's

appeal; we need to do the same today," the PM told the gathering.

The prime minister stressed the need for reduced imports -- India heavily relies on West Asia for crude oil and LPG -- and avoid unnecessary expenditure involving foreign currency.

"We must make every

effort to reduce the use of imported products and avoid personal activities that involve spending foreign currency," Modi maintained.

Calling for fuel conservation measures, he urged people to reduce fuel consumption and shift to public transport or electric vehicles.

He appealed to citizens to defer gold buying in view of the prevailing global situation as a significant amount of foreign exchange goes into importing the precious metal.

Modi had spoken about these austerity measures for the first time in the backdrop of the West Asia crisis while speaking at an event in Telangana on Sunday and reiterated them in Gujarat a day later.(PTI)

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IAS probationers of AGMUT Cadre call on CM Omar



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: A group of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) probationers from the AGMUT Cadre called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here Monday.

The probationers included Alfred Thomas, Ruchika Jha, Mohd. Haris Mir, Shagun Singh, and Jitendra Kumar.

During the interac-

tion, the Chief Minister enquired about their current postings in Jammu and Kashmir and discussed the administrative nature of their assignments and general functioning.

Wishing the young officers success in their future endeavors, the Chief Minister urged them to work with dedication and commitment toward the betterment of the people and the nation.

Awareness Activities, Padyatras continue across Pulwama under NMBA



GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: As part of the ongoing 100-day campaign under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, awareness and outreach activities continued across District Pulwama Monday with various departments and stakeholders organising programmes aimed at sensitising the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promoting a healthy and drug-free society.

An awareness camp was organised at Panchayat Gadora of Block Arupal, during which awareness sessions were conducted highlighting the importance of collective efforts in curbing substance abuse. On the occasion, participants also took part in the Nasha Mukht pledge and a padyatra was also organised as part of the programme to spread awareness among the general public regarding the harmful consequences of drug addiction and the need for active community participation in prevention efforts.

Similar awareness programmes were also organised at Namblabal Pampore and Ashminder Pampore,

where participants were sensitised about the objectives of the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan and encouraged to actively support the anti-drug campaign.

Meanwhile, the Social Welfare Department organised a series of awareness and outreach activities at various locations and educational institutions across the district under the campaign.

The activities featured awareness rallies, pledge ceremonies, signature campaigns, pamphlet distribution drives, poster campaigns, debates and discussion sessions focusing on prevention of substance abuse and promotion of healthy lifestyles among youth and students. Short film and video screenings highlighting the ill effects of drug abuse were also conducted during the programmes.

Furthermore, the Education Department organised discussions and interactive sessions across various educational institutions on the theme of "Myths vs Facts regarding Drug Menace" to create awareness among students and to promote informed and responsible behaviour.

Parliamentary panel inspects riverfront, Lal Chowk smart city Projects in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs reviewed the progress of Smart City and urban development projects during a study visit to Srinagar.

The visit was part of the Committee's programme for 2025-26 aimed at assessing the implementation of key urban development initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the visit, members of the Committee were briefed about projects related to urban infrastructure, housing, sanitation and municipal services. Discussions focused on improving urban governance, strengthening civic facilities and ensuring effective implementation of flagship programmes of the Government of India.

The Committee also carried out field visits



to several major public infrastructure sites in the city, including the Jhelum Riverfront, Lal Chowk Public Square and Balidan Stambh, where members reviewed development

about various Smart City initiatives being implemented across Srinagar. He informed the members about projects aimed at improving public spaces, promoting pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, enhancing urban mobility and strengthening civic amenities.

The members of the Committee appreciated the works carried out under the Smart City programme and stressed the need for sustainable, inclusive and citizen-friendly urban development. They also emphasized further improvement of civic infrastructure and public amenities in the city.

The visit gave the Committee firsthand insight into the Smart City initiatives in Srinagar and is expected to help in framing recommendations for strengthening urban development and governance in the region.

The day-long campaign featured pledge ceremonies, group discussions, sports activities, yoga sessions, poster display campaigns, painting and counselling sessions, seminars & debates and public interaction and awareness programmes aimed at spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promoting a drug-free society.

DC Kulgam reviews implementation of "Classes of Joy Program" in district

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: A review meeting regarding the implementation of the Classes of Joy program was held Monday at Mini Secretariat Kulgam under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam.

The meeting was attended by Officers of education department, District Coordinators, concerned Resource Persons, and members of the Pratham team.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the performance and progress of the previous year's program in light of the recently conducted baseline assessment of students from grades 3rd to 5th. Detailed discussions were held on the current learning levels of children and the need for focused interventions to address learning gaps among students.

Emphasizing the importance of improving foundational learning, the Deputy Commissioner directed all stakeholders to adopt suitable solutions through Pratham's Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) approach to effectively cater to the learning loss among children. It was

stressed that the program must be implemented in its true letter and spirit to ensure meaningful learning outcomes.

The meeting also highlighted the need for assigning dedicated teachers for both English and Mathematics in schools, who will be solely responsible for the implementation and smooth execution of the TaRL approach. Directions were issued to ensure proper academic support, regular practice, and continuous assessment of students to strengthen foundational competencies.

Issues related to the availability of teaching-learning material, effective monitoring of schools, and timely supervision were also discussed in detail.

The DC instructed the concerned officials to ensure regular monitoring and coordinated efforts at all levels so that the desired learning outcomes are achieved.

The meeting concluded with a strong emphasis on collective responsibility and committed efforts from all stakeholders to ensure improved performance and best possible results in the endline assessment scheduled for September and October.

DC Srinagar reviews progress of Revenue record digitisation



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Monday chaired a review meeting senior Revenue Officers at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess tehsil-wise progress on key revenue matters, with specific focus on the digitisation of revenue records in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, SDM West Irfan Bahadur, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, all Tehsildars and other concerned.

At the outset, the DC undertook a detailed assessment of the ongoing digitisation process across all Tehsils and directed Officers to expedite the

remaining digitisation activities to ensure 100 percent completion of the process by end of this month.

While reviewing the progress of digitisation of Revenue records in the district, the DC was informed that over 75 percent of Revenue records have been digitised so far across Srinagar district, while the work on the remaining records is progressing at a fast pace.

The DC stressed that digitisation of Revenue records is a vital governance reform aimed at ensuring transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric service delivery, besides facilitating easy access to land-related information. He instructed the officers to maintain close coordination and ensure accuracy in the digitised records to avoid discrepancies and inconvenience to the public.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyaan Hundreds of awareness, outreach events held across Shopian



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN: Diverse range of awareness and outreach events numbering in hundreds were Monday conducted across district Shopian under the ongoing 100 Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, witnessing proactive participation of students, youth, teachers, cooperative societies members, government departments and civil society members.

The day-long campaign featured pledge ceremonies, group discussions, sports activities, yoga sessions, poster display campaigns, painting and counselling sessions, seminars & debates and public interaction and awareness programmes aimed at spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promoting a drug-free society.

Educational institutions across the district actively participated by organizing anti-drug awareness talks, sports activities and assembly sessions to encourage students towards positive and healthy lifestyles.

Similarly, members of cooperative societies, lambardars and other frontline workers also participated in engagement and outreach activities in public spaces especially in business units, market places, medical shops, petrol pumps, playgrounds etc.

Special awareness drives and outreach programmes were also carried out by various government departments including RDD, Revenue, Poshan Projects, Ayush, Co-operative, Agri allied departments, and other departments as part of the awareness campaign.

Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan DC Kulgam inaugurates Basketball Tournament at Manzgam

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: As part of the ongoing activities under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam Monday inaugurated a basketball tournament at Manzgam aimed at promoting sports and spreading awareness against drug abuse among youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted the importance of sports and positive extracurricular activities in steering youth away from substance abuse and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. He said

that such initiatives provide a constructive platform for young people to channel their energy and talent in a positive direction.

He also encouraged active participation of youth in sports and social initiatives to build a healthy and drug-free society.

It was informed that 16 teams are participating in the tournament, reflecting the enthusiastic involvement of local youth in the anti-drug awareness initiative through sports. SDM Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan, Tehsildar D.H. Pora and other officers were present on the occasion.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

B'pora admin organises Awareness Programmes across Educational Institutions

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: The ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan continued across Bandipora district on Monday with awareness programmes, group discussions, essay competitions, pledge ceremonies and IEC campaigns organised in various educational institutions and Panchayat Halqas to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a healthy and drug-free society.

Discussions on "Myths and Facts about Drug Addiction" were organised at Higher Secondary School Sumbal, HSS Nowgam, HSS Mantrigram, Government HSS PTL Gurez, HSS Gadakhud, Government High School Naidkhai, High School Kehnusa, High School Achoora and other institutions.



Students and faculty members actively participated in the programmes, where speakers highlighted the physical, psychological and social consequences of substance abuse and encouraged students to adopt healthy lifestyles.

Essay writing competitions under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan were organised at Government High School Nadihal, HSS Nowgam and Government Higher Secondary School Chuntimulla, while pledge-taking ceremonies

were held at Islamic Model School Wangipora and HSS Quilmuqam.

PM SHRI HSS Shadi-pora also organised an awareness session and mass pledge under the campaign.

IEC campaigns and awareness activities were also conducted at Government Higher Secondary School Purana Tulail Gurez, Jurniyal-A, Nadihal-B, Dangerpora, Buglinder-A, HS Panar, HS Ahamsharief and various Panchayat Halqas including Dawar Gurez, Kawpora and Payeen Badugam.

The programmes witnessed active participation of students, teachers, Panchayat representatives and general public, reflecting the continued commitment towards the successful implementation of the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan across the district.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that the licence of the Urban Poultry Dealers Association registered with the Labour Department under Registration No. 1221 has reportedly been lost during travel from Gol Market towards S.M.H.S Hospital, Srinagar. In this regard, a missing report/complaint has already been lodged with the concerned Police Station and the matter has also been brought to the notice of the Labour Commissioner, Srinagar. Anyone who finds the said licence/document is requested to kindly contact the office bearers of the Association or hand it over to the nearest police station. The public is further informed that if anybody misuses the lost licence/document for any unlawful activity, the Association shall not be held responsible for the same. Issued by: Parvaiz Ahmad Wani President Urban Poultry Dealers Association

CS calls for NABH accreditation, universal NQAS certification across health institutions

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Monday chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the National Health Mission (NHM) and allied healthcare programmes in Jammu and Kashmir and took stock of the achievements, challenges and future roadmap of the Health & Medical Education Department for strengthening healthcare delivery across the Union Territory.

The meeting, besides Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education, was attended by MD, NHM; Director, SKIMS; Principals of Government Medical Colleges; Director, Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, besides other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary stressed the need for further strengthening healthcare systems and directed that premier healthcare institutions in Jammu and Srinagar should immediately initiate the process for securing NABH accreditation.

He instructed each Medical College in these cities to designate a nodal officer for ensuring institutional preparedness and observed that other Medical Colleges and District Hospitals should subsequently follow the same model to improve quality standards and patient care services across the UT to get accredited under NABH framework.

Emphasizing the need for equitable healthcare access, the Chief Secretary directed the department to ensure posting of at least one Medical Officer in every Primary Health Centre and reiterated that no health institution across Jammu and Kashmir should remain without a doctor.

He also called for expediting the tendering process for establishment of Tele-ICU, Tele-Radiology and BEMMP facilities, stating that these initiatives would significantly strengthen tertiary care delivery and enable patients to avail advanced healthcare services closer to their homes.

