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The news of the deaths of several people in the road accident that occurred in Lakhimpur Kheeri, Uttar Pradesh, is extremely heartbreaking. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray for the swift recovery of the injured.

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LG Inspects Yatri Niwas At Pantha Chowk Ahead Of Amarnath Yatra



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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday conducted an on-site inspection and reviewed the ongoing construction works and pilgrim facilities at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the officials and directed them for expediting the progress and ensure completion of pending works well before

commencement of Shri Amarnathji yatra. He also reviewed the arrangements for sound and light show dedicated to Baba Barfani.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr. Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO, SASB; Shri Mukesh Garg, Member, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Shri Rajiv Pandey, DIG CKR; Dr. GV Sundeep Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Shri Akshay Labroo; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar and other senior officers.

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'Adequate Availability Of Fuel, LPG Across J&K'



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SRINAGAR: The overall fuel supply position in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir continues to remain stable and adequate, the oil industry said on Monday, urging citizens not to resort to panic buying.

Shri Himanshu Sharma, State Level Coordinator for the Oil Industry, informed that the entire supply chain, including terminals, depots and retail outlets, is functioning efficiently without any disruption.

In a statement issued here, Sharma said the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have confirmed that the availability of essential petroleum products such as petrol, diesel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) remains normal and uninterrupted across J&K.

"Fuel stocks are being continuously monitored and replenishment" •P-06

Buyers Flock To Srinagar's Eidgah Market To Purchase Sacrificial Animals

We Have Just Entered Main Season; Rush Will Increase, Say Livestock Sellers



REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: Activity at Srinagar's famous Eidgah sheep market has started rising as buyers flock to purchase sacrificial animals ahead of Eid-ul-Adha, which will be observed on May 27.

From early morning, buyers from different parts of the city thronged the market, inspecting sheep and negotiating prices. Livestock sellers from

Budgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal and south Kashmir districts have started bringing livestock to Srinagar, hoping for strong sales in the coming days.

"We have just entered the main season. The rush will increase with each passing day till Eid," Nazir Ahmad, a livestock dealer from Budgam said.

Many families said they preferred shopping early to avoid last-minute crowds and expect-

ed price hikes. Children accompanying parents added to the festive mood at the market.

"Zil Hajj has just begun, and the market is already seeing good footfall. We expect the real rush in the coming days," said Bashir Ahmad, another sheep seller from Pulwama.

Besides Eidgah, temporary livestock stalls have also started appearing in several areas of Srinagar and other districts—(KNO)

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Srinagar Records 31.5 C Hot Weather Prevails Across J&K

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir continued to witness hot and dry weather on Monday, with several places recording above normal temperatures, while the Meteorological Department forecast rain, thunderstorms and gusty winds from May 19 onwards.

According to the data shared by MeT Department, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 31.5 degrees Celsius, which was 6.1 degrees above normal for this time of the year. Qazigund registered 33 degrees Celsius, 8.6 degrees above normal, while Kokernag recorded 30.8 degrees Celsius, seven degrees above normal.

The tourist resort of Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 23.6 degrees Celsius, 7.3 degrees above normal, while Pahalgam settled at 26.4 degrees Celsius, 4.5 degrees above normal.

In North Kashmir, Kupwara recorded 29.5 degrees Celsius, 3.7 degrees above normal.

Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 41.1 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal, while Katra registered 38.4 degrees Celsius.

Banihal, Batote and Baderwah •P-06

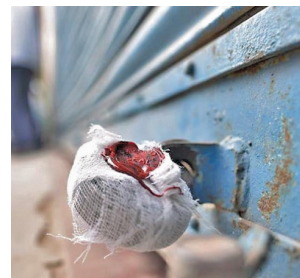
Eid Ahead Three Bakery Units Face Action Over Hygiene Violations In Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The Food Safety Department Srinagar on Monday launched an intensive inspection drive across several city areas, booking three bakery units for hygiene violations and warning shopkeepers against exposing food items to direct sunlight and unsafe storage practices.

A spokesperson of the department said a team of the Food Safety Department Srinagar, along with Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Srinagar Yameen-ul-Nabi, carried out the drive in Karanagar, Kanikadal, Pateh Kadal, Gojwara and Hawal areas to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act and Rules.

During the inspection, three bakery units were found violating provisions of Schedule-4 of the Food



Safety and Standards Act on hygiene and sanitary requirements. Consequently, prosecution under relevant provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Rules and Regulations will be initiated, and the cases will be submitted before the competent court of law.

The team also observed that several retail shopkeepers and small wholesalers were exposing food items directly to sunlight and not adhering to the prescribed storage conditions mentioned on product" •P-06

Dy CM Completes Self-Enumeration For Census 2027, Urges Public Participation

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SRINAGAR: In a major push towards promotion of Self-Enumeration under Census 2027, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary Monday successfully completed his Self-Enumeration exercise at Civil Secretariat in Srinagar.

The exercise was done under the guidance of Amit Sharma, Chief Principal Census Officer and Director Census Operations & Citizen Registration, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Ministers including Sakeena Itoo, Javid Ahmad Dar and Satish Sharma also undertook the Self-Enumeration for Census-2027.

The Self-Enumeration exercise was also undertaken by several legislators including MLAs including Tanvir Sadiq, Altaf Ahmad Wani, Hasnain Masoodi and Iftikhar Ahmad.



During the exercise, Amit Sharma guided the dignitaries regarding various features of the Self-Enumeration process and assisted them in successfully completing their digital Census submissions through the online platform.

The Deputy Chief Minister appreciated the simple, citizen-friendly and technology-driven nature of the Self-Enumeration

system and expressed satisfaction over the ease and efficiency with which the Census details were submitted digitally. He described the initiative as an important step towards transparent, modern and participatory governance.

The Deputy Chief Minister called upon all citizens and residents of Jammu & Kashmir to actively join in the" •P-06

CS Assesses Mission YUVA Progress During Apex Committee Review Meeting

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Monday chaired the Apex Committee Meeting of Mission YUVA and reviewed the progress achieved under the ambitious initiative aimed at fostering entrepreneurship, generating employment and establishing Jammu & Kashmir as a thriving hub of enterprises and sustainable livelihoods.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from different departments including ACS, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, School Education; Secretary, Labour & Employment; Secretary, RDD; Director, Employment; Executive Director, EDI representatives from J&K Bank and other financial institutions, district administrations and

other stakeholders associated with implementation of Mission YUVA.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a comprehensive review of the performance recorded under the four foundational pillars of Mission YUVA constituting the creation of Culture, Capital, Capacity and enhancing Connectivity for the ease and welfare of the applicants.

Besides this the Chief Secretary assessed district-wise achievements, institutional preparedness, credit facilitation, entrepreneurship development and implementation bottlenecks. He emphasized the need for coordinated efforts by the departments, financial institutions and district administrations to ensure that Mission YUVA" •P-06

'Thajwas Glacier Lost 86% Area, 88% Volume Since Neoglaciation'

Identifies Four Major Glacial Advances Over Past Nearly 21,000 In Kashmir Himalaya

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: The Thajwas Glacier in the Kashmir Himalaya has lost nearly 86 per cent of its area and close to 88 per cent of its volume since the Neoglaciation period, according to a new scientific study published in the journal Geoscience Frontiers, highlighting the long-term impact of rising global temperatures on Himalayan glaciers.

The study, published in the journal Geoscience Frontiers, reconstructed the paleoglacial history of the Thajwas Glacier using cosmogenic Beryllium-10 (10Be) exposure dating and geomorphological mapping, providing one of the few detailed glacial chronolo-



gies from the Kashmir Himalaya.

Researchers identified four major glacial advances over the past nearly 21,000 years, corresponding to the global Last Glacial Maximum (gLGM), the Younger Dryas period, the Early Holocene and the Neoglaciation phase.

According to the study ana-

lysed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the glacier witnessed major advances around 20,770 years ago, 11,460 years ago, 9,120 years ago and nearly 4,190 years ago.

The researchers said the glacier has undergone a drastic reduction in both area and volume since the gLGM

period. "The Thajwas Glacier lost around 64 per cent of its area and 73 per cent of its volume from the Last Glacial Maximum to the Neoglaciation stage," the study noted.

It added that glacier retreat accelerated further in more recent times, with the glacier losing around 85.74 per cent of its area and 87.67 per cent of its volume from the Neoglaciation period to the present day.

The scientists said the findings indicate a strong connection between global temperature rise and glacier melt in the Himalaya.

The study also examined changes in the glacier's Equilibrium Line Altitude (ELA), the point on a glacier" •P-06

Pak Shelling Last Year Snapped Power Lines Along LoC In J&K: NRPC

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: The Power Grid has informed the Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC) that heavy shelling from Pakistan in May last year resulted in snapping of conductors and damaged towers in at Uri, Kupwara and other areas along the Line of Control (LoC).

NRPC in a meeting had said that AE (Protection) further apprised that there were multiple tripping due to cross border shelling and firing.

"Power Grid informed that heavy shelling in Uri, Kupwara and other areas along the LoC resulted in snapping of conductors and damage of tower members, also there was restriction in the area which hampered the replacement and restoration work of affected line," the NRPC said.

The NRPC further said that AE (Protection), informed that ceasefire was announced on 10th May however tripping was also on 13th, 15th and 16th May for 400KV URI 1" •P-06

Tourism Boom Breathes New Life Into Gulmarg



BILAL DAR

SRINAGAR: Nearly one years after the valley's tourism engine sputtered, Gulmarg is roaring back to life. Officials said Monday the hill station is operating at near-full capacity, with domestic footfall surging and foreign arrivals expected to follow suit in the coming months.

Tariq Hussain Naik, CEO of the Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA), described the revival as a turning point. "Tourists from across the country are returning for the weather, the scenery, and the peace. Gulmarg remains a year-round favourite," he said. Naik credited the turn-

around to coordinated efforts by the administration, tourism department, local stakeholders, and security agencies after last year's downturn.

But the rebound comes with a warning. Naik made it clear that Gulmarg will not be allowed to go the way of other overcrowded hill stations. "Illegal constructions will not be tolerated," he said, adding that the resort is a designated no-construction zone. Officials said nearly 13 unauthorised structures have already been sealed in recent anti-encroachment drives, with more action planned in the coming days.

On the development front, the GDA is" •P-06

“Museums Uniting a Divided World”

Jammu, Srinagar mark International Museum Day



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SRINAGAR: The J&K Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums Monday celebrated the International Museum Day under the theme “Museums Uniting a Divided World” in conjunction with Mission Gyan Bharatam. Specially curated exhibitions of artifacts and rare manuscript collections were organized at the Dogra Art Museum, Jammu and the SPS

Museum, Lalmandi, Srinagar, with free entry for all the visitors. At the Dogra Art Museum Jammu, the exhibition was inaugurated by Yudhvir Sethi, MLA, Jammu East. At the SPS Museum, Srinagar, the event was inaugurated by Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture in presence of Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums and Parvez

Ahmad, Special Secretary, Department of Culture. The exhibitions featured unique manuscripts and artifacts, including the 5th-century Gilgit Manuscript on birch bark, Tafseer-i-Kabeer, Shah Nama-i-Firdousi, a bronze sculpture of Bodhisattva Padmapani, 3rd-century terracotta tiles, Shah Jahan’s gold-plated bow, the Royal Armoury, Basohli paintings, Sudhama paintings and gold coins from the Kushan period.

