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Delighted to address the national seminar on the revival, preservation and sustainability of Kashmir's cultural heritage. Our heritage is a living legacy that must inspire future generations.

CM Pushes For Reforms To Ensure Fair, Merit-Based Exams



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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday called for comprehensive reforms in the examination system in Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed the need to make examinations secure, transparent, technology-driven and as foolproof as humanly possible to safeguard the future of students and ensure that merit remains the sole criterion for selection.

Chairing a meeting with members of the High-Powered Task Force (HPTF) on Examination Reforms at the Civil Secretariat here, the Chief Minister emphasised the importance of strengthening examination security, gradually transitioning towards computer-based testing, improving the credibility of board examinations and addressing concerns relating to the subjective component of selection processes.

The Chief Minister said that the need for robust examination reforms had become particularly evident following the cancellation of NEET-UG 2026 and the subsequent re-examination, which caused considerable inconvenience and additional stress to lakhs of aspirants across the country.

He noted that while examination irregularities under the traditionally decentralised system generally remained confined to particular regions, the transition towards centralised examinations had significantly widened their impact, with a paper leak potentially affecting candidates across the country.

Stressing the need to strengthen the examination ecosystem, Omar Abdullah said the Government would extend every possible support to the Task Force in fulfilling its mandate, as the credibility of examinations had a direct bearing on the future of • P-06

Preserve J&K's Civilisational Heritage For Future Generations: LG Sinha

Says UT Famous For Its Profound Contributions To Philosophy, Spirituality, Language

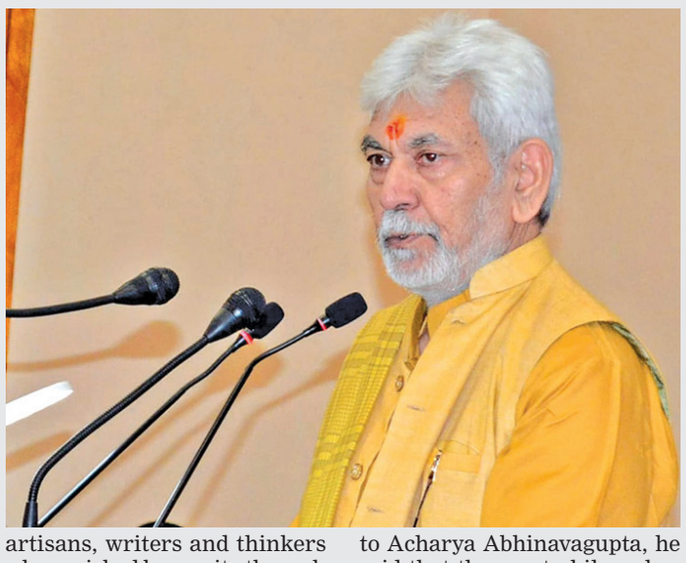
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SRINAGAR: Calling for a people-centric movement to preserve, document and disseminate Jammu Kashmir's civilisational heritage for future generations, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that cultural heritage must remain a living force in society, not merely a subject of academic preservation.

"The vaakhs of Yogini Lalleshwari and Nund Rishi still reach people's hearts across centuries, because their words contain eternal truths that are untouched by the passage of time. Preserving this tradition of harmony is our collective public responsibility," LG Sinha said while addressing a two-day National Seminar on "Revival, Preservation and Sustainability of Cultural Heritage of Kashmir," organised by Kakini Building Humanity.

The event was also graced by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, through virtual mode.

Congratulating the organisers, scholars, administrators, artists, ex-servicemen, military officers and citizens participating in the seminar, the Lieutenant Governor said that heritage is a priceless inheritance received from generations of philosophers, saints,



artisans, writers and thinkers who enriched humanity through their wisdom and creativity. He stressed that the responsibility of the present generation is not merely to admire this legacy, but to preserve, organise, document and make it more accessible to society. He called for a collective commitment to safeguarding the civilisational legacy of Jammu Kashmir for future generations.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that Jammu Kashmir is not known only for its natural beauty but also for its profound contributions to philosophy, spirituality, language, aesthetics and human thought. Referring to Acharya Abhinavagupta, he said that the great philosopher embodied the unity of spiritual experience, art and intellectual inquiry, and that youth should be introduced to the remarkable thinkers who emerged from the Kashmir Valley.

"Every university, every teacher, and every cultural institution of this land should work on translating important texts, encourage research, and provide scholars and students with a common platform. I believe that heritage must be alive, it must converse, and it must guide our new generation," he said.

Emphasising • P-06

- LG calls for a people-centric movement to preserve, document and disseminate Jammu Kashmir's civilisational heritage
- Cultural heritage must remain a living force in society, not merely a subject of academic preservation
- Jammu Kashmir's cultural renaissance reflects the renewed energy of heritage preservation and national integration
- Revival of cultural institutions and heritage sites strengthens identity, self-respect and national consciousness
- Lieutenant Governor calls for wider public access to heritage, greater academic research and translation of classical texts to inspire youth

136 DSPs Transferred

DGP Orders Major Police Reshuffle Across J&K



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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has ordered the transfer and posting of 136 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) across the Union Territory with immediate effect.

According to an order issued by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, the reshuffle has been carried out in the interest of administration, with officers shifted across district police establishments, CID, Security, Traffic, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Special Operations Group (SOG) and Armed Police formations.

As per the order, Tejinder Kour has been transferred from SO to DIG HG Jammu to Principal CTI Jammu, while Nisar Ahmad Khan has been shifted from DSP Headquarters Kulgam to DSP PCR Srinagar. Ashaq Hussain Dar has been transferred from SDPO Zakura to DSP Headquarters Kulgam, Sachit Mahajan from DSP SKPA Udhampur to DSP CID SB Political Jammu and Junaid Wali from SDPO M.R. Gunj to DSP CID SB Srinagar. • P-06

Kupwara

Police Arrest Accused In Alleged Sexual Assault Of Minor Girl



AGENCIES

KUPWARA: Jammu and Kahsmir Police have arrested an accused in connection with an alleged sexual assault case involving a minor girl in Kupwara district, with provisions of the POCSO Act invoked during investigation.

A senior J&K police officer said that the incident was reported on Wednesday evening November 11, 2026. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused allegedly took advantage of the victim's vulnerable condition and committed the offence.

He said FIR No. 356/2026 was initially registered under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), following which the accused was taken into custody.

During investigation, the victim's age was ascertained to be below 16 years. Accordingly, Section 65(1) of the BNS and Sections 3/4 of the POCSO Act were added to the case, officer added.

Further investigation is underway to establish the complete facts and circumstances of the incident, while necessary legal action is being taken, a senior police officer told JKNS. (JKNS)

Bullet-Riddled Bodies Of 2 Missing SPOs Recovered In Kishtwar

CM Omar, LOP Sharma, Mla Shagun Condemn Killings, Express Grief

YOGESH

JAMMU: Bullet-riddled bodies of two Special Police Officers (SPOs), who went missing while on duty in the remote Dachhan-Marwah area of Kishtwar district, were recovered on Thursday.

An official said that a massive counter-terrorist operation has been launched in the area to track down the assailants.

The officer identified the deceased SPOs as Rashpal Kumar (40) and Babi Chand (57). Preliminary information suggests that the two SPOs were attacked while proceeding towards Dherna post to relieve their colleagues deployed there.

According to sources, one of the deceased sustained a bullet injury to the head, while the other had a gunshot wound to the back. Their service weapons,



an INSAS rifle and a .303 rifle, were also found missing, raising suspicion that the attackers may have taken their weapons away.

Two SPOs were reportedly on patrol duty along with Army personnel when they went missing. Their mobile phones were initially reachable but were subsequently switched off, prompting concern among security agencies and leading to a search operation. Their bodies were eventually located by a search party in the Dherna Top area.

Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat reached Kishtwar following the incident and reviewed the security situation with senior Army and police officers.

A massive joint search and cordon operation involving the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been launched to identify and apprehend the suspected attackers.

Security forces are using sniffer dogs, drones and helicopters to comb the difficult mountainous and forested terrain. The operation has been intensified to track down the assailants and recover the missing service weapons.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed profound grief and anguish over the tragic killing of two SPOs Rashpal Kumar and Babi Chand and strongly condemned the act. • P-06

Dr Farooq Reminds Pak

'Kashmir Will Always Remain India's Integral Part'

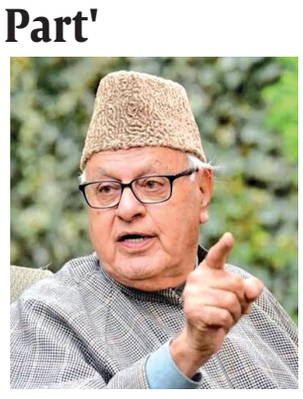
YOGESH

JAMMU: Reminding Pakistan that Kashmir was, is and will always remain India's integral part, National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Thursday told the neighbouring country that nothing can be achieved through terrorism.

Talking to reporters here, Dr Farooq, said, "I have always told Pakistan to put an end to terrorism. Nothing will come out of terrorism. Find a solution through talks. That is the only way a solution can be found."

"Kashmir was, is and will always remain a part of India," he said, asserting that violence could not resolve the issues between the two countries.

He said nothing could be achieved through violence and called for reviving South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation



(SAARC) to bring regional countries together for resolving their differences. "Regional countries must come together, resolve their differences and work towards progress. We have to revive that SAARC again. We must all sit together, resolve our issues and move towards progress," he said.

"Every day Pakistan is shouting Kashmir, Kashmir, Kashmir. They don't know that what has happened has happened. But the • P-06

'Op Sindoor' Lessons Shaping IAF's Future War Preparedness: Rajnath Singh

Addresses Air Force Commanders' Conference; Launches Ai Applications For Operations

REHAN QAYOOM

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that lessons learnt during 'Operation Sindoor' were shaping the Indian Air Force's evolving operational procedures.

Addressing the Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi, Singh said the changing nature of warfare demanded greater preparedness against conventional and emerging threats, stressing technological superiority, jointness and the element of surprise.

He said the Indian Air Force must remain prepared for new challenges, including kamikaze drones, surveillance and counter-drone



operations, while developing dedicated doctrines for emerging domains such as electronic, cyber and space warfare.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, the Defence Minister commended the Air Force for effectively implementing its operational doctrines and methods during and after the operation, praising the professionalism, restraint and judgement displayed by air warriors.

He said the lessons from the operation were reflected in the Air Force's evolving procedures, particularly its increased emphasis on drones and air defence systems, which have become critical components of modern warfare.

Highlighting the coordinated role of all three services during Operation Sindoor, Singh said jointness and integrated efforts must continue to guide military planning and operational execution.

The Defence Minister also called for strengthening both offensive and defensive capabilities to ensure that adversaries are left with little time to react, while India's own forces remain prepared for unexpected threats. "Victory in future conflicts would depend not merely on the number of aircraft, but also on technological sophistication, speed of response and precision of preparations," he said.

During the conference, Singh also launched a suite of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications • P-06

Cabinet To Meet Today



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SRINAGAR,: The Jammu & Kashmir Cabinet will meet on Friday (today) to take a final call on several proposals, sources disclosed.

Sources disclosed that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will chair the meeting at 3:30 PM tomorrow to decide on proposals mooted by different departments.

This will be the first meeting of the Cabinet after the shifting of the Durbar Move to Jammu—(KNO)

Snowfall In Upper Reaches Disrupts Traffic, Intensifies Chill Across Kashmir



SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Fresh snowfall in the upper reaches of Kashmir on Thursday disrupted traffic movement on several key roads, including the Bandipora-Gurez Road, Mughal Road and Srinagar-Leh Highway. These roads were closed for vehicular traffic following snow accumulation and slippery conditions.

According to the details available, fresh snowfall was reported from Margan Pass, Sonamarg, Gulmarg, Zojila Pass, Drass, Machil Valley and Jumagund in Kupwara district, while the plains of Dawar in Gurez Valley also witnessed the season's first snowfall.

Razdan Pass in Bandipora district recorded around six inches of fresh snow, while approximately two inches accumulated at Peer Ki Gali along the Mughal Road in Shopian district. Snowfall continued in several higher-altitude areas.