Reviewing quality assurance measures, the Chief Secretary directed the Directors of Health Services to ensure certification of all health facilities under the NQAS framework within the current year. He stressed that quality certification and adherence to healthcare standards are essential for improving service delivery and public confidence in government healthcare institutions.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the ongoing screening of the population for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and emphasized intensifying efforts for screening people above 40 years of age. Describing NCDs as silent killers, he warned that these ailments could assume alarming proportions if neglected and underscored



the importance of promoting lifestyle modifications and preventive healthcare measures among the general public.

He further called for strengthening Drugs & Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMMS) to improve availability of drugs under the Essential Drug List across healthcare institutions.

The Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education, M. Raju, during the meeting elaborated upon the steps taken by the department for implementation of the directions issued previously and also gave a detailed overview of the progress achieved under various programmes being implemented under NHM.

He maintained that Jammu and Kashmir has registered remarkable improvement in major healthcare indicators and has already achieved the Sustainable Development Goal targets for Neonatal Mortality

Rate and Under-Five Mortality Rate besides meeting several National Health Policy targets ahead of schedule.

Mission Director, NHM, Akriti Sagar apprised the meeting that significant improvement has been recorded in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCUs), where the successful discharge rate of neonates increased from 76 percent during 2024-25 to 83 percent in 2025-26, while neonatal deaths and referrals to higher institutions have shown a decline.

Reviewing the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), she informed the meeting that more than 18.84 lakh children had been screened under the programme during the current financial year while over 1.51 lakh children requiring treatment were referred to higher healthcare institutions.

The review further high-

lighted remarkable institutional delivery coverage in the UT, with nearly 99.82 percent deliveries during 2025-26 taking place in health institutions, reflecting improved maternal healthcare outreach and accessibility. Under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), more than 1.61 lakh pregnant women were provided free drugs and consumables while over 1.46 lakh women received free diet during hospitalization.

The meeting was also informed that Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as the top-performing region in the country in X-Ray utilization under the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan 2.0 campaign. A total of 1,518 high-risk villages have been identified for intensified TB screening through special shivirs and the UT has already organized 333 screening camps with participation of more than 30,000 people.

It was informed that five

districts including Anantnag, Budgam, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian have been declared TB-free, while more than 5,500 TB patients are currently undergoing treatment in the UT with all patients linked to designated doctors for regular monitoring and treatment supervision.

Reviewing emergency healthcare services, the meeting was informed that over 5.60 lakh beneficiaries have availed services through the 102 and 108 ambulance network in Jammu and Kashmir. The 104 Medical Helpline has catered to more than 12.82 lakh beneficiaries during 2025-26 and the proposal for its round-the-clock operation has already received approval at the national level.

The review also highlighted the growing impact of Tele-MANAS services in providing mental health support across the UT. The Tele-MANAS cell established at IMHANS, GMC Srinagar has received over 1.53 lakh calls till date, including calls related to substance abuse counselling.

Regarding Comprehensive Primary Healthcare services, the meeting was informed that 87 percent of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in the UT have been operationalized and are providing expanded healthcare packages including free drugs and diagnostic services. OPD attendance at these facilities has crossed 3.33 crore cumulatively during the last three

financial years, indicating enhanced public trust in primary healthcare institutions.

The meeting also reviewed implementation of the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme under which dialysis facilities have been established in all districts and several Community Health Centres. More than 68,000 dialysis sessions were conducted during 2025-26 and additional facilities are being developed for further expansion of the programme.

While reviewing the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, the Chief Secretary was informed that more than 42 lakh people have been screened for hypertension and diabetes during the current financial year.

The meeting further reviewed progress achieved under the National Quality Assurance Standards framework, where a substantial increase in certified healthcare institutions was reported. A total of 409 facilities have achieved certification till April 2026 against only 12 facilities till March 2024.

The review also covered implementation of telemedicine services under e-Sanjeevani, Hospital Management Information Systems, Tele-ICU and Tele-Radiology projects besides progress under PM-ABHIM and Emergency COVID Response Package infrastructure projects.

Sajad Lone slams PDP, NC over "gifting" Rajya Sabha seat to BJP

Says Mehbooba Mufti creating, giving ruling party escape route on jobs

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference president Sajad Lone came down heavily on both the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the National Conference (NC) over cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha polls held in 2025, alleging they staged a "fixed match" to help the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) win a seat. Lone also termed the outsourcing of government jobs by the NC-led government as "front-door loot," while accusing Mehbooba Mufti of confusing people over the issue and giving the ruling party an escape route.

Addressing a news conference here, Lone slammed the PDP over the non-appointment of an authorized agent during the RS polls.

"We believe that the PDP had mala fide intentions. They intended to do something wrong, which is why they did not appoint an agent," he said.

The PC president questioned Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on whether he was unaware of the PDP's failure to appoint an authorized agent.

"Is it true that a sitting chief minister came to know from the RTI that the PDP had not kept an agent?" he asked.

Slamming both PDP and NC, Lone said the parties that shouted the loudest against the BJP ultimately gifted it a seat.

"One did not keep an agent, the other did not object. And even today, there are diversion tactics. They are diverting," Lone said.

He alleged that both PDP and NC had a tie-up with the BJP in the RS polls.

"The reason they did not appoint an agent is because they had a tie-up with the BJP. And the reason NC did not raise the issue is because they also had a tie-up," he said.

The PC president termed the outsourcing of government jobs by the government as "one lakh times worse" than backdoor appointments, calling it "front-door stealing."

"I had asked a question in the J&K Assembly: how many government jobs have you outsourced? The answer came, and they provided all of them separately. I tallied it, and found that about 22000 to

24000 people have jobs outsourced. These companies received about Rs 1000 crores," he said.

Lone described outsourcing of jobs as a "den of corruption" and "poison for society." Referring to former CM Mehbooba Mufti's claim of 30000 backdoor appointments, he said: "If you don't know, call and ask. Don't confuse people. This is not backdoor, this is stealing from the front door."

He accused Mehbooba Mufti of giving the ruling party an escape route by framing the issue as backdoor appointments.

On the liquor ban row, Lone called it "drama" by both NC and PDP. "When NC was in opposition, they brought a bill to ban alcohol. PDP said no. When PDP came to power, NC brought the bill. Both issue permits when in power," he said.

He added that none of them bans liquor when they are in power. "When they are in power, none of them bans it. When they are out of power, you see whether it is PDP's government or this government, how many permits they issued," Lone said—(KNO)

Deputy Chief Minister conducts extensive tour of Nowshera constituency

Stresses on quality, timely completion of ongoing development projects

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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary Monday conducted an extensive tour of the Nowshera constituency in Rajouri district to assess the progress of various ongoing developmental projects and review public service delivery across key sectors.

The Deputy Chief Minister visited the Sub-District Hospital Sunderbani, where he inspected the healthcare facilities, patient care services and overall functioning of the hospital. He directed the concerned officers to ensure efficient healthcare delivery, adequate medical facilities and prompt public service for the people.

He also inspected the ongoing works at the PWD (R&B) Guest House Kangri and emphasized the need for timely completion of the project while maintaining high quality standards.

At Siot Morh, the Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the progress on the Siot-Kalate PMGSY Road project. Stressing the importance of improved road connectivity, he directed the executing agencies to expedite the work for the convenience of the local population.

The Deputy Chief Minister, later, visited the under-construction MCH Hospital at Lamberi and assessed the



pace of work on the project.

Reviewing the ongoing developmental works on Dhera Road, he reiterated the importance of quality execution and timely completion to enhance connectivity and public convenience.

During his visit to Bagnoti Nallah Bridge, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the ongoing construction works. He directed the officers to expedite the project while ensuring durability and adherence to safety standards.

He also visited the I&FC Guest House Rajal and inspected the developmental works being carried out there. He stressed for efficient execution and improvement of infrastructure facilities for greater public benefit.

At the PWD (R&B) Guest House Nowshera, the Deputy Chief Minister reviewed several ongoing developmental initiatives in the constituency.

Interacting with the officers, he reiterated the government's commitment towards timely implemen-

tation of public welfare and infrastructure projects.

The Deputy Chief Minister further visited the Sports Stadium Nowshera and inspected the ongoing developmental works at the stadium. "The government is focused on creation of sports infrastructure and develop better facilities to promote youth engagement and nurture sporting talent in all areas," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the facilities and functioning at Sub-District Hospital Nowshera. He directed the authorities to ensure improved patient care, adequate medical infrastructure and better healthcare services for the public.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the bridge project at Masiti Mohalla Nonial and reviewed the ongoing construction works. He stressed the need for timely completion of the bridge to improve connectivity and facilitate smooth movement for local residents.

No govt can fully stop alcohol consumption through laws alone: Ashok Koul

WARIS FAYAZ

SOPORE: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State General Secretary (Organisation) Jammu & Kashmir on Monday said no government can fully stop alcohol consumption through laws alone. He defended strict action against drug peddlers, including demolition and attachment of their properties, saying such measures are necessary to protect society and youth from the growing drug menace.

Speaking to reporters, Koul, said awareness campaigns were essential to discourage alcohol and drug consumption, adding that legislation alone cannot completely end such practices.

"Yes, we don't force anybody to consume alcohol," Koul said while reacting to the ongoing debate over alcohol regulation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Backing the remarks of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on the issue, the BJP leader said governments across the country have struggled to completely prohibit alcohol consumption through laws.

"There should be awareness to stop the consumption of alcohol and drugs. It is not possible for any government to stop people from consuming alcohol by introducing laws. Wherever such laws have been enforced, the situation has become even worse," he said.

Koul also reacted to remarks made by Minister Sakeena Itoo regarding demolition and attachment of properties linked to alleged drug peddlers. He said the anti-narcotics crackdown had started in Jammu before being extended to Kashmir and should not be viewed from a religious perspective.

The BJP leader defended the action, saying strong measures were required to create fear among those involved in the narcotics trade.

"It is necessary, and if it is not done, how will it stop? They won't even fear and destroy our future," he said.

On the issue of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Koul said it would be restored at "an appropriate time" as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah—(KNO)

DC Srinagar hands over ambulance to CMO under CSR initiative

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Monday handed over a fully equipped ambulance to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Srinagar procured by IDBI Bank under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aimed at strengthening emergency healthcare services and improving medical transportation facilities in the district.

Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad, ZMO, SR Gunj, Dr Shafaqat, ZMO, Zaidal, Dr Rubeena, Medical Superintendent JLN Hospital, Dr Arshid, Asset



Officer IDBI Bank, Virender Singh, Branch Head IDBI, Karan Nagar, Shob Khan, Operation Manager, Haseeb Shakeel, and other Officers of District Administration and IDBI Bank were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized that the addition of the ambulance would significantly enhance emergency healthcare services in the district and serve as a vital asset for the benefit of the general public particu-

larly in the transportation of patients and trauma cases across the district. He said such initiatives are aimed at uplifting healthcare facilities by ensuring timely medical assistance and strengthening emergency response capabilities.

The DC lauded IDBI Bank's CSR-backed HOPE initiative, stating that such support reflects a strong commitment toward community welfare and public health development.

Srinagar eatery shut after cockroach found in Biryani

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: The Food Safety Team, Srinagar, has ordered the closure of a food establishment after a viral video showed a cockroach in biryani, officials said here.

They said that on inspection, officials found poor hygiene and signs of pest infestation at the premises. A food sample has been taken for testing, and legal action will follow for violations of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

In a statement issued, a spokesperson of the Food Safety Team, Srinagar, said

they took cognisance of a viral video circulating on social media regarding the presence of a cockroach in biryani.

"The team inspected the concerned food establishment and found it in poor hygienic condition. Evidence of cockroach infestation was observed on the premises, and violations of Schedule 4 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, were noted. A sample of prepared food was lifted for analytical purposes as well," he said.

The spokesperson added, "The Food Business Operator had not carried

out pest control, which is mandatory under the Act. In view of these violations, the establishment has been closed, and a challan for violating various provisions of the Act will be submitted before the competent court".

