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Abrogation Of Art-370
Integrated Kashmir
With India: Amit Shah



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the abrogation of Article 370 had integrated Kashmir with the rest of the country, describing it as one of the major achievements of the Narendra Modi government.

Addressing a gathering ahead of flagging off the 'Run for Unity' in New Delhi on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Shah, said several significant decisions had been taken during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure, including the abrogation of Article 370,

elimination of Naxalism and implementation of the One Nation, One Tax system.

"When we succeed in building a drug-free India, it will be the most significant achievement among all these initiatives for the country's youth and its future," he said.

Shah set December 31, 2029, as the target for making India completely drug-free, saying the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' begins with the creation of a 'Nasha-Mukt Bharat'.

He said India's linguistic, cultural, traditional and religious diversity is its strength and reflected the message of national unity associated with Sardar Patel.

Referring to **P-06**

Ruhullah's Exit Won't
Affect NC: Min Rana

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Minister Javed Ahmed Rana on Saturday said that if National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi decides to leave the party, he would do so alone and his depart-

ure would have no impact on the organisation.

Speaking to reporters in Jammu, Rana, dismissed reports of internal differences within the National Conference following the recent Cabinet expansion, asserting that the party remained **P-06**

NC MLAs' Memorandum
Seeks Cabinet Reshuffle

Intensification Of Struggle For Statehood, Article 370



REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: Legislators of the National Conference (NC), who are up in arms against the party leadership over Tuesday's cabinet reshuffle-cum-expansion, have prepared a memorandum listing a set of demands, including a cabinet reshuffle, intensified efforts for the restoration of statehood

and Article 370, and the time-bound implementation of the party's 2024 election manifesto.

Sources said that the memorandum was drafted during a meeting of 18 NC legislators at the residence of Lolab MLA Qaiser Jamsheed Lone on Friday afternoon.

According to sources, the legislators have called for the time-bound **P-06**

J&K UT Foundation Day

J&K Has Emerged As A Model Of Peace,
Development, Good Governance: LG

Says Article 370 Abrogation Gave Ordinary Citizens Freedom From Fear

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha Saturday extended greetings and best wishes to the people of Jammu Kashmir on the occasion of 8th J&K UT Foundation Day and paid homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated the citizens of Jammu Kashmir and acknowledged the contribution of farmers, teachers, scholars, writers, artists, artisans, traders, workers, security personnel, youth and women in building a prosperous and self-reliant Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the occasion carried special significance as it coincided with the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, whose vision of



national unity continues to inspire the country. He said that the developments of 2019 marked an important chapter in the journey towards integration, equality and development.

"Today is not merely a date; it is a milestone that changed the direction of history and strengthened the foundations of democ-

ocracy. He highlighted that the implementation of grassroots democratic institutions and the conduct of Assembly elections have enhanced public participation and accountability.

"Article 370 abrogation gave ordinary citizens freedom from fear and access to rights denied for decades. Jammu Kashmir has emerged as a model of peace, development and good governance," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Referring to the aspirations of the people, the Lieutenant Governor said that the future of Jammu Kashmir must be shaped by peace, equal opportunities and development.

"The future of Jammu and Kashmir lies not in the shadow of terror, but in the light of peace; not behind the walls of discrimination, but in equal opportunities; and not in stagnation, but in the **P-06**

J&K's 8-Year
Journey Marked
By Progress: LG

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SRINAGAR: Declaring that Jammu and Kashmir's eight-year journey as a Union Territory stands marked by development, peace and progress, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday flagged off the 'Run for Unity' at here and administered the 'Unity Pledge' to participants.

According to the details available, participants reaffirmed their commitment to national unity, integrity and security, as the event marked Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, LG Sinha said, "National Unity Day is being celebrated with **P-06**

NC Will Collapse Like House Of Cards,
Government Won't Last: LoP Sharma

Says Cabinet Expansion Has Fuelled Resentment Among Overlooked MLAs

REHAN QAYOOM

KISHTWAR: Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma on Saturday claimed that growing discontent within the ruling National Conference (NC) following the recent Cabinet expansion could deepen the party's internal crisis and threaten the stability of both the party and the government.

Speaking to reporters in Kishtwar, Sharma, said he had anticipated resentment among MLAs who were not included in the Council of Ministers.

"On the day of the Cabinet expansion itself, I had said this was the beginning of the end. The National Conference will collapse like a house of cards," he said.

Sharma asserted that dissatisfaction within the party extended beyond ministerial berths and



reflected growing opposition to what he described as dynastic politics and family rule.

Referring to reports of a meeting between some disgruntled NC legislators, he said the developments suggested that efforts in that direction may already be underway.

"I believe some activities in that direction may have begun

yesterday," he said, adding that neither the government nor the party would remain intact if the situation continued.

Sharma maintained that the Cabinet expansion had triggered resentment among some legislators left out of the ministerial lineup, which could further intensify internal challenges for the ruling party—(KNO)

Omar, Nidhi Announce
Marriage, Share Pictures
Of 'New Journey'



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NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and journalist Nidhi Razdan have announced their marriage, putting an end to months of speculation surrounding their relationship.

The two shared photographs on social media on Saturday, October 31, with Abdullah describing the occasion as the beginning of a "new journey".

"Yesterday, a new journey

began," Abdullah wrote in his social media post, sharing a photograph with Razdan. The announcement followed a private ceremony, according to media reports.

The announcement comes days after rumours circulated about a possible wedding between the two.

Abdullah's marriage announcement comes nearly three months after the Supreme Court dissolved his marriage to his estranged wife, Payal Abdullah, in July 2026, bringing **P-06**

Kashmir's Cold Storages Fill Up As
Apple Growers Bet On Better Prices

Operators Call For Proper Grading, Quality To Prevent Storage Losses

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Cold storage facilities across Kashmir have been fully booked amid encouraging demand for apples this season, with growers hoping for better returns when the stored produce reaches the market in the coming months.

Growers said demand for Kashmiri apples has remained encouraging, raising expectations of favourable prices when the produce kept in cold storage is released for sale. Storing apples, they said, allows them to avoid selling their entire crop during peak harvesting, when large arrivals put pressure on market rates.

"Demand for apples has



remained good this year, which has given growers some hope of better returns. If demand remains strong, it could benefit growers who have invested in storing their produce," Moham-

mad Yousuf, a grower from south Kashmir said.

Abbas Ahmad, a fruit grower from Sirhama Anantnag, said when a large quantity of apples reaches the mar-

kets at the same time, growers often have to sell at whatever rates are available. "By storing a portion of the crop, we can wait for the right time and avoid selling everything under pressure," he said.

Cold storage operators said many orchardists had begun arranging storage space months before the harvesting season, leaving little capacity for those who delayed.

Shahid Ahmad, a cold storage operator, said the experience of last season had prompted operators to pay greater attention to quality and grading. "Last year, some consignments contained mixed grades, and the quality of a portion of the produce deteriorated during storage. **P-06**

No Rebellion In
NC: Showkat Mir

RAJA SYED

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Provincial President Showkat Ahmad Mir on Saturday dismissed reports of rebellion and growing dissent within the party following the recent Cabinet expansion, asserting that the National Conference remains united and legislators are free to raise concerns before the leadership.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in Srinagar, Mir, said a recent meeting of party legislators was merely a friendly gathering ahead of the Darbar Move and had been unnecessarily portrayed as a revolt.

"One of our legislators invited colleagues to his residence for lunch and discussions on the prevailing situation. Some MLAs attended and exchanged views before deciding to nominate senior colleagues to convey their concerns to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. There was no rebellion," he said. **P-06**

After Farooq Abdullah's Pak
Rhetoric, LG Sinha Hits Back

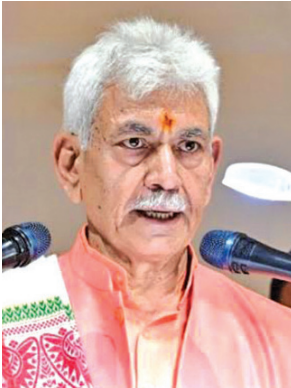
Says J&K Denizens Recognise Elements Who Want To Push J&K Back To Terrorism

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: A week after National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah's remarks on Pakistan triggered a political storm, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday asked why some people speak about neighbouring country instead of highlighting India's achievements.

Addressing the 8th Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Foundation Day function here, LG Sinha, in an apparent reference to the NC President said, "Instead of India, we are talking about a country where there is a line for flour. Instead of India, where the glory of India has been established on every international stage of the world, we are talking about a failed country," LG Sinha said.

He said that people, par-



ticularly in the Kashmir Valley, have recognised those whom he accused of wanting to push Jammu and Kashmir back towards terrorism and violence.

"There is no place in J&K for those whose survival depended on separatism and the conflict industry," he said, adding, "I am pleased that the ordinary people of Jammu and **P-06**

Dry Weather Likely
Across J&K Till Nov 9



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Night temperatures remained below normal at several places in Kashmir, with Shopian recording the lowest minimum temperature of 0.5 degrees Celsius, while the Meteorological Department has forecast largely dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till November 9.

According to the forecast, Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 3 degrees Celsius against the normal of 3.7 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam registered 0.2 degrees Celsius against the normal of 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 2.1 degrees Celsius, against the normal of 2.3 degrees Celsius, while Qazigund and Kupwara recorded minimum temperatures of 2.6 and 2.3 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Among other places, Bandipora recorded 3.5 degrees Celsius, Anantnag 3.2 degrees Celsius, Baramulla 4.8 degrees Celsius, Pulwama 1.4 degrees Celsius and Sonamarg 1.1 degrees Celsius.