Following the snowfall, vehicular movement on the Bandipora-Gurez road was snapped. The Border Roads Organisation's 56 RCC has launched snow-clearance operations at Razdan Pass to restore • P-06

MLA Sonawari reviews Developmental Works, Winter Preparedness

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BANDIPORA: MLA Sonawari, Advocate Hilal Akbar Lone, Thursday chaired a meeting at Mini Secretariat Bandipora to review the progress of developmental works and assess winter preparedness in Sonawari Constituency.

During the meeting, Executive Engineer R&B Sumbal briefed the MLA on the status of ongoing works. Sector-wise deliberations were held on education infrastructure, teacher-student ratio, drinking water facilities, sports infrastructure, playground development and distribution of sports kits.

The MLA also reviewed the preparedness and functioning of various departments, including R&B, PHE, PMGSY, Municipal Committee Sumbal, Power Development, Mechanical Engineering, Health, CAPD, Agriculture, Rural Development, ICDS, Education, Forest, Youth Services and Sports, Fire and Emergency Services, Transport, Geology and Mining, Treasury, and other concerned departments.

Issues related to essential supplies, road connectivity, streetlights, power and water supply, healthcare services, availability of construction material and deployment of men and machinery for snow clearance were discussed.

Emphasising interdepartmental coordination, the MLA said that all departments must work in close coordination with the District Administration to address bottlenecks and improve public service delivery. While expressing satisfaction over progress in certain areas, he stressed the need for improvement in others and said that deliberations must translate into concrete outcomes.

The MLA urged all officers to follow their respective departmental guidelines seriously and ensure timely execution of works and effective delivery of public services.

Among others, the meeting was attended by PO ICDS Bandipora, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sumbal, Chief Planning Officer Bandipora, Superintending Engineers of R&B, and KPDCL Circles, Executive Engineers of various engineering divisions, Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Education Officer, and other concerned officials.

Block Diwas held at Wagoora, public grievances taken up for redressal

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BARAMULLA: Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Baramulla, Nissar Ahmad, Thursday presided over a Block Diwas programme at Wagoora, providing an opportunity to local residents to highlight their grievances, demands and developmental issues before the administration.

Speaking on the occasion, the CPO highlighted the objective of organising Block Diwas programmes, stating that these initiatives provide a direct platform for people to bring their grievances and developmental concerns to the notice of the administration. He emphasised that such programmes aim to strengthen public outreach, ensure effective coordination among departments and facilitate timely redressal of public grievances at the grassroots level.

He assured the participants that all demands and grievances raised during the programme would be compiled and placed before the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla for consideration and necessary redressal. He reiterated that all genuine issues would be pursued on priority for resolution in a time-bound manner.

During the programme, residents raised a range of issues pertaining to road connectivity, education infrastructure, healthcare facilities, drinking water, horticulture, sanitation and other essential public services.

People highlighted the need for repairs and upgradation of several main roads and inner link roads in the area. They also raised concerns regarding the availability and quality of safe drinking water. Taking cognizance of the issue, the CPO directed the concerned departments to ensure proper testing of drinking water sources and take necessary measures to ensure the supply of safe and potable drinking water.

Residents also expressed concern over the non-availability of adequate street lighting following the installation of smart meters. The CPO assured that the Rural Development Department (RDD) would take necessary steps to ensure the installation of solar street lights in the area.

On horticulture-related issues, residents urged the administration to ensure pre-season field visits by horticulture experts to provide farmers with timely technical guidance and advice on improved practices. They stressed that such visits would help farmers address field-level concerns and enhance productivity.

Issues concerning education infrastructure were also highlighted, with residents seeking improvement and upgradation of existing facilities to provide students with a better learning environment. They also raised concerns over the shortage of staff at local healthcare facilities and called for adequate deployment of medical and paramedical personnel.

Residents further raised demands regarding the construction of compost pits and other sanitation-related works under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Taking cognizance of the demand, Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla, Mudasir Hussain Chaudhary, directed the concerned Block Development Officer (BDO) to submit a Detailed Project Report (DPR), assuring that the proposal would be taken up for immediate approval.

VC JKLCMA reviews Development Works at Dole Demb in Dal Lake

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SRINAGAR: Vice Chairman, JKLCMA, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, visited the Dole Demb area of Dal Lake to review the ongoing works related to the removal of bushes, clearance of the identified area for its proposed development, and dredging of internal channels to facilitate smooth navigation and flushing of water.

During the visit, the Vice Chairman inspected the site and took stock of the progress of the ongoing operations. He was briefed by the concerned officers on the work being undertaken, including the removal of aquatic vegetation, bushes, and dredging of internal channels.

Emphasizing the importance of planned and sustainable development, he stressed that the works should be carried out systematically, with due attention to the ecological sensitivity of the area. He underscored that the proposed park should enhance the scenic and recreational appeal of the identified stretch while preserving the natural character of Dal Lake and to promote Tourism.

He also stressed the importance of dredging internal channels and flushing of waters to ensure smooth navigation and improve connectivity within the lake. He directed the concerned officers to maintain close supervision of all ongoing activities and ensure timely progress while adhering to appropriate environmental safeguards.

The initiative is aimed at improving the overall lake environment, enhancing navigational facilities and developing a designated recreational space to promote tourism and provide an attractive experience for visitors. It also forms part of the Authority's efforts towards the responsible and sustainable utilisation of Dal Lake's surrounding spaces as tourism attractions.

ADDC Shopian reviews preparedness for JKSSB Examination



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SHOPIAN: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone Thursday chaired a comprehensive meeting regarding the preparations and arrangements for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) examination at the Mini-Secretariat Shopian.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Chief Inspector of Examination), Superintendents, General Observers appointed by the General Administration Department (GAD), Observers and District-level Observers deployed for examination duties.

During the meeting, the ADDC reviewed the preparedness and arrangements for the smooth, fair and transparent conduct of the examination. Detailed discussions were held on the roles and responsibilities of the officers and officials deployed on examination duty, besides emphasizing strict adherence to the prescribed guidelines and examination protocols.

The ADDC stressed upon all concerned officers to ensure foolproof arrangements, maintain close coordination and discharge their assigned duties with utmost dedication and responsibility to ensure the examination is conducted in a peaceful, transparent and hassle-free manner. He also called for strict vigilance and timely resolution of any issue that may arise during the examination process.

DC Srinagar reviews progress of rooftop solar installations under PM-SGMBY

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SRINAGAR: In order to assess the progress of Rooftop Solar installations under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

He also reviewed the progress of ongoing solarization of Government buildings across Srinagar District.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Shah Ismail Bangroo, Executive Engineers of KPDCL, JAKEDA, Zonal Head J&K Bank and other concerned Officers and stakeholders.

During the meeting the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman of the Monitoring and Management Committee of the schemes, emphasized the need to further accelerate rooftop solar installations and solarisation of Government buildings.

The DC directed the banks to clear all pending approved cases on priority and ensure timely disbursement of loans to facilitate hassle-free installation of rooftop solar systems.

He also instructed KPDCL Engineers to ensure sustained progress, timely execution of works and enhanced consumer outreach to encourage wider adoption of renewable energy solutions.

Emphasizing the importance of reaching to the consumers, the Deputy Commissioner called for intensified outreach activities to highlight the benefits of rooftop solar systems, including reduced electricity bills, promotion of clean energy and environmental sustainability.

The meeting was also informed that 8122 households have been covered under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, reflecting the ongoing efforts to expand rooftop solar adoption among domestic consumers.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the progress and latest status of solarization of Government buildings in the District, aimed at reducing dependence on conventional power sources, promoting clean energy generation and minimizing electricity expenditure of Government establishments.

The DC was informed that a total of 996 Government buildings have been identified for installation of rooftop solar systems, out of which 656 buildings have been covered so far, while work on the remaining buildings is underway.

Reviewing the pace of work, the DC stressed the need to further expedite the solarization process and directed the concerned agencies to ensure timely completion of all pending works within the stipulated timeframe.

SWD Budgam organises awareness programme on welfare schemes



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BUDGAM: Social Welfare Department (SWD), Budgam, through SANKALP – Hub for Empowerment of Women (SANKALP-HEW), under Mission Shakti, organised an awareness programme on various government welfare schemes at Government High School Kachwari, and Village footlipora with the objective of creating awareness among the local community, particularly women and children, about the benefits and provisions of different government initiatives.

The programme focused on disseminating information regarding various women-centric and child welfare schemes, their eligibility criteria, benefits and application procedures, while encouraging eligible beneficiaries to avail themselves of the available government assistance.

Special emphasis was laid on child protection and welfare, including the role of Child Helpline 1098 in providing timely assistance, care and protection to children in need.

As part of the initiative, a door-to-door awareness and outreach campaign was also conducted in the locality to ensure that information about welfare schemes reaches the grassroots level. During the household visits, women were sensitised about available government benefits, and eligible beneficiaries were facilitated and linked with relevant welfare schemes.

DC Sgr reviews plan, design of Mini Secretariat at Batamaloo

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Thursday chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the plan and design of construction of the District Srinagar's Mini Secretariat at Batamaloo. The project aims to bring all District-level Government Offices under one roof, ensuring seamless coordination among Departments and hassle-free delivery of public services.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz and Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer Fayaz Ahmad Dar, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, Executive Engineer R&B Abdul Qayoom, Executive Engineer KPDCL Tasaduq Nabi, Executive Engineer Water Works Division Aijaz Rafiq and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised about the proposed design and plan of the project and various components being incorporated into the proposed District Administrative Complex.

A detailed discussions were held on the project's design, infrastructure, functionality and other essential facilities to ensure that the Mini Secretariat is developed as a state-of-the-art Administrative Complex, reflecting the City's heritage while providing modern amenities for both employees and the general public.

The DC stressed the need for time-bound execution of the project and directed the concerned Officers to ensure strict compliance with the directions issued during the meeting. He was also briefed on the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the facilities proposed for the convenience of the general public visiting the complex.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the prestigious project of Srinagar Mini Secretariat has been envisaged as a one-stop centre for public service delivery, aimed at making Government services more accessible and efficient.

He added that all peripheral and District-level Government Offices would be relocated to the Mini Secretariat in a phased manner, enabling people to access services offered by various Departments under one roof.

Training for Examination Staff for upcoming JKSSB exams held at GDC Shopian

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SHOPIAN: A training programme was organized Thursday at Government Degree College (GDC) Shopian for officials deployed on examination duties in connection with the upcoming JKSSB Accounts Assistant Examination scheduled to be held on November 15, 2026.

The session was held to familiarize Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Centre Observers and Invigilators with examination-related guidelines, procedures and responsibilities to ensure the smooth, fair, and transparent conduct of the examination.

Speaking On the occasion, Special Secretary (Law) JKSSB, Dr. Rais Ahmad Qazi underscored the crucial role of examination staff in upholding the credibility and integrity of the recruitment process. He urged the deployed officers and invigilators to remain vigilant, follow standard operating procedures strictly and ensure zero- error execution across all examination centres.

On the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz stressed upon the deployed staff to discharge their assigned duties with utmost dedication and responsibility, ensuring that all necessary arrangements are put in place so the examination is conducted in a free, fair, and transparent manner.

During the programme, Master Trainers imparted detailed training to the participating officials, highlighting various aspects of examination management, strict adherence to prescribed instructions, maintenance of discipline and observance of confidentiality throughout the examination process.

Chief Education Officer, Bashir Ahmed Shah, BDO Keller and other concerned were present during the programme.

KPDCL announces power shutdown in Kashmir parts

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SRINAGAR: Chief Engineer, KPDCL Thursday informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Shareefabad Wadwan line will be observed due to which power supply to Bonpora, Astanpora, Wadwan Check, Hathran, Hanjikpora, Dharmuna, Russu, Gotpora, Pymus and adjoining areas will be affected from 08 am to 03 pm on 17 & 21 November 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Awantipora-Sangam II line will be observed due to which power supply to Siamoh, K-Koot, Kiagam, Haripargam, Chakoora, Gulzarpora, Panzgam, Railway and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 17 & 21 November 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Kanipora-Pinjoora line will be observed due to which power supply to Pinjoora, Puhnoo, Trenz, Mahanpora, Imamsahab, Kiloora, Arhama, Zawoora, Chodrigund, Reshinagar, Vehil, Palpora, Benimpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 18 November 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Lassipora-Landoora line will be observed due to which power supply to Landoora, Hermain, DK Pora, Hajipora, Nadigam, Mantribugh, Chakoora, Ratnipora, Dangam, Wangam, Wachi, Babapora, Safnagri and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 16 & 21 November 2026.