All Food Business Operators are directed to ensure regular pest control and maintain hygiene as mandated under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Food Safety spokesperson said, adding that failure to comply will invite strict action against defaulters as per the provisions of the FSS Act—(KNO)

₹12.10 Lakh compensation disbursed to road accident victims' families in Ramban

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan Monday disbursed ₹12.10 lakh as compensation to the legal heirs of deceased road accident victims and a minor injured in a road mishap.

The compensation has been provided under the J&K Road Accident Victim Fund based on the cases submitted by the ARTO.

An amount of ₹1 lakh each was disbursed to the legal heirs of 12 deceased victims, while ₹10,000 was provided to a minor injured in a road accident as immediate financial assistance.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to extending timely support to families affected by tragic road mishaps and

ensuring that relief reaches deserving beneficiaries without delay.

The DC directed the concerned officers to ensure that all such cases are processed promptly upon being reported so that affected families receive immediate assistance under the welfare measures meant for public support and relief.

The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the ARTO Ramban to intensify road safety awareness campaigns across the district and ensure strict implementation of road safety measures to minimize accidents. He emphasized the need to sensitize drivers, transport operators and the general public about safe driving practices, adherence to traffic rules, use of seat belts and helmets and the importance of responsible road behaviour.

Good Morning Kashmir

Modernizing College Admissions In J&K

The Jammu and Kashmir Directorate of Colleges just took a massive step toward bringing higher education into the modern era. By launching a centralized online admission portal for degree colleges across the Union Territory, they've done more than just "go digital"—they've launched a much-needed reform to make the entire process simpler, more transparent, and actually student-friendly.

For years, getting into college meant endless queues, multiple trips to different campuses, and the constant stress of paperwork. By bringing 142 degree colleges and nearly 60 programs onto one digital platform, the government is finally replacing that chaos with a bit of clarity. Fairness First: Admissions are now strictly merit-based (using 10+2 results). Moving the entire process, including fees, online cuts out the middle-man, reduces favoritism, and levels the playing field for every student, regardless of where they live.

Bridging the Divide: It's easy to talk about "digital leaps," but the reality is that many students in remote areas still face connectivity hurdles. The decision to set up facilitation centers in every college is a brilliant move, it ensures that students without easy internet access aren't left behind.

One of the most grounded pieces of advice coming from Director Colleges, Dr. Sheikh Aijaz Bashir, is for students to look at smaller, local colleges. It's solid advice. Smaller institutions often offer: A more focused academic environment, More individual attention from professors, Less overcrowding and a tighter-knit community.

By encouraging students to consider these options, the system helps distribute opportunities more evenly across the region rather than piling all the pressure onto a few major institutions.

Of course, a digital system is only as good as its performance. For this to truly succeed, the portal needs to handle high traffic without crashing, technical bugs need to be squashed instantly, and there must be a clear way for students to get help when they're stuck.

This centralized portal is a progressive shift for J&K's education sector. If the implementation stays smooth, it won't just make life easier for students—it will build genuine trust in the public education system.

Man On A Mission

Manoj Sinha And The War For Jammu & Kashmir's Soul



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The numbers alone should shake every conscience. According to data from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment, an estimated 13.5 lakh people 1.35 million human beings in Jammu and Kashmir are affected by drug abuse. Among them are roughly 1.68 lakh children aged between 10 and 17. Children. Hooked on heroin. In their own homes, in their own neighbourhoods, in the very land that raised them.

A staggering 95% of addicts in the Valley are dependent on heroin and other opioids. Since 2022, over 32,000 addicts have been registered for treatment. These are not statistics. These are sons and daughters. These are families that wake up every morning to a nightmare they did not choose.

Drug abuse does not destroy only the addict. It tears through an entire family emotionally, psychologically, financially, and socially. A parent consumed by addiction neglects their children. A young man chasing his next hit drains his family into poverty, sometimes into bankruptcy. The shame, the guilt, the silence addiction feeds on all of it. Addicts often withdraw from loved ones, hiding the severity of their dependence behind walls of denial, becoming strangers in their own homes. Behind every registered addict in J&K is a family quietly breaking apart.

When Drugs and Terror Hold Hands

What makes the drug crisis in Jammu and Kashmir uniquely catastrophic is that it is not merely a public health emergency. It is a national security threat wearing the disguise of a social problem.

Security agencies have long identified the phenomenon of narco-terrorism as one of the gravest and most evolving threats to the region's stability. Pakistan-based elements have systematically used drug smuggling as a two-pronged weapon generating funds for terrorist activities while simultaneously targeting local youth with addiction, rendering them incapable of contributing to their society, their families, or their nation. The proceeds from narcotics smuggled across the border flow directly into financing terrorism and radicalisation. Drug money has been used to build what the Lieutenant Governor himself has aptly called "narco-palaces" monuments of crime built on the ruins of young lives.

As LG Manoj Sinha has stated unequivocally: "Our neighboring country is smuggling drugs into Jammu Kashmir by design. The drug money has been used to build narco-palaces by drug smugglers and a large portion of drug money is being used for terrorism and radicalization."

When we fight drugs, we fight terror. These are not two battles they are one.

The Man Who Stood Up

In the entire history of Jammu and Kashmir, no leader has taken on the drug menace with the ferocity, commitment, and personal involvement that Lieutenant



Governor Manoj Sinha has brought to this fight. This is not an exaggeration it is a fact that the people of J&K are witnessing with their own eyes.

On April 11, 2026, LG Sinha did not issue a press release. He did not chair a committee meeting. He walked. Leading a massive anti-drug padyatra from Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu, he launched the historic 100-Day "Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan" placing his own feet on the ground as the first and most visible soldier of this campaign.

He did not stop there.

On May 3, 2026, over 35,000 people marched with him from TRC Football Stadium to Lal Chowk in Srinagar. On May 5, he led rallies in Budgam and Rajouri. On May 9, he was in Anantnag, calling upon police and civil administration to reach every panchayat of the district in the remaining 71 days of the campaign. District after district, march after march a Lieutenant Governor not governing from above, but fighting from within.

Results That Speak Louder Than Words

This campaign is not built on slogans. It is built on action. The results, as of May 9, 2026, are nothing short of remarkable:

- 646 individuals arrested under the NDPS Act since April 11
- 614 FIRs registered across the Union Territory
- Over 700 kg of charas and heroin seized
- 37 houses linked to drug peddlers demolished or sealed
- Over 3,600 peddlers and kingpins under active surveillance
- Immovable properties worth 25.97 crore attached
- Movable assets worth 1.67 crore seized
- In Anantnag alone 108 NDPS cases registered, narco-palaces worth 3.5 crore reduced to dust, 22 vehicles seized, 8 driving licences cancelled, and 13 drug stores sealed

In the very first 15 days of the campaign, 431 drug peddlers were booked. As IGP Kashmir VK Birdi put it plainly: "Every peddler is on our radar." The administration has declared drug trafficking as "silent terrorism" and adopted a zero-tolerance policy including freezing bank accounts and cancelling passports of those involved in the narcotics trade. This is deterrence with teeth.

The 3-P Strategy: A Complete War Plan

What distinguishes the Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan from past efforts is its comprehensive 3-P strategy that attacks the problem from every angle. Supply Chain Disruption Dismantling trafficking networks, seizing narcotics, demolishing the assets of peddlers, and cutting off the financial oxygen of drug cartels.

Prevention and Awareness Engaging schools, colleges, religious leaders, families, sports grounds, theatres, and every corner of civil society. LG Sinha has called upon athletes to become ambassadors of the Nasha Mukta campaign, encouraging them to share awareness videos on social media and inspire youth toward sports and creativity. "You are the role models for India's new generation," he told them.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Recognising that enforcement alone cannot solve an addiction crisis, the campaign places strong emphasis on treatment, rehabilitation, and reconnecting addicts with their families and society.

Protecting the Youth : The Heart of the Mission

LG Sinha has spoken with striking clarity about who this fight is truly for. "I believe that every young person lost to addiction is a loss of strength for our future workforce, and a lost soldier for our police and army. Every family broken by addiction is a crack in the foundation of our society."

These words reveal not a bureaucrat completing a mandate, but a leader who genuinely aches for the future of J&K's youth.

The drugs being sold on the streets of Kashmir are reaching children as young as 10 years old. Children. When supply dries up, addicts who could not afford their next fix turned to robbery and crime communities lived in fear on multiple fronts. As the drug network crumbles, not only will lives be reclaimed from addiction, but crime rates will fall, families will breathe again, and young people will find their way back to themselves.

To build this protective shield from within communities, LG Sinha has announced an informal Parents Brigade in every village and city a voluntary network of parents, women, and youth trained to identify early signs of drug use and connect struggling families with resources before it is too late. Citizens

have been urged to become the eyes and ears of the police. Society is not just being informed it is being activated.

A People's Movement, Not a Government Order

LG Sinha has consistently refused to let this remain a government exercise. "This battle is not just the administration's. It is a collective battle of society. Let's make a collective promise that we will not allow drug peddlers to thrive in our villages and neighbourhoods."

And society has answered. Religious leaders, social activists, NGOs, lawyers, doctors, and social workers have all joined the Lieutenant Governor in this fight. The DGP Nalin Prabhakar and the entire police and civil administration have mobilised with unprecedented intensity. The whole machinery of governance is on its toes not out of compulsion, but out of shared conviction.

Praise must be given where it is due to every officer, every constable, every community volunteer, every parent who spoke up, every teacher who guided a student away from the edge. This is what a whole-of-society approach looks like when it works.

Politics Has No Place Here

It is deeply worrying, however, that certain political voices have sought to undermine this noble mission. Senior J&K Cabinet Minister and Health Minister Sakina Itoo has publicly called for an end to the demolition and sealing of properties under the anti-drug campaign. This is disappointing.

The fight against drug peddlers is not a personal crusade of the Lieutenant Governor. It is a fight for the lives and futures of the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. The families of addicts — broken, desperate, and finally seeing a ray of hope are not looking at Manoj Sinha as a Lieutenant Governor. They are looking at him as a leader who cares for their child, who is worried about the future of their sons and daughters.

The Chief Minister and his cabinet have played no visible role in dismantling the illegal drug trade. The very least they can do is not become a blockade against those who are. Politics must not be played with the lives of children. This cause is too important, too urgent, and too sacred for that.

A Legacy in the Making

The families of addicts across Jammu and Kashmir are praying for LG Manoj Sinha's success. They do not see a lieutenant governor they see a guardian. A man who showed up. A man who walked their streets, spoke their fears aloud, and declared with the full force of his authority that enough is enough.

No leader in the history of Jammu and Kashmir has ever taken such decisive, sustained, and personal action against the drug menace. If this 100-day campaign delivers on its promise and the results so far suggest it will not merely disrupt a criminal network. It will save not thousands, but nearly a million lives. It will give back to families the children they thought they had lost. It will give J&K's youth back their futures.

Jammu and Kashmir has waited long enough for this moment. A man is on a mission. And he is not stopping.

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OSTENTATION OF KINDNESS

Has Animal Love Become A Social Display?

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Early in the morning, a scene often plays out in the streets of cities and towns. Someone stops their bike, takes a five-rupee loaf from their bag, throws a few pieces toward stray dogs on the roadside, then turns on their mobile camera and takes a video. A short while later, the same video is uploaded to social media, captioned, "Love animals, keep humanity alive." People comment, "Wow! Humanity still exists."

The question is, is this really humanity? Has donating five rupees worth of bread and ten rupees worth of milk become the ultimate example of animal love? Or is this just a new ostentation of our times, where even sentiments are being determined by cameras and likes?

