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Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji for giving a new impetus to job creation, enhancing employability, and expanding social security across the formal sector. Glad to join the PMVBRY event to release incentives to first-time employees and job-creating establishments.

Lavender Farming Gains Momentum In Valley

Sirhama Farm Emerges As Learning Hub For Farmers



UMAISAR GULL

ANANTNAG: Lavender farming is steadily gaining momentum in Kashmir, with the sprawling Sirhama Lavender Farm in Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district emerging as a major learning hub for farmers interested in cultivating the aromatic and medicinal crop. Farmers from different parts of the Valley regularly visit the farm to gain first-hand knowledge of cultivation practices, crop management, and the commercial potential of lavender, which

is increasingly seen as a viable alternative to conventional farming. The farm, spread over 620 kanals, has drawn attention for its successful cultivation model, encouraging growers to explore lavender farming on both agricultural and barren land. Nazir Ahmad Khatana, a farmer from Nagras Qazigund, said the exposure visit organised by the Agriculture Department helped him understand the vast economic potential of lavender cultivation. "Farmers can earn two to four times more" P-06

PM Disburses Incentives Worth Rs 2,400 Crore Under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

LG Expresses Gratitude To PM For Giving New Impetus To Job Creation, Expanding Social Security Across Formal Sector In J&K

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SRINAGAR: Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Friday disbursed incentives amounting to Rs 2,400 crore to more than 15 lakh beneficiaries across the country, under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana. As part of a nationwide outreach effort, regional programmes were organized simultaneously at 200 locations across the country. The main programme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was attended by Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya; Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, senior officials, employer representatives, employee beneficiaries and other distinguished guests. Prime Minister addressed the gathering and gave his valuable guidance to youth. He noted that India's youth are receiving unprecedented recognition globally for their talent, skills, and potential. He remarked that the world increasingly acknowledges the capabilities of young Indians and emphasized that the Gov-



ernment is committed to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to transform their potential into success. "Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana is much more than an employment scheme. It is an initiative designed to strengthen the aspirations of young people entering their first jobs while creating a robust bridge between industry and the workforce," PM Modi remarked. Further, Prime Minister, expressed his unwavering faith in India's youth by extending his heartfelt best wishes. Ministry of Labour &

Employment, organized a special programme at Convention Centre, Jammu and Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Samba as part of the national event for disbursing benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY). In the Union Territory of J&K, 1,522 employees received incentives worth Rs 74 lakh, while about Rs 25.42 crore were directly transferred into the bank accounts of 304 employers, marking a meaningful step towards strengthening formal employment and expanding social security coverage.

At the UT-level event, through virtual mode, the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for driving inclusive growth & expanding social security coverage in Jammu Kashmir, and for bringing transformative changes in the Union Territory's employment landscape, enabling thousands of youths to access secure and dignified opportunities. "This historic occasion is not merely a program for distributing financial benefits under a government scheme but it is also a celebration" P-06

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EOW Kashmir Books Five In Migrant Land Fraud Case



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SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir on Friday said it has booked five accused in a major migrant land fraud case involving 14 kanals and 3 marlas of land in Baramulla. In a statement, a spokesperson said the Economic Offences Wing Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K conducted a house search at Banit Beerwah, District Budgam, in connection with an FIR registered under relevant sections of law at Police Station EOW Kashmir. He said the case pertains to an alleged land fraud and cheating involving migrant land measuring 14 kanals and 03 marlas situated at Goshbhugh Pattan in District Baramulla, which was sought to be sold through fraudulent means, fake agreements, and criminal conspiracy. "During investigation, five accused persons were found involved in duping the complainant of crores of rupees on the pretext of sale of the land" P-06

IGP Urges High Operational Readiness For Amarnath Yatra



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SRINAGAR: Ahead of the annual Amarnath yatra, Kashmir Police chief V K Birdi on Friday directed the force to remain alert to meet all security and logistical challenges, and maintain a high-level of

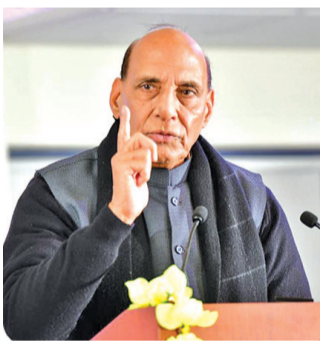
operational readiness. In preparation for the 57-day yatra, which is scheduled to begin July 3, Birdi, the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, briefed zonal officers and sector officers to review coordination, and operational P-06

India Must Control Security-Related Needs To Stay Future-Ready: Singh

Says Success Of 'O Sindoor' Demonstrated Growing Capability Of Indigenous Defence Manufacturing

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SRINAGAR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India must take control of its security-related necessities and strengthen indigenous manufacturing capabilities to remain future-ready in an increasingly uncertain geopolitical environment. Addressing a gathering after performing the bhoomi puja for a 10,000-tonne Aluminium Extrusion Press facility at the Ordnance Factory Ambajhari in Nagpur, Singh, said, "Self-reliance in critical defence technologies and materials was essential for safeguarding national interests." "A nation capable of meeting its own requirements moves forward with the greatest confidence towards protecting its



interests," he said, describing the upcoming facility as a symbol of India's transition from dependence on imports to domestic production of strategic equipment and materials," he said. The Defence Minister said modern fighter aircraft, missiles and advanced space programmes require lightweight

yet highly durable metals capable of withstanding extreme conditions, adding that the new facility would help meet those requirements through indigenous production. The proposed extrusion press, to be established by Yantra India Limited (YIL), will manufacture large and complex aluminium alloy profiles used in defence platforms, aerospace structures, missile systems, railways and other strategic sectors. The project is expected to reduce dependence on imported critical aluminium extrusions and strengthen the domestic supply chain. Referring to Operation Sindoor, Singh said the success of the operation demonstrated the growing capability of indigenous defence manufacturing and highlighted the P-06

CS Pushes Undertaking Of Disaster Reconstruction Projects Worth ₹3000 Cr Across J&K

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday chaired a meeting of all the concerned to assess the progress achieved in identification, approval and execution of infrastructure restoration and reconstruction projects being undertaken under the Disaster Component of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) and the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)-based Recovery and Reconstruction package sanctioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the aftermath of the devastating floods and landslides of 2025. The meeting besides the ACS, Finance and ACS, PWD was attended by Principal Secretary, DMRR&R; Commissioner Secretary, YS&S; MD, JKPDC; DG, A&T; DG, Resources; DG, Budget and other concerned officers



from the relevant Departments. While reviewing the implementation progress, the Chief Secretary stressed the need for timely completion of all restoration works and directed the departments to significantly expedite execution so that expenditure under SASCI is fully incurred within the prescribed timelines. He emphasized that all departments must adhere to the sunset provisions of the scheme and ensure completion of works within the stipulated P-06

Rain, Hailstorm Lash J&K Parts; MeT Issues Advisory



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Several parts of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed rain and thunderstorms on Friday afternoon as the Meteorological Department forecast more wet weather over the next few days and warned of possible flash floods, mudslides and hailstorms in vulnerable areas. According to the MeT

Centre Srinagar, a spell of rain and thundershowers affected many places across Kashmir division and parts of Jammu division, including Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Reasi and Udhampur. The weather office said that some areas experienced brief intense showers accompanied by thunderstorms, hailstorms and gusty winds. Similar P-06

India Calls Pakistan 'Frankenstein State' At UN; Accuses It Of Supporting Terrorism

AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS: India has slammed Pakistan at the United Nations, calling it a "Frankenstein state" that gets shocked when its "own monster bites back", as it accused Islamabad of "hosting, training and deploying" terrorists. The remarks were made by Anupama Singh, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, on Wednesday, after Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir during the Interactive Dialogue on the UN High Commissioner's annual report. Kashmir travel guides "India is compelled to exercise this right of reply in response to references made to it by Pakistan and the OIC. We



categorically reject the baseless and malicious allegations made by Pakistan," Singh said. The diplomat further said: "We also categorically reject the references to Jammu and Kashmir made by the OIC... For the record, Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. The only unresolved issue is Pakistan's illegal occu-

pation of Indian territories and their return." She also said that Pakistan is a country whose sitting defence minister "boasts of hosting, training and deploying terrorists as state policy". "This should surprise no one. An illegal and illegitimate occupation can be sustained only through force," Singh said. "This is the country with

the sitting Defence Minister boasts of hosting, training, and deploying terrorists and state policy, and yet Pakistan calls itself a victim of terrorism." The diplomat further said: "Indeed, a paradox which only Pakistan could sustain. It is a living example of a Frankenstein state, which is shocked when its own monster bites back," she said. She also said that "denial of basic freedoms has brought matters to a point where even demand for bread, electricity, rights, and dignity are met with bullets and brutality." Singh also mentioned the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, calling it "outdated". "Our position on the Indus Water Treaty is well known. It defies logic that a state which exports terror as an instrument of P-06

'Assurances Not Enough' Private Hospitals Reaffirm Mass De-Empanelment From Ayushman Bharat

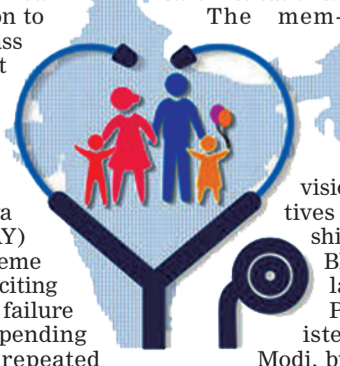
Appeal To LG To Chair Governing Council Meet; Seek Immediate Resolution

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Private Empanelled Hospitals and Dialysis Centres Association (JKPHDA) has reaffirmed its decision to proceed with a mass de-empanelment of private hospitals and dialysis centres from the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and SEHAT Scheme from July 1, 2026, citing the government's failure to address long-pending issues despite repeated assurances. The association members said that although several rounds of discussions have taken place with the admin-

istration since the announcement of the proposed withdrawal, no tangible measures have been implemented to resolve the challenges being faced by empanelled healthcare institutions. The members said the association remains fully committed to the vision and objectives of the flagship Ayushman Bharat scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but expressed concern over what it described as the scheme's "most non-performing phase" since March 2024. According to JKPHDA, pri-

vate hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir have been struggling with delayed claim settlements, inadequate package rates, cumbersome authorisation procedures and mounting financial liabilities, making it increasingly difficult to continue providing cashless treatment services under the scheme. "Since our announcement regarding mass de-empanelment, we have received only verbal assurances from the authorities. While commitments have been made, no concrete action has been taken to streamline the scheme or address the long-standing issues affecting healthcare providers," the association said. The JKPHDA alleged that hospitals are compelled to repeatedly seek the release of their legitimate dues every year, only to P-06



DC G'bal takes stock of preparations made for Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela at Tulmulla

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Friday visited the Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tulmulla to take stock of the arrangements being put in place for the forthcoming annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela.

During the visit, the DC conducted a comprehensive inspection of the temple premises and reviewed the preparedness of various departments with regard to facilities being provided for the convenience and comfort of devotees expected to participate in the annual mela. The DC inspected accommodation facilities established for pilgrims, including the Yatri Niwas and temporary tented accommodation being arranged to cater to the anticipated influx of devotees. He directed the concerned departments to ensure that all lodging facilities are clean, well-maintained and equipped with essential amenities for a comfortable stay.

Reviewing arrangements for community kitchens (langars), the DC instructed the concerned



agencies to ensure adequate space, proper sanitation and uninterrupted supply of water and electricity at all designated langar sites. He emphasized that all facilities should be made available in a coordinated manner to facilitate smooth functioning of langars during the mela period.

The DC also inspected healthcare arrangements and reviewed the preparedness of the medical team being deployed at the temple. He directed the Health Department to ensure availability of doctors, paramedical staff, ambulances, emergency medicines and first-aid facilities so that devotees

receive prompt medical assistance whenever required.

Special emphasis was laid on the provision of safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation facilities and cleanliness around the temple premises. The concerned departments were directed to ensure regular maintenance of toilets, proper waste disposal mechanisms and round-the-clock availability of essential services during the mela.

Later, the DC also visited the Central University of Kashmir campus at Tulmulla to review the accommodation arrangements being made for

devotees. During the visit, he inspected lodging facilities, langar sites, parking spaces and other amenities being put in place for the convenience of pilgrims.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure proper cleanliness, adequate drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation facilities and clear signage within the campus.

Interacting with officers on the spot, the DC stressed that every effort should be made to provide a safe, comfortable and spiritually enriching experience to devotees visiting the shrine. He directed all stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and remain available on the ground to address any issue that may arise during the mela period.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Ganderbal, Executive Engineers of KPDC, Jal Shakti, and PMGSY besides Chief Medical Officer and other officers and officials accompanied the DC during the inspection.

