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Ruhullah's New Suggestion To NC

“CM Should Resign, I’ll Quit Parliament”



PIRZADA SHAKIR

SRINAGAR: Srinagar MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi has proposed that Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah resign from his post and contest for Parliament, saying he would be willing to quit as a member of Parliament in return and reconsider his decision to leave the National Conference (NC).

Ruhullah said Abdullah should take the parliamentary fight for restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional protections and status to New Delhi, while another NC leader should be appointed chief minister to focus on governance.

“The current CM should resign from the post and go to Parliament. I resign from the Member Parliament,” Ruhul-

lah said, presenting the proposal as one of two or three suggestions to the party.

He said that if the suggestions were accepted, he was ready to resign from Parliament the next day and return to working with the NC as before.

“I am ready to resign the next day. I am ready to go back to the party, to the National Conference,” he said.

Ruhullah also suggested that the NC should give him responsibility for organising a political movement focused on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional protections, statehood and dignity.

He said Abdullah, after moving to Parliament, should lead the campaign in New Delhi, while the government should concentrate on governance and fulfilling the party's manifesto.

Ruhullah said •P-06

India’s Spirit Of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Kashmiriyat Reflect Confluence Of Cultures: LG

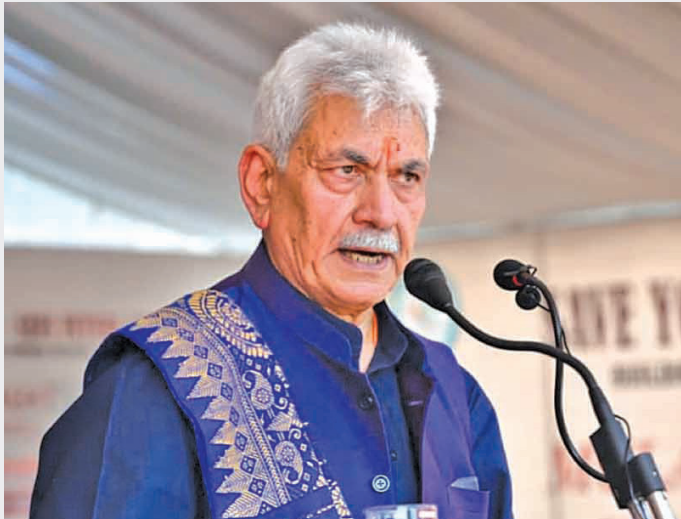
Says Dialogue Is Not Merely Exchange Of Words But Bridge Between Hearts

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SRINAGAR: Asserting that India's soil has for centuries, welcomed faiths, cultures, and traditions from across the world, weaving them into the fabric of the country, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said this confluence of traditions is visible today in the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-the world is one family-and in the ethos of Kashmiriyat.

Addressing Mulaqat programme in Pulwama, Lieutenant Governor emphasized that dialogue is not merely an exchange of words but a bridge between hearts, a means of nurturing trust and a path to peace and prosperity.

Quoting ancient wisdom from the Rig Veda- “Sangachchhadwam Samvadadhvam, Sam Vo Manamsi Janatam”, the Lieutenant Governor reminded the gathering that walking together, conversing together and making space for one another in our



hearts is the essence of India's civilizational ethos. He noted that diversity is not a weakness but the nation's greatest strength, a heritage safeguarded through mutual trust and respect.

“Mutual trust and respect to all faiths and beliefs was an

integral part of our way of life. The civilisation of our beloved Bharat gave us a profoundly beautiful message 6,000 years ago to walk together, converse together and make space for one another in our hearts,” he said.

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centuries, welcomed faiths, cultures, and traditions from across the world, weaving them into the fabric of the country. He highlighted that this confluence of traditions is visible today in the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-the world is one family-and in the ethos of Kashmiriyat, which teaches that true identity lies in conduct and humanity, not in labels of faith or community.

Acknowledging the efforts of the Save Youth Save Future Foundation, the Lieutenant Governor commended the young volunteers working against drug abuse and promoting brotherhood. He urged that such initiatives be expanded on a broader scale.

“Such initiatives need to be expanded on a much broader scale. I believe that another meaning of true peace is that it begins when we start understanding one another. From that perspective, our gathering here is not merely a social meeting. The true meaning •P-06

‘Failed’ Promises

BJP Hits Streets In Jammu, Targets NC



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JAMMU: Hundreds of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers on Monday staged protests at several locations in Jammu against the National Conference-led government, alleging failure to fulfil election promises and address issues related to unemployment, civic amenities and development.

Three separate protests, led by J&K BJP president Sat Sharma, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and Leader of Opposition in the J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma, were held at Dogra Chowk, Maheshpura and Panjirthi respectively before marching towards the Civil Secretariat through Shalimar Road.

Carrying party flags and placards, the protesters raised slogans against the NC-Congress alliance and burnt effigies of the government.

Police and paramilitary personnel were deployed along the protest routes and around the Civil Secretariat. BJP Mahila Morcha workers also participated in the demonstration.

Sat Sharma accused the NC-led government •P-06

BJP Rejig

Ram Madhav, Smriti Irani Inducted In BJP's National Team



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NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday announced its new national team under party president Nitin Nabin, appointing 13 vice presidents, including Ram Madhav, Lok Sabha MP D Purandeshwari and former Uttarakhand chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal has been made national treasurer.

The party has retained B L Santhosh as National General Secretary (Organisa-

tion) and brought in former Union minister Smriti Irani and ex-Tripura chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb in its team of eight national general secretaries, according to the list released by the party.

Vinod Tawde and Sunil Bansal are the only two national general secretaries that the BJP has retained in its new team.

The BJP has brought in many new faces, including Kavita Patidar, K Surendran, Sandeep Pathak and Manoj Tigga, in its team of 16 national •P-06

Generations Unite At Naqshband Sahib As Kashmir Observes ‘Khoja Digar’

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: An ocean of devotion swept through Srinagar's Old City on Monday evening as thousands of devotees rushed towards the historic Naqshband Sahib shrine to participate in the centuries-old tradition of ‘Khoja Digar’.

From elderly devotees carrying memories of the tradition for decades to young faithful joining the congregation with their families, the gathering brought together generations of Kashmiris at Khawaja Bazar, Srinagar.

“I have been attending the prayer for decades. Earlier, I used to come with my elders, and now I come with children and grandchildren,” Mohammad Salam Dar, 70, from Habba Kadal, said.

For other devotees, the annual gathering is not only a religious observance but also a way of keeping alive a tradition passed down through generations.



“It is important for us to be here and be part of this tradition. We have heard about it from our elders, and now we want the younger generation to experience it too,” said Mukhtar Ahmad, a devotee in his 30s.

The traditional prayer, observed on the third day of Rabi-ul-Awwal, is associated with

Hazrat Khwaja Naqshband Sahib (RA) and the Naqshbandi spiritual order.

The shrine and adjoining streets remained packed as devotees offered Asr prayers and recited Awraad-e-Asriya, with special prayers also offered for peace, prosperity and the well-being of Jammu and •P-06

'23,000 Govt Vacancies Fast-Tracked This Year In J&K'

WARIS FAYAZ

SRINAGAR: With youth employment emerging as a key focus, Jammu and Kashmir has fast-tracked 23,000 government vacancies this year and set a target of establishing 1.35 lakh enterprise units under Mission Yuva to support over five lakh youth.

During his Independence Day speech at Baramulla, Cabinet Minister Javed Ahmad Dar, said the 23,000 vacancies have been forwarded to the concerned recruitment agencies.

He exuded hope that the recruitment process would be completed soon, while stressing that the process of filling government vacancies would continue.

The Minister said the government is pursuing employment opportunities through both government recruit-

ment and the private sector, while entrepreneurship and skill development remained key components of its youth-focused initiatives.

“Under Mission Yuva, the government has planned 1.35 lakh enterprise units aimed at creating opportunities for more than five lakh youth across Jammu and Kashmir. More than one lakh applications had been received under the initiative so far, while over 29,000 units had received funding through banks, he said, adding that over 33,000 youth have also received skill training under Mission Yuva,” he said, adding “Youth are vital to Jammu and Kashmir's future. We need to provide them with opportunities in employment, entrepreneurship and skill development.”—(KNO)



Security Forces Foiled ISI-Backed Terror Plot, Arrested Over 200 Operatives: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: More than 200 operatives of the Pakistan-based and ISI-backed Shahzad Bhatti Network (SBN) were arrested in coordinated raids across 14 states ahead of Independence Day, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday. More than 80 FIRs have been registered in connection with the arrests.

Shah said the operation had dismantled the terror network and foiled plans to carry out “subversive attacks” around August 15. In a post on X, he described the action as an example of the Modi government's “zero-tolerance” policy towards terrorism.

According to a Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) statement, the multi-state operation was conducted on



August 12 using a real-time intelligence-sharing mechanism involving central agencies and state police forces.

“More than 200 arrests were made across Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Gujarat, Bihar, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala,” it said.

“Uttar Pradesh accounted for the highest number of arrests at 62, followed by Haryana with 52, Delhi with 51 and Punjab with 44. Rajasthan recorded 15 arrests, Maharashtra eight and Uttarakhand five. Karnataka, Gujarat and Bihar reported three arrests each, while Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kash-

mir and Kerala reported two each,” the MHA said.

“Security agencies recovered improvised explosive devices (IEDs), grenades bearing Pakistan Ordnance Factory markings, pistols and live ammunition during the operation. CCTV cameras allegedly used for surveillance and espionage were also seized,” a senior MHA official said. He added that the recovery of ordnance bearing Pakistani markings pointed to the network's cross-border links.

The MHA described the SBN as a Pakistan-based terror syndicate allegedly involved in grenade, IED and petrol-bomb attacks and targeted killings in India. Investigators have accused the network of recruiting and paying local conduits to conduct reconnaissance •P-06

Airfare Rules To Be Framed Soon: Centre Tells SC

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Monday that it has fast-tracked the framing of rules under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024, which is aimed at modernising India's aviation sector, and that the same would be finalised within three weeks.

The government placed the draft rules before a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta in a sealed cover, and said some final discussions are going on.

“You publish this within seven days,” the bench said, adding, “If airlines are not complying, ground them.”

Additional Solicitor General Anil Kaushik, appearing in the matter for the Centre, told the bench that the rules would be finalised within three weeks.

“We have fast-tracked the framing of rules. Give us three weeks, we will come out with the finalised version,” •P-06

‘J&K, Ladakh Record Negative Power Variation’

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have witnessed a negative variation of over 11 percent in power requirement during the solar hours and minus 7.2 percent during peak hours in the previous month.

According to the official documents showing the anticipated power supply position v/s actual power supply position (Provisional) of Northern Region during the month of July-2025 states that in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh it has anticipated power availability of 2520 MU's and requirement of 1775 MU's respectively.

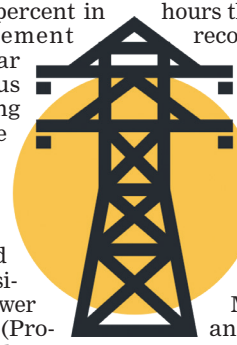
The official figures accessed further reveal that the actual power availability was 1562 MU's whereas

the requirement was 1570 MU's. It also states that there was a variation of minus 11 percent in power requirement and during the peak hours the union territories recorded a variation of minus 7.2 percent in power requirement respectively.

It also states that during the peak, NRPC has anticipated that there will be a peak power availability of 4130 Megawatts (MW's) and power requirement of 2964 MWs.

The documents said that there was variation of minus 7.2 percent in power requirement during the peak hours as the actual power supply availability and requirement respectively was 2750 MWs.