Shopian recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 0.5 degrees Celsius among **P-06**

Run for Unity organised in Poonch to commemorate Birth Anniversary of Sardar Patel



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POONCH: To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), District Administration and District Police Poonch on Saturday organised a grand “Run for Unity”, witnessing enthusiastic participation from people from all walks of life.

The event was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma in presence of Senior Superintendent of Police Vaibhav Meena. The run commenced here from Government Degree College (GDC) Ground

and culminated at DPL Helipad.

Similar programmes were also organised across all subdivisions and tehsils of the district to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, witnessing enthusiastic participation from officials, police personnel and the general public.

A large number of students from Government Degree College, government and private educational institutions, government officials and members of the general public participated in the ‘Run for Unity,’ demonstrating their commitment to national unity, integrity and solidarity.

The culmination of the

event at DPL Helipad was marked by the singing of the National Song and National Anthem, followed by a solemn Unity pledge, with the participants reaffirming their resolve to uphold the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

A colourful cultural programme on patriotic themes was also presented by the college students, adding to the spirit of national pride and patriotism.

ADDC S. Amarjeet Singh; ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; besides other officers from the Police and District Administration, along with a large number of students and citizens were present.

Five-day workshop on health, road safety, environment begins at NIT

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SRINAGAR: A five-day workshop on health, road safety, environmental awareness and community welfare commenced at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Saturday under the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme.

Organised by the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme Unit in collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering, the workshop will conclude on November 4. It is being held under the theme “Waste to Wealth and Vocal for Local.”

Referring to the theme “Waste to Wealth”, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Anurag Misra, highlighted the need to adopt an interdisciplinary approach towards converting industrial waste into useful resources and developing low-carbon materials.

Emphasising individual responsibility towards environmental protection, the Director urged students to take small but meaningful steps in their daily lives, including reducing electricity consumption, planting trees and adopting sustainable practices.

Referring to the solar-energy initiatives of Professor Solanki of IIT Bombay, he highlighted the potential of renewable energy in reducing dependence on conventional



resources.

Dr. Jitendra Gurjar is the Nodal Officer of the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme, while Dr. H. S. Pali and Dr. Jitendra Gurjar are serving as the Programme Coordinators.

Registrar Prof. Atikur Rahman underlined the importance of taking awareness initiatives beyond classrooms and connecting academic activities with the needs of society. He stressed that programmes focusing on health, road safety and environmental protection can help develop a stronger sense of civic responsibility among students.

Expert lectures on road safety were delivered by Dr. P. K. Agrawal, Professor at MANIT Bhopal, and Prof. M. S. Mir of NIT Srinagar, focusing on responsible road behaviour, traffic discipline and public awareness to prevent accidents. The programme also included a yoga session.

Dr. Jitendra Gurjar, Nodal Officer, Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme (VBYCP), acknowledged the valuable support and contribution

of Prof. J. A. Bhat, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, towards the successful organisation of the programme.

Dr. Jitendra also highlighted the relevance of the workshop's theme, particularly the need to promote responsible waste management and transform waste into valuable resources.

On November 1, a Dhanwantri medical camp will be organised in collaboration with a delegation of doctors from Maharashtra-based Hum Trust. The schedule includes a medical camp and first-aid awareness sessions for students, faculty and staff, followed by a special health awareness session on medical issues concerning girls, to be conducted by female doctors.

The third day, November 2, will focus on environmental awareness, with sessions on sustainable practices and waste management. On November 3, participants will attend an expert lecture on “Vocal for Local”, highlighting the importance of promoting indigenous products and local initiatives.

CUK organizes Run for Unity, integrity pledge

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GANDERBAL: Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) organised a Run for Unity and integrity pledge-taking ceremony on Saturday to mark Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of India's political integration, at varsity's Tulmulla campus. The pledge taking ceremony was organised across all the campuses of the university.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, led the Run for Unity along with Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, Registrar, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Dean DSW, Dr. Jehirul Islam, Heads and Coordinators of Departments, faculty members, research scholars and students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the university, reaffirming its commitment to the ideals of national unity and integrity.



Addressing the participants, Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath said that India is a country of immense diversity, with people belonging to different cultures, traditions, languages and backgrounds, yet the nation remains united by a common identity and shared values. He emphasized that India's strength lies in its ability to bring together diverse communities and traditions under one national identity. Despite these differences, he said, India stands united, reflecting the enduring spirit of ‘unity in diversity’.

Describing Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as a towering figure in India's history, the Vice-Chancellor said his

vision, determination and leadership played a historic role in unifying the country after Independence. Prof. A Ravinder Nath called upon the faculty and students to draw inspiration from Patel's life and work towards strengthening the nation through dedication, discipline, mutual respect and a strong sense of responsibility. He urged them to rise above narrow considerations and contribute meaningfully to the country's progress and development.

The Vice Chancellor later administered Integrity Pledge and Vigilance Pledge (in connection with the Vigilance Awareness Week) to the participants.

MY Bharat B'pora organises District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament

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BANDIPORA: MY Bharat Bandipora, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organised the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament at HKM Government Degree College, Bandipora, witnessing enthusiastic participation from over 125 students who registered for the event.

The programme was graced by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, as the Chief Guest.

The Deputy Commissioner, interacted with the students and appreciated the students' debate performances, emphasised research-based thinking,



and highlighted the importance of book reading in shaping young minds. Recalling Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on National Unity Day, she stressed that differences of opinion should never divide people.

On the occasion, the DC encouraged students to participate in Nun Chai

Talks, visit the Waqar Knowledge and Youth Empowerment Centre, and pursue careers based on their interests.

The DC felicitated the participating students and appreciated their enthusiasm, active participation and commitment to shaping a progressive and

developed India.

The central theme of the Youth Parliament was “One Nation, One Election”, which provided a platform for young minds to engage in meaningful deliberations on an important issue of national significance. Participants shared their perspectives, articulated arguments and engaged in healthy discussions, reflecting their awareness of India's democratic framework and governance processes.

Padma Shri awardee Faisal Ali Dar attended the event as the Special Guest and appreciated the growing enthusiasm and participation of youth in sports. A representative of the civil society also lauded

the District Administration's sustained efforts towards promoting cleanliness, development and public welfare.

Srijan Singh Patel, District Youth Officer, Bandipora, highlighted the vision of MY Bharat and the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament initiative, emphasising the importance of providing young citizens with platforms to express their views, develop leadership qualities and contribute meaningfully to national conversations.

Through such initiatives, MY Bharat continues to empower young people by creating opportunities for participation, dialogue and leadership in the nation's development journey.

DIPR Jammu staff takes National Unity Pledge on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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JAMMU: To observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Jammu Saturday organised the National Unity Pledge Taking Ceremony here at the Directorate office premises. The Day coincides with the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India.

Deputy Director Infor-

mation (PR) Moksha Dogra administered the pledge to officers and officials, who resolved to dedicate themselves towards strengthening the spirit of harmony, brotherhood and national integration.

Deputy Director Ashu Kumari (HQ), Culture Officer Rajinder Kumar Digra, Field Publicity Officer Mohit Sharma, besides other officers and staff members of the department joined the pledge ceremony.

DC B'pora reviews facilities at DH, emphasises Hygienic Food Services

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (dC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, Saturday visited District Hospital Bandipora to assess ongoing infrastructure development aimed at improving the convenience of patients, attendants and hospital staff.

During the visit, the DC reviewed the establishment of a prefabricated cafeteria at District Hospital Bandipora, being developed at an allotted cost of ₹18.32 lakh. The cafeteria is envisaged to operate round the clock (24x7), with the objective of providing hygienic and quality food to doctors, patients, attendants and other hospital staff.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of ensuring proper ventilation in the cafeteria

and directed the concerned authorities to maintain a proper diet chart for children and post-caesarean women to facilitate access to appropriate and nutritious food.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need to ensure cleanliness, hygiene and proper management of facilities at the hospital, with a focus on providing a better experience for patients, attendants and healthcare professionals.

On the occasion, the DC directed the Medical Superintendent, District Hospital Bandipora, to install an LED display board in front of the hospital store to prominently display the availability of medicines and information regarding doctors, enabling patients and attendants to access relevant information conveniently.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrated in Handwara with “Run for Unity” Rally



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KUPWARA: The Sub-Divisional Administration Handwara including Handwara Police organised a “Run for Unity” rally to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), celebrating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, and reaffirming the spirit of national unity, integrity and solidarity.

The programme was headed by ADC Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi, SSP Hanwara, Sajjad Khaliq Bhat and other Police and civil officials.

The rally commenced from Chotipora T-Junction and proceeded through the Handwara Bypass Road, culminating at the Environmental Hall, Handwara.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, highlighting the importance of unity, communal harmony and collective responsibility in strength-

ening the nation.

This programme was attended by thousands of local people including students, Traders, Transporters, Civil Society members including different Govt departments across sub Division Handwara.

Upon reaching the Environmental Hall, participants reaffirmed their commitment to upholding the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

The initiative by the Sub-Divisional Administration Handwara aimed to spread the message of national integration, promote a sense of patriotism among citizens and inspire people to work together for the progress and prosperity of the country.