DC Kulgam flags off Farmers' Exposure Visit to SKUAST-K for Capacity Building

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, Friday flagged off a group of around 107 farmers from the district for an exposure-cum-capacity building visit to Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Shalimar.

The programme is aimed at enhancing farmers' knowledge and facilitating the dissemination of modern horticultural and agricultural technologies, innovative farming practices, and scientific approaches among the farming community of the district.



The flag-off ceremony was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer, M. Ramzan War; Horticulture Development Officer (HDO) Kulgam, Dr. Mohsin Ahmad Hajam; HDO Devsar; HDO Qaimoh; and other officials of the Horticulture Department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of exposure visits and capacity-building programmes in

equipping farmers with the latest technological advancements and best management practices. He encouraged the participating farmers to make the most of the opportunity and adopt innovative techniques to enhance productivity and improve their livelihoods.

The visit to SKUAST-K, Shalimar, is expected to provide the farmers with first-hand exposure to modern technologies, research find-

ings, and successful models in horticulture and allied sectors, thereby contributing to the overall development of the farming sector in the district.

The participating farmers expressed their gratitude to the District Administration and the Horticulture Department for facilitating the exposure visit and providing them with an opportunity to learn from experts and researchers in the field.

SKUAST-K Scholar bags International Grant for endangered Kashmir Fish Research

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SRINAGAR: In a significant achievement for Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Misba Rehman, a PhD scholar in the Faculty of Fisheries, has secured an international research grant of US\$6,500 from the US-based Wild Animal Initiative.

The grant will support the project, "Assessing Behavioural and Physiological Welfare Indicators for the Kashmir Loach (Triplophysa kashmirensis)," led by Dr. Syed Talia Mushtaq as Principal Investigator, with Misba Rehman as lead applicant.

The study focuses on generating scientific evidence on the welfare indicators of the critically endangered Kashmir Loach, an endemic fish species of Kashmir, to support science-based conservation and management strategies.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai congratulated Misba Rehman and Dr. Syed Talia Mushtaq, stating that the achievement reflects the

growing global recognition of research at SKUAST-K and strengthens the university's commitment to impactful research and biodiversity conservation.

Dean, Faculty of Fisheries, Prof. Farooz Ahmad Bhat, described the grant as a major accomplishment, noting that the project addresses an important yet understudied area of fish welfare and conservation.

Head Division of Fisheries Resource Management, Dr. Tasaduq Hussain Shah, said that the international funding reflects the scientific merit and growing relevance of the research being undertaken by the Division.

Expressing gratitude, Misba Rehman acknowledged the support of the university and her supervisor, stating that the grant will enable innovative research to better understand the conservation and welfare needs of the Kashmir Loach.

The award further underscores SKUAST-K's growing international recognition in biodiversity conservation and sustainable aquatic resource research.

Dir Skill Dev, DC B'pora review implementation of Vibrant Village Programme in district



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BANDIPORA: Director, Skill Development Department and Prabhari Officer for Vibrant Village Programme-II (VVP-II) for Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad, along with Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Friday reviewed the implementation and progress of the programme in Neeru and Purana Tulail (Jurniyal) villages of Tulail Block during a meeting held at the Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner presented a detailed overview of the implementation of VVP-II in the identified villages, highlighting ongoing interventions, developmental priorities and infrastructure requirements. Officers from various departments presented village-specific action plans and updates relating to key sectors.

Dr. Owais Ahmad stressed the need for effective inter-departmental coordination, timely submission of proposals and expeditious execution of developmental works. He emphasized that all infrastructure gaps should be identified and addressed in a mission mode to ensure holistic and sustainable development of the border villages under VVP-II.

It was informed that under VVP-II, 28 villages across the border blocks of Bagtore and Tulail have been identified, with Kanzalwan Nayle, Kilshay,

Neeru and Purana Tulail selected as key strategic villages under the programme. The meeting reviewed progress under various thematic areas including road connectivity, telecom services, electrification, livelihood generation, education, healthcare and other essential infrastructure.

Discussions focused on strengthening mobile and internet connectivity in remote border areas, improving on-grid electrification, establishment of solar parks and addressing critical infrastructure gaps in the identified villages. The meeting also reviewed departmental proposals aimed at ensuring saturation of services and improving the quality of life of residents in these far-flung border areas.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of practical, sustainable and community-oriented planning under the programme and stressed the need for convergence among departments to maximize the impact of developmental interventions while improving essential services in remote border areas.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Zaffar Huson Shawl, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Programme Officer ICDS Bandipora, ACD Bandipora, ACP Bandipora, CMO Bandipora, BDOs and other district and sectoral officers.

B'pora Admin intensifies Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign across Edu Institutions



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BANDIPORA: As part of the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), District Administration Bandipora continued its district-wide awareness campaign with pledge and pledge renewal ceremonies held across several educational institutions on Friday.

The activities were organized to reinforce the commitment of students and staff towards building a drug-free society and to spread awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

Pledge ceremonies and reinforcement programmes were conducted at Government Higher Secondary School Chuntimulla, High School Ketson, Government High School Achoora, Government Higher Secondary School PTL Gurez, Government Higher Secondary School Gadakhud, Government Higher Secondary School Quilmuqam, Boys Higher Secondary School Aloosa, High School Panar, PM SHRI Government High School Sumbal, Gov-

ernment Higher Secondary School Nowgam and High School Mukdamyari Hajin.

During the programmes, students and teaching staff collectively renewed their commitment to abstain from drugs and actively contribute towards creating a healthy, safe and responsible society. The participants were sensitized about the social, economic and health consequences of drug abuse and were encouraged to serve as ambassadors of change within their communities.

At HSS Quilmuqam, a special pledge renewal and reinforcement programme was held wherein participants reaffirmed their resolve to remain vigilant against substance abuse and promote a healthy lifestyle. Similar activities across institutions witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members.

The District Administration Bandipora reaffirmed its resolve to engage educational institutions, youth and community stakeholders in the fight against drug abuse and to foster a culture of awareness, responsibility and collective action towards realizing the vision of a Nasha Mukht Bandipora.

AYUSH Shopian, Pulwama organize "Run for Yoga" ahead of 12th Int'l Day of Yoga

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PULWAMA: In the run-up to the celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga, scheduled to be observed on 21st June 2026, the District AYUSH Offices of Shopian and Pulwama



organized a "Run for Yoga" event to promote awareness about the importance of yoga and encourage healthy lifestyles among the public at two District Headquarters.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and officials of the AYUSH Department, healthcare staff, students, youth volunteers, and members of the general public. The run aimed to spread the message of holistic health and well-being and to create awareness about the significance of incorporating yoga into daily life.

Speaking on the occasion, the organizers emphasized that yoga is a powerful tool for achieving physical, mental, and

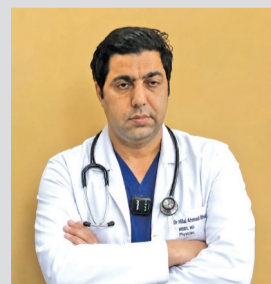
emotional well-being and plays a vital role in fostering harmony and healthy living. Participants carried placards and banners highlighting the theme of the International Day of Yoga and spreading the message of "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

The events forms part of a series of activities being organized by the District AYUSH Offices of Shopian and Pulwama in the run-up to the grand celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2026 at District Headquarters. These initiatives are aimed at mobilizing community participation and reinforcing the importance of yoga as a way of life.

The District AYUSH authorities expressed gratitude to all participants and stakeholders for their active involvement and called upon the public to join the celebrations of the International Day of Yoga and embrace yoga for a healthier and happier society.

.....More Than Just an Anesthetist Dr. Hilal Ahmad Bhat Emerges Pillar of Healthcare in Pattan

LATEEF BHAT



PATTAN: In a time when accessible and compassionate healthcare remains a cornerstone of community well-being, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Bhat, an accomplished anesthesiologist at Pattan Hospital, has emerged as a beacon of hope and healing. With an MD in Anesthesia and a Diploma in Pain Management, Dr. Bhat has not only demonstrated exceptional clinical expertise but has also earned widespread admiration for his unwavering commitment to patient care—often extending far beyond his designated duties.

While his primary specialization lies in anesthesia, Dr. Bhat is frequently found attending to patients during OPD hours and responding to emergency

calls during night shifts. His willingness to be available at all hours has made him a trusted figure in the region, with patients and their families often singling him out for his empathetic approach and clear communication.

"He doesn't just treat you; he listens to you," shared a local patient's attendant. "Even when he's busy, he takes the time to explain everything. That kind of care is rare."

Dr. Bhat's dedication has

not gone unnoticed. He has received multiple accolades for his outstanding service and sincere commitment to the healthcare sector. His patient-friendly demeanor, combined with his professional precision, has set a benchmark for medical practice at Pattan Hospital. Colleagues describe him as a doctor who leads by example, often stepping in during critical emergencies to ensure that no patient is left unattended.

Previous reports from Pattan have highlighted Dr. Hilal's role in life-saving emergency interventions, particularly in cases requiring swift anesthetic management. His timely actions and clinical judgment have been credited with stabilizing patients in life-threatening conditions, underscoring the vital role that dedicated anesthetists

play in the region's healthcare ecosystem.

Locals describe Dr. Hilal Ahmad Bhat as more than just a doctor—he is a pillar of the community. His tireless efforts have significantly strengthened healthcare services at Pattan Hospital, where he continues to serve countless patients with humility and professionalism. His approach to medicine, rooted in compassion and excellence, stands as an inspiring example for the medical fraternity.

As healthcare challenges continue to evolve, Dr. Hilal's enduring commitment to his patients reaffirms the profound impact that one dedicated individual can have on an entire community. For the people of Pattan, he remains not just a doctor, but a true asset and a trusted healer.

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Subject: Final Selection of Class IV/MTS posts issued under Order No: 22 CEOK of 2026, Dated: 13.05.2026 in light of LPA No. 109/2020 and submission of Joining thereof.

FINAL NOTICE

Whereas this office issued the final selection list of Class IV/MTS posts advertised Vide Notice No. CEO/KNT/01/14/2048-50, Dated: 04.08.2014 in compliance to the judgement/orders passed in LPA No. 109/2020 titled UT of J&K and others Vs. Maria Nazir & Others read with Govt. Order No. 14-JK(Edu) of 2026, Dated: 15.04.2026 issued under Order No. 22 CEOK of 2026, Dated: 13.05.2026.

Whereas the selectees were directed to report this office within seven days for submission of Online CID Vroll and other requisite documents.

Whereas only 10 candidates out of 15 in selection list reported this office and CID Verification was generated online in their favor. Whereas this office Vide Form No. 158808, generated the Online CID Verification in favor of the below mention candidate and the CID Verification stands received by this office under the said Form No. on 15.06.2026.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Residence	DOB	Category	S. No. in the Selection List
1.	SAMIR AHMAD NAIK	AB HAMID NAIK	BHAN	10.03.1994	OM	04

The above mentioned candidate is hereby accordingly directed to report this office within a period of seven days for joining the department along with acceptance of resignation letter from Police Department failing which the selection of the above mentioned candidate be cancelled without any further notice and the next candidate in wait list shall be selected for final selection and it shall be considered final that the said candidate is already working in the Police Department and has forgone his Selection.

No: CEO/K/Estt-NT/ 1984-90/2026
Dated: 19/06/2026

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Fayaz Ahmad Mir
Chief Education Officer
Kulgam

Chief Secretary reviews arrangements for Annual Mela Kheer Bhawani at Tulmulla

Inspects Shrine premises, CUK Campus; stresses devotee convenience, cleanliness

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GANDERBAL: Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, Atal Dulloo Friday visited the Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tulmulla and reviewed the arrangements being put in place for the smooth conduct of the annual Mela Kheer Bhawani.

Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department and Health & Medical Education Department, M. Raju; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg; Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Prof. A. Ravindra Nath; Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore; Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir; Director Health Services Kashmir; Senior Superintendent of Police Ganderbal, besides senior officers from civil and police administration, Central University of Kashmir, Dharmarth Trust and line departments were present on the occasion.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, briefed the Chief Secretary about the arrangements being put in



place for the annual mela. He informed that comprehensive measures have been undertaken to ensure comfortable accommodation for devotees, including lodging facilities within the temple premises including Yatri Niwas and at the Central University of Kashmir campus, besides at other local educational institutions and in tents.

He also apprised the visiting dignitary of the provision of langar facilities, drinking water supply, uninterrupted power, sanitation, medical assistance, parking management and traffic regulation. He informed that special focus has been laid on cleanliness of the shrine premises, illumination of approach roads, establishment of help desks, public address systems and facilitation

measures for elderly and differently-abled devotees. During the visit, Chief Secretary inspected various facilities within the shrine complex and took stock of the preparedness of different departments. He reviewed arrangements related to sanitation, drinking water supply, power availability, lighting, public conveniences, medical aid, security, traffic management and other essential services being provided for devotees.