Furthermore, shutdown of 33 kV Lassipora-Reshipora line will be observed due to which power supply to Chitragam, Nagbal, Zainapora, Reban, Awneera, Aglar, Sugan, Tarkewangam, Moolu and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 16 November 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV KP Bagh line will be observed due to which power supply to KP Bagh, Soiteng PHE, Mehjoornagar, Jawaharnagar, Kursoo Rajbagh, Rajbagh, Zero Bridge, Gogjibagh, Museum, Lalmandi and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 14 & 19 November 2026.

Meanwhile, the Chief Engineer has informed that the approved Shutdown on 15 November 2026, of 132/33 kV, 100 MVA GSS Khunmoh, 33 kV Khunmoh SIDCO-II line,33 kV Khunmoh SIDCO-III line,33 kV Wanganpora Takanwari BAMK line, 33 kV Bemina BB Shah line,33 kV Bemina Fateh Kadal line,33 kV Bemina KP Bagh line,33 kV Bemina Exhibition line,33 kV Bemain JVC/PC Depot line,33 kV Bemina Bemina I & Bemina II line, 33 kV Bemina Karan Nagar line, and 33 kV Wanpoh Qazigund line has been cancelled in view of the JKSSB Accounts Assistant Examination scheduled on the same date.

Transport Dept recommends FIR against School Management in Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Taking serious cognizance of a critical road safety violation, the office of the Transport Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, has formally requested the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Pulwama, to lodge an FIR against the management and authorities of Future Pack Secondary School, Shadimarg, Pulwama.

The action follows a road accident in which a school bus operated by the institution overturned at Darbgam, Pulwama, leaving 11 students injured out of the 13 onboard.

The vehicle involved, bearing registration number JK01M-2712, was reportedly being operated in direct contravention of mandatory statutory requirements laid down under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Preliminary reports indicate that the bus had neither been produced before the competent transport authority for the mandatory fitness inspection nor did it possess the necessary valid permits and statutory documentation required for operating as a designated school transport vehicle.

Highlighting the grave negligence, Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, stated in an official communication that operating uninspected and unauthorized vehicles places the lives and safety of schoolchildren at severe risk.

Consequently, the police authorities have been urged to initiate criminal proceedings under the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against the school management to fix strict accountability for endangering student lives.

ARTO Pulwama has also been tasked with actively pursuing the matter with local police authorities for prompt registration of the case and submission of an Action Taken Report.

Meanwhile a joint team of MVD Pulwama and Traffic Police conducted thorough inspection of transport fleet of Future Pack Secondary School. During operation two more vehicles violating the permit conditions and with valid documents were seized immediately.

LG visits fire-affected Warehouse at Nehru Market, Shiv Market in Jammu



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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday visited the Warehouse, Nehru Market and Shiv Market in Jammu to undertake an on-ground assessment of shops that were damaged in recent fire incidents.

During the visit, the Lieutenant Governor interacted with affected shopkeepers and members of the trade and business community. He listened to their concerns, and reviewed the extent of losses along with senior officials.

The Lieutenant Governor announced Rs. 1 lakh in immediate relief from the Red Cross for each shopkeeper affected at Warehouse, Nehru Market, and Shiv Market. Immediate financial assistance of Rs. 11 lakhs has been given to affected shopkeepers at the Warehouse along with Rs. 27 lakhs for affected shopkeepers at Shiv Market.

"I have no relief funds at my disposal, but as the President of the Red Cross Society, I requested them to provide some assistance through the Red Cross. They have arranged cheques of Rs. 1 lakh each, which is the maximum support they can offer as per the rule.

I understand that this amount is very small compared to the losses you have endured, but I hope it provides at least some help during this difficult time. In the meantime, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Deputy Commissioner Jammu are making every effort to ensure that you receive your insurance claims as soon as possible," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the officials to expedite the damage assessment process and ensure prompt relief measures are extended to all those affected. He also emphasized the need to review and strengthen fire safety protocols across major commercial hubs to prevent such unfortunate incidents in the future.

"The entire UT administration stands with you. I assure the business community of all possible support from the Administration to help you rebuild your business at the earliest," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor has already formed an inquiry committee, comprising the Inspector General, Jammu, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, to ascertain the cause and circumstances of the fire incident at the Warehouse, Nehru Market.

The committee is directed to probe any lapses or negligence, fix responsibility, and submit its report within 15 days.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that the inquiry will be completely impartial, and accountability will be fixed. He said if there was any negligence, strict action will be taken.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Shri Govind Jaiswal, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Shri Vikas Kundal, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shri Shridhar Patil, DIG, JSK Range; Shri Minga Sherpa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Ms. Aayushi Sudan, Municipal Commissioner Jammu; Shri Vidhu Shekhar, Vice Chairman JDA and other senior officials.

Rana directs speedy execution of tribal welfare projects

Reviews UT CAPEX, DAJGUA, EMRS, hostel projects

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JAMMU: Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, Thursday chaired a review meeting of the Tribal Affairs Department at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, to take stock of the physical and financial progress of ongoing developmental works.

He assessed the implementation of various flagship schemes and welfare initiatives aimed at socio-economic empowerment of tribal communities across Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasising the need for accelerated execution and result-oriented implementation, the Minister directed the district administrations, departmental officers and executing agencies to step up the pace of developmental works, ensure optimal utilisation of funds and strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines. He stressed that bottlenecks and delays in execution must be identified and resolved promptly to ensure that the benefits of government initiatives reach the intended beneficiaries.

The meeting held an extensive district-wise review of projects and activities being undertaken under the UT CAPEX Budget 2026-27, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and construction of Gujjar and Bakerwal hostels across the Union Territory.

Taking note of the expenditure position, Rana directed the concerned officers and executing agencies to intensify implementation efforts, remove procedural impediments and ensure a substantial improvement in both physical and financial progress.

The meeting was informed that approximately 86 per cent of the funds released under DAJGUA had been utilised.

Appreciating the progress, the Minister called for expeditious completion of the remaining works and stressed that the momentum must be sustained across all districts.

Rana also undertook a detailed review of the construction, upgradation and development of Eklavya Model Residential Schools and various Gujjar and Bakerwal hostel buildings. Highlighting the importance of educational infrastructure in expanding opportunities for tribal youth, he said that residential educational facilities play a crucial role in ensuring access to quality education, particularly for students from geographically remote and economically disadvantaged communities.

The Minister called for stronger coordination among the district administrations, executing agencies and the Tribal Affairs Department to resolve these issues through a time-bound approach.

The Minister asked the districts to furnish comprehensive details of savings generated during the tendering process and projects or works identified as non-feasible. He said that such information was essential for better financial planning, rational allocation of resources and ensuring that available funds are utilised effectively in accordance with the applicable guidelines.

The meeting also reviewed the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, being observed across Jammu and Kashmir from November 1 to 15.

The Minister was informed that more than 2,500 activities had been organised or reported across various districts, with participation exceeding 1.05 lakh people, reflecting widespread community engagement in the celebrations.

CM Omar expresses grief over killing of two SPOs in Kishtwar

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has expressed profound grief and anguish over the tragic killing of two Special Police Officers (SPOs), Rashpal Kumar and Babi Chand, in Kishtwar district.

Strongly condemning the cowardly act of violence, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and expressed solidarity with them in this hour of immense grief.

He prayed for strength and courage to the families to bear the irreparable loss.

High-Profile International Conference AOMCON begins

Javid Dar advocates village level campaign against Mastitis

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JAMMU: The two-day International Conference of the Association of Mastitis (AOMCON-2026), along with the Annual Convention of the Association of Mastitis, began Thursday at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry (F.V.Sc. & A.H.), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), R.S. Pura.

The conference is being organised by the Association of Mastitis in collaboration with SKUAST-Jammu on the theme "Advancing Mammary Health for Sustainable Dairy Production: Innovations in Diagnostics, Therapeutics, Clean Milk and AMR Navigation."

Minister for Agriculture Production, Finance, Mining and Cooperative Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, formally inaugurated the high profile event.

Professor B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, presided over the inaugural function while Dr. N.A. Sudhan, former Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Sung-Jin Lee, Dean, Kangwon National University, South Korea, attended as Guests of Honour.

Dr. Neelesh Sharma, Organizing Secretary, AOMCON-2026 and Founder General Secretary, Association of Mastitis highlighted the activities and contributions of the Association towards advancing mastitis research, udder health and clean milk production.

Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Associate Dean, http://F.V.Sc. & A.H., SKUAST-Jammu and Convener of the conference, delivered the welcome address.

The conference compendium was formally released during the inaugural ceremony, which was followed by presentation of various Association of Mastitis Awards to recognise exemplary contributions to veterinary science, research, dairy development and animal healthcare.

Professor B.N. Tripathi was conferred the Professor A.K. Srivastava Excellence Award while Dr. S.K. Rana, former Head of Animal Health at NDDB, Anand, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Sung-Jin Lee was honoured with the Special Recognition Award in acknowledgement of his contributions.

In his address, Javid Dar, emphasised the importance of strengthening the dairy sector through scientific interventions, improved animal healthcare, quality milk production and farmer-oriented initiatives. He highlighted the need for closer coordination among the universities, research institutions, government departments and other stakeholders to enhance livestock productivity and ensure sustainable growth of the dairy sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Public representatives, delegations, students call on CM Omar



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JAMMU: Several delegations, public representatives and school students Thursday called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat here and apprised him of various developmental issues, community concerns and matters pertaining to their respective constituencies.

MLA Anantnag West Abdul Majeed Bhat (Larmi), MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia and MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah separately called on the Chief Minister and discussed ongoing developmental works, public welfare concerns and other important issues concerning their respective constituencies.

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

Director, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Prof. (Dr.) M. Ashraf Ganie, met the Chief Minister and apprised him of the functioning of the premier health institution.

Managing Director, Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL), Ramesh Mukhiya, also called on the Chief Minister and briefed him on the status of various hydroelectric power projects being executed by the company in Kishtwar district. He also discussed key issues related to the implementation and progress of these projects.

A delegation of the All J&K Christian Sabha, led by its President Ashu Peter Matoo, met the Chief Minister and discussed an upcoming event being organised by the Sabha. The delegation also apprised him of various issues concerning the Christian community in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, students of International Delhi Public School (IDPS) Juniors, Jammu, accompanied by Managing Director Siya Singh, Principal Sahrish Ismaily and Vice Principal Arti Sharma, called on the Chief Minister and extended their warm greetings on the occasion of the upcoming Children's Day.

The interaction provided an opportunity for the young students to meet the Chief Minister ahead of the occasion.

Kulgam attack

Massive manhunt underway, search operation enters second day

CRPF Special DG calls on LG Sinha, discusses security scenario



UMAISAR GULL

KULGAM: Security forces on Thursday continued an extensive cordon and search operation in South Kashmir's Kulgam district to track down terrorists involved in an attack on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) party a day earlier, in which three personnel sustained injuries.

According to the details available, the search operation has been extended to several nearby villages, with security forces intensifying efforts to track down the attackers. A massive manhunt is underway, said an official.

Pertinently, the terrorists on Wednesday afternoon had opened fire on CRPF personnel deployed at a checkpoint near Akhran- Mir Bazar. Soon after the attack security forces launched a search operation to trace perpetrators.

The injured personnel were identified as Head Constable Somveer Singh and Constables Rakesh Dass and Santosh Chandru. They were rushed to a hospital in neighbouring Anantnag district for treatment.

Chandru, a resident of West Bengal, sustained injuries to his abdomen and his condition was stated to be critical. Dass, who hails from Assam, suffered a bullet injury to his leg, while Singh, from Madhya Pradesh, was injured in his arm. Both were reported to be stable.

According to officials, the checkpoint attacked by terrorists is located around three kilometres from the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway.

Meanwhile, Lt Gen Balbir Singh, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 15 Corps, along with other senior Army officers, visited the attack site. GOC Singh later chaired a meeting with senior officials from the Army, Police and CRPF in Kulgam to review the security situation.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, Sujit Kumar, also visited the attack spot in the evening and reviewed the security situation.

Separately, Sandeep Khirwar, Special Director General, CRPF J&K Zone, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and discussed the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory. He later visited the site of the attack in Kulgam—(KNO)

Nazir Gurezi chairs Committee on Estimates meet

Reviews functioning of Health and Medical Education sector

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JAMMU: The Committee on Estimates of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Thursday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi to review the functioning of the Health and Medical Education Department in Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on budgetary estimates, financial management, infrastructure development and operational efficiency.