The celebration concluded with a renewed commitment to the ideals of unity, peace and brotherhood, reflecting the enduring legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and his contribution to the unification of India.

Run for Unity' Rally in Anantnag witnesses massive public participation

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ANANTNAG: To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the ‘Iron Man of India’, and mark Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), the District Administration Anantnag Saturday organised a grand ‘Run for Unity’ rally, witnessed massive public participation and patriotic fervour.

The programme commenced from Sports Stadium Anantnag and culminated at Government Degree College (GDC), Anantnag.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, along with DIG, SKR, Javaid Iqbal Matoo and SSP Anantnag, Amod Ashok Nagpure led the Run for Unity, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and officials of the civil and police administrations, besides students, youth and general public.



Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag highlighted the significance of the occasion and the invaluable contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation. He emphasised that national unity and integrity are the cornerstones of a strong, peaceful and progressive nation.

He further observed that India's strength lies in its unity in diversity and that every citizen has an important responsibility in safeguarding the sovereignty, integrity and democratic values of the nation.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the importance of engaging youth in constructive activities. He called upon the younger generation to become ambassadors of peace, harmony and brotherhood and contribute towards building an inclusive and progressive society.

On the occasion, participants also took the National Unity Pledge with commitment to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, mutual respect and communal harmony among all citizens.

District Admin Budgam Celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with ‘Run for Unity’ Rally

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BUDGAM: The District Administration, Budgam, Saturday celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour by organising a ‘Run for Unity’ rally to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose vision and leadership played a pivotal role in the unification of India.

The rally was led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatinder Kishore, and witnessed enthusiastic participation by hundreds of people, including local residents, particularly youth, school-children and people from various walks of life.

SSP Budgam, Hariprasad KK, Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, and other senior officers from the civil and police administrations also participated in the rally, reflecting their collective commitment to promoting



national unity, harmony and integrity.

The rally commenced from Karipora Bridge and culminated at Railway Station Budgam, with participants enthusiastically joining the initiative to uphold the spirit of Ekta and contribute towards building a united, peaceful and progressive nation.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner administered the Ekta Pledge, during which participants reaffirmed their commitment to preserving the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the overwhelming public participation, particularly

the enthusiasm displayed by students and youth. He said that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed every year on October 31 to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose vision, leadership and invaluable contribution to the unification of the country continue to inspire generations.

The DC emphasised that the occasion serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to strengthen national unity, integrity and social harmony. He urged people, particularly the younger generation, to uphold the values of mutual respect, brotherhood and togetherness and contribute meaningfully towards nation-building.

G'bal admin observes National Unity Day with grand 'Run for Unity'

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GANDERBAL: In a spirited observance of National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the District Administration Ganderbal Saturday organized a grand ‘Run for Unity’ march as the primary highlight of the day's celebrations.

The Run for Unity March commenced from the lawns of the DC Office Complex, Ganderbal, and concluded at Qamariya Ground. The march was led by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shreya Singhal, and joined by SSP Ganderbal, Harshal Rajesh Mahajan, ADC Ganderbal, ADDC Gander-

bal, ACR Ganderbal, DFO Sind Forest Division, and other district and sectoral officers.

A diverse cross-section of society participated in the march, including officers and officials from all government departments, students, teachers and the general public. The march was enlivened by pipe bands from JKP Ganderbal and J&K Sainik School Manasbal.

Following the march, a grand assembly gathered at Qamariya Ground, where DC Ganderbal administered the National Unity Pledge to all participants, pledging the district's collective commitment to upholding the unity, integrity, and secu-

rity of the nation.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the event, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the district is celebrating the event on the lines of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to uphold the values and legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. She expressed gratitude to all participants, students, officials, and civil society members for their active involvement. She further informed the media that similar programs and pledge-taking ceremonies are being organized at the sub-division, tehsil, and block levels across district Ganderbal so that the spirit of unity reaches every far corner of the district.

Advisor Wani calls for public-private partnership to strengthen education ecosystem

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NEW DELHI: Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Saturday called for greater collaboration between the government and private educational institutions, rationalisation of resources and renewed focus on skill-based education to strengthen the education ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at the 13th School Choice National Conference in New Delhi, Nasir Aslam Wani said healthcare and education remain the foremost priorities of the Government. He emphasised that education must not only impart knowledge but also equip youth with skills and enhance their employability.

Highlighting the extensive network of Government schools in even the remotest areas of J&K, the Advisor said investment in physical infrastructure alone was not sufficient. He called for greater focus on human resource development, rationalisation of teacher deployment and addressing disparities in teacher-student ratios. He underscored the need to improve enrolment and retention,



particularly in rural areas where dropout rates remain a concern.

Calling for collective efforts, he said government and private schools should complement rather than compete with each other. He advocated developing a mechanism for sharing infrastructure and resources between public and private institutions, including utilisation of surplus classrooms to ensure optimum use of existing facilities and improve enrolment.

Emphasising the significance of the National Education Policy (NEP), the Advisor said skill-based and vocational education was essential, particularly for children from economically weaker sections, to enhance their employ-

ability and prepare them for the job market. He highlighted the government's Ease of Doing Business initiative and its trust-based approach towards simplifying procedures and encouraging private participation.

Referring to the opening up of opportunities for private universities in J&K, he invited investors and educational institutions to explore possibilities of establishing higher education institutions in the Union Territory. He expressed confidence that stronger public-private partnerships, improved resource utilisation and greater emphasis on employability would help build an inclusive, accessible and sustainable education ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Bank bags top CGTMSE Award for highest guarantee coverage in J&K, Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: In recognition of its contribution to expanding access to collateral-free credit for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), J&K Bank has been honoured by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) for "Highest Guarantee Coverage (Number) in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh".

Divisional Head (Rest of India) Riaz Ahmed Wani received the award on behalf of the Bank, accompanied by Zonal Head (Mumbai) Irfan Kawoosa and Incharge GSGD (CHQ) Vikas Aithmia. The award was presented at the Member Lending Institutions (MLI) Felicitation Ceremony 2026, organised



by CGTMSE in Mumbai, to honour the outstanding contribution of its MLIs towards widening access to collateral-free credit for MSEs.

Welcoming the recognition, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said, "We thank CGTMSE for recognizing the Bank's efforts to widen access to enterprise credit in Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakh. I congratulate our staff, particularly our colleagues in operations, whose diligence in processing proposals, securing guarantee coverage and supporting borrowers has been central to this achievement."

Underscoring the strategic significance of guarantee-backed lending, he said, "Expanding access

to collateral-free credit is strategically important for strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. CGTMSE coverage helps us support viable enterprises whose promoters may have the ability and commitment to build a business but lack collateral. By extending this support to more eligible

entrepreneurs, we aim to deepen awareness of guarantee-backed credit and strengthen its delivery across our operational network so that more eligible micro and small enterprises can access the finance they need to establish, sustain and expand their businesses," he added.

The recognition reinforces the Bank's focus on using credit guarantee mechanisms to broaden formal credit access and support a more inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

HED felicitates Shamim Firdous on appointment as Education Minister



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SRINAGAR: Secretary in Higher Education Department, Shafqat Iqbal and Director Colleges, Professor Twinkle Suri, along with officers and officials of the Higher Education Department, Saturday felicitated Shamim Firdous on her appointment as Minister for Education.

On the occasion, the Secretary and Director Colleges extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the newly appointed Minister. They expressed confidence that her leadership and vision would provide fresh momentum to the growth, development and transformation of the education sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shafqat Iqbal reaffirmed the Department's commitment to work in close coordination with the Minister and implementing key educational initiatives aimed at strengthening

the higher education ecosystem across the Union Territory.

Professor Twinkle Suri highlighted the importance of promoting academic excellence, institutional development, research and innovation, skill-oriented education, digital transformation and, above all, student welfare.

She also emphasised the need to further the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, strengthen Government Degree Colleges, enhance the quality of teaching and learning, and expand meaningful educational and skill-development opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The officers and officials of the Higher Education Department conveyed their best wishes to the Minister. They expressed resolve to work collectively towards building a more vibrant, inclusive and progressive higher education system in the Union Territory.

MLA Kokernag inaugurates Cooperative Mini Super Bazar at Utersoo



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ANANTNAG: The MLA Kokernag, Chaudhary Zafar Ali Khatana, Saturday inaugurated the Cooperative Mini Super Bazar at Utersoo, Anantnag.

The mini super bazar belongs to the Kuthar Bala Sale & Service Cooperative Society Ltd. and was established by the Cooperative Department at a Construction cost of Rs 55 lakh through Capital expenditure.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the presence of Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Anantnag, Muzaffar Ahmad Beigh, along with the Assistant Registrars Cooperative Societies of District Anantnag, Board of Management and members of the society, local residents and other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA congratulated the management and members of the Kuthar Bala Sale & Service Cooperative Soci-

ety Ltd. on establishment of the new venture.

He said that the Mini Super Bazar will provide quality goods and daily-use items to the people of the area at fair and affordable prices, and will help strengthen the cooperative movement at the grassroots level. He also stressed the role of cooperatives in generating self-employment opportunities and promoting local economic growth.

The Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Anantnag, Muzaffar Ahmad Beigh, said that the Department is committed to supporting cooperative societies in diversifying their activities and expanding services for the benefit of the community.

The Mini Super Bazar will provide convenient access to essential commodities for the residents of Utersoo and adjoining areas, while also strengthening the financial position of the society.