The Chief Secretary also inspected the Medical Aid Centre established at the shrine and directed the Health Department to ensure adequate availability of doctors, paramedical staff, medicines, ambulances and emergency response facilities during the mela period.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary also visited the Main Campus of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK), Tulmulla, where accommodation facilities have been arranged for visiting devotees.

He inspected the tentage area, Science Block, Administrative Block and other designated areas identified for lodging of pilgrims and reviewed the arrangements being made for their comfortable stay.

During the inspection, he reviewed the availability of accommodation facilities, tents, bedding, sanitation arrangements, drinking water supply, power backup, lighting and toilet facilities. He also inspected the sites earmarked for langar services and directed the concerned agencies to ensure proper hygiene, cleanliness and adequate

facilities for devotees. The Chief Secretary further reviewed the parking plan and movement of vehicles within and around the campus. He emphasized the need for proper traffic regulation, designated parking spaces, clear signages and hassle-free movement of devotees to avoid congestion during peak hours. Interacting with officers on the occasion, the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of coordinated efforts among all departments to ensure that devotees are provided a safe, comfortable and dignified experience. He directed the concerned officers to complete all remaining works within the stipulated time-frame and maintain round-the-clock monitoring of arrangements.

Describing Mela Kheer Bhawani as a significant religious occasion and an enduring symbol of Kashmir's rich composite culture, the Chief Secretary called upon all stakeholders to work with dedication and a spirit of public service to ensure the successful and peaceful conduct of the annual mela.

Education cornerstone of social, economic development of society: Sakeena Ito

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JAMMU: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Ito Friday distributed regularisation orders among 261 Contingency Paid Workers (CPWs) of education department and also virtually laid foundation stone of various educational infrastructure projects across multiple schools of Jammu division at Abhinav Theatre.

Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Bhawani Rakhwal; Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Naseem Javid Choudhary; Joint Director SCERT, senior officers of school education department, CEO Jammu, Principals, Lecturers, educationists and officers of district administration were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister reiterated the Government's commitment to providing quality education, strengthening school infrastructure, and ensuring the welfare of employees associated with the education sector. She emphasized that education remains the cornerstone of social and economic development of society adding that various initiatives are being undertaken to transform the educational landscape of Jammu & Kashmir.

While congratulating the regularised CPWs, the Minister appreciated their contribution towards the functioning of the education department. She add that



regularization of CPWs has been a long pending demand and the present Government has fulfilled its commitment under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to provide social security and dignity to these workers who have been serving the department for years.

The Minister, on the occasion, also called for zero tolerance towards teacher attachments from far-flung areas to cities. She asked the Director School Education and CEO Jammu for immediate repatriation of all such teachers to their original place of postings in villages. "The shortage of teachers is manufactured because teachers avoid far-flung postings. Need of the hour is to send them back so that children in villages do not suffer," she asserted.

The Minister also said that a transparent transfer policy for School Education Department is under process, on the lines of the policy already framed for Higher Education department.

The Minister, on the occasion, also virtually laid the foundation stone for various infrastructure development

works of School Education Department in Jammu Division like Elementary Hostel at Government Middle School Hiranagar, upgradation and modernization of Government Higher Secondary School Nagrota Gujroo, and construction of additional classrooms at Government Higher Secondary School Pallaan. These initiatives are expected to significantly enhance educational facilities and create a more conducive learning environment for students in these areas.

She also released several educational publications prepared by SCERT Jammu & Kashmir, aimed at enriching teaching-learning processes and supporting the implementation of contemporary educational reforms.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Naseem Javid Choudhary gave a detailed overview of CPWs regularization process and ongoing academic initiatives. He also highlighted that department is undergoing a phase of developments for strengthening of education sector across Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Govt makes architects organization Nodal Body for public projects



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SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at streamlining the public infrastructure development and strengthening the local institutional framework, the Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Government of Jammu and Kashmir, has issued a landmark directive standardizing operations and project engagement of the Jammu and Kashmir Architects Organization.

The order issued in this regard comes in continuation of Government Order No. 58-JK(HUD) of 2026 and follows a decisive resolution passed by the Council of Ministers. Following a decisive restructuring and re-organization framework approved by the government, the department has made the utilization of the organization's specialized services mandatory for public sector initiatives, ensuring robust architectural oversight across the Union Territory.

The order comes in continuation of recent structural reforms and follows a formal resolution passed to optimize the execution of state-funded and government-backed infrastructure projects.

As per the key highlights of the directive, all government departments, public

sector undertakings and executing agencies are now required to utilize the architectural, design and master-planning expertise of the Jammu and Kashmir Architects Organization for public projects.

The J&K Architects Organization has been designated as the Nodal Technical Body for providing the architectural consultancy, comprehensive design and technical vetting services. In instances where the engagement of private architectural firms is deemed absolutely necessary, obtaining a prior No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the J&K Architects Organization is strictly mandatory.

To regularize and sustain the technical services, an official, uniform consultancy fee of 1% will be levied on the total project cost for all works where architectural and consultancy services are rendered by the organization.

This comprehensive directive is expected to optimize the state resource allocation, ensure strict adherence to standardized regional and sustainable architectural guidelines. It will also foster institutional efficiency across all upcoming public works and urban development initiatives in Jammu & Kashmir.

Ministers conduct on-the-spot inspection of irrigation facilities across Ganderbal

Reiterate "welfare of farmers remains central to government's development agenda"

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GANDERBAL: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, along with Minister for Agriculture Production Department and Rural Development Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, Friday conducted an extensive on-the-spot inspection of various areas of Ganderbal district to assess the availability of irrigation water and review the functioning of irrigation facilities across the district.

The objective of the visit was to ensure adequate water supply to the agricultural lands and addressing the concerns of farmers, particularly in tail-end areas. The areas covered during the inspection included Warpora, Waqura, Nowbugh, Tulmulla, Waskura, Safapora, Shuhagra, Buserbugh and several other localities across the district.

During the inspection, the Ministers interacted with the farmers and local residents to obtain first-hand feedback regarding irrigation facilities and water availability. Accompanied by the Chief Engineer and other senior officers of the Jal Shakti and other allied departments, they reviewed the ground situation and directed the concerned officials to immediately address all bottlenecks affecting the smooth supply of irrigation water.

Interacting with the



farmers, Javed Rana emphasized that agriculture remains the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy and the primary source of livelihood for a vast section of the population. "Agriculture is the mainstay of the people across the Kashmir Valley and the welfare of our farmers remains of utmost importance for the government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Safeguarding farmers' interests and ensuring the timely availability of irrigation water are among our foremost priorities and are committed to extend every possible support to the farming community," Rana assured.

The Minister instructed the officers to remain in the field, intensify monitoring and ensure prompt resolution of all irrigation-related issues. He emphasized that any complaint regarding water scarcity or irrigation facilities should be brought directly to his office for immediate redressal.

Rana stressed the need to optimize water-use efficiency through improved

irrigation management, enhanced monitoring of irrigation infrastructure and timely maintenance of canals and water channels. He added that while Jammu and Kashmir has immense agricultural potential, realizing higher productivity requires a coordinated approach involving efficient water management, better infrastructure and responsive governance. He called upon the concerned officers to remain proactive in addressing the field-level issues.

Javid Ahmad Dar, during his interaction with the farmers, observed that water is the most critical resource for agriculture and that its efficient management is essential for sustaining farm productivity and ensuring long-term agricultural growth. He assured the farming community that the government is closely monitoring the situation and that all necessary measures will be taken to ensure uninterrupted irrigation facilities and address genuine grievances without delay.

The Ministers reiterated

that the welfare of farmers remains central to the government's development agenda and affirmed that all possible steps would be taken to strengthen irrigation infrastructure, improve water-use efficiency and support sustainable agricultural growth across the Valley.

Later, the Ministers also held a review meeting with the officers of the Jal Shakti, Forest department, Agriculture Production Department and other allied departments at the DFO Office, Ganderbal.

During the meeting, they took stock of the ongoing works and schemes being implemented by the departments in the district and directed the officers to ensure timely completion of all pending projects. They emphasized the need for better coordination between the departments for effective implementation of developmental works and instructed the officers to address field-level issues on priority.

Addressing the meeting, Javed Rana stressed that the officers must maintain regular contact with the public and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries without delay.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on a range of issues of public importance, with particular focus on developmental priorities, governance-related matters and concerns affecting the people of Ganderbal district.

Dy CM inspects new LA building project in Jammu; emphasizes timely completion



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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary Friday inspected the ongoing construction work of the new Legislative Assembly building in Jammu and reviewed the progress achieved on the prestigious project.

During the inspection, the Deputy Chief Minister assessed various components of the construction work and emphasized the importance of maintaining the highest standards of quality while ensuring adherence to the prescribed timelines.

He directed the concerned officers and executing agencies to expedite the pace of work so that the project is completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The Deputy Chief Min-

ister underscored that the new Legislative Assembly building is a vital public infrastructure project and a symbol of democratic governance. He stressed that there should be no compromise on quality and called for regular monitoring to ensure smooth and efficient execution of the work.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister visited Bajalta, Jammu, to express his heartfelt condolences to former District Development Council (DDC) Member, Shameema Begum, on the demise of her husband.

He conveyed his sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. He shared the grief of the family and prayed for strength and courage for them to bear the irreparable loss.

Speaker expresses grief over fire incident at Darul Uloom in Pakherpora

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BUDGAM: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather has expressed deep grief over the fire incident occurred at Darul Uloom in Pakherpora.

Conveying his sympathies to the Intizamia Committee, the Speaker thanked the Almighty that all the students were safe. He asked the district

administration to immediately assess the damage caused by the fire. He directed the concerned authorities to provide prompt relief and all possible assistance to the affected, enabling them to overcome the difficulties arising from the incident.

The Speaker prayed for everyone's well-being and hoped for swift restoration of normalcy at the institution.

Sakeena Ito convenes public outreach camp at Koil Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Ito, Friday convened a public outreach camp at Immunization Centre/Hospital Ground, Koil in Pulwama district to listen to the grievances, development concerns and aspirations of the people.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi and MLA Zainapora, Showkat Hussain Ganie. During the interaction, several deputations and

individuals projected a wide range of public issues and developmental demands and submitted memoranda highlighting their concerns.

The issues raised included strengthening of healthcare facilities, improvement of educational infrastructure, augmentation of sports facilities, irrigation and sanitation-related matters, upgradation of public utilities and deployment of adequate staff in health and educational institutions among others.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to all the concerns and issued on-the-spot directions to the officers for

prompt redress of genuine grievances. She emphasized the need for responsive governance and directed the officers to take immediate measures for addressing the public issues in a coordinated and time-bound manner.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Pampore Hasnain Masoodi said that such interactions provide an effective platform for addressing the genuine concerns of the people. He said that similar initiatives would continue in future to strengthen public participation in governance and ensure prompt resolution of public issues. He

also appreciated the people for their active participation and constructive projection of their concerns.

MLA Zainapora Showkat Hussain Ganie, while addressing the gathering, said that the Minister's visit to directly interact with the people and listen to their concerns at their doorstep reflects the government's commitment towards inclusive and people-centric governance.

Addressing the gathering, Sakeena Ito assured the participants that all their genuine issues projected during the camp would be addressed on priority.

She expressed gratitude to the people for their valuable suggestions and active participation, stating that public feedback plays a vital role in shaping developmental priorities and improving service delivery.

Later, the Minister inaugurated a dental chair facility at NTPHC Koil aimed at strengthening the oral healthcare services in the area. She also visited Higher Secondary School Koil, where she reviewed the educational infrastructure and interacted with the school authorities regarding academic and institutional requirements.

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EDITORIAL

Why Budgam's Choking Brick Kilns Can No Longer Be Ignored

When you look at the latest numbers out of Budgam, it's easy for your eyes to glaze over. Statistics have a way of making real-world crises feel small and distant. But the math here is loud, clear, and incredibly troubling: more than half of the brick kilns in the district are running without a valid pollution clearance. Out of 225 units, only 107 have a legal "Consent to Operate." The rest? They are running on expired paperwork, operating with zero official clearance, or continuing to burn fuel despite having their environmental applications flat-out rejected by regulators.

But let's step away from the spreadsheets and look at what this actually means on the ground. Go to any village sitting in the shadow of these kiln clusters. Talk to the parents who watch their children cough through heavy mornings, or the farmers watching thick soot settle onto fields that have fed families for generations. For them, these numbers aren't a bureaucratic clerical error. They are a daily hazard. When dozens of kilns are formally refused permission to operate yet their chimneys keep smoking, it's not just a failure of paperwork—it's a direct threat to public health.

No one is arguing that the brick industry isn't vital. These kilns are the backbone of Kashmir's booming construction sector. They build our homes, pave our roads, and put food on the table for thousands of local workers and laborers. We need them. But there has to be a line where economic survival meets human survival. The rules designed to keep our air clean and our soil safe shouldn't be treated as optional suggestions or red tape to be bypassed. Right now, the current system penalizes the good guys. The law-abiding kiln operators who invest time and money to meet environmental standards are being left to compete with units that simply choose to look the way. That isn't just bad environmental policy; it's an unfair playing field. If a kiln's application is rejected, how are its fires still burning? Who is watching the chimneys when the regulators walk away?

These figures shouldn't just be filed into a cabinet; they need to be a wake-up call. We need a real, boots-on-the-ground audit to see exactly what is happening in Budgam's fields. The people of Kashmir shouldn't have to choose between a paycheck and a deep breath of clean air. True development isn't just about building higher; it's about making sure the communities we build are actually healthy enough to live in. It's time for regulators to step up, enforce the law, and show that our environment is worth more than a ignored piece of paper.

Modi Era: A Story Of Trust, Transformation, And Hope



LALIT GARGG

In the history of Indian democracy, certain personalities transcend the boundaries of political leadership and come to define an era. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as one such figure. In June 2026, he set a new record as the longest-serving continuously elected Prime Minister in independent India's history. This achievement is not merely a matter of numbers or tenure; it symbolizes the trust, public support, and developmental journey that have reshaped India's politics, economy, governance, and global standing. In a democracy, a leader's true success is measured not by the length of time in office but by the impact of his work. If the ultimate test of governance is delivering the benefits of development to the last person in society, then the greatest contribution of the Modi era has been its success in taking development out of government files and policy declarations and bringing it directly into the lives of ordinary citizens. This reflects the philosophy of Antyodaya—the upliftment of the last person—articulated by Deendayal Upadhyaya.

Since independence, India has undertaken a long and remarkable development journey. Jawaharlal Nehru laid the institutional foundations of a newly independent nation. Democracy, scientific temper, public institutions, education, research, and industrial development all gained momentum under his leadership. However, over time it became evident that formulating policies and ensuring their benefits reached the intended beneficiaries were two entirely different challenges. For decades, a long chain of intermediaries stood between government schemes and citizens, causing significant leakage and inefficiency. When Narendra Modi assumed office in 2014, India faced multiple challenges, including economic sluggishness, allegations of corruption, incomplete projects, bureaucratic inertia, and declining public trust. At such a critical juncture, he sought to transform the traditional style of governance by placing technology, transparency, and accountability at its core. This was not merely a policy shift; it represented a transformation in the very philosophy of governance.

One of the most significant achievements of the Modi government has been the expansion of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. By integrating bank accounts, Aadhaar



identification, and mobile technology, a mechanism was created that enabled government assistance to reach beneficiaries directly. This not only reduced corruption and leakages but also gave millions of citizens the confidence that the government could genuinely reach their doorstep. The poor, farmers, women, students, senior citizens, and workers all benefited from this transformation. The Jan Dhan financial inclusion initiative played a historic role in empowering people who had never before been part of the formal banking system. It was not merely a campaign to open bank accounts; it marked the beginning of a new chapter in economic empowerment. Similarly, the Ujjwala Scheme freed millions of women from smoke-filled kitchens by providing clean cooking fuel, significantly improving their health, dignity, and quality of life.

Another defining feature of the Modi era has been the unprecedented expansion of infrastructure. Roads, expressways, railways, metro systems, airports, ports, and digital networks have developed at a remarkable pace, giving fresh momentum to economic growth. Today, smaller cities are being connected through air travel, villages are linked by roads, and the railway system is undergoing rapid modernization. Modern trains such as the Vande Bharat have become symbols of India's technological capability and growing self-confidence. Through housing initiatives, millions of economically disadvantaged families have received permanent homes. For those who spent years living in fragile huts, a house represents not merely shelter but dignity, security, and hope. Likewise, the Jal Jeevan Mission has brought clean drinking water to millions of households, while the nationwide sanitation campaign transformed cleanliness into a people's movement. These achievements are reflected not only in sta-

tics but also in tangible improvements in living standards.

Significant changes have also been witnessed in the agricultural sector. The ethanol blending program has opened new avenues of income for farmers, enabling them to emerge not only as food providers but also as contributors to India's energy future. Efforts in biofuels, natural farming, agricultural infrastructure, and technological innovation have sought to make farming more profitable and sustainable, injecting new vitality into the rural economy. The Digital India initiative has given the country a new identity on the global stage. India's digital payments ecosystem is now studied and admired worldwide. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has made transactions simpler, faster, and more transparent. Digital technology has evolved beyond convenience to become a powerful instrument of good governance. Its impact is visible across education, healthcare, banking, commerce, and public administration.

India's international stature has also risen significantly. Today, the country is viewed not merely as a developing nation but as a potential global leader. Its successful presidency of the G20, influential presence on international platforms, balanced role during global crises, and efforts to amplify the voice of developing nations reflect its growing strength and confidence. Even at recent G7 summits, despite not being a member, Prime Minister Modi's presence and influence have underscored India's rising diplomatic significance and the confidence of its foreign policy. A distinctive aspect of the Modi era has been its ability to connect nationalism with development. The vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) is not simply an economic program; it is a movement aimed at strengthening national confidence. Advances in defense manufacturing, space

exploration, startup culture, innovation, and industrial production are manifestations of this broader vision. India is increasingly positioning itself not merely as a consumer of global products and technologies but as a creator and innovator.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" (Together with All, Development for All, Trust of All, and Efforts by All) has evolved beyond a political slogan to become a guiding principle of governance. Its objective is to ensure inclusive development so that no section of society is left behind. Consequently, the focus of development policies has increasingly shifted toward those who once stood on the margins of the system. Like any long tenure in office, the Modi government's policies and decisions have been subject to debate and criticism. Such scrutiny is both natural and necessary in a vibrant democracy. Yet it is equally true that over the past twelve years, India has witnessed a profound transformation in governance, development, and public expectations. Citizens today are no longer satisfied with promises alone; they seek visible and measurable results. This, in itself, is a sign of democratic maturity.

Perhaps Narendra Modi's greatest strength lies in his effort to transform governance into a people's movement. He presents himself not as a ruler but as a "Prime Servant" of the nation. His leadership is characterized by consistency, hard work, dedication to goals, and an unwavering commitment to placing the nation above all else. This explains why he remains one of India's most popular leaders and an influential figure on the global stage. The vision of building a developed India by 2047 is not merely an economic aspiration. It is the dream of an India that is self-reliant, inclusive, technologically advanced, culturally confident, and socially compassionate. The Modi era has laid many of the foundational changes required to achieve this goal, and their impact is likely to become even more evident in the decades ahead.

As India advances through its Amrit Kaal—the transformative period leading to the centenary of independence—it can be said that Narendra Modi's contribution extends far beyond schemes and projects. He has inspired millions of Indians with the belief that change is possible, development is a right for all, and every citizen has a role to play in the nation's progress. The journey from Antyodaya to a developed India is a story of faith, determination, and relentless action—a story that continues to shape the destiny of modern India with renewed energy and direction.

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A Decade Of Nari Shakti, The Ascent Of Viksit Bharat



ANNPURNA DEVI

Walk into any village, hamlet or far-flung corner of the country today and look closely at the kitchen. The smoke is gone. Where a chulha once stung the eyes of a young bride, an Ujjwala flame now burns clean and blue. The bucket that her mother-in-law carried from a distant handpump has been replaced by a Har Ghar Jal tap.

The open field behind the house is no longer her only option; a Swachh Bharat toilet stands in the courtyard. The pucca roof above her is registered in her own name. In her purse sits a Jan Dhan passbook, in her phone a UPI app, and on her wrist, sometimes, the watch of a Lakhpati Didi who now earns more than her husband.

This is not an imaginary picture printed on a poster. It is a truth of women's empowerment over twelve years of the Modi government — one that crores of Indian women are living every single day. This is the story of an era in which, guided by the vision of Women-Led Development, the Indian woman is becoming the architect of a Viksit Bharat.

Contrast this with the decade that preceded 2014. In 2007-09, India's Maternal

Mortality Ratio stood at 212 deaths per lakh live births. The nation's anguish over a tragedy like Nirbhaya spilled onto the streets, yet the system betrayed a deficit of policy will and sensitivity. The Women's Reservation Bill, first introduced in 1996, was allowed to lapse four times. No decisive action was taken on Triple Talaq for decades. The chulha kept squeaking. And the woman kept waiting.

Begin with the most sacred indicator: the right of an Indian woman to survive childbirth. India's Maternal Mortality Ratio has fallen sharply, from 212 to 88. According to the UN-MMEIG, while the global decline in maternal mortality was a mere 48 per cent, India recorded a historic fall of 86 per cent. Institutional deliveries have risen from 38.7 per cent to 90.6 per cent. Nearly nine in ten Indian women now deliver in a hospital, attended by trained hands. The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana has transferred over 20,000 crore directly into the bank accounts of more than four crore mothers. A first pregnancy in India today is no longer a coin toss with mortality.

More than 12 crore household toilets built across the country have given women dignity. Over 10.5 crore Ujjwala connections have freed them from smoke. Today, tap water has reached more than 16 crore homes — against a mere 17 per cent of households in 2014. Of the nearly 4 crore homes built under the



Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 73 per cent stand in the names of women. For the first time in the history of independent India, the names of our mothers and sisters are recorded with pride in government records.

From dignity came ownership, and ownership gave the confidence to decide. This widening of economic participation ran from the bank account to entrepreneurship. Of nearly 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts, 56 per cent are in the names of women. The World Bank acknowledges that India has brought the gender gap in account ownership to zero within a decade — a feat without precedent in global financial inclusion.

Of more than 52 crore collateral-free Mudra loans, 68 per cent have gone to women. Stand-Up India has extended over 43,000 crore to women entrepreneurs, and 91 lakh Self Help Groups under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) have mobilised 12 lakh crore in capital. Ahead of schedule, 3 crore sisters have already

become Lakhpati Didis. This change is just as clear in education and employment. The Female Labour Force Participation Rate has risen from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 41.7 per cent in 2023-24, while in rural areas it has reached 47.6 per cent.

Under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, over 3.33 lakh crore now stands deposited across 4.53 crore accounts. In higher education, our Gender Parity Index has crossed one, and with daughters making up 43 per cent of enrolment in STEM education, India stands among the first in the world. This change shows not only in lived experience but in the record itself — the SRS, NFHS, PLFS, the World Bank and the UN all point the same way: for the Indian woman, access has widened and self-reliance has arrived.

This same economic and social awakening is now visible in political and democratic participation. In the 2019 general elections, for the first time, women voted in a higher proportion than men. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, 31.2 crore women exercised

their franchise — the largest by women anywhere in the world. It was in this spirit that the long-pending Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam was passed in Parliament with historic unanimity. Today, more than 14.5 lakh elected women representatives lead our Panchayats. Women fly Rafales. Women command warships. Women cadets pass out of the National Defence Academy.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 placed an effective check on Triple Talaq, bringing such cases down by 82 per cent. At 973 One Stop Centres nationwide, women in distress now receive medical care, legal aid and counselling under one roof. The Women Helpline 181 has assisted over one crore women. Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya and Saksham Anganwadi form the spine of a Naari-led Bharat.

There are, of course, still challenges, and the government is working on them with full commitment. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam itself awaits the coming delimitation.

For the first time in the history of our Republic, the Indian woman is, at the table of policymaking, no longer merely a beneficiary but its active co-creator. She is no longer a spectator to the work of nation-building. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, she is its participant, its co-builder, and its very author. (PIB)

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Reopening The Case

Why A Fresh TET Undermines Recruitment Credibility

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The recent proposal of subjecting in-service teachers to a Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) has sparked a serious debate within educational circles. While every stakeholder agrees that quality education and professional competence are essential, the question that arises is whether teachers who have already been appointed through a legally established recruitment process can be asked to prove their eligibility once again. More importantly, does such a move amount to overruling the very service rules under which these teachers were appointed and confirmed?

To understand the issue, one must first understand the concept of a substantive post and the recruitment process through which teachers enter government service. Teachers presently serving in government schools are not casual appointees, nor are they working on temporary assignments. They are working on substantive posts. A substantive post is a permanent post in the government establishment which, at some point in time, became vacant due to retirement, resignation, promotion, death or the creation of a new position. Once such a vacancy arises, it cannot be filled arbitrarily. The department concerned is required to follow the established recruitment rules and procedures.