The meeting was attended by Committee members Sham Lal Sharma, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Ali Mohammad Dar, Mushtaq Guroo, Irshad Rasool Kar, Sajad Shaheen and Sunil Bhardwaj. Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Saugat Biswas; Director, SKIMS; Managing Director, National Health Mission; Principals of various Government Medical Colleges; Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita; Director General, Budget; Directors of Health Services, Jammu and Kashmir, besides other senior officers of the concerned department and Legislative Assembly, were also present.

At the outset, the Chairman initiated the proceedings by reviewing the issues raised during the previous meeting and taking stock of the status of the Action Taken Report submitted by the department. He also took stock of the implementation status of earlier recommendations and discussed the concerns highlighted by Committee members, stressing the need for timely corrective measures to address existing gaps in healthcare delivery and ensure that the benefits of various government healthcare initiatives reach people at the grassroots level.

Sagar assures resolution of Public Grievances

Stresses strengthening of Revenue Services

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JAMMU: Minister for Revenue, Relief, Power Development Department (PDD), Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR), and Elections, Ali Mohammad Sagar, Thursday held an extensive interaction with representatives of the All Jammu and Kashmir Patwari Association and several other deputations, during which he reviewed issues concerning the Revenue Department, besides taking up various public grievances and demands raised by the visiting delegations.

During the meeting, the delegation apprised the Minister of various service-related, administrative and operational issues affecting the Patwari cadre. They also highlighted the challenges faced by field functionaries in discharging their responsibilities and stressed the need for addressing their genuine concerns to further improve the efficiency and functioning of the Revenue Department.

The delegation also discussed matters relating to strengthening the grassroots revenue administration, improving working conditions and facilitating better coordination between field functionaries and higher departmental authorities for effective public service delivery.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to the representatives and acknowledged the important role played by Patwaris in the overall functioning of the Revenue Department. He observed that Patwaris constitute a vital link between the administration and the people, with their responsibilities extending to land records, revenue-related public services, field verification and implementation of various government initiatives.

Sagar assured the delegation that the issues and concerns projected by them would be examined on merit and taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate consideration. He stressed that strengthening the institutional capacity of the Revenue Department and addressing genuine difficulties faced by its field functionaries remained important for ensuring responsive, transparent and efficient public service delivery.

ACB arrests RDD assistant engineer, contractor in bribery case in Bandipora

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday said it had arrested an Assistant Engineer of the Rural Development Department (RDD) and a contractor for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 for clearing pending bills related to five government works in Bandipora district.

In a statement issued, the ACB said the accused Assistant Engineer, identified as Mohd Rafi Moon, posted at Block Arin, had initially demanded Rs 11,000 as bribe for clearing the bills, which was later reduced to Rs 8,000 after negotiations.

The ACB said its Police Station Baramulla had received a complaint alleging that the Assistant Engineer was deliberately withholding the complainant's bills despite the completion of five government PRI works and his refusal to pay the bribe.

Following the complaint, the Bureau conducted a discreet verification, which prima facie established the commission of a cognizable offence under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018.

Accordingly, FIR No. 07/2026 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla on November 12, and an investigation was initiated.

The ACB said a trap team was subsequently constituted in the presence of independent witnesses and a successful trap was laid, during which the Assistant Engineer and another accused, identified as Hilal Ahmad Mir, son of Mohd Ramzan Mir, a resident of Gundpora Rampora, Bandipora, were caught red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 8,000.

The amount was recovered from the conscious possession of the accused persons and authenticated through independent witnesses and other supporting evidence, the statement said. Both accused have been arrested and taken into custody, while further investigation into the case is underway.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Quiet Crisis In Kashmir's Kitchens

Walk through any local market in Kashmir today, and you will see the same quiet hesitation at the vegetable stalls and grocery shops. People are picking up items, checking the rates, and putting half of them back. The steady climb in the cost of basic food items has turned the simple act of running a household into a daily math problem for ordinary families.

Inflation isn't an abstract economic trend anymore; it is sitting right at the dinner table. With a tray of eggs touching 230, milk rates creeping upward, and everyday vegetables and fruits becoming increasingly unaffordable, households are forced to make quiet compromises. Portions are shrinking, certain staples are skipped altogether, and meal plans are dictated strictly by what is left in the wallet.

The squeeze is hardest on those with fixed or unpredictable incomes, salaried workers, daily wagers, and pensioners. While paycheques and pensions have stayed largely stagnant, the cost of surviving has gone up. By the time the basic monthly bills and groceries are settled, the idea of saving money feels like a distant luxury. On a tight budget, even a ten-rupee hike on a daily essential throws the whole month off balance.

Beyond the strain on bank accounts, there is a quieter, more worrying cost: nutrition. When families are forced to cut back on milk, eggs, and fresh fruit, it is the growing children and the elderly who pay the price. A balanced diet shouldn't be a privilege, yet for many, it is slowly slipping out of reach.

This situation demands more than just passing concern from the administration. Regular, strict market checks, cracking down on hoarding, and enforcing transparent rate lists are urgently needed to shield consumers from arbitrary price hikes. At the same time, traders and middlemen must show some conscience and resist profiting off public distress. For a common household, inflation isn't a percentage point in a government report, it is the anxiety of wondering how to stretch a salary till the end of the month while keeping a decent meal on the plate. No family should be forced to choose between basic groceries and other essential needs. Bringing food prices under control isn't just an economic task; it is a basic responsibility that cannot wait.

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Winter Chemistry

How Kashmir's Winter Ties Together Power Cuts, Kangri, And The Pheran

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Every year, as November arrives in Kashmir, a familiar pattern begins. The air turns sharp and cold, the mornings are covered in fog, and the evenings become dark much earlier than before. People bring out their pheran, fill their kangris with fresh charcoal, and prepare for the long winter ahead. At the same time, another familiar visitor returns: the power cut.

For many people in Kashmir, a power cut in winter feels like a failure of the system. We blame the power department, we complain about the schedule, and we wait in the cold for the light to return. But if we look a little deeper, we will realise that the winter power cut is not just an administrative problem. It is deeply connected to the science, chemistry, and geography of Kashmir itself. The power cut, the kangri, and the pheran are not three separate stories. They are three parts of the same winter chemistry.

To understand this, we first need to understand where Kashmir gets its electricity. Unlike many other parts of India, Kashmir depends heavily on hydroelectric power. Our electricity comes from the rivers that flow through our valleys, especially the Jhelum and the Chenab. These rivers are fed by snow, glaciers, and rainfall. In summer, when the snow melts, the rivers are full and fast. The turbines in the power stations spin at full speed, and electricity is generated in large amounts.

In winter, everything changes. The temperature falls below the freezing point in many parts of the valley. The same water that flowed freely in summer now begins to freeze. Small streams become ice, the upper parts of the rivers slow down, and the overall flow of water decreases sharply. This is a simple rule of physical chemistry: less water flow means less kinetic energy. Less kinetic energy means the turbines rotate more slowly. When turbines rotate slowly, less electricity is produced.

At the exact same time, the demand for electricity reaches its highest point. In summer, people need fans and lights. In winter, people need much more. Every household starts using room heaters, electric blankets, geysers, and hamam. A



single electric heater can consume as much electricity as twenty LED bulbs. When thousands of households switch on their heaters at the same time in the evening, the demand rises suddenly to around 1800 MW. But the supply, because of the frozen rivers, remains at only 900 to 1000 MW. This huge gap between demand and supply is the real reason for the power cuts. The system cannot give what it does not have.

This is where chemistry enters the story. When the power goes out, Kashmir does not stop. Kashmir adapts, and it has been adapting for centuries. The first adaptation is the kangri. The kangri looks like a simple clay pot with a basket around it, but it is actually a brilliant example of chemistry in daily life.

Inside a kangri, we place burning charcoal. Charcoal is mostly carbon. When carbon burns, it reacts with oxygen in the air and produces heat and carbon dioxide. This is called combustion. But in a kangri, the combustion is very slow. The reason is the design. The clay pot has only a small opening at the top, so only a limited amount of oxygen can enter at a time. Because oxygen is limited, the charcoal burns slowly instead of bursting into flames. This slow combustion is the secret of the kangri. A small amount of charcoal can keep giving heat for five to six hours.

The clay pot also plays an important role. Clay is a poor conductor of heat, which means it does not let heat escape quickly. It absorbs the heat from the charcoal and releases it slowly into the surroundings. The outer basket, made of willow wicker, protects our hands from burning while still allowing the warmth to pass through. In modern language, we can say that the kangri is a portable, slow-release, chemical heater. It was invented long before electric heaters, and it still works when electricity fails.

The second adaptation is the pheran. The pheran is not just a traditional dress. It is a masterpiece of thermal science. It is usually made of wool, and wool has a very special property. Wool fibres are not smooth and flat. They are curly and rough, and they trap thousands of tiny pockets of air between them. This trapped air is the real hero.

In science, we learn that heat travels in three ways: conduction, convection, and radiation. Air is one of the worst conductors of heat. That means heat cannot easily travel through air. When we wear a pheran, the layer of trapped air between the wool and our body acts like an invisible blanket. It prevents our body heat from escaping outside, and it prevents the cold air from coming inside. This is why a pheran feels much warmer than a tight jacket, even if the jacket looks thicker. The pheran works on the same principle that scientists use in modern insulated buildings.

There is also another beautiful detail. The pheran is loose and long. This design allows us to keep the kangri inside it. The kangri warms the air inside the pheran, and the pheran traps that warm air. Together, they create a personal heating system that needs no electricity at all. This combination has kept Kashmiri people warm for hundreds of years, through harsh winters, heavy snowfall, and long nights without power.

If we look at the whole picture, we can see a clear chain. Winter freezes the water. Frozen water reduces hydroelectric power. Reduced power leads to power cuts. Power cuts push us back to the kangri and the pheran. And the kangri and the pheran work on pure chemistry and physics. It is a full circle.

This does not mean that we should accept power cuts as normal. Kashmir deserves better infrastructure, better power management, and better winter planning. But understanding the science behind the problem helps us respect our own traditions. Our ancestors did not have hydroelectric dams or electric heaters, but they understood chemistry in a practical way. They knew how to make fire last longer, how to trap heat, and how to live with nature instead of fighting it.

In today's world, we often think that science only exists in laboratories and textbooks. But in Kashmir, science is in our homes. It is in the glow of the kangri on a cold evening. It is in the warmth of the pheran on a foggy morning. It is in the frozen river that silently decides whether our lights will stay on or go off.

So, the next time the power goes out this winter, do not just see darkness. See the chemistry. Light your kangri, wear your pheran, and remember that you are living inside one of the most beautiful examples of winter science in the world. That is the true winter chemistry of Kashmir.

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The Trophy Trap

Why Teachers Deserve Better Than Rented Glory



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There is a particular kind of tragedy in watching a dedicated schoolteacher, someone who has spent decades correcting homework by lamplight and coaxing reluctant children through their alphabets, walk up to a stage to receive a medal she paid for herself. Yet this scene now plays out with depressing regularity across India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Kolkata's municipal schools to Gujarat's bustling towns, and from the hills of Shillong to Delhi's five-star banquet halls. An entire shadow industry has grown around the human need for recognition, and its favourite target is the Indian teacher.

The mechanics of this racket, once understood, are almost banal in their cynicism. An unregistered "council," "foundation," or "academy," with names deliberately chosen to sound official by borrowing words like "national," "international," "peace," "human rights," or "research," sends out a congratulatory message, promising to "elevate your status" and add "Dr." to your name, informing a school principal or teacher that they have been "selected" for an award. These ads bypass traditional academic rigor altogether, promising "easy registration" with no age or educational restrictions. There is no application, no jury, no scrutiny of merit. What follows instead is an invoice. Registration fees, "ceremony attendance charges," courier costs for the certificate, or a "mandatory VIP membership" can add up to anywhere between ten thousand and several lakh rupees, extracted in instalments that grow at every stage of the transaction.