Sakeena Itoo convenes public outreach camp at D.H. Pora; distributes solar lights

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KULGAM: Minister for Health & Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, Saturday convened a public outreach camp at Nagnard, D.H. Pora, Kulgam, to take stock of public issues and assess the developmental needs of the area.

The Minister, accompanied by officers of various departments, listened to issues of public importance raised by community members including demands related to civic amenities and welfare.

Interacting with the people, Sakeena Itoo underscored the importance of unity and collective efforts in ensuring holistic development of the area. She assured that all their genuine demands would be addressed in a



phased manner.

She said road connectivity would be extended to far-flung areas and necessary steps would be taken to provide healthcare and education facilities through establishment of a dispensary, upgradation of the existing Middle School and improvement of mobile network connectivity.

The Minister directed the concerned departments to identify and address the highlighted issues on priority and ensure timely

redressal of public grievances. She stressed that the benefits of government schemes and developmental initiatives must reach the deserving population.

On the occasion, the Minister distributed 106 solar lights among local residents.

The camp was attended by SDM Noorabad, CMO Kulgam, CAO Kulgam, CEO Kulgam, CHO Kulgam, Tehsildar D.H. Pora, XEN PWD (R&B) D.H. Pora, AD FCS&CA Kulgam and CDPO D.H. Pora.

J&K Tourism Bags Two Prestigious Awards at IITM Mumbai

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MUMBAI: Jammu and Kashmir Tourism has added another feather to its cap by winning two prestigious honours at the India International Travel Mart (IITM) in Mumbai. The J&K was adjudged the Best Adventure Tourism Destination and Best Experiential Tourism Destination, recognising its growing popularity and immense potential as a premier destination for adventure, nature-based and experiential tourism in the country.

The awards were received by Waseem Raja, Joint Director, Tourism Kashmir, on behalf of the Department of Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir.

The recognition reflects the increasing popularity of Jammu and Kashmir among domestic travellers and its growing reputation as a destination offering diverse adventure activities, immersive travel experiences and breathtaking natural landscapes.

IITM is a prominent tourism promotion event organised across various states of the country, bringing together tourism



departments, travel operators and other industry stakeholders on a common platform. J&K Tourism participated in the event alongside several states, including Gujarat and Telangana, as well as private tourism stakeholders.

The J&K Tourism pavilion attracted an overwhelming response from local tour operators, travel agents and tourism stakeholders from Maharashtra. Hundreds of visitors reportedly visited the pavilion during the two-day event, showing keen interest in the tourism potential and diverse travel experiences offered by Jammu and Kashmir.

The J&K Tourism delegation comprised Waseem Raja, Joint Director, Tour-

ism Kashmir, and Vivek Puri, Chief Executive Officer, Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority.

During the two-day event, the delegation held detailed interactions and meetings with prominent tour operators and tourism stakeholders from Maharashtra to explore avenues for strengthening tourism promotion, expanding travel partnerships and attracting more visitors to Jammu and Kashmir.

The double recognition at IITM Mumbai is expected to further enhance Jammu and Kashmir's visibility in the national tourism market and strengthen its position as a preferred destination for adventure, nature-based and experiential tourism.

Div Com Jammu reviews City Action Plan under NCAP

Stresses coordinated efforts for cleaner, greener Jammu

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Vikas Kundal, who is also the Chairman of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), Saturday chaired a meeting at his office chamber to review the City Action Plan for 2026-27.

During the meeting, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Ayushi Sudan, briefed the Chair about the proposed infrastructure improvement projects and ongoing initiatives under the City Action Plan, with particular focus on road improvement, pavement development, urban beautification, creation of green spaces and measures to mitigate dust pollution.

The JMC Commissioner apprised the meeting of various projects undertaken under the plan, including road improvement and pave-



ment development works. The status of completed projects and proposed interventions for further strengthening urban infrastructure were also discussed.

The meeting held detailed deliberations on upgrading existing infrastructure, including roads, pavements and public spaces, besides the development of parks, plantation and landscaping to enhance green cover and provide improved recreational facilities to the public.

The proposed initiatives also include improvement of the existing Tawi River-

front infrastructure and strengthening of the drainage interception system. The meeting was informed about the functioning of the Intermediate Pumping Station and the progress achieved in intercepting drains to ensure better wastewater management.

Development of public spaces, including parks and parking facilities, was also discussed, with emphasis on optimum utilisation of available land, improvement of public amenities and ensuring greater accessibility for the community.

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EDITORIAL

Education Needs Quality, Not Just Buildings

Jammu and Kashmir’s education system needs a serious rethink. Building schools and adding infrastructure are important, but they mean little if classrooms lack adequate teachers, students lose interest in studies and young graduates struggle to find employment. Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, while speaking at the 13th School Choice National Conference in New Delhi, has rightly stressed the need for better coordination between government and private schools, proper utilisation of resources and greater focus on skill-based education.

Government schools have reached even the remotest corners of J&K, yet questions remain about the quality of education being delivered. Some institutions face staff shortages while others have surplus resources. This imbalance needs to be addressed through rational deployment of teachers rather than allowing available manpower to remain underutilised. The declining interest in government schools and concerns over student retention, particularly in rural areas, also deserve attention. Parents do not look for buildings alone; they want quality teaching, discipline and a learning environment that prepares their children for the future. Private and government institutions should therefore complement each other. Sharing facilities, laboratories and other resources could help improve the overall standard of education, provided such arrangements remain transparent and do not place an additional burden on poor families.

Equally important is the need to move beyond a degree-oriented education system. Every year, thousands of young people complete their studies, but many lack the practical skills required in the job market. Vocational education, technical training and skill development must become an integral part of schooling rather than remain limited to policy announcements. Opening doors for private universities can bring fresh investment and opportunities to J&K, but affordability and academic standards must not be overlooked. Education should remain an instrument of social progress, not become a privilege available only to those who can afford it.

The real measure of educational reform will not be the number of schools constructed or universities established, but how many children receive quality education and how effectively that education prepares them for life. Jammu and Kashmir needs classrooms that produce capable individuals, not merely certificate holders.

Kashmir’s Apple Growers Deserve Quality Pesticides, Not Uncertainty



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For thousands of families in Kashmir, apple cultivation is not simply an agricultural activity; it is the foundation of their livelihood, a source of employment and an investment that sustains generations. Behind every apple harvested from an orchard lies months of hard work, financial expenditure, careful planning and considerable uncertainty. Yet, despite the dedication of orchardists and their efforts to protect their crops, many continue to face a recurring concern: the availability and quality of pesticides and fungicides in the market.

An orchardist begins preparing for the agricultural season with considerable expectations. From pruning trees and maintaining orchards to applying fertilisers, managing irrigation and following recommended spray schedules, every stage requires attention and investment. Farmers spend a substantial amount on pesticides and fungicides, often purchasing products on the advice of dealers or agricultural experts. Their expectation is straightforward: the chemicals they purchase should be genuine, effective and capable of providing the protection for which they are intended.

However, concerns about substandard, misbranded and ineffective agricultural chemicals have continued to surface in Kashmir. For an orchardist, the consequences can be serious. Even after following the prescribed schedule and spending considerable money on crop protection, diseases such as apple scab, Alternaria and other fungal infections may continue to affect trees and fruit. The result is not merely a disappointing harvest; it can mean a substantial financial setback for an entire family.

The issue deserves attention because it is not entirely without precedent. In February 2025, reports emerged that the Agriculture Department’s quality control laboratory had declared two commonly used pesticide products misbranded following laboratory testing. Authorities ordered their seizure



from the market. Such developments raise an important question about the effectiveness of quality-control mechanisms and the extent to which farmers can trust the agricultural products available to them.

More recently, official data reported in March 2026 indicated that 190 pesticide samples had been found misbranded or non-standard out of 10,222 samples analysed over two years, with 149 prosecutions initiated in Jammu and Kashmir. These figures underline the importance of sustained inspections and stronger enforcement. They also demonstrate why quality assurance cannot be treated as a routine administrative exercise.

The problem, however, needs to be understood from all angles. Not every disease outbreak in an orchard is necessarily the result of substandard pesticides. Weather fluctuations, prolonged rainfall, humidity, incorrect application, inappropriate spray schedules, chemical resistance and inadequate disease identification can also affect the effectiveness of crop protection measures. Therefore, scientific assessment is essential before attributing a particular crop loss to the quality of a chemical product.

Nevertheless, these factors should not diminish the responsibility of manufacturers, distributors and sellers to ensure that farmers receive genuine and standard products. An orchardist who pays the full market price for a pesticide has every right to expect that the product contains the declared active ingredient, meets prescribed quality standards and has been stored and handled properly.

Another concern is the dependence

of many farmers on pesticide dealers for technical advice. While several dealers provide useful guidance, the diagnosis of plant diseases and selection of appropriate chemicals should ideally be supported by qualified horticulture experts. A product suitable for one disease or stage of crop development may not be appropriate for another. Farmers need accessible scientific guidance rather than having to make decisions through trial and error.

The government and concerned departments must therefore strengthen the monitoring of the entire pesticide supply chain. Regular inspections should extend beyond retail outlets to wholesalers, distributors and supply points. Random sampling should be conducted throughout the agricultural season, and laboratory results should be made publicly accessible. Where products are found to be misbranded or substandard, action should not remain limited to the seizure of a particular batch. The source of supply, distribution network and accountability of the concerned parties must also be examined.