When vacancies in the Education Department arise, the department does not fill them on its own. Instead, it refers these vacancies to the designated State Recruitment Agency or Recruitment Board. The recruitment agency then initiates a transparent selection process in accordance with the rules governing public employment.

The process begins with the issuance of an advertisement inviting applications from eligible candidates. The eligibility conditions are clearly specified, including educational qualifications, professional qualifications, age criteria and other requirements prescribed under the recruitment rules. Only those candidates who fulfil these prescribed qualifications are allowed to apply.

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agency scrutinizes applications and shortlists eligible candidates for the next stages of selection, which may include screening tests, written examinations, interviews or viva voce depending upon the applicable recruitment rules. Candidates compete against one another in an open and transparent process.

Following the completion of these stages, selections are made strictly on merit and in accordance with the reservation and recruitment policies in force. Appointment recommendations are forwarded to the Education Department, which subsequently issues appointment orders to the selected candidates. However, the appointment itself does not automatically grant permanent status. Newly appointed



teachers are placed on probation for a specified period, generally two years. During this probationary period, their work, conduct, performance and overall suitability are continuously assessed by the department.

Only after successfully completing the probation period and demonstrating satisfactory performance are their services confirmed. Upon confirmation, they acquire the status of permanent government employees working in substantive posts. This confirmation is not a mere formality; it is a legal recognition that the employee has fulfilled all requirements prescribed under the service rules and has become a regular member of the service.

This entire process raises a fundamental question: if a teacher has already been declared eligible by the competent recruitment authority, selected through a competitive process, appointed to a substantive post, successfully completed probation, and had his or her services confirmed, on what basis can that teacher be asked to prove eligibility once again?

The answer lies in the distinction between eligibility and professional development.

Eligibility is a precondition for entry into service. It is determined before recruitment and forms the basis of selection and appointment.

Once a candidate has been declared eligible, selected, appointed and confirmed under the relevant service rules, the issue of eligibility stands settled. Reopening that question years after appointment appears inconsistent with established principles of public service administration.

Professional development, on the other hand, is an ongoing process. Governments are fully justified in organising training programmes, refresher courses, orientation sessions, capacity-building workshops and performance enhancement initiatives. Such measures strengthen the education system without questioning the legitimacy of existing appointments.

Asking already confirmed teachers to clear a Teacher Eligibility Test effectively reopens a matter that has already been adjudicated through the recruitment process. It creates a situation where the findings of the recruitment board, the appointment authority and the confirmation authority are indirectly questioned.

More importantly, such a requirement may be viewed as an encroachment upon existing service rules. Service rules constitute the legal framework governing recruitment, appointment, probation, confirmation, promotion and other service conditions. These rules are not mere

administrative instructions; they carry statutory force and provide certainty and security to public servants. When a teacher has entered service under a particular set of rules and has fulfilled every condition prescribed therein, introducing a fresh eligibility criterion after confirmation alters the terms on which the employee entered service. It amounts to changing the rules of the game after the game has already been played and won.

One must also consider the precedent such a move would establish. If teachers can be asked to prove their eligibility again after confirmation, could the same logic be extended to engineers, doctors, revenue officers, police personnel or administrative officers who were recruited through similar procedures? Such an approach would undermine the sanctity of recruitment processes conducted by constitutionally and legally recognised agencies.

The issue is therefore not merely about a test. It is about the credibility of the recruitment system itself. If the recruitment board's determination of eligibility, the department's appointment order and the subsequent confirmation of service are all considered valid, then the question of eligibility should be deemed conclusively settled. Quality education remains a national priority, and teachers should continue to update their skills and knowledge through regular professional development programmes. However, professional development should not be confused with eligibility determination.

Eligibility was established when the vacancy was advertised, applications were invited, candidates were screened, selections were made, appointments orders were issued, probation was completed and services were confirmed. To ask teachers to prove their eligibility again is not merely a procedural exercise, it is, in fact, an overruling of the existing service rules under which they were lawfully appointed and confirmed. In matters of public service, order must prevail. Where service rules exist, they must not be casually overruled.

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Silent Giants

Why Mountains Still Challenge Science And Inspire Faith



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Mountains have always stood before humanity as silent giants—majestic, mysterious, powerful, and deeply symbolic. Across cultures and languages, they appear in proverbs, poetry, moral teachings, and religious texts as symbols of strength, patience, endurance, and divine power. We speak of “standing like a mountain” when we refer to firmness, and we describe a great difficulty as “a mountain to climb.” This shows that mountains are not merely physical structures of rock and soil; they are deeply rooted in human imagination, faith, and philosophy.

The Qur'an also invites human beings to reflect upon mountains as remarkable signs of creation. In several verses, mountains are mentioned in connection with the stability, beauty, and balance of the earth. For believers, these references are not only descriptions of nature but invitations to think, observe, and recognize the wisdom behind creation. At the same time, modern science studies mountains through geology, climate science, hydrology, ecology, and environmental research. This creates a fascinating meeting point between faith and scientific inquiry: faith inspires wonder, while science investigates mechanisms.

Yet an important question remains: if mountains are so visible, so culturally important, and so frequently mentioned in religious and literary traditions, why do we still not fully understand them scientifically?

The answer is not that mountains have been ignored by science. They

have been studied for a long time. However, they remain among the most difficult natural systems to explore completely. A mountain is not just a raised piece of land. It is a complex living system of rocks, glaciers, rivers, forests, minerals, animals, human communities, weather patterns, landslides, earthquakes, and underground movements. To understand one mountain range properly, scientists need knowledge from geology, physics, geography, climatology, biology, engineering, and social sciences.

One major challenge is access. High mountain regions are often dangerous and difficult to reach. Extreme cold, low oxygen, avalanches, landslides, glaciers, sudden storms, and steep slopes make field research risky and expensive. Unlike cities, laboratories, or plains, mountains do not easily allow researchers to install instruments, conduct repeated observations, or move equipment. Even today, many mountain areas remain physically difficult to study for long periods.

Another challenge is political and geographical sensitivity. Many of the world's major mountain systems lie across national borders or sensitive regions. The Himalayas, Karakoram, Hindu Kush, Alps, Andes, and Caucasus are not only geographical formations but also strategic zones. Border restrictions, military presence, limited infrastructure, and difficult travel conditions often slow scientific research. As a result, some regions remain less explored than their importance demands.

Mountains are also scientifically complex because their surface does not reveal everything about their inner structure. Satellites can observe snow cover, glaciers, forest change, and landslides from above, but the deeper interior of mountains—fault lines, rock stress, underground water, and crustal movement—requires advanced geophysical methods. Even with modern instruments, the inner life of mountains remains difficult to read fully.

Modern geology has already revealed



much about how mountains are formed. Many mountain ranges are created by the movement of tectonic plates. When plates collide, the earth's crust folds, breaks, rises, and forms massive ranges. The Himalayas, for example, are linked to the collision between the Indian and Eurasian plates. Other mountains are formed by volcanic activity, faulting, erosion, and uplift. Science also explains that many mountains have deep crustal “roots,” somewhat like the hidden part of an iceberg beneath the water. This gives us a deeper appreciation of the mountain as something both visible and hidden.

However, this scientific understanding must be handled carefully when connected with religious interpretation. The Qur'an encourages reflection on mountains as signs of divine wisdom, but it should not be reduced to a textbook of geology. Its purpose is guidance, reflection, and moral awakening. Science, on the other hand, explains physical processes. The most balanced approach is to see the Qur'an as inviting human beings to observe nature with humility, while science provides tools to study how nature functions.

In the present age, mountains have become even more important because of climate change and environmental risk. Today, scientists describe moun-

tains as the world's “water towers.” Snow, glaciers, and mountain streams provide water to billions of people. Rivers born in mountain regions support agriculture, drinking water, hydropower, biodiversity, and entire civilizations. The Hindu Kush Himalayan region, for instance, feeds major river systems in Asia and affects the lives of nearly two billion people.

This is why modern mountain research is no longer limited to rocks and peaks. Scientists are now deeply concerned with glacier melting, glacial lake outburst floods, landslides, earthquakes, permafrost thawing, biodiversity loss, and the survival of mountain communities. When glaciers shrink, future water supply becomes uncertain. When frozen ground melts, slopes become unstable. When mountain forests disappear, floods and landslides become more destructive. When mountain communities suffer, migration, poverty, and cultural loss follow.

Technology has certainly improved our ability to study mountains. Satellites, remote sensing, drones, climate models, GPS monitoring, and seismic instruments now allow scientists to observe changes that were once invisible. NASA and other research agencies are studying high mountain regions to understand snow, glaciers, rainfall, water flow, and natural

hazards. Yet technology has not removed all uncertainty. Mountains remain dynamic, changing, and unpredictable.

This is why the title “The Silent Giants” is so meaningful. Mountains appear silent, but they are not inactive. They move slowly, store water, influence climate, shape rivers, support biodiversity, and sometimes release destructive energy through earthquakes, landslides, and floods. Their silence should not be mistaken for stillness. They are among the most powerful natural systems on earth.

For human civilization, mountains carry a double message. Spiritually, they remind us of humility, patience, and the greatness of creation. Scientifically, they remind us that nature is far more complex than what appears on the surface. They challenge our arrogance and invite both faith and knowledge. They teach us that wonder and investigation are not enemies; rather, they can strengthen each other when approached with sincerity and balance.

The real issue, therefore, is not whether mountains have been explored scientifically. They have. The issue is that they have not been fully understood because they are among the most complex, dangerous, and vital systems on the planet. Their cultural and religious importance has been recognized for centuries, but their environmental and scientific importance is becoming more urgent in our own time.

For centuries, mountains have taught humanity through silence, height, and majesty. Today, science is discovering that these silent giants are not passive stones standing at the edge of human life. They are active guardians of water, climate, biodiversity, and survival. They continue to inspire faith, challenge science, and remind humanity that the more we know about nature, the humbler we must become.

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Lavender Farming Gains

income from lavender compared to many traditional crops. The biggest advantage is that the crop is planted only once and can continue producing for nearly 15 years," he said.

Khatana said lavender can also be grown in vacant spaces within apple orchards, making better use of available land while helping reduce the presence of rodents and other pests.

He said the crop is particularly suitable for hilly areas because its strong fragrance discourages wild animals, such as monkeys and bears, from entering orchards and damaging crops.

Calling for better marketing facilities, Khatana urged the government to establish a dedicated collection and marketing centre for lavender produce to help farmers access larger domestic and international markets.

arm In-charge Kamal Bhat said the department provides complete training and technical guidance to farmers before they take up lavender cultivation. He said the crop requires minimal inputs and is largely grown using organic manure, reducing dependence on chemical fertilisers and pesticides.

"We regularly organise lavender festivals and awareness programmes to educate farmers about the crop and its economic value," Bhat said. He said around 3.5 lakh lavender saplings were distributed free of cost among farmers under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) last year.

Bhat said the farm has previously exported 45 boxes of lavender, each weighing 10 kilograms, to Dehradun for tea-making purposes.

Describing lavender as a drought-resistant crop, he said one kanal can yield nearly one quintal of flowers, while lavender oil fetches around Rs 12,000 per litre in the market. He said lavender has wide applications in cosmetics, aromatherapy, herbal teas, repellents and medicinal products.

Bhat further said a distillation unit has now been established at the Sirhama farm, enabling farmers to process lavender oil locally without depending on facilities outside the district.

Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Anantnag, Shah-awaz Ahmad Shah, told KNO that the district has two Medicinal and Aromatic Plant (MAP) clusters, each spread over 20 hectares, where medicinal plants are distributed free of cost among farmers along with technical training. He said farmers can apply under HADP to avail free medicinal plant seedlings from the department.

Shah said the department also maintains a 600-kanal gene bank of medicinal and aromatic plants at Verinag. "Medicinal and aromatic plants are emerging as a reliable source of income for farmers. Lavender is a perennial crop that can be cultivated even on barren land and requires comparatively less irrigation," he said.

The CAO said Anantnag district currently has two distillation units for the extraction of essential oils from aromatic crops. He said lavender cultivation is also contributing to the growth of agri-tourism, with tourists and farmers visiting the Sirhama farm regularly.

"Sirhama is the largest lavender farm in the Kashmir Valley and has become an important centre for awareness, training and promotion of lavender cultivation," Shah added—(KNO)

PM Disburses Incentives

of Jammu & Kashmir's transformative journey. It is a celebration of the dreams, aspirations, and opportunities that are giving a new direction to the lives of our youth today.