It's true that kindness and compassion toward animals are hallmarks of a civilized society. A society that isn't sensitive toward animals can't be very humane toward humans either. But the problem begins when animal love becomes more of a display than a sensitivity. For many people, it's become a new way to achieve social status. They post videos of themselves feeding biscuits to stray dogs, but they don't notice the hungry human sitting on the same street. A poor child's torn slippers don't bother them, but posting a photo of themselves feeding milk to a dog proves them "compassionate."

Social media has even com-

modified our society's emotions. Service has become less important than performance. Transporting an injured worker to the hospital doesn't attract camera attention, so fewer people engage in that work. But a video of someone feeding bread to a dog can go viral, so sensitivity suddenly increases. This superficial compassion is gradually pushing society into a strange moral dilemma, where symbolic actions are given more importance than real problems.

Ironically, those who proclaim themselves animal lovers by feeding street dogs often don't bother to provide medication for their elderly parents. They don't see the suffering of a poor family in the neighborhood. They don't have time to help a sick person, but they have all the time for Instagram reels. What kind of compassion is this, one that's more focused on the camera than on the person?

The stray dog problem in India is not just an emotional issue, but also a matter of public safety. Thousands of people are bitten by dogs every year. Attacks on young children and the elderly are regularly reported. Packs of dogs chasing bikers at night cause accidents. In many colonies, people are afraid to even take morning walks. But when this problem is discussed, society is divided. One side labels every dog "poor" and places the entire responsibility on the public, while the other side resorts to the language of cruelty. Both positions



are wrong.

What's truly needed is balance and responsibility. Simply throwing bread won't solve the problem. This often leads to stray dogs gathering in one place, increasing their numbers and causing problems for the people living nearby. If there's true animal love, there should be talk of sterilization, vaccination, shelters, and responsible care. But all of this requires hard work and responsibility. Therefore, the easy way out is chosen—throw bread, post a photo, and be called sensitive.

Our society is going through a strange phase today. Human hunger has become common news, but feeding a dog a biscuit is considered "emotional content." Thousands of people can be found sitting hungry outside railway stations, bus stops, and hospitals. Children of laborers can be seen

picking plastic from garbage. Poor patients can be seen suffering without medicines. But cameras rarely focus on them, because there, not just photos, but responsibility is required.

This article is not against animal love. Compassion for animals is essential, but if society's sensitivity is limited to animals and begins to turn a blind eye to human suffering, it's a dangerous situation. Compassion implies balance, not pretense. True animal love is one that involves responsibility. Treating injured animals, helping with sterilization and vaccination campaigns, ensuring the safety of others, and maintaining cleanliness—these are all part of genuine sensitivity. But today, many people feed dogs simply to be perceived as "good people."

In modern society, morality

is becoming fashionable. Just as some people post pictures of themselves with books more than they read them, many people display more service than they actually do. By providing ten rupees worth of milk, they feel they have performed a great virtue. But to truly change society, we must move beyond symbolic sentiments. Funding a poor child's education, providing medicine for a sick person, supporting an elderly person—these are acts that require heart, not a camera.

A civilized society is one where both humans and animals are safe. Where there is no cruelty to animals and no disregard for human safety. But today, the problem is that people have become less sensitive and more emotional. They don't want solutions, they only want to prove themselves compassionate. This is why, in many places, even animal love has become a social display.

Milk for ten rupees and bread for five rupees are not wrong. It's wrong when they're considered the greatest proof of humanity. Society must move beyond this superficial love for animals. Humanity isn't just about showing kindness for the camera, but about making someone's life easier without making a fuss. Ultimately, the true measure of sensitivity isn't how many dogs you've fed bread to, but how many humans and creatures you've helped lead safe, dignified, and balanced lives.

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■ Pollen Peril

Beauty, Breath, And A Growing Burden In The Valley

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Kashmir is known for its natural beauty, green landscapes, fresh air, and pleasant weather. Every year, spring brings new life to the Valley. Trees bloom, gardens flourish, and the environment appears vibrant and refreshing. Yet behind this beauty, another reality quietly affects thousands of people across Kashmir. Seasonal allergies have become a serious health concern that continues to grow with every passing year.

Across the Valley, hospitals and clinics are witnessing a sharp increase in patients suffering from allergies caused mainly by pollen fallout. Children, youth, and elderly people are among the worst affected. Many people experience constant sneezing, itchy eyes, throat irritation, breathing problems, skin rashes, and asthma related complications during the spring season. For some families, these allergies have become a yearly struggle that disrupts daily life, education, work, and overall health.

Doctors and health experts in Kashmir have repeatedly warned about the growing impact of pollen allergies. During spring, poplar trees release large amounts of pollen into the air. This pollen spreads rapidly through the atmosphere and enters homes, schools, markets, and workplaces. People who already suffer from asthma or respiratory illnesses face even greater difficulties during this period. The rise in pollution, dust, and changing weather conditions has further worsened the situation.

Many people in Kashmir initially ignore allergy symptoms, considering them minor seasonal problems. However, untreated allergies can gradually become serious health conditions. Continuous exposure to pollen and polluted air may lead to chronic respiratory diseases, severe asthma attacks, sinus infections, and weakened immunity. Children often struggle to attend school regularly because of constant coughing, sneezing, and breathing discomfort. Elderly people face additional risks due to age related health complications.

One of the major reasons behind the growing allergy problem is the lack of awareness among the public. Many people do not fully understand the causes of allergies or the precau-



tions needed to stay safe. Some continue outdoor activities during peak pollen hours without masks or protective measures. Others delay medical consultation until the condition becomes severe. Public awareness regarding seasonal allergies remains limited, especially in rural areas where access to healthcare facilities may also be difficult.

Environmental changes are also contributing to the rise in allergy cases. Rapid urbanization, increasing dust pollution, deforestation, and changing climate patterns are affecting air quality across Kashmir. Dry weather conditions allow pollen particles and dust to remain suspended in the air for longer periods, increasing exposure among the population. Experts believe that climate change has altered the flowering cycles of certain trees, leading to longer and more intense pollen seasons.

Schools and educational institutions are also witnessing the effects of seasonal allergies among students. Many children face difficulty concentrating in classrooms due to continuous irritation and discomfort. Frequent absenteeism affects academic performance and overall well being. Parents often remain worried as chil-

dren suffer repeated allergic reactions every year. Some students participating in outdoor sports and activities experience sudden breathing issues during high pollen days.

Healthcare professionals advise people to adopt preventive measures to reduce the impact of allergies. Wearing masks while going outdoors can help minimize exposure to pollen and dust. Keeping windows closed during windy days may prevent pollen from entering homes. Washing hands and changing clothes after returning from outside also reduces allergic reactions. Doctors further recommend avoiding outdoor activities during early morning and evening hours when pollen levels are usually high.

Maintaining cleanliness inside homes is equally important. Dust accumulation inside carpets, curtains, and furniture can worsen allergy symptoms. Proper ventilation and regular cleaning help create a safer indoor environment. People suffering from severe allergies should consult medical professionals without delay and follow prescribed treatments carefully. Self medication without proper diagnosis can sometimes worsen health conditions instead of improving them.

The role of the government and local authorities is extremely important in addressing this growing public health concern. Awareness campaigns should be launched across schools, colleges, villages, and urban areas to educate people about pollen allergies and preventive care. Healthcare centers should be equipped to handle seasonal increases in allergy related cases. Timely public advisories regarding pollen levels and air quality can help citizens take necessary precautions.

Experts have also suggested reviewing large scale plantation of certain pollen producing trees in residential areas. Environmental planning must consider public health impacts while selecting tree species for urban and rural plantation drives. More research and monitoring are needed to understand the changing allergy patterns in Kashmir and develop long term solutions.

Social responsibility also plays an important role in dealing with this issue. Families, teachers, community leaders, and healthcare workers must work together to spread awareness and support vulnerable individuals. People should avoid ignoring symptoms in children and elderly family members. Early care and prevention can protect health

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and reduce suffering.

Kashmir has already faced many social and environmental challenges over the years. The growing rise in allergy related illnesses adds another concern that requires immediate attention. What appears to be a seasonal inconvenience for some has become a serious health burden for thousands of families across the Valley. Protecting public health requires awareness, responsibility, medical preparedness, and environmental balance.

Spring should remain a season of beauty, hope, and renewal for the people of Kashmir, not a period of fear and illness. With proper awareness, timely precautions, and collective efforts from society and authorities, the impact of seasonal allergies can be reduced significantly. The health and well being of future generations depend on the actions taken today.

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Beyond Mother's Day

A Son's Tribute To His Mother

MOHD ISHAQ SHAH

"Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face"
(George Eliot)

Every year, Mother's Day is celebrated across the world on 10th May to honour and respect mothers. In certain traditional branches of Christianity, the holiday is strongly associated with reverence for the Virgin Mary. In some Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican homes, families have a special shrine on their home altar devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In many Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, a special prayer service is held in honour of the Theotokos, the Virgin Mary. In Islam, special attention is given to mothers. The Prophet Muhammad said, "Paradise lies beneath the feet of mothers." Although there is no specific concept of Mother's Day in Islam, the Quran teaches that children should give priority to loving and respecting their mother. The Holy Quran mentions the status and respect of mothers in many verses, including Surah Al-Isra (17:23), Surah Luqman (31:14), Surah Al-Ahqaf (46:15), and Surah Al-Baqarah (2:233).

In Hindu tradition, Mother's Day is celebrated as "Mata Tirtha Aunshi" or "Mother Pilgrimage Fortnight", especially in Nepal and regions with a Hindu population. Mothers are honoured with special foods and prayers. The festival is observed on the new moon day in the month of Baisakh (April/May). This celebration predates the modern American-inspired Mother's Day by several centuries. In Buddhism, the festival of Ullambana is associated with the story of Maudg-

alayana and his mother, emphasizing gratitude and respect for parents.

Mothers are the divine gifts that we all must value and must give a special regard to. As a matter of fact, both the parents are equally important for an individual's growth, development, education and life settlement. Father is the person who sacrifices everything for his children, but mother is

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the person who gives us life and feeds us from her breasts. She sacrifices her day's work and night's sleep for her child. She takes a tough toll for the upbringing of her children. She protects us from every sort of tough condition and makes every effort to give us a soothing atmosphere. Even at



many times she begs if it is necessary for the health and welfare of a child.

I feel it's a quite exotic moment to pay a tribute to my mother, who was a simpleton of innocence and purity. Her name was Fatima, as if she had been modelled on the real Fatima Binti Mohammad (S.A.W.). she has been born to her parents at Pahlou (Kulgam) but later on had been adopted by my maternal parents at Shurat (Kulgam). So I was blessed to have two maternal homes that are often called store houses of love and affection. And it is the Shurat village of Kulgam from where she had said adieu as a bride and had reached my native village Khargund-Chowgam (Kulgam).

She didn't know the worldly tactics and could not even do calculations of money. But even then she had a sense of calculations by marking with charcoal on the walls when she used to sell milk to neighbours and villagers. But one thing that I can say with confirmation is that she could take ultimate care of me and my siblings, four in number. She was a melodious singer, and legends go that during the season of paddy plantation there used to be

a great demand for her voice, and people would invite her to sing only and not to work so that the planters (usually women) could be entertained and the work could go in an enjoyable way. Not only would this be done, but she would also be offered two days' labour for one day only due to her melodious voice. I still remember that during my primary school days I used to go to my village school that was very close to my house. And during the recesses we used to come home for a second meal. And I could see that a bowl with the mixture of rice and milk would be ready for me, which I relished, and went back to school. She used to financially support my father in terms of spinning a wheel that would give four to five hundred rupees per month in the 1980s and 1990s.