“Negative or significant variation (≥5%) in Actual Power Supply Position (Provisional) vis-à-vis •P-06



Budgam's Kani Craft shines on National Stage

DC hails artisans for National Handloom Award

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Athar Aamir Khan, has extended warm congratulations to renowned Kani artisans of Kanihama village, Fayaz Ahmad Wani and his student Manzoor Ahmad Hajam, on being conferred the prestigious National Handloom Award 2025 by President of India, Droupadi Murmu.

The award was presented to the duo in New Delhi on August 7 in the weaving category for their exceptional craftsmanship showcased through a Chanddar Kani Shawl, reflecting Kashmir's exquisite artistic heritage and centuries-old weaving tradition. The DC felicitated both artisans during the award ceremony of Independence Day function at Sports Stadium Budgam and lauded them for bringing distinction to Budgam and Jammu & Kashmir at the national level, describing the honour as a proud moment for the district and a significant recognition of Kashmir's rich handloom legacy.

He appreciated their dedication and perseverance in reviving a nearly 400-year-old Kani design and transforming it into a masterpiece through tra-



ditional techniques. The award-winning shawl reportedly took over 15 months of painstaking work to complete.

The Deputy Commissioner particularly commended Fayaz Ahmad Wani for keeping the traditional craft alive and passing the skill to successive generations. Having trained more than 50 people in Kani weaving, his contribution has helped preserve the craft while creating avenues for sustainable livelihoods.

He also appreciated Manzoor Ahmad Hajam, who has been associated with his teacher's Kani weaving unit for the past 25 years, describing their achievement as a fine example of the traditional Guru-Shishya tradition through which Kashmir's indigenous crafts have been preserved across

generations.

The DC stressed the importance of promoting traditional crafts among the youth, encouraging young artisans to take up Kani weaving and other indigenous crafts as avenues for livelihood, entrepreneurship and cultural preservation.

He said national recognition to local artisans provides renewed impetus to efforts aimed at safeguarding Kashmir's unique artistic traditions and ensuring that traditional knowledge and skills continue to flourish among future generations.

The District Administration Budgam reiterated its commitment to supporting artisans, weavers and craftsmen and creating an enabling environment for the promotion of local handlooms and handicrafts.

DC Kulgam reviews Farmer's ID Generation Camp under Agristack

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam along with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vikar Ahmad Giri Monday visited the Farmer's ID generation camp organized under the Agristack Project at Tehsil Kulgam, to take an on-the-spot assessment of the ongoing registration and digitisation drive.

During the visit, the DC supervised the entire process and interacted with the revenue staff present at the camp especially scheduled for Tamiloo village. He took a detailed overview of the data being submitted, verified and approved on the Agristack portal to ensure accuracy and transparency at every stage.



Addressing the officials, the DC described Agristack as a landmark initiative and a milestone in the history of the Revenue Department. He said that generation of unique Farmers ID will create a comprehensive digital database of farmers, which will streamline delivery

of all agriculture-related benefits and schemes in a hassle-free manner.

"The Farmers ID will serve as a single digital identity for every farmer. It will enable direct benefit transfer, crop insurance, soil health cards, and access to institutional credit without duplication

and delays," the DC said. "Our aim is to ensure that no eligible farmer is left out," he added.

The DC directed the revenue officials and field staff to expedite the process and complete the exercise efficiently and within the stipulated timeline. He stressed on maintaining data qual-

ity, proper verification, and prompt updation on the portal to avoid pendency.

He also urged the field functionaries to create wider awareness among farmers about the benefits of Agristack and to extend full support to farmers, especially elderly and marginal farmers, during the registration process.

Giving details, it was informed that Farmers ID generation camps are currently underway across all locations in the district. So far, registration and verification for 54 villages have been completed on the Agristack portal, and the remaining villages are being covered in a phased manner.

Tehsildar, Kulgam, Nisar Ahmad Wani and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Govt Hands Over Land to Allottees at Pampore Brick & Tile Factory

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SRINAGAR: In a significant move aimed at revitalising the industrial landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, the Industries and Commerce Department has issued Government Order No. 84-JK(IND) of 2026, directing the handover of land possession to allottees at the Brick and Tiles Factory in Pampore.

The order, issued on August 17, 2026, marks a crucial step in implementing the J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30.

As per the directive, the Jammu and Kashmir State Industrial Development Corporation has been instructed to give possession to unit holders who have been allotted land under the policy and have completed premium

payments.

The decision incorporates several important conditions flagged by the Finance Department to ensure transparency and accountability. These include finalisation of asset and liability audit, ensuring no outstanding dues against allottees, strict adherence to timelines for unit establishment, transparent allotment procedures, and employment generation mandates for local youth. The order also stipulates that 34 kanals of land will be kept reserved for Jammu and Kashmir Projects Construction Corporation equipment until further orders. The Managing Directors of JKPC and JKI Ltd have been directed to settle all financial obligations between the corporations to facilitate smooth imple-

mentation of the allotment process.

In a heartfelt response to the development, Khalid Subhan Wani, President and Core Group representative of all Brick and Tile Unit Holders, expressed profound gratitude to the administration for their proactive role in issuing the order. He said the timely issuance of the order will revive the brick and tile industry and create employment opportunities for hundreds of families across Jammu and Kashmir. Wani extended special thanks to Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Surinder Choudhary, the Cabinet Ministers, and all concerned administrators and officers of the J&K Government for their support.

Govt urges fruit growers to utilize dedicated Rail Parcel Services

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SRINAGAR: In a major initiative aimed at facilitating efficient, reliable and cost-effective transportation of Kashmir's horticultural produce, the Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir has urged fruit growers, traders and other agricultural stakeholders across the Valley to actively utilize the dedicated Rail Parcel Services operated by Northern Railway.

The dedicated service, JPP-RCS, has been operating successfully since September 2025 and connects Badgam (BDGM) with Adarsh Nagar Delhi (ANDI) via Jammu, with an intermediate stoppage at Bari Brahmana.

The availability of this cost-efficient, time-efficient and all-weather rail transportation facility assumes considerable importance for the horticulture sector, particularly during the fruit harvesting and marketing season. The service provides reliable and timely connectivity to major markets across the country,



thereby facilitating smoother movement and marketing of Kashmir's horticultural produce.

It is pertinent to mention that Train No. 00462, Ex-Badgam to Adarsh Nagar Delhi, has so far successfully transported 332 VPs carrying approximately 7,400 tonnes of produce, including apples, e-commerce and mixed goods. On the return journey, 786 VPs carrying approximately 17,450 tonnes, mainly comprising e-commerce and mixed goods, have also been transported, reflecting the growing utility and operational efficiency of

the rail parcel service.

The Directorate has accordingly called upon fruit growers, traders and other stakeholders to make optimum use of the dedicated rail facility for transportation of horticultural produce, particularly during the peak harvesting season.

For commercial inquiries and booking details, stakeholders may contact the Office of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Jammu Tawi, at Mobile/CUG: 9596732950 or through email at srdc-mjat@gmail.com.

B'pora Admin marks 'Har Ghar Tiranga' culmination with giant Map of India

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BANDIPORA: District Administration Bandipora, in collaboration with the Department of School Education, Bandipora, organised the grand culmination of the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign-2026 at SK Stadium, Bandipora, in connection with the 150 Years' Commemoration of "Vande Mataram."

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, presided over the programme as the Chief Guest.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 10,000 students along with teaching and non-teaching staff from educational institutions across the district. Despite the hot weather, the students participated with great enthusiasm, carrying the Tricolour and joining in various activities that reflected patriotism, national unity and pride in the nation.



A major highlight of the programme was the creation of a giant Map of India by the students, who collectively formed and filled the map, presenting a striking visual expression of national unity and the spirit of Vande Mataram.

The initiative showcased the creativity, discipline, coordination and patriotic enthusiasm of the students and emerged as a special attraction of the event.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the enthusiasm and spirit displayed by the students. She lauded the stu-

dents for their remarkable presentation of the Map of India and said that such initiatives serve as a source of encouragement and inspire everyone to contribute more towards the nation.

The DC also appreciated the efforts of teachers and educational institutions for facilitating the participation of students and nurturing in them the values of patriotism, unity and respect for the National Flag. The students participated with pride in the celebrations and joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

Mission Shakti conducts awareness programme on welfare initiatives for women

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SHOPIAN: Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti, Shopian Monday organized an impactful awareness programme at Kathollan, Shopian, with the objective of sensitizing women, girls and the local community about their rights, safety, dignity and the various welfare initiatives available for their empowerment.

During the programme, participants were sensitized about the vision and objectives of Mission Shakti, with special emphasis on strengthening women's access to government schemes, services and institutional support. The team highlighted the importance of women's education, economic independence, financial literacy, legal awareness and participation in decision-making.

Detailed awareness was also provided regarding various women and child welfare schemes and support services, including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PMMVY, women-related social security schemes, marriage assistance, employment-generating schemes, financial literacy initiatives and Mission YUVA. Participants were encouraged to make full use of eligible government schemes and approach the concerned departments for assistance.

The programme also focused on creating awareness regarding women's safety, prevention of gender-based discrimination, child protection, PCPNDT provisions and the importance of preventing gender-biased practices. The participants were encouraged to speak up against violence, discrimination and practices that undermine the dignity and rights of women and girls.

Kupwara admin organizes training session under Census 2027

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KUPWARA: District Administration Kupwara Monday organized a training session for District Officers, Charge Officers, and census related officials under Census 2027 Phase II at the Meeting Hall of the ACD Complex, Kupwara.

The training session was aimed at sensitizing and equipping the designated Charge Officers and officials with the necessary knowledge and skills for the effective implementation of the second phase of Census 2027.

During the session, participants were briefed on various aspects related to the census process, including their roles and responsibilities, field-level procedures, and adherence to the prescribed guidelines and protocols.

On the occasion, ADC Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad Khan who is also the District Census Officer emphasized the importance of accuracy, coordination, and timely completion of census-related activities to ensure smooth and effective implementation at the district level.

He reiterated commitment from District Administration to ensuring meticulous preparations and coordinated efforts for the successful conduct of Census 2027 in the district.

Jatin Kishore reviews progress on AgriStack Farmer Registration

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Monday chaired a meeting to review the progress of AgriStack farmer registration in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of farmer registration and data updation under AgriStack, which is aimed at creating a digital foundation for agriculture by bringing together verified agricultural and farmer-related data to facilitate better access to services and farmer-focused benefits.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Ganderbal and SDM Kangan to ensure maximum coverage of farmers under the registration process.

He further directed all Tehsildars to organise farmer registration camps in the identified villages to accelerate the process and facilitate registration of maximum eligible farmers. He stressed upon proper verification of records and accuracy of data being entered on the AgriStack platform.

The Deputy Commissioner called for close monitoring of the registration process and directed the concerned Revenue functionaries to regularly review the progress, identify gaps and ensure timely completion of pending registrations.

DIPR Shopian organises photo exhibition showcasing sacrifice of freedom fighters



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SHOPIAN: The District Information & Public Relations (DIPR), Shopian, organised a photo exhibition showcasing the life stories, struggles, sacrifices and contributions of freedom fighters and martyrs as part of the ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign.

The exhibition featured photographs and accounts highlighting the lives and struggles of national heroes and their significant role in the nation's journey towards freedom. It provided visitors, particularly the younger generation, an opportunity to

learn about their courage, patriotism, determination and selfless sacrifices.

The life stories of the freedom fighters and martyrs served as a source of inspiration, reminding visitors of the immense sacrifices made for the country and the values of courage, unity and national service.

The exhibition formed part of a series of patriotic activities being organised in Shopian under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and celebrations marking 150 years of Vande Mataram, aimed at fostering patriotism and keeping alive the inspiring legacy of the nation's heroes.

JKCIP Mobilisation Drive

SKUAST-K emphasises handholding, strengthening of rural collectives

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BARAMULLA: A mobilisation drive under the Upscaling Collectivisation Component of the IFAD-sponsored Jammu and Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) was organised by The Harvesting Harmony Farmer Producer Organisation Cooperative Ltd., Pattan, in collaboration with the Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K).