Prior to August 2019, workers in Jammu & Kashmir were deprived of the comprehensive social security protections. Following the implementation of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 in the Union Territory in November 2019, lakhs of regional workers were integrated into the national social security fold for the first time," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Government of India has made continuous efforts to strengthen job creation and social security and 'Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana' stands as a historic example in this endeavor.

"The 'Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana' embodies the resolve to build a Viksit Bharat. It envisions an India where formal employment becomes the norm, social security reaches every citizen, and every young person gets the opportunity to realize their dreams.

The employment linked incentive scheme operates on two key pillars. The first pillar is dedicated to employees; providing direct financial incentives to young individuals entering the formal economy for the first time, encouraging them to remain within the organized sector. The second pillar is aimed at employers and support institutions and industries that expand their workforce and create new jobs.

When industries grow, employment opportunities increase and society prospers. It is estimated that through these two components, more than 3.5 crore employment opportunities across the country will be incentivized over the next two years. This is a sign of the positive transformation occurring in the lives of millions of families across India," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that Jammu & Kashmir has capitalized on this opportunity exceptionally well. Today, over 3,300 local establishments are registered under the scheme, bringing more than 22,500 youths into the formal employment system for the first time and over 31,000 job openings have qualified for incentives, driving a direct positive transformation in the lives of more than 53,000 citizens.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Employees Provident Fund Organisation for implementing significant reforms that align with the national visions of 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Ease of Living.'

He lauded the participating employers for becoming the vital partners in nation-building and also urged the remaining enterprises in the UT to register under the scheme.

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) is a flagship Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme of the Government of India aimed at promoting formal employment, supporting first-time entrants into the organised workforce, and incentivising employers to create additional jobs. Under the Scheme, eligible first-time employees receive one month's wage, up to Rs 15,000, while employers are provided with incentives for a period of two years for generating additional employment. The manufacturing sector is eligible for extended support for an additional two years, thereby encouraging sustained job creation in labour-intensive industries.

The main event was broadcasted at different locations in Jammu Kashmir including Lok Bhavan Srinagar, Convention Centre Jammu, NIFT College SIDCO Industrial Complex, Empora Budgam, and Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Samba.

At Convention Centre Jammu, the programme was attended by Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Shri Sat Sharma, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and by more than 600 participants, including around 400 beneficiaries, more than 200 employers, industry association representatives, public representatives, senior State Government officials, and EPFO officers and staff.

20 employment letters were distributed by employers to newly employed members during the programme at Convention Centre, Jammu and 06 employment letters were distributed by employers to newly employed members at Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Samba.

The employer representative expressed gratitude for being given the opportunity to represent employers on the occasion of the disbursement of benefits and thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India for providing a platform to speak on behalf of employers receiving Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) directly into their bank accounts. He highlighted the positive impact of the scheme on industries and businesses and appealed to all eligible establishments to register under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) to avail themselves of the benefits.

The employee representative shared his experience regarding the benefits received under the scheme and appreciated the Government's efforts to support workers through direct financial assistance.

Shri Charandeep Singh, Labour Commissioner, J&K; Shri Sumeet Singh, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I; beneficiaries, employers, industry association representatives, public representatives, senior officials, EPFO officers and staff also attended the programme at different venues in Jammu Kashmir.

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without the consent of the actual owner. The search was conducted as part of further investigation into the case. Further investigation into the matter is underway."

The spokesperson for the general public is advised to remain vigilant against economic fraudsters and report any such incidents directly to SSP EOW Kashmir, Crime Branch J&K. Victims of economic fraud may also send their complaints to the official email: sspew-kmr@jkpolice.gov.in.

IGP Urges High Operational

preparedness along the yatra routes, a police spokesman said.

He said the briefing was attended by DIG central Kashmir range, Srinagar, DIG south Kashmir range, Anantnag, DIG Armed Kashmir, SSP PCR Kashmir, SO to IGP Kashmir, all zonal officers and sector officers deputed for yatra, and other senior officers.

During the briefing, the IGP Kashmir emphasised the importance of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, vigilance, and public service to ensure the safe, smooth, and successful conduct of the yatra.

Officers were directed to remain fully prepared to meet all security and logistical challenges and to ensure effective implementation of the established security grid, the spokesman said.

Birdi instructed zonal officers to conduct regular briefings of sector officers and jawans under their command so that all personnel remain fully aware of their duties, responsibilities, and the prevailing security scenario.

The IGP stressed the need for continuous supervision and effective communication at all levels of deployment.

Officers were further directed to maintain close coordination with sister agencies operating within their respective areas of responsibility to ensure seamless information sharing, joint response mechanisms, and synchronized operational efforts throughout the yatra period, the spokesman said.

Highlighting the importance of public service, IGP Kashmir called upon all officers and personnel to extend every possible assistance to the devotees, ensuring their safety, convenience, and well-being.

Birdi reiterated that a people-friendly approach should be maintained while discharging duties.

The IGP Kashmir also underscored the importance of strict discipline, professionalism, and adherence to established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and urged all ranks to remain alert, maintain a high level of operational readiness, and uphold the reputation of the force through exemplary conduct.

The meeting concluded with a detailed review of coordination mechanisms, and contingency measures to ensure a peaceful and incident-free yatra, the spokesman added.

The pilgrimage will commence from the twin tracks - the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal - on July 3 and will

conclude on Raksha Bandhan on August 28.(PTI)

Rain, Hailstorm

conditions were reported along the Sonamarg-Baltal-Holy Cave axis and the Pahalgam-Holy Cave axis, the two routes leading to the annual Amarnath Yatra.

The department cautioned that intense showers in parts of south and central Kashmir and districts such as Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar could trigger flash floods and mudslides in vulnerable locations.

It advised people to remain indoors during thunderstorms and lightning activity, avoid standing near electric poles, wires, old trees and other vulnerable structures, and suspend boating and shikara operations during adverse weather conditions.

For the coming days, the MeT Department has forecast generally cloudy weather with intermittent spells of light rain, brief intense showers, thunderstorms, lightning, hailstorms and gusty winds at many places across Jammu and Kashmir from June 20 to June 22.

From June 23 to June 26, weather conditions are expected to remain partly to generally cloudy, with light rain, brief showers, thunderstorms and gusty winds likely at isolated to scattered places, it said.

The department has also warned of the possibility of hailstorms at isolated locations during the next four days and advised residents to stay away from streams and nullahs due to the risk of sudden water level rise following intense rainfall.

Farmers have been advised to undertake orchard spraying during the early morning hours when weather conditions remain relatively stable, the MeT office said—(KNO)

India Must Control

need to further expand domestic production of critical hardware.

He said the courage and professionalism of India's armed forces must be complemented by a strong domestic industrial base capable of supplying advanced equipment and components.

"Thousands of crucial components constitute the real strength of major defence platforms. This facility will contribute significantly towards self-reliance in a critical area," he said.

Singh said the nature of warfare may be evolving, but conventional military capabilities and industrial preparedness would remain relevant for decades. He stressed that a strong military-industrial ecosystem would continue to be a strategic necessity for the country.

Highlighting progress in defence manufacturing, the minister said India's defence production had increased from Rs 46,000 crore in 2014 to a record Rs 1.78 lakh crore in the 2025-26 financial year. Defence exports, which were below Rs 1,000 crore in 2014, had risen to Rs 38,424 crore.

He expressed confidence that India would achieve its targets of Rs 3 lakh crore in defence production and Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports ahead of schedule.

Singh also cited the performance of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) after its corporatisation. He said production had increased from Rs 12,755 crore in 2019-20, before corporatisation, to Rs 26,282 crore in 2025-26.

Defence exports from the entities formed after corporatisation rose from Rs 81 crore to Rs 4,561 crore during the same period, with YIL contributing Rs 397 crore, he added.

The minister described research and development and capital infusion as key drivers of industrial growth, stressing the need for public sector defence enterprises to invest in modern machinery, advanced technologies and innovation to remain globally competitive.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, who was present at the event, said the new facility would strengthen India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing and help position Nagpur as an important hub in the sector—(KNO)

CS Pushes Undertaking Of

period.

The Chief Secretary directed the departments to immediately finalize and submit all pending permanent restoration projects proposed under the PDNA framework. He also asked the departments to submit additional restoration proposals amounting to approximately Rs 232 Cr to the Finance Department for further consideration.

To ensure transparency and prevent duplication of expenditure, the Chief Secretary instructed all departments to furnish certificates confirming that the projects proposed under SASCI and PDNA are not being funded through any other scheme or source. He made it clear that no financial claims shall be processed without such certification.

The chief secretary further directed the Public Works Department, Power Development Department and Housing & Urban Development Department to expedite the submission of additional infrastructure projects for consideration under the SASCIDisasterComponentfor2026-27.

During the meeting, the ACS Finance Department, Shalendra Kumar presented a comprehensive overview of the financial assistance received, departmental allocations, project portfolios and implementation status under both the funding frameworks aimed at rebuilding damaged public infrastructure and enhancing resilience against future disasters.

The ACS divulged that J&K has been allocated an additional assistance of Rs 1,431 Cr under the Disaster Component of SASCI, specifically meant for restoration and reconstruction of infrastructure damaged during natural calamities as well as for undertaking mitigation measures to reduce future disaster risks.

Based on the recommendations of the high level

committee constituted here, it was revealed that the highest allocation of Rs 860 Cr was earmarked for the Public Works Department, followed by Rs 315 Cr for the Jal Shakti Department, Rs 173 Cr for the Power Development Department, Rs 51 crore for the Agriculture Production Department and Rs 32 Cr for the Youth Services and Sports Department.

The meeting was further informed that the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee (SC-NEC) of the Ministry of Home Affairs has approved Rs 1,579.09 Cr for Recovery and Reconstruction activities based on the PDNA report prepared after the floods and landslides of 2025. Out of the approved assistance, the Central share amounts to Rs 1,421.12 Cr, while the UT share is Rs 157.91 crore.

It was informed that the approved assistance spans multiple sectors including housing, education, health, public infrastructure, roads, drinking water supply, sanitation, power, irrigation, agriculture, tourism, horticulture and environmental restoration. The largest share of assistance has been earmarked for infrastructure sectors, particularly roads, buildings, power systems and water supply networks, which suffered extensive damage during the disasters.

Reviewing the departmental proposals, the Chief Secretary was informed that following reconciliation with the PDNA framework and elimination of overlapping works, project proposals amounting to nearly Rs 1,196 Cr have been finalized under SASCI, while work plans worth more than Rs 1,025 Cr have already been uploaded on the BEAMS platform. The Finance Department has released over Rs 429 Cr to various departments for execution of approved works.

Reiterating the Government's commitment towards resilient reconstruction and disaster preparedness, the Chief Secretary emphasized that the restoration initiatives should not only rebuild damaged assets but also strengthen public infrastructure to withstand future disasters, thereby safeguarding lives, livelihoods and essential services across Jammu and Kashmir.

India Calls Pakistan

policy continues to demand the privileges of cooperation predicated on goodwill and friendship," Singh said.

The decades-old treaty was suspended after the Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025 that killed 26 civilians.

"It is equally undeniable that the treaty is now outdated. No technical arrangement can remain frozen in time while the world around it is transformed," the diplomat said.

Singh also said that a treaty negotiated in 1960 cannot be treated as a perpetual entitlement "insulated from accountability, detached from present-day realities and untouched by the profound changes of the past six decades".

The Indus Waters Treaty, brokered by the World Bank, has governed the distribution and use of the Indus River and its tributaries between India and Pakistan since 1960.

Singh added: "instead of coveting Indian territories, Pakistan would serve itself and its people far better by putting its own house in order." (PTI)

Private Hospitals Reaffirm

receive assurances without any permanent systemic solution.

"Healthcare institutions are under severe financial stress. Despite continuing to provide cashless treatment to beneficiaries, hospitals are struggling to sustain operations due to delayed reimbursements and unresolved administrative bottlenecks," it said.

The association further claimed that dues amounting to several hundred crores of rupees remain pending with the State Health Agency (SHA), creating significant working capital challenges for private hospitals, particularly small and medium-sized institutions.

Hospital administrators warned that the delay in payments has affected their ability to procure medicines, medical consumables, and maintain adequate staffing levels, potentially impacting the quality and continuity of healthcare services.

JKPHDA also expressed serious concern over the likely impact of the de-panelsment on dialysis patients, describing them as the most vulnerable group likely to suffer if the impasse continues.

The association noted that maintenance of haemodialysis is a life-saving treatment that must be administered multiple times each week. "If private dialysis centres withdraw from the scheme, thousands of economically weaker patients currently receiving free dialysis under SEHAT may lose access to cashless treatment," it said.

Reiterating its support for the Ayushman Bharat initiative, JKPHDA urged the government to immediately release pending payments, revise package rates in line with current healthcare costs, and simplify and expedite pre-authorisation procedures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the scheme.

"We do not wish to discontinue treatment for poor and deserving patients. However, healthcare services cannot be sustained indefinitely without a financially viable framework that supports hospitals and healthcare workers," the association said.

The association appealed to Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Health Minister Sakeena Itoo to personally intervene and facilitate an immediate resolution of the issues.

JKPHDA specifically urged the LG to convene and chair the Governing Council meeting scheduled for June 23, expressing hope that decisive action at the highest level could help streamline the scheme, restore confidence among healthcare providers and prevent disruption of services for thousands of beneficiaries across Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

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Satish Sharma visits Handwara, holds public interaction programme

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HANDWARA: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, Friday conducted an extensive visit to Handwara, where he chaired a public interaction programme aimed at strengthening the grassroots governance and ensuring direct engagement with the people.



Rajya Sabha Member Chowdhary Mohammad Ramzan accompanied the Minister during the visit. The interaction witnessed enthusiastic participation from the residents, public representatives, youth, members of civil society, trade bodies and local stakeholders, who apprised the Minister of various developmental needs and public service-related issues concerning the area.

During the programme, several deputations and individuals highlighted a range of demands, including installation of solar lighting at the Higher Secondary School (HSS) Handwara playground, augmentation of public transport services through introduction of additional bus routes, improvement of road connectivity, strengthening of civic infrastructure, better

sports facilities for youth and enhancement of other essential public amenities. Responding to the issues raised by every deputation, Satish Sharma reiterated the government's unwavering commitment towards transparent, accountable and people-centric governance. He said that direct interaction with the citizens enables the administration to better understand public aspirations and ensures timely resolution of issues affecting day-to-day life.

The Minister assured the gathering that all genuine demands projected during the interaction programme would be taken up with the concerned departments and addressed on priority. He directed the officers present to maintain close coordination with local representatives and ensure prompt follow-up on issues requiring immediate attention.

Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma expressed deep concern over the increasing menace of drug abuse (Nasha), describing it as one of the most serious social challenges confronting society today. He observed that substance abuse poses a grave threat to the future of the younger generation and adversely impacts families, communities and overall social harmony.

Minister urged the youth to channelise their energy towards constructive activities that contribute to their personal growth and nation-building.

Satish Sharma reiterated that every region of Jammu and Kashmir deserves equitable development and assured the people that their aspirations would continue to receive focused attention.

Later, the Minister visited Drugmulla, where he chaired a public darbar and interacted with the people from the area.

The residents projected various issues relating to infrastructure development, public utilities, road connectivity, transport services and other local concerns.

The Minister assured the people that all genuine issues would be resolved in a transparent and time-bound manner through close coordination with the concerned departments.

He also urged the officers to remain accessible to the public, adopt a proactive approach in addressing grievances and ensure that government schemes and welfare programmes reach every deserving beneficiary without delay.

Senior officers from the civil administration and line departments besides public representatives and local leaders were present during both programmes.

Secretary RDD reviews progress of UT Capex works

Stresses timely completion of DDC, BDC infrastructure projects

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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) & Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Friday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the progress of works being executed under the UT Capex 2026-27 programme and reviewed various infrastructure projects related to District Development Councils (DDCs), Block Development Councils (BDCs) and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).



The meeting was attended by Director Rural Development Kashmir, Riyaz Ahmad Wani; Director Rural Development Jammu, Shahnaz Akhtar; Director Finance, Umar Khan; Joint Director Planning, Kamal Kumar Sharma; Assistant Commissioners Development (ACDs), Executive Engineers and other senior officers of the Department.

During the meeting, the Secretary conducted a detailed district-wise review of ongoing and newly sanctioned projects and emphasized the need for timely completion of works and efficient utilization of funds. He directed the officers to ensure immediate billing of all completed works and asserted that delays at any stage of project execution would not be tolerated.

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The Secretary further instructed the officers to expeditiously resolve issues related to land availability and approach roads. He said that wherever land is unavailable at the identified site, alternative suitable land should be earmarked without delay.

Aijaz Asad underscored that both Directors of Rural Development should closely monitor the billing of released funds on a daily basis and ensure that all completed works are billed within one week.

Reviewing ongoing projects, he directed the concerned officers to clear all liabilities and maintain the momentum of implementation. He also called for expediting the execution of newly approved works and instructed that estimates and other procedural formalities be completed at the earliest to facilitate timely commencement of projects.

The Secretary also reviewed the progress of works being executed under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) and stressed the importance of their early completion.

Further, he directed the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the construction of four Panchayat Bhawans in Jammu and Kashmir, including two each in the Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

Referring to the Viksit Village Initiative, he informed that financial approval has already been received and instructed officers to finalize and freeze the village wise DPRs within one week so that works could be initiated in right earnest. Highlighting the achievements under the UT Capex programme, the Secretary was informed that the Department has undertaken 2,718 Community Development works across the Union Territory during 2026-27, including 1,530 ongoing works and 1,188 newly approved works.

Safai Karamcharis meet Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani at Raabita

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Safai Karamcharis of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) met Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani at Chief Minister's Raabita Office regarding their demands for regularisation of Casual Safai Karamcharis working in different ULBs.

tion arrangements during the forthcoming Shri Amarnathi Yatra.

A separate delegation of Safai Karamchhari Union of Jammu Municipal Corporation also met Nasir Aslam Wani and raised their issues relating to their promotion and regularization. The Advisor stated that with the notification of Recruitment Rules for both Gazetted and Sub-ordinate Services of the JMC, decks have been cleared for promotion of the eligible employees as well as filling up of vacant posts and also assured that further modifications shall be considered in the Recruitment Rules to facilitate promotion of existing employees wherever required. He also issued directions to the Commissioner, JMC, to take consequential action for effective implementation of notified recruitment rules.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the representatives of Safai Karmachari Union thanked the Advisor, Commissioner Secretary, HUDD and Commissioner, JMC for their intervention and efforts towards resolution of their long pending issues.

The meeting was attended by the Commissioner Secretary to Government, HUDD, Commissioner, JMC, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu and other officers of the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The Union apprised Advisor of its various demands, including regularisation of Casual Safai Karamcharis who have been working for several years in different ULBs. The Advisor informed the delegation about the steps being taken by the Government and assured to address all genuine demands of the ULB employees in a time bound manner.

The issue of pending promotions in the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Kashmir Division also came up for discussion during the meeting. It was decided that all ULBs in the Division shall furnish complete promotion cases to the concerned directorate on an urgent basis to facilitate the timely convening of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) and expedite the promotion process.

Following the assurance extended by the Advisor, the Safai Karamchhari Union of the ULBs agreed to call off its strike and assured its full cooperation for ensuring proper sanitation

Multi-Departmental Outreach Activities conducted under NMBA in Budgam



GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), various departments across District Budgam Friday organized a series of awareness, outreach, and preventive activities aimed at sensitizing the public, particularly youth and students, about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of building a drug-free society.

The Forest Department, Raithan Range, organized a plantation drive, pledge-taking ceremony, and awareness programme under the banner of NMBA at Government Boys Middle School Jawalpora and Government Girls Primary School Bugroo. Students and staff actively participated in the programme, during which the significance of environmental conservation and a drug-free lifestyle was highlighted. Participants also took a pledge to support the vision of a drug-free society.

Meanwhile, the Excise Department, Budgam, conducted an awareness and survey programme at Village Gopalpora, Tehsil Narbal, under the NMBA campaign. During the programme, awareness regarding the dangers of drug abuse was disseminated among the local population through the distribution and display of posters at prominent locations. The Excise team also carried out a survey of agricultural fields, farms, and orchards to detect any illicit cultivation of narcotic crops. Wild cannabis growth was observed along certain roadside stretches and riverbanks.

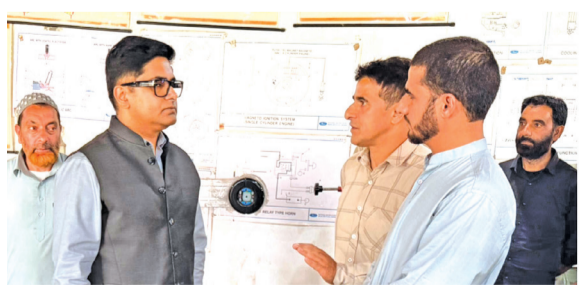
As part of the awareness campaign, a message highlighting the adverse effects of drug abuse and relevant provisions of the NDPS Act was delivered to the congregation during the Friday sermon at Jamia Masjid Gopalpora. Additionally, checking of roadside eateries was conducted along the Narbal Magam Road to curb the transportation and spread of illicit narcotic substances.

Further, the Soil Conservation Department, Budgam, organized an awareness programme at the Sports Stadium Budgam, where students from different educational institutions participated enthusiastically.

Director Skill Development reviews functioning of ITI, GPC B'pora

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: Director, Skill Development Department, Dr. Owais Ahmad, Friday visited Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Bandipora and Government Polytechnic College (GPC) Bandipora to review their functioning and assess the quality of skill development and technical education being imparted to students.



During the visit, Dr. Owais inspected the available infrastructure, training facilities, machinery and equipment in both institutions. He also interacted with faculty members and students to gain firsthand feedback regarding the academic and training environment.

The Director reviewed the employability prospects of students passing out from these institutions and discussed measures to enhance their employment opportunities. He stressed the importance of industry-oriented training programmes and underscored the need to align skill development initiatives with emerging market demands.

Highlighting the rapid technological changes taking place globally, Dr. Owais emphasized the inclusion of new-age courses such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Electric Vehicle (EV) technologies in the curriculum. He said efforts are underway to revamp and modernize

skill development institutions under the upcoming Mission Skill initiative to ensure that students are equipped with contemporary skills and industry-relevant knowledge.

Dr Owais Ahmad also reviewed the availability of infrastructure and equipment required for effective practical training and directed the concerned authorities to identify gaps and work towards strengthening institutional capacities.

Dr. Owais stated that the department is committed to upgrading skill development institutions across the region to make them more responsive to the needs of industry and youth aspirations.

Office of the Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Pulwama

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE No. 03 of 2026

Subject: Advertisement for recruitment of Sahayika's (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centre's of Poshan Project Pulwama.
Reference: 1. Govt. Of J&K Social Welfare Department Order No. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated 30-11-2022
2. Govt. Of J&K Social Welfare Department Order No. 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023.
Approval has been accorded vide Mission Director Poshan J&K letter No: MD/Poshan/22282-89 dated 18-06-2026 for filling up of vacancies of Sahayika's (Anganwadi Helpers) in below mentioned Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Pulwama and as such applications on prescribed Proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible married female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqa's/Municipal Wards, for the engagement of Sahayika's (AWH's) against these Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Pulwama on "Honorary basis". The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of undersigned i.e., the Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Pulwama within 15 days from the date of Publication of this advertisement notification in leading newspapers, against proper receipt.

S.No	Name of District	Name of the Poshan Project	Name of Panchayat/ Municipality Ward	Vacancy of Sahayika's		Anganwadi Helpers)
				No. Of Panch Ward/MC ward	Name of AWC	
01	Pulwama	Pulwama	Rakh-Litter	PC-II		Rak-Litter C
02	Pulwama	Pulwama	Chakoora	PC-I		Chakoora- F
03	Pulwama	Pulwama	Wahibugh	PC-IV		Wahibugh A
04	Pulwama	Pulwama	Urchersoo	PC-V		Urchersoo-A
05	Pulwama	Pulwama	Panjan	PC-III		Gund Achan
06	Pulwama	Pulwama	Putrigam-B	PC-IV		Akhal-B
07	Pulwama	Pulwama	Mitrigam	PC-II		Mitrigam -A
08	Pulwama	Pulwama	Tiken	PC-II		Tiken-B
09	Pulwama	Pulwama	Tiken	PC-II		Tiken-D
10	Pulwama	Pulwama	Tengpona	PC-IV		Tengpona-B
11	Pulwama	Pulwama	Chakoora	PC-I		Chakoora A

Criteria for Selection of Sahayika's (Anganwadi Helpers) shall strictly remain as envisaged in the Govt Order NO. 103 JK(SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.04.2023 i.e.,

- Married women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered eligible for the honorary post.
- The selection of Anganwadi Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward here AWC is located.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward, where the vacancy accrued for the AWC, is located.
- Minimum Educational qualification for AWH shall be Matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The selection committee shall select the most destitute/ needy married women of the ward as AWH from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered and the selection shall be done purely on the basis of marks obtained in 10th class.

- Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form:**
- Panch Ward Certificate / present / continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO concerned.
 - Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
 - Date of Birth Certificate.
 - Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th class.
 - Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
 - Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-
 - An Affidavit duly attested by 1st Class Judicial Magistrate that the documents submitted by the eligible candidate are correct and without any mismatch and if the submitted documents are found incorrect/fake at any stage, the candidature of the candidate shall be cancelled ab-initio and she shall be liable to appropriate action under law.