The most tragic day of my life was 18th December 1990 as she would leave me all alone in this cruel and tyrannical world. She suffered from typhoid, and in those days medical facilities in our area were not in such a state that they could be relied on. While today, typhoid is not an acute fatal disease.

But it is said that death is definite and everyone has to taste its bitterness. It has been wisely said that if you want to know the value of health, ask a sick man; if you want to know the value of wealth, ask a poor man, if you want to know the value of a mother, ask the orphan who has lost his mother or father. The moment she died I was not awake, and I could only rise from my bed after hearing cries and shouting of my relatives who had come in advance to see this tragic episode. It was almost 12:00 pm when she left for her heavenly abode, and the rest of the funeral and burying formalities were completed in the early morning. And the moment her coffin was lifted up, I felt as if a destructive storm had risen and had swept away the whole world around me. After her burial in the local graveyard we returned home while reciting prayers and verses of the Quran for her blessings. As it is customary in our society to read a Quran for Isaale-Swaaab so I would go to the mosque where the arrangements had been done and recite a Chapter (Para) to pay blessings to her soul.

Afterwards, I could have a vision of my mother many a time in my life, and one such dream I would like to share here is that when I was going through my tough times she came in my dream and told me that she knows very well who has been creating trouble for me and soothed me with an encouragement to go ahead with patience and consistency which indicates that she cared for me even after her death. So I pay my heartfelt tribute to my mother; she has been the most adorable mother in the world, the most beautiful and the most intelligent one for me. That is I feel it obligatory to pray in the following words.

O my beloved mother, May God bless your soul with his choicest blessings and give everlasting peace in highest place in Janna.

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Drugs As Dangerous As Guns For Society: Dr Darakhshan

Addresses ASLUK AALAV, social transformation event series at Sopore

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA: Asluk Aalav (The call for the Truth) public discourse series reaches apple town Sopore Monday.

The event was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Development Foundation. Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi participated as the Chief Guest.

The eminent personalities who participated in the event included BJP General Secretary Organization Ashok Koul, Bilal Parry, Molvi Waseem Ahmad, Maulana Agha Abbas Rizvi, Advocate Tabassum Rehman, mediapersonality Sahil Muzaffar, Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr Farida, Raja Waqar and others.

Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi



addressed the gathering and said that this holy land of spirituality has been attacked first by the gun which killed innocents for decades and then by the drugs which is silently killing our youth. "Drugs are as dangerous as the guns for the society. We supported the government in curbing the terrorism, now we have to support

the government in eliminating drug menace from J&K", said Dr Andrabi.

She thanked the Asluk Aalav organisers for continuously organising events throughout the valley for social transformation covering discourses about environmental awareness, swadeshi promotion and reindulging

moral values among the youth in the society. Dr Andrabi thanked the think-tank especially Ashok Koul Ji for inspiring this program series.

"Responsible people of the society from all walks of life have to significantly and actively contribute for the social change so that our youth get a conducive positive environment required for their growth and development. Moral impurities injected into this society as a ploy against us by our enemies are like diseases which we have to cure on priority", said Andrabi.

She hailed the mega initiative of Drug Free Jammu & Kashmir by the Lieutenant Governor and said that the huge public support to this campaign has built a very positive environmental in whole of the Union Territory.

'Invisible Illness': Fibromyalgia Emerging As Silent Health Crisis In Kashmir

Doctors Urge Early Diagnosis, Multidisciplinary Care, Ending Stigma

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: In Kashmir, where harsh winters, prolonged stress, and mental health challenges shape everyday life, many people continue to silently suffer from a chronic pain condition that often goes unnoticed, undiagnosed, and misunderstood. That condition is fibromyalgia — commonly referred to as the "invisible illness".

Unlike fractures or infections, fibromyalgia does not appear on routine blood tests or X-rays. Yet, for patients living with it, the condition can be physically exhausting, emotionally draining, and deeply disabling.

On the eve of International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, pain specialists are urging greater awareness about the disorder, which affects millions worldwide but remains significantly underdiagnosed in India, particularly in peripheral and resource-limited regions like Kashmir.

Dr Afaan Qazi, Clinical Fellow in Pain Medicine at Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre, said that many patients spend years searching for answers while their suffering is repeatedly dismissed.

"As a pain physician, I increasingly encounter patients, predominantly women, who arrive after years of suffering, carrying thick files of normal investigations, yet living with debilitating pain, fatigue, poor sleep, and frustration. Being told 'it is all in your mind' has silenced patients far too long. It is time to change that narrative," Dr Qazi said.

Fibromyalgia is a chronic nociceptive pain disorder in which the nervous system amplifies pain signals abnormally, a process medically known as "central sensitisation". In such cases, the brain and spinal cord become overly responsive, causing the body to experience pain even without visible tissue injury or inflammation.

Patients commonly suffer from widespread body pain lasting more than three months, persistent fatigue, disturbed sleep, headaches, anxiety, mood disturbances, irritable bowel syndrome, and cognitive difficulties often referred to as "fibro fog".

According to global estimates, fibromyalgia affects nearly 2-4 per cent of the population, with women accounting for nearly 90-95 per cent of diagnosed cases. The female-to-

male ratio can be as high as 14:1. Despite this, awareness around the illness remains low, leading many patients to move from one specialist to another without receiving proper treatment.

Medical experts believe Kashmir's unique socio-environmental conditions may increase vulnerability to chronic pain syndromes like fibromyalgia.

Dr Qazi explained that prolonged psychosocial stress, trauma exposure, anxiety, depression, harsh winters, reduced physical activity, and widespread Vitamin D deficiency together create conditions that can worsen chronic pain disorders.

"Many Kashmiri patients spend years moving from orthopaedics to rheumatology to neurology, undergoing repeated MRIs and taking painkillers without relief because the core problem often remains unidentified," he said.

He further noted that social stigma around "unexplained illnesses" often discourages patients from seeking timely psychological and rehabilitative support.

Experts say one of the biggest misconceptions surrounding fibromyalgia is treating it like arthritis or muscle injury.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Somnath Temple

looted and destroyed 17 times, only to rise again each time in full splendor.

"The Somnath temple stands alone as the foremost example. Invaders and rulers from Mahmud Ghaznavi to Alauddin Khilji and Zafar Khan, plundered and razed it time and again. Yet, despite repeated destruction, Somnath endured in our collective soul and later rebuilt by countless great kings.

On this occasion, I bow to those great souls who, in various ways, not only preserved Somnath's eternal sanctity but stood firm to defend the temple from invaders. I pay homage to Bhim Dev, Jayapal, Anandpal, and Maharaja Dharsen. I also offer tribute to the Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who, after India's independence, directed the temple's reconstruction on November 12, 1947 and on May 11, 1951, then President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad performed the consecration ceremony," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Somnath Temple's immortality teaches us to channel the nation's entire strength into creation, drawing inspiration from the past to make it the bedrock of life, and build India's golden future.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the rebuilding of Somnath Temple is a symbol of inner victory for every person, a lamp of faith and resolve burning for millennia.

"Somnath Temple is a beacon of the nation. Without Somnath, our society would be lifeless," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Shri Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services & Sports; Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Shri Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Shri Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home Department; Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary Culture Department, Administrative Secretaries; senior officials, and prominent citizens from different walks of life also attended the Somnath Swabhiman Parv event.

LG Inaugurates

Governor observed that history was never made by those who waited for permission to be extraordinary. He urged the youth participating in 'Viksit J&K Young Leaders Dialogue', 'Hackathon' and 'Cultural Event' to rise up and commit to building a developed India that future generations will take pride in. He said governance can't thrive without the voice of its youth and inclusive governance means ensuring young people have a real stake in the work happening across every key sector.

"Every young boy and girl has incredible talent. They just need opportunities and faith in themselves. I want India's youth to create their own paths instead of treading well-worn trails, because innovation and invention spring from uncharted routes. What India needs is youth brave enough to shatter pre-made molds," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also stated that culture is our identity and it is the vibrant proof of our existence, revealing who we are and what dreams and aspirations drive us. He said when young people express themselves through music, art, literature, dance, theater, sports, and crafts, they are channeling the soul of India itself.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the youth must embrace their uniqueness instead of copying others and realise their full potential.

"The world doesn't need another copy of someone who already exists. It craves no duplicates. It needs unique youth like you, individuals with one-of-a-kind personalities who don't just shine for themselves, but light the way for those who come after," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said victory isn't about dominating others but about conquering apathy, overcoming inequality, and defeating despair.

"Our youth must remember that humanity's greatest triumphs weren't won on battlefields. The biggest victories emerged from classrooms and labs, achieved by young trailblazers who refused to accept the world as they found it and transformed it through their resolve and grit. We must triumph over darkness. We must conquer the fear of bold new experiments. And we must resolve to build a strong, empathetic, and developed India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Shri Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services & Sports; Shri Ashwani Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Power Development Department; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Youth Services and Sports; Shri Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dr GV Sundeeep Chakravarty, SSP Srinagar; Ms Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services and Sports; Young leaders from various parts of the country, senior officials and youth in large number were present.

Rain, Thunderstorms

during the afternoon and late afternoon hours in view of gusty winds over water bodies.

Farmers have been advised to suspend farm operations till May 13.

According to the MeT office, the weather is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy with brief showers from May 13 to 17, while light rain and thundershowers are likely at scattered places on May 18. From May 19 to 21, the weather is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy.

Meanwhile, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 24.4 degrees Celsius on Monday, slightly above the normal of 24.3 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature settled at 14 degrees Celsius, 3.1 degrees above normal.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 22.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 11.6 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam registered 20.2 degrees Celsius as the day temperature and 10.6 degrees Celsius during the night.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 24.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 11.3 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum of 15.4 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 5.4 degrees Celsius.

Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 33 degrees Celsius, which was 4.1 degrees below normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 20.2 degrees Celsius.

Banihal recorded 23 degrees Celsius, Batote 22.8 degrees Celsius and Katra 30.6 degrees Celsius as the maximum temperatures, the MeT data showed—(KNO)

Parliamentary Panel

works. The delegation inspected key development sites across the city, including riverfront beautification projects and other urban renewal works carried out over the past few years under the Smart City programme.

Officials from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) briefed the committee on progress in sanitation systems, public infrastructure, traffic management and redevelopment of public spaces.

Speaking to reporters here, Chairperson Reddy, said the committee is on a study tour to understand ground-level development and assess the impact of urban projects implemented in recent years.

He said the 18-member delegation includes MPs from different political parties and backgrounds, working together to suggest improvements for urban and rural development across the country.

The panel first visited riverfront development works, followed by a stop at Baidan Stambh, where members paid homage. Later, the delegation visited the famous Lal Chowk Clock Tower and observed ongo-

ing civic and infrastructure improvements under the Smart City mission.

Reddy said the committee will hold further discussions in Srinagar and additional meetings in Gulmarg to better understand local issues and development needs.

Stressing the importance of stability, the Chairperson said peace is the most important factor for Kashmir's tourism and economic growth. "Srinagar has strong tourism potential due to its natural beauty and improved infrastructure, but sustained peace is necessary to ensure steady tourist inflow," he said.

Reddy further said that tourism is the backbone of the local economy, and greater confidence among visitors, especially young tourists, could significantly improve Kashmir's global image and economic activity—(KNO)

Police Make Arrests,

from them, the statement said. Police also arrested one person identified as Umar Javid Tugoo of Noorbagh Sopore from Shalimar Colony and recovered codeine phosphate from his possession, it added.

In Anantnag district, police said a man identified as Jahangir Ahmad Khan of Hallan Nowbugh was arrested during patrolling at Sirgan-Hallan crossing and around 1.442 kilograms of contraband substance in crushed form was seized from him.

In Pulwama, police said a motorcycle rider was intercepted near Block Office Lassipora and around 204 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from his possession.