Prof. (Dr.) Raihana Habib Kanth, Director Extension and Dean, Horticulture, SKUAST-Kashmir, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

More than 185 prospective members and farmers participated in the programme, which aimed at creating awareness about the importance of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), encouraging farmers to join the collective and strengthening farmer-led institutions for sustainable agricultural development.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth emphasised the need for sustained handholding, capacity building and institutional strengthening of rural collectives to enable FPOs to emerge as effective farmer-led enterprises. She said FPOs can play a transformative role in agriculture by enabling farmers to access modern technologies, quality inputs, institutional credit,

value addition and organised markets through collective action.

She urged farmers to actively participate in FPOs and make full use of the opportunities being created under the IFAD-supported JKCIP to enhance farm incomes and build resilient and sustainable farming enterprises. She also highlighted the crucial role of SKUAST-Kashmir in providing continuous technical guidance, capacity building and extension support to strengthen farmer institutions across the Union Territory.

Dr. Waseem Hassan Raja underscored the importance of scientific farming, capacity building and collective marketing in improving the

economic status of farmers. He encouraged the participants, particularly women and rural youth, to actively engage with the FPO and adopt improved agricultural technologies for enhancing productivity and profitability.

Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Bhat, Coordinator, Upscaling Collectivisation, JKCIP, SKUAST-Kashmir, elaborated on the objectives of the component and the institutional support mechanisms being extended to FPOs under the project. He stressed that increased farmer membership and active participation are essential for developing strong and self-sustaining producer organisations capable of addressing production, value addition and marketing challenges.

CM meets delegations, individuals to discuss tourism, trade-related issues

CM felicitates MMA fighter Owais Yaqoob with ₹1 lakh cash award



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday met several delegations and individuals at Raabita here and discussed a range of issues concerning public welfare, tourism, sports, labour, trade and industry in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister met MLA Beerwah Dr Shafi Ahmad Wani, who apprised him of various matters concerning his constituency. A delegation from the constituency, also accompanied the Legislator during the meeting.

The Chief Minister also met emerging professional MMA fighter from Pulwama, Owais Yaqoob, and congratulated him on

his achievements in the field of mixed martial arts. He felicitated Yaqoob with a cash award of ₹1 lakh in recognition of his impressive performance on the international stage. Yaqoob recently secured a first-round TKO victory over Bulgaria's Delian Georgiev.

A delegation of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK), led by its Secretary General Sajad Ahmad Kralyari, also called on the Chief Minister and discussed various issues concerning the tourism sector.

The Chief Minister further met a delegation of the Kashmir Labour Union's Federation, led by its President Mohammad Ashraf Ganai. The delegation apprised him

of its concerns and suggestions regarding the Draft Code on Social Security (Jammu and Kashmir) Rules, 2026.

Senior Vice President of the Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, Tarun Singla, also called on the Chief Minister and discussed various issues related to trade and industry in Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary and Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani were also present.

The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the delegations and individuals and assured them that their genuine concerns would be examined and addressed on priority.

Sakeena Itoo reviews progress on implementation of various projects

Calls for time-bound completion of projects, optimal utilisation of funds

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Health & Medical Education, School Education, Higher Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the action taken and progress achieved on decisions taken during earlier review meetings, with particular focus on major infrastructure and development projects being implemented by the Health, Education and Social Welfare departments across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; Special Secretaries of Higher Education, Health and Education Departments; Directors of Health Services Jammu and Kashmir; Directors of School Education Jammu and Kashmir; Principals of Government Medical Colleges and other senior officers of the concerned departments.

The Minister undertook a comprehensive review of the physical and financial progress of various ongoing projects, including infrastructure works, Capex and SASCI projects,



utilisation of funds, procurement of equipment and implementation of decisions taken in previous review meetings.

Emphasising the importance of translating sanctioned projects into tangible outcomes for the people, Sakeena Itoo directed the officers to ensure strict adherence to timelines, close monitoring of execution and clear accountability at every stage. She stressed that financial expenditure must correspond with actual physical progress and called for immediate resolution of bottlenecks causing delays.

Reviewing healthcare infrastructure in Kashmir, the Minister was informed that the 125-bedded District Hospital at Reshipora, Budgam has achieved 75 per cent physical progress and is targeted for completion by March 2027. The status of various SASCI projects was also reviewed.

The meeting was further informed that a proposal for establishment of a Critical Care Hospital Block at Uri has been initiated, with five kanals of land identified at Mohara.

In Jammu division, the Minister reviewed the proposed Trauma Centre at Surankote, new UT Capex works and the 100-bedded Hospital at Sunderbani. She was informed that construction of the Sunderbani hospital is nearing completion, while equipment worth ₹66 lakh has been requisitioned and the facility is expected to be made operational shortly.

The Minister also reviewed infrastructure and other development works at GMC Handwara, GMC Srinagar, SKIMS Medical College Bemina, GMC Rajouri, Government Ayurvedic College Akhnour, GMC Kathua, GMC Jammu and GMC

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At GMC Rajouri and GMC Kathua, she took stock of Capex and CSS works, functioning of Dental Units and procurement of essential equipment. The meeting was informed that the upgradation of the GNM Nursing School to a Nursing College at GMC Rajouri has achieved 65 per cent progress, while construction of the Teaching Hospital at GMC Kathua is at an advanced stage.

At GMC Jammu, the Minister reviewed the status of Capex and CSS works and was apprised that several projects have either been completed or are nearing completion. The functioning of the Emergency Dental Unit and District Early Intervention Centre at SMGS Hospital was also assessed.

Sakeena Itoo directed the concerned officers

to accord top priority to procurement of critical medical equipment and completion of healthcare infrastructure, noting that timely availability of facilities and equipment has a direct bearing on the quality and accessibility of patient care.

She called for regular identification and resolution of bottlenecks, timely utilisation of available funds and stronger coordination among executing agencies, healthcare institutions and the concerned departments.

"Every sanctioned project must ultimately translate into a tangible improvement in public service delivery. There should be no avoidable delay in execution, and every rupee allocated for development must be utilised efficiently and transparently," the Minister said.

The Minister further directed the officers to maintain continuous monitoring of major projects and furnish timely updates on critical milestones. She stressed that completed infrastructure should be made functional without delay so that the intended benefits reach the people at the earliest.

CEO, FSSAI reviews food testing facilities in J&K

Assessed infrastructure, capacity enhancement measures

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Rajit Punhani, Monday visited Food Laboratory, Kashmir during his visit to Srinagar, to have on spot assessment about it's functioning.

During the visit, the CEO FSSAI took round of various sections, including Microbiological Section, Chemical Section and HEE Sections and interacted with the technical staff of the Laboratory.

Subsequently, the CEO FSSAI chaired a meeting which among others was attended by State Drug Controller J&K, Joint Commissioner Food Safety, Deputy Commissioner Food Safety Kashmir, Accounts Officer FDA and Food Analyst Food Testing Laboratory Srinagar and Jammu.

ECOMMISSIONER, Food & Drugs Administration, J&K, made a detailed presentation outlining the laboratory's analytical capabilities, testing performance, NABL accreditation, infrastructure, manpower position and the roadmap for strengthening food testing facilities across the Union Territory. It was informed that the Food



Laboratory, Kashmir is an FSSAI-notified and NABL-accredited facility equipped with advanced instruments, including GC-MS/MS, LC-MS/MS and ICP-MS. The laboratory presently has a NABL scope covering 354 parameters, comprising 77 quality and 277 safety parameters.

The presentation highlighted the testing workload handled during the last three financial years. The laboratory analyzed 11,479 samples in 2023-24, 9,938 in 2024-25 and 6,722 in 2025-26, out of which, 440, 266 and 381 samples respectively, were found to be non-conforming.

The meeting was informed that the steps have been initiated to expand the scope of Laboratory to 3500 parameters by end of 31st March, 2027 covering key

commodities including milk and milk products, fruits and vegetables, cereal and cereal products, oils and fats and Indian sweets and achieve wider coverage of 5,000 parameters in the long run.

The Commissioner brought to the notice of the CEO, FSSAI the key constraints affecting the laboratory's functioning, including inadequate infrastructure, shortage of technical manpower. He also sought his intervention in approval of the proposal for hiring of Technical Manpower, Chemicals, CRMs Consumables etc. He requested the CEO, FSSAI for providing financial and technical assistance for construction of new laboratory building at Srinagar and Jammu and upgrading the facility to improve quantity and volume of testing.

Sakeena Itoo chairs 46th BoDs meet of JKSCSTBC Dev Corporation

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Social Welfare, Education, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo chaired the 46th meeting of Board of Directors (BoDs) of the Jammu & Kashmir Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe & Backward Classes (JKSCSTBC) Development Corporation Limited at Civil Secretariat here Monday.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Planning Development & Monitoring, R. Alice Vaz; Commissioner Secretary, Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi; Director General, Budget; Sultan Malik, MD JKSCSTBC Development Corporation; Ranjeet Singh; Director Finance SWD, Seema Bhasin and other members of the Board, besides senior officers of Social Welfare department and JKSCSTBC Development Corporation.

During the meeting, the Board deliberated upon various important administrative, financial and

policy matters concerning the functioning of the Corporation and took several key decisions.

Speaking during the meeting, the Minister emphasised on the need for the Corporation to function with greater efficiency, transparency and responsiveness, with a focused approach towards ensuring that the intended benefits of welfare and development schemes reach eligible beneficiaries in a timely manner.

She called for strengthening institutional mechanisms, streamlining procedures and improving coordination among the concerned stakeholders to facilitate easier access to financial assistance, self-employment opportunities and other support measures for the targeted communities.

"Welfare interventions should translate into tangible improvements in the socio-economic conditions of beneficiaries, particularly through initiatives that encourage entrepreneurship, sustainable live-

lihoods and economic self-reliance", she observed.

The Minister directed the Corporation to maintain close engagement with beneficiaries and community representatives, identify emerging requirements and take necessary measures to address genuine concerns within the prescribed framework.

She also appreciated the efforts of the Corporation and stressed upon all concerned officers to ensure transparency, accountability, efficiency and timely implementation of the decisions taken by the Board in the larger public interest.

During the meeting, the Board directed the Corporation to intensify and expedite the recovery of outstanding loans, particularly long-pending dues, and adopt all permissible measures for effective follow-up and timely recovery. They asked the Corporation to establish online system for recovery and disbursement of various schemes.

Ladakh Begins Population Self-Enumeration for Census 2027

GMK NEWS NETWORK

LEH: Ladakh on Monday began the Population Self-Enumeration exercise for Census 2027, with Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena launching the second phase by completing his own self-enumeration in Leh.

According to the Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh is expected to become the first Union Territory in the country to complete Phase-II of the Census exercise due to its prolonged winter, during which several areas remain snowbound.

The population enumeration exercise has a reference date of October 1, 2026, while residents of Ladakh have been given the opportunity to record their details through the self-enumeration facility from August 17 to August 31.

LG appealed to all residents to participate in the exercise and ensure that their details are accurately recorded in the national database.

He said the exercise would provide the foundation for informed governance, equitable distribution of resources and inclusive development.

The Lieutenant Governor also said participation in the census would help ensure that Ladakh's identity, aspirations and requirements are adequately reflected in the national database.

The self-enumeration exercise forms part of the preparations for Census 2027, with the Union Territory beginning the process ahead of the reference date in view of its distinctive geographical and climatic conditions.

CBI Arrests Sub-Inspector In Bribery Case

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a Sub-Inspector of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, posted at Police Station Janipur in Jammu, in an alleged bribery case.

The CBI registered a case on August 16 based on a complaint alleging that the accused officer had demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 from the complainant for not registering an FIR against him in connection with a marital dispute.

Following negotiations, the accused allegedly agreed to accept Rs 10,000 as a bribe, the agency said. Geographic Reference The CBI laid a trap on August 16 and caught the accused red-handed while allegedly demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 10,000 from the complainant.