To make the event inclusive and accessible, refreshments and gifts were arranged for over 1,000 visitors across both the museums, including students, ex-servicemen, scholars, authors and tourists. On the occasion, wheelchairs and helpers were also provided for the persons with disabilities. The visitors expressed appreciation for the department’s initiative, calling it a first-of-its-kind, well-facilitated exhibition.

DC Shopian launches self-enumeration drive for census-2027 at GDC Shopian

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SHOPIAN: In a major push toward public awareness and community participation, a mega district-level self-enumeration awareness programme commenced from 17th May, will continue till 31st May, 2026 for census 2027 was successfully conducted Monday here at the Government Degree College (GDC) Shopian.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) who is also Principal Census Officer, Shopian, Shishir Gupta was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who emphasized the landmark shift toward citizen-led digital data collection. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the critical importance of accurate, timely data and called upon the entire administrative machinery to act as catalysts for public engagement and also ensure 100% data collection and message to all to aware about self-enumeration. “Coordinated adminis-



trative efforts and grassroots public awareness are the absolute pillars for the smooth, successful execution of census 2027 across the district,” the DC remarked. He strictly urged all officers and employees to not only actively participate in the process themselves but also to rigorously motivate the general public for maximum digital onboarding, the Self-Enumeration Windows. The DC emphasized the significance of accurate data collection and urged all officers and officials to approach the training with utmost dedication to ensure the successful implementation of census-2027 across the district.

While speaking on the occasion, the DSEO (Additional District Census Officer), Shopian, Bilqees Zahoor said that the primary aim of self-enumeration process is the counting of the population and moving away from paper-based operations to now digital census. She stressed that all details of the households must be provided and urged for taking part in the process of self-enumeration with dedication. The comprehensive training initiative was split into two separate, intensive sessions to ensure detailed coverage of the census modalities. During the event, district coordinator, Naveen Ragu, master trainers,

Irfan Ahmed and Bilal Ahmed and Field Trainer (FT), Feroz Ahmed Lone imparted crucial technical training to the participating officers, officials and other key stakeholders. FT briefed the participants about the question-answer hour of self-enumeration programme, highlighting its significance in ensuring accurate data. The sessions focused on equipping the staff with the necessary skills to seamlessly manage and execute the self-enumeration process. The district administration has finalized a comprehensive outreach framework to assist citizens during this 15-day window, ensuring that the transition to India’s first heavily paperless census model is seamless and inclusive for every household in District Shopian. During the sessions, participants were briefed about digital registration, data accuracy and public awareness measures to ensure smooth conduct of census-2027 activities.

DC reviews arrangements for Eid-ul-Adha at Kulgam

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam Monday convened a meeting of officers to review the arrangements put in place for the upcoming festive occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. During the meeting, the DC directed officers of the Jal Shakti Department and KPDCL to ensure smooth supply of water and electricity across the district. He also instructed the Jal Shakti Department to keep water tankers available in required areas and ensure that no locality faces any shortage of drinking water. District Sheep Husbandry Officer informed the chair that adequate numbers of sacrificial animals, including sheep and goats, are available in the district. Chief Animal Husbandry Officer informed the meeting that sufficient poultry stock is also available to



meet public demand during the festive days. The DC further directed the concerned authorities to intensify market checking to ensure the quality and availability of essential commodities, including bakery and confectionery items, milk, meat, chicken, vegetables, and other essentials in the markets. Municipal authorities were directed to ensure proper sanitation in towns, mosques, and Eidgahs. They were also instructed to repair defunct streetlights, if

any, to facilitate the public during the festival. He also directed the concerned authorities to identify designated locations for proper disposal of offal to maintain cleanliness and hygiene during Eid-ul-Adha celebrations. On the occasion, Traffic Police authorities were asked to ensure smooth regulation of traffic across the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC, ADC, ACR, Tehsilidars, Executive Engineers, Executive Officers and other officers.

Startup India, DPIIT to organize TEJAS Workshop in B’la on May 21

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BARAMULLA: In a significant step towards strengthening the startup and entrepreneurial ecosystem at the district level, Startup India, DPIIT in collaboration with JKEDI, District Administration is organising the TEJAS Workshop scheduled to be held on 21st May 2026 at Dak Bungalow Baramulla. The workshop aims to bring together aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, innovators, students, industry experts, institutional stakeholders, and government representatives on a common platform to promote entrepreneurship-led economic growth and innovation. The workshop is being organised with the objective of creating awareness about startup opportunities, government support mechanisms, innovation-

driven entrepreneurship, incubation support, and market linkages for emerging enterprises. The event will focus on enabling local entrepreneurs to understand the evolving startup ecosystem and explore pathways for business growth, funding, mentorship, and institutional support. The agenda of the workshop includes inaugural and context-setting sessions highlighting the entrepreneurial landscape and opportunities in the district. Key sessions during the event will cover awareness about Startup India initiatives and benefits, insights into the startup ecosystem, innovation and design thinking processes, intellectual property awareness, incubation and entrepreneurship culture, and promotion of district-specific products under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative. The workshop will also feature interactive sessions on business model development, financial planning, investment readiness, startup showcases, founder interactions, and networking opportunities aimed at inspiring aspiring entrepreneurs and strengthening collaboration among ecosystem stakeholders. The TEJAS workshop is expected to serve as a catalyst for fostering innovation, encouraging youth entrepreneurship, promoting women-led enterprises, and building a vibrant startup ecosystem. Entrepreneurs, students, academia, industry representatives, and other stakeholders should actively participate in the workshop and benefit from the knowledge-sharing and networking opportunities being offered through the event.

Dir Agri inaugurates Flower Seedling Distribution at Lalmandi



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SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah Monday inaugurated the distribution of flower seedlings at the Floriculture Nursery, Lalmandi, in a bid to promote ornamental gardening and encourage floriculture activities among growers and gardening enthusiasts across the Valley. During the inauguration ceremony, the Director emphasized the importance of floriculture as a viable sector for income generation, beautification, and environmental sustainability. He highlighted the department’s commitment towards providing quality planting material and technical support to farmers, youth, and urban gardeners interested in flower cultivation. The department has made available a wide range of quality planting material at government-

approved and subsidized rates, including hybrid and open-pollinated annual seedlings, imported and technically propagated potted plants, and rooted plants in polybags. The Director stated that the initiative is aimed at ensuring easy access to quality flower planting material during the summer season and enhancing the floriculture sector in the Valley. The Director stated that the distribution programme aims to ensure the timely availability of seasonal flower seedlings to the public and promote aesthetic landscaping in residential areas, institutions, parks, and public spaces. He also urged growers to adopt modern floriculture practices for enhancing productivity and commercial opportunities. On the occasion Deputy Director Agriculture Central Kashmir, Floriculturist Kashmir and officials of Floriculture Wing were present.

DC Budgam chairs interdepartmental meeting on mining, mineral extraction

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BUDGAM: An Inter-Departmental District Level meeting was Monday convened under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan to review, assess, and strengthen the regulatory and monitoring mechanisms for mineral extraction and transportation in the district. During the meeting, a review of the existing enforcement framework was undertaken and the functioning of various departments involved in mineral regulation was assessed in detail. The DC directed the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Budgam, to maintain strict vigil over Nallah Sukhnag, Doodh-ganga, and Shaliganga and other nallah’s of the District to ensure that no illegal extraction of minerals takes place from these water bodies. The District Mineral Officer (DMO), Budgam, was directed to further strengthen the vigilance and ensure real-time monitoring across district. The Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Budgam, was instructed to initiate strict action against vehicles and machinery, found involved in illegal mineral extrac-



tion and transportation activities. The DC stressed that illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of minerals shall not be tolerated under any circumstances and reiterated that a zero-tolerance policy shall be adopted against all violators. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) were directed to closely monitor incidents of illegal mining within their jurisdictions and ensure prompt legal action against offenders. The R&B Department was directed to closely monitor road infrastructure affected by the movement of overloaded vehicles and to ensure the installation of proper checkpoints and barricades at vulnerable locations. The department was further instructed to coordinate with enforcement agencies to prevent damage to public infrastructure caused by illegal

mineral transportation. The DC also directed all concerned departments to ensure time-bound implementation of the decisions taken during the meeting and to submit regular progress reports for review. He further emphasized that coordinated enforcement drives shall be conducted jointly by all stakeholder departments and accountability shall be fixed in cases of negligence or lapses in enforcement. The DC stated that these measures are aimed at strengthening governance, ensuring regulatory compliance, and protecting the natural resources of the district. The meeting was attended by ADDC Budgam, Vivek Agarwal; ADC Budgam, ACR Budgam, all SDMs, Divisional Forest Officer, Executive Engineer I&FC, District Mineral Officer, ARTO, representatives of R&B department and other concerned officers.

DLSA Shopian empowers youth with vital awareness Program on NALSA Scheme

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SHOPIAN: In a proactive effort to bridge the gap between legal aid and citizens during times of crisis, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian, in collaboration with the Education Department Shopian, organized a comprehensive awareness program Monday. The event focused on the NALSA Scheme for Disaster Victims and was hosted at the Higher Secondary School Narapora, Shopian. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students and educators, highlighting a growing community interest in understanding legal rights and disaster-related support mechanisms. Rafie Ahmad Ganie, Chief Legal Aid Defence



Counsel (LADC) Shopian, led an insightful session detailing the core provisions of the NALSA Scheme for Disaster Victims. He explicitly emphasized the critical importance of accessing timely, free legal assistance during crises. The event was well-supported by Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), Sadaf Manzoor and Sajad Ahmad who actively engaged with the attendees. The primary objective

of the initiative was to educate vulnerable populations, ensuring they are fully informed of their statutory rights and the legal support infrastructure available to them during natural or man-made disasters. DLSA Shopian remains steadfastly committed to driving grassroots legal literacy, empowering citizens and fostering resilience through continuous community outreach initiatives.

DLSA Ganderbal to hold Special Lok Adalat on June 6

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GANDERBAL: As part of the approved Plan of Action and Calendar of Activities for the year 2026, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal has notified that a Special Lok Adalat on contentious cases shall be conducted on June 6, 2026 at the District Court Com-

plex Ganderbal and Munsiff Court Kangan. The Special Lok Adalat is being organized to facilitate amicable settlement of contentious cases through mutual consent and conciliation, thereby ensuring speedy and cost-effective justice to the litigants. In this regard, the general public and litigants, in particular, who are will-

ing to settle their pending contentious cases through the Lok Adalat mechanism, have been advised to approach the concerned courts, District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal, or Tehsil Legal Services Committees (TLSCs) Ganderbal and Kangan for referral of such cases to the Special Lok Adalat on or before May 30, 2026.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan Central Kashmir Excise Range intensifies crackdown against illicit cultivation of poppy crops



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SRINAGAR: Central Kashmir Excise Range intensified its crackdown against the illicit cultivation of Narcotic crops (Poppy) under the Nasha Mukht Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan. Destruction of illegal poppy cultivation was held at multiple locations across the Srinagar-Budgam-Ganderbal Excise Range including Zonimar Eidgah and Ichgam Budgam in collaboration with Police, Revenue and Agriculture Department. Accordingly, the FIR was lodged under the relevant sections of NDPS Act at the

concerned Police Stations. All legal formalities including seizure, Sampling and destruction were reportedly completed on spot. In this regard, Case FIR No. 39/2026 and FIR No. 125/2026 U/S 8/18 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Soura and Police station Budgam and investigation has been taken up. The enforcement action exemplifies the commitment of the Excise Department to curbing illegal activities and upholding the rule of law under the supervision of the Excise Commissioner and the Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Kashmir.