There is also a need to establish an effective complaint and response mechanism. If an orchardist suspects that a pesticide has failed to perform or has caused damage to trees and fruit, there should be a simple procedure for reporting the matter. Samples should be collected promptly, orchards inspected by qualified experts and laboratory findings communicated to the affected farmers without unnecessary delay. Such a mechanism would help distinguish between chemical-quality issues, incorrect

application and disease-related factors. Agricultural universities, particularly SKUAST-Kashmir, along with the Horticulture and Agriculture Departments, have an important role in this regard. Scientific advisories must reach orchardists in accessible language and at the appropriate time. Regular awareness programmes, village-level demonstrations and direct interaction with farmers can help improve disease identification, pesticide selection and responsible application.

Equally important is the need to encourage farmers to purchase pesticides from authorised dealers, insist on proper bills, check manufacturing and expiry dates and follow scientifically recommended doses. Farmers should also be encouraged to retain product packaging and batch details whenever they suspect a quality-related problem.

Kashmir’s apple economy cannot afford to leave orchardists struggling with uncertainty every agricultural season. The sector has considerable potential, but its sustainability depends on more than favourable weather and productive trees. It requires reliable agricultural inputs, scientific support, effective regulation and confidence in the market.

An orchardist invests not only money but also an entire year of labour, patience and hope in the expectation of a healthy crop. When diseases continue to damage apples despite substantial expenditure on their protection, the concerns of farmers deserve to be heard and investigated. The objective should not be to discourage the use of pesticides or question every product available in the market. Rather, it should be to ensure that every chemical sold to a farmer meets the required standards and delivers what its label promises.

Ultimately, protecting an apple orchard begins long before the fruit reaches the market. It begins with protecting the farmer’s investment, ensuring the quality of agricultural inputs and establishing a system in which accountability is as important as production. Kashmir’s orchardists deserve more than assurances. They deserve genuine products, scientific guidance and a dependable system that protects the fruits of their year-long labour.

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Law That Needs Reconsideration

Should Restrictions On Agrarian Land Reforms Continue?



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Land is not merely an immovable asset in Jammu and Kashmir; it is a source of livelihood, financial security, social identity and inheritance. For generations, families have depended on agricultural land not only for cultivation but also as a means of meeting financial emergencies, arranging education for their children, constructing houses and supporting other essential needs. However, restrictions imposed under the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, have continued to influence the manner in which certain categories of agricultural land can be transferred.

Among those particularly concerned are landowners whose rights and interests are connected with proceedings under Sections 7 and 12 of the Act. Many such people believe that the restrictions affecting the execution of sale deeds and mortgages have outlived their original purpose and deserve reconsideration by the government.

The issue raises an important question: should restrictions introduced in the context of agrarian restructuring several decades ago continue unchanged, or is it time to examine whether the law requires a more practical and balanced approach?

Before demanding a change, it is important to understand the statutory framework. Section 7 of the Agrarian Reforms Act deals with the resumption of land by an ex-landlord for bona fide personal cultivation, subject to prescribed conditions. Section 12 provides for private agreements between an ex-owner, an ex-intermediary, where applicable, and a prospective owner.

The specific prohibition on the transfer of ownership rights is addressed under Section 28-A, which was substituted through the 2020 amendment. It restricts the transfer of land in which ownership rights have vested under the Act, subject to specified exceptions. These include transfer after the expiry of fifteen

years in qualifying cases, grant of lease, contract farming and simple mortgage for securing loans for improvement of land. Section 28 also contains restrictions concerning prospective owners.

This distinction is important because not every parcel associated with Sections 7 and 12 necessarily carries identical restrictions. The legal status of each parcel must be examined according to the relevant provision, revenue record and applicable amendments.

The Agrarian Reforms Act was introduced with an important social objective: restructuring the agrarian system, protecting cultivators and ensuring a more equitable distribution of agricultural land. Its historical contribution cannot be overlooked. However, laws must also be examined in the context of changing circumstances. The economic and social conditions of Jammu and Kashmir today are considerably different from those prevailing in the 1970s.

Many families whose land rights were determined under the Act have since passed through several generations. Their successors are now educated, employed in different sectors and increasingly dependent on alternative sources of income. Agriculture is no longer the only means of livelihood for a large section of rural households. For such families, land has become an important financial asset. They may wish to sell a portion of their legally recognised property to meet medical expenses, finance their children’s higher education, establish a business or purchase residential accommodation.

Similarly, the inability to offer eligible agricultural land as security for ordinary bank loans can create difficulties for families seeking financial assistance. Although the Act provides a limited mortgage exception for specified purposes, landowners seek a broader and more practical arrangement.

The question is not whether

agrarian reforms should be undone. Rather, it is whether people who have lawfully acquired ownership rights should continue to face restrictions that may prevent them from making reasonable economic decisions about their property. Ownership and the right to transfer property are closely connected, although they are not necessarily identical in law. A person may have his name recorded as an owner in the revenue records, inherit the property and enjoy possession, yet remain subject to statutory restrictions on its transfer.

This situation creates confusion among ordinary landowners. Many approach revenue offices and registration authorities believing that their ownership documents are sufficient to execute a sale deed or mortgage. They subsequently discover that the nature of the land and the provisions under which ownership was vested impose additional restrictions. There is also a need for greater public awareness. The Revenue Department should issue clear guidelines explaining which categories of land are transferable, which are subject to restrictions and which statutory exceptions are available.

A transparent mechanism would prevent unnecessary visits to government offices, reduce disputes and help citizens understand their legal rights. Why the government should reconsider the restriction. Landowners who are seeking relaxation argue that a blanket approach to restrictions does not adequately address the circumstances of every family.

A family that received ownership rights through the agrarian reform process decades ago should not necessarily be treated in the same manner as a person attempting to defeat the original objectives of the legislation. There may be genuine cases where a landowner wants to transfer a small portion of land for an urgent financial requirement. There may also be cases where

a mortgage could help a farmer invest in agricultural machinery, irrigation facilities, horticulture or other productive activities. Allowing regulated transactions could potentially improve access to institutional finance and encourage productive investment in rural areas.

At the same time, any relaxation must take account of the possibility of distress sales, land concentration, speculative transactions and the loss of agricultural land. The interests of small farmers, economically weaker households and genuine cultivators must remain protected. Therefore, the demand should be considered through a balanced legislative and administrative approach rather than an indiscriminate removal of every safeguard.

Government of J&K should consider the following measures:

- Review the existing provisions: A committee comprising Revenue Department officials, legal experts, agricultural economists and representatives of affected landowners should examine Sections 7, 12, 28 and 28-A and their practical implications.
- Permit regulated sale deeds: The government may consider allowing transfers of eligible land after verification of ownership, title, possession and compliance with the applicable statutory conditions.
- Facilitate institutional mortgages: Landowners should be considered for permission to mortgage eligible land to recognised banks and financial institutions for genuine personal, agricultural and productive requirements, subject to appropriate safeguards.
- Protect agricultural interests: Restrictions may be retained against speculative purchases, benami transactions, unlawful land concentration and transfers that defeat the original objectives of agrarian reform.
- Simplify the approval process: If permission is required, a time-bound online mechanism should be established, with clear responsibility assigned to the competent revenue authority.
- Clarify the position of inherited land: Special attention should be given to legal heirs who have

inherited land subject to the Act, so that they can understand the extent of their rights and the applicable restrictions.

- Issue village-level awareness guidelines: Revenue authorities should make the legal position accessible to landowners through public notices and simplified guidance.

The purpose of agrarian reform was to bring social and economic justice to rural society. That objective remains relevant. However, justice must also recognise the changing needs of succeeding generations. The government should examine whether the existing restrictions, in their present form, strike the appropriate balance between protecting agricultural interests and respecting the legitimate economic needs of lawful landowners.

The issue deserves consideration by the Revenue Minister, the Financial Commissioner Revenue and the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir. A comprehensive review, followed by appropriate legislative amendments wherever necessary, could provide clarity and relief to affected families. It would be equally important to ensure that any proposed relaxation is not used to undermine the rights of cultivators or compromise the agricultural economy.

The demand is not to reverse the history of land reforms but to ensure that the law moves forward with society. A law introduced to protect the interests of rural people should also remain responsive to their present-day realities. Jammu and Kashmir’s landowners are not asking the government to disregard the importance of agrarian reform. They are seeking a fair opportunity to use their legally recognised property in accordance with changing economic needs and under a transparent legal framework. Perhaps the time has come for the government to revisit this long-standing issue and initiate a meaningful debate on whether the existing restrictions need rationalisation.