Further investigation in the case is underway, the CBI said.

Army's Northern commander visits forward areas in Poonch

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma on Monday visited forward areas along the Line of Control in the Poonch district, underscoring the need for continued vigilance and adopting innovative approaches to address emerging security challenges.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief reviewed the operational preparedness of the formations and also interacted with the troops guarding the borders, the Army said.

"Lt Gen Sharma visited forward locations in Poonch and reviewed the operational preparedness of the formation. During the visit, he was briefed on the prevailing security situation, operational readiness and the challenges of deployment in the rugged terrain," the Army's Udhampur-based Northern Command said in a post on X.

The Army said the Northern Commander interacted with troops serving in forward areas and appreciated their resilience in maintaining mission-readiness despite the demanding terrain and weather conditions. He emphasised the need to remain vigilant and foster synergy.

Meanwhile, in another post, the northern command said students of the Higher Defence Management course visited the command headquarters at Udhampur. "The scholar-warriors were briefed on the prevailing security environment, operational imperatives, Counter Terrorism dynamics, operational logistics, technology absorption and capability development in the Command," the army said.

Div Com reviews arrangements for 1st International Film Festival of J&K

Directs departments to designate nodal officers for smooth conduct of festival

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg Monday chaired a meeting to review preparations for the 1st International Film Festival of J&K (IFFJK), scheduled to be held from September 7 to 10 and organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting deliberated on the objectives of the festival, the proposed programme of events, and coordination among various government departments and stakeholders to ensure its successful conduct.

Director Information and Public Relations Shreya Singhal, at the outset, made a detailed presentation outlining the vision and objectives of the festival, including promotion of cinematic excellence, cultural exchange, creative collaboration, emerging filmmaking talent and international industry engagement.

She apprised the meeting of the planned activities, including the opening and closing ceremonies, curated film screenings, masterclasses, panel discussions, jury and filmmaker interactions, film tourism initiatives, net-



working and business meetings, and dedicated engagement with students and young filmmakers.

While reviewing the arrangements, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir directed all the concerned departments to designate nodal officers for effective inter-departmental coordination and seamless execution of the film festival-related activities.

He also directed the Director Information and Public Relations to prepare a comprehensive work chart for the event manager and participating departments, clearly defining roles, responsibilities and timelines.

Emphasising the promotion of Kashmir's tourism potential, particularly emerging destinations, Anshul Garg directed the Tourism Department to undertake focused branding of new tourist locations to attract filmmakers and international visitors. He also called for appropriate branding of shikaras and boats being utilised during the festival.

The Divisional Commissioner further stressed the

need to integrate cultural programmes with the festival and showcase Kashmir's rich handloom and handicraft products at identified venues.

He advised the preparation of food menu suited to national and international guests and directed that bilingual service providers be designated through the outsourced agencies to facilitate effective communication.

Anshul Garg also called for organising heritage tours to locations identified by JKTDC and the Handicrafts & Handloom Department. He reviewed plans for customised tour packages, sightseeing programmes and transportation arrangements for visiting guests.

The Divisional Commissioner issued a series of directions to officers from the Airport Authority, District Administrations of Srinagar and Baramulla, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Floriculture, KPDCCL, Transport, Health, LCMA, AACL, Handicrafts & Handloom, Hospitality & Protocol, Education and Police departments regarding their roles and responsibilities.

ACB Charges 7 SMC Officers Over Illegal Construction in Batamaloo

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has filed a chargesheet against 10 persons, including seven officers of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), in connection with alleged illegal and unauthorised construction in Ward No. 28 of Batamaloo near Tiny Hearts School, Tengpora.

The chargesheet in FIR No. 06/2023 registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar was produced before the Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Srinagar, for judicial determination.

According to the ACB, the accused include seven SMC officers and three private individuals. The case pertains to alleged abuse of official position, criminal conspiracy and extending undue benefit to private beneficiaries.

The case was registered following allegations that officials posted in Ward No. 28, Batamaloo, had allegedly abused their official positions and entered into a conspiracy with Reyaz Ahmad Dar, son of Abdul Rahim Dar, a resident of Tengpora, Batamaloo, to facilitate and allow illegal and unauthorised construction in the area near

Tiny Hearts School. The ACB said its investigation, based on oral and documentary evidence, substantiated the allegations against the accused government officials and private beneficiaries.

The accused have been booked under provisions of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, the Rambir Penal Code, the Registration of Documents Act and the Evacuees (Administration of Property) Act.

The chargesheet was filed after obtaining the requisite sanction for prosecution of the public servants from the government, the ACB said.

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EDITORIAL

Ruhullah's

Resignation Threat

The statement by Srinagar Lok Sabha member Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi that he has “made up his mind” to resign from Parliament is far more serious than an internal disagreement within the National Conference. It raises a fundamental question: what exactly is the political roadmap of the party that governs Jammu and Kashmir? Ruhullah is not merely threatening to vacate a parliamentary seat. He is questioning the political direction of a government elected with expectations of restoring Jammu and Kashmir’s dignity, constitutional protections and political rights.

His proposed solution is even more striking: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah should resign, return to Parliament and lead the fight for restoration of Jammu and Kashmir’s constitutional guarantees from the national political arena. This is not an ordinary political disagreement. It is a direct challenge to the NC leadership to explain whether the battle for J&K’s political rights is being fought with conviction, or merely being managed through statements and resolutions.

Ruhullah’s position also exposes an uncomfortable contradiction. If Parliament is the most effective platform to demand restoration of constitutional protections, then why should the elected Chief Minister have to wait for someone else to vacate the space before taking up that fight? And if the Chief Minister’s presence in Parliament would strengthen the cause, the party must explain why such a strategy has not already been seriously considered. At the heart of this controversy is a much larger issue: what does restoration actually mean? For the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the debate cannot end with restoration of statehood alone. Statehood matters, but so do political representation, constitutional safeguards, institutional autonomy, land and employment protections, and above all, the dignity and confidence of the people.

Ruhullah is right to insist that the conversation must go beyond statehood. The people deserve clarity on what their elected representatives are actually fighting for. But resignation cannot become a substitute for politics. If an elected MP believes that resigning will strengthen the movement, he must explain how abandoning an elected platform will produce greater political results. Parliament is precisely where national attention can be drawn to J&K’s concerns. Walking away from that platform may create headlines, but headlines alone do not change constitutional arrangements.

The National Conference, therefore, cannot afford to treat Ruhullah’s announcement as a family matter or an internal party quarrel. His reference to Dr Farooq Abdullah as a fatherly figure makes the issue emotionally compelling, but governance and constitutional politics cannot be settled through personal equations. The question belongs to the people. If Ruhullah has placed concrete proposals before Dr Farooq Abdullah, the party owes the public a serious response. It should not hide behind organisational discipline, personal relationships or closed-door negotiations.

Jammu and Kashmir has already witnessed too many political promises that ended in symbolism. The people now need a clear roadmap, measurable objectives and political accountability. The National Conference cannot demand patience from the people while remaining vague about its own strategy. If the party believes restoration of constitutional guarantees is its central political objective, let it say so unequivocally. If it has a negotiated roadmap with the Centre, let the public know its broad contours. If Parliament is the battlefield, let its MPs fight collectively. And if the Chief Minister’s role must change to strengthen that battle, the party must have the courage to debate it openly. Ruhullah has thrown down a political gauntlet. The question is no longer whether he will resign in a few months.

Broken Safeguards

Facing The Harsh Reality Of

Violence Against Girls



NAZRANA MUSHTAQ

There are moments when words become painfully inadequate, when the human conscience is confronted with a reality so cruel that even silence begins to feel like an injustice. Violence against girls and women is not merely a criminal issue; it is a profound moral failure that exposes the darkest contradictions within our society. We speak endlessly about honour, morality, family, and culture, yet we continue to live in a world where a girl may be taught to fear the very society that claims to protect her. The question is painfully simple: Are girls really safe? Safe when they are children? Safe when they grow into young women? Safe when they become mothers? Safe even when they reach old age? Too often, the answer is frighteningly uncertain.

A girl enters this world with nothing but innocence. She does not understand hatred, violence, manipulation, or cruelty. She knows only the warmth of a mother’s embrace, the security of a father’s hand, the laughter of childhood, and the dreams that slowly begin to take shape in her little heart.

Yet, somewhere in that very world, there are people capable of destroying that innocence through acts that words can scarcely describe. The recent case involving the innocent child Ayzel in Pakistan, forces us to confront a question that should haunt every conscience: What was her fault? What was the fault of a child who had not yet learned the complexities of the world? What did she do to deserve fear, pain, or suffering? She was merely a child, innocent, vulnerable, and deserving of nothing but love, protection, and a safe childhood. She had no fault. None. Her only “mistake” was being vulnerable in a world where some people choose to exploit vulnerability. And this is precisely where society must stop asking questions of the victim and begin asking questions of itself. Why do we sometimes teach girls how to



protect themselves instead of teaching boys and men to respect boundaries? Why are victims questioned about their clothes, their movements, their friendships, their whereabouts, and their decisions, while the actions of perpetrators become secondary? These questions are not merely uncomfortable; they are necessary.

A child does not need to understand danger in order to deserve protection. A woman does not lose her right to safety because of what she wears, where she goes, or how she chooses to live. An elderly woman does not become less deserving of dignity because she is old. Safety is not a privilege to be earned; it is a fundamental human right. The tragedy is that society often becomes emotional for a few days. Social media fills with outrage. People demand justice. Hashtags trend. Statements are issued. Then, gradually, the noise disappears, while the wounds remain. For victims and their families, there is no convenient ending. Trauma does not disappear when the headlines do. Behind every statistic is a human being. Behind every number is a daughter.

Behind every case file is a family whose understanding of the world may never be the same again. And behind every innocent child is a future that deserved to unfold differently. We must also understand that silence can become another form of

We must stop searching for imperfections in victims and start confronting the cruelty of offenders. Because when society shifts even a fraction of the blame onto the victim, it gives cruelty another victory. Ayzel’s story, and the stories of countless other children whose names may never become known, should not simply provoke sadness. They should awaken responsibility.

Their suffering should compel us to create a society in which childhood means innocence, not vulnerability; in which growing up means freedom, not fear; and in which being a girl never becomes a reason to live cautiously. A child should be worried about school, dreams, friendships, books, colours, and the future—not about surviving the cruelty of adults. A girl should be allowed to dream without calculating the dangers surrounding her. A woman should be allowed to exist without constantly negotiating her safety. And an elderly woman should be able to live the final chapters of her life with dignity and peace. Perhaps the greatest question before us is not whether society is cruel, we already know that cruelty exists. The greater question is: What are we willing to do about it? Will we remain spectators, mourning every tragedy only after it happens? Or will we become a society that actively prevents such tragedies? Let us not allow Ayzel’s suffering to become another forgotten headline. Let her story become a question directed at every conscience: If an innocent child was not safe, then who among us is truly safe? And perhaps, somewhere between our silence and our outrage, we must finally discover the courage to build a society where no child has to ask why the world failed to protect her. Because childhood should be a sanctuary—not a battlefield. Innocence should be protected—not punished. And every girl, regardless of her age, deserves to live without fear.

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REALITIES OF RACISM

Unequal Comrades In The Rituals Of Revolution



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Professor Jason Arday’s death has reignited the question of racism in Britain and the urgent need for an anti racist movement to ensure an egalitarian society, free from all forms of discrimination and exploitation. However, the movement looks like an uphill task if people of colour do not fight racism together. Racism is not merely an issue confined to universities and the media, where it led to the public lynching of Professor Arday even before his death, racism is what took his life. His death has become a cause célèbre in the fight against racism in Britain. The struggle remains uphill, as white privilege fails to understand or experience the racism that people of colour endure daily. Most institutions are embedded with racism, and trade unions are not free from white entitlement based on racial bias. White supremacist ideology has even penetrated trade union movements, where unions and their white leadership neither understand nor care about racial discrimination. This is not new. History continues to display the racial past as a lively present. Alfie Hancox’s powerful essay, “When British Trade Unionists Debated Black Power,” published in the New Socialist on 30 September 2023, is a historic reminder, and a warning, a tutorial for today’s trade unionists.