Sakeena Itoo reviews proposed interventions for transforming, strengthening ECCE in J&K

Calls for holistic, inclusive, child-centric learning ecosystem across J&K

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo Monday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the interventions proposed for transforming and strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) by the Social Welfare department across Jammu and Kashmir.



The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare department, Sarmad Hafeez; Commissioner Secretary Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; Mission Director ICDS, Sajad Hussain Ganai; Project Director Samagra, Bhawani Rakhwal; Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani; Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Finance/Director Planning of Health, Social Welfare, School Education and Higher Education departments, other senior officers, while as Director School Education Jammu, Director Health Services Jammu, Director Social Welfare Jammu, representatives of BISAG-N and other concerned officers attended the meeting through virtual mode.

During the meeting, the Minister undertook a comprehensive review of the ongoing Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) initiatives, infrastructural preparedness, teacher training modules, learning outcomes, enrolment trends and convergence mechanisms aimed at ensuring quality foundational learning for children in the age group of 3 to 6 years.

Addressing the officers, Sakeena Itoo underscored the critical importance of ECCE in shaping the cognitive, emotional and social development of children. She stated that ECCE forms the bedrock of the education system and plays a pivotal role in nurturing young minds during their most formative years.

Stressing on the proper implementation of ECCE framework in coordination with School Education department, the Minister directed all concerned departments to work in close synergy to achieve measurable improvements in nutrition, school readiness and foundational learning outcomes.

She also directed the officers to remove duplicity if any regarding children registered in Anganwadi Centres and schools.

The Minister emphasized that the government is committed to building an inclusive, equitable and child-friendly ECCE framework. She directed the concerned authorities to ensure effective implementation of play-based and activity-oriented learning methodologies across all pre-primary institutions and Anganwadi centres.

Sakeena Itoo stressed the need for strengthening coordination between the School Education department and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to ensure seamless delivery of early learning and nutrition support. She further called for enhanced parental awareness and community participation to create a supportive ecosystem for young learners.

Highlighting the importance of trained educators, the Minister asked

the concerned officers to intensify capacity-building programmes for ECCE teachers and Anganwadi workers to equip them with contemporary teaching techniques and child psychology-based learning approaches.

Reaffirming the government's commitment towards quality education and child welfare, Sakeena Itoo said that sustained efforts are being made to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy while ensuring that every child in Jammu and Kashmir receives a nurturing, stimulating and safe learning environment.

The Minister also directed the concerned officers to strengthen Anameia checkups in AWCs so that maximum beneficiaries are covered.

During the meeting, Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sarmad Hafeez gave a detailed overview on proposed interventions regarding ECCE. He informed that innovative mentorship models are being implemented to bridge Anganwadis and primary schools, with mentor teachers providing pedagogical support and on-site guidance. He also said that that internship collaborations are being rolled out to strengthen service delivery at the grassroots.

Advisor Nasir Aslam reviews Yatra, Eid preparedness in Jammu

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JAMMU: Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Monday chaired a high-level meeting with senior officers to review summer preparedness, arrangements for upcoming pilgrimages, availability of food and essential supplies, and preparedness for Eid-ul-Adha celebrations across Jammu division.



The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, IGP Jammu Bhimsen Tuti, DIG Traffic J&K Dr Haseeb Mughal, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Devansh Yadav, Managing Director JPDCL Gurpal Singh, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Rakesh Minhas, heads of various departments and other senior officers.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner Jammu briefed the meeting about the overall summer preparedness across the division, including measures being taken by various departments to ensure uninterrupted public services during the peak summer season.

He also presented an overview of major developmental works underway in the region, including roads, highways, bridges and other key infrastructure projects aimed at improving connectivity and public convenience.

The meeting was informed that, in view of the prevailing crisis

in West Asia, sufficient stocks of essential commodities, including food grains and fuel, are available across Jammu division and supplies are being continuously replenished to avoid any disruption. The officers assured that adequate buffer stocks are being maintained to meet any eventuality during the summer and pilgrimage season.

The Divisional Commissioner further briefed the meeting about arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Machail Mata Yatra and Budha Amarnath Yatra in Jammu division. He informed that comprehensive preparations are underway to ensure smooth conduct of the pilgrimages, particularly in view of the monsoon season. Measures relating to road connectivity, sanitation, health facilities, traffic regulation and emergency response systems are being strengthened to facilitate hassle-free movement of pilgrims.

The meeting also reviewed the present power supply scenario in Jammu region. The Managing Director, JPDCL, briefed the meeting regarding ongoing

measures to improve power supply infrastructure and ensure uninterrupted electricity supply to consumers during the summer months.

He informed that steps are being taken for advance maintenance of transformers and strengthening of distribution networks to minimize disruptions.

The meeting also discussed arrangements being made for the smooth celebration of the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha in Jammu region. The Divisional Commissioner informed that market checking teams would be constituted to prevent black marketing, hoarding and profiteering during the festival period. He said all departments are working in coordination to ensure availability of essential commodities and smooth civic services during the festival.

During the meeting, the IGP Jammu and DIG Traffic J&K briefed the chair about the security and traffic management plans being formulated for the upcoming Eid festival and major Yatras in Jammu and Kashmir. They informed that foolproof security arrangements and comprehensive traffic regulation plans are being put

in place to facilitate smooth movement of pilgrims and the general public.

Speaking during the meeting, the Advisor directed the Power Development Department and Jal Shakti Department to ensure uninterrupted electricity and drinking water supply during the peak summer season. He stressed the need for advance maintenance of transformers, rational deployment of water tankers and establishment of 24x7 grievance redressal mechanisms to address public complaints promptly.

The Advisor also directed the Health Department to keep all hospitals and Primary Health Centres fully equipped to handle heat-related illnesses. He instructed the department to maintain adequate stocks of essential medicines and ensure deployment of mobile medical units in vulnerable areas, particularly during the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and other pilgrimages.

He further directed the Traffic Police and Transport Department to properly regulate vehicular movement on vulnerable stretches of the National Highway and ensure adequate public transport facilities during the Yatra period. The Advisor instructed the FCS&CA Department to maintain sufficient buffer stocks of essential commodities and intensify market checking drives to curb hoarding and profiteering of perishables during Eid and the Yatra season.

Rana hands over engagement orders to Anganwadi Workers in Mendhar

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MENDHAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Monday handed over engagement orders to newly selected Anganwadi Workers and Helpers from Mendhar and Balakote under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, reaffirming the government's commitment towards strengthening the grassroots welfare and public health services in rural and border areas.



is working with dedication to ensure that welfare schemes reach every deserving household, especially in rural and tribal regions.

Highlighting the objectives of the ICDS scheme, the Minister said that Anganwadi centres play a vital role in improving the nutritional and health status of children, while also creating awareness among mothers regarding healthcare, balanced nutrition, immunisation and child development. He noted that the scheme aims to provide a strong foundation for the psychological, physical and social development of children besides helping reduce malnutrition, morbidity and mortality among women and children.

Emphasising the need for further strengthening Anganwadi services, the Minister called for sustained efforts to improve their effective functioning and outreach. He assured

continued government support for enhancing infrastructure, ensuring timely availability of resources and creating better working conditions for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers so that they can discharge their responsibilities efficiently.

Congratulating the newly selected workers and helpers, Javed Rana urged them to serve the people with dedication, sincerity and compassion. He encouraged them to work actively for the welfare of women and children and contribute meaningfully towards building a healthier and more aware society in their respective areas.

The programme was attended by officials of the concerned departments, local representatives and the public, who appreciated the government's efforts towards strengthening grassroots welfare institutions and expanding employment opportunities in the region.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma chairs DISHA meeting in Jammu

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma Monday chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting here at the District Headquarters, Jammu, to review the implementation and progress of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and flagship programmes being executed in the district.

Member of Rajya Sabha Sat Paul Sharma, who is Co-Chairperson of the DISHA Committee, also presided over the deliberations and offered valuable inputs on the occasion.

The meeting was attended by Members of Legislative Assembly from the district, who actively raised developmental issues and concerns pertaining to their respective constituencies, along with senior district officers and representatives of concerned departments.

District Development Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas gave a detailed presentation highlighting the status, achievements and progress under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented across the district. A comprehensive review was undertaken of major programmes including PMAY,



Jal Jeevan Mission, MGNREGA, PMGSY, Swachh Bharat Mission, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, PM KUSUM, PM SHRI Schools, Health, Education, Power, Rural Development and Social Welfare schemes, covering both physical and financial progress.

The meeting witnessed threadbare deliberations on the ground-level implementation of these schemes. The Chair underlined that timely and planned execution of projects is of paramount importance for ensuring effective grassroots delivery and stressed the need for transparency, accountability and quality standards across all executing agencies.

Reviewing the overall progress, MP Jugal Kishore issued directions, covering a wide range of ongoing developmental works across the district. He emphasised that completed schemes be operationalised without delay so that public benefit is not held up and that works stalled for any reason

be brought back on track through appropriate remedial measures. Directions were also issued for expediting pending works and ensuring that fresh works are commenced in accordance with approved plans and timelines.

The Chair gave particular attention to key flagship schemes, directing that targets under housing, rural electrification, road connectivity, sanitation and school infrastructure programmes be pursued with renewed urgency. He stressed that the benefits of these schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries and that awareness among the public be actively promoted with the involvement of elected representatives. Directions were also issued for redressal of issues relating to power supply and drinking water, with emphasis on ensuring that infrastructure in one sector does not hamper delivery in another.

Specific directions were also issued on certain local infrastructure matters of

importance to the district, including road connectivity and bridge projects, for which the Chair called for expeditious resolution of pending issues.

Member of Rajya Sabha Sat Paul Sharma, while addressing the meeting, stressed that Jammu and Kashmir must accelerate its performance across Centrally Sponsored Schemes so that maximum benefit reaches the public. He laid special emphasis on sanitation targets and urged that more avenues be explored to enable departments to deliver public benefits effectively through Government of India schemes.

Others present at the meeting included Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Vidhu Shekhar, Sub-Divisional Magistrates of respective sub-divisions, Chief Planning Officer Ajaypal Singh, Superintending Engineers and other concerned sectoral officers.

Er Rashid gets bail to attend father's funeral in Langate



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SRINAGAR: Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid was on Monday granted bail to attend the last rites of his father, Haji Khazir Mohammad, who passed away after a brief illness at AIIMS Delhi.

Family members said that Rashid has been allowed to participate in the funeral following his father's death in New Delhi. Rashid has been granted bail till June 02.