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Beyond The Iron Man

Patel's Realism And The Kashmir Challenge



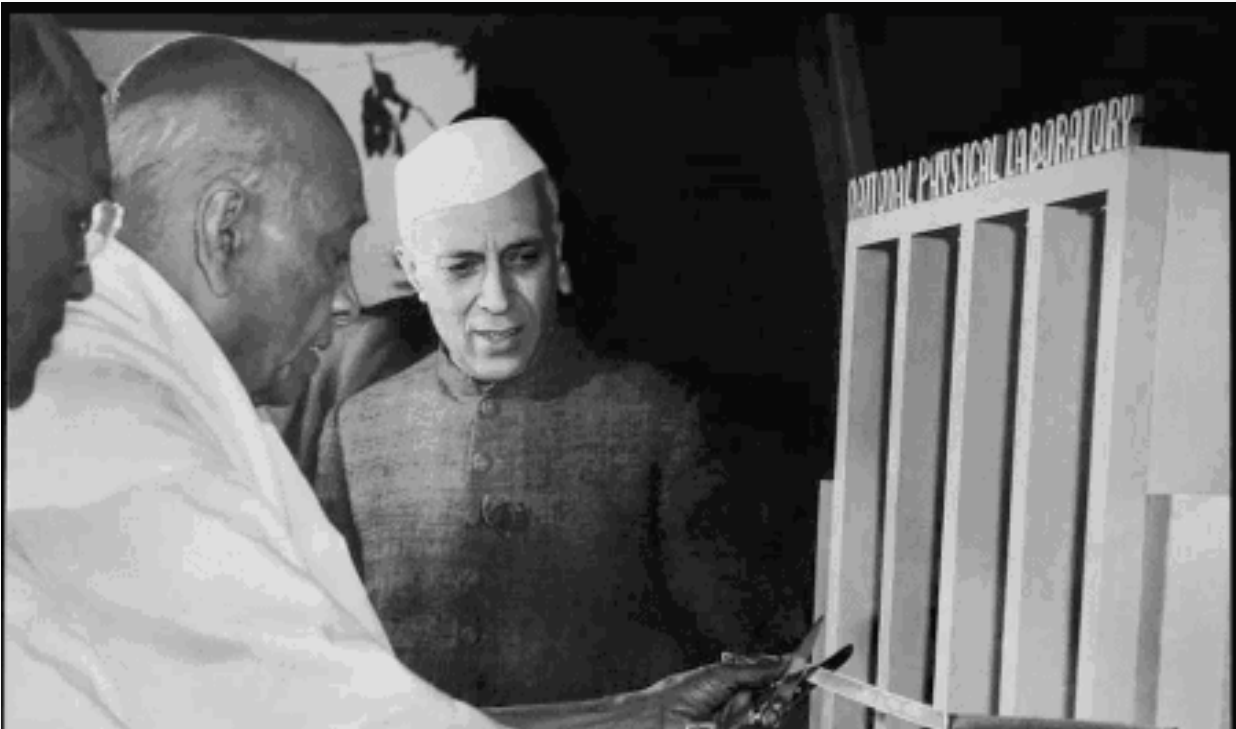
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Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Kashmir chapter remains unfinished in the larger narrative of Indian nation-building. His contribution should neither be exaggerated through imagined historical alternatives nor diminished by ignoring his documented role. The Iron Man helped consolidate the Indian Union during one of its most dangerous formative periods. Kashmir reminds us that the task of national integration is not completed by signing an instrument or defending a boundary. It requires constitutional responsibility, public trust, economic opportunity and a sustained commitment to the dignity of the people. That is the enduring historical question Patel's Kashmir legacy leaves before India. The story of Kashmir's accession to India is one of the most consequential and contested chapters in the history of independent India.

It is also a chapter in which the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel deserves closer historical examination. Remembered as the architect of India's political integration, Patel brought more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union through negotiation, political persuasion and, where circumstances demanded, decisive action. Yet Kashmir presented a different and more complicated challenge. Its geographical position, Muslim-majority population, Hindu ruler, political aspirations and the emerging conflict with Pakistan made it unlike most other princely states. The question is not simply what Patel did for Kashmir but how his political realism, strategic calculations and understanding of national unity influenced the state's destiny.

When British paramountcy ended in August 1947, the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir was ruled by Maharaja Hari Singh. The Maharaja initially sought to maintain independence rather than accede to either India or Pakistan. This position reflected his desire to preserve the autonomy of his kingdom, but it also exposed the state to growing political and military uncertainty. Pakistan and India both had strategic interests in Kashmir, while the internal political situation was complicated by the growing influence of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and the National Conference.

Patel, as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of States, was responsible for the integration of princely states. His approach was generally pragmatic. He recognised that the geographical, economic and political realities of each state had to be considered before a set-



tlement could be achieved. Kashmir, however, was not exclusively under his political supervision. Jawaharlal Nehru, whose ancestral connections with Kashmir and political relationship with Sheikh Abdullah were significant, took a particularly personal interest in the issue. This distinction is essential to understanding the historical record. Patel's engagement with Kashmir had begun even before independence. In 1946, when Nehru planned to visit Kashmir in support of Sheikh Abdullah, who had been imprisoned by the Maharaja's government, Patel was involved in correspondence concerning the political situation. His communications reveal that he was attentive both to the Maharaja's position and to the need for a political settlement. He did not consider the Kashmir question merely a matter of dynastic allegiance; he understood its implications for the emerging Indian Union.

The decisive crisis came in October 1947. On October 22, tribal forces from Pakistan's North-West Frontier region invaded Kashmir. The invasion brought widespread violence and threatened Srinagar. The Maharaja's administration was unable to contain the advancing forces and urgently sought Indian military assistance. On October 26, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to India, which was accepted by Governor-General Lord Mountbatten on October 27. The accession provided the constitutional basis for India's military intervention. Patel was among the principal leaders involved in the emergency response. The decision to send Indian troops to Kashmir was taken by the government after the accession. Indian forces were airlifted to Srinagar on October 27, preventing the immediate capture of the capital. The defence of Srinagar became a defining moment in the early

history of independent India. Patel's commitment to protecting the state's accession was consistent with his larger objective of preserving the territorial integrity of the Union.

The historical significance of Patel's position becomes clearer when Kashmir is compared with Junagadh and Hyderabad. In Junagadh, a Muslim ruler had announced accession to Pakistan despite the state's predominantly Hindu population and geographical location within India. In Hyderabad, the Nizam resisted accession while political violence and the activities of the Razakars intensified the crisis. Patel approached these situations through a combination of negotiation and firmness. His public statements in November 1947 linked the question of Kashmir with the larger principle of resolving disputes over princely-state accession through democratic considerations. However, the idea that Patel was prepared to exchange Kashmir for Junagadh or Hyderabad should not be treated as an established formal agreement. The historical record is more complicated than popular political retellings sometimes suggest.

The relationship between Patel and Sheikh Abdullah was equally important. Nehru regarded Abdullah as a key representative of Kashmiri popular aspirations and believed that his cooperation was indispensable to India's political legitimacy in the Valley. Patel, though more closely associated with the Maharaja's negotiations and the integration of princely states, increasingly recognised that the accession could not be sustained through the ruler's signature alone. Public support and administrative stability were also essential. Nehru's letter to Patel dated September 27, 1947, is particularly revealing. It discussed the deteriorating security situation, the importance of releasing Sheikh Abdul-

lah and the urgency of securing accession before winter isolated the state. The correspondence demonstrates that the two leaders were communicating about the danger well before the invasion.

Patel's contribution did not end with the military crisis of October 1947. He remained involved in the political and constitutional discussions concerning Jammu and Kashmir. The negotiations that eventually led to Article 370 were conducted principally through N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and Sheikh Abdullah's representatives, with Nehru closely involved. Patel's role was significant. The first important meetings took place at his residence in May 1949, with Nehru present. When disagreements arose over the proposed constitutional arrangement, Patel helped secure the support of the Congress leadership for the compromise. His correspondence and the subsequent political developments show that he was not simply an observer of Kashmir's constitutional future. Article 370, as originally framed, reflected the exceptional circumstances under which Jammu and Kashmir had acceded to India. The Instrument of Accession covered defence, external affairs and communications, while the extension of other constitutional provisions involved further consultation and concurrence under the constitutional arrangement. Patel's participation in the negotiations indicates that he was prepared to accept a special constitutional framework as part of the political realities of the time. This is an important historical point because contemporary debates sometimes portray him as categorically opposed to any special arrangement for Kashmir. The documentary record does not support such a simplistic interpretation.

There were, nevertheless, differences between Patel and Nehru over the han-

dling of Kashmir. Patel was reportedly critical of the decision to refer the dispute to the United Nations, the offer of a plebiscite and the ceasefire arrangements that left part of the former princely state under Pakistani control. His preference for a more decisive approach is frequently discussed by historians. Yet the assertion that Patel would certainly have resolved the Kashmir question differently had he been Prime Minister remains a counterfactual proposition, not an established historical fact. The complexities of international diplomacy, military logistics and the political situation within Kashmir would have confronted any Indian government.

Another important dimension of Patel's Kashmir policy was his understanding that national integration must be accompanied by economic and administrative development. In November 1947, his correspondence with Nehru reflected concern about the supply of essential commodities and the economic difficulties confronting Kashmir. Nehru acknowledged the importance of Patel's observations and discussed arrangements for supplying salt, sugar, kerosene and tea, as well as facilitating the movement of Kashmiri produce. This exchange reveals that the Kashmir question was not merely about borders, armies and political sovereignty. It was also about the daily lives and economic security of ordinary people. Patel died on December 15, 1950, before the Kashmir question could reach a lasting political settlement. The subsequent decades witnessed wars, diplomatic confrontations, constitutional controversies, political alienation and repeated attempts at reconciliation. The territorial division of the former princely state remained one of the most enduring consequences of Partition.

Today, discussions about Patel and Kashmir often become entangled in political arguments about what might have happened under different leadership. Such debates can be useful only when they remain grounded in historical documents rather than political mythology. Patel was neither an uninvolved figure nor the sole architect of every decision concerning Kashmir. He was a central member of the leadership that secured the accession, organised the integration of princely states and participated in the constitutional negotiations that followed.