To dress up the whole affair with a veneer of legitimacy, organisers rent halls in star hotels and, to manufacture an illusion of national importance, falsely claim to be "Approved by Govt. of India (MCA)" or "Certified by 12+ Ministries." In reality, a Ministry of Corporate Affairs business registration or an administrative filing carries zero legal authority to confer academic degrees or official state honors. Organisers secure the presence of a retired judge, a local MLA, a serving minister, or even high-profile film personalities, who are hired specifically as chief guests to hand over trophies and sashes to pay-for-title clients. The recipient goes home with a gold-plated trophy manufactured for a fraction of what was charged for it, a certificate with no legal standing, a custom "ID card," and a photograph that can be used in newspaper advertisements or on social media to attract the next admission season or personal glory.

These are not isolated incidents. Commercial award councils deliberately mix terms like "Bharat," "Ratna," and "Shri" to mimic official civilian honors, exploiting national pride for commercial gain. In one widely reported case, an outfit calling itself the International Anti-Corruption and Human Rights Council booked the main auditorium at Anna University in Chennai and handed out honorary doctorates to public figures, having secured the venue on the strength of a letter from a retired High Court judge while pocketing steep participation fees. The university later filed a police complaint, and two of the organisers were arrested. A similar racket unraveled in Mysuru, where police raided a fake convocation at a local hotel as the self-styled "International Global Peace University" was preparing to confer doctorates on more than 150 people, each of whom had paid between twenty



thousand and a lakh rupees for the honour; the local MLA, invited as chief guest, said he had no idea the university was fake.

Running alongside the award racket is an even more corrosive trade: the open sale of honorary doctorates framed as vanity products, complete with promotional packages offering "media coverage," photoshoots, and social media profile enhancements. Self-styled "universities" and non-academic private commissions that hold no legal registration anywhere in the world routinely offer the title of "Dr." for fees ranging between fifteen thousand and a lakh rupees. In exchange, buyers need to provide nothing more than a passport photograph, an identity document, and a short CV. The University Grants Commission's own rules are unambiguous: only universities set up under statute may confer doctorates, honorary or otherwise, and none of these can be equated with an earned Ph.D. Furthermore, regulatory guidelines clarify that holding an unaccredited or commercial honorary title does not legally entitle anyone to use the prefix "Dr." Yet the UGC's list of fake universities has grown steadily in recent years, with familiar repeat offenders such as Commercial University Ltd. in Delhi and Badaganvi Sarkar World Open University Education Society in Karnataka continuing to operate largely unchecked, even as the Commission's own response has stayed limited to advisories rather than prosecutions.

A third strand of this economy is the "Top 10 Schools" ranking racket: glossy lists compiled with no credible methodology, on which a school's position can be bought and adjusted upward for a price. During admission season, these purchased rankings turn up on roadside hoardings and in newspaper advertisements, converting a manufactured number into a persuasive and deeply misleading pitch to anxious parents.

It would be easy to dismiss all this as harmless vanity, a private folly paid for out of one's own pocket. That would be a mistake. The damage runs in several directions at once. Teachers spending their own, often modest, salaries to chase these medals are being defrauded of money they can ill afford to lose. Schools buying their way onto a "top-ranked" list are misleading parents who are making one of the most consequential decisions in their child's life. And every fake "Dr." applauded at a stage-managed ceremony chips away at the credibility of a genuine doctorate, one earned through years of original research, cheapening a title that ought to mean something.

There is a quieter harm too. When schools, institutions built on public trust, take part in this theatre of self-congratulation, it normalises the idea that recognition can be bought rather than earned. That is a poor lesson to model for the very children these institutions exist to educate.

None of this is impossible to fix. It requires, first, that the UGC and state education departments treat this not as a matter for gentle advisories but for criminal referral: cheating, impersonation of academic authority, and, where money changes hands under false pretences, fraud under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. It requires school managements and teachers' associations to warn their members actively, much as banks warn customers about phishing calls, rather than leaving individual teachers to discover the fraud only after the money has left their account. It also requires public figures, including judges, bureaucrats, and politicians, to think twice before lending their presence to felicitation events they have not vetted, since their attendance is exactly the borrowed credibility these rackets are built to harvest. And it requires the media to resist the pull of an easy "achiever" story and ask a simple question before publishing any award news: who conferred this, and on what basis?

India's teachers are, on the whole, underpaid and under-recognised for work that shapes the country's future more than almost any other profession. That neglect is precisely what leaves them open to an industry selling the one thing they are so rarely given: acknowledgement. But when honour becomes a commodity traded in hotel banquet halls, who really loses? It is time for a system that recognises good teaching on its own merits, and a state that finally treats the business of selling false recognition as the fraud it truly is.

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Kashmir's Prolonged Vacations

Should The Government Formulate New Education Policy?

The Severity Of Winter Is Understandable, But Are Prolonged Academic Holidays Every Year Not Affecting The Future Of Our Children And The Continuity Of Their Education?

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With the arrival of winter in Kashmir, government and private educational institutions prepare to observe prolonged winter vacations. It has become a routine practice for schools to remain closed for several weeks in view of the harsh winter conditions. Undoubtedly, the health and safety of children, along with prevailing weather conditions, cannot be overlooked. However, an important question arises: Does the existing vacation policy truly correspond with the changing times and the evolving needs of our education system? How long will Kashmir's education system remain caught between changing seasons and a conventional vacation schedule?

It is an undeniable fact that students already lose considerable academic time due to various reasons. Sometimes it is winter vacations, sometimes summer vacations, adverse weather conditions or administrative circumstances that disrupt the academic calendar. Under such circumstances, prolonged holidays can further affect students' learning progress, timely completion of the syllabus and overall academic development. There is also an important social dimension to this issue that deserves serious attention.

Many children studying in private schools have access to tuition, coaching and other academic activities during vacations, enabling them to continue their studies. However, students belonging to economically weaker and middle-income families, particularly those enrolled in government schools, often remain deprived of such opportunities. For them, schools are the primary centres of education, guidance and intellectual development. Consequently, prolonged vacations may further widen the existing educational divide.

The question is not whether schools should necessarily remain open during winter. Rather, the real question is whether we have an alternative educational mechanism that can ensure the safety of children while maintaining continuity in their learning. If severe cold and snowfall make the closure of educational institutions unavoidable in certain areas, why cannot the Department of Education consider separate vacation schedules for different climatic zones? Is it not time to reconsider the practice of following a uniform policy in areas experiencing significantly different weather conditions? Similarly, the government must prioritise the provision of heating systems, adequate infrastructure, electricity and other essential facilities in educational institutions.

How long will our children continue to suffer academically because of the absence of basic facilities? Another important aspect deserves consideration. Education is not merely about completing the syllabus or achieving success in examinations; it is the foundation of a child's intellectual, moral, social and creative development. Prolonged academic interruptions can weaken children's connection with regular learning, particularly among those who lack an educational environment and adequate parental guidance at home.

There is an urgent need for the Department of Education to formulate a comprehensive and practical policy by taking teachers, parents and educational experts into confidence. Such a policy must give equal importance to children's health and safety, prevailing climatic conditions, the number of instructional days, timely syllabus completion and the educational interests of economically disadvantaged sections of society.

We must also recognise that educational reforms are not limited to introducing new curricula, constructing buildings or changing examination systems. They also involve making policies and decisions that ensure equal learning opportunities for every child, irrespective of their social or economic background.

The future of Kashmir's children cannot be left entirely at the mercy of changing seasons. While protective measures against harsh winter conditions are essential, ensuring continuity in education is equally a fundamental responsibility of the government and the Department of Education. It is to undertake a serious review of the conventional vacation system, which is repeated year after year, and introduce an educational policy that strikes a meaningful balance between climatic compulsions and the demands of modern education. After all, the future of any nation rests in the hands of its children, and safeguarding that future requires making their education a foremost priority.

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Beyond The Screen

Rediscovering Nehru For A New Generation

In A World Increasingly Dominated By Smartphones, Social Media And Artificial Intelligence, Nehru's Emphasis On Scientific Temper, Education, Rational Thinking And National Responsibility Carries A Message That The Younger Generation Cannot Afford To Ignore.



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Every generation inherits a world shaped by the ideas, struggles and achievements of those who came before it. However, every generation also faces challenges unique to its time. For Generation Z, growing up in an age of smartphones, artificial intelligence, social media and instant communication, the challenge is not merely to acquire information but to develop the wisdom to use it responsibly.

In this rapidly changing world, the teachings and vision of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, remain remarkably relevant. Although he belonged to a different era, his ideas about education, scientific thinking, democracy, secularism and national development offer valuable lessons to today's young generation.

Nehru believed that the future of a nation depended largely on the intellectual strength, character and progressive outlook of its young people. He understood that political independence alone could not transform India into a strong and prosperous nation. The country also needed educated citizens, scientific institutions, social harmony and a spirit of inquiry.

Today, when young people have almost unlimited access to information through digital devices, Nehru's vision deserves renewed attention.

Scientific Temper: From Information to Understanding

One of Nehru's most important contributions to India's intellectual life was his emphasis on developing a scientific temper. He encouraged people to question, investigate, reason and avoid blind acceptance of ideas.

He believed that scientific thinking was not confined to laboratories or research institutions. It was an attitude towards life, based on evidence, curiosity and rational judgement. For Gen Z, this message is particularly important. A smartphone can provide access to millions of pages of information within seconds, but access to information does not automatically produce knowledge or wisdom.

Social media platforms frequently expose young people to misinformation, manipulated photographs, misleading videos and sensational claims. Many forward messages without checking their authenticity, while others form opinions on complicated issues after watching short videos or reading incomplete information.

Nehru's scientific outlook reminds us that every claim deserves examination. Young people must learn to distinguish facts from opinions, evidence from rumours and knowledge from propaganda. The real achievement of the digital age will not be measured by how many hours young people spend online, but by how intelligently they use technology.

Education: A Foundation for Independent Thinking

Nehru regarded education as one of the strongest instruments of national transformation. His government promoted scientific research, higher education and institutions of national importance. The establishment of institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology and the strengthening of scientific and research infrastructure reflected his belief that a modern India needed knowledge and innovation.

He did not consider education merely a means of obtaining employment. Education, in his understanding, was essential for developing an informed, confident and responsible citizen.

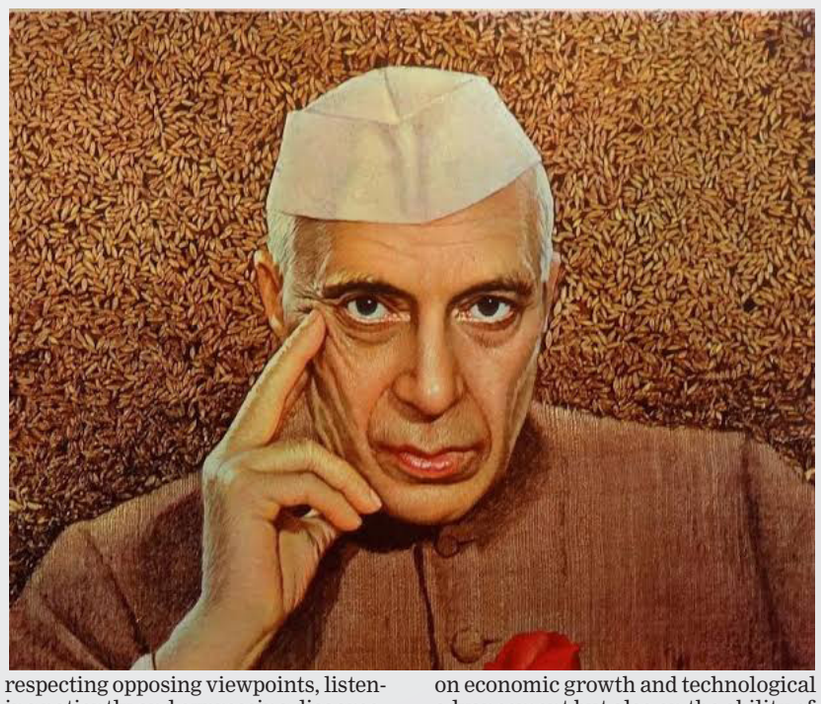
This lesson is particularly relevant today. A growing number of young people measure educational success through examination marks, degrees, professional qualifications and salary packages. These achievements are important, but education must also develop character, discipline, compassion and the ability to think independently.

Digital devices have made learning easier than ever before. Students can attend online lectures, access digital libraries, learn new languages and acquire professional skills without geographical limitations. However, excessive dependence on ready-made answers can weaken the habit of independent thinking. Gen Z must therefore use technology as a teacher and a resource, not as a substitute for intellectual effort.