Notably, Rashid was earlier granted interim bail on April 28 to meet his ailing father. After spending a few days with his family, he returned to Tihar Jail on May 6. The last rites of Khazir Mohammad Sheikh will be held at his native place in Langate in north Kashmir, family sources said. (KNO)

CM expresses grief over demise of father of MP Rashid, MLA Khursheed Ahmad

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the passing away of Khazir Mohammad Sheikh, father of Hon'ble Member of Parliament Er. Rashid and MLA Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh, who breathed his last at AIIMS, New Delhi, after a prolonged illness. Khazir Mohammad Sheikh was 85 years old.

The Chief Minister conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. He also prayed for strength and courage to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

Committees on Govt Assurances from Bihar, Jharkhand call on Speaker JKLA

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SRINAGAR: The delegates of Committee on Government Assurances of Legislative Council Bihar, Minority Welfare Committee of Committee of Legislative Assembly Bihar and Committee on Government Assurances of the Legislative Assembly Jharkhand, Monday visited the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and called on the Speaker, J&K Legislative Assembly Abdul Rahim Rafter.

The Speaker welcomed the committee members and highlighted the important role of the Committee on Government Assur-

ances in ensuring accountability and transparency in governance.

He stated that engaging with the committees from other states is essential to understand the diverse legislative landscapes across our country. It is through this collaborative spirit that all assemblies can work together to uphold and strengthen the democratic values of the nation.

The high-level visit was focused on a bilateral exchange of knowledge, aiming to deepen the mutual understanding of legislative work cultures and the specific procedural functions of their respective committees.

The visit also marks a signifi-

cant step in fostering inter-state cooperation between the legislative bodies. During the interaction, the delegates shared best practices and discussed the evolving mechanisms used to ensure government accountability through the assurance process.

By studying the work culture and functioning of their counterparts, the committees aim to implement more robust frameworks for tracking and fulfilling government promises made on the floor of the House. The visiting delegations appreciated the functioning of the J&K Legislative Assembly and expressed satisfaction over the exchange of knowledge and best practices during the visit.

Javid Dar completes Self-Enumeration for Census 2027

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, Monday completed the Self-Enumeration process for Census 2027, marking participation in what is being described as India's first fully digital and paperless Census exercise.

The Minister termed the initiative a significant milestone in the country's digital governance framework. He stated that the Census integrates advanced digital technologies, mobile-based data collection

systems and self-enumeration mechanisms to ensure greater efficiency, transparency, accuracy and real-time monitoring of operations.

Javid Dar said that the digital Census exercise reflects the government of India's commitment towards leveraging the technology for improved governance and data-driven policy planning. He urged the citizens to actively participate in the self-enumeration process to facilitate comprehensive and accurate data collection.

The Self-Enumeration phase, being conducted from May 17 to May 31, 2026, will gather infor-

mation on several critical aspects relating to housing and building conditions. The questionnaire covers key parameters including housing conditions, household assets, amenities and facilities, access to sanitation and drinking water, type of construction, communication and transport facilities as well as the availability of electricity and internet connectivity.

The Minister observed that reliable census data is essential for effective planning and implementation of developmental schemes, enabling the governments to formulate targeted policies for socio-economic progress and public welfare.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Cleaning Up J&K Cannot Remain A File On Paper

The approval of urban sanitation and waste management projects worth nearly Rs 433 crore by the Omar Abdullah-led government is undoubtedly a significant and much-needed step for Jammu and Kashmir. At a time when cities are choking under the pressure of unplanned urbanisation, mounting garbage and collapsing drainage systems, investments in scientific waste management are no longer optional, they are essential for public survival. The decision to establish an 800 TPD Integrated Solid Waste Management facility at Saidpora Achan in Srinagar is particularly important. For years, Achan has symbolised administrative neglect, environmental degradation and official indifference. Mountains of untreated waste, unbearable stench, toxic smoke, pest infestation and contaminated surroundings have made life miserable for nearby residents. Successive governments spoke of reforms, but the dumping continued while promises rotted alongside the garbage. Srinagar produces nearly 600 tonnes of waste every single day, and the volume is only increasing with rapid urban growth, consumerism and tourism. The reality is stark: a city aspiring to be an international tourist destination cannot continue to function with medieval waste disposal practices. Garbage dumped in open spaces, drains clogged with plastic and untreated waste entering water bodies have become routine scenes across the Valley. Such conditions are not merely civic failures; they are direct threats to public health and the fragile ecology of Kashmir. The proposed project, if implemented sincerely, has the potential to transform urban sanitation in Srinagar. Scientific processing of waste, segregation, recycling and proper disposal can drastically reduce pollution and environmental damage. More importantly, it can restore dignity to residents living around dumping sites who have suffered silently for years. The approvals for used-water management projects in Baramulla and Rajouri are equally important. Urban centres in Jammu and Kashmir are expanding rapidly, but sewerage infrastructure has remained outdated and insufficient. Untreated wastewater flowing into streams, rivers and residential areas has become a dangerous norm. This not only pollutes water bodies but also increases the risk of disease outbreaks. However, the larger question remains whether these projects will move beyond official announcements and PowerPoint presentations. Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed numerous grand projects that either remain incomplete for years or become victims of corruption, poor execution and bureaucratic delays. Public trust can only be earned through visible action on the ground. The government must ensure transparency, strict timelines and accountability at every stage of implementation. Environmental clearances, scientific monitoring and public participation must not be treated as mere formalities. A Public-Private Partnership model can succeed only when oversight remains strong and public interest takes precedence over profit. Urban sanitation is not just about cleanliness; it is about governance, public health and the quality of life citizens deserve. If executed honestly, these projects can become a turning point in J&K's urban development story. But if reduced to another exercise in political publicity, the garbage will continue to grow while the promises decay.

Pakistan For Rent

How The Deep State Keeps Selling The Country To The Highest Bidder



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Few countries in the modern world have demonstrated such a consistent willingness to mortgage their sovereignty as Pakistan. Since its creation in 1947, Pakistan's most enduring political institution has not been parliament, the constitution, or the ballot box. It has been the military establishment headquartered in Rawalpindi. Time and again, the Pakistan Army and its intelligence services have shown that national interest, democratic legitimacy, and regional stability are expendable when weighed against foreign patronage, military aid, and elite survival. The latest controversy surrounding the leaked diplomatic cypher linked to the ouster of former Prime Minister Imran Khan only reinforces what many Pakistanis have long suspected: when Washington signals displeasure, the generals in Rawalpindi listen.

Whether one agrees with Khan or not, the broader pattern is unmistakable. Pakistan's deep state has repeatedly aligned itself with external powers, particularly the United States, even when doing so undermines Pakistan's own democracy and strategic autonomy. This is not a new phenomenon. It is the organizing principle of Pakistan's national security state.

A Country Built on Strategic Rent Pakistan's military establishment has perfected the art of strategic rent-seeking. During the Cold War, Pakistan positioned itself as a frontline state against communism and was rewarded with billions of dollars in military and economic assistance. During the Soviet-Afghan War, it became the principal conduit for American and Saudi funds to the Afghan jihad.

After the September 11 attacks, Pakistan once again reinvented itself as Washington's indispensable ally



in the "War on Terror." The rewards were enormous: military aid, diplomatic backing, and international legitimacy.

Yet the duplicity was equally staggering. While accepting American assistance, elements within Pakistan's security establishment continued to support extremist groups. The most glaring symbol of this double game was the discovery of Osama bin Laden living in Abbottabad, a short distance from Pakistan's premier military academy.

Pakistan managed to extract rents from both sides of the conflict while ordinary Pakistanis paid the price in instability, radicalization, and economic stagnation.

Democracy as Collateral Damage Whenever civilian leaders attempt to pursue a more independent course, they encounter the same obstacle: the military establishment's dependence on foreign patronage.

This dynamic has shaped the fate of multiple elected leaders. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was overthrown and executed after falling out with the military. Nawaz Sharif was repeatedly removed when his agenda diverged from the establishment's priorities. Now Khan argues that his refusal to conform to Washington's expectations contributed to his removal.

The leaked cypher, if accurately reported, suggests that American displeasure over Khan's foreign policy was quickly internalized by Pakistan's power brokers. Whether one calls it a conspiracy or coercive diplo-

macy, the outcome was familiar: an elected leader was removed and the military's preferred political order was restored.

In Pakistan, democracy remains conditional. Governments are tolerated only so long as they do not challenge Rawalpindi's relationships with foreign benefactors.

Asim Munir and the Continuity of Dependency

Under General Asim Munir, Pakistan has shown little sign of strategic independence. Instead, the military leadership appears focused on regaining international favor, particularly in Washington, while presiding over political repression and economic deterioration at home.

Munir's tenure has coincided with a deepening crisis of legitimacy. Opposition leaders have been jailed, media pressure has intensified, and public confidence in institutions has eroded. Yet Pakistan's military establishment continues to market itself abroad as the only force capable of preserving order.

This dependence severely undermines Islamabad's credibility on the world stage. A state whose own foreign policy is often shaped by external pressure can scarcely claim to be a neutral mediator in major international conflicts.

Why Pakistan Cannot Mediate the Iran-United States tensions

Recent efforts to portray Pakistan as a potential intermediary in tensions involving Iran and the United States are difficult to take seriously.

Pakistan's track record is defined by strategic ambiguity and shifting loyalties. Reports that Pakistani facilities may have quietly supported Iranian military assets even while Islamabad sought to facilitate dialogue with Washington only reinforce long-standing concerns about duplicity. Moreover, Pakistan lacks the core attributes of a credible mediator: institutional coherence, strategic autonomy, and international trust.

Countries that successfully mediate conflicts do so because they are viewed as stable and independent actors. Pakistan, by contrast, remains deeply constrained by its military establishment's reliance on external sponsors and its habit of balancing contradictory commitments.

The Real Cost to Pakistan

The tragedy is that this model has enriched a narrow elite while leaving the country weakened. Pakistan's economy remains chronically fragile. Democratic institutions are repeatedly undermined. Civilian leaders govern under constant pressure. Foreign policy is shaped less by national consensus than by the preferences of unelected actors and their overseas interlocutors.

The result is a nation trapped in a cycle of dependency, forever seeking the next bailout, the next aid package, or the next geopolitical crisis that can be monetized.

A State Without Strategic Sovereignty

Pakistan's core challenge is not merely economic or political. It is structural. As long as the military establishment treats sovereignty as a tradable asset and democracy as expendable, Pakistan will struggle to achieve genuine stability. The cypher controversy is therefore more than a dispute about one leader's removal. It is a reminder of a deeper reality: Pakistan's most powerful institution has repeatedly chosen foreign patronage over democratic accountability. Until that changes, Islamabad will remain less a sovereign actor than a strategic subcontractor, available, as always, to the highest bidder.