Historically, exclusionary practices among white trade unionists marked the “immigrant strikes” of 1960s and 1970s Britain. In those years, people of colour from India, Pakistan and other former colonies fought unitedly against racial wage inequality, workplace hierarchies

and segregated factory toilets in Birmingham, Lancashire and the East Midlands. “Defying the racial division of labour which separated Asian and Afro Caribbean workers at the point of production, activists from Britain’s former colonies began uniting under a Black political umbrella” (Hancox, 2023). Trade unions were hostile to such alliances of people of colour in their struggle against racism, inequality and exploitation. This is well documented in John Wrench’s book, Unequal Comrades: Trade Unions, Equal Opportunity and Racism (Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations, University of Warwick, Coventry, 1986). Despite subsequent improvements, Unequal Comrades remains a testament to, and continues to define, trade union movements and trade unionist leadership in contemporary Britain.

White supremacist ideology, shaped by racialised colonial capitalism, has deeply, or at least partially, influenced the consciousness of white trade unionists and the movement they led. The residue of this influence continues to guide contemporary trade union leadership. It appears as if the racial past survives in the present: many people of colour feel either frustrated at being unrepresented or distrustful of white trade union leadership, owing to past betrayals and a lack of progressive political consciousness around racial and other forms of discrimination. Racism is an everyday lived experience for people of colour in the workplace and in British society today, one that has claimed many lives in the past and continues to take a toll on their lives and livelihoods.

The experiences and expressions of people of colour are constantly undermined within trade union bureaucracies led by white trade unionists. Undermining their lived experiences and denying the conditions and contexts of their expression lies at the heart of denying their very existence,



which is the core of racist white supremacist ideology. That ideology continues to inform the operational structures, trade union leadership and racialised hierarchies of contemporary Britain.

People of colour regularly raise issues of racism with their trade unions and leadership, but the unions do nothing; they do not even raise these concerns with management, nor do they provide legal support to victims of racism and other forms of discrimination. Trade union leadership often employs strategies of bullying to undermine and divert attention from the core issue of racism and racial discrimination in the workplace. Such a depoliticised, ideologically sterile, reactionary and racist environment is a product of racialised colonial capitalism, in which trade union leadership has become a cadre of managerial lieutenants perpetuating managerialism, which destroys working class unity and solidarity for a radical struggle to end racial and all other forms of discrimination, inequality and exploitation.

The failure of trade union leadership to understand racism beyond lip service, coupled with a lack of support and legal guidance, weakens the trade union

movement in matters of wage bargaining, workplace support and radical social transformation. In this way, trade union leadership plays a reactionary role rather than contributing to a progressive transformation of the workplace, working conditions and society. Such a process compromises the revolutionary potential of the trade union movement.

It does not stop there. The unaccountable white trade union bureaucracy and its opportunistic leadership harass, bully, outsource responsibilities and create a toxic environment to ensure that activists of colour either leave the unions or become the targets of concocted stories to persecute active trade union members from ethnic minorities and active white working class members. Leon Trotsky, despite all his ideological deviations and reformism, was spot on in his analysis of the inherent predicaments of “The Trade Unions in Britain” (September 1933), published as a Labour Press Pamphlet in 1971. Trotsky’s anatomy of the limits of the trade union movement in Britain continues to define trade union leadership and its unconscious bias when it comes to issues of racism faced by people of colour. Silencing people of colour is not an option or an alternative.

The compliance culture within trade union movement looks exactly compliance culture of capitalism. The trade union leaders compromised positions with management and complicit with racism looks historically like “Quaker Complicity with Slavery”. This story of white hypocrisy is well documented in the works of Watkins, M. (2025) on Wrestling with White Hypocrisy, Racism, and Self-Interest: Quaker Complicity with Slavery (1657–1776) and White Supremacy. Talking about rituals of revolution and practicing reactionary racist politics of hierarchy is merely hypocrisy and a self-defeating proposition. It neither helps individual leadership nor promotes the movements they lead in the name of trade unionism. So, the alternatives are clear: be democratic, be decolonial, and follow the non-hierarchical principles of the trade union movement in letter and spirit. Equality and justice are not the ideals for bargain.

The revisionist and reactionary trend within the toxic culture of leadership of the trade union movement is neither an alternative for white workers nor for ethnic minority workers. It does not help to build trust, unity or solidarity. A revolutionary trade union movement and its leadership must understand the needs and desires of its membership, and beyond, if it wishes to perish without a clear understanding. The alternative is not division and further weakening of the trade union movement. Trade union leadership, irrespective of skin colour, needs political and ideological consciousness—not only about race, but also about all other grounds of discrimination, exploitation, inequality and marginalisation. Perish together or fight unitedly on both individual and collective issues. There is no hiding ground other than being accountable to the workers.

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Hidden Geometry Of Votes And Power

When Democracy Becomes Mathematical Problem



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Democracy is often described in the language of politics: campaigns, parties, ideologies, candidates, constituencies and elections. Yet beneath every election lies another language that receives far less public attention, the language of mathematics. Who wins an election may depend not only on how people vote but also on how electoral boundaries are drawn, how votes are counted, how preferences are ranked and how collective choices are mathematically converted into political power. In other words, democracy has a mathematical architecture. And sometimes, that architecture can produce results that appear surprising, unfair or even contrary to what most voters seem to want.

Two particularly fascinating examples reveal how deeply mathematics enters democratic life: gerrymandering, where geometry can influence political representation, and voting paradoxes, where even perfectly honest voters can collectively produce contradictory outcomes.

Understanding these mathematical ideas does not require advanced mathematics. But it does reveal something important: designing a fair democracy is considerably more complicated than simply saying, “the majority should rule.”

When the Shape of a District Changes an Election

Imagine a region containing 100 voters. Fifty-five support Party A and forty-five support Party B. One might reasonably expect Party A to win approximately 55 per cent of the representation. But suppose the region is divided into five electoral districts. Depending on how those boundaries are drawn, Party A could win four districts, three districts, or perhaps only two. The voters have not changed. Their political preferences have not changed. Only the geometry has changed.

This is the basic mathematical principle behind gerrymandering: electoral boundaries can be designed in ways that concentrate or distribute voters strategically, thereby changing political outcomes.

Two commonly discussed techniques are known as packing and cracking.

Packing means concentrating large numbers of opposing voters into a small number of districts. They win those districts overwhelmingly, but many of their votes become electorally unnecessary.

Cracking does the opposite. Opposition voters are divided among several districts so that they remain minorities in each one. The mathematics is simple but powerful. Suppose Party B has 40 percent of the voters. If those voters are concentrated into two districts where they receive 90 percent of the vote, they may win only two seats out of five. Their overwhelming majorities in those districts do not help them elsewhere.

A map can therefore transform votes into seats in a highly unequal manner. This is why modern electoral analysis increasingly uses mathematics, geometry, statistics and computer science to evaluate district maps.

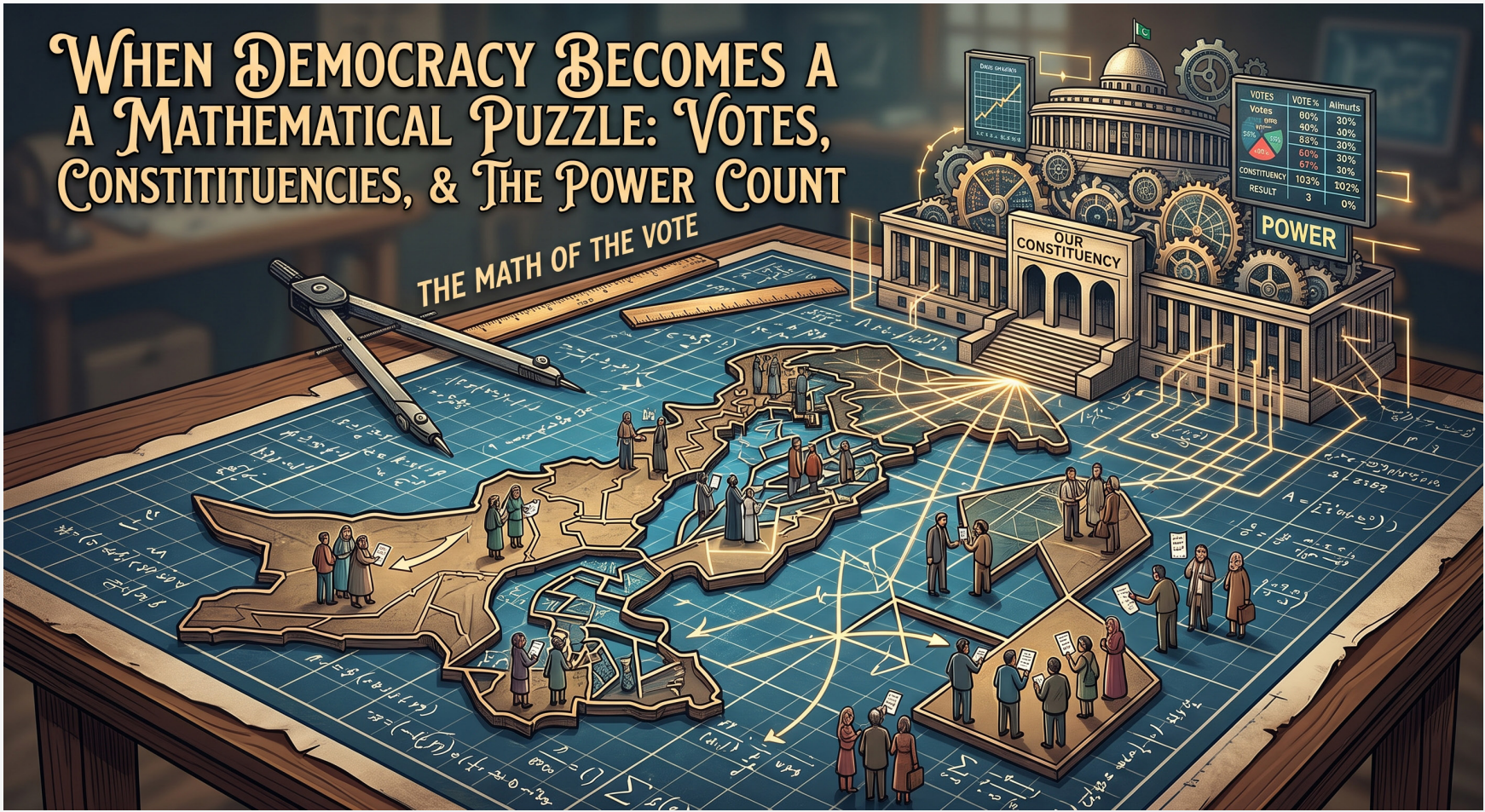
Can Geometry Measure Political Fairness?

One approach involves measuring the compactness of electoral districts. A district shaped approximately like a circle, square or other relatively regular geometric figure may appear more natural than one containing narrow corridors, tentacles or strangely winding boundaries. Mathematicians have proposed several compactness measures. One widely discussed measure is the Polsby-Popper score, given approximately by.

The following equations are inserted as editable Microsoft Word equation objects: where (A) represents the area of the district and (P) its perimeter. A perfectly circular district receives the maximum value of 1. As the boundary becomes more irregular, the score generally decreases. At first sight, this seems to offer an objective mathematical test for suspicious electoral maps. But democracy rarely gives us such easy answers.

A strangely shaped district is not automatically unfair. Natural geography, municipal boundaries, rivers, mountains, population concentrations and communities with shared interests may all produce irregular constituencies.