Democracy and Freedom of Expression

Nehru believed in democratic institutions, parliamentary debate and freedom of expression. He understood that a diverse country like India could progress only through dialogue, mutual respect and constitutional values.

For today's generation, democracy is not limited to voting or participating in political discussions. It also involves



respecting opposing viewpoints, listening patiently and expressing disagreement without hatred.

Unfortunately, social media discussions sometimes turn into personal attacks, abusive language and ideological hostility. People often judge others without understanding their arguments. Nehru's democratic outlook offers a different approach. Disagreement should strengthen public debate rather than destroy social relationships.

Young citizens must understand that freedom of expression comes with responsibility. The right to speak does not mean the right to humiliate, threaten or spread falsehoods about others.

Secularism and the Strength of Diversity

India's strength lies in its extraordinary diversity of religions, languages, cultures and traditions. Nehru strongly advocated a secular democratic state in which every citizen could enjoy equal dignity and constitutional protection. His vision of India was not built around religious or cultural divisions but around the idea of a shared national identity.

For the younger generation, particularly in a society where digital platforms can sometimes amplify hatred and divisions, this message is extremely important. Young people must recognise that differences in religion, language, region or cultural practices should never become reasons for hostility. Respecting another person's beliefs does not require abandoning one's own convictions.

The future of India depends not only on economic growth and technological advancement but also on the ability of its people to live together peacefully.

Digital Devices: A Tool or a Distraction?

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing Gen Z is the relationship between technology and personal discipline. Smartphones have transformed communication, education, entertainment and professional opportunities. Artificial intelligence is changing the way people work, learn and solve problems. These developments offer enormous possibilities.

However, excessive screen time, online addiction, cyberbullying, unrealistic comparisons and the constant search for social media approval can affect concentration, relationships and personal development. Nehru's emphasis on discipline, intellectual curiosity and constructive engagement provides an important framework for addressing these challenges.

Young people should learn to control their digital devices rather than allow digital devices to control their daily routines. Reading books, participating in sports, spending time with family, engaging in community activities and developing practical skills are equally important for a balanced life. Technology should expand human capabilities, not reduce human interaction and sensitivity.

A Message for the Youth of Jammu and Kashmir

For the young generation of Jammu and Kashmir, Nehru's emphasis on education, scientific development and national institutions has particular significance. The region has enormous human potential. Its educated youth can contribute to research, entrepreneurship, agriculture, tourism, information technology, public administration and other fields.

But this potential requires more than academic qualifications. It requires curiosity, hard work, social responsibility and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. Young people must use digital platforms to acquire knowledge, promote local talent, preserve cultural heritage and find innovative solutions to problems confronting their communities.

They must also remain connected to their history, language, traditions and social responsibilities while preparing themselves for a rapidly changing world.

The Past Must Guide the Future

Nehru passed away in 1964, long before the arrival of smartphones, social media and artificial intelligence. Yet many of the questions he addressed remain central to modern society: How can education transform lives? How can scientific thinking overcome ignorance? How can democracy protect diversity? How can a nation develop without losing its human values?

These questions have not become outdated. In fact, technological advancement has made them even more important. Generation Z does not need to imitate the lifestyle or circumstances of an earlier generation. Every generation must find its own path. But progress does not mean abandoning the wisdom of the past. Nehru's life and ideas remind us that building a nation is a continuous process requiring intellectual courage, tolerance, education and public responsibility.

The real tribute to his vision would be a generation that does not merely consume information but creates knowledge; does not merely use technology but innovates; does not promote divisions but strengthens unity; and does not simply dream of personal success but contributes to the welfare of society.

The future belongs to those who can combine technological intelligence with human wisdom. That is perhaps the most important lesson Generation Z can draw from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's vision.

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young people. The Chief Minister also underlined the importance of a gradual transition towards computer-based examinations, observing that students must be adequately familiarised with the technology before such a system is introduced on a wider scale.

Omar Abdullah also advocated examining the possibility of incorporating school board examination performance into the selection framework for competitive and entrance examinations.

He said such an approach could help reduce the excessive dependence on a single entrance examination while also restoring the importance of regular school education and board examinations.

The Chief Minister stressed that a suitable mechanism would have to be evolved to ensure a level playing field for students from different educational boards, including JKBOSE, CBSE and ICSE, so that candidates from any particular board were not placed at a disadvantage.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the need to strengthen transparency in the interview and viva-voce components of recruitment and admission processes.

Observing that concerns were frequently raised by candidates regarding the subjective nature of oral examinations and the possibility of manipulation of marks, he suggested that the Task Force could examine measures to make this component more objective, transparent and accountable.

He said the ultimate objective of all examination reforms must be to establish a genuinely merit-based system in which the most deserving candidates secure opportunities on the basis of their performance and ability.

At the outset, Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education Department, Ram Niwas Sharma, gave a detailed presentation on the examination reform initiatives undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the arrangements put in place for the conduct of national-level examinations in J&K.

The meeting also discussed the mandate of the High-Powered Task Force constituted by the Government of India to recommend comprehensive reforms in examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), including NEET-UG, JEE (Main), CUET-UG and UGC-NET.

The Task Force has been mandated to examine various aspects of the examination ecosystem, including examination design, security, institutional governance, use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain, inclusivity, student well-being and a time-bound roadmap for implementation of reforms.

The meeting reviewed the arrangements made by J&K administration for the conduct of NEET-UG 2026, including coordination among civil and police authorities, examination-centre preparedness, security of question papers, deployment of nodal officers and constitution of committees at UT, divisional and district levels.

The meeting also took stock of the security arrangements put in place for the transportation and custody of question papers, including police-escorted movement from designated banks, CCTV-monitored strong rooms, round-the-clock security, prescribed frisking procedures and monitoring of examination centres.

Besides, the members deliberated on examination reforms undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC), Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), universities and other higher education institutions.

Best practices relating to question paper security, digital examinations, transparent evaluation, timely declaration of results and issuance of degrees were also discussed.

Various suggestions and recommendations were put forward by the participating Ministers and other officers, with particular emphasis on strengthening institutional safeguards, leveraging technology, eliminating examination malpractices and reducing avoidable stress for candidates.

The deliberations were aimed at evolving a comprehensive and practical framework that would make examinations more secure, credible, transparent and student-friendly, while ensuring equal opportunities and a level playing field for all aspirants.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Health and Medical Education Sakina Itoo; Minister for Education Shamim Firdous; Acting Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Director General of Police, Armed; administrative secretaries of the General Administration, Health and Medical Education, and Higher Education Departments; Chairman, JKSSB; and members of the High-Powered Task Force, Tapan Kumar Deka and Prof. V. Kamakoti.

The visiting members were accompanied by Director National Recruitment Agency and other officials of the Task Force Secretariat.

Preserve J&K's

that culture forms the foundation of every society, the Lieutenant Governor noted that communities draw confidence and self-respect from a deeper understanding of their history and heritage. He underlined the importance of preserving ancient religious sites, manuscripts, museums and cultural institutions as instruments for strengthening identity and promoting mutual understanding.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the significant efforts undertaken in Jammu Kashmir for heritage conservation under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He noted that heritage revival projects are being implemented across the Union Territory through restoration of monuments, archival modernisation, archaeological research and cultural infrastructure development.

It is pertinent to mention that preservation work has been initiated on 106 heritage projects under the first two phases, with over 40 projects already completed. Under Phase III, 321 projects have been identified and 312 have received administrative approval. The digitisation work of historical records is ongoing in the Jammu and Srinagar archives, with nearly 96.8 lakh pages digitised so far, representing about 68 per cent of available documents.

Under Mission Gyan Bharatam, the surveys have identified 43,000 manuscripts and digitisation efforts are progressing steadily.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted ongoing work related to the Sufiana School in Srinagar, the modernisation of Abhinav Theatre and Kala Kendra in Jammu, restoration of Mubarak Mandi and research into recently discovered Kushan-era Buddhist remains in Baramulla district.

Speaking about Naranag Heritage Complex in Ganderbal, the Lieutenant Governor welcomed the research and documentation initiatives undertaken by Kakini Building Humanity and expressed hope that conservation and restoration activities would commence after completion of necessary procedural requirements. He also appreciated efforts connected with the Harmukh-Gangbal pilgrimage, describing it as a symbol of the region's enduring cultural and spiritual traditions.

"I believe that Naranag has its own distinct historical and spiritual dignity, where faith, geography, and collective memories are deeply intertwined. Therefore, I am extremely pleased that Kakini Building Humanity has also established a chair at the Indian Heritage Institute," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed that Jammu Kashmir has a long tradition of harmony and equal respect for all faiths. He emphasised that the heritage of every community must be preserved with sensitivity.

The Lieutenant Governor said Kashmiri Pandit's contribution to Kashmir's literary, spiritual and cultural heritage is invaluable and their dignified return would help restore the Valley's complete social and cultural fabric.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, scholars, archivists, museum professionals and all stakeholders associated with heritage conservation. He also lauded former army officers and civil society organisations for their continued contribution to cultural preservation and nation-building.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, Shri Kuldeep Krishan Sidha; Adv. Raja Ashraf Ali Khan, Swamini Vishwa Nireeshwari Lakshmi Priya Mata, Shri Ramesh Hangloo, Ar. Balaji Dhar and Ar. Shravanthi were felicitated for their contribution in the field of culture and heritage.

Maj Gen R.K Raina (Retd.), Chairman Kakini Building Humanity, Cdr. Sanjay Kaul (Retd.), Dr. Aanchal Khurana, Vice President, Kakini Building Humanity; Shri Ramesh Kumar, Secretary, Culture Department; Shri Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shri Rajiv Omprakashn, DIG CKR; Dr. GV Sundeep Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Shri Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, senior officials and prominent citizens from different walks of life were present.

DGP Orders Major

Mohd Ameen Bhat has been shifted from DSP SOG Bani, Kathua, to DSP CTC Lethpora, Tussif Ahmed from SDPO Mendhar to DSP CID CI Ramban, Imtiaz Ahmed from DSP Security Jammu to SDPO Pahalgam and Parul Bhardwaj from SDPO Mahore to DSP Headquarters Bandipora. Irshad Ahmad Ahanger has been transferred from DSP CID CI Doda-Kishtwar to DSP EOW Jammu, while Shaid Nahiem Ahmed has been shifted from SDPO Manjakote to SDPO Arnas.

Aftab Hussain Shah has been posted as SDPO Bijbehara from DSP EOW Jammu, Satish Bhardwaj as DSP Personnel APHQ from SDPO Bakshi Nagar and Sheikh Mudasir Ahmad Farooqi as SDPO Magam from SDPO Bijbehara. Nikhil Gogna has been shifted from DSP Prov I PHQ to SDPO Katra, Zafar Mahdi from DSP Headquarters Bandipora to DSP 22 JKAP IR and Ahmad Shaafi Zargar from DSP DAR Bandipora to DSP Buildings Headquarters.

Mohd Nawaz Khandey has been transferred from SDPO Sumbal to DSP DAR Sopore, Sheezan Bhat from DSP 7 JKAP IR to SDPO Handwara, Neeraj Kumar from SDPO Billawar to DSP Headquarters Rajouri, Lov Karan from SDPO Gandoh to DSP Headquarters Kathua and Rohit Chadgal from DSP SOG Jammu to DSP Headquarters Reasi.

Khalid Ashraf has been shifted from DSP CID CI Headquarters Jammu to DSP SKPA Udhampur, while Sagara Singh, who was awaiting posting, has been posted as SO to DIG DK Range. Qazi Shamas-ul-Muzaffar has been transferred from DSP CID CIK (JIC) to DSP CID CI Budgam, Zahid Ahmad Lone from DSP Buildings Headquarters to SDPO Zakura and Zohaib Hassan from SDPO Panthachowk to SDPO Sopore.

Syeed Peerzada Mujahidulhaq has been shifted from DSP Headquarters Anantnag to SDPO Khanyar, Sunil Singh from DSP CID SB Headquarters Jammu to SDPO Chenani, Shoket Ali from DSP Traffic Doda-Kishtwar to SDPO Mahore and Satish Kumar from DSP Headquarters Rajouri to SDPO Vijaypur. Imtyaz Ahmad has been transferred from DSP Security Kashmir to DSP Traffic Ganderbal-Bandipora, while Parupkar Singh has been shifted from SDPO Thana Mandi to DSP Personnel Headquarters.