Cases under relevant sections of the NDPS Act have been registered at the respective police stations and investigations have been initiated, police said.

Meanwhile, police in several districts including Budgam, Baramulla, Awantipora and Ganderbal organised anti-drug awareness programmes, rallies and village-level meetings under the campaign to sensitise students and the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

In Handwara, police attached property worth around Rs 25 lakh belonging to an accused in an NDPS case and demolished structures allegedly linked to narcotics-related activities at Langate, the statement said.

Police in Anantnag said that during the first month of the anti-drug campaign, 120 FIRs were registered under the NDPS Act, 118 alleged drug peddlers were arrested and more than 300 kilograms of contraband substances were seized across the district.

Properties worth around Rs 13.5 crore linked to narcotics proceeds were either attached or demolished during the period, police said—(KNO)

CS Reviews Census-

on designated thematic days to encourage citizens to voluntarily participate in the Self-Enumeration process. He observed that active public participation and awareness would play a crucial role in making the Census exercise successful and inclusive.

The Chief Secretary reviewed district-wise preparedness and stressed upon all Deputy Commissioners and concerned officers to ensure seamless coordination, timely completion of preparatory activities and extensive public outreach for achieving maximum participation in Self-Enumeration. He emphasized the importance of regular monitoring at district and charge levels to ensure smooth conduct of the House Listing phase.

During the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Shaileendra Kumar stressed upon conducting multiple rounds of trainings for Enumerators and Supervisors keeping in view the critical and sensitive nature of the Census exercise. He also emphasized that no household, particularly in remote and hilly areas, should be left out during the

formation of House Listing Blocks, calling for meticulous planning and field verification to ensure complete coverage.

During the meeting, Director, Census Operations J&K and Ladakh, Amit Sharma, gave a detailed presentation outlining the progress achieved in training of field functionaries, formation of House Listing Blocks (HLBs), appointment of enumerators and supervisors, publicity plans, administrative preparations and fund utilization for the upcoming Census operations.

The meeting was informed that a total of 29 batches for training of Field Trainers had been created across all districts and the training process had substantially been completed by May 10, 2026. Training batches for Enumerators and Supervisors have also been constituted in 17 districts, while training programmes have already commenced in 12 districts.

The Director further informed that all districts and Municipal Corporations have identified the required field staff and the process of appointment and registration on the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal is underway.

It was further informed that the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India (ORGI) has approved deployment of 27,784 field functionaries for the UT, including 23,774 Enumerators and 4,014 Supervisors, excluding reserve staff.

Moreover QR-coded appointment letters and identity cards for registered field staff will be generated through the CMMS portal and distributed along with kit items after completion of trainings here.

Regarding House Listing Block formation, the meeting was apprised that more than 24,000 HLBs have been created across Jammu and Kashmir. Out of these, more than half have already been geo-tagged and demarcated. The meeting was apprised that certain districts have sought updation and correction in administrative units, following which related issues have been taken up with ORGI for early resolution.

The presentation also highlighted a comprehensive publicity and awareness campaign being planned for Self-Enumeration. As per ORGI guidelines, the campaign would include print, television, radio and digital media outreach, besides outdoor publicity, social media engagement, exhibitions, mobile publicity vans, nukkad natak and community-level awareness initiatives in multiple languages including Urdu, Dogri and Gojri.

The meeting was also informed that Self-Enumeration of VVIPs would commence on May 17, 2026, the first day of Self-Enumeration, in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures issued by ORGI for encouraging general public. Extensive media coverage and public awareness messaging would also be undertaken during the campaign.

A thematic 15-day Self-Enumeration outreach calendar has also been prepared to ensure participation from different sections of society, including elected representatives, educational institutions, judiciary, uniformed services, industries, health institutions, women's groups, senior citizens, media organizations and youth groups.

To achieve 100 per cent Self-Enumeration, districts have been advised to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions, Common Service Centres, educational institutions and local bodies for facilitating citizens in the enumeration process free of cost. Various districts have already initiated awareness campaigns through public meetings, school activities, debates, press conferences and Gram Sabha announcements.

The meeting also reviewed the status of updation of administrative units on the CMMS portal. It was divulged that administrative boundaries had been frozen as on December 31, 2025, in accordance with notifications issued by the Government of India and the J&K Government. However the requests for updation of villages, wards and locality names have been received from districts and submitted to ORGI for earlier approval.

Cultural Academy continues efforts to connect younger generation with heritage

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ANANTNAG: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) organized a significant literary and cultural programme at Village Zaldura, Doru, Anantnag, with the primary objective of connecting the younger generation with their rich heritage, language, and cultural traditions.

The programme was aimed at encouraging young students and local youth to remain connected with their roots and to develop a deeper understanding of their cultural identity.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, young writers, and members of the local community. During the programme, students and young participants presented poetry recitations and literary pieces, showcasing their talent and interest in Punjabi language and literature. Their performances were highly appreciated by the audience and reflected the growing enthusiasm among the younger generation towards preserving their mother tongue and cultural legacy.

Speaking on the occasion, Popinder Singh



Paras, Chief Editor, Punjabi Sheeraza, emphasized the importance of preserving language and culture in today's rapidly changing world. He stated that the Academy remains committed to promoting Punjabi language, literature, and cultural values among the youth through meaningful programmes at the grassroots level. He added that such literary and cultural initiatives not only strengthen the bond of young people with their heritage but also help in nurturing a sense of pride and belonging towards their traditions.

He further said that in the present era of globalization and technological advancement, it has become even more important to preserve our

linguistic and cultural identity. "Our heritage is our strength, and it is our collective responsibility to pass it on to future generations," he remarked.

He also highlighted that JKAACL has been continuously organizing programmes across Jammu and Kashmir to encourage youth participation and to provide a platform for emerging writers, poets, and artists.

The programme also served as an interactive platform where elders and community members shared their experiences and insights regarding the importance of preserving traditional values, local literature, and indigenous cultural practices. Their words inspired the younger participants and reinforced

the significance of maintaining a strong connection with their roots.

Prominent local personalities, social workers, and community leaders were present on the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the Academy and expressed hope that more such programmes would be organized in rural areas to benefit the younger generation and strengthen cultural awareness at the grassroots level.

The event concluded with a collective resolve to continue promoting literature, language, and cultural awareness among the youth, reaffirming the Academy's dedication towards preserving and celebrating the rich cultural diversity and literary traditions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prompt redress of public grievances receiving govt's prime focus: Javid Dar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The prime focus of present dispensation is to ensure prompt redress of public grievances through a responsive and people-centric governance.

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Cooperative and Election

developmental requirements concerning their respective areas.

During the interaction, the Minister assured the delegations that all their genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound and through close coordination with the concerned departments.

Javid Dar reiterated that



Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, stated this during his exclusive interaction with scores of public delegations who called on him Monday from various parts of Kashmir Division at the Civil Secretariat here. He took stock their grievances and developmental concerns.

The delegations apprised the Minister of several issues pertaining to repair and upgradation of roads and streets, transfer-related matters, adequate irrigation water supply and other

public grievance redress remains a prime focus of the government. He emphasized that sustained public outreach and direct interaction are essential for ensuring transparent, accountable and efficient governance. He stated that the Omar Abdullah government is working with dedication to strengthen the basic infrastructure, enhance service delivery mechanisms and ensure equitable development across Jammu and Kashmir.

Somnath Swabhiman Parv celebrations held at Tirath Raj Kapal Mochan Temple Shopian



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SHOPIAN: District-level celebrations under the nationwide campaign "Somnath Swabhiman Parv - 75 Years of reconstruction and inauguration of Somnath Temple" was Monday celebrated at the historic Tirath Raj Kapal Mochan Temple at Deegam, Nagbal, Shopian.

The event witnessed enthusiastic public participation and devotees and was organised in line with the directions of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, to commemorate the rich spiritual and cultural legacy associated with the Somnath Temple.

Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Shishir Gupta along with ADDC Shopian, Dr.Nasir Ahmad Lone and other officers and officials also participated in the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that such programmes serve as a symbol of India's glorious civilisational heritage and strengthen the spirit of unity, faith and communal harmony among the people.

During the event, devotional bhajans, puja rituals, public participation drives, cleanliness campaigns and awareness activities were organised at the Temple.

Driving Industrial Growth in J&K

Ministry of Mines to Launch Second Tranche of Limestone Block Auctions

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SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, is set to launch the second tranche of auction of limestone blocks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on May 12, 2026, at Srinagar. Building upon the successful initiation of mineral block auctions in the UT, this marks another significant step towards unlocking the region's mineral potential and strengthening its contribution towards the vision of Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Under Tranche II, the Ministry, in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, is offering 12 limestone blocks for

auction. These blocks are located across the districts of Anantnag, Rajouri, and Poonch, and include both newly identified blocks as well as those being re-auctioned under second attempt, reflecting the Government's commitment towards optimal resource utilization and sustained industry participation.

The launch event will be held at Srinagar and will be graced by Shri Piyush Goyal, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shri Ashwani Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Mines and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, will also be present during the

event, highlighting the Centre and UT Government's shared commitment towards accelerating mineral development, industrial growth, and inclusive economic progress in Jammu & Kashmir.

The blocks are broadly categorized under UNFC G3 and G4 stages of exploration, indicating promising geological potential with substantial industrial-grade limestone deposits. These resources are critical for key sectors such as cement, construction, and infrastructure, and are expected to play an important role in supporting industrial growth and economic development in the region.

The auction is being conducted under the provisions

of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 (as amended). The process is designed to be transparent, competitive, and aligned with global best practices, with bidding conducted through a digital e-auction platform.

The Ministry of Mines remains committed to promoting scientific and sustainable mining practices. The successful auction and operationalization of these blocks is expected to generate significant revenue, create employment opportunities, strengthen industrial growth, and contribute towards the inclusive development of Jammu & Kashmir.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT HAJIN

Subject: Engagement of candidates for the Posts of Sangnis (AWW).

This office has advertised Six post of Sanginis (AWWs) vide advertisement Notice No 01 of 2026 Dated 21-01-2026 under endorsement No: CDPO/Poshan/Hajin/Recruitment/2025/657-87 Dated: 21-01-2026 and same was published through department of information vide DIP No. #DIPK-10263/25 in Newspapers Kashmir Images, Srinagar Times & The Counsellor Magazine on 23-01-2026 and vide publicity was also given through PRIs and same was also uploaded on website of DC Bandipora and applications were received accordingly. After proper scrutiny of application forms by the District Level Selection Committee the final merit of candidates for each ward was made accordingly as per H.R policy for Sanginis (AWW) & Sahayikas (AWH) constituted by Government vide order No: 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30-11-2022 and the same was published vide DIP No. #DIPK-3/26 in Newspapers JK Newpoint, Srinagar Times, Chaitan & Gadyal on 02-04-2026 for inviting of objections if any within 10 days from the date of publication. No Objection was received by this Office within the stipulated time. The final merit list of all candidates is mentioned at Annexure "A" and final selection list as per Annexure "B" is shown below for each ward from were applications for engagement of Sanginis (AWW) were received.