The most meaningful way to assess his relationship with Kashmir is to recognise the combination of realism, firmness and political flexibility that characterised his approach. He understood that territorial unity was indispensable to the survival of the Indian Union, but he also recognised the importance of popular cooperation and administrative stability. His engagement with the Kashmir question offers a lesson in the distinction between securing accession and building enduring political confidence.

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The Future Of Coastal India Under The Shadow Of Cyclones

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A life-giving as the ocean is, its fury can be equally destructive. India's nearly 7,500-kilometer coastline is crucial to the country's economy, trade, fisheries, and tourism. However, these same coastal areas face the threat of cyclones, storm surges, floods, and coastal erosion every year. Cyclone Arnab has once again raised questions about coastal India's vulnerability and disaster management preparedness. The question is not only when and where a cyclone will strike, but also how strong our preparedness is to deal with it. In this era of changing climate, we must now develop strategies to mitigate damage in advance, rather than providing relief after a disaster strikes.

The biggest challenge in dealing with cyclones is predicting their changing nature and intensity. Despite modern technology and improvements in weather forecasting, cyclones often become more powerful in a short period of time, leaving authorities with little time to evacuate people and mobilize relief supplies. Heavy rains, accompanied by strong winds, high sea waves, and flooding rivers can wreak havoc. Climate change and rising sea temperatures have exacerbated this challenge.

Poor infrastructure in coastal areas is also a major problem. During cyclones, power poles collapse, roads become submerged, and communica-



tion services are disrupted. This hampers relief and rescue operations. In many coastal cities, unplanned construction, poor drainage systems, and the expansion of settlements in low-lying areas increase the risk. This makes it a major challenge to not only rescue people during a disaster but also to quickly restore essential services like electricity, water, health, and transportation.

The India Meteorological Department's early warning system has improved, but the challenge remains ensuring that warnings reach everyone in a timely manner. Disseminating information to fishermen at sea, people living in remote villages and small islands is not easy. People often don't take warnings seriously or delay moving to safer locations due to fear of abandoning their homes and live-

lihoods. Therefore, simply issuing warnings is not enough; it's also crucial to educate people about the dangers and how to avoid them.

Cyclones don't affect everyone equally. Poor families, women, children, the elderly, and the disabled are most affected. Families whose livelihoods depend on farming, fishing, or daily wage labor find it difficult to leave their homes and move to safety. They worry about their property, livestock, and jobs. Following a cyclone, fishing ceases, fields become inundated with saltwater, and small businesses come to a halt. This leaves affected families with long-term economic hardship.

The weakening of natural protective shields is also a matter of concern. Deforestation of mangrove forests, destruction of wetlands, and increasing construction on beaches increase

the risk of cyclones. Mangrove forests play a vital role in reducing the force of sea waves and protecting coastal areas. Despite this, natural resources are being damaged in the name of development. Development in coastal areas is necessary, but development at the expense of the environment can become a major threat for the future.

To address these challenges, the first step is to strengthen the early warning system. Along with enhancing the technical capabilities of the Meteorological Department, it is essential to expand satellites, Doppler radar, and marine monitoring systems. Warnings should not be limited to mobile messages. Information should also be disseminated to the public through sirens, community radio, local administration, and panchayats. Warnings should be in the local language and clearly state what to do and where to go.

Additionally, robust infrastructure must be developed in coastal areas. There is a need to increase the number of cyclone shelters, establish safe evacuation routes, and strengthen hospitals, power plants, and drinking water systems for disaster preparedness. Special attention should be paid to the needs of women, children, the elderly, and the disabled in shelters. Regular mock drills can help train people on the right steps to take during a disaster.

The participation of local communities is also essential in disaster management. Panchayats, NGOs, fishermen's associations, and youth

should be involved in disaster management plans. Disaster awareness and first aid training should be provided in schools. Local people have better knowledge of the risks in their areas. Therefore, their participation can make relief and rescue operations more effective.

Damage can also be minimized by working in harmony with nature. Mangrove forests, wetlands, and coastal vegetation should be protected. Uncontrolled construction in sensitive areas should be prohibited, and coastal regulation regulations should be strictly enforced. Furthermore, insurance, financial assistance, and livelihood rehabilitation are essential for fishermen, farmers, and small businesses, so they can recover after a disaster.

Cyclone Arnab has provided an opportunity to understand that while it's impossible to completely avoid natural disasters, their damage can certainly be mitigated through better preparedness. India has made significant progress in weather forecasting and evacuation, but much remains to be done in coastal areas. The need now is not to limit ourselves to relief and rescue, but to create systems that can mitigate damage before a disaster strikes. After all, safe coasts are built not just by strong buildings, but by aware citizens, accountable administration, and a protected environment.

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CRPF Commemorates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with Patriotic Fervour in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Srinagar celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour, commemorating the 151st birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The commemorative events were held across key CRPF locations, including the Group Center (GC) CRPF Srinagar, the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), and HQ Srinagar Sector. The day is observed annually to honour Sardar Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India, recognising



his monumental role as the architect of India's political unity who integrated over 562 princely states into the Indian Union post-Independence.

The programme at GC CRPF Srinagar was presided over by Rajesh Kumar, IPS, Special Director General (SDG), CRPF, J&K Zone. He was joined by Pawan Kumar Sharma, Inspector General, CRPF Srinagar Sector, Vivek Bhandral, Deputy Inspector

General, GC CRPF Srinagar, along with other senior officers and personnel of the Force.

The occasion was marked by a series of activities aimed at promoting national unity, integrity, solidarity, and a sense of collective responsibility towards the nation. The event commenced with floral tributes paid to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, followed by the administration of the National Unity Day Pledge,

where all attendees reaffirmed their commitment to preserving the unity, integrity, and security of the nation.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Rajesh Kumar highlighted the invaluable contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the political integration of the country, emphasising his pivotal role in laying the foundation of a united and strong India. He urged all personnel to uphold the ideals of unity in diversity, mutual respect, discipline, and national service.

The CRPF stated that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas serves as a powerful reminder that the strength of India lies in its unity, diversity, and collective resolve.

Sahitya Akademi, Cultural Bodies Host Grand Symposium on Dr. Aziz Hajini in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In a resounding tribute to a towering stalwart of Kashmiri language literature and culture, a grand symposium dedicated to the life and literary contributions of the late Dr. Aziz Hajini was held today at the Conference Hall Tagore Hall Srinagar.

Jointly organized by the Sahitya Akademi New Delhi in collaboration with Halqa-i-Adab Sonawari and Wahab Cultural Society Hajini, the prestigious literary gathering brought together prominent scholars poets intellectuals and admirers from across the region to honor a visionary leader who shaped modern Kashmiri letters. Notably, the event carried a deeply personal touch as it celebrated the enduring legacy of Dr. Aziz Hajini whose son noted broadcaster Azhar Hajini actively participated in the proceedings.

The day-long event commenced with an insightful inaugural session. The proceedings opened with a warm welcome address by Shakir Shafi President of Halqa-i-Adab Sonawari. This was followed by a comprehensive keynote address delivered by Shad Ramzan Convener of the Kashmiri Advisory Board.

The inaugural session was graced by Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) as the Chief Guest who expressed immense pride in being present at the event and identifying as a proud fellow and admirer of Dr. Aziz Hajini. Sharing his reflections he noted that having read Dr. Hajini's works the most unique



and striking quality he observed in his poetry was an enduring sense of hope and positivity.

The session also featured famous pulmonologist Dr. Naveed Nazir Shah as the Guest of Honour. Delivering the presidential address Mohd Zaman Azurda General Council Member of the Sahitya Akademi paid glowing tributes to Dr. Hajini emphasizing his lifelong dedication to securing an honorable status for the Kashmiri language and empowering its literary institutions. The inaugural session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by noted broadcaster Azhar Hajini (son of the legendary literary figure) and was smoothly anchored by Dr. Reyaz ul Hassan President of the Wahab Cultural Society Hajini.

Speakers during the symposium deeply reflected on Dr. Aziz Hajini's multidimensional persona remembering him not only as an accomplished poet and perceptive critic but also as a fearless cultural activist and dedicated administrator. Reminiscing about his vast contribu-

tions speakers noted that Dr. Hajini worked tirelessly for the institutional growth of Kashmiri literature and played a pivotal role in advocating for the inclusion of the mother tongue in formal educational curricula leaving an inspiring legacy for future generations.

The academic depth of the event unfolded across subsequent thematic sessions. The first session was chaired by noted writer and historian Farooq Fayaz and featured insightful paper presentations by Aijaz Mohammad Sheikh Riyaz-ul-Hassan and Shakir Shafi. This session was anchored by Majeed Majazy Member of the Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi's Kashmiri Advisory Board.

The second session was chaired by Mohammad Amin Bhat President of Adbi Markaz Kamraz and featured rich scholarly papers presented by Majeed Majazy, G.N. Shakir, Aadil Mohi-ud-Din, Tariq Khawar, Nazeer Javed, Mohid ud Din Poshpuri, Saad ud Din Sadi and Nasir Mirza. The subsequent third session was

graced by Shafeeq Qureshi as the Guest of Honour and the concluding proceedings of the symposium were gracefully conducted by Sagar Sarfaraz a senior member of the Wahab Cultural Society Hajini.

The literary event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of esteemed members of Halqa-i-Adab Sonawari and Wahab Cultural Society Hajin alongside other cultural luminaries and guests including Hajini Gh Nabi Dar Zameer Ansari Sahil Dar, Saleem Yousf, Azhar Hashmi, Sarwar Hashmi, Yousf Shaheen, Shabir Haqqa, Laila Rasool, Shamim Rashid, Altaf Ahmed, Dr. Abdul Majeed Badrawahi Engineer, Peerzada Hidayatullah, Prof. Manzoor Ahmed Rather, Engineer Hoor e Yasrab, Prof. Naseem Shafai, Ashraf Dildar, Mushtaq Ahmed Mushtaq, Prof. Neelofar Naaz, Kifayat Faheem Tariq Margoo and Shabnum Vijpari. The symposium concluded on a reflective note celebrating Dr. Hajini's timeless contributions and reaffirming the collective commitment to preserving and promoting Kashmiri language and heritage.

MY Bharat Anantnag organises Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

GMK NEWS NETWORK

ANANTNAG: Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) Anantnag, in collaboration with DCC Blues Youth Club, organised Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at Bijbehara on Saturday to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, whose vision and leadership played a pivotal role in the political integration of the nation. The programme was graced by the Chairman of Oxford Presentation School, Bijbehara, as the Chief Guest. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of youth and students, reflecting their commitment towards promoting national unity, integrity



and communal harmony.

A series of activities were organised to mark the occasion, including a Painting Competition, where participants expressed their ideas on national unity and patriotism through creative artwork. A Unity Run was also organised to spread the message of togetherness, brotherhood and national integration among

the youth. The programme further featured the administration of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge, reaffirming the collective commitment of participants towards preserving the unity, integrity and security of the nation. A floral tribute was paid to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in recognition of his remarkable contribution to nation-building.

Speeches were also delivered highlighting the significance of national unity, diversity, mutual respect and the role of youth in strengthening the country's social fabric.

The programme aimed to instil the values of patriotism, discipline, national integration and collective responsibility among young people, while encouraging their active participation in nation-building initiatives. Through such initiatives, MY Bharat Anantnag continues to provide a platform for youth engagement, leadership development and community participation, fostering the spirit of unity and the vision of a strong and inclusive Viksit Bharat

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR (UT)

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT (ICDS) URI

Subject: Provisional Selection List of Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) of Poshan Project Uri.

(PUBLIC NOTICE)

Whereas, this office advertised 22 vacant posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) vide this office Advertisement Notice No:-06 CDPO-URI of 2026, Dated:-01-01-2026, Published in Daily Newspaper Kashmir Observer, Aftab, Iqbal-e-Kashmir & Pukaar on 03-01-2026 & advertisement Notice No. CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2026/215-231, dated 29-06-2026, published in the daily newspapers Inside Kashmir and Srinagar Observer on 30-06-2026.

Subsequently, Extension Notice No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2025-26/838-853, dated:-19-01-2026 published in daily news paper Kashmir Vision, Asian Mail & Seerate Kashmir Weekly on 20-01-2026 & Extension Notice No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2025-26/905-920, dated:-09-02-2026 published in daily news paper Kashmir Monitor, Morning Times & Wadi Kashmir on 12-02-2026 (Salamabad Dachna Kanchan) and an extension of 10 days was granted vide this office Extension Notice No. CDPO/U/Adv/2026-27/246-262, dated 16-07-2026, which was published in the daily newspapers Kashmir Horizon and Srinagar Times on 18-07-2026. Thereafter, a further extension of 10 days was granted vide this office Extension Notice No. CDPO/U/Adv/ 2026-27/263-279, dated:-28-07-2026, which was published in the daily newspapers Kashmir Images and Srinagar News on 30-07-2026. All three notices were also published on the District/Departmental website for wider publicity.

In response to the aforesaid advertisement and extension notices, 48 application forms were received for the posts of Sahayikas (AWHs) within the stipulated time period.

Accordingly, the merit list of applicants has been prepared in accordance with the criteria laid down under Government Order No. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated 30-11-2023, and Government Order No. 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated 28-04-2023.

The Provisional Selection List, enclosed as Annexure-I, has been prepared on the basis of merit and comprises one candidate provisionally selected as Sahayika (AWH) against the Anganwadi Centre mentioned therein. The General Merit List of all applicants is enclosed as Annexure-II.

The Provisional Selection List, along with the General Merit List, is hereby published for the information of the general public and for inviting appeals/objections, if any, from aggrieved candidates or other concerned persons.

Any appeal/objection against the aforesaid Provisional Selection List or General Merit List shall be submitted to the Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project (ICDS), Uri, Lagama, near Toll Post, against a proper receipt, within ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice, up to 4:00 PM.

No appeal or objection shall be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Annexure-I

Provisional Selection list for the post of Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)

S. No	Index/ form no.	Name of Candidate	Parentage, W/o	Residence (Panchayat)	Ward No.	D.O.B.	Marital Status	Qualification	Marks in 10 th /8 th Class		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH	Additional 02 % points	Total Merit
									Marks Obtained	Max. Marks					
1	28	Nazia Bano	D/O sharaifat Ahmad Mir	Sultandaki	08	02-02-2007	Un-Married	Matriculate	326	500	65.20	65.20	No	0.00	65.20
2	06	Termeena Bano	W/O Syed Bilal Gillani	Dachi Basgran	01	11-03-2002	Married	Matriculate	309	500	61.80	61.80	No	0.00	61.80
3	12	Sahila Safer	W/O Sajad Ahmad	UROOSA	04	05-03-1997	Married	Matriculate	225	500	45.00	45.00	No	0.00	45.00
4	35	Khaneefa Bano	W/O Ishaiq Ahmad	Jabla	08	14/02/2005	Married	Matriculate	202	500	40.40	40.40	Yes	0.80	41.20
5	35	Safena Banoo	W/O Ishfaq Ahmad	Dardkote	06	18/02/2001	Married	Matriculate	193	500	38.60	38.60	No	0.00	38.60
6	30	Syeda Nasreen Fatema	W/O Ajeeb Shah	Nadian Kamalkote	09	12-03-1990	Married	Matriculate	181	500	36.20	36.20	No	0	36.20
7	38	Nazia Bano	W/O Mohd Aslam	Isham	01	20/12/1996	Married	Middle	265	600	44.17	44.17	No	0	44.17
8	18	Aadila Nayeem	W/O Faizan Ahmad	Garkote-A	01	20/10/1997	Married	Matriculate	303	500	60.60	60.60	Yes	1.21	61.81
9	14	Nasreena Gull	W/O Mukhtar Ahmad	Garkote-A	06	15/07/1996	Married	Matriculate	280	500	56.00	56.00	No	0	56.00
10	21	Yasmeena Bano	W/O Mohammad Rafi	CHURRANDA	07	10-01-2004	Married	Matriculate	243	500	48.60	48.60	No	0.00	48.60
11	24	Rozeena Younis	W/O Irfan Ahmad Sheikh	Nambla-A	03	27/02/1997	Married	Matriculate	219	500	43.80	43.80	No	0	43.80
12	16	Tabasum Bano	W/O Aashiq Ahmad	Mohura	05	01-05-1998	Married	Matriculate	201	500	40.20	40.20	yes	0.80	41.00
13	09	Maimoona Mughal	W/O Mohammad Rafi Gojar Chachi	Garkote-B	02	10-04-1990	Married	Matriculate	186	500	37.20	37.20	No	0	37.20
14	34	Nasreen Bano	D/O Showkat Hussain	Choolan	06	01-03-2003	Un-Married	Matriculate	309	500	61.80	61.80	No	0.00	61.80
15	39	Khameeda Bano	W/O Mohammad Jameel	Choolan	06	03-03-1992	Married	Middle	142	300	47.33	47.33	Yes	0.94	48.27
16	42	Ishrat Begum	W/O Ikhtaq Mir	Daraqutliyan	02	01-08-1993	Married	Matriculate	192	500	38.40	38.40	No	0.00	38.40
17	41	Shanaza Bano	D/O Abdul Hamid Bakermal	Zehanpora	09	02-01-2001	Un-Married	Middle	96	180	53.33	53.33	No	0.00	53.33
18	27	Ruhana Khalid	D/O Mohammad Khalid Khan	Lachipora-B	09	10-01-2007	Un-Married	Matriculate	238	500	47.60	47.60	No	0.00	47.60
19	45	Masrat Bano	W/O Parvaiz Ahmad Khoja	Bugna	06	18/03/2003	Married	Middle	210	300	70.00	70.00	No	0.00	70.00
20	05	Nazmeena Bano	W/O Shakeel Ahmed Khan	Salamabad Dachna-B	08	04-01-1993	Married	Matriculate	197	500	39.40	39.40	No	0.00	39.40
21	07	Abida Arif Khan	W/O Mudasir Ahmad	Salamabad Dachna-B	08	10-03-1997	Married	Matriculate	176	500	35.20	35.20	No	0	35.20
22	10	Hadiya Hashim	D/O Mohammad Hashim	Salamabad Dachna-B	08	10-09-2004	Un-Married	Matriculate	361	500	72.20	72.20	No	0	72.20
23	20	Gulshan Ara	W/O Jahangir Ashraf	Salamabad Dachna-B	08	01-01-1985	Married	Matriculate	172	500	34.40	34.40	No	0	34.40

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