Dr Azhar Rashid has been posted as SDPO Tangmarg from SDPO Khanyar, Vikram Singh as DSP 16 JKAP IR from SDPO North Jammu and Kulwant Singh as DSP 3 JKAP IR from DSP CID CI Baramulla. Arun Jamwal has been shifted from SDPO Vijaypur to DSP 5 JKAP IR, Updesh Kumar from SDPO Arnas to DSP DAR Samba and Aijaz Ahmad from DSP 2 JKAP IR to DSP CID SB Poonch.

Sharad has been transferred from DSP GRP Lines Katra to SDPO Manjakote, Dr Bhishm Dubey from SDPO Katra to DSP 11 JKAP IR, Javaid Ahmad Lone from DSP 17 JKAP IR to DSP TMG CID Headquarters and Syed Sleet Shah from DSP Headquarters Srinagar to DSP CID CI Headquarters Srinagar.

Surinder Mohan has been shifted from DSP SOG Kalakote, Rajouri, to DSP Prov I Headquarters, Mohd Rafee Rather from DSP CID SB Srinagar to DSP CID SB Ganderbal, Viqar Younus Batt from DSP Headquarters Ramban to DSP EOW Jammu and Adil Hussain from DSP DAR Doda to DSP IO JKAP IR.

Arif Hussain Malik has been transferred from SDPO Kokernag to SDPO Panthachowk, Majad Ali from SDPO Awantipora to DSP 9 JKAP, Shammi Kumar from DSP SOG Rajouri to DSP Headquarters Udhampur and Aakash Kohli from DSP EOW Jammu to SDPO Border Kathua.

Dev Raj has been shifted from Principal CTI Jammu to SO to DIG HG Jammu.

Revaz Ahmad has been transferred from SDPO DH Pora to DSP Traffic City Srinagar, Mehboob ul Haq from DSP Traffic City Srinagar to DSP DAR Kulgam, Faizan Ali from SDPO Tangmarg to DSP CID CIK (JIC) and Mohammad Ashril from SDPO Magam to SDPO Hazratbal. Rashad Akbar Makai has been shifted from SDPO Hazratbal to DSP CID CI Srinagar, Abid Hussain Rafiqi from DSP CID SIA Kashmir to DSP 22 JKAP IR and Dheeraj Kumar from SDPO Shaheedgunj to SDPO North Jammu.

Mohd Abdullah Wani has been transferred from DSP DAR Sopore to DSP Security Kashmir, Maroof Ahmad from DSP AC HG Poonch to DSP AC HG Rajouri, Mohd Aslam from DSP Traffic Kulgam to DSP 6 JKAP and Faisal Arif Rishu from DSP EOW Jammu to SDPO Uri. Rajeev Raina has been shifted from SDPO Kangan to DSP 24 JKAP IR, Shivam Jaggi from SDPO Achchabal to DSP CID SB Headquarters Jammu and Rohit Gupta from DSP SOG Manzgam Kulgam to DSP 1 JKAP Border.

Vikram Nag has been transferred from DSP SOG Srinagar to SDPO Bakshi Nagar, Mamta Sharma from DSP Crime Jammu (EOW) to DSP 1 JKAP Women, Shakir Hassan from DSP SOG Srinagar to SDPO M.R. Gunj and Faisal Hussain from SDPO Handwara to DSP Headquarters Anantnag.

Sayed Aqeel Shah has been shifted from DSP SOG Kulgam to SDPO Shaheedgunj, Vikram Sarmhal from DSP 12 JKAP IR to SDPO Gandoh, Rajesh Chandan from DSP CID SS II to SDPO Thana Mandi and Sumit Bhagat from DSP 24 JKAP IR to DSP Headquarters Ramban.

Rukhsana Choudhary has been transferred from DSP CID CI Headquarters Srinagar to DSP 14 JKAP IR, Farooq Ahmad from SDPO Pahalgam to DSP 8 JKAP IR, Mujahid Nazir from DSP Traffic Baramulla-Kupwara to DSP 11 JKAP IR and Sukhvir Singh from SDPO Chenani to DSP CID CI Kathua.

Barkat Hussain has been shifted from DSP AC HG Rajouri to DSP AC HG Poonch, Manjeet Singh from DSP 7 JKAP Security to DSP CID SB Jammu, Sharat Chander Singh from DSP PCR Jammu to DSP 8 JKAP and Prehlad Kumar from DSP Headquarters Udhampur to DSP Complaints Headquarters.

Surinder Paul Singh has been transferred from DSP Traffic Banihal to DSP 19 JKAP IR, Mohd Iqbal from DSP Security Civil Secretariat to DSP Traffic Pulwama-Shopian, Ajay Kumar from DSP DAR Baramulla to DSP 1 JKAP Border and Vishal Singh Jamwal from DSP Headquarters Reasi to SDPO Billawar.

Mohd Ayoub Rather has been shifted from DSP DAR Kulgam to DSP 13 JKAP IR, Jatinder Singh from DSP DAR Udhampur to DSP 7 JKAP Security, Murtaza Ahmed from DSP CID CI City Srinagar to DSP PCR Srinagar and Arjan Chib from DSP DAR Samba to DSP 7 JKAP Security.

Ravinder Singh has been transferred from DSP Headquarters Kathua to DSP Security Jammu, Shakeel Ahmed from DSP TMG CID Headquarters to DSP 22 JKAP IR, Varinder Gupta from DSP CID SB Jammu to DSP 24 JKAP IR and Manoj Kumar from DSP 5 JKAP IR to DSP DAR Doda.

Gulzar Ahmad has been shifted from DSP Traffic Ganderbal-Bandipora to DSP 17 JKAP IR, Mushtaq Ahmad Paula from DSP Traffic Pulwama-Shopian to DSP 23 JKAP IR, Ghulam Hassan Bhat from DSP CID SB Ganderbal to DSP 23 JKAP IR and Mohammad Rafi Shah from SDPO Sopore to DSP Traffic Baramulla-Kupwara.

Charanjeet Singh has been transferred from DSP SOG Basantgarh to DSP GRP Lines Katra, Mohd Yousuf Mir from SDPO Litter to DSP CID SB Headquarters Kashmir and Athar Samad Ahanger from SDPO Zainpora to DSP CID SIA Kashmir.

Rajesh Kumar has been directed to report to IG Jammu and await further orders of posting after being shifted from SDPO Tral. Muzaffar Ahmad Shah has been transferred from DSP CID SB Headquarters Kashmir to DSP PTWS Srinagar, Mohammad Ayoub Wagay from DSP 17 JKAP IR to DSP Security Kashmir and Yawar Nissar Khan from DSP SOG Dooru Anantnag to DSP CID SB Budgam.

Mayank Khajuria has been shifted from DSP SOG Kakapora Pulwama to DSP PCR Jammu, Manjot Singh from DSP SOG Sangam Srigufiwara to SDPO Litter, Sonika Verma from DSP PCR Srinagar to DSP 1 JKAP Women and Aeshal Nisar from DSP SOG Kreeri Baramulla to SDPO Sumbal.

Zarqa Naquib has been transferred from DSP PCR Srinagar to DSP Headquarters Srinagar, Syed Aabid Shah from DSP SOG Uri Baramulla to DSP 8 JKAP IR, Mohd Wasim Shah from DSP SOG Budgam to DSP DAR Baramulla and Amit Khajuria from DSP SOG Hajin Bandipora to DSP SOG Srinagar.

Farhan Ahmed has been shifted from DSP SOG Mirbazar Kulgam to SDPO Awantipora, Ishwer Dev from DSP SOG Mougla Rajouri to DSP Traffic Kulgam, Sohail Ahmad Wani from DSP SOG Anantnag to DSP CID CI Ganderbal and Tabassum Iqball from DSP SOG Pulwama to DSP SOG Manzgam Kulgam.

Sakshi Sharma has been transferred from DSP SOG Samba to DSP 12 JKAP IR, Atif Zahoor from DSP SOG Sogam Lolab to SDPO DH Pora, Azhar Amin from DSP SOG Poonch to SDPO Mendhar and Sushant Sharma from DSP SOG Darhal Rajouri to DSP Traffic Banihal.

Abhishek Kumar Kaith has been shifted from DSP SOG Pampore to SDPO Tral, Danish Javed Sheikh from DSP SOG Awantipora to SDPO Achabal and Rajat Chib from DSP SOG Hattipora Kulgam to DSP SOG Srinagar.

Ravinder Kumar has been transferred from DSP SOG Ganderbal to DSP SOG Srinagar against an OAR post of DSP, while Chander Kant has been shifted from DSP SOG Imam Sahib Shopian to SDPO Zainpora.

Vasu Aggarwal has been transferred from DSP SOG Bandipora to DSP CID SS II Headquarters, Aabid Hussain Lone from DSP SOG Pattan Baramulla to SDPO Kokernag, Nitish Sharma from DSP SOG Dachhan Kishtwar to DSP SOG Sogam Lolab and Shafqat Amin from DSP CTC Lethpora to DSP IO JKAP IR.

Rafiq Ahmad Bhat has been shifted from DSP DAR Awantipora to DSP 3 JKAP Security, Munir Ahmad from DSP 14 JKAP IR to DSP Traffic Doda-Kishtwar, Karan Kumar from SDPO Border Kathua to DSP 16 JKAP IR and Sanjay Koul from DSP 22 JKAP IR to DSP CID CI Doda-Kishtwar.

Mir Zahid has been transferred from DSP Arms/Ammunition Headquarters to DSP EOW Kashmir, while Chaman Gorka has been shifted from DSP 7 JKAP Security to DSP DAR Udhampur.

The order further states that Sharat Chander Singh, at serial number 81, has been attached with CTC Sunjwan. One DSP post from the overall reserve has also been attached with Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu for drawal of salary in respect of Rajesh Kumar at serial number 102.

It also directs that DSP Transport Headquarters shall, in addition to his own duties, look after the responsibilities of DSP Arms/Ammunition Headquarters. All officers have been directed to be relieved forthwith—(KNO)

Bullet-Riddled

The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

Reacting to the killings, Jammu and Kashmir Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma termed the incident extremely unfortunate and said remnants of the terror-supporting ecosystem were still active in the region.

"Peace is gradually being established in Jammu and Kashmir, yet frustrated elements—frustrated terrorists—carry out such acts just to signal their presence," Sharma said.

He alleged that the two SPOs were kidnapped while travelling through a dense forest from Dherna towards Kiad and said the incident highlighted the continued presence of terrorist elements despite sustained security operations.

Sharma further maintained that the old terror-supporting network had not been completely dismantled and said its remaining elements would be dealt with.

Kishtwar MLA, Shagun Parihar, expressed grief over the killings, describing the incident as deeply tragic. Parihar said the bodies of the two SPOs were recovered at around 8 am and 9 am, respectively.

"Pakistan continues to persist with its nefarious conspiracies. We urge the Home Minister to ensure that those responsible for the deaths of these two SPOs are brough to book as soon as possible," she said.

Demanding a strong response, she added, "We want exact price—for these two, we want to take down four."

Pertinently, the incident comes weeks after another SPO, Bashir Ahmed, was found dead near his residence in Wanipora Trigam on October 16. Ahmed, who was posted at Pedil Police Post, had gone missing while returning home from duty with his service-issued rifle and magazine. A subsequent police investigation established that he had been murdered by relatives over an ongoing land dispute.

The latest killings have once again brought the security situation in Kishtwar's remote forest areas into focus, with security forces continuing efforts to track down the perpetrators—(KNO)

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issues will not be solved by violence," Dr Farooq added.

Referring to the violence which Jammu and Kashmir witnessed, Dr Farooq said people should not forget the painful history of the region.

He also referred to international conflicts, including those involving Iran, the United States and Ukraine, to underline the destruction caused by wars and the need to resolve disputes through dialogue—(KNO)

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developed in-house by the Indian Air Force's Centre of Excellence under the Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking (UDAAN).

The applications, deployed on the Air Force's secure network, will help automate and expedite tasks related to operations, administration and aerospace safety.

The 2-day conference is being attended by senior Air Force commanders and focuses on operational, maintenance and administrative priorities under the theme 'The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation'—(KNO)

Snowfall In Upper

connectivity along the strategic road.