ANNEXURE "A"

S. No	Name of Candidate	Parentage / Husbands Name	DOB	Name of location for which she has applied	Marks obtained as per 12th Class Marks Sheet	Percentage of Marks
1	Shaista Shafi	D/o Mohammad Shafi Parray	07-06-2006	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	465/500	93.00%
2	Mehak Mehraj	D/o Mehraj Ud Din Parray	13-10-2004	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	417/500	83.40%
3	Gulshana Rasool	D/o Ghulam Rasool Parray	10-03-1997	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	410/500	82.00%
4	Nusrat Bano	D/o Khazir Mohammad Parray	29-03-2002	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	391/500	78.20%
5	Ishrat Nazir	D/o Nazir Ahmad Lone	24-05-2002	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	391/500	78.20%
6	Mehak Hamid	D/o Abdul Hamid Parray	02-09-2001	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	374/500	74.80%
7	Insha	D/o Mushtaq Ahmad Parray	04-03-2002	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	361/500	72.20%
8	Mubeena Aziz	D/o Abdul Aziz Dar, W/o Farhath Hamid	02-12-1989	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	512/750	68.27%
9	Rafiya Manzoor	D/o Manzoor Ahmad Parray	13-03-1999	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	333/500	66.60%
10	Mehak Majeed	D/o Abdul Majeed Parray	03-09-2005	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	327/500	65.40%
11	Sabiya Shafi	D/o Mohammad Shafi Malla	06-10-2007	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	325/500	65.00%
12	Nazima Maqbool	D/o Mohamad Maqbool Wani	20-12-1998	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	323/500	64.60%
13	Danishra Rasheed	D/o Abdul Rasheed Shah	08-08-2002	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	320/500	64.00%
14	Ifath Ali	D/o All Mohd Rather, W/o Waseem ud din Parray	01-03-1993	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	458/750	61.07%
15	Maroofa	D/o Ghulam Rasool Parray	08-08-2007	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	303/500	60.60%
16	Iqra Basheer	D/o Basheer Ahmad Parray	08-06-2005	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	297/500	59.40%
17	Shafieqa Akhter	D/o Gh Hassan Parray	11-03-1992	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	404/750	53.87%
18	Najma Maqbool	D/o Mohamad Maqbool Parray	13-01-2001	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	266/500	53.20%
19	Mehwish Mushtaq	D/o Mushtaq Ahmad Parray	03-06-2004	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	250/500	50.00%
20	Masrat Mohiudin	D/o Gulam Mohd Din Lone, W/o Naveed Ahmad Lone	04-04-1989	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	372/750	49.60%
21	Kausar Maqbool	D/o Mohamad Maqbool Wani	02-11-1996	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	223/500	44.60%
22	Subreena Akhter	D/o Gh Nabi Paray, W/o Ishtaq Ahmad Paray	10-11-1990	Bon Mohalla Hajin MCW. No. 8	310/750	41.33%
23	Neelofar Gull	D/o Gh Mohamad Mir, W/o Ilyas AltafWani	01-02-1989	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	309/750	41.20%
24	Rehana Bano	D/o Gh Ahmad Dar; W/o Irshad Ahmad Parray	01-02-1990	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	282/750	37.60%
01	Suzain Yousuf	D/o Mohammad Yousuf Teli	22-10-2004	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	419/500	83.80%
02	Misbah	D/o Altaf Ahmad Denthoo	11-08-2005	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	391/500	78.20%
03	Urfi Rahman	D/o Abdul Rahman Dar	08-03-2006	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	387/500	77.40%
04	Fazila Ali	D/o Ali Mohammad Mir	20-08-2003	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	374/500	74.80%
05	Zahida Ahad	D/o Abdul Ahad Teli	05-03-1996	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	373/500	74.60%
06	Asmat Aara	D/o Ghulam Nabi Dar	11-08-1999	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	309/600	61.80%
07	Shabnum Shafi	D/o Mohamad Shafi Najar	20-05-2002	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	301/500	60.20%
08	Aanisa Majeed	D/o Abdul Majeed Dar	23-03-2003	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	277/500	55.40%
09	Shafiya Hamid	D/o Ab Hamid Ganaie, W/o Shabeer Ahmad Dar	10-11-1997	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	271/500	54.20%
10	Roza Ramzan	D/o Mohammad Ramzan Mir, W/o Firdous Ahmad Parray	02-01-1989	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	315/600	52.50%
11	Ishrat Akhter	D/o Mohammad Ashraf Wani	03-10-2005	Banger Mohalla Hajin MC.No.12	254/500	50.80%
12	Mysara	D/o Abdul Jabbar Parray	05-06-2000	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	250/500	50.00%
13	Tasfeeda Hassan	D/o Gh Hassan Dar, W/o Imtiyaz Ahmad Paray	14-06-1990	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	374/750	49.87%
14	Neghat	D/o Nazir Ahmad Wagay	08-01-2006	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	244/500	48.80%
15	Nuzhat	D/o Abdul Ahmad Mir	15-03-2006	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	240/500	48.00%
16	Rifat Aara	D/o Ghulam Nabi Najar, W/o Waseem Ahmad Najar	01-08-1997	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW. No.12	221/500	44.20%
01	Shaista Rashid	D/o Abdul Rashid Bhat	05-03-2000	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	395/500	79.00%
02	Rifath Jan	D/o Ab Salam Bhat	04-04-2000	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	369/500	73.80%
03	Shaheena Hamid	D/o Ab Hamid Dar, W/o Mohsen Hassan Lone	08-01-1991	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	482/750	64.27%
04	Rafia Habib	D/o Habib Ul Ullah Lone, W/o Rouf ul Islam	05-04-1998	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	319/500	63.80%
05	Ambreena Bashir	D/o Bashir Ahmad Lone	25-02-2003	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	319/500	63.80%
06	Nighat Rashid	D/o Abdul Rashid Parray	07-02-2005	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	284/500	56.80%
07	Ulfat Rashid	D/o Ab Rashid Lone, W/o Manzoor Ahmad Rather	06-03-1991	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	404/750	53.87%
08	Rubaya Gh Nabi	D/o Gh Nabi Bhat	08-02-1993	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	397/750	52.93%
09	Binsha Bilal	D/o Bilal Ahmad Mir, W/o Tanveer Ahmad Rather	16-11-2001	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	261/500	52.20%
10	Qurat Ul Ain	D/o Ferooq Ahmad Rather, W/o Irshad Ahmad Bhat	01-03-1998	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	257/500	51.40%
11	Mysara Hassan	D/o Gh Hassan Parray	06-03-2000	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	254/500	50.80%
12	Omaya Saleem	D/o Mohammad Maqbool Bhat	04-03-2002	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	239/500	47.80%
13	Asmat Ara	D/o Gh Mohd Lone	15-01-1996	Matipora (B) Ajas A W. No. 2	224/500	44.80%
01	Howaida Anayath	D/o Anayath Ullah Lone	07-04-2001	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	439/500	87.80%
02	Mozima Mumtaz	D/o Mumtaz Ahmad Lone	12-03-2007	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	400/500	80.00%
03	Aanisa Qayoom	D/o Ab Qayoom Lone	21-08-1991	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	506/750	67.47%
04	Ruqya Rashid	D/o Ab Rashid Chopan, W/o Irshad Ahmad Lone	12-11-1992	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	458/750	61.07%
05	Masrat Majeed	D/o Abdul Majeed Rather	20-03-2002	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	286/500	57.20%
06	Sefia Bano	D/o Mohammad Shafi Rather	05-06-1999	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	250/500	50.00%
07	Nusrat Mohi Ud Din	D/o Gh Mohi Ud Din Bhat, W/o Aamer Maqbool Lone	03-04-1989	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	362/750	48.27%
08	Sakeena Ali	D/o Ali Mohd Bhat, W/o Aashiq Hussain Lone	02-02-1990	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas B W. No. 1	290/750	38.67%
01	Aarifa Maqbool	D/o Mohd Maqbool Sofi	10-01-2000	Bagwan Mohalla Safapora C W.No.5	338/500	67.60%
02	Shahzada Shafi	D/o Mohamad Shafi Bhat	01-10-1995	Bagwan Mohalla Safapora C W.No.5	246/500	49.20%
03	Shazia Akhter	D/o Late Abdul Ahad Dar, W/o Shakeel Ahmad Bhat	10-12-1996	Bagwan Mohalla Safapora C W.No.5	229/500	45.80%
01	Khushboo Bano	D/o Nazeer Ahmad Dar	09-12-2003	Bakerpora (B) Sadunara A W.NO.1	315/500	63.00%
02	Bilkees Aara	D/o Abdul Rasheed Tantry, W/o Umar Tariq	05-01-1998	Bakerpora (B) Sadunara A W.NO.1	305/500	61.00%

Annexure "B"

S. No	Name of Candidate	Parentage/ Husband's Name	DOB	Location for which selected	Marks obtained as per 12th Class Marks Sheet	Percentage of Marks	Remarks
01	Shaista Shafi	D/o Mohammad Shafi Parray	07-06-2006	Bon Mohalla Hajin MC W. No. 8	465/500	93.00%	
02	Suzain Yousuf	D/o Mohammad Yousuf Teli	22-10-2004	Banger Mohalla Hajin MCW.No.12	419/500	83.80%	
03	Shaista Rashid	D/o Abdul Rashid Bhat	05-03-2000	Matipora (B) Ajas W. No. 2	395/500	79.00%	
04	Howaida Anayath	D/o Anayath Ullah Lone	07-04-2001	Waza Mohalla (B) Ajas W. No. 1	439/500	87.80%	
05	Aarifa Maqbool	D/o Mohd Maqbool Sofi	10-01-2000	Bagwan Mohalla Safapora W.No.5	338/500	67.60%	
06	Khushboo Bano	D/o Nazeer Ahmad Dar	09-12-2003	Bakerpora (B) Sadunara W.No.1	315/500	63.00%	

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IFL 2025-26: Real Kashmir defeat Aizawl FC to end campaign on a high

IAN S

HYDERABAD: Real Kashmir FC finished their campaign on a winning note, clinching a 2-1 win against Aizawl FC in their Indian Football League (IFL) 2025-26 Relegation Phase match at the Deccan Arena in Hyderabad on Monday. Christian Moses and Junior Traore scored from the spot in the first and second-half, respectively, to guide the Snow Leopards to three points. Lalanzova scored the only goal for Aizawl.



penalty area, but Hriatpuia came to Aizawl's rescue with a quick save at his near post to deny the Real Kashmir forward.

The sustained pressure eventually paid off on the hour mark. Moments after Haokip's header had been cleared off the goalline, Aafreen was fouled inside the penalty area to hand Real Kashmir their second spot-kick of the night. Traore stepped up and calmly slotted his effort into the bottom corner in the 60th minute to double the Snow Leopards' advantage.

Unlike the first half, where both sides competed on equal footing, the second period was largely dominated by Real Kashmir. Aizawl struggled to sustain possession in the attacking third, with their backline forced into extended defensive spells for most of the half.

Aizawl finally threatened in the 67th minute when Lalanzova showed good footwork inside the box before getting his shot away, but Aafreen produced an excellent last-ditch block to preserve the two-goal cushion.

Aizawl finally managed to score after Real Kashmir failed to clear their lines from a corner. Lalanzova reacted quickest at the near post and rifled the loose ball into the net to reduce the deficit.

on the flanks, while Real Kashmir responded with Ahteab Ahmad Dar and Moses making repeated runs down the wings in search of early deliveries into the box.

Real Kashmir continued to hold a high defensive line, prompting Aizawl to target quick counters with Zomuansanga leading the transitions whenever space opened up behind the defence. However, the Snow Leopards managed to recover well and prevented the hosts from creating any major opening.

The deadlock was finally broken deep into added time after Real Kashmir were awarded a penalty

just before halftime. Moses stepped up in the eighth minute of the first half injury time and calmly sent Vanlal Hriatpuia the wrong way to hand the Snow Leopards the lead heading into the break.

Real Kashmir resumed the second half with renewed attacking intensity and nearly doubled their advantage immediately after the restart. Issah rose highest from a corner in the 46th minute and directed a deft header towards goal, but Hriatpuia reacted sharply to parry the effort away.

Traore then came close in the 53rd minute after finding space inside the

IPL 2026: Skipper Axar Patel, David Miller's fifties and lower-order blitz keep Delhi Capitals alive

IAN S

DHARAMSALA: Delhi Capitals accomplished the highest successful chase in IPL history by overhauling 210 runs with six balls to spare against Punjab Kings in Match 55 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharamsala, on Monday.

A strong performance from captain Axar Patel, an aggressive innings from David Miller, and a bold late cameo from IPL debutant Madhav Tiwari. Delhi Capitals chased down 211 after facing early setbacks at 14/2 and later 138/5.

The chase started poorly. Before this, the highest successful T20 chase in Dharamsala had been South Africa's 200 against India in 2015. In the IPL, Chennai Super Kings' 193 against Kings XI Punjab in 2010 set the record. PBKS' opening bowlers seemed ready to defend 210 as Arshdeep Singh conceded only six runs in the first over, despite an edged boundary. The first blow came quickly. Playing his first game of the season, Shardul Thakur bowled Abishek Porel with a well-placed ball that knocked the middle stump out of the ground.

Things got worse when KL Rahul top-edged a pull shot off Arshdeep, allowing Marco Jansen to sprint



from first slip to make a spectacular diving catch ahead of Prabhsimran Singh. At 14/2 after three overs, DC was under significant pressure.

Debutant Sahil Parakh briefly lifted the mood. After almost getting out on his second ball against Bhuvneshwar Kumar, he opened his account with a six over long-off off Thakur and later contributed a boundary in a 20-run fourth over that also included two fours for Tristan Stubbs. But Arshdeep returned in the third Power-play to dismiss Parakh for 14. The batter mistimed a ramp shot towards short fine leg, where Yuzvendra Chahal nearly dropped a simple catch before securing it.

DC stood at 38/3 after five overs, but Axar and Stubbs began to build a solid partnership. However, PBKS's fielding mixed moments of

brilliance with mistakes. Arshdeep dropped Stubbs at long-on off Ben Dwarshuis, while Suryansh Shedge later misjudged Axar's shot at deep square leg. Eventually, Stubbs was run out after a mix-up, with Cooper Connolly making a sharp direct hit at the bowler's end.

Miller then entered the game and, along with Axar, reignited the chase. Dew settled in, making the ball slippery, which led PBKS to change it after giving away 15 wides in 13 overs. Axar, who had scored just 44 runs in eight innings before this match at an average of 6.3, finally found his rhythm. He hit Marcus Stoinis for three consecutive boundaries, reaching a 28-ball fifty, and added a six off Dwarshuis as DC reached 113/4 after 12 overs.

Arshdeep performed well, finishing with 2/21 after allowing only five

runs in the 15th over, but Miller kept DC's hopes alive. He hit Jansen for a six and a four before Ashutosh Sharma contributed another boundary in a 15-run over. Chahal, trying to stop one of those boundaries, appeared to injure his left shoulder and didn't bowl for the rest of the innings.

The match shifted again in the 17th over. Miller hit two huge sixes off Jansen, putting DC in a stronger position. However, attempting a third six, he top-edged a pull shot, and Prabhsimran made a diving catch near short third.

Still, the game had one more twist. IPL debutant Madhav Tiwari displayed remarkable composure under pressure. After hitting a boundary through a backward point, he partnered with Ashutosh to score 19 runs off Stoinis in the 18th over. Tiwari's 18 runs off just eight balls changed the game and kept DC in the fight.

Needing 17 runs in the final two overs, Tiwari started with another boundary before Ashutosh hit a six, only to get out immediately after. A no-ball boundary shifted the momentum again. Auqib Nabi finished the chase with a massive six, allowing DC to complete the highest successful IPL chase in Dharamsala and keeping their playoff hopes alive.

'Messi was unhappy, protested my arrest': Event organiser Satadru Dutta claims over football icon's chaotic India tour

IAN S

KOLKATA: Organiser Satadru Dutta has claimed that Lionel Messi was unhappy over his arrest following the chaotic Kolkata event involving the Argentine football icon, while renewing allegations of political interference, security breaches, and a "one-way investigation" into the controversy.

Speaking exclusively to IANS nearly six months after the incident, Dutta alleged that Messi himself was disturbed by the developments surrounding the event and the subsequent police action against him.

"Messi was unhappy; he protested my arrest," Dutta claimed.

The organiser reiterated that the event had a tightly controlled "show

flow" approved by police and security authorities, but alleged that repeated violations by unauthorised individuals derailed the programme and eventually triggered crowd unrest. He claimed that the then West Bengal Sports Minister Aroop Biswas broke the whole show flow, "The most weird reason is obviously, the minister doesn't know what his responsibility is, he played with the emotions of the state, emotions of the fan, and obviously, I became the victim of it," Dutta alleged.

"He forgot that any action can jeopardise the event, he did it, the first thing he did was, he used his political clout to make sure that he can, you know, he can have his own will, you know, own way of doing this event," he added.



Dutta maintained that Biswas was never officially authorised to be part of the programme surrounding Messi. "He was not part of the show flow. I have the show flow. I can show you the show flow, and I can share the show flow that was officially emailed to the police," he said.

Questioning the minister's presence during the event, Dutta added, "Have

you seen any other minister in any other city where the event happened? Leaving the chief minister and that, and people who you know were part of the show, which we discussed, they are only there. Arup Biswas was not part of the show flow."

The organiser further alleged that Biswas breached personal interaction protocols with Messi during the programme. "Absolutely, you know, he is, you have to understand, in Latin protocols, in Latin culture, unless you ask anybody, you can't touch him. They call it a bad touch," Dutta claimed.

"First thing he did was, you know, he touched his waist, he touched his shoulder. Don't forget he's Lionel Messi. And in the first interaction, it shouldn't

be like this. It should be a handshake," he added.

According to Dutta, Messi appeared visibly uncomfortable as unauthorised individuals entered restricted areas for photographs.

"Leo, being a good guy, kept quiet. But then he was not leaving. He was calling his people, you know, this minister was calling his family members, calling his bureaucrat friends, taking photos, and he could have, you know, that was not part of the show flow. So he was feeling, you know, uneasy," Dutta alleged.

Dutta also claimed he repeatedly objected to the situation during the live event. "I told him there are video footage. It was shown live in Durashtra and Soni Liv. I told him, please, why are you calling people to take photos?" he said.

IPL 2026: Iyer laments poor execution of 'fielding and bowling' after loss vs Delhi Capitals

IAN S

DHARAMSALA: Shreyas Iyer pointed to poor execution with both the ball and in the field after Punjab Kings couldn't defend 210 against Delhi Capitals in a thrilling finish at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamsala on Monday.

Reflecting on the loss, Iyer acknowledged that PBKS let the game slip due to poor bowling and fielding. "Don't have to beat around the bush, but fielding and bowling again," he said after the match.

PBKS seemed in control after scoring 210/5, thanks to Priyansh Arya's explosive 56 off 33 balls, Iyer's quick runs in the middle, and Suryansh Shedge's impressive late attack on Mitchell Starc in the penultimate over.

Arya set the tone right from the start, hitting Starc over cover-point for six as PBKS raced to 72/0 during the powerplay. Iyer maintained the momentum through the middle overs, and Shedge then hammered Starc for a six, a four, and a massive 100-meter maximum in the 19th over, pushing PBKS beyond 200.

The PBKS captain insisted that their total should have been enough on a challenging pitch that provided seam movement and inconsistent bounce. "Absolutely. I feel it was 30 runs more on this wicket, given how the ball was seaming and the variable bounce," he stated.

However, DC responded with their best batting performance of the season. They found themselves at 14/2 and later 38/3, but rebuilt with captain Axar

Patel and Tristan Stubbs. David Miller then changed the game with a series of boundaries and sixes. IPL debutant Madhav Tiwari added a fearless cameo of 18 off eight balls, while Auqib Nabi finished the chase with a towering six, marking the highest successful IPL chase in Dharamsala history.

Iyer also explained why Yuzvendra Chahal did not bowl, despite the dew making things tough for the fast bowlers. "It was a consideration, but given the way it was seaming, if we had followed our lines and lengths, we might have gotten wickets. But we did not," he added.

"I always say that hard length or just short of hard length is the best delivery. It's not easy for a new batter to hit. We fell short of our plan."

Senior Open Ranking Wrestling: Deepak Punia secures 92kg gold as the freestyle section concludes

IAN S

GONDA: The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Monday announced the conclusion of the men's freestyle events at the Senior Open Ranking Tournament 2026, held at Nandininagar Mahavidyalaya, Gonda (UP), on Monday.

The national ranking competition recorded a total participation of 593 wrestlers competing across various designated weight categories.

In the 92kg freestyle division, Deepak Punia (Haryana) secured the gold medal and the top national ranking. Punia advanced to the final round following a semifinal victory over Raja (Haryana), ultimately defeating Vansh (Haryana) in the gold medal bout.

In the 125kg heavyweight division, Rohit (Haryana) progressed through the tournament bracket following a closely contested victory over Anirudh (Haryana) in Match No. 179, resulting in Anirudh's elimination. Rohit went on to secure a bronze medal in the category.

As the tournament transitioned to the Greco-Roman style, several athletes have secured crucial placements in the late knockout stages. In the 82kg division, Umesh successfully advanced out of the quarterfinals to book his spot in the semifinals.

The 87kg category saw Sagar, Manoj Kumar, Manav Sharma, and Tejpal win their respective quarterfinal bouts to lock in the final four semifinal positions. In the heavier weight classes, Abhimanu and Ashish have confirmed their places in the 97kg gold medal match, while Mehar Singh confidently progressed to the 130kg tournament final.

Speaking on the tournament's progress, Sanjay Singh, President, Wrestling Federa-



tion of India (WFI), said, "The conclusion of the freestyle events today showcased exceptional skill, highlighted by Deepak Punia's commendable run to secure the 92kg gold. As the Greco-Roman matches intensify, we continue to see the high calibre and depth of our domestic athletes."

Final freestyle tournament results:

57kg Freestyle: Gold - Sagar | Silver - Rupesh | Bronze - Lakshay & Sahil
61kg Freestyle: Gold - Abhishek | Silver - Bhuvanesh | Bronze - Vivek & Sandeep
65kg Freestyle: Gold - Sawan Satish | Silver - Udit | Bronze - Ajay & Abhishek Dha
70kg Freestyle: Gold - Anuj Kumar | Silver - Tejveer Singh | Bronze - Rakesh Kumar & Naveen

74kg Freestyle: Gold - Yash | Silver - Sourabh Sehr | Bronze - Naveen & Nishant Ruhi

79kg Freestyle: Gold - Naveen | Silver - Sachin | Bronze - Ritik Rana & Parvinder
86kg Freestyle: Gold - Deepak | Silver - Sahil Dalal | Bronze - Pushpender D & Aniket
92kg Freestyle: Gold - Deepak Punia | Silver - Vansh | Bronze - Raja & Robin Singh

97kg Freestyle: Gold - Prthivraj | Silver - Parveen Kumar | Bronze - Vishal & Ramdhan

125kg Freestyle: Gold - Shubham Dhil | Silver - Chirag | Bronze - Rohit & Karandeep

Movies Schedule

Tuesday, 12th May

01	BHOOTH BANGLA (UA 16+)	Hindi - 10:45 AM, 06:30 PM
02	Michael (UA 13+)	English with English Subtitles 02:00 PM
03	The Devil Wears Prada 2 (A)	English with English Subtitles 03:00 PM
04	Dhurandhar: The Revenge (A)	Hindi - 02:05 PM
05	THE SHEEP DETECTIVES (UA 7+)	English - 04:45 PM
06	DAADI KI SHADI (U)	Hindi - 11:05 AM, 07:05 PM
07	MORTAL KOMBAT II (A)	English Atmos with English Subtitles - 06:00 PM Hindi - 12:30 PM

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