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Women In The Light Of Islam

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From the first Prophet Adam to the last Prophet Muhammad, Allah blessed this earth with nearly one lakh and twenty-four thousand prophets. All the prophets sent by Allah were men. Many people raise the question: Why was no woman sent as a prophet? The answer itself reflects the greatness and sacred status of women in Islam. Even if women were not chosen as prophets, they became the mothers of prophets. They carried prophets in their blessed wombs for nine months, nurtured them with love, and fed them with their milk. This honour alone is enough to show the high position of women in the sight of Allah. Before the arrival of Islam, especially in Arab society, women were oppressed, insulted, denied inheritance, deprived of education, and treated as a burden. The birth of a daughter was considered shameful. Many people even buried their newborn daughters alive. Allah mentions this painful reality in the Holy Quran:

"And when the girl [who was] buried alive is asked for what sin she was killed." Surah At-Takwir (81:8-9) This period was known as the era of Jahiliyyah - the age of ignorance. Then Allah sent the most truthful, trustworthy, merciful, and noble personality to this world. Prophet Muhammad. Even his enemies accepted his honesty and character. Through Islam, he restored the dignity and rights of women. Islam Gave Honour to Women. Islam raised the status of women in every role of life. As a daughter Prophet Muhammad said: "Whoever cares for two



daughters until they mature, he and I will come on the Day of Resurrection like this," and he joined his fingers together. (Sahih Muslim)

A daughter is not a burden; she is a source of mercy and blessings for the family.

As a mother-Islam gave mothers the highest level of respect. A man once asked the Prophet: "Who is most deserving of my good companionship?" The Prophet replied, "Your mother." The man asked, "Then who?" He replied, "Your mother." Again, he asked, "Then who?" He replied, "Your mother." Then he said, "Then your father." (Sahih al-Bukhari & Sahih Muslim) Another famous saying of the Prophet is: "Paradise lies beneath the feet of mothers."

As a Wife Allah says in the Holy Quran: "And among His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find peace in them; and He placed

gold, diamonds, and pearls. But if we reflect deeply, pearls are hidden in the depths of oceans, protected within shells. Gold and diamonds are buried deep beneath layers of rock. Precious things are always protected because they are valuable. Likewise, women are far more precious than pearls, gold, or diamonds. Their dignity and honour cannot be measured by worldly wealth. Allah says in the Quran: "Indeed, we have honoured the children of Adam." (Surah Al-Isra (17:70) This honour includes both men and women.

Protecting women is not only the duty of women themselves. It is also the responsibility of fathers, brothers, husbands, teachers, and every member of society. A father must protect his daughter. A brother must support and defend his sister. A husband must honour and care for his wife. A teacher must safeguard his students. Islam teaches modesty, respect, and responsibility for both men and women. Allah commands men in the Quran: "Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their modesty." - Surah An-Nur (24:30) and Allah also commands women: "And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and guard their modesty." - Surah An-Nur (24:31)

This shows that Islam builds a pure and respectful society through mutual responsibility. Today, despite modern education and technological progress, crimes against women are increasing in many parts of the world. We speak about women's rights and celebrate Women's Day, yet many women still feel unsafe.

Recent incidents in educational institutions of Kashmir have shaken society deeply. Parents no longer feel secure sending their daughters to

schools, colleges, and universities. This is a painful sign that humanity is forgetting the teachings of Islam and the character of Prophet Muhammad. The real protection of women does not come only through slogans, laws, or speeches. It comes through faith, morality, character, and fear of Allah.

Modern society often teaches women that beauty lies only in fashion, makeup, and appearance. But Islam teaches that the greatest beauty is modesty, dignity, and character. A forehead shines more beautifully with the mark of Sajdah than with expensive decoration. Eyes appear more graceful with modesty and self-respect than with makeup alone. A woman elevates herself not merely through appearance, but through knowledge, manners, faith, and character. The Prophet Mohammad said: "Modesty is a branch of faith." (Sahih Muslim)

Women are not objects for entertainment or exploitation. They are daughters, mothers, sisters, wives, and the foundation of society. A nation that respects women rises with dignity, while a nation that dishonours women destroys its own future.

If we ever find a woman alone, vulnerable, or in difficulty, we must never see her as an opportunity. We must see her as our responsibility - someone to help, protect, and respect. The solution to the growing crimes against women lies in returning to the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad. Only then can society regain peace, dignity, and humanity.

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Fifth Subject: From An Afterthought To A Career Foundation

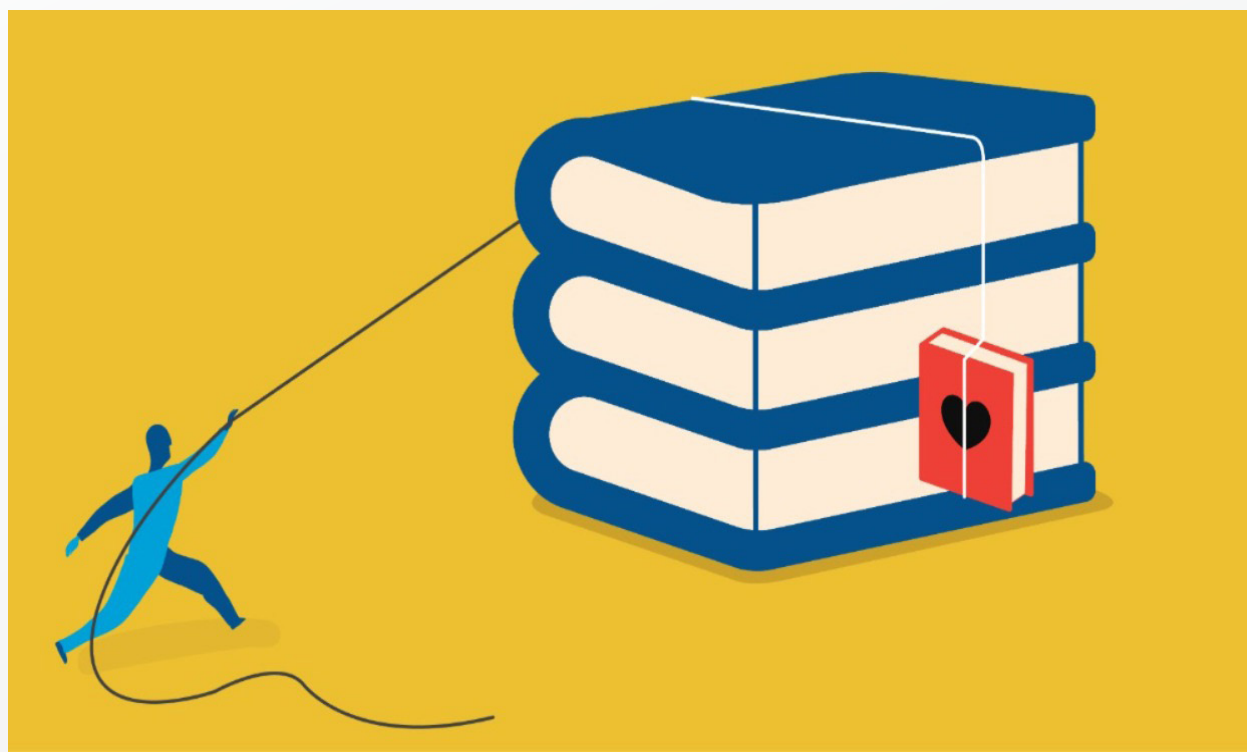
TAWHEED PARVAIZ BHAT

Education is not only about securing marks or passing examinations; it is about building careers, developing skills, and preparing students for the future. However, one of the most neglected and misunderstood aspects of higher secondary education today is the importance of the 5th subject. Unfortunately, many students consider it merely an optional or easy subject instead of recognising it as a powerful career-orientated opportunity. Being a teacher, I often get puzzled when I see students struggling with confusion while choosing their specialisation, even after scoring good marks in Class 10 and having great academic potential. The problem becomes more serious during the admission process at the higher secondary level, where students often make decisions without proper counselling, awareness, or long-term planning.

Being a subject-specialised teacher of Biotechnology, I have observed that most students from a science background are unaware of how valuable subjects like Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Environmental Science, and Mathematics can be as a 5th subject for their future careers. These subjects are not merely additional papers; they are directly connected with modern scientific fields, research opportunities, healthcare industries, pharmaceuticals, genetics, agriculture, laboratory sciences, and emerging technologies.

Unfortunately, many students enter the admission room with only one mindset – "Which subject is easy?" rather than "Which subject can help me build my future?" This approach reflects the lack of proper academic and career counselling in our educational institutions.

For medical students especially, subjects like Biotechnology and Biochemistry can strengthen their understanding of biology, genetics, molecular science, diagnostics, and medical research. Similarly, Mathematics can support analytical thinking and open additional opportunities in engineering, statistics, data science, and technology-related careers. However, many students choose subjects that have little or no relation to their core stream simply because they believe those subjects require less effort.



The confusion among students is increasing because they rarely explore the syllabus or seek guidance from teachers and experts before selecting subjects. Many students do not even know the actual scope, benefits, or career relevance of the subjects they are choosing. Instead of making informed decisions, they follow trends, peer pressure, or misconceptions.

Another serious issue is the careless attitude students develop after choosing the 5th subject. A large number of students treat it as an optional subject and fail to attend classes regularly. They focus only on the four major subjects and ignore the importance of the fifth one. Some students consider that period as free time and do not realise that the subject carries academic value as well as future career significance.

The situation becomes even more concerning among students preparing for competitive examinations such as NEET and JEE. Many students taking dummy admissions in schools remain disconnected from the school curriculum. Some of them do not even know which 5th subject they have opted for. During board examinations, students sometimes contact

school administrations asking about their own subject details. This clearly reflects how seriously the issue of awareness and counselling needs to be addressed.

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) strongly emphasises multidisciplinary learning, flexibility in subject selection, and skill-based education. The policy encourages students to choose subjects according to their interests, abilities, and career goals instead of being restricted to rigid educational patterns. NEP 2020 aims to promote holistic and career-orientated education where every subject contributes to the overall development of a student.

One of the important visions of NEP 2020 is to integrate vocational education, critical thinking, scientific temperament, and interdisciplinary learning into mainstream education. The flexibility introduced in subject selection was never meant to reduce seriousness toward studies. Instead, it was designed to provide students with broader career exposure and practical knowledge. Therefore, the 5th subject should be treated as a meaningful academic and professional choice rather than a burden.

Schools and educational institu-

tions must play a more active role in guiding students. Career counselling sessions, orientation programmes, seminars, and interactions with subject experts should become a regular part of the admission process. Students must be encouraged to understand the scope, syllabus, and career opportunities associated with different subjects before making decisions. Parents also need awareness regarding this issue. Many parents unknowingly encourage their children to select subjects that are considered easy or high-scoring rather than subjects that align with their interests and future ambitions. Parents must understand that the right subject choice at the higher secondary level can shape a student's academic journey and professional life.

The real purpose of introducing the 5th subject was to provide students with additional knowledge, specialisation, and career opportunities after Class 12. However, due to lack of awareness, poor counselling, and careless attitudes, it is gradually becoming a burden instead of a benefit. It is time for students, parents, teachers, and policymakers to understand the true value of the 5th subject. If chosen wisely and studied

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sincerely, it can become one of the strongest pillars of a student's future. Education should not only prepare students for examinations but also help them discover their interests, develop their potential, and build meaningful careers.

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Return Of Bipolarity?