The Mughal Road and Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri Road, connecting Kashmir with Ladakh through Zojila Pass, also remained closed to traffic due to fresh snowfall and slippery road conditions.

Plains across the Kashmir, including parts of North and Central Kashmir, received rainfall, bringing a chill to the region and intensifying cold conditions.

Authorities have advised commuters and travellers to avoid travelling on the affected roads until further notice and follow official traffic advisories.

Meanwhile, the Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department (MHED), Division Anantnag, conducted mock drills of snow-clearance machinery across Tehsil Kokernag to assess operational preparedness ahead of the forecast rain and snowfall spell in mid-November.

According to the Meteorological Centre Srinagar, generally cloudy weather is expected on November 13, with light to moderate rain and snowfall over higher reaches at most places. Moderate to heavy rain and snowfall over higher reaches is also likely at several places till late afternoon.

A brief spell of light rain and snowfall at a few places is expected on November 14 and 15, while weather is likely to remain generally dry from November 16 to 20.

The MeT department has forecast a significant fall of 6-8 degrees Celsius in day temperatures during November 12 and 13. Thunderstorms, hailstorms and gusty winds are also possible at a few places during the period.

It has advised farmers to safely store harvested crops during November 12-13, while travellers, transporters and tourists have been asked to plan their journeys accordingly, keeping in view the possibility of disruption on important mountain passes and hilly roads due to moderate to heavy snowfall.

Meanwhile, according to the latest weather data issued by the Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Thursday, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 17.3 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 5.6 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 16.7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 5.8 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam recorded 14.5 degrees Celsius as the maximum and 2.7 degrees Celsius as the minimum.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 17.3 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 3.7 degrees Celsius. Kokernag recorded 15 degrees Celsius and 6.4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Gulmarg recorded a maximum temperature of 9.9 degrees Celsius, while the minimum settled at minus 0.6 degrees Celsius, making it the coldest among the weather stations in the Kashmir division.

Among other AWS stations, Bandipora recorded a maximum of 19.9 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 6.1 degrees Celsius, Baramulla 18.1 and 6.4 degrees Celsius, Shopian 16.8 and 2.2 degrees Celsius, while Sonamarg recorded 11.9 and 2.6 degrees Celsius, respectively.

The maximum rainfall/snowfall recorded was 7.5 mm at AWS Gulmarg, according to the weather bulletin.

In Jammu division, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 27.6 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 15.3 degrees Celsius.

The MeT department has advised people, particularly those travelling through higher reaches and mountain passes, to remain cautious in view of the prevailing weather conditions—(KNO)

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NHM employees seek CM's intervention, warn of fresh protest

Demand action on assurances; job policy, equal pay, social security

JAHANGEER GANAIE



SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Health Mission Employees Association (JKNHMEAK) on Thursday sought the personal intervention of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for the implementation of commitments made by the government during a high-level meeting on September 18, 2026, warning that employees may resume their protest if their long-pending demands are not addressed.

Addressing a press conference here, the association's leadership expressed resentment over what it described as an inordinate delay in translating the assurances given during the meeting, chaired by Health and Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo, into concrete decisions and official government orders.

The association, said NHM employees had called off their strike in September following an appeal by the Chief Minister, who had publicly expressed his willingness to hold discussions with the employees on the condition that they first withdraw their agitation.

"We honoured the Chief Minister's appeal and called off our strike in the hope that our concerns would be addressed through dialogue. We now expect the same commitment from the government and request the Chief Minister to personally intervene and provide an opportunity for meaningful discussions," the association said.

Reiterating its demands, JKNHMEAK spokesperson Rouf Ahmad called for a comprehensive salary revision, formulation of a dignified job policy, implementation of equal pay for equal work, social security coverage, retirement benefits and resolution of other long-pending service-related issues.

The association said the demands were not limited to routine financial adjustments but required comprehensive policy-level decisions to ensure job security, financial stability and dignity for thousands of employees working under the National Health Mission across Jammu and Kashmir.

It also clarified that the recently sanctioned five per cent annual increment for eligible contractual NHM employees under the annual budgetary provisions could not be treated as fulfilment of the commitments made by the government.

According to the association, employees were expecting a comprehensive package addressing their service conditions and long-standing financial concerns rather than routine annual increments.

"NHM employees have demonstrated considerable patience and restraint. However, they cannot be expected to wait indefinitely. The commitments made on September 18 must now translate into concrete government orders instead of remaining confined to assurances," the leadership said.

The association further warned that failure to address the issues within a reasonable timeframe could compel employees to resume their democratic agitation.

"We do not want confrontation with the government, but our legitimate demands cannot be ignored any longer. If the issues remain unresolved, the association will have no option but to return to the streets to seek justice for its members," the leadership added.

The association also urged the Chief Minister and Health Minister Sakina Itoo to take immediate cognisance of the matter and ensure time-bound implementation of the commitments made during the September 18 meeting.

Emphasising the contribution of NHM employees to the healthcare delivery system, the association said its workforce had played a significant role in extending health services across urban as well as remote and underserved areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

It maintained that employees who have continued to serve the public under contractual arrangements deserve a clear service policy, financial security and appropriate recognition of their contribution.

The association reiterated that NHM employees had already demonstrated their willingness to resolve the matter through dialogue and expected the government to honour its commitments before the situation escalated into another round of protests—(KNO)

Indoor smoke can worsen lung conditions, doctor warns

SKIMS expert urges winter precautions, advises timely flu, pneumococcal vaccination

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: With the onset of winter, respiratory infections and pneumonia cases are expected to increase across Kashmir, with health experts urging people, particularly vulnerable groups, to take precautionary measures to minimise the risk of seasonal illnesses.

Dr Syed Mudasir Qadri, Professor of Internal and Pulmonary Medicine at SKIMS Soura, said that, as in other regions experiencing harsh winters, Kashmir also witnesses an increase in respiratory infections and pneumonia during the colder months.

Dr Qadri said people at the extremes of age, particularly children below five years and elderly persons above 65 years, are more vulnerable to respiratory infections and pneumonia.

He said patients suffering from chronic lung diseases and those with compromised immunity, including cancer patients, transplant recipients and people taking systemic steroids or other immunosuppressive medications, are also at increased risk of developing serious complications.

"During the winter season, we do see an increase in the inflow of patients with respiratory ailments in hospitals. However, the healthcare system tries its best to prepare for such eventualities well in advance," he said.

Highlighting another major concern, Dr Qadri said indoor air pollution remains a significant contributor to respiratory complications, particularly among people living in rural and tribal areas where traditional heating arrangements are still widely used.

He said that although an increasing number of households are shifting towards modern heating systems such as electric hamams, electric radiators and air conditioners, a considerable population continues to depend on kangris, bukharis and coal- and wood-burning stoves.

According to him, smoke and pollutants generated by these traditional heating sources can aggravate existing respiratory conditions, particularly Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) and asthma.

"People exposed to indoor air pollution are more likely to experience frequent exacerbations of chronic lung diseases, especially during winter when ventilation inside homes is often limited," he said.

Emphasising the importance of prevention, Dr Qadri said that while improved transport facilities and increased awareness through social media have encouraged people to seek medical advice in a timely manner, greater attention needs to be paid to preventive healthcare.

He advised people to avoid overcrowded places, maintain a healthy diet, keep themselves adequately warm and limit outdoor exposure during periods of extreme cold, particularly during early mornings and evenings.

He also stressed the importance of timely vaccination, saying pneumococcal and influenza vaccines should be taken as prescribed by healthcare professionals, particularly by people belonging to high-risk groups.

"Prevention remains extremely important. People should follow medical advice, maintain healthy habits and ensure that recommended vaccinations are taken on time," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Qadri said hospitals across Kashmir, including SKIMS Soura, undertake special winter preparedness measures to ensure that healthcare services remain functional and patients receive timely treatment during the cold season.

These preparations include reviewing the availability of medicines in hospital pharmacies, checking the functioning of ventilators and other intensive care facilities, ensuring adequate heating arrangements and stocking sufficient warm linen for patients.

"Such measures are taken in advance to ensure hospitals remain equipped to deal with the anticipated increase in respiratory and other winter-related ailments," Dr Qadri said.

The expert urged people not to ignore persistent respiratory symptoms, particularly among children, elderly persons and patients with pre-existing medical conditions, and to seek medical attention without delay—(KNO)

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No. 31 of 2026-27 Dated 12 .11.2026

For and on behalf of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar , e-tenders are invited on two cover system by Executive Engineer Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar by e-tendering mode on Percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State UTI , PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

S No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earned Money (in Rs)	Cost of T/Doc	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Up gradation of swimming pool at RSGC, Sgr.	10.00 lakhs	20,000/- in shape of CDR OR FDR in favour of Executive Engineer RSGC	1000/= Non Refundable in shape of Bank Challan in favour Secretary RSGC SB-0229040100012341 J&K Bank Brain Branch Nishat Srinagar	45 DAYS	B, C, D Class	5452 Tourism

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Note: Bidders are advised to read all the terms and conditions of this E-NIT and its accompanying documents carefully before submitting their bids. All annexures enclosed with this E-NIT shall be filled in completely, accurately, and duly signed wherever required. Incomplete, unsigned, or improperly filled annexures, or omission of any required information or document, shall render the bid liable to rejection. The bidder may be disqualified at any stage of the tendering process without any further notice.

I. No exemption shall be allowed; therefore, all bidders must upload proof of payment for the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee.

II. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason at any stage.

III. Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of a valid Registration Certificate (renewed for the year 2026–27), PAN, GST Registration Certificate, along with the latest GST return/receipt for the month of October 2026 OR 2nd Quarter of FY 2026-27. The successful bidder shall produce the original documents for verification before the issuance of the contract.

IV. The typographical error in the BOQ like Unit of item Quantity of item etc, if any found during e- NIT or after end date of NIT shall be rectified in the allotment as per the estimate.

V. The Time is the Essence of this Contract. Agencies are requested to supply the item within the stipulated period of time, which is much mandatory.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12.11.2026 3:00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From12.11.2026 to 19. 11.2026 (3.00 PM on wards)
3	Bid submission Start Date	12 .11.2026 3:00 Pm on wards
4	Bid Submission End Date	19 .11.2026 upto 03:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	20.11.2026 at 10: 00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation is completed

General Conditions:

1. The financial bid (BOQ) of only eligible, responsive bidders shall be opened on line on the date mentioned above in the office of Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar. In case of any avoidable circumstances the tenders shall be opened on the next working day or any subsequent date convenient to the Authority.
2. The 1st lowest bidder (Successful) has to submit performance security @ 5% of the Contract Value or Below %age of un-balanced cost to be deposited on quoted bid by L1 in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar drawn from nationalized/ Scheduled bank preferably J&K Bank which should reach to the office of Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar within 05 days from the date of opening of on line bids. In case of failure the bid shall be treated as non-responsive.
3. The bids for the works shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of tenders.
4. The department shall not be responsible for any technical error or delay in submission of on line bids due to any reason.
5. The department can modify the terms and conditions, specification of work if need arises before the dead line date of receipt of tenders.
6. The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ .In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually .The BOQ down loaded should be used for filling the item rate/ Percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
7. Un-balanced Bid: The bidders have to produce additional security in shape of CDR/FDR of recognize scheduled/commercial Bank, pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar. The CDR/FDR shall be valid for maximum six months or more after the last date of receipt to bids along with the bid document as per following break up: Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR: (As Finance Department Circular No. FD-Code/441/2024-02-158 Dated 08-08-2025)

S No	Percentage of Unbalanced Bid viz; Advertised cost on account flow rates	Additional Security Advertised value of work as percentage of Advertised cost
1	Up to and including 10% below	Nil
2	Greater than 10% up to 20% below	1%
3	Greater than 20% up to 30% below	3%
4	Greater than 30% up to 40% below	5%
5	Greater than 40% up to 50% below	7%

8. The additional performance guarantee percentage shall be rounded off to the next lower percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is below 0.5% or next higher percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is 0.5% or more.
9. The Contractor is bound to work/ supply the material of best quality as per specifications. Any material found Substandard/ defective shall not be entertained and contractor is bound to replace it immediately at his own cost.
10. The date of start of work shall be reckoned within 3 days from the date of issue of LOI /allotment,
11. In case of delay in completion of the work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty up to 10% of the allotted cost shall be imposed.
12. No advance payment shall be paid to the Service/ contractