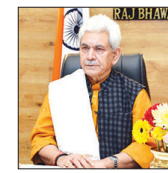


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ISI-Linked Operatives Pushing Narcotics Into India Will Be Hunted Down: DGP



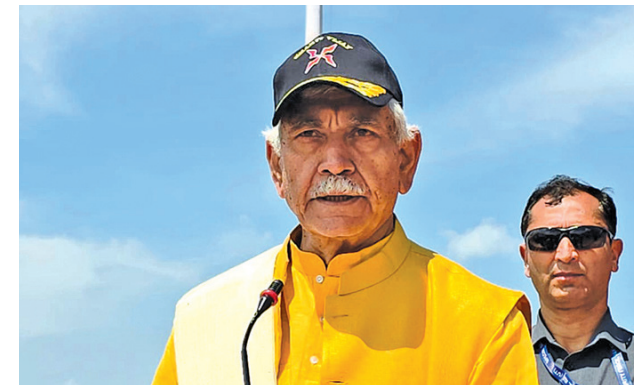
REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: Warning ISI-linked operatives involved in pushing drugs into India of stern action, Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhath on Thursday said Jammu and Kashmir Police are targeting narcotics syndicates and their cross-border support structures. Addressing a press conference at PCR Kashmir, DGP Prabhath said, "The anti-narcotics campaign stands with sustained action against drug networks since 2023. J&K Police have stepped up action under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan with a focus on arrests, seizures and financial disruption of drug networks." He said, "The fight against narco-terrorism has been strengthened under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, launched on April 11, 2026 under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha." The DGP expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for continued support,

saying sustained institutional backing has strengthened the anti-narcotics campaign. Issuing a stern warning to Pakistan-based Shehzad Bhatti, described as an ISI-linked operative involved in pushing narcotics into India, the DGP said, "ISI-linked operatives pushing narcotics into India will be hunted down and their entire network will be dismantled." He added that J&K Police remain fully committed to dismantling the narco-terror ecosystem operating through cross-border channels. He said J&K Police have been maintaining sustained pressure on narcotics networks since 2023, achieving consistent results across arrests, seizures, preventive detentions and financial disruption of drug trade. "There has been a sustained increase in attachment of properties linked with narcotics trafficking during the past three years. J&K Police were ranked third nationally in

Jammu & Kashmir Was, And Will Always Remain India's Integral Part: LG Sinha

Inaugurates 'Shaurya Gatha' Complex At SM Hill In Tangdhar, Kupwara



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KUPWARA: Reaffirming that Jammu & Kashmir was, and will always remain an integral part of India, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that peace and prosperity prevail on this side of the Line of Control, while Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) continues to grapple with neglect and misgovernance. "Jammu & Kashmir was, is and will always remain an integral part of India," LG Sinha said while inaugurating the 'Shaurya Gatha' Complex at SM Hill in Tangdhar, Karnah

in Kupwara District. The initiative marked a significant milestone in the promotion of battlefield tourism, heritage preservation and border area development. The Lieutenant Governor applauded Northern Command, Chinar Corps, and all officers, soldiers, engineers, workforce and local residents for the completion of the prestigious project in a short span of time. He said our brave soldiers laid down their lives to defend the motherland, and their courage and sacrifice should be instilled in every Indian as a powerful source of pride and inspiration.

Under PM's Leadership, Youth Shining On National, Global Stage: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance, a solid groundwork has been established enabling young people to fulfill

their aspirations and demonstrate their exceptional abilities on both national and international sports stages. "Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we have laid a strong foundation

"The dedication of our forces and people is the true strength of the nation. The Shaurya Gatha Complex stands as a tribute to the valour and sacrifices of Indian soldiers. This initiative will create new opportunities for border area and battlefield tourism, home-stays, local crafts and youth entrepreneurship," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted the stark contrast between development on this side of the Line of Control and the conditions in illegally Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, noting that Jammu & Kashmir is

witnessing an era of peace, progress and prosperity, while PoJK continues to suffer from neglect and misgovernance. He reaffirmed that Jammu & Kashmir was, is and will always remain an integral part of India. "Jammu & Kashmir is moving forward with development on all fronts. There is a renewed sense of self-confidence, and the society is prosperous and peaceful than ever before," the Lieutenant Governor said. He also reiterated that the administration is committed to the development of the border region. He observed

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Hizb Handler's Land Attached In Bandipora

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday attached a Hizbul Mujahideen terror handler's immovable property in north Kashmir's Bandipora district, an official said.

In continuation of its sustained crackdown on the terror ecosystem, Sopore Police attached a land measuring 10 Marlas, valued at approximately Rs 20 lakh, situated at the Kehnusa area of Bandipora district in north Kashmir, a police spokesperson said.

He said the property belonged to Majid Ahmad Sofi alias Bisati, a resident of New Colony in Sopore, who was involved in alleged terror-related activities from across the border. The property was attached in connection with a case registered at Sopore police station under various Sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act, and Explosive Substances Act, the spokesperson said.

Investigation has revealed that the accused is operating from Pakistan or Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as a terror handler affiliated to the banned terrorist outfit Hizbul Mujahideen.

Srinagar Records Below-Normal Temp; Light Rain Forecast For J&K



AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir witnessed generally mild weather on Thursday, with the Meteorological Department forecasting light rain, thundershowers and gusty winds at scattered places over the next two days. According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 22.8 degrees Celsius, which was 1.5 degrees below normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 8.6 degrees Celsius, 2.3 degrees below normal. Jammu city recorded the

highest maximum temperature in the region at 34.8 degrees Celsius, though it remained 2.3 degrees below normal. The minimum temperature there was 21.1 degrees Celsius, 2.9 degrees below normal. Gulmarg, the famous ski resort in north Kashmir, recorded a maximum temperature of 15.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 3 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam registered 19.6 degrees Celsius as the maximum and 4.6 degrees Celsius as the minimum. The MeT office said isolated places in Kashmir and Jammu divisions

We Dominated Escalation Matrix In 4-Day Conflict: CDS Anil Chauhan On Op Sindoor

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SRINAGAR: India "dominated the escalation matrix" during the four days of conflict under Operation Sindoor, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Thursday, highlighting the role of superior situational awareness and integrated military systems.

Speaking at the 'Kalam and Kavach' defence conclave at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, Gen Chauhan, said India maintained an operational edge throughout the engagement due to its ability to track and respond effectively to adversary actions. "We dominated the escalation matrix on all four days because we had superior situation awareness," he said. "We knew what we had to do, what the adversary was doing, and were able to counter it effectively."

He emphasised that this



advantage stemmed from integrated systems that enabled real-time monitoring not only within India but also across borders. "That situational awareness wasn't limited to our own territory; it extended beyond. That's why we were able to maintain dominance," he said. Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 last year in response to the

deadly Pahalgam terror attack, with Indian forces carrying out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Addressing future warfare challenges, Gen Chauhan underlined the evolving nature of conflicts, pointing to the increasing relevance of non-contact and non-kinetic warfare alongside conventional operations. "You've seen operations moving towards non-contact and non-kinetic formats," he said, while cautioning that India must remain prepared for traditional warfare as well, given its disputed land borders.

At the same time, he noted that newer domains of warfare offer advantages. "If given an option, we should fight in newer domains where it is easier to create asymmetry and achieve results," he said. The CDS also flagged the importance of

J&K Poised To Begin Inland Water Transport Services Soon

CS Assesses Progress Achieved In Partnership With IWAI

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday reviewed the progress and future roadmap for development of inland water transport infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir during a high-level meeting held to assess the initiatives being undertaken by the Transport Department in collaboration with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

The meeting focused on the promotion of sustainable, eco-friendly and modern water transport systems across major rivers of the Union Territory, with special emphasis on development of cruise tourism, urban water transport facilities and navigational infrastructure on the notified National Waterways in Jammu and Kashmir.

Those who attended includes ACS, PWD; Chairperson, IWAI; Secretary, Transport Department; Transport Commissioner; other officers from IWAI; Representatives from line departments and senior officers from the Transport Department.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the issues requiring inter-departmental coordination including removal of coffer dams under bridges, raising of HT and LT power lines, provision of electricity and water connections at terminals, construction of connecting roads, sewage treatment facilities at key ghats and permissions related to tree cutting and construction activities.

Emphasising the immense tourism, economic and environmental potential

India Will Strike Back If Pakistan Provokes Again: Singh

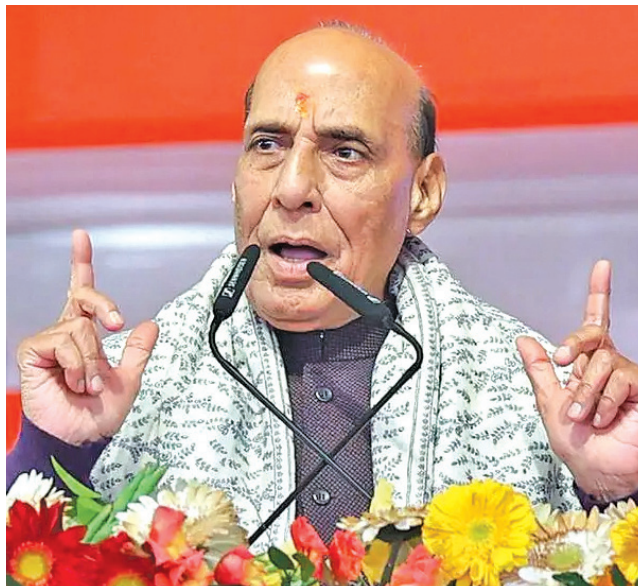
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NEW DELHI: Defense Minister Rajnath Singh warned Pakistan on Thursday that India would strike back decisively if provoked again, saying a recent military operation (Op Sindoor) had sent a strong message to its neighbor.

Speaking at a public event in Merta town in Nagaur district after unveiling a statue of a Rajput ruler, Singh said Operation Sindoor "had sent a strong message to Pakistan." "Perhaps Pakistan will not dare to look at India with hostility again. But I want to say that if it does, what has not happened till now will happen," Singh said.

He added that India's policy has been not to provoke anyone, "but if anyone provokes us, we do not spare them either."

Referring to the Pahalgam



religion," he said. "The entire country was angry. We gave such a strong reply that the enemy was stunned. We proved that India is no longer a country that silently suffers. If anyone attacks

PERHAPS Pakistan will not dare to look at India with hostility again. But I want to say that if it does, what has not happened till now will happen."

our citizens, we will enter their homes and respond. No border can stop us."

Singh said India has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy against terrorism, citing the 2016 surgical strikes and the 2019 Balakot airstrikes as examples of the country's changing response strategy.

Sakina Itoo Seeks Fair Probe Into 'NEET Paper Leak'

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Health and Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Thursday called for a transparent investigation into the alleged 'NEET-UG paper leak' incident.

The minister said all those involved in the fraud must face strict punishment, irrespective of their influence or position. Speaking to reporters, Itoo, said the alleged fraud has deeply affected students who worked tirelessly for years to qualify one of the country's most competitive examinations.

"This is unfortunate because children work very hard and put immense effort into qualifying this examination," she said.

She said any malpractice in such examinations amounts to playing with the future and careers of deserving students. "The investigation should be conducted properly and in a transparent manner. Whoever is involved should

Red Fort Blast Case NIA Files 7,500-Page Chargesheet Against 10 Accused

GMK NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a 7,500-page chargesheet against 10 accused persons in the Red Fort area car bomb explosion case, in which 11 persons were killed, and several others were injured.

The high-intensity blast that rocked the national capital on November 10 last year had also caused extensive damage to the property.

In a statement, issued, the NIA said all 10 accused, including the main perpetrator, Dr Umer Un Nabi (deceased), were linked to the organisation Ansar Ghazwatul-Hind (AGuH) - an offshoot of the Al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). It said that AQIS and all its manifestations were notified

as terrorist organisation by the Ministry of Home Affairs in June 2018.

"The chargesheet has been filed under relevant sections of the UA(P) Act 1967, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Explosive Substances Act 1908, Arms Act 1959, and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984," the statement reads.

It reads that charges against Dr Umer, an ex Assistant Professor of Medicine at Al-Falah University in Faridabad (Haryana), have been proposed to be abated.

"Apart from Dr. Nabi, others named in the chargesheet are: Aamir Rashid Mir, Jasir Bilal Wani, Dr. Muzamil Shakeel, Dr. Adeel Ahmed Rather, Dr. Shaheen Saheed, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay.

JKEDI brings together investors, startups at Networking Meet-2026

See hope, determination in our startups, not just their balance sheets: Dir JKEDI

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Thursday organized a One-Day 'Networking and Investors Meet-2026' in collaboration with Tally Startup Collective and SanchiConnect, a deep-tech enablement network, at its Main Campus, Sempora.

The event, held under the aegis of the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, commenced with an address by Director JKEDI, Mohammad Younis Malik, who welcomed investors, mentors, accelerators, founders, startups and entrepreneurs participating in the programme. Stressing the importance of such engagements, he termed the event a significant step towards building a vibrant and sustainable startup ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Sunil K Shekhawat, CEO, SanchiConnect; Vivek Sovasaria, Head - Startup and Govt Alliance at Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd.; Stanley Stephen, Managing Director, Small Ticket Fund; Bhavish Sood, General Partner, Modulo Capital were the resource persons of the event. Joint Director JKEDI,



Chand Kishor Sharma, was also present on the occasion.

Speaking during the event, the Director JKEDI highlighted the entrepreneurial spirit deeply rooted in the region's heritage and culture, stating that entrepreneurship has always been embedded in the ancestral mindset of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that while the region has traditionally been known for tourism, handicrafts and its rich cultural identity, the youth today are increasingly exploring global opportunities through innovative startup concepts and emerging business models.

Encouraging the participating investors and accel-

erators, the Director JKEDI urged them not to reject raw ideas coming from young minds, but instead appreciate and motivate budding entrepreneurs. "Do not merely look at the balance sheets of our startups and founders, but see the hope and determination in their eyes," he remarked.

Irifit Mehraj, Incharge-CIIBM JKEDI, appreciated the courage and vision of young entrepreneurs and startups, stating that "daring to dream with open eyes is itself a herculean task."

The programme progressed with sessions on "Introduction to Tally Startup Collective" and "Tally Companion Intro" by Vivek Sovasaria, who

highlighted the vision of building a founder-first startup ecosystem connecting startups with investors, mentors, incubators and growth opportunities. The session introduced participants to the objectives of the Tally Startup Collective initiative aimed at strengthening long-term collaboration within India's startup ecosystem through networking, mentorship, investor access and operational readiness support for emerging ventures.

The event also witnessed keynote sessions, panel discussions and interactive engagements with leading investors and startup ecosystem experts. Discussions focused on early-stage funding, investor perspectives on startup growth and strategies for founders from non-metro regions to access customers, talent and investment opportunities. The programme also featured networking interactions and one-to-one pitching sessions.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from startups, aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators and ecosystem stakeholders, providing a valuable platform for collaboration, mentorship and investment networking.

Mass Awareness Activities under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan continue across B'pora

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BANDIPORA: District Administration Bandipora on Thursday continued activities under the 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan across the district with awareness programmes, pledge ceremonies, group singing events, cultural performances, sports activities, rallies, Gram Sabhas and signature campaigns organised in schools, colleges and Panchayat Halqas.

Awareness programmes, pledge ceremonies and group singing activities were organised at HSS Chuntimulla, HSS Nowgam Bandipora, PM SHRI HSS Shadipora, HS Jurniyal Tulail, HS Ahamsharif, HSS Ketson, GHS Naidkhai, GHS Nadihal, HSS Gadakhud, HS Panar, HS Achora, HS Koragbal, Government High School Garoora, and other educational institutions under the banner of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan to spread awareness regarding the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote a drug-free society.

PM SHRI GHS Sumbal, HSS Nowgam, HS Aham-



sharif, Government High School Garoora, GHS Naidkhai, HS Jurniyal Tulail and HSS Gadakhud organised awareness songs and group singing events highlighting the socio-economic and emotional devastation caused by drug abuse.

At HS Koragbal and Gundiqaiser Block Arin, drawing competitions regarding Nasha Mukht Abhiyan were organised, while HS Wanpora organised a volleyball match under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan campaign. At HSS Quilmuqam, a traditional Ledi Shah performance against drug abuse was presented by a Class 11th student during the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Abhiyan.

Special Gram Sabhas and awareness programmes under Nasha

students and faculty members and aimed to promote constructive engagement and awareness regarding a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

An awareness programme on Mental Health and Stress Management under the nationwide Nasha Mukht Abhiyan was also conducted at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Bandipora by the Department of AYUSH Bandipora.

The Motor Vehicles Department Bandipora also organised awareness activities under the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan. The department conducted a sticker-pasting drive on commercial vehicles, a signature campaign, pledge ceremony, awareness programme and a vehicle rally carrying anti-drug messages including "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life."

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

FSD seizes fake 'Imported' Basel Seed Drink worth Rs 3.56 Lakh in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: Based on credible inputs regarding the sale of "Basel Seed Drink" of various flavours being marketed as an imported product under the "American" brand, the Food Safety Department, Anantnag conducted raids at multiple locations across the district and seized 150 cases of the product worth approximately Rs 3.56,400.

The seizures were made from various Food Business Operators (FBOs), including M/S Aayet Trading Company, General Bus Stand Anantnag; M/S Hamas, Bypass Road Anantnag; and M/S Valley Traders & Distributors, Pushoo Market Anantnag.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the

concerned FBOs had procured the products from M/S Krusha Premium Industries Pvt. Ltd., Sonipat Haryana; M/S G.S. Food Labs, Pooth Khurd, New Delhi; and M/S Aamantn, Chowadi Fowara Chowk, Jammu. During scrutiny of the labels, serious discrepancies were observed. The products were labelled as "American" Brand Basel Seed Drink, Product of Thailand, purportedly manufactured by Golden and SUN EXPORT, Bangkok, Thailand, without mandatory importer details on the label. Furthermore, the products were found carrying a fake FSSAI license number.

Investigation conducted so far also suggests that the product, despite being marketed as an imported commodity, is suspected to

have been manufactured locally. The seized stock has been taken into custody for further legal and analytical proceedings under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Samples of the product have also been lifted for detailed laboratory analysis to ascertain its safety and quality standards.

The department has initiated a comprehensive investigation to identify all individuals and entities involved in the alleged and illegal manufacture/distribution of the product.

The Department of Food Safety reiterates its commitment towards safeguarding public health and advises consumers to remain cautious while purchasing food products carrying suspicious or misleading labels.

DYSG 'bal conducts Sports, Awareness Activities under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

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GANDERBAL: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Ganderbal organised a series of activities including kabaddi, volleyball, football, and awareness programmes for boys and girls across all zones of the district under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Abhiyan.

A total of 350 boys and girls from Kangan, Ganderbal, Hariganwan, and Tulmullah zones participated enthusiastically, displaying remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline throughout the activities. Awareness sessions were also conducted to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy and responsible lifestyle.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Ganderbal, Sheikh Shafiq Iqbal, appreciated the active participation of students and lauded the efforts of field staff in successfully conducting the programmes. He emphasized that sports and awareness initiatives play a vital role in promoting fitness, discipline, and a drug-free society among youth.

Additional Commissioner Kashmir reviews Digitisation of Jamabandis in Shopian

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SHOPIAN: Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Akramullah Tak, Thursday along with ADCC Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone today took stock of the digitisation of Jamabandis in the district during a review meeting held at the Conference Hall of the Tehsil Office, Shopian.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faz; Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Shopian, Sha-koor Ahmed Dar; besides all Tehsildars and revenue officials of the district.

At the outset, the Additional Commissioner conducted a detailed assessment of the ongoing digitisation process across all Tehsils and directed the concerned officers to expedite the remaining work

Commissioner FDA reviews Enforcement measures

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), Jammu & Kashmir, Khalid Jahangir held an introductory meeting with senior officers and field functionaries of Drug and Food Wing of the department, after assuming charge today.

During the meeting, held at the Conference Hall Combined Drug and Food Laboratory, Srinagar, the Commissioner emphasized the critical role of the department in safeguarding public health and ensuring the availability of safe food and quality drugs to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

He stressed that field functionaries must remain visible, accessible, and proactive on the ground and should discharge their duties strictly in accordance with the mandate of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Drugs & Cosmetics Act. He directed officers to strengthen surveillance and inspection mechanisms to ensure that food business operators (FBOs) and pharmacy establishments comply with the prescribed legal standards and regulatory requirements.

The Commissioner stressed that enforcement activities should be carried out in a fair, transparent, and professional manner.

He further emphasized the need for coordinated teamwork among all enforcement officers of the department to ensure effective implementation of food safety and drug control measures.

Drawing attention towards growing menace of drug abuse and its adverse impact on society, particularly on the younger generation, the Commissioner highlighted the importance of awareness and strict enforcement measures. He stated that the UT of J&K has already launched a comprehensive 100-day Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan campaign against drug abuse, and directed all field officers to actively participate in the campaign by conducting awareness programmes, public outreach activities, and coordinated enforcement drives at the grassroots level.

In view of the forthcoming Eid festivities and Moharram, the Commissioner directed the field staff to intensify market surveillance and enforcement activities, particularly focusing on highly consumed food items during the festive season. He asked the enforcement teams to remain extra vigilant and proactive in checking the quality, hygiene, adulteration, storage, and sale of food products in markets across Jammu & Kashmir.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan Multiple Awareness Programmes organised across Budgam

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BUDGAM: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), a series of awareness and sensitization programmes were organised across various educational institutions, villages and public places in District Budgam to spread awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse, tobacco consumption and narcotic substances.

At GHSSB Budgam, a Nukad Natak was organised wherein students delivered impactful performances highlighting the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of building a healthy and drug-free society. Similar awareness activities were also organised by Babul Qaira under Cluster HSS BK Pora and at GMS Batpora Wathora, where students participated enthusiastically in street plays and awareness campaigns aimed at sensitising the public, especially youth, about the ill effects of substance abuse.

Meanwhile, under NMBA, Health Services Budgam conducted awareness and sensitization programmes at Brick Kiln Batpora and health facilities of Kharigund. During the programme, labourers

and members of the general public were educated about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption, particularly gutka and bidi smoking. Participants were sensitised about various tobacco-related diseases including oral cancer, lung ailments, heart diseases and respiratory disorders.

The awareness sessions focused on encouraging people to quit tobacco products and adopt healthier lifestyles.

In another initiative, the Excise Team Budgam carried out a door-to-door awareness campaign at Village Chowdribagh, Panchayat Halqa Dreygam, Tehsil Khansahib. The team sensitised the local population regarding narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, their abuse, and the legal punishments and penalties associated with such offences.

The Excise Team also conducted a survey of nearby fields, farms and orchards to check for any illicit cultivation.

The programmes witnessed active participation from students, officials, health workers, and members of the community, reflecting a collective commitment towards making society free from drugs and substance abuse.

Sopore Law College Hosts Inter-College Debate on Drug Menace



IRFAN TILGAMI

SRINAGAR: An inter-college debate competition organized under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan argued that the drug menace in Kashmir represents a failure of social accountability rather than a law enforcement or institutional shortfall.

The event, held at Sopore Law College, drew participants from multiple colleges across the Valley. The debate topic was "Drug Menace in Kashmir is a Failure of Social Accountability Rather than a Law Enforcement and Institutional Failure."

The program began at 11 a.m. with a welcome address by college Prin-

cipal Sheikh Mohammad Ishaq, who highlighted growing societal concerns over drug abuse and called on youth and educational institutions to combat the problem through awareness and collective responsibility.

The competition was organized under the guidance of Chairperson Maryam Bacha, Vice Chairperson Tamkeena Bacha, Trustee Javaid Ahmad Bhat, Principal Ishaq and Program Coordinator Aafia Kirmani.

A panel of three judges evaluated the presentations: retired District and Sessions Judge Abdul Rashid Bhat, former Dean of Academic Affairs at Cluster University Sri-

nagar Nazir Ahmad Simnani, and former Government Degree College Principal Nelofar Akhtar. The judges awarded cash prizes, mementos and certificates to winners and participants. They also shared insights on the rise of drug abuse in Kashmir and stressed the need for societal awareness, moral responsibility and coordinated institutional efforts.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rahil Amin, an assistant professor at Sopore Law College. Organizers said the debate reflected the college's commitment to fostering intellectual discourse and social awareness on pressing issues affecting youth and society.

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Subject: Select list for the posts of Librarian, in GCET, in Higher Education Department- Verification thereof.

NOTICE

The J&K Public Service Commission vide Letter No.PSC/DR/Librarian/GCET/HE/2023 (7867365) Dated 27.04.2026 has furnished the select list/recommendations for the post of Librarian under wait list advertised by the Commission vide Notifications No.II-PSC(DR-P) of 2023 Dated 05.04.2023, for appointment of Librarians in the GCET, Jammu. Accordingly, the following two candidates are hereby directed to submit their E-mail IDs and Contact Number as per Annexure-A in the Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar in person or on official E-mail Id: hedjk.dispatch@jk.gov.in within a period of seven (7) days positively for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS), failing which it shall be presumed that they are not willing to take up their appointment as Librarian in the GCET, of the Higher Education Department and they shall forfeit the right of appointment without any further notice in this regard:-

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CM-led Cabinet approves SDH Hazratbal upgradation under relaxed buffer zone norms



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SRINAGAR: The Council of Ministers, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, has approved the upgradation of Sub-District Hospital Hazratbal by granting relaxation in the buffer zone restrictions under the Srinagar Master Plan-2035. The decision was taken during the 6th meeting of the Council of Ministers, with the objective of strengthening healthcare infrastructure and ensuring improved healthcare delivery in the interest of better patient care.

The project had remained stalled for several years due to various obstacles arising from restrictions under the buffer zone provisions, causing considerable inconvenience to the public.

Recognising the hardships faced by the people and the urgent need for enhanced healthcare facilities in the area, the Cabinet headed by the Chief Minister took a historic decision to intervene and relax the restrictions, paving the way for the long-pending upgradation of the hospital.

With the approval, the hospital is expected to be equipped with expanded infrastructure and improved medical facilities, including blood

bank services, operation theatres and specialised treatment facilities for various ailments.

The move is aimed at reducing the need for patients to seek admissions and treatment elsewhere.

Locals of the area expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for the decision, stating that the hospital currently suffers from severe space constraints and lacks adequate facilities for patients and attendants.

They said the upgradation of the hospital would significantly ease public difficulties and provide better healthcare access to the people of Hazratbal and adjoining areas.

CM-led Cabinet approves ₹361 crore Integrated Solid Waste Management Project at Achan

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SRINAGAR: The Council of Ministers headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has accorded approval for the establishment of an 800 TPD Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Project at Achan, Srinagar, at an estimated cost of 361 crore.

The decision was taken during the 6th meeting of the Council of Ministers with the objective of strengthening scientific

waste management infrastructure in Srinagar and ensuring sustainable disposal and processing of municipal solid waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

The proposed Integrated Solid Waste Management Project is aimed at enhancing the waste processing capacity of Srinagar city through modern and efficient systems for collection, segregation, treatment and disposal of solid waste. The project is expected to sig-

nificantly improve sanitation standards, reduce environmental pollution and contribute towards cleaner and healthier urban surroundings.

The establishment of the facility at Achan is also expected to support long-term urban planning and environmental sustainability efforts while addressing the growing waste management requirements of the city in view of rapid urban expansion and population growth.

Javid Dar reviews status of veterinary units, infrastructure across Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, Thursday chaired a review meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to assess the status of veterinary units across Kashmir and review the progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and Union Territory sector schemes of APD.

The meeting was attended by Director Finance, APD, Director Planning APD, Deputy Director Animal Husbandry Kashmir besides other senior officers of the department.

Taking stock of the manpower requirements in the Animal Husbandry Department, the Minister was informed that all requisite formalities for filling vacant posts of Veterinarians and Para-Veterinarians have been completed in accordance with the established guidelines. He was also told that the tendering process for the pending works is set to commence shortly.

Emphasising the urgency of strengthening the veterinary healthcare infrastructure, the Minister directed the officers to ensure that the tendering process is completed within one week while adhering strictly to the procedural norms and maintaining complete transparency.

During a detailed review of the budgetary allocations and expenditure under various developmen-



tal schemes, the Minister sought a comprehensive account of the physical and financial progress achieved under Centrally Sponsored and UT sector schemes being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasising timely execution of development works, the Minister directed the concerned officers to further intensify monitoring of all ongoing projects, particularly those being implemented under NABARD and other flagship programmes. He made it clear that random field inspections should be undertaken to verify the on-ground progress and ensure that the intended benefits of these projects are reaching stakeholders effectively.

Highlighting the importance of modernizing the livestock sector,

the Minister stressed the need for comprehensive upgradation of farms and strengthening of training infrastructure to equip the farmers with improved technical knowledge and better resources. He underscored that judicious and timely utilisation of allocated funds is imperative for achieving the targeted outcomes, directing the officers to ensure strict adherence to project timelines so that development initiatives are translated into tangible benefits for the farming community.

Earlier, Director Finance APD presented a detailed financial review, outlining the sanctioned allocations, fund releases and expenditure incurred under various schemes for the financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Rather reviews development scenario in Budgam

Emphasizes people-first' approach to governance, prioritised public service delivery

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Speaker Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, Thursday chaired an extensive review meeting to assess the overall development scenario in Budgam district, with special focus on his constituency Charar-i-Sharief.

During the meeting, the Speaker conducted a comprehensive review of various departments including Rural Development Department (RDD), Roads & Buildings (R&B), Jal Shakti, Health, Education under District Capex and other sectors. Detailed discussion was held regarding the performance and achievements of the departments during the previous financial year as well as finalization of plan for the current financial year.

Reviewing the sector-wise progress, the Speaker sought updates on the ongoing works, utilization of allocated funds, status of pending projects and implementation of various government schemes in Budgam district, particularly in Charar-i-Sharief constituency.

While providing the abstract of works during 2025-26 and 2026-27 (ongoing) under different sectors, the CPO Budgam



apprised that in total 730 works were approved during the previous financial year in Charar-i-Sharief constituency, of which, 665 have been completed.

Regarding CDF, it was informed that 172 identified works had been identified by the MLAs, of which, 160 have been approved and 67 completed. Similarly, in RDD, out of 1628 approved works 1533 have been completed. In R&B sector, Charar-i-Sharief division, total 41 works have been approved and 30 have been completed during 2025-26. In Education, out of 97 approved works 24 have been completed so far. In Jal Shakti, a total 67 works have been approved in Budgam and Chadoora division, out of which 41 have been completed.

A detailed discussion was also held regarding restoration of Chadoora bridge which is a vital link connecting a vast population of the area with Budgam and other parts of Kashmir.

The Speaker directed the officers of R&B to expedite the restoration of this important bridge in order to mitigate the suffering of people. He also instructed the Engineers to keep the road leading to Bailey bridge on both sides in good condition for hassle free movement of vehicles.

The Speaker stressed the need for timely execution of developmental works and emphasized effective coordination among the departments to ensure that public welfare schemes reach the grassroots level

efficiently. He directed the officers to prioritize the projects of public importance and maintain transparency, accountability and quality in execution.

The Speaker emphasized a "people-first" approach to governance. He issued firm directives to the concerned departmental heads to prioritize immediate redressal of public grievances and proactively resolve any administrative or technical bottlenecks hindering the completion of vital infrastructure projects.

"Our objective is to ensure that the benefits of development are not just statistics on paper but tangible improvements in the daily lives of our citizens," said the Speaker. "Administrative hurdles must be cleared swiftly to ensure that essential services reach the doorsteps of the common man without delay."

In a significant directive aimed at enhancing the grassroots representation, Speaker JKLA instructed the district officers to actively involve the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) during the drafting and identification phase of developmental works.

The Speaker said that local representatives are uniquely positioned to identify the projects of

high public importance. By collaborating with the MLAs, the administration can ensure that proposed works align with the genuine needs of the community and receive the necessary legislative approval and support to proceed without delay.

The Speaker reviewed the performance of all the major departments, directing the officials to address the public grievances with urgency.

"Governance must be inclusive and responsive," Speaker JKLA stated. "By involving local MLAs in the planning process, we ensure that development is prioritized where it is needed most. Our goal remains the seamless delivery of basic amenities and essential services directly to the doorsteps of the people", he added.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from the district administration to adhere to strict timelines, ensuring that the vision for a developed and self-reliant Budgam is realized through coordinated departmental efforts.

Senior officers from various departments attended the meeting and briefed the Speaker regarding achievements, challenges and future action plans concerning developmental activities in the district.

Sakeena Itoo presides renaming ceremony of GBHSS Gandhinagar

Recalls role of Late educationist Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal towards education sector



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JAMMU: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo Thursday presided over a grand function held in connection with renaming of Government Boys Higher Secondary School (GBHSS), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu as 'Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal Memorial Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar'.

MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas; Director School Education Jammu, Naseem Javid Chowdhary; Director Health Services Jammu Poonam Sethi, family members of late Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal Ji, faculty members of the institution and large

number of students were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister paid glowing tributes to the late educationist and described him as a visionary whose dedication and commitment left an indelible mark on the academic landscape of the region. She said that renaming the institution after Shri Badyal is a befitting tribute to his relentless service and unwavering efforts in shaping the future of countless students.

She added that Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah took the decision of renaming this institution while inaugurating the statue of late Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal in the institution last year.

The Minister highlighted that educators like Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal serve as guiding lights for society and continue

to inspire generations through their noble work.

She underlined that the government remains committed towards strengthening the education sector and preserving the legacy of individuals who have significantly contributed to social and educational development.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa and other dignitaries also spoke, recalling the invaluable role played by late Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal in promoting quality education and mentoring young minds with dedication and compassion.

On the occasion, the Minister also unveiled the newly installed name board of the institution in honour of Late Shri Kuldip Kumar Badyal. She also garlanded the statue of the Late Principal.

Kabra visits Sempora Housing Colony, reviews facilities for move employees

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SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Estates Department, Shaleen Kabra, Thursday conducted a detailed inspection of the newly constructed Estates Housing Colony at Sempora.

He reviewed the quality of construction, availability of essential services and overall living conditions for the employees.

During his interaction with the move employees residing in the colony, the ACS had feedback on accommodation, mess facilities, transport and sanitation. He emphasized that employee welfare remains a top priority and called for coordinated efforts by all the line departments to ensure seamless provision of services.

Shaleen Kabra directed the Estates Department and concerned agencies to address minor deficiencies on priority. He instructed the PHE and PDD to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, with dedicated helplines for quick grievance redressal.

The ACS asked the department for running of dispensary within the colony 24*7 and directed the R&B Department to complete the remaining landscaping and internal road works within 15 days. Stressing inter-departmental synergy, he called for a nodal officer to be desig-

nated for real-time coordination between Estates, JKTDC, JKRTC, and District Administration.

Shaleen Kabra was accompanied by Director Estates Kashmir Mohd Ashraf Hakak, Deputy Director Kashmir, Assistant Director, and senior engineers from PHE, PDD, R&B, and UEED. The team made a comprehensive round of the colony, inspecting the flat interiors, common areas, parking, drainage and the mess facility. He appreciated the efforts of field staff in making the colony functional ahead of the Darbar Move.

The flats at Sempora had remained under construction for more than a decade due to funding and logistical constraints. They were completed after substantial funds were provided in recent years. The colony has now proved highly useful in accommodating the officers and officials during the Darbar Move period, reducing pressure on private arrangements.

The mess facility is being managed by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation to provide quality meals to the residents. Besides, the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation has deployed a dedicated fleet of vehicles for daily movement of the employees. The District Administration Srinagar is extending necessary support in

NIT Srinagar scholar secures IndiaAI Fellowship for Bias Research in AI Models

Director, Registrar hail national recognition as boost to Institute's research ecosystem

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SRINAGAR: In a major boost to its research profile, the National Institute of Technology Srinagar has secured national recognition after its M-Tech scholar, Womika Khan, was awarded the prestigious IndiaAI Fellowship for 2025-26.

Womika, a Computer Science and Engineering student, earned the fellowship for her research on "Trustworthy AI: Investigating and Mitigating

Bias in Large Language Models," conducted under the supervision of Dr. Tawseef Ayoub Shaikh.

The work focuses on addressing bias in artificial intelligence systems, an area gaining urgency as AI tools are increasingly deployed in real-world decision-making. Dr Tawseef described the selection as a competitive national-level achievement, underlining the growing footprint of NIT Srinagar in advanced technology research.

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Binod



Kumar Kanaujia, termed the achievement a milestone for the institution.

"We are focused on strengthening a robust research and innovation ecosystem. Such accomplishments reinforce our position in emerging

domains like artificial intelligence and motivate other students to pursue high-impact research," he added.

Institute Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rehman, said that the fellowship reflects the institute's academic depth.

"This recognition is a testament to the quality of research being carried out at NIT Srinagar. It highlights the commitment of our scholars and faculty to address complex, real-world challenges through innovation," he said.

Head of the CSE Department, Dr. Shaima Qureshi, also lauded the achievement, calling it a significant step toward building responsible AI systems.

"Research in trustworthy AI, particularly in mitigating bias in large language models, is essential to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in AI-driven technologies. This accomplishment reflects the department's focus on meaningful and socially relevant innovation," she said.

Good Morning Kashmir

Game Changer

New Push For Inland Waterways

There's something deeply poetic about the idea of Jammu and Kashmir's rivers—long the silent witnesses to the region's history—becoming the modern arteries of its future. Recently, a high-level meeting led by Atal Dulloo signaled a major shift in how the Union Territory views its water: not just as a scenic backdrop, but as a path toward a greener, more connected life.

By teaming up with the Inland Waterways Authority of India, the Transport Department is looking to do more than just build docks; they are trying to unlock a massive, untapped resource that has been sitting in plain sight for centuries.

For decades, J&K's lakes and rivers were largely the domain of traditional shikaras and seasonal sightseers. The new vision is far more ambitious: Modern Commuting: Imagine bypassing heavy road traffic by hopping on a clean, eco-friendly water taxi. Cruise Tourism: High-end cruises could offer a fresh perspective on the valley's beauty, creating a world-class experience for travelers. Economic Spark: From hospitality and boating to local trade and entrepreneurship, this isn't just about transport—it's a job-creation engine for the region's youth.

While the vision is inspiring, the "on-the-ground" reality involves a lot of unglamorous, heavy lifting. For this to work, the administration has to clear several hurdles: Technical Obstacles: Removing coffer dams and relocating power lines that currently obstruct the paths. Infrastructure: Building the "last mile" roads that connect people to the new terminals. Sustainability: Setting up sewage treatment plants to ensure that increased activity doesn't harm the very water that makes the region famous. The biggest challenge, however, isn't engineering—it's coordination. Too often, great ideas in J&K have stalled in a maze of departmental paperwork. For this project to truly set sail, every agency involved needs to stay in sync.

Water transport is naturally "greener" than road travel. In an era where protecting the fragile Himalayan ecosystem is non-negotiable, moving people via water reduces the carbon footprint and eases the suffocating pressure on urban roads. The Bottom Line: The people of Jammu and Kashmir have seen many ambitious plans come and go. To win their trust, this project needs to move beyond the meeting room and into the water. If the administration can deliver on this promise, it won't just change how people travel—it will breathe new life into the region's economy and spirit.

'Nasha-Mukt J&K Campaign'

Awareness, Responsibility And Need For Safe Future

AZHAR NASEER

Drug addiction has emerged as one of the biggest social and moral challenges of modern times. Across India, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, the rising threat of substance abuse has deeply affected families, educational institutions, and society at large. In response to this growing concern, the Government of India launched the "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan" to build awareness, strengthen rehabilitation, and create a drug-free society.

The recently launched 100 Day Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan in Jammu and Kashmir has intensified these efforts with massive public participation. Schools, colleges, health institutions, police departments, social organisations, and civil administration have joined hands to spread awareness against drug abuse. The movement has gained momentum because people now understand that the fight against drugs cannot be won by the government alone. Society must stand united.

Anti Drug Campaigner Azhar Naseer has described the campaign as a ray of hope for the youth and a major step toward building a safer and healthier future. He appreciated the efforts of the Government, Civil Administration, and Police Administration for their tireless work in protecting society from the dangers of narcotics. According to him, awareness drives, sports activities, counselling programmes, and rehabilitation centres are creating positive change and restoring confidence among the younger generation.

At the same time, the campaign has also opened an important debate regarding the way awareness is delivered to children. While the purpose of awareness campaigns is noble and necessary, several ground-level experiences suggest that awareness without age sensitivity can sometimes create unintended consequences.

A frontline health worker working under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram recently shared a deeply concerning experience. While polishing her child's school shoes, her eight year old son insisted on polishing them himself because he had learnt in school that boot polish could cause intoxication. The child wanted to "test" whether it was true.



This incident reflects a serious educational concern. A child who previously had no knowledge or curiosity about harmful substances suddenly became interested after hearing about them in an awareness session. The awareness message unintentionally transformed into curiosity.

Another example shared by a school teacher further highlights this issue. For years, haystacks outside a rented school building remained untouched. During a school assembly, a teacher warned students not to bring matchsticks near the hay because it could cause a dangerous fire. The next day, some children brought matchsticks from home and set the haystack on fire. The warning itself planted the idea.

These incidents are not isolated. Teachers, psychologists, and health educators believe that young children often focus more on the forbidden action rather than the warning behind it. Psychologists describe this as the "forbidden fruit effect". Children below a certain age are naturally curious. They experiment with things they are told to avoid because they lack the maturity to understand long-term consequences.

This does not mean awareness campaigns should stop. Drug awareness is essential. Society must educate children and youth about the dangers of addiction. However, the method of communication matters greatly. Awareness must be age-appropriate, psychologically informed, and educationally balanced.

For younger children, awareness should focus on positive values rather than detailed discussions about substances. Schools should teach discipline, healthy habits, emotional strength, self-

control, respect for parents, and the importance of education and sports. Instead of explaining how intoxication happens, educators can guide children toward safe and healthy lifestyles.

Primary school children do not need graphic or detailed explanations about drugs, intoxication, or addiction. Such information may confuse innocent minds or trigger unnecessary curiosity. Childhood innocence should be protected carefully because it is an important stage of emotional and mental development. For older students, awareness programmes can gradually include factual and guided information regarding substance abuse, peer pressure, mental health, and rehabilitation. Even then, awareness should not rely only on fear. It should include open dialogue, counselling, emotional support, and critical thinking. Teachers also require proper training before conducting awareness sessions. A single sentence delivered without sensitivity can have unintended effects. Communication inside classrooms must be carefully designed according to the age and understanding of students.

The role of parents is equally important. Families must maintain communication with children and observe behavioural changes carefully. A child who feels emotionally supported at home is less likely to fall into harmful activities. Parents, schools, and society must work together instead of shifting responsibility onto one another.

Azhar Naseer stated that the increasing participation of youth and the general public in anti-drug campaigns sends a clear message that society is ready to fight this menace collectively. He added

that the cooperation between administration and the public is strengthening the movement and creating hope for a drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

The contribution of Police Administration and Civil Administration deserves appreciation. Their continuous action against drug trafficking networks, combined with awareness programmes and rehabilitation initiatives, reflects commitment and seriousness. Sports events, marathons, counselling sessions, and educational campaigns are encouraging youth toward constructive activities.

The success of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan depends not only on slogans and campaigns but also on wisdom, sensitivity, and balanced education. Awareness should educate without exposing innocent minds to harmful curiosity. It should guide without frightening. It should protect without unintentionally encouraging experimentation. A healthy society is built when children grow with knowledge, discipline, confidence, and moral values. The goal of every awareness campaign must be to save lives, strengthen families, and build responsible citizens.

Jammu and Kashmir has suffered enough from conflict, uncertainty, and social challenges. The growing movement against drugs offers a new direction and a new hope. If society, government, schools, parents, police, and youth continue working together with sincerity and wisdom, the dream of a drug free future can become reality.

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INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY

Why The Family Remains The Soul's Final Refuge



LALIT GARGG

Observed every year on 15 May, the International Day of Families is not merely a celebration of human relationships; it is also an occasion to reconnect humanity with its deepest roots. This day reminds us that no matter how modern, technological, or economically advanced the world becomes, the family continues to remain the primary need of every human being. Established by the United Nations, this year's observance gains even greater significance as the world faces mounting crises of inflation, unemployment, war, violence, mental stress, loneliness, and the erosion of trust among people. In such difficult times, the family emerges not merely as a place to live, but as the strongest shelter for human existence, security, values, and emotions.

Today, the greatest crisis confronting the world is not merely economic; it is emotional and moral. The dazzling culture of the marketplace has turned people into consumers, but it has failed to make them more compassionate human beings. Self-interest has entered relationships, and suspicion has replaced trust. People are becoming increasingly connected to machines while drifting away from their loved ones. Wars are no longer confined to borders alone; they are now visible within families as well—between husband and wife, between generations, and even between siblings. Dialogue is breaking down, tolerance is diminishing, and the ego of "I" is swallowing the spirit of "We."

Under such circumstances, the role of the family becomes more important than ever before.

A family is not merely a group bound by blood relations; it is the first school of life's values. It is within the family that a person first learns love, sacrifice, cooperation, discipline, patience, and coexistence. If families remain healthy, society will remain healthy; and if society remains healthy, nations and the world will also remain balanced. Therefore, the need today is not merely to preserve families, but to make them value-oriented and morally strong. At a time when inflation is continuously rising, basic necessities are becoming more expensive, and unemployment is shattering the dreams of youth, the concept of the joint family once again appears highly relevant. A joint family is not merely an economic arrangement; it is also a source of emotional security. Resources are shared, responsibilities are distributed, and crises do not fall upon one individual alone. Problems of depression arising from loneliness are comparatively less visible in joint families because communication and emotional warmth continue to survive there.

Modern civilization has undoubtedly granted greater freedom, but that very freedom has often made individuals detached from relationships. Thousands living in small apartments in metropolitan cities may appear economically prosperous, yet internally they remain deeply lonely. Elderly parents are neglected, children are drifting away from values, and warmth in marital relationships is steadily declining. This is one of the major reasons behind the rising cases of mental illness, stress, insecurity, and suicides. These are not merely personal failures; they are signs of the weakening of the institution of family itself. Today, there is an urgent need to transform the family from a center of consumption and



convenience into a "laboratory of non-violence." Non-violence does not merely mean refraining from physical harm. Avoiding harsh words, refraining from humiliation, respecting one another's emotions, controlling anger, maintaining dialogue, and practicing forgiveness are also forms of non-violence. If violent language, bitterness, insult, and intolerance prevail within families, how can society ever dream of peace?

The family must become the first place where a child learns tolerance and compassion. It should be a space where children are taught that life is not a competition, but coexistence. A place where elders are not treated as burdens, but as invaluable treasures of experience. A place where women receive dignity, children receive values, and youth receive trust and confidence. Much of the growing violence in today's world stems from the weakening of dialogue and sensitivity within families. Children are speaking to mobile phones, but not to their parents. Families may be living together physically, yet emotionally they are falling apart. Climate change, wars, and economic instability have made the entire world insecure. Whether it is the Russia-Ukraine war or the conflicts in West Asia, the greatest impact

of these crises falls upon families. Millions are displaced, children become orphans, and women face insecurity and exploitation. Amid these global crises, the family remains the one institution that gives broken human beings the courage to live again. This is why the United Nations is placing special emphasis this year on family-centered policies. Sustainable development cannot be achieved through economic growth alone; it is possible only through strong, value-based families.

The greatest strength of Indian culture has always been its family system. In India, the family is not merely a social arrangement, but a spiritual and cultural institution. Epics such as the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are not merely tales of war; they are profound narratives of family values, relationships, duties, and sacrifice. The Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—the world is one family—offers a vision that can eliminate war, violence, terrorism, and hatred if truly practiced. Unfortunately, consumerist culture has now entered families as well. Relationships are increasingly measured on the scale of profit and loss. Tolerance is decreasing while expectations are rising. Relationships breaking over trivial issues indicate that while we have

increased comforts, we have lost sensitivity. The true strength of a family lies not in wealth, but in trust. Where trust survives, even scarcity turns into celebration; but where trust is broken, even luxury becomes a burden.

Today, families need a new direction. The tradition of shared meals must return. Time should be reserved for meaningful dialogue. The experiences of elders should be valued. Children should receive not only career-oriented education but also lessons in character-building. Families must nurture compassion instead of anger, cooperation instead of competition, and duty instead of entitlement. Only then can the family truly become a laboratory of non-violence. In reality, the greatest battle of the future will not be fought with weapons, but with values. A society whose families disintegrate cannot retain social stability. Therefore, the International Day of Families is not merely a day of celebration; it is an opportunity for introspection. We must ask ourselves what kind of world we wish to leave for our children—a world of hatred and loneliness, or a world of love and trust.

If families cultivate an atmosphere of love, dialogue, tolerance, non-violence, and mutual support, then even the gravest global crises can be overcome. The family is not merely a social institution; it is the shelter of the human soul. It is cool shade in the scorching heat of life, support in times of struggle, and the final ray of hope amidst collapsing trust. Therefore, the greatest need today is not merely to save the family as a structure, but to preserve the human values within it. That alone can secure the future of humanity, and that is the true message of the International Day of Families.

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Beyond The Score: Saving The Soul Of Competitive Exams



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The competitive examination system stands as one of the most powerful instruments of modern democracy and meritocracy. In a vast and diverse nation, examinations create opportunities for millions of aspirants who dream of transforming their lives through education, employment, and public service. Whether it is civil services, engineering entrance tests, medical admissions, banking recruitment, judicial examinations, university entrance tests, or school-level scholarship examinations, competitive tests function as gateways to social mobility and institutional excellence. They are expected to identify talent, reward hard work, and ensure fairness in selection. However, in recent years, the credibility of the examination system has increasingly come under pressure from corruption, technological malpractice, paper leaks, impersonation, political interference, commercialisation of coaching, cyber fraud, and administrative inefficiency. Safeguarding the competitive examination system has, therefore, become not merely an administrative necessity but a moral and national responsibility.

A healthy examination system is inseparable from public trust. The moment students begin to believe that merit no longer matters, the entire educational and social structure starts collapsing from within. Every year millions of young people dedicate years of disciplined preparation to examinations. They sacrifice leisure, financial comfort, and often emotional stability in pursuit of success. Parents invest their savings, teachers devote their labour, and society places hope upon the fairness of the process. If examination papers are leaked, if answer sheets are manipulated, or if recruitment is influenced by corruption, then the damage extends far beyond individual disappointment. It destroys confidence in institutions, weakens democratic values, and promotes cynicism among the youth. A nation that fails to protect its examination system risks losing the faith of its most energetic generation.

The rise of large-scale competitive examinations in the modern era emerged from the need to establish merit-based recruitment and admission systems. Historically many positions were determined by birth, social privilege, or political favouritism. Competitive examinations attempted to replace arbitrary selection with measurable performance. In countries like India, where population pressure is enormous and opportunities are limited, examinations become central to educational and administrative structures. For many students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds, examinations remain the most accessible path to advancement. A talented student from a remote village can compete with urban elites through hard work and determination. This democratising potential explains why examination integrity is of such immense significance.

Yet the very scale of modern examinations has created vulnerabilities. Conducting examinations for millions of candidates across thousands of centres involves complex logistical arrangements. Question papers must remain confidential, invigilators must maintain discipline, digital systems must be secure, and evaluation processes must be transparent. Even a small lapse can trigger widespread controversy. Paper leak scandals have repeatedly shaken public confidence in several countries. Sometimes criminal networks infiltrate printing presses or transport systems. In other cases, insiders within institutions leak confidential materials for financial gain. Technology has added both efficiency and danger. Smartphones, miniature devices, hidden cameras, and encrypted messaging applications have enabled sophisticated cheating methods that were unimaginable decades ago.

Cybersecurity has therefore become one of the most important dimensions of safeguarding examinations. Many examinations now rely on online registration systems, computer-based testing, digital evaluation, and cloud storage. While digitisation reduces manual errors and accelerates processes, it also exposes systems to hacking, data theft, and manipulation.



Hackers may attempt to alter candidate information, tamper with results, or gain unauthorised access to question banks. Examination authorities must invest in advanced cybersecurity infrastructure, encryption protocols, multi-factor authentication, and continuous monitoring systems. Regular security audits and ethical hacking exercises should be conducted to identify weaknesses before criminals exploit them. Digital vigilance is now as important as physical vigilance.

Another serious challenge arises from the commercialization of competitive examinations. A vast coaching industry has grown around entrance and recruitment tests. While many coaching institutions provide legitimate academic guidance, some exploit students through aggressive marketing, psychological pressure, and unethical practices. The obsession with ranks and scores has transformed education into a high-pressure race where learning is often reduced to mechanical memorization. In extreme cases certain institutions have been accused of collusion in malpractice networks. Safeguarding examinations therefore also requires reforming the broader educational culture. Examinations should evaluate understanding, creativity, analytical ability, and ethical reasoning rather than mere rote learning. A balanced assessment structure can reduce unhealthy competition and encourage genuine intellectual growth. Transparency is one of the strongest safeguards against malpractice. Examination authorities should communicate clearly with candidates regarding procedures, evaluation methods, answer keys, grievance redressal systems, and timelines. Delays and secrecy create suspicion and anxiety. Publishing provisional answer keys and allowing students to challenge discrepancies enhances credibility. Similarly, digital tracking of question paper movement, biometric verification of candidates, CCTV surveillance at centres, and live monitoring systems can strengthen accountability. Technology, when used ethically and intelligently, can become a powerful ally in preserving fairness.

The role of invigilators, administrators, and educational institutions is equally vital. No examination system can function honestly if the individuals responsible for conducting it lack integrity. Training programmes must

toward unethical means. Parents, educational institutions, and media must therefore cultivate healthier attitudes toward achievement. Success in life cannot be measured solely through examination scores. Character, creativity, empathy, and resilience are equally important dimensions of human development. When society glorifies ranks excessively, it unintentionally fuels desperation and malpractice.

Mental health support for students is another neglected but essential aspect of safeguarding the examination environment. Intense competition often leads to anxiety, depression, isolation, and burnout among aspirants. Students preparing for highly competitive examinations may spend years under constant stress. Some experience devastating emotional consequences after failure. Educational systems must create counselling facilities, peer support mechanisms, and awareness programmes that encourage emotional well-being. A humane examination culture is more sustainable and ethical than one driven purely by fear and pressure. The media also plays a critical role. Responsible journalism can expose corruption, highlight loopholes, and demand accountability from authorities. Investigative reporting has uncovered many examination scams and forced reforms. However, sensationalism can sometimes create panic and deepen distrust without adequate evidence. Media institutions should therefore balance vigilance with responsibility. Accurate reporting strengthens democracy while irresponsible speculation damages public confidence unnecessarily.

Political interference remains another threat to examination credibility. Recruitment and admission processes should remain independent and insulated from partisan influence. Examination boards and commissions must function autonomously with professional competence. Appointments to key positions should be based on expertise and integrity rather than political loyalty. Transparent governance structures can protect institutions from manipulation. A nation's future administrators, teachers, doctors, engineers, and judges deserve selection through impartial systems rather than corrupt patronage networks.

The legal framework surrounding

ate across borders. Stolen data may be transmitted internationally through encrypted systems. Countries can learn from one another's best practices in examination management, cybersecurity, and institutional governance. Global educational organizations can facilitate research, training, and technological collaboration aimed at protecting examination integrity.

Artificial intelligence is likely to reshape examination systems profoundly in the coming years. AI-based proctoring tools can monitor suspicious behaviour during online examinations. Data analytics can identify unusual answer patterns suggestive of cheating. Adaptive testing systems can personalise question sequences,

They sacrifice leisure, financial comfort, and often emotional stability in pursuit of success. Parents invest their savings, teachers devote their labour, and society places hope upon the fairness of the process. If examination papers are leaked, if answer sheets are manipulated, or if recruitment is influenced by corruption, then the damage extends far beyond individual disappointment.

making large-scale copying more difficult. However AI also introduces ethical concerns regarding privacy, bias, and surveillance. Safeguarding examinations in the AI era will require careful balancing between security and individual rights. Technology must remain a servant of fairness rather than an instrument of oppression.

Rural and marginalized students deserve special attention within examination reforms. Unequal access to digital resources, coaching facilities, internet connectivity, and quality schooling can create structural disadvantages. Safeguarding examinations does not merely mean preventing cheating; it also means ensuring equitable opportunity. If the system favours only the privileged, then formal fairness becomes hollow. Governments should strengthen public education, expand scholarship schemes, improve rural connectivity, and provide affordable learning resources. Merit can flourish only where opportunity exists. Language inclusivity is another important issue. In multilingual societies students often face barriers when examinations privilege certain languages disproportionately. Translation errors in question papers have sometimes created confusion and injustice. Examination authorities must ensure high-quality translations and linguistic fairness. Candidates should be able to compete without discrimination based on language background. Inclusivity strengthens national unity and demo-

cratic legitimacy.

Educational reformers have increasingly argued that excessive dependence on single high-stakes examinations may itself be problematic. One examination conducted on one day cannot fully measure human intelligence, creativity, or potential. Multiple assessment methods including interviews, project work, aptitude evaluation, and continuous assessment may produce more balanced outcomes in certain contexts. However, any alternative system must also guard against subjectivity and bias. The challenge lies in designing evaluation systems that are both fair and holistic. Public participation and vigilance can significantly strengthen examination integrity. Students, parents, teachers, and civil society organisations should actively report irregularities and demand accountability. Whistleblower protection mechanisms can encourage insiders to expose corruption without fear. Ethical citizenship is essential because institutions alone cannot eliminate malpractice. A culture of honesty must become a shared social commitment. Teachers occupy a uniquely influential position in this process. Beyond academic instruction, they shape values and attitudes among students. When teachers emphasise integrity, discipline, and intellectual curiosity, they help create ethical learners.

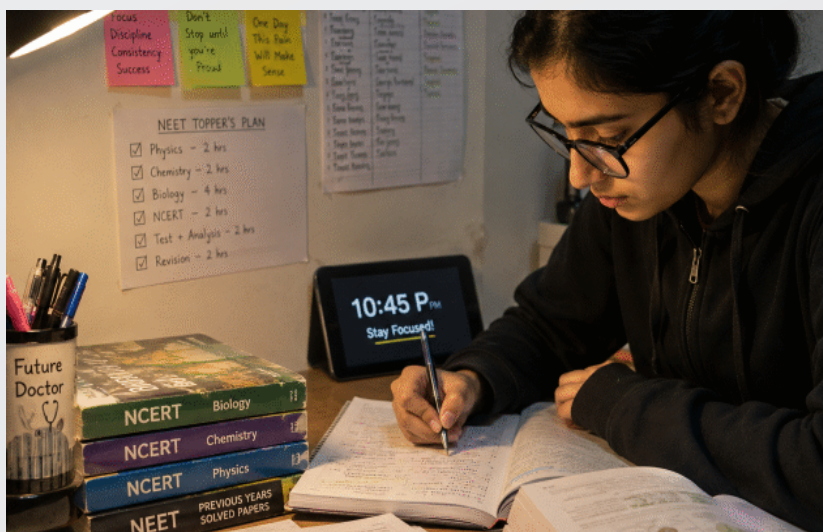
Conversely, when educational environments normalise shortcuts and unfair practices, examination corruption becomes more likely. Teacher training programmes should therefore integrate ethical education alongside pedagogical skills.

The philosophical foundation of examinations also deserves reflection. The true purpose of education is not merely selection but enlightenment and human development. Competitive examinations are necessary in modern societies where opportunities are limited, yet they should never reduce human beings to numerical scores alone. A just society recognizes both merit and dignity. Safeguarding examinations therefore means protecting not only administrative procedures but also the moral vision underlying education itself. The future of nations depends greatly on the quality and integrity of their educational and recruitment systems. Doctors selected through corrupt examinations may endanger lives. Engineers lacking competence may compromise infrastructure. Administrators chosen through malpractice may weaken governance. Thus examination integrity directly influences national development, public safety, and institutional efficiency. Honest examinations contribute to competent leadership and social trust.

In recent decades several countries have implemented notable reforms. Secure digital printing systems, encrypted question delivery, randomized seating arrangements, AI-assisted monitoring, biometric attendance, and centralized evaluation have improved reliability in many contexts. Yet technology alone cannot solve moral problems. Parents too bear responsibility in shaping ethical attitudes. Sometimes family expectations become so intense that children feel compelled to pursue success at any cost. Ethical education should begin at home where honesty, perseverance, and respect for fairness are nurtured. Celebrating effort rather than only results can help reduce destructive pressures. The examination system must continuously evolve in response to changing realities. Criminal methods become more sophisticated with technological advancement. Therefore reforms cannot remain static.

Ultimately safeguarding the competitive examination system is about safeguarding justice itself. Examinations symbolize the belief that individuals should rise through ability and effort rather than corruption or privilege. This belief sustains hope among millions. When students enter examination halls, they carry not only admit cards and pens but also dreams of dignity, recognition, and a better future. Protecting those dreams is a sacred collective duty. A credible examination system strengthens democracy, social mobility, and national progress. It rewards discipline, inspires excellence, and reinforces public faith in institutions. Conversely a compromised system breeds frustration, inequality, and moral decay. The battle to safeguard examinations is therefore not merely administrative or technological; it is ethical, cultural, and civilizational. Governments, institutions, teachers, parents, media, and students must together uphold the principles of honesty, fairness, transparency, and merit. Only then can competitive examinations continue to serve as pathways of opportunity and pillars of national integrity in the modern world.

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emphasize ethics, vigilance, and professionalism. Invigilators should be adequately compensated and carefully selected. Strict penalties must be imposed on those involved in malpractice, whether students, officials, or criminal intermediaries. At the same time innocent candidates should not suffer due to administrative negligence. Examination reforms should therefore combine firmness with fairness. Social attitudes toward success also influence examination integrity. In many societies examination success is linked not only to employment but also to social prestige and family honour. This creates enormous psychological pressure on students. Fear of failure sometimes drives candidates

examinations also requires strengthening. Examination fraud should be treated as a serious criminal offense because it harms not only individuals but society at large. Special laws against paper leaks, impersonation, cyber manipulation, and organized cheating can act as deterrents. Fast-track courts may help ensure timely punishment in major cases. Delayed justice often encourages repetition of crimes. At the same time legal safeguards should protect students from arbitrary action or wrongful accusations. Justice must remain balanced and evidence-based. International cooperation may also become increasingly necessary in the digital age. Cybercrime networks often oper-

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2025 in this regard," he said. The DGP said 240 PIT-NDPS preventive detentions were carried out in 2025, in which J&K Police ranked first in the country, reflecting a strong preventive enforcement strategy.

He said there has been nearly a seven-fold increase in NDPS cases compared to the corresponding period last year, indicating intensified detection and crackdown on drug networks.

A total of 806 persons have been arrested in 724 NDPS cases, FIRs registered across Jammu and Kashmir during the ongoing drive, he said.

Among major arrests, he said Gulzar Ahmad alias "Love Gurjar," wanted in 28 cases and Avneet Singh alias "Nagi," wanted in 17 cases, were recently apprehended by Jammu Police.

The DGP said enforcement agencies have seized 667 kilograms of narcotics and 19,000 units of psychotropic substances, while action has also been taken against habitual offenders.

He said 97 properties worth Rs 41.85 crore linked to narcotics trade have been identified and attached so far.

Highlighting key achievements, he said Anantnag Police attached properties worth Rs 6.17 crore in a single case, the largest attachment recorded so far.

In a significant development, he said J&K Police has carried out first-of-its-kind attachment of narcotics-linked properties beyond the Union Territory, including in Bathinda, Gurdaspur, Pathankot and Chandigarh, establishing backward linkages of the drug network.

He added that Jammu Police attached properties worth Rs 93 lakh in Balicharana, Jammu, as part of sustained financial disruption of narcotics syndicates.

The DGP said 41 properties worth nearly Rs 15 crore, identified as proceeds of crime, have been demolished after due legal procedure.

He said illegal poppy and cannabis cultivation spread over 117 kanals of land has been destroyed during enforcement drives.

On awareness initiatives, he said 2,401 sensitisation programmes were conducted across educational institutions, public places and identified hotspots, covering more than three lakh participants.

He added that 5,238 chemist and druggist shops were inspected, with action initiated against 151 erring establishments.

The DGP said 4,962 kilograms of narcotics and 6,493 units of psychotropic substances were disposed of during the campaign.

Further, driving licences of 162 individuals involved in narcotics cases were cancelled or suspended, while registration certificates of 92 vehicles used in drug trafficking were also revoked. In addition, 10 passports have been recommended for impounding—(KNO)

Jammu & Kashmir Was,

that the initiative like promotion of valour site under Bharat Rannbhoomi Darshan initiative will usher economic growth and prosperity in Tangdhar-Karnah region, besides showcasing the rich defence legacy and culture of the region.

He said that seven villages of Tangdhar, Karnah have been included under the Vibrant Village Programme, ensuring improved infrastructure, livelihood opportunities and quality of life.

Highlighting the importance of the Sadhna Tunnel, the Lieutenant Governor stated that it will significantly enhance connectivity, security, and economic activity in the region by providing all-weather access and facilitating trade, education, healthcare and disaster response.

"I urge citizens across the nation to visit Shaurya Gatha Complex and plan their holidays at the offbeat destinations of Kupwara", the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also lauded the Army for their significant contribution to the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir campaign.

"Tangdhar remains a strategic location where our neighbour persistently attempt to escalate narco-smuggling activities. The development of an airport-like facility by the Army in the region will serve as a critical asset in our mission against drug smuggling," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also called upon the police department and security forces to maintain the highest level of alertness. Our surveillance must be foolproof to ensure that no illegal drugs enters our territory, he further said.

He also expressed his deepest gratitude to the people, especially the school students for their unwavering support to Nasha Mukta J&K campaign.

Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command; Lieutenant General Balbir Singh, GOC Chinari Corps; Shri Javaid Ahmad Mirchal, Member of Legislative Assembly Karnah; Shri Ashwani Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Power Development Department; Maj Gen Rakesh Nair; GOC 28 Infantry Division; Brig Dharmendra Yadav,

Commander, Shakti Vijay Bde, senior officers from the Army, Civil Administration, Police and Security Forces attended the inaugural ceremony. (KNO inputs)

Under PM's Leadership,

for the youth to realise their dreams and showcase their immense talent at national and international sports arena," Lieutenant Governor said while inaugurating South Kashmir Volleyball League-2026 at Shopian.

He also dedicated the Multipurpose Sports Indoor Hall at Arhama constructed at a cost of Rs 4.94 crore to the Youth.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor hailed sports tournaments like South Kashmir Volleyball League as a powerful declaration of the youth's transition from spectators to the architects of their own destiny.

He emphasized that the league started in 2021, has emerged as a major platform for youth engagement, promotion of competitive sports culture and strengthening of volleyball activities across South Kashmir.

"South Kashmir Volleyball League is significantly contributing towards the campaign of 'Nasha Mukta J&K' by promoting sports as a positive avenue for youth participation and social transformation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

"By engaging large number of youth across the Union Territory in volleyball and various sporting activities and national integration programmes, the administration is successfully channeling the energy of the youth toward nation-building.

Every serve and every spike on this volleyball court is a message that our youth are confronting challenges and moving forward as an integral part of the national mainstream," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that Shopian is at the heart of South Kashmir's sports revolution.

"Approximately Rs 22 crore spent on sports infrastructure in Shopian over the last six years. Ongoing works worth Rs 8.80 crore are currently underway in the district. 20 Khelo India centers are operational across South Kashmir, with five in Shopian alone, providing training and equipment to 600 regular trainees," he said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also appealed to the young sports persons to act as role models and mentors and guide new generation towards a drug-free, brighter and healthier future.

He also reiterated the administration's resolve to eliminate the narco-terror ecosystem from Jammu Kashmir.

The four day South Kashmir Volleyball League is being organized by Volleyball Association J&K and Jammu Kashmir Sports Council.

Shri Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services & Sports; Shri Shabir Ahmad Kullay, Member Legislative Assembly from Shopian; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Youth Services and Sports; Shri Javid Iqbal Matoo, DIG South Kashmir; Shri Shishir Gupta Deputy Commissioner Shopian; Shri Mushtaq Ahmad Choudhary, SSP Shopian; Ms Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, senior officers of Police and civil administration, members of Volleyball Association, prominent citizens, sports personalities and youth in large number attended the inaugural function.

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He has been actively involved in facilitating and orchestrating terrorist activities in the Kashmir Valley, the spokesperson said.

Sopore Police carried out the attachment proceedings in the presence of the executive magistrate, the revenue officials concerned, and independent witnesses after following due legal procedures, he added.

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received light rainfall during the day. Pahalgam recorded 3 mm rainfall, while Qazigund and Kukernag received 0.8 mm each.

It said the weather is likely to remain partly to generally cloudy on May 15 and 16, with light rain, thundershowers and gusty winds expected at scattered to many places across the Union Territory.

The department has issued an advisory warning of thunder, lightning and gusty winds with speeds of 40-50 kmph at a few places in Kashmir and Jammu divisions during the two days.

"People have been advised to suspend boating and shikara riding generally towards the afternoon and late afternoon hours," the advisory said.

The MeT office said weather conditions are likely to remain generally dry on May 17 and 18, while another spell of light rain and thundershower is expected at scattered places on May 19 and 20—(KNO)

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clearly defined military objectives and exit strategies, warning against

prolonged engagements.

"There is a growing tendency among nations to use force, but exiting a conflict is a major challenge. Objectives must be clear, and once achieved, there should be a defined withdrawal plan. There is no point in lingering," he said.

Gen Chauhan's remarks come amid ongoing discussions on modernising India's military strategy to address both conventional threats and emerging domains of warfare—(KNO)

J&K Poised To Begin

of inland waterways in Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments to work in close coordination with IWAI for timely execution of all components of the project. He stressed that development of modern water transport infrastructure would not only provide a sustainable mode of transportation but also significantly enhance tourism potential, generate employment opportunities and create new avenues for economic activity along riverfronts across the Union Territory.

He further underscored the need for ensuring seamless integration of water transport facilities with tourism infrastructure while maintaining ecological sensitivity and preserving the natural character of rivers and surrounding landscapes.

During the presentation made by Chairperson, IWAI, Sunil Paliwal it was elucidated that significant progress has been achieved on the development of National Waterway-49 on river Jhelum, where a river cruise corridor from Pantha Chowk to Wular Lake spanning nearly 76 kilometres is being developed.

It was further informed that construction of eight floating jetties along the Jhelum corridor is underway and is expected to be completed by July 2026. The development of associated onshore infrastructure is targeted for completion by July 2027, while installation of navigational aids is scheduled to be completed by July 2026. Fairway maintenance along the river stretch is being carried out jointly by IWAI and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir through deployment of dredgers to ensure safe and uninterrupted navigation.

The meeting was informed that the procurement of ten hybrid electric boats with a carrying capacity of 20 passengers each is being processed by IWAI, with bids presently under evaluation. The contract is likely to be awarded by May 2026, while delivery of the vessels is expected by March 2027.

Reviewing the interventions being undertaken in the Jammu region, the Chief Secretary was informed that cruise tourism infrastructure is also being developed on river Chenab under National Waterway-26. A nine-kilometre river cruise stretch from Reasi to Akhnoor Fort is proposed, where construction of two jetties has already been awarded and is expected to be completed by July 2026.

Moreover development of onshore facilities has been entrusted to Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation Limited (IPRCL), with preparation of Detailed Project Report presently underway and expected to be completed by June 2026. The meeting was informed that adequate water depth is available throughout the year for cruise operations in the proposed stretch.

Similarly, under National Waterway-84 on river Ravi, a fifteen-kilometre river cruise corridor is being developed at Sohar in Jammu district. Construction of jetty has already been awarded and is likely to be completed by July 2026. DPR preparation for onshore facilities is also in progress through IPRCL and expected to be finalised by June 2026, while navigational aids are proposed to be tendered by July 2026 and completed by December 2026.

The presentation also highlighted the status of several enabling interventions necessary for smooth navigation and operation of inland waterways. It was informed that eleven land parcels required for various components of the project have been identified, with approvals and transfer formalities at different stages of completion.

Sakina Itoo Seeks

face strict action and severe punishment," she said.

Responding to a question regarding downsizing of government vehicles and related measures announced by the administration, the minister said everyone should contribute if any step helps reduce the country's problems.

"If there is any problem in the country and if we can help in reducing it in any way, then we should also play our role," she said.

Asked about reports of a possible shift to virtual education in view of recent developments, the minister said no such decision has been taken so far—(KNO)

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Soyab, Dr. Bilal Naseer Malla and Yasir Ahmad Dar".

The NIA said the chargesheet is based on extensive investigation spread across the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and the Delhi NCR region. "It includes detailed evidence in the form of 588 oral testimonies, more than 395 documents and over 200 seized material exhibits".

NIA, which has unravelled a major Jehadi conspiracy through detailed scientific and forensic investigation, had found the accused, some of whom were radicalised medical professionals, to have been inspired by AQIS/AGuH ideology to carry out the deadly attack.

"At a clandestine meeting in Srinagar in 2022, the accused had reconstituted the AGuH terror outfit as 'AGuH Interim' following a failed Hizrat to Afghanistan via Turkey. Under the umbrella of the newly constituted outfit, they had launched 'Operation Heavenly Hind' aimed at overthrowing the democratically established Indian Government and imposing Sharia rule," it said.

It added that NIA investigation revealed that, as part of the Operation Heavenly Hind, the accused had recruited new members, actively propagated the violent Jehadi ideology of AGuH, stockpiled arms and ammunition, and manufactured explosives on a large scale using commercially available chemicals.

"The accused had also fabricated and tested various types of IEDs, NIA found during its investigation in the case RC-21/2025/NIA/DLI. The explosive used in the blast was Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP) which was manufactured by the accused clandestinely procuring constituent ingredients and conducting experiments to perfect the explosive mixture".

The NIA, which had taken over the investigation from Delhi Police, had established the identity of the deceased accused as Dr. Umer Un Nabi through DNA fingerprinting.

"Evidence collected from the scene of the crime, as well as various locations identified by the accused in and around the Al Falah University in Faridabad as well as Jammu & Kashmir, were subjected to thorough forensic examination, voice analysis etc. as part of the investigation".

It further said the NIA probe had further revealed that the accused had also been involved in illegal procurement of prohibited arms, including an AK-47 rifle, a Krinkov rifle, and country-made pistols with live ammunition.

They had experimented with rocket and drone-mounted IEDs with the objective of targeting security establishments in the state of Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India. It was also revealed during the investigation that the accused procured laboratory equipments including specialised items like MMO Anode, electric circuits, and switches from various offline and online sources".

It said the accused also had plans to expand their operations in other parts of the country, which were foiled by the busting of the terror module.

"A total of 11 persons have so far been arrested in the case, in which NIA is continuing with its efforts to track absconders whose role had surfaced during the investigation," it said—(KNO)

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KPDCL announces power shutdown in Kashmir parts

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SRINAGAR: Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 KV Sheeri Baramulla-2nd line will be observed due to which power supply to Old Town, Azad Gunj, Janbazpora, Jalsheeri, Tawheedgunj, PHE, Irrigation, Zogiyar, Fatehgarh, STC and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 19 & 21 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV LJHP Uri line will be observed due to which power supply to Salamabad, NHPC, MES, TFC, Garkote, Balkote, Bandi, Uri, Mohura, Rampur, Bani, Bihjama, Dhani and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 20 & 23 May 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV LJHP Baniyara line will be observed due to which power supply to Baniyara, Trikanjan, Limber, Nowshera, JNV and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 21 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Amaragarh Watergam line will be observed due to which power supply to Watergam, Hachipora, Palpora, Behrampora,

Dangiawacha and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 19 & 23 May 2026.

Further, shutdown of 33 KV Sheeri Malpora line will be observed due to which power supply to Chandosa, Hospital, Dangerpora, Sultanpora, Gantamulla, Malpora, Hevan, Namban and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 23 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Delina Delina line will be observed due to which power supply to Delina, Kanispora, Singhpora, BSF, Jetty, Kralhar, TC PHE, Sopore-II and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 16 & 19 May 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Khanyar line and 33 KV Bagh-i-Ali Mardan Khan Takanwari line will be observed due to which power supply to Miskeenbagh, Rosebal, Hazaribagh, Kondebal, Hasanabad, Jogi Lanker, Palpora, Sangam, JLN Hospital and adjoining areas will be affected from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM on 16 & 20 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Potushai Aloosa line will be observed due to which power supply to Aloosa, Malangam, and

Quil will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 May 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Bandipora Ajar line will be observed due to which power supply to Panzangim, Kulsoosa, Kazipora, Khayar, Ajar, Town, Arin and Ahmishareef will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 17 & 19 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Potushai Nadihal line will be observed due to which power supply to Nishat, Papchan, Ajas, SK Bala, Sadunara, Bazipora, Nadihal, Guroora, Argam and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 17 & 19 May 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Badampora Lar-Tulumulla line and 33 KV Badampora Kurhama Dab line will be observed due to which power supply to Lar, Waliwar, Watlar, Repora, Tulumulla, Dangerpora, Theerlu, Larsun, Kurhama, Yangora, Baroosa, Old Dab, Cheki Baba Salun, Sainik School, Rabitar, Kondbal, GCET Safapora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 21 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Badampora Safapora Wangipora Tapline and 33 KV Badampora Army Hak-

bara line will be observed due to which power supply to Batwina, Nowgam, Wangipora, Zazna, Ahan, Waskura, Kharbagh, Sumbal, Nesbal, Hajin, Preng, Madwan, Banyar, Hakbara, Chendergeer and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 25 May 2026.

Further, shutdown of 33 KV Nihalpora Markundal line will be observed due to which power supply to Markundal, Naidkhai, Sumbal, Gundboon and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 20 May 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Nihalpora HMT line will be observed due to which power supply to Shadipora, Trigam, Mirgund, Singhpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 & 21 May 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 KV Kangan line and 33 KV Shariefabad-Wadwan line will be observed due to which power supply to Mammer, Wangath, Kangan, Akhal, Babanagri Soibugh, Haran, Bonpora, Astanpora, Wadwan, Dharmuna, Russu, Gotpora, Pymuna and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 03 PM on 18 May 2026.

DC Bandipora interacts with Youth Clubs under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: Continuing the ongoing efforts under the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, District Administration Bandipora on Thursday organised an interaction programme with Youth Clubs to strengthen community participation and youth engagement in the fight against drug abuse.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of building a strong mind among youth through positive engagement and constructive activities.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the need for establishing and strengthening knowledge centres to channelise the energy of youth towards education, creativity and personality development.

The DC also urged parents to actively engage with their children through prayers, sports activities and spending quality time



with children, stating that stronger family bonding and communication play an important role in preventing substance abuse among youngsters.

To ensure regular interaction and coordination with youth groups, the Deputy Commissioner directed all Block Development Officers (BDOs) to convene meetings with Youth Clubs at least once every month.

She encouraged participants to remain actively involved in the campaign against drug abuse and report any issue requiring administrative intervention.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that Youth

Clubs shall serve as a vital bridge between youth, vulnerable individuals, and the Waqar Knowledge Centres. She informed participants that as part of the anti-drug initiative one such centre is nearing completion and will soon be operationalised at the Mini Secretariat, while four more centres will be developed in the coming time with an eventual target of one such centre in each Rural Block. These centres will function as hubs of knowledge, recreation, and information, providing meaningful avenues for youth and vulnerable sections of society through constructive engagement, awareness,

and personal development. The programme focused on creating awareness regarding the harmful effects of substance abuse, implementation of the COTPA Act, and the need for sustained collective action to safeguard future generations from the menace of drugs.

During the interaction, emphasis was laid on the active role of Youth Clubs in spreading awareness at the grassroots level and promoting a healthy and drug-free society. Participants were informed that women are also increasingly becoming victims of substance abuse and, in some cases, involved in peddling activities, which calls for stronger community vigilance and awareness.

The programme concluded with a collective resolve to continue sustained efforts towards building a drug-free and socially responsible society under the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan.

Javed Rana, Javid Dar review desilting, micro irrigation works across J&K

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana and Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar Thursday jointly chaired a review meeting to assess the progress on desilting works of irrigation khuls and execution of Micro Irrigation projects being undertaken under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act for the financial year 2025-26.

The meeting also took stock of the proposed action plan for the financial year 2026-27 aimed at strengthening the irrigation infrastructure and improving the water availability for agriculture across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra along with other senior officers. The Ministers were presented a detailed overview of the physical and financial progress achieved for the works in progress, so far.

The presentation highlighted a comprehensive action plan for the Micro Irrigation Works including desilting of irrigation khuls, covering all 20 districts of the Union Territory for the Financial Year 2026-27. The plan envisages a total of 4,41,315 works across the UT, of which, 82,563 have been specifically identified for micro irrigation and 9,034 for desilting operations.

Of the desilting works, 2,384 are to be executed in convergence mode, reflecting a coordinated, inter-departmental approach to water resource management and irrigation infrastructure. The action plan covers diverse geographical zones thereby ensuring equitable distribution of irrigation facilities across all regions. During the meeting, it was highlighted that the action plan represents a significant push towards modernising and revitalising the irrigation infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. This will directly benefit the farming communities, particularly in remote and rain-shadow areas heavily dependent

on khuls and traditional water channels for agricultural sustenance.

A detailed presentation on the convergence plan for FY 2026-27 revealed that maintenance and desilting of khuls, nallahs and distributaries would be carried out in coordination with the Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department. The plan envisages desilting works across the districts covering thousands of khuls and canals with substantial silt removal targets.

The presentation also highlighted that a total of 25,810 micro irrigation works were undertaken across the Union Territory under convergence mode, with an expenditure of ₹270.52 crore incurred, so far. The meeting was further informed that the initiatives have significantly contributed towards enhancing the rural livelihoods and agricultural productivity through generation of person days.

The presentation also highlighted that improved irrigation infrastructure has enhanced the crop productivity, encouraged diversified cropping patterns and contributed towards socio-economic development in rural areas by creating sustainable employment opportunities and improving water-use efficiency.

The Ministers directed the concerned officers to expedite completion of all pending and ongoing desilting works within the stipulated timeframe. They emphasized close coordination among the concerned departments to ensure technical efficiency, sustainability and improved irrigation facilities for the farming community.

They also stressed active involvement of the allied departments in planning and execution of the works to ensure that interventions are aligned with the actual requirements of farmers and region-specific crop patterns.

Highlighting the importance of advance planning, the Ministers also directed that all necessary processes be put in place well before the onset of the irrigation season in both the divisions, so that there is no last-minute rush and farmers do not face unnecessary difficulties.

Bike Rally organised in Baderwah to promote NMBA

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BHADERWAH: A Sub-Divisional bike rally was organised today at Baderwah under the nationwide Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan with the aim of spreading awareness against drug abuse and promoting a healthy, addiction-free society.

The rally was organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in collaboration with the Sub-Divisional Administration Baderwah. Nearly 47 motorcyclists participated enthusiastically in the awareness rally, carrying messages

against drug addiction and encouraging youth to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

The rally was flagged off by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunil Kumar Bhutyal, along with Tehsildar Kamal Preet Singh, ARTO Kapil Deol, SDPO Naveed Shoket Qazi, SHO, police officials, civil administration officers and local participants.

The rally commenced from New Bus Stand and passed through Seri Bazar, Old Bus Stand, Pasri and College Link Road before concluding back at the New Bus Stand Baderwah.

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It is to inform the general public that I have lost MY NUMBER PLATE PULSAR JK16A3905 GANDERBAL TO BATAMALOO SRINAGAR. Now I am applying for the duplicate of the same. If any body having objection may kindly file the same before concerned authorities within 7 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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**GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY OF J&K
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR TULAMULLA**

Subject:- Issuance of legal heir certificate of deceased Noor ud Din Wani S/o Abdul Ahad Wani R/o Gundirehaman Ganderbal

NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above. In this connection, that the deceased Noor ud Din Wani S/o Abdul Ahad Wani R/o Gundirehaman Ganderbal expired on 12-05-2026 as per death certificates. The legal heirs of the said deceased are as below:-

S.No	Name	Relation with deceased	Age
1.	Taja Begum	Wife	76
2.	Fatima	Daughter	44
3.	Abdul Majid Wani	Son.	38
4.	Sabreena Akhter	Daughter	30
5.	Nazir Ahmad Wani	Son	46
6.	Mubeena Bano	Daughter	45
7.	Yasmeena Akhter	Daughter	39

Before issue the legal heirs certificate in favour of Legal heirs of the abovementioned deceased, general public are inform through medium of this notice. If any body having objection with regard to applicant's claim of death/legal heir certificate, he/she may file objection before the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Further no objection shall be entertained after the stipulated time

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT BANDIPORA.

Subject:-Final Selection list of Sangnis (AWWs) of Poshan Project Bandipora.

This office has advertised three (04) posts of Sangnie's (AWW) vide advertisement Notice No:- (11) of 2026 Dated:-07.01.2026, under endorsement No; CDPO/POSHAN/BPR/Estt/ 2025-26/25-31 Dated: 07.01.2026 and same was published through department of information vide Dip No:-K5716 Dated:-08.01.2026, in Newspaper Daily paper Daily Aftab on .09.01.2026 vide publicity was given through PRI's and same was also uploaded on website of DC office Bandipora and applications were received accordingly. After proper scrutiny of application forms by the District level selection committee the Tentative merit list was published in newspaper daily Roshan Kashmir on 8.04.2026 vide Dip No:-197-26 dated:-07.04.2026. Accordingly as per H.R. policy for Sangnis (AWW) & Sahikayas (AWH) constituted by Government order No:-222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated:-30.11.2022, which is now being published for inviting of objections if any within (10) days from the date of publication, after expiry of cut date no objection shall be entertained. In response no objection has been received by this office.

The merit list of all Candidates is mentioned at "Annexure-A" and Final selection list as per "(Annexure B)" is shown below each wards from were applications for engagement of Sangneis (AWW) were received.

Merit List of Candidates for the Post of Sangnis (AWW) of POSHAN Project Bandipora									
S.No	Name of Panchayat /Municipal Ward	Name of Candidate	Parentage D/o /W/o	Location of AWC	Municipal Ward No	Qualification	D.O.B	Marks Obtained	Percentage %
1	Municipal Ward No.05	Ayman Fayaz	D/o.Fayaz Ahmad Hajam	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	01.02.1999	397/500	79.40
2	Municipal Ward No.05	Fozia Ayoob	D/o.Mohammad Ayub Hajam W/o. Waseem Akram	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	20.09.1993	550/750	73.33
3	Municipal Ward No.05	Anzila Fayaz	D/o Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	06.04.2007	296/500	59.20
4	Municipal Ward No.05	Sumaya	D/o.Ghulam Rasool Lone	Sheikh Mohall	05	12 th	03.11.1999	297/500	59.40
5	Municipal Ward No.05	Nazima Qadir	D/o.Gulam Qadir Hajam	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	19.06.1998	283/500	56.06
6	Municipal Ward No.05	Taieba Farooz	D/o.Farooz Ahmad Ganai W/o.Farhad Ahmad Bhat	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	20.08.2000	275/500	55.00
7	Municipal Ward No.05	Shabira Akther	D/o Ab Rashid lone W/o.Irshad Ahmad Kumar	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	20.10.1992	390/750	52.00
8	Municipal Ward No.05	Aabiroo Rajab	D/o. Mohammad Rajab Hajam	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	10.07.2002	240/500	48

S. No	Name of Panchayat Halqa	Name of Candidate	Parentage D/o /W/o	Location of AWC	Ward No.	Qualification	D.O.B	Marks Obt.	Percentage %
1	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Fiza Afzal	D/o.Mohammad Afzal LONE	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	05.01.2003	327/500	65.40
2	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Heena Bano	D/o.Ab Ahad Lone	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	28.10.2001	319/500	63.8
3	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Shaziyah Manzoor	D/o.Manzoor Ahmad lone W/o Abdul Hamid Lone	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	11.03.2001	305/500	61
4	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Nusrat Shaban	D/o Mohammad Shaban Lone	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	19.05.2000	302/500	60.4
5	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Khalida Bano	D/o.Ghulam Mohammad Reshi W/o Waseem Ahmad lone	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	05.09.1990	369/750	49.2

Subject:- MERIT List OF Candidates of Panchayat Muqam-A Ward No.(07) for the post of Sangnis (AWW).

S.No	Name of Panchayat Halqa	Name of Candidate	Parentage D/o /W/o	Location of AWC	Ward No.	Qualification	D.O.B	Marks Obt.	Percentage %
1	Muqam-A	Tabish Tariq	D/o.Tariq Ahmad Shah	Muqam-A	07	12 th	05.03.1998	357/500	71.4
2	Muqam-A	Rabia Jamal	D/o.Mohammad Jamal Sheer Gojree	Muqam-A	07	12 th	01.09.2006	309/500	61.8
3	Muqam-A	Shayista Jamal	D/o.Mohammad Jamal Sheer Gojree	Muqam-A	07	12 th	10.03.2000	304/500	60.8
4	Muqam-A	Nuzhat Nazir	D/o Nazir ud Din Peer W/o Amir Muzaffar Shah	Muqam-A	07	12 th	29.03.1993	430/750	57.33
5	Muqam-A	Nighat Naz	D/o.Attaullah Wani W/o. Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh	Muqam-A	07	12 th	01.02.1990	302/750	40.26

Subject:- MERIT List of Candidates of Panchayat Halqa Aloosa Ghat Ward No.(07) for the post of Sangnis (AWW).

S.No	Name of Panchayat Halqa	Name of Candidate	Parentage D/o /W/o	Location of AWC	Ward No.	Qualification	D.O.B	Marks Obt.	Percentage %
1	Aloosa Ghat	Suriya Mushtaq	D/o. Mushtaq Ahmad Dar W/o Umar Farooq Dar	Aloosa Ghat	07	12 th	06.10.2001	227/500	45.4

**Annexure-B
Final Selection List of Sangnis (AWWs).**

S. No	Name of Municipal Ward/Panchayat	Name of Candidate	Parentage D/o /W/o	Location of AWC	Ward No.	Qualification	D.O.B	Marks Obt.	Percentage %
1	Municipal Ward No.05	Ayman Fayaz	D/o.Fayaz Ahmad Hajam	Sheikh Mohalla	05	12 th	01.02.1999	397/500	79.40
2	Chuntimulla Ward No.01	Fiza Afzal	D/o.Mohammad Afzal Lone	Chuntimulla	01	12 th	05.01.2003	327/500	65.40
3	Muqam-A	Tabish Tariq	D/o.Tariq Ahmad Shah	Muqam-A	07	12 th	05.03.1998	357/500	71.4
4	Aloosa Ghat	Suriya Mushtaq	D/o.Mushtaq Ahmad Dar W/o Umar Farooq Dar	Aloosa Ghat	07	12 th	06.10.2001	227/500	45.4

After seeking objections from Stakeholders and disposal thereof, the above final selection list of Sangnis (AWWs) is submitted before District level Committee for approval and submission before the Competent Authority.

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Child Development Project Officer
POSHAN Project Bandipora
(Member Secretary DLSC)

IPL 2026: 'Holding length was key,' says Bumrah after Mumbai Indians' thrilling win

IAN S

DHARAMSHALA: Jasprit Bumrah said the Mumbai Indians' (MI) plan of consistently bowling hard lengths on a dry Dharamshala surface played a key role in restricting the Punjab Kings (PBKS) and setting up their thrilling chase of 201 in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash on Thursday.



middle overs, Tilak steadied the innings with a composed knock filled with six fours and six sixes. Will Jacks also played an important cameo of 25 off 10 balls to help Mumbai complete the chase.

Bumrah also joked about adding another captaincy role to his career after previously leading India in Test and T20 cricket. "I have captained a Test match, I have captained T20s, and now the only game left is ODI cricket, but I don't see that happening," he said with a smile.

"Jokes apart, very happy. Had good fun, good weather, great ground, so enjoyed my time," he added.

Meanwhile, despite the win, the Mumbai Indians are out of the playoff race as they are in ninth position in the points table with just 8 points in 12 matches.

ous game and reading this game, holding your length was key. That was the plan and credit to all bowlers, and they kept their nerve as well," Bumrah said after the match.

Punjab Kings had looked set for a much bigger total after strong contributions from Prabhsimran Singh, who scored 57 off 32 balls, and Azmatullah Omarzai, who smashed 38 off 17 deliveries. However, Mumbai fought back brilliantly in the middle overs,

with Shardul Thakur claiming 4-39.

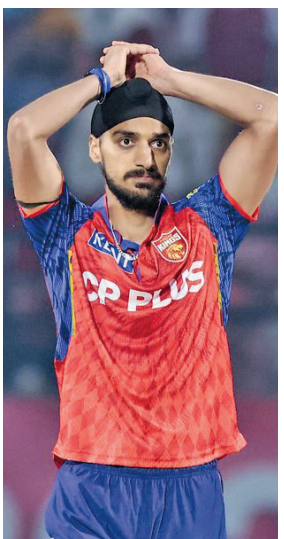
Bumrah said both Shardul's bowling and Tilak Varma's unbeaten 75 deserved equal praise in the victory. "I think Tilak's knock and the way Shardul bowled both deserve equal credit. Tilak kept his shape, Jacks also contributed," he said.

Chasing 201, Mumbai got off to a flying start through Ryan Rickelton, who made 48 off just 23 balls. After a couple of wickets in the

IPL 2026: Arshdeep's banter with Tilak Varma borders on racism, claim reports

IAN S

DHARAMSHALA: Punjab Kings pacer Arshdeep Singh has found himself at the centre of controversy once again after a video featuring Mumbai Indians batter Tilak Varma went viral on social media on Thursday, multiple reports have claimed.



The video, reportedly shared on Snapchat by Arshdeep as banter between players, showed the left-arm fast bowler joking with Tilak Varma during an informal interaction. During the exchange, Arshdeep appeared to call Tilak "andhere", a Hindi word commonly associated with darkness. He later joked that the batter should apply sunscreen.

The clip also featured Mumbai Indians player Naman Dhir, whom Arsh-

deep referred to as the real "noor" from Punjab, with "noor" meaning light. As Naman explained the word to Tilak, the batter replied that he already uses sunscreen.

Although the conversation appeared casual and light-hearted among the players, the video quickly sparked criticism online. Several social media users flayed Arshdeep for his remarks that carried racist undertones.

Some users described the comments as 'insensitive', while others questioned whether such humour was appropriate for public figures with a large online following.

The controversy has once again drawn attention to cricketers' social media activity and the growing scrutiny around online content shared by players during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season.

This is not the first instance of Arshdeep being involved in controversy for his online activity. A vlog posted on his YouTube

channel had previously drawn a massive reaction after Yuzvendra Chahal was captured vaping inside a plane in it.

Reports have previously suggested that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had circulated fresh guidelines for IPL players, support staff, and team officials regarding behaviour on social media and off the field.

The advisory reportedly included instructions related to player conduct, guest access at team hotels, anti-corruption measures, smoking and vaping rules, and the display of accreditation cards.

Arshdeep, who is known for his active social media presence and behind-the-scenes content, enjoys a massive following online with more than six million followers on Instagram.

ISL 2025-26: Relegation-threatened Mohammedan face Mumbai City in key clash

IAN S

KOLKATA: Relegation-threatened Mohammedan Sporting Club will face an absolute do-or-die battle for their survival as they welcome title-chasing Mumbai City FC for a high-stakes clash in their Indian Super League (ISL) 2025-26 fixture at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Friday.



The Black and White Brigade are fighting for survival and will look to leverage their home support to orchestrate a massive upset to stay afloat, knowing that anything less than a win will confirm their relegation. Meanwhile, Mumbai City FC arrive aiming for a clinical away performance and a move up to the second spot.

Mohammedan Sporting will aim to build on their recent performances following a challenging 1-3 defeat away to Kerala Blasters FC. Under the guidance of head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo, the Kolkata outfit have shown glimpses of attacking promise, but have struggled to find any consistent rhythm.

Their fate hangs by the thinnest of threads, and the mathematical equation is absolute: if Mohammedan SC lose or draw, they are relegated. They have to win at any cost. A much-needed victory would take them to six points, desperately keeping their slim survival hopes alive ahead of the final run-in.

They have conceded 26 goals, the most in the ISL, while scoring a league-low seven, and are yet to secure a single victory this season.

For the hosts, top scorers Mahitosh Roy (two goals) and Thokchom Adison Singh (two goals), alongside leading assist providers Hira Mondal (one goal, two assists) and Lalngaihsaka (two assists), will be key players to watch, though they will have to navigate the fixture without the suspended Amarjit Singh.

Head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo underscored the fixture's significance, emphasising the importance of home advantage and pledging to fight until the very

end to keep their survival hopes alive.

"Our plan is that we approach every match with the objective to win the game. But sometimes the circumstances are beyond our control. The good thing is that this game we are playing at home, and we don't have to travel," Wadoo stated. "We will have hope till the end. Because we still have two games, if we can reach nine points, Chennaiyin FC also have nine points, we have to fight, and this match is very important for us. We have been fighting since the beginning, and we promise to fight until the end."

Defender Pukhrabam Dinesh Meitei expressed his readiness and focus ahead of the crucial contest. "Now everything is fine," he noted confidently. "I am ready for tomorrow's match against Mumbai City FC. We will have to give our all and win our remaining two matches. The team is motivated to perform at their best and win tomorrow."

Mumbai City FC, meanwhile, travel to Kolkata hoping to bounce back from a frustrating 1-2 home defeat against East Bengal FC.

Occupying seventh place with 19 points from 11 matches (5W, 4D, 2L), Mumbai City FC will view this fixture as a prime opportunity to arrest a recent slide. The Islanders are remarkably winless in their last four league games

(D2, L2), with their last victory coming nearly 40 days ago on April 5 against Odisha FC.

However, a win on Friday would elevate them to 22 points, vaulting them straight back into second position and firming up their title credentials. The visitors will draw massive confidence from their away form, having collected 11 of their 19 points on the road (W3, D2, L1), giving them the second-best away record in the league.

They will look to the creative midfield presence of Joni Kauko (two assists) and Brandon Fernandes (two goals, one assist), alongside the dynamic attacking duo of top scorer Lallianzuala Chhangte (four goals) and Noufal P.N (three goals, one assist), to spearhead their attacking transitions and unlock the hosts' defence.

Head coach Petr Kratky highlighted the non-negotiable need for maximum points and warned his side against underestimating their resilient opponents. "It's very simple. We have two games to go, six points. We have to win. There's no other way. If we want to achieve our targets, then we have to win the next two games," Kratky stated.

"Mentality will be the big thing. We cannot underestimate them because they are at the bottom of the ladder; they can hurt us on counterattacks and set pieces. We have to make sure our

energy, our fight, and our desire to win are there from the first minute to the last."

Forward Jorge Ortiz reinforced the squad's motivation heading into the business end of the season, urging the team to focus purely on their own game rather than the league table.

"We don't need to check the standings or anything else. We just need to focus on ourselves and win the next two games, and we'll see," Ortiz noted. "The last two games for us were very good, and we deserved a better result. Now our target is the next one against Mohammedan; to win, keep the same mentality, and play the same way."

Mumbai City FC have completely dominated this fixture. The Islanders boast a flawless competitive record against this opponent, having won all four of their previous meetings across all competitions and failed to concede in three of those matches. Their most recent clash in January 2025 saw the Islanders secure a commanding 3-0 home victory in Mumbai.

Friday's fixture at Kishore Bharati Krirangan carries immense weight for both sides. Pre-match analysis heavily favours the Islanders. On the other hand, for Mohammedan SC, there is no tomorrow. An upset would inject hope into their stuttering campaign, but a draw or defeat would definitively confirm their relegation.

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