India's Policy Options Amid Rising Great-Power Cooperation



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The world once again appears to be standing at a historic crossroads where the growing dialogue, diplomatic engagements, and evolving equations between two superpowers, the United States and China, cannot merely be viewed as bilateral developments. The discussions surrounding interactions and possible understandings between Donald Trump and Xi Jinping have sparked global debate. One section sees this emerging proximity as a positive step for the global economy, expecting relief from rising inflation, trade barriers, and conflict-driven disruptions. However, many experts believe that such closeness may eventually give rise to a world order where global direction is once again concentrated in the hands of a few major powers, creating fresh challenges for developing and emerging nations. For countries like India, this evolving scenario presents both opportunities and challenges.

Today, the United States and China together influence nearly 44 percent of the global economy. Their impact extends across international trade, technological advancement, energy markets, global investments, financial institutions, and geopolitical decision-making. Therefore, any shift in relations between these two powers has the potential to alter the global trajectory. Over the last few years, trade wars, tariff disputes, technological restrictions, and tensions over Taiwan between the U.S. and China have pushed the global economy into uncertainty. The post-pandemic disruption of supply chains, the energy

crisis triggered by the Russia-Ukraine War, and instability arising from conflicts in West Asia further intensified global vulnerabilities. In such circumstances, if Washington and Beijing move toward dialogue and cooperation, it could strengthen global economic stability.

From an economic perspective, easing tensions between the two powers may first bring relief to global markets. Investor confidence could improve, supply chains may stabilize, and production costs in electronics, energy, technology, and manufacturing sectors could decline. This may also help contain inflation. However, this is only one side of the picture. The other concern is that if both superpowers begin shaping global trade rules and economic frameworks according to their own interests, the economic autonomy of smaller nations may be affected. History has already witnessed colonial domination and economic control; the fear now is whether a new form of globalization may evolve into joint dominance by major powers. It is in this context that discussions around a "G-2" world order, centered on the United States and China—have intensified. Many geopolitical analysts believe that the world could gradually shift from a multipolar order toward a structure dominated by two major powers. If that happens, the role of smaller countries in global policymaking, trade agreements, and security decisions may become increasingly limited.

This possibility is particularly significant for India, which has consistently supported a multipolar world order and collective global leadership. India's position here becomes extremely important. It is neither fully aligned with the American camp nor part of China's sphere of influence. India has long pursued a policy of strategic autonomy. Its defense, technological, and economic ties with the United States have strengthened significantly, and its active participation in forums such as Quadrilateral Security Dialogue reflects this engagement. At the same time, China



remains India's neighbor, and despite border disputes, bilateral trade relations continue to be extensive. Therefore, growing U.S.-China proximity is not merely an external event for India; it is a matter demanding strategic reassessment.

A comparison between India and China further highlights the contrast. Over the past three decades, China has established itself as the world's manufacturing hub through exports, infrastructure expansion, and industrial growth. Its economic model has been marked by centralized planning and rapid decision-making. India, by contrast, has evolved through democratic institutions, diversity, and institutional balance. India's strengths lie in its youthful population, democratic framework, service sector, and digital capabilities, while China's strength has traditionally rested on manufacturing, exports, and capital investments. If U.S.-China relations improve, India will face the challenge of further strengthening its economic and strategic relevance.

One of India's biggest opportunities lies in the "China Plus One" strategy. Over recent years, the U.S. and Western nations have attempted to reduce excessive dependence on China. Many multinational companies have explored alternatives such

as India, Vietnam, and other emerging economies. If India succeeds in strengthening industrial policies, infrastructure, labor reforms, and technological capabilities, it can emerge as a major global investment destination. However, failure to move with urgency may allow this opportunity to shift elsewhere.

The technological dimension is equally critical. Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, cybersecurity, and rare earth minerals have become the new centers of geopolitical competition. The United States seeks to maintain technological supremacy, while China is moving rapidly toward technological self-reliance. India can emerge as a credible third alternative between the two. Yet this requires substantial investment in research, innovation, and education. India possesses immense talent, but transforming that talent into global leadership demands long-term vision. Geopolitically, these developments are equally consequential. Issues relating to Taiwan, the South China Sea, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and tensions in West Asia are all deeply influenced by U.S.-China relations. Greater understanding between the two could reduce the risk of military confrontation, stabilize global energy markets, and ease oil prices.

For an energy-importing country like India, such stability would be highly beneficial. However, if both powers use regional crises to expand influence, global instability may intensify further.

For Indian foreign policy, this is a decisive moment. India must preserve strategic partnership with the United States while maintaining pragmatic engagement with China. Simultaneously, it must strengthen its role as a leading voice of the Global South. During its presidency of the G20 Summit, India presented the vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future," which can serve as an alternative model for the future world order. From a comparative perspective, while the United States and China remain engaged in power-balancing politics, India has emphasized coexistence, dialogue, and multilateral cooperation. Their competition is largely driven by strategic dominance; India's approach remains rooted in development, human values, and global partnership. This is India's uniqueness, and its strength.

Today, concerns are being raised worldwide: Will the United States and China attempt to divide the world once again into spheres of influence? Will smaller nations lose their voice? Will global politics once again revolve around superpower dominance? The answers remain uncertain. Yet one fact is clear: today's world is not the world of the Cold War era. The rising influence of India, Japan, European Union, Brazil, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and African nations is capable of preserving a multipolar global order. India must therefore strengthen its resolve, establish new benchmarks of development, and expand its strategic capabilities. Because in a changing world, the fundamental question is not what America and China will do, it is how high India can position itself on the global stage.

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Recruitment in terror ranks negligible: LG Manoj Sinha

Says CM Omar doing 'great work'; Kashmir has rejected terrorism

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Asserting that recruitment in terror ranks has become "almost negligible," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said terrorism in the Jammu and Kashmir has been pushed to the margins. He also praised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for doing "great work."

In an interview with national television channel, LG Sinha, said, "Our security agencies are working with complete seriousness. Whether it is Telegram, WhatsApp or any other platform, agencies are monitoring every aspect and the situation will remain under control."

The LG said terror networks and narcotics smuggling operated through the same channels and alleged that drugs were being pushed into Jammu and Kashmir from across the Line of Control through sectors including Gurez, Tangdhar and Uri, as well as through drones.

"Drugs are directly linked to terror funding and terrorism," he said, adding that the administration had intensified its anti-drug campaign after receiving repeated complaints about rising addiction among youth.

LG Sinha said people from all sections of society, including religious leaders, students, women and youth groups, had joined the campaign against narcotics.

"In the last 38 days, 766 FIRs have been registered, 856 people arrested and 677 kilograms of drugs seized," he said, adding

that measures such as passport verification, Aadhaar tracking, lookout notices and property demolitions were being used to dismantle the drug network.

"Our focus is on two things — breaking the supply chain and creating awareness against drugs," he said.

The LG said nearly 90 per cent of the police force was engaged in anti-drug operations and claimed that public cooperation had increased significantly, with residents voluntarily sharing information about alleged drug peddlers.

"Some people have prob-

lems with our fight against drugs, but I want to assure that no innocent person has been touched. Those found guilty will be punished," he said.

He also said rehabilitation and treatment facilities were being strengthened through government hospitals and rehabilitation centres run by the health department.

Referring to the April 22, 2025 Pahalgam terror attack, LG Sinha said people across Jammu and Kashmir had come out on the streets to condemn terrorism and support peace.

"People of Kashmir now

believe that their future lies with India and people are against terrorism," he said.

The LG claimed that infiltration attempts and terrorist activities were being dealt with firmly by security forces. "None of their top commanders have survived. Infiltration attempts will also face the same fate," he said, while praising the Army and the CRPF for carrying out "precise operations" after the Pahalgam terror attack.

"Our neighbouring country carried out the Pahalgam attack, but we punished them," he added.

On the political process in Jammu and Kashmir, LG Sinha said the Centre had fulfilled its commitments made after the abrogation of Article 370 by conducting delimitation and peaceful elections.

"After Article 370's abrogation, delimitation and peaceful elections were completed without violence or repolls. Statehood will also be restored as assured by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister," he said.

Asked about Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, LG Sinha said he was "doing great work."—(KNO)

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'Adequate Availability

activities are progressing smoothly across all locations," he added.

Sharma further stated that LPG supplies to domestic consumers are being prioritised and are being maintained normally across the Union Territory, with necessary steps being taken to ensure uninterrupted delivery to all consumers.

The Oil Industry is maintaining close coordination on logistics, stock movement and retail operations to ensure seamless availability of fuel across the region.

Appealing to citizens to avoid panic buying, Sharma advised the public to continue with normal consumption patterns and rely only on official communications issued by OMCs for accurate and verified information regarding fuel availability.

Hot Weather

recorded maximum temperatures of 33.2 degrees Celsius, 31.7 degrees Celsius and 32 degrees Celsius respectively.

The MeT Department said from May 19 to 21 sky will remain partly cloudy with spells of light rain, thundershowers, gusty winds and hailstorms at scattered to many places, mainly during afternoon and evening hours.

It said generally dry weather is expected from May 22 to 25 during the forenoon, although brief showers may occur at isolated to scattered places later in the day.

Dry weather conditions are likely to prevail again between May 26 and 28, the department added.

The MeT office has issued an advisory warning of thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds with speeds of 40-50 kmph at a few places in Kashmir and Jammu divisions between May 19 and 21.

Authorities have also advised people to suspend boating and shikara rides during afternoon and late afternoon hours due to the possibility of gusty winds over water bodies.

The department urged people, particularly in the plains of Jammu division, to take precautions against hot and dry weather conditions—(KNO)

Three Bakery Units Face

labels. Such practices, officials said, may adversely affect the quality and safety of food products.

"In this regard, all Food Business Operators (FBOs) are strictly directed not to expose food items to excessive sunlight and to ensure that all food products are stored in cool, dry places or strictly as per the storage instructions mentioned on the label of each product," the spokesperson said.

He said that all FBOs are further directed to follow Good Storage Practices and maintain proper hygienic conditions as mandated under the Food Safety and Standards Act and Regulations. Any violation or non-compliance will invite strict legal action under the relevant provisions of the Act, the spokesperson added.

Dy CM Completes Self

Self-Enumeration process at se.census.gov.in and complete their Census submission by 31st May 2026. He stated that Census is an exercise of national importance and accurate demographic data plays a crucial role in planning, governance and implementation of welfare and developmental programmes.

He further appealed to youth, students, government employees, urban households and digitally aware citizens to come forward and actively participate in the Self-Enumeration initiative and also motivate their families and communities to undertake the exercise.

The Ministers and legislators also appreciated the efforts of the Directorate of Census Operations, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, for introducing citizen-

friendly digital initiatives and carrying out extensive awareness campaigns regarding Census 2027 and Self-Enumeration across Jammu and Kashmir.

While interacting with the participants, Amit Sharma highlighted that Census 2027 is going to be India's first fully digital and paperless Census exercise and will incorporate several technology-driven features including Self-Enumeration, mobile-based digital data collection, geo-referenced mapping and real-time monitoring systems.

He informed that under the Self-Enumeration facility, the citizens can voluntarily submit their Census details online during the notified self-enumeration period before household visits by Enumerators. He stated that the initiative has been introduced to enhance convenience, transparency, citizen participation and accuracy in Census operations.