Conversely, even a visually compact district can sometimes produce partisan advantages. Mathematics therefore provides evidence—not an automatic



verdict.

Counting the Votes That Do Not Matter

Another measure sometimes used in discussions of partisan redistricting is the efficiency gap. The idea is based on what are called “wasted votes.”

In a winner-takes-all district, votes for the losing candidate are considered wasted for this particular calculation. Votes cast for the winner beyond the number required to win are also counted as wasted. Suppose a candidate needs 51 votes to win but receives 80. The additional 29 votes did not change the result of that district.

If one party systematically wastes far more votes than another because of the way districts are designed, the overall map may create a representational advantage for its opponent.

The efficiency gap compares the wasted votes of the two parties relative to the total votes cast.

Again, the importance of the concept lies not in claiming that one formula can define democracy, but in showing that political representation can be studied quantitatively.

- Geometry tells us something.
- Statistics tells us something.
- Graph theory tells us something.
- But none alone tells us everything.

Electoral Maps as Graph-Theory Problems

Modern mathematics allows us to go even further. An electoral map can be represented as a graph. In graph theory, geographic areas can be represented as vertices, or nodes, while shared borders between them become edges connecting those nodes.

The redistricting problem then becomes a mathematical partitioning problem:

How can thousands of geographic units be divided into districts that are contiguous, similar in population, reasonably compact and respectful of existing communities?

Computer algorithms can generate thousands, or even millions, of alternative maps satisfying predetermined legal and geographic conditions. Researchers can then compare an actual electoral map with this large collection of possible maps. If the real map produces an extraordinarily unusual advantage for one political party compared with most mathematically reasonable alternatives, that may provide evidence worthy of closer scrutiny.

This is one of the most important contributions mathematics can make to democracy. Rather than beginning with the accusation, “This map looks unfair,” mathematical modelling allows us to ask:

How unusual is this map compared with thousands of plausible alternatives?

That is a much more rigorous question.

But district boundaries are only half the mathematical story.

Even when electoral maps are perfectly fair, another problem remains.

How should votes themselves be counted?

Why “Majority Rules” Is More Complicated Than It Sounds

If there are only two candidates, voting appears simple.

Candidate A receives 60 percent.

Candidate B receives 40 percent.

Candidate A wins.

But introduce a third candidate and democracy suddenly becomes mathematically more complicated.

Consider three candidates: A, B and C.

Suppose:

- 40 percent of voters prefer A first, B second and C third;
- 35 percent prefer B first, C second and A third;
- 25 percent prefer C first, A second and B third.

Candidate A has the largest number of first-choice votes and might therefore win under a plurality system.

Yet 60 percent of voters prefer someone else as their first choice.

Now compare the candidates pairwise.

Depending on the preference structure, it is possible for voters collectively to prefer A over B, B over C, and yet C over A.

Symbolically, This resembles the familiar game of rock-paper-scissors.

The collective preference becomes cyclical.

This phenomenon is associated with what is known as the Condorcet paradox.

Two particularly fascinating examples reveal how deeply mathematics enters democratic life: gerrymandering, where geometry can influence political representation, and voting paradoxes, where even perfectly honest voters can collectively produce contradictory outcomes.

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Every voter individually may have perfectly rational preferences.

Yet when those preferences are combined, society can appear irrational.

This is one of the deepest mathematical lessons of democracy:

Individual rationality does not necessarily produce collective rationality.

Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem

The difficulty becomes even more profound through one of the most celebrated results in mathematical economics: Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem, developed by economist Kenneth Arrow.

Arrow asked whether a voting system could convert individual ranked preferences into a collective ranking while satisfying several seemingly reasonable democratic principles.

Among them were ideas such as:

- voters should be free to rank alternatives in any order;
- if everyone prefers A to B, society should also prefer A to B;

- the ranking between A and B should not be manipulated merely by introducing an irrelevant third option;
- no single voter should always determine society’s preference.

The remarkable result is that, when there are at least three alternatives, no rank-order voting rule can satisfy all such desirable conditions simultaneously.

This does not mean democracy is impossible.

It means something subtler and more important:

there is no perfect voting system. Every electoral mechanism involves trade-offs.

Plurality voting has weaknesses. Runoff systems have weaknesses.

Ranked-choice systems have weaknesses.

Proportional representation systems have their own compromises.

Democratic institutions therefore cannot simply search for a mathematically perfect voting mechanism because mathematics tells us that perfection itself may be unattainable under certain assumptions.

The real question becomes: Which imperfections are we willing to accept?

Ranked-Choice Voting: A Better Solution?

One alternative attracting attention in several democratic systems is ranked-choice voting, sometimes implemented through instant-runoff procedures.

Instead of selecting only one candidate, voters rank candidates:

1. first preference,
2. second preference,
3. third preference, and so on.

If one candidate obtains the required majority of first preferences, that candidate wins.

Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes may be eliminated, and those ballots are transferred according to voters’ next preferences. The process continues until a candidate satisfies the winning condition.

One advantage is that voters can express more information than under a simple one-choice ballot.

It can also reduce certain forms of “spoiler” effect, where two similar candidates divide their supporters and allow a less broadly preferred candidate to win.

But ranked-choice voting is not a mathematical miracle.

Depending on its precise form, it can fail some desirable voting criteria. Under instant-runoff voting, for example, unusual situations can arise in which gaining additional support does not necessarily improve a candidate’s outcome—a phenomenon related to non-monotonicity.

Again, mathematics teaches caution.

Every electoral rule rewards some structures of preference while handling others less elegantly.

Democracy Is an Optimization Problem Without a Perfect Objective Function

A mathematician might describe electoral design as a kind of optimization problem.

We would like electoral systems simultaneously to maximize:

- fair representation,
- voter choice,
- geographic coherence,
- political stability,
- simplicity,
- minority representation,
- accountability,
- and public confidence.

But these objectives can conflict.

A system maximizing proportional representation may weaken the direct geographic connection between representatives and constituencies.

A system emphasizing local representation may produce disproportional national outcomes.

A rule encouraging broad coalition-building may reduce the chances of smaller ideological parties.

There is therefore no single objective function called “democratic fairness” waiting to be maximized.

Different societies assign different weights to different democratic values.

Mathematics can reveal the consequences of those choices.

It cannot make those value judgments for us.

Why Citizens Should Understand the Mathematics of Democracy

In an age of data analytics, artificial intelligence and computational politics, citizens need more than political slogans.

They need mathematical literacy.

When electoral boundaries are proposed, people should understand why measures of compactness, proportionality and statistical bias matter.

When voting reforms are suggested, they should ask what mathematical properties the new system satisfies—and which ones it sacrifices.

When politicians claim that an electoral rule is “completely fair,” citizens should be sceptical.

Mathematics has already shown us that democratic systems inevitably involve compromises.

That does not weaken democracy. It can strengthen it.

Because a mature democracy does not pretend that institutional design is simple.

It examines its rules carefully, tests them quantitatively and remains willing to improve them.

Mathematics Cannot Choose Our Leaders—but It Can Protect the Rules

Mathematics should never be allowed to replace democratic judgment.

No equation can determine which political philosophy is correct.

No algorithm can decide what citizens ought to believe.

No geometric formula can fully define justice.

But mathematics can expose hidden distortions.

It can reveal when constituency boundaries produce extreme outcomes.

It can demonstrate why apparently simple voting rules sometimes behave unpredictably.

It can compare electoral alternatives rigorously rather than rhetorically.

And perhaps most importantly, mathematics can remind us that democracy is not merely an act performed on election day.

It is a system designed through rules. Those rules determine how millions of individual voices become collective power.

Whenever rules convert preferences into outcomes, mathematics is already present.

The real democratic question, therefore, is not whether mathematics should enter politics.

It already has.

The question is whether citizens understand enough mathematics to recognize when the numbers, boundaries and voting rules shaping their democracy are genuinely serving them.

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“CM Should

the proposal was his response to remarks made by NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah and was intended as a way to resolve the differences rather than as a condition for his resignation.

He has previously indicated that he intends to resign from Parliament but said he wanted to make further attempts to advance his political campaign before taking the final step.

“I have made up my mind. I want to be able to do a few more things. After that, I will resign,” he said, adding that he was talking about “a few months”, not a year.

Ruhullah said his parliamentary position had provided him a platform to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir’s constitutional status and lobby with political parties outside the region.

He said resigning would mean losing that platform, including the ability to lobby and conduct outreach through Parliament.

The Srinagar MP also said he felt increasingly distanced from the party’s functioning and decision-making, and described the situation as creating a “moral compulsion” to consider leaving.

“There is no one to compel me. Whatever I have to do, I will do it on the level of morality and conviction,” he said.

He also criticised the party for not issuing him a formal show-cause notice if it believed he had acted against its ideology, agenda or manifesto.

Ruhullah said he remained open to reconsidering his decision if his proposals were accepted, but otherwise reiterated that his exit could come within months.

India’s Spirit Of

of Mulaqat is to listen to one another, understand one another, respect one another and, wherever there is distance between hearts, take the first step towards dialogue.

Through programmes such as Mulaqat, we must create a culture in which people belonging to all faiths, all systems of worship and all sections of society sit together, discuss issues, examine the truth and assess reality. Wherever a wall has been erected between people, everyone must work together to bring it down,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also outlined a six-point roadmap for the future and called upon administration and all sections of society to Institutionalise regular interfaith dialogues in schools, colleges, and community centres to foster understanding among youth. He stressed on Youth Peace Ambassadors and called upon youth to lead initiatives in cultural exchange, community service, and environmental protection.

He noted that preserving historical and cultural sites as common heritage through joint participation of citizens and administration is significant. The Lieutenant Governor urged youth to promote digital literacy and counter misinformation to safeguard public trust.

“It is the collective responsibility of the public and the administration to ensure that youth receive an education that teaches them to ask questions, access to technology that guides them towards progress, and the character that inspires patriotism and nation-building,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also highlighted the role of social justice and equal opportunities for progressive society and asked all the stakeholders to ensure impartial systems that deliver education, employment, healthcare, and justice to all citizens. In his sixth and last recommendation, the Lieutenant Governor asked for constituting Village Peace Committees, representing all sections of society to strengthen compassion, humanity and development.

The Lieutenant Governor stressed that while governments can make laws and administrations can provide systems, true harmony is built by the people themselves. He called upon administrative officers to ensure the safety of citizens, equal opportunities in development and proper implementation of welfare schemes.

On the occasion, Lieutenant Governor flagged off the Tiranga Yatra from Sports Stadium, Pulwama. He also commended the people of Pulwama for their enthusiastic participation in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' and other national integration programmes.

Shri Javid Iqbal Matoo, DIG South Kashmir Range; Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama; Ms. Tanushree, SSP Pulwama; Shri Wajahat Farooq Bhat, Chairman, Save Youth Save Future Foundation; Ms Anika Nazir, Women's Wing President, Shri Mudasir Dar, Zonal President (South Kashmir) and other members of the Foundation; senior officials, civil society members, prominent citizens, people from different walks of life and youth in large number attended the Mulaqat programme.

LG Visits Shri

of Samadhi Pratishtha Divas, Nag Pan-chami Mahotsav, and the Purnahuti of the Yajna. He also laid the foundation stone for initiatives dedicated to heritage and cultural preservation.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed deep reverence for the Ashram, which has preserved the wisdom of sages. Paying homage to Swami Ashokanand Ji

Maharaj, the Lieutenant Governor recalled his visionary resolve in 1937, which transformed the Ashram into a vibrant spiritual centre. He noted that Swami Ashokanand Ji Maharaj envisioned not merely a place of worship but a living institution that carried forward the eternal message of Sanatana Dharma while serving the real needs of society.