No:-CDPO/Pulwama/Adv/2026/199-210
Dated:-19.06.2026

Sd/-
Child Dev. Project Officer
Poshan Project Pulwama
S.NO:

(ANNEXURE-I)

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SAHAYIKA'S (ANGANWADI HELPER)

- Name of the District: - Pulwama
- Name of the ICDS Project - Pulwama
- Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement as AWH sought _____
- Panch Ward/ MC Ward Name _____ Panchayat Halqa/ MC Ward No _____
- Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters as per D-O-B Certificate) _____
- Father's Name (In Block Letters) _____
- Marital Status: - Married / Un Married _____
- Husband's Name (if married) _____
- Place of Permanent Residence _____
Mohalla Village _____
Panch Ward Constituency _____
Name of the Panchayat Halqa _____
House No (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral) _____ Block _____
- Address for Correspondence _____ Mobile No _____
- Date of Birth _____

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Signature of Candidate

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I, _____ D/o/W/o _____
R/o _____ do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above contents is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order.

Signature of Candidate

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DT: 19/06/2026**

Premier League: Champs Arsenal meet promoted Conentry City in Season 2026/27 opener on Aug 21



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LONDON: The new season of the Premier League will kick off at the Emirates Stadium in London with defending champions Arsenal playing newly-promoted Coventry City on August 21, with the Gunners hoping to start from where they left off in the 2025-26 season.

The opening weekend will see Hull City host Manchester United for the season's first Saturday lunchtime game on August 22. There are three Premier League fixtures kicking off at 15:00 -- Nottingham Forest will host Leeds United; Crystal Palace will visit Everton; and Ipswich Town will play their first game back in the Premier League against Sunderland. Saturday will finish with Brentford against Tottenham Hotspur.

Then on Sunday, August 23, Manchester City will face AFC Bournemouth at the Etihad Stadium while Brighton & Hove Albion will meet Aston Villa at 14:00. This is due to Brigh-

ton's participation in the UEFA Conference League qualification play-offs on the preceding Thursday.

Later on Sunday afternoon, Newcastle United take on Liverpool, and in the first Match Round of the season, will conclude with Fulham v Chelsea on Monday (August 24).

Following an expanded FIFA World Cup featuring 48 teams, the Premier League will start one week later than usual. This will allow for 89 clear days from the end of Season 2025/26, and 33 days from the World Cup Final on July 19.

Season 2026/27 will consist of 33 weekends and five midweek Match Rounds. The Premier League schedule has been designed to avoid domestic competition clashes with UEFA club competition dates wherever possible.

Over the Christmas and New Year period, clubs will have at least a 60-hour break between fixtures. This is in keeping with commitments made to clubs to address the congested festive schedule

within the expanded international calendar. There will also be a fuller schedule of Premier League fixtures on Boxing Day.

The season will finish on May 30, 2027, with all matches kicking off at 16:00.

The Premier League will have nine of its clubs participating in UEFA competitions again this season. While this is a mark of success for the League and its clubs, supporters should be aware of the knock-on effect this will have on the scheduling of Premier League games.

"We will endeavour to announce fixtures with as much notice as possible, but as we saw last season, there will be changes made at shorter notice than desired if clubs progress into the latter stages of European competitions," the Premier League said in a statement on Friday.

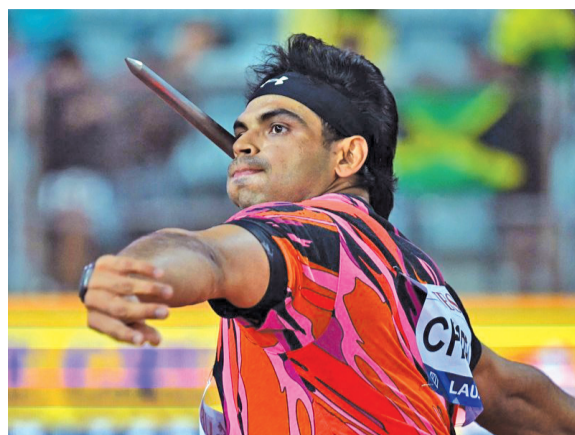
Last season marked the beginning of new four-year UK broadcast agreements with Sky Sports and TNT Sports. Sky Sports will show a minimum of 215 matches, and TNT Sports will cover 52 matches.

Neeraj Chopra finishes fourth in Doha Diamond League on return to action for crucial season

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DOHA: India's two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra finished fourth in the javelin throw event of the Doha Diamond League event, ending with a season's best throw of 85.69 metres in Doha, Qatar. With his solid effort on Friday, Neeraj Chopra achieved the qualifying standard for the upcoming Commonwealth Games to be held from July 23 to August 2.

This was the season's first Diamond League event for India's legendary athlete Chopra, who is returning from an injury. This was a decent effort by the star Indian athlete, who had delayed his decision over his return to action, asking the Diamond League officials to confirm his participation at the last moment as he continued to assess his recovery



from injury. After his final training session convinced both him and his support team that he was ready, the organisers agreed, paving the way for his comeback in Doha.

Chopra, the first Indian athlete to win an Olympic gold medal, finished behind Sri Lanka's Ramesh Tharanga Pathirage (88.96 m), former Olympic cham-

pion Anderson Peters of Granada (86.38), and Curtis Thompson of the United States, who ended third with a throw of 85.99m. Both Peters and Thompson also came up with their season's best. Pathirage, however, failed to come anywhere close to his personal best of 92.62 achieved at Rome two weeks back on June 4. Fellow Indian

Sachin Yadav failed to qualify for the final.

Indian fans were eagerly waiting for Neeraj Chopra's return to the season at his first Diamond League event of the year. However, they were left disappointed as the Indian star, who won a historic gold medal in the Tokyo Olympic Games and followed it up with a silver in Paris in 2024, failed to recreate his usual magic and had to be satisfied with fourth position.

The 29-year-old Chopra, a former Diamond League Champion, started the final with a foul and threw the spear to a modest 82.77m in the second round. His next throw was his best for the day as he crossed 85.69.

Chopra, who has finished first in five Diamond League meets so far, failed to improve on that as he managed only 83.45 in his fourth throw and fouled his fifth and last attempt.

Chopra has a personal best of 90.23metres.

Usually, his first attempt of the day is his best, but on Friday, that was not the case as Chopra overstepped and then failed to replicate his best. This is still a good outing for Chopra as it allows him to assess his recovery ahead of the season's two mega events -- the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and the Asian Games in Japan.

As part of his recovery programme, Chopra had trained at the Swiss Olympic Training Centre in Magglingen, a location he credited for providing the ideal atmosphere to rebuild both physically and technically ahead of his return.

"I was in Magglingen, a Swiss Olympic Training Centre, there. I really like that place; it's in the mountains, and very quiet, so you can focus on your things and techniques," he mentioned.

Nitish Kumar Reddy is natural successor to Hardik Pandya, says India assistant coach ten Doeschate

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CHENNAI: India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said the side has identified Nitish Kumar Reddy as the natural successor to Hardik Pandya in the seam-bowling all-rounder role, adding that the youngster has been groomed over the last 18 months with next year's World Cup in mind.

Reddy missed the second ODI against Afghanistan in Lucknow due to soreness in his left thigh and could return for the clash at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Saturday. "When Hardik's fit, he obviously brings a different element because he's such a strong batter, such a strong finisher. That sort of role scarcity is difficult to find - a finisher who can give you overs as well.

"So those guys are all tracking really nicely. Like I said with Nitish, for the last 18 months, he's shown glimpses of how important he can be to this team, particularly in this format.



I feel his body's getting stronger and stronger, and I sort of feel he is the natural successor or back-up to Hardik," Ten Doeschate said in the pre-match press conference.

India have also experimented with Harshit Rana and Gurnoor Brar as lower-order options, but ten Doeschate underlined their primary role as bowling all-rounders. "I would still say the majority of those guys are bowling all-rounders. But certainly to see these other guys chipping in and working on their games, even someone like Gurnoor and Harshit

again, they're bowling all-rounders.

"But the fact that we feel we've got guys who can hold the bat at No.9 and obviously looking forward to the next 14-15 months, that is going to be very important, especially in South Africa when you want to play three proper out-and-out seamers.

"Those guys are going to need to bat. So yeah, a lot of good signs on the all-rounder front and also on the fast bowler front. I think it's been refreshing this week to see Prince, Gurnoor, and Nabi," he added.

With India having sealed the ODI series, ten Doeschate confirmed changes are on the cards for the game in Chennai. "We will be making a few changes from the first two games. I think part of the brief coming into the series was that we wanted to try a few different combinations and give everyone a fair share of games. If someone like Arshdeep does very well in the first two games, he can take a rest tomorrow."

On wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan's century in Lucknow, ten Doeschate praised his versatility. "I think with Ishan, the only

concern was whether he transforms himself from a T20 specialist into a 50-over player, potentially even a red-ball player. I think he showed that the other night.

"By nature, he's very aggressive, and we still feel there's space for that in this team. You do have some solid batters around him if you include them in the team. With Shubman and Virat, you have two of the more classical guys who are going to bat through the innings.

"He is a very versatile player. He can bat at the top of the order, he can bat in the middle, and obviously, the fact that he's a top glove-man as well. I think he ticks a lot of boxes and so on. Like I said, purely for versatility is something you want in your squad," he said.

He signed off by saying India is likely to retain the same top three from the second ODI in Lucknow - Rohit Sharma and Yas-hasvi Jaiswal opening, followed by Shubman Gill at number three.

Iran to lodge complaint with FIFA over World Cup 2026 travel restrictions

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TEHRAN: The Football Federation of Iran (FFIRI) has expressed disappointment over the travel restrictions imposed on the team by the co-hosts USA during the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2026 and has decided to lodge an official complaint to the governing body, FIFA, on the following matter.

Iran players are only allowed to fly into the USA a day before they have a game and have to leave the country on the same day as a match under the conditions of their visas, which could be a big hurdle in their preparation for Sunday's clash against a tough side, Belgium.

In a statement released on Friday, the federation said: "The football federation of Iran believes that such restrictions are inconsistent with the principle of providing equal conditions for all participating teams and may negatively affect teams' preparation processes.

"Consequently, the federation will formally express its dissatisfaction and lodge an official complaint with Fifa through the appropriate channels. Despite these



limitations, Iran's national team will continue its preparation programme and remain fully focused on its upcoming match against Belgium," the statement added.

Earlier, Iran coach Amir Ghalenoei said that they are the 'most oppressed' team at the tournament following a 2-2 draw with New Zealand in Los Angeles in their opening game.

Speaking at the post-match press conference, Ghalenoei said his team had been suddenly informed that it had to return to Mexico immediately after the match in Los Angeles.

"After the game they said to us, 'You have to leave immediately. We've been asked to get on a plane and return to our camp in Tijuana, and we are really trou-

bled by that," Ghalenoei told reporters in the post-match press conference.

"They are forcing us to go back early. They are making the situation more and more difficult, more hurdles, but we're not going to let that stop us from doing our best," he added.

The coach also claimed Iran had faced several difficulties during their preparation for the tournament.

"We were supposed to arrive two nights before the game, but they didn't permit [it]. We were supposed to stay here tonight to recover and return at lunchtime. I think our team is the most oppressed one in the whole World Cup. Our federation isn't here, our media isn't here, our management isn't here," he said.

'Feels like I've become an easy target': Moroccan star Achraf Hakimi reacts after court confirms rape trial

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NEW DELHI: After the court rejected Moroccan football star appeal for an injunction for prosecution and confirmed he will stand trial on accusations of rape, the PSG defender denied such charges, saying, "If he wasn't famous, there never would have been a case" and it feels like he has become "an easy target."

In February 2023, a woman then aged 24 told police in the Val-de-Marne region southeast of

Paris that she met Hakimi in January 2023 on Instagram and went to his home in a taxi ordered by the player and claimed that the player touched her without her consent and then raped her.

In 2025, prosecutors requested that Hakimi stand trial. It was a decision confirmed in February. Hakimi appealed, but it has now been confirmed that the appeal has been unsuccessful. The trial is set to take place in the coming months.

In 2025, prosecutors asked for

Paris Saint-Germain football player Achraf Hakimi to go to trial over rape allegations. A court officially approved that request in February. Hakimi tried to appeal the decision to stop the trial, but his appeal was just rejected. The trial is officially moving forward and will take place in the next few months.

Reacting to the court's decision, Hakimi also reacted via a social media post, and wrote that he had been "waiting for this trial since day one."

Movies List

Saturday, 20th June

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