Sharma also informed the dignitaries that the Self-Enumeration portal has been designed as a secure and user-friendly digital platform with built-in validation systems and multilingual support to facilitate smooth participation by citizens across different regions.

CS Assesses Mission

evolves into a transformative movement for youth empowerment and economic growth across the Union Territory.

During the review, special attention was given to pendency at different stages of application processing. The Chief Secretary directed district administrations, SBDUs and banking institutions to expedite clearance of pending cases and strictly adhere to timelines prescribed under the scheme. He stressed on time-bound verification of applications, DLIC approvals and loan sanctioning to maintain the momentum achieved under the mission.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed progress achieved under the capacity-building component of the mission. It was informed that more than 21,000 applicants had completed hybrid-mode entrepreneurship training, while over 300 training centres and more than 200 trainers had been activated across the UT. Plans are also underway for collaboration with JKEDI to strengthen entrepreneurship and management training for Mission YUVA applicants.

The Chief Secretary underscored the importance of outcome-based monitoring and directed all Deputy Commissioners to focus on improving application conversion, training completion, market linkage and enterprise sustainability.

He reiterated that Mission YUVA should not merely remain a financial assistance programme but must evolve into a comprehensive ecosystem capable of nurturing entrepreneurship culture and creating long-term livelihood opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Secretary, L&E, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan took this occasion to apprise the meeting that Mission YUVA envisions creation of employment opportunities through nano enterprises, new MSMEs, business acceleration initiatives and neo-innovative enterprises.

He added that the programme seeks to build an entrepreneurship ecosystem through targeted interventions in awareness generation, credit enablement, capacity building, market linkages and business support mechanisms.

The meeting especially reviewed the status of credit facilitation under Mission YUVA. The Secretary informed that over 1.07 lakh applications had been received so far, out of which more than 57,000 applications had been approved by District Level Implementation Committees (DLICs). Banks have sanctioned loans in more than 25,000 cases involving credit support exceeding 1,200 Cr, while loan disbursement of around 1,119 Cr had already been achieved in over 21,000 cases.

The meeting was informed that Mission YUVA has set an ambitious target of establishing 50,000 enterprises during 2026-27,

including 44,000 nano enterprises, 4,000 new MSMEs and 2,000 existing MSMEs to be supported for expansion. District-wise targets and performance indicators were also reviewed in detail.

Reviewing the progress under the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) component, the Chief Secretary was apprised that Udyam Jagriti 4.0 campaign during 2025-26 achieved outreach to nearly 3.4 lakh citizens, while more than 5.3 lakh individuals had been covered cumulatively through various awareness campaigns.

It was given out that the campaign covered students, SHG women, certified trainees and existing MSMEs across Jammu and Kashmir. Further it was divulged that more than 2.5 lakh app downloads had also been recorded, while awareness drives covered almost all blocks and a majority of Panchayats across the UT.

The meeting was further informed by the Director Employment, Harvinder Singh that Udyam Jagriti 5.0 for the year 2026-27 is going lay focus on targeted mobilization among college students, SHG women, trained youth and existing MSMEs with a special emphasis on converting awareness into enterprise creation and credit linkage.

Under the proposed interventions, he gave out that the department is also planning conducting hackathons, entrepreneurship competitions, innovation support systems and application facilitation camps are planned to be organized at institutional and Panchayat levels.

While reviewing institutional strengthening measures, the Chief Secretary was informed that substantial progress had been achieved in recruitment and empanelment under the Institutional Business Support Mechanism (IBSM). More than 900 motivators, over 100 SBDU personnel and a large number of BHD members had already been engaged across districts to provide on-ground support, handholding and enterprise facilitation to aspiring entrepreneurs.

On the connectivity and market linkage front, the meeting was informed that significant progress had been achieved in onboarding stores and products on the Mission YUVA Seller App and ONDC-linked platforms to facilitate digital market access for local entrepreneurs. District dashboards and monitoring systems have also been operationalized to strengthen performance tracking and outreach.

The meeting also discussed several key policy interventions and operational reforms aimed at improving mentorship support, strengthening institutional outreach and enhancing the efficiency of enterprise facilitation systems across the districts here.

'Thajwas Glacier

where accumulation and melting remain balanced. Researchers found that the ELA fluctuated significantly, from around 3,365 metres above sea level during the global Last Glacial Maximum to nearly 4,238 metres at present.

The lower ELA during the gLGM suggested colder climatic conditions and positive glacier mass balance, while rising temperatures over thousands of years led to sustained glacier retreat and ice loss, the researchers said.

They noted that quantitative records of past glaciations remain limited across the Himalaya, especially in Kashmir, making the study important for understanding long-term climatic changes in the region.

The researchers said reconstructing the glacial history of Kashmir's Himalayan region could help bridge major gaps in understanding regional climate evolution and glacier response to changing temperatures.

Scientists have repeatedly warned that rapid glacier retreat in the Himalaya could have serious implications for water availability, river systems and ecological stability across South Asia, where millions depend on glacier-fed rivers for drinking water, agriculture and hydropower.

The Himalaya, often referred to as the "Third Pole", contains one of the world's largest reserves of ice outside the polar regions and remains highly vulnerable to climate change—(KNO)

Pak Shelling Last Year

AMARGARH – II line.

"The PowerGrid informed that shelling continued for some days even after the truce was announced. The area was restricted for movement for the sanitation purpose hence restoration was only possible after restrictions were lifted off," NRPC said.

The Committee informed that PowerGrid has also reported tripping due to galloping of conductor and similar tripping were also reported in previous month which were claimed as deemed under force majeure.

"Power Grid informed that 400KV KISHENPUR- NEW WANPOH-III and IV are restored on ERS after the collapse of multiple towers during heavy rain," NRPC said adding that "The extent of damage was so high that complete villages were washed out. In present scenario there are frequent cases of land settlement which creates movement of ERS towers and leads to galloping of conductors."—(KNO)

Tourism Boom

walking a tightrope—upgrading infrastructure without scarring the landscape. The historic Gulmarg Golf Course is being spruced up for a major tournament in July, aimed at pulling in players and tourists from across India and abroad. "We are committed to balancing tourism growth with environmental protection," Naik said. "Gulmarg's beauty must be preserved."

For now, the meltdown of last year appears to be melting away—replaced by the hum of cable cars, the clink of tea at alpine stalls, and the cautious optimism of a town that has seen too many seasons of boom and bust.



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DC Srinagar reviews progress in establishment of new Fire Stations

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo Monday chaired a meeting in his Office Chamber to review the progress on establishment of new fire stations in the District and upgradation of fire safety infrastructure across the City.



The meeting also took stock of identification and transfer of land for proposed new fire stations at various strategic locations to ensure improved response time and wider coverage of fire and emergency services in Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, IAS Probationer, Alfred Thomas, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, Deputy

Director Fire & Emergency Services, Auqib Ahmad and other concerned.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on strengthening the overall emergency response system, augmenting existing fire and rescue infrastructure and addressing gaps in service coverage, particularly in congested localities in Shahr-e-Khaas and densely populated areas of the City. On the occasion, the

DC emphasized the need for expediting the identification and transfer of suitable land for new fire stations so that critical infrastructure projects are taken up immediately. He directed the concerned departments to work in close coordination to place intend for the land and ensure timely completion of preparatory formalities. He further stressed that strengthening fire and emergency services is a key

priority for safeguarding lives and property, especially in view of increasing urbanization and infrastructure growth in the City. He called for a time-bound and result-oriented approach in implementing all ongoing and proposed works related to fire safety upgradation for enhancing operational readiness for ensuring quick and effective response during emergencies to safeguard human lives and properties.

Budgam witnesses widespread awareness activities under NMBA

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BUDGAM: A series of awareness programmes, rallies, workshops, cleanliness drives and cultural activities were organised across district Budgam under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) to promote the message of a healthy and drug-free society.

Government Degree College (GDC) Magam organised a workshop under NMBA aimed at sensitising participants about the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of adopting healthy lifestyles. Speakers highlighted the

role of youth and educational institutions in combating the menace of drug addiction through awareness and collective responsibility.

Similarly, GDC Budgam conducted a Mega Cleanliness Drive under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan with active participation of students and volunteers. The drive focused on promoting cleanliness, social responsibility and the vision of a healthy and drug-free society.

Agriculture Department Budgam also organised an awareness programme and rally in Khanshaib Sub Division under NMBA. Participants spread aware-

ness regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraged people to contribute towards building a safe and addiction-free community.

At Higher Secondary School (HSS) Chadoora and HSS BK Pora, various awareness activities were organised under the campaign. Students actively participated in awareness programmes and pledged to stay away from substance abuse while spreading the message of healthy living among the community.

Meanwhile, Doodganga Forest Range of Pir Panjal Forest Division Budgam, in collaboration with Govern-

ment Middle School Ranger Chadoora, organised a plantation drive, pledge ceremony, awareness programme and NMBA rally. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers and officials who reaffirmed their commitment towards a cleaner, greener and drug-free society.

Cultural programmes and awareness activities were also held in different educational institutions and public spaces across the district where students, artists and participants delivered inspiring performances carrying the message against substance abuse.

DC Kulgam reviews progress of works under JJM

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KULGAM: To evaluate the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam Monday reviewed the status of implementation of Jal Jaavan Mission in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed both the physical and financial progress of the works being executed under JJM in the district.

A detailed presentation revealed that 55624 households have been provided with water connections till date, working towards the set target of 61,138 households. It was also disclosed that



under JJM, the district has a total of 143 schemes encompassing 220 works, with several works already completed.

Discussions also focused on measures for water quality monitoring and the surveillance system.

Chair was informed that Kulgam district is equipped with three testing laboratories

where drinking water quality tests are being conducted.

Emphasizing the importance of JJM as a flagship program aimed at covering all households, officers were instructed to work in coordination to ensure the smooth execution of JJM works in their respective areas by the DC. Various issues and

bottlenecks impeding the speedy completion of few projects were comprehensively discussed during the meeting.

The DC instructed the concerned contractors to complete the works particularly those nearing completion, on top priority. He further directed that penalties be imposed in case the said works are not completed at an earliest.

The meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic circle Anantnag/Kulgam, Chief Planning officer Kulgam, Project Manager DPMU Kulgam, Executive Engineers of Kulgam and Qazigund along with AEE's, AE's and contractors of JJM works.

"Rashtriya Mahila Aayog Aapke Dwar" National Commission for Women to hold Mahila Jan Sunwai in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The National Commission for Women is conducting series of Mahila Jan Sunwai sessions at Srinagar on May 19, 2026, at Banquet Hall M A Road Srinagar as part of its flagship outreach programme "Rashtriya Mahila Aayog Aapke Dwar" aimed at hearing women's grievances and ensuring their prompt redressal.

The initiative is being organized under the nationwide Mahila Jan Sunwai programme to provide a direct platform for women of Srinagar District to voice their concerns and seek resolution of issues related to their rights, welfare and safety.

The programme aimed to strengthen outreach mechanisms and facilitate direct interaction between

women and the Commission so that grievances can be addressed in an effective and time-bound manner. The initiative also aims to enhance awareness among women regarding their legal rights and the institutional support available for redressal of complaints.

Through the "Rashtriya Mahila Aayog Aapke Dwar" initiative, the Commission is reaching out to women at the grassroots level to ensure their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed through coordinated institutional intervention.

Women from Srinagar District can attend the session at the Banquet Hall Conference Complex on May 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM and directly interact with the Chairperson of the Women Commission to raise issues concerning their welfare, safety, and rights.

Mission Shakti Budgam organises Awareness Programme on Women Safety

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BUDGAM: An awareness programme on Women Safety Mechanisms, Helplines and Support Services was organised by the SANKALP Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti Budgam at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Budgam with active participation of students, teachers and police officials.

District Mission Coordinator, Afroza Aahad, sensitised the participants about various women safety mechanisms, emergency helplines and support services available under Mission Shakti. She also highlighted the importance of the SHE-Box platform for addressing complaints related to workplace harassment and encouraged students to remain aware about their rights and available support systems.

Speaking on the occasion, Dy.SP, Sajad Ahmad Malik delivered an awareness session on cyber crime, cyber hygiene, stalking and coping mechanisms. He also elaborated on different legal provisions and sections related to cyber crimes and offences against women, while urging students to use social media and digital platforms responsibly.

The programme also included a seminar competition on the theme "Women Empowerment," wherein students shared their views and perspectives on the subject. The participants were felicitated for their active participation and performances.

The event concluded with a pledge ceremony organised under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, reaffirming the collective commitment towards women empowerment, safety and gender equality.

KCFL Football trials expand across Kashmir

North East United FC selections draw huge response in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council continued its Valley-wide football talent identification drive under the Kashmir Champions Football League (KCFL) with successful trials conducted in Kupwara and Baramulla, while the NorthEast United FC open selection trials, in collaboration with J&K Sports Council generated massive excitement at the TRC Synthetic Turf Ground, Srinagar.



The KCFL initiative, emerging as one of the largest grassroots football movements ever undertaken in Jammu & Kashmir, aims to create a structured pathway for young footballers from local grounds to competitive professional football.

At Kupwara, football trials were conducted at Playground Kulangam,

where aspiring players from different parts of the district turned up in large numbers to showcase their talent before selectors.

Simultaneously, the trials at the Synthetic Turf Football Stadium, Azad Gunj, Baramulla witnessed tremendous enthusiasm and participation from local youth. The event was graced by MLA Baramulla Javid Hassan Baig, who interacted with players and appreciated

the efforts being made to strengthen grassroots football and provide sporting opportunities to the youth of the region.

Meanwhile, Srinagar remained the focal point of football activity as North-East United FC, conducted open selection trials in collaboration with the Sports Council, the first time an Indian Super League club has organised such trials in Jammu & Kashmir. Present during the Sri-

nagar event was Naushad Moosa, Technical Director of NorthEast United FC and Head Coach of the India U-23 National Football Team, whose presence added major national significance to the initiative.

The KCFL is not merely a tournament but a long-term developmental platform designed to nurture talent, promote youth engagement, and strengthen grassroots football culture across Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative also forms part of the Government's larger youth outreach and anti-drug awareness efforts through sports-based engagement.

The next phase of football trials under the KCFL is scheduled for May 19 in Anantnag, Kulgam, and Pulwama, as the Valley-wide talent hunt continues to expand across South Kashmir.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
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For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

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1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18.05.2026
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From 18.05.2026 04.00 pm
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 18.05.2026 04.00 pm
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To 29.05.2026 04.00 pm
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	30.05.2026 at 10.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailloo

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD (NIT No. and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt (If the Nit comprises of only one item, Name of work/Item No is not mandatory) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Vailloo (Tender receiving Authority).(The Date of EMD(CDR/FDR) should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date and the validity at the time of opening of bids shall be for a period of 45 days beyond bid validity of 120 days)
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- The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in the bid document/ agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
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- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
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Satish Sharma calls for stronger digital infrastructure, greater youth engagement through sports

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, Monday highlighted government's initiatives towards strengthening the digital infrastructure, promoting technological innovation and encouraging youth participation in sports and recreational activities across Jammu & Kashmir.

The Minister was speaking during a one day seminar organised by the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu & Kashmir State Centre (IEI-JKSC) in observance of World Telecommunication & Information Society Day 2026 on the theme "Digital Lifelines - Strengthening Resilience in a Connected World."

The seminar was attended by the engineers, policymakers, telecom professionals, experts and public representatives to deliberate upon the growing importance of resilient digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, broadband connectivity and inclusive technological development in an increasingly interconnected world.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma said



that robust digital connectivity has become the backbone of modern governance and socio-economic development. He stated that the Government is focused on ensuring equitable access to digital services and strengthening communication infrastructure across Jammu & Kashmir to bridge the digital divide.

The Minister emphasised the importance of adopting modern technologies and building secure and resilient digital systems capable of meeting future challenges. He appreciated the role of professional institutions like IEI-JKSC in promoting technical awareness, innovation and constructive dialogue on emerging technological issues.

Later, Satish Sharma also appreciated the suc-

cessful organisation of an Indoor Games Competition by the Red Team aimed at promoting sportsmanship, youth engagement and healthy recreational activities among youngsters.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth and sports lovers who took part in various indoor games including carrom, chess, table tennis, badminton and other recreational activities. The participants displayed remarkable talent, discipline and team spirit throughout the event.

The Minister said that sports play a crucial role in shaping the personality of youth by promoting discipline, confidence, leadership and teamwork. He stressed that both indoor and outdoor sports activities provide constructive

avenues for youth engagement and contribute towards physical as well as mental well-being.

The Indoor Games Competition concluded with a prize distribution ceremony in which the winners and outstanding performers were felicitated for their achievements. The organisers thanked all participants, officials and supporters for making the event successful and memorable.

The programme commenced with a formal introduction by Er. Irfan Ahmad Reshi, MIE, Honorary Secretary, IEI-JKSC, who highlighted the significance of the occasion. He emphasised the transformative role of communication technologies in governance, education, healthcare, public service delivery and economic development.

Engineer Ferdous Ahad Bhat, FIE, Chairman, IEI-JKSC, underlined the importance of building resilient and inclusive digital ecosystems capable of supporting societies during emergencies and technological disruptions. He stressed the need for strengthening cybersecurity frameworks and expanding broadband accessibility, particularly in remote and underserved areas.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal felicitates Asian Boxing Champion Mohammad Yaseer

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Monday felicitated young boxing sensation 14 year old Mohammad Yaseer of Rajouri for his historic gold medal at the Under-15 Asian Boxing Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Mohammad Yaseer, a 14-year-old boxing prodigy from Rajouri, scripted history by winning the gold medal in the 58-kg category after defeating the host nation Uzbekistan in the final bout. Representing India at the prestigious championship, the young boxer displayed exceptional courage, resilience and determination to bring laurels to the country and Jammu & Kashmir.

During the felicitation ceremony, the Commission-



er Secretary along with Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul and other officials from the department congratulated Yaseer for his remarkable achievement and termed his success a proud moment for Jammu & Kashmir and the entire nation.

"Yaseer's journey is truly inspiring. Despite hardships, he has shown extraordinary dedication and commitment towards

the sport. His achievement at the Asian level is a testament to his hard work and the immense sporting talent present in Jammu & Kashmir," Shahid Choudhary said. He further said that the achievement would motivate the aspiring athletes across the Union Territory to pursue sports with passion and determination.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal reiterated the government's

commitment towards strengthening the sports ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and providing better opportunities, infrastructure and exposure to young athletes so they can excel at national and international platforms.

The felicitation ceremony also acknowledged the contribution of Yaseer's coaches, family members and support staff in shaping his successful journey.

ISL 2025-26: Relegated Mohammedan Sporting to play for pride against NorthEast United

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GUWAHATI: Relegation confirmed, Mohammedan Sporting Club will play for pride when they take on NorthEast United FC, who will aim to end their campaign on a positive note, in their final game of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2025-26 at the Indra Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday.

Mohammedan Sporting Club became the first team to

be relegated from the Indian Super League following their 0-4 defeat to Mumbai City FC in their previous fixture in Kolkata. The Black and White Brigade, who played the entire season with an all-Indian squad, sit at the bottom of the standings with just three points from 12 matches, having failed to register a single win throughout the campaign. They will hope to end the season with their heads held high with a win.

On the other hand, North-East United FC, which began the Indian football season by successfully defending the Durand Cup title, were unable to carry that momentum into their ISL campaign. The Highlanders currently occupy 10th place in the standings with 13 points from three wins, four draws, and five defeats, and will hope to finish their season on a positive note with a victory.

Mohammedan SC, who earned promotion to the ISL after winning the 2023-24

I-League title, managed to remain in the top tier for only two seasons. The Kolkata giants will now compete in the 2026-27 Indian Football League campaign, hoping to secure an immediate return to the ISL.

The last meeting between the two sides at the same venue in January 2025 ended in a goalless draw, while NorthEast United FC edged Mohammedan SC 1-0 in the reverse fixture in Kolkata, with Alaaeddine Ajaraie scoring the winner.

IPL 2026: Akeal Hosein back as CSK opt to bat against unchanged SRH

SIANS

CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) won the toss and elected to bat first against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Match 63 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Monday. CSK have made one change to their playing XI as Akeal Hosein is back, while MS Dhoni is still missing the match due to injury.

After winning the toss, CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad said, "We are looking to bat first. Well, it's nothing complicated, it's just simple for us. Take it one game at a time, look to win this one, look to start well, look to assess the conditions well, and put your

best foot forward. "Well, nothing, not as such, it's just that we have to respect conditions and choose what's best for the conditions. And yes, I think batting first looks good here now," he said.

Gaikwad said MS Dhoni is not fit enough to play. "He's still here, but he's not fit enough to play this game. Hopefully we win this one, and you'll have a low in the last game. We got just one chance. Akeal comes in for Gurjaneet," he added.

While after losing the toss, SRH skipper Pat Cummins said, "It's T20 cricket, and it's not easy every game. He knows it's not going to work every game.



We would have probably wanted to bowl. Same team as the last game."

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) are placed at No. 6 on the points table with six wins and as many defeats from 12 matches. They are well and truly in contention to reach the playoffs despite starting the season with three consecutive losses. Ruturaj Gaikwad's team is coming to the contest after suffering a sev-

en-wicket loss against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at Ekana Stadium. CSK needs two wins in two matches to stay alive in the competition.

On the other side, Sunrisers Hyderabad also made a strong comeback after a poor start, losing three out of four opening matches. They are currently placed in third position in the points table, with seven wins from 12 matches. If they manage to win the match against CSK, their qualification chances will increase significantly. SRH is also coming to the contest after suffering a big 87-run defeat against the Gujarat Titans at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Movie Timings

Tuesday, 19th May

BHOOTH BANGLA Hindi - 10:45 AM, 02:30 PM	(U/A16+)
Michael English with English Subtitles 11:45 AM, 06:25 PM	(U/A 13+)
Dhurandhar: The Revenge Hindi - 02:00 PM	(A)
WAR OF SHERA PUNJABI WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES 06:00 PM	(U/A 16+)
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