“His legacy of service, discipline, and dedication continues to inspire generations. When Swami Ashokanand Ji Maharaj left his mortal body in 1971, he left behind a living tradition of service, discipline, sadhana, and dedication that can still be felt in every activity of this ashram,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that Indian civilisation has always seen spirituality and nature as inseparable. Quoting the Isha Upanishad, he reminded the gathering that the Divine pervades all creation. In the context of global climate challenges, the Lieutenant Governor urged the youth to embrace their responsibility towards rivers, forests, animals, and all living beings, ensuring that development remains sustainable and in harmony with nature.

Highlighting new initiatives at the Ashram, including the construction of a Yatri Niwas, renovation works, a dining complex, and the expansion of the Yajnashtala, the Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that these projects would embody faith transformed into action. He stressed that spirituality in Indian culture means responsibility towards the world, performed with selfless service.

Drawing from the Bhagavad Gita, the Lieutenant Governor reiterated Lord Krishna’s teaching and underlined that when action becomes service and service becomes dedication, even ordinary work becomes sadhana.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the Ashram’s affiliation with the Swami Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, which serves on the principle of “Atmano Mokshartham Jagad Hitaya Cha” - for one’s own liberation and for the welfare of the world. The Lieutenant Governor urged the youth to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda’s message of self-confidence, fearlessness, and selfless service, reminding them that true strength lies within and that every individual is the maker of their own destiny.

Reaffirming India’s timeless philosophy of unity in diversity, the Lieutenant Governor said that India’s strength lies in respecting diversity while moving forward together. The message of Sarva Dharma Samabhava (equal respect for all religions), he said, has been India’s gift to the world.

“Swami Vivekananda said that a human being’s real strength lies within, and no one needs to consider themselves weak. No matter how difficult your circumstances may be, within you lies the capacity for growth, change, and great work. Swami Vivekananda also revealed the secret of true success and true happiness, saying that the person who is truly rich is one who serves without expecting any reward and acts with a selfless spirit. Therefore, through the Satsang of the ashram’s volunteers, devotees, and office-bearers, there is a need to inspire society towards selfless action,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Padma Shri Brij Lal Bhat, Chairman, Administrative Committee, Shri Ramakrishna Mahasammelan Ashram, Vivekananda Kendra, Nagdandi; Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Shri Javid Iqbal Mattoo, DIG South Kashmir; Shri Amod Ashok Nagpure, SSP Anantnag; Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag; Shri Shivanand Rohit Raina; members of Shri Ramakrishna Mahasammelan Ashram and Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari; senior officials, prominent citizens and devotees in large number were present.

LG Flags Off Holy

for the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas, while extending warm wishes to all pilgrims for a safe and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed deep appreciation to the Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas along with VHP and Bajrang Dal, local authorities, langar organisations and civil society groups for their meticulous coordination and comprehensive arrangements ensuring the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage and the Budha Amarnath Ji Mela.

"The sacred journey to Baba Budha Amarnath's abode is a deeply enlightening experience. I firmly believe this pilgrimage brings profound transformation and reveals life's deepest truths to every devotee," the Lieutenant Governor said.

A large gathering of eminent spiritual leaders, religious heads, public representatives, senior civil and police administrators, security officials, prominent citizens, and enthusiastic devotees attended the flag-off ceremony.

BJP Hits Streets In

of failing to deliver on promises made during the elections and alleged that the issue of restoration of statehood was being used to divert public attention from governance-

related concerns.

He said the BJP wanted the government to work effectively and would continue to act as a "constructive opposition", but warned that the party would intensify its agitation at district, town and local levels if public concerns were not addressed.

Jugal Kishore Sharma alleged that the government had failed to provide adequate basic amenities, including roads, electricity and drinking water, despite repeated assurances. He demanded that the government take responsibility for its alleged failures.

LoP Sharma accused the administration of corruption and poor governance, saying the BJP had initially sought to confine its role to constructive opposition but was compelled to take its campaign to the streets over what he described as continued failures.

MLA Sham Lal Sharma alleged discrimination against the Jammu region and said the government would be held accountable both inside the Assembly and on the streets.

MLA Vikram Randhawa also criticised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, alleging that the government was more focused on protocol and political posturing than addressing public concerns.

BJP Mahila Morcha president Neha Mahajan raised issues concerning employment opportunities for youth, unemployment and commitments made to women during the elections.

The BJP leaders also questioned the NC government over its demands for restoration of statehood, stating that the Centre had already indicated that statehood would be restored at an appropriate time, and alleged that the government had failed to deliver on its electoral commitments—(KNO)

Ram Madhav, Smriti

secretaries from different states.

Former Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje Scindia, Baijayant Jay Panda and Rekha Verma have been retained as vice presidents.

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The congregation extended onto the Nowhatta-Khanyar road stretch, as devotees from different parts of the Valley joined the annual observance.

Authorities and shrine management had made arrangements for security and the convenience of devotees, while the huge gathering also affected traffic movement in several downtown areas.

Long queues of vehicles were reported in Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowpora, Bohri Kadal, Hawal and adjoining areas following the closure of the Khawaja Bazar road for the congregation.

Meanwhile, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who traditionally leads the Khoja Digar prayers, said he had been placed under house arrest and prevented from attending the gathering.

“Ahead of the centuries-old tradition of Khoje Digar at the shrine of Naqshband Sahib, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has been placed under house arrest, barring him from delivering the traditional sermon and offering prayers at the historic shrine,” the Mirwaiz Manzil said in a post on X.

Despite his absence, thousands continued to gather at the shrine, turning the historic lanes of downtown Srinagar into a sea of prayer, faith and tradition—(KNO)

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anticipated figures is observed for the month of July-2026 in terms of Energy Requirement for Haryana, HP, UTs of J&K and Ladakh, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand and in terms of Peak Demand similar variation is noted for Chandigarh, Haryana, HP, UTs of J&K and Ladakh, Punjab and Rajasthan,” NRPC said.

The Committee urged such states and UTs to submit reason for such variations so that the same can be deliberated in the meeting—(KNO)

Airfare Rules To

he said.

The court was hearing a plea filed by social activist S Laxminarayanan, who has sought a robust and independent regulator that ensures transparency and passenger protection across the civil aviation sector and regulatory guidelines to control the “unpredictable fluctuations” in airfare and ancillary charges imposed by private airlines in India.

Senior advocate Ravindra Srivastava, appearing in the matter for the petitioner, told the bench that till the time the new rules come into force, the old rules are operating.

Questioning the “lack of willingness” on the part of authorities and the effectiveness of the existing mechanism, he argued that airlines are charging exorbitant fares.

Referring to a statement of the civil aviation minister in Parliament, Srivastava contended it was said that the government cannot cap airfares.

Kaushik assured the bench that the process of finalising the rules would be completed within three weeks.

The bench perused the draft rules placed before it in the sealed cover.

“There is a mechanism suggested but regulator, we are not sure,” it observed.

It noted that Kaushik has requested for some more time to get the draft rules finalised and place before the bench within three weeks and posted the matter for hearing on September 7.

On July 13, the top court had asked the Centre to place the rules framed under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024, before it.

It had said the rules be placed before it in a sealed cover, irrespective of whether those have been placed before Parliament.

While hearing the plea on May 15, the apex court said there should be some rationalisation of airfares and asked the Centre to provide relief to flyers.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was then appearing in the matter for the Centre, had told the bench that the new enactment of 2024 had come into effect in January 2025 and the corresponding rules were in the process of being prepared.

On November 17 last year, the top court sought responses from the Centre and others on Laxminarayanan’s plea seeking a robust and independent regulator that ensures transparency and passenger protection across the civil aviation sector.

While hearing the matter in January, the top court said it would interfere with the “unpredictable fluctuations” in airfares and flagged the exorbitant rise during festivals.

It had termed the exorbitant rise in airfares by the airlines “exploitation” and asked the Centre and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to file their replies on the plea.

The plea claims that all private airlines have, without any credible justification, reduced the free check-in baggage allowance for economy-class passengers from 25 kg to 15 kg, “thereby converting what was earlier part of the ticketed service into a new revenue stream”.

It says the “new policy of permitting only a single piece for check-in and the absence of any rebate, compensation or benefit to passengers who do not avail themselves of check-in baggage demonstrates the arbitrary and discriminatory nature of the measure”.

The plea claims that currently, no authority has the power to review or cap airfares or ancillary fees, allowing airlines to exploit consumers through hidden charges and unpredictable pricing.

It also contends that the “unregulated, opaque and exploitative conduct of airlines manifesting in arbitrary fare hikes, unilateral reduction of services, absence of on-ground grievance redressal and unjustified dynamic pricing algorithms directly infringes upon citizens’ fundamental rights to equality, freedom of movement and life with dignity”.

The plea has said the absence of regulatory safeguards results in arbitrary fare hikes, especially during festivals or weather disruptions, which disproportionately harm the poor and last-minute travellers.

It has added that inaction by the State in regulating fare algorithms, cancellation policies, service continuity and grievance mechanisms constitutes a dereliction of its constitutional duty and calls for urgent judicial intervention.

The plea also says there is no rule to stop airlines from increasing prices based on demand and allowing them such freedom under essential services is unjustifiable.(PTI)

Security Forces

of police, defence and religious installations and install CCTV cameras for surveillance.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is probing several cases allegedly linked to SBN chief Shahzad Bhatti, including the March 2025 grenade attack at the Jalandhar residence of social media influencer Roger Sandhu. The NIA named Bhatti as an absconder, along with another accused, in its April 2026 chargesheet in the case.

Investigators have also linked Bhatti to the November 2025 explosion at the Women Police Station in Sirsa and the January 2026 car-bomb blast at the Baldev Nagar police station in Ambala, both in Haryana.

In the Sirsa case, the NIA named nine people in its chargesheet in May, including Bhatti and Pakistan-based handler Sohail Ahmad alias Sohail Baloch. In the Ambala case, one arrested accused was found to have been in contact with Bhatti.

Shah said the coordinated crackdown demonstrated the security forces’ resolve to dismantle terror networks and prevent cross-border groups from disrupting peace across the country.

“The network also allegedly paid local operatives to conduct reconnaissance of police, defence and religious sites and install closed-circuit television cameras for surveillance,” it said, adding, “Security agencies recovered improvised explosive devices, pistols, live cartridges and closed-circuit television cameras during investigations, while some grenades recovered from the accused bore Pakistan Ordnance Factory markings.”

The statement said the August 12 operation was conducted using a real-time intelligence-sharing mechanism involving central agencies and state police forces. “Investigations into the network and its associates are continuing.”

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SIA Arrests Absconding Narco-Terror Operative After Four Years

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir has arrested an alleged narco-terror operative who had been absconding for nearly four years in connection with a case involving the alleged smuggling of narcotics from across the Line of Control (LoC) and diversion of proceeds from their sale towards terrorist activities.

The accused, identified as Manoj Kumar Bhat alias Pintu, son of P.K. Bhat and a resident of Rehari Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, was arrested during a special operation in Jammu, the SIA said in a statement on Monday.

Bhat was wanted in connection with FIR No. 13/2022, registered by SIA Kashmir on June 3, 2022, concerning an alleged narco-terror conspiracy involving the trafficking of narcotics from across the LoC and channelisation of the proceeds towards financing terrorist activities.

According to the agency, the investigation has uncovered an alleged network involving Pakistan/PoK-based operatives of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM). The SIA alleged that nar-

cotics were trafficked into Jammu and Kashmir, distributed through an established network and the proceeds generated from their sale were subsequently used to sustain terrorist activities.

The agency alleged that Bhat played a role in facilitating the sale and distribution of narcotics in the Jammu division, thereby contributing to the financial pipeline of the wider network.

The investigation has also established alleged links with a resident of Kralteeng, Sopore, and Manzoor Ahmad Khan, son of late Abdul Majeed Khan of Braman Panzala, Baramulla. The SIA alleged that they arranged and facilitated the trafficking of narcotics from PoK, which were subsequently collected, distributed and sold through the network operating in J&K.

The case was initially registered following the recovery of one kilogram of heroin from Zeeshan Ahmad Sofi and Waseem Ahmad Khan at Nowpora, Sopore. Subsequent investigation resulted in the recovery of seven kilograms of poppy straw and four kilograms of poppy

seeds, the agency said.

The SIA further said that 15 grams of heroin had earlier been recovered from the residential premises of Bhat. One motorcycle and electronic gadgets were also seized and are currently undergoing forensic and technical examination.

During the investigation, the SIA filed multiple chargesheets before the competent court against six accused persons: Zeeshan Ahmad Sofi, son of Ghulam Mohammad Sofi, of Muqdam Mohalla, Radbugh Drugmulla, Kupwara; Waseem Ahmad Khan, son of Mohammad Saleem Khan, of Rangai, Uri, Baramulla; Bashir Ahmad Koli, son of late Matu Koli, of Churanda, Uri, Baramulla; Mohammad Ashraf Lone, son of Mohammad Subhan Lone, of Saidpora Rohama, Baramulla; Mohammad Saleem Khan, son of Mohammad Shareef, of Kalgai Ramgai, Uri; and Zafraan Khan, son of Shafi Ullah Khan, of Dawran, Uri.

The agency said the investigation had further revealed the involvement of a broader network allegedly associated with Hizbul Mujahideen and its Paki-

stan/PoK-based handlers.

Bhat had been evading arrest since the registration of the case in 2022. His arrest followed what the SIA described as sustained efforts involving technical surveillance, human intelligence and coordinated investigative measures.

The agency said the arrest was significant in tracing absconders and alleged facilitators, financiers and handlers involved in the network.

In a separate terror-related case, the SIA said it had also secured an Interpol Red Corner Notice against alleged terrorist handler and narco-terror operative Imtiyaz Ahmad Kandoo, whom it accused of being involved in directing and financing terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. Subscribing To Political News Outlets

The agency said the latest arrest could help investigators unravel further layers of the alleged conspiracy, identify additional linkages, trace the financial trail and establish the chain connecting narcotics trafficking with terror financing.

The investigation remains ongoing, the SIA said.

B'pora hosts Exhibition on Scientific Wet Waste Management

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: District Administration Bandipora, in collaboration with Municipal Council Bandipora, organised a Composting Exhibition at the Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, Bandipora, to promote home composting, source segregation and scientific management of wet waste as part of the district's ongoing Swachhta 50-50 initiative.

The exhibition featured live demonstrations and practical solutions for managing wet waste at the household level. Participants were shown how kitchen and other organic waste could be processed through suitable technologies to generate useful outputs, including biogas and manure, with the residual manure being suitable for use in orchards and other agricultural activities.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, said that the District Administration had been conducting a series of activities on waste management to build awareness and prepare citizens for the next phase of Swachhta 50-50. She informed that, from September 1, 2026, Block Development Offices and Municipal Council/Urban Local Bodies would stop collecting wet waste from households, making household-level management of wet waste an important part of the district's waste-management strategy.

The Deputy Commissioner said that several companies and organisa-



tions were coming forward with solutions for scientific waste management and stressed that every citizen had a role to play. She said that she is personally monitoring the progress of Swachhta 50-50 on a daily basis and that around 930 teams comprising School Eco Clubs and Anganwadi workers had been created. Each team would engage with 50 households and five shops, focusing on waste segregation, payment of user fees, composting and use of cloth bags.

The DC said that these teams had already covered and sensitised around 39,000 households in the district. For the first phase, the target had been fixed at 40,000 households, while around 87 percent of the baseline survey had been completed. She added that each household had been provided a unique QR code for monitoring and implementation of the initiative. She also cautioned that action would be taken in cases of non-compliance with the prescribed waste-management practices.

The DC said that the District Administration, including the Rural Development Department and Urban Development Department, had been working tirelessly to strengthen the waste-management system and called upon citizens to cooperate fully. Emphasising the importance of individual responsibility, she said that every act of change must begin with one's own self.

Resource persons from the Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA) also participated in the exhibition and sensitised participants about scientific waste management, the importance of source segregation and decentralised processing of wet waste. They explained the properties and functioning of the Aerobin, an insulated high-efficiency composter designed to process kitchen and garden waste into nutrient-rich compost without the need for manual turning.

The exhibition provided visitors an opportunity to learn about different com-

posting methods, including home composting, vermi-composting, earthen-pot composting, leaf composting, community composting and solutions for bulk waste generators. Discussions were also held on practical ways to reduce the quantity of wet waste reaching dumping sites and to convert organic waste into a useful resource.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of all departments, experts and stakeholders involved in organising the exhibition and reiterated that cleanliness and scientific waste management could not be achieved by the administration alone. She called for active participation of citizens, schools, offices, institutions and commercial establishments in making Bandipora cleaner, greener and healthier.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the stalls set up by students, who presented innovative ideas, models and practical solutions for waste management. The DC interacted with the students, appreciated their efforts and encouraged them to continue promoting sustainable waste-management practices in their schools and communities.

The event was attended by DPO ICDS Bandipora Yaar Ali Khan, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Aijaz Ali, Block Development Officers; CEO MC Bandipora; Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat, RTI Activist and environmentalist besides students, officers, officials, representatives and other stakeholders.

DC G'bal reviews preparations for Annual Harmukh Gangbal Yatra

GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Monday chaired a meeting to review the preparations and arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Annual Harmukh Gangbal Yatra-2026.

The meeting held a detailed review of the arrangements being made by various departments, with particular focus on road connectivity, security, accommodation, drinking water, sanitation, healthcare, power supply, traffic management, food supplies, communication and emergency response mechanisms.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to complete all necessary arrangements well in advance and ensure effective inter-departmental coordination. He stressed upon the need for proper



deployment of manpower and magistrates at identified locations to facilitate the smooth movement and management of the yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to ensure adequate arrangements for drinking water, sanitation, toilets and cleanliness along the route and at the camps. He stressed upon maintaining a clean and environmentally responsible yatra, with special emphasis on proper waste disposal and keeping the area free from plastic waste.

The Health Department

was directed to deploy doctors, ambulances and medical teams and ensure adequate availability of medicines, oxygen and other essential medical facilities for timely response.

The Power Development Department was asked to ensure adequate power arrangements, while the concerned agencies were directed to keep communication and telecommunication facilities functional and maintain necessary backup arrangements.

The DC also directed the Forest and Wildlife authorities to ensure that

all arrangements are carried out while safeguarding the ecology and natural environment of the area.

The Rural Development Department was asked to undertake cleanliness drives before and after the yatra and ensure proper disposal of waste generated during the event.

The Police, SDRF and other emergency response agencies were directed to keep rescue and emergency response teams and equipment in readiness and maintain close coordination for prompt response to any unforeseen situation.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to undertake field inspections and ensure that the arrangements are completed within the stipulated timelines. He emphasized that every department must work in close coordination to ensure a safe, secure, clean and hassle-free pilgrimage for the devotees.

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./ Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

S.no.	Name of Work	Location	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR	Class Of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
1.	Survey Demarcation & Boundary Protection (Construction and installation of missing/ fully damaged Boundary Pillar's in Najwon Surfraw Forest, Shutkari Fraw Forest and Sumbal Forest) of Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal Under CAPEX for the Year 2026-27.	1. Najwon-Surfraw Forest of Sindh Range, sindh Forest Division Ganderbal.(No of Boundary Pillars=11 No's) 2. Shutkari Fraw Forest of Sindh Range, sindh Forest Division Ganderbal.(No of Boundary Pillars=43 No's) 3. Sumbal Forest of Sindh Range, sindh Forest Division Ganderbal.(No of Boundary Pillars=37 No's)	5.64	Rs. 11288/-	"C&D" Class PWD Contractor & "B" Class Forest Contractor	Rs. 300/-	60 days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of AA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded

The e-NIT, consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details, can be seen / downloaded from the website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Publishing Date:	17-08 -2026from06:00PM
Download Start Date:	17-08 -2026from06:00PM
Bid submission Start Date:	17-08 -2026 from06:00PM
Bid submission End Date:	25-08 -2026Upto04.00PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	26-08 -2026 at 10:00 AM in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Kashmir Srinagar Circle Srinagar
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after the technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Every participating contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/ Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder. (As per circular No. 01(ADM) FD of 2025 Dated 08-07-2025 of J&K Finance Department).(The participating contractor may disclose his Bank Account as per the format, devised as Annexure- III of the NIT and submit/ upload the same accordingly at the time of submission of the bid).
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and 2% of EMD in the Shape of CDR/ FDR pledged in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer Sindh Forest Division, Ganderbal. The issuance date of the treasury challan and EMD must be in between that date of downloading to bid submission end date. The name of the work or NIT No, S.No. should clearly be mentioned on the treasury challan. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per rule 171of GFR 2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by the successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- which shall be released after successful completion of DLP / maintenance period.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90-days from the date of opening of Technical Bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature.No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/ hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. EMD, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/ Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2026-27, PAN, Valid GST Registration along with latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the preceding quarter with respect to the issuance of e-NIT,, Affidavit cum Undertaking (Notarized along with e-stamp) (Annexure-I), Cost of Tender Document.
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labor Registration Certificate issued by Labor Department after issuance of award of contract.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually otherwise the bid of the bidder shall be rejected.
- Bidder should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded / submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake / not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the contractor / bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division / Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

No. DFO/ Sindh/ Plg/ 2026-27/ 490-96

Dated: 13-08-2026.

DIPK-4624-26

DT: 17/08/2026

Sd/-

Divisional Forest Officer,

Sindh Forest Division

Ganderbal

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR

Email : dydirectorestates@gmail.com, Tel / Fax 0914 - 2502279 / 2502281

E- Bid Document (Auction ID:)

Out-sourcing of "Operation Management" of 1 DBL Bedroom Hut at Reshwari Langate for a period of 03+02 years on License Basis through GeM Portal.

No: Estates / 285 / DTK / 375

dated:- 14 / 08 / 2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, e- bids are invited online through GeM Portal for Outsourcing the "Operation Management" of 1 DBL Bedroom Hut at Reshwari Langate for a period of 03+02-years on License Basis through GeM Portal. The details are as under:

S.No	Particulars	Date/Amount	Remarks
1	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission Start Date	18.08.2026 10:00 AM	Nil
2	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission End Date	25.08.2026 04:00 PM	Nil
3	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Assessment End Date & Time	28.08.2026 04:00 PM	Nil
4	EMD Start Date	31.08.2026 10:00 AM	Nil
5	EMD End Date	01.09.2026 4:00 PM	Nil
6	EMD (Bid Security) Amount in shape of CDR/FDR/DD	Rs. 12,000 /- (Rupees Twelve Thousand Only)	To be pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir.
7	Bid Submission/ Auction Start Date	03.09.2026 10:00 AM	Nil
8	Bid Submission/ Auction End Date & Time	04.09.2026 4:00 PM	Nil
9	Reserve Bid Amount	Rs.1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Twenty Thousand Only)	Nil
10	Bidding Time Extension	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

The e-auction shall be finalized by the Outsourcing Committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir. Reliable./resourceful and experienced agencies/persons, who fulfill the **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** (PRE QUALIFICATION) detailed as under shall only be eligible to participate in the e – bidding process.

PRE – QUALIFICATION (PQ) CRITERIA (TO BE UPLOADED ON GEM PORTAL)

- The bidder should be a domicile of J&K shall upload a valid domicile certificate or state subject.
- The bidder shall have to upload a Character Certificate from the concerned Additional Dy. Commissioner (ADC) / Police Station or alternatively copy of a valid PASSPORT.
- The bidder shall have to upload self-attested PAN Card & Aadhar Card.

Sd/-

Dy. Director Tourism,

Estates.

DIPK-4635-26

DT: 17/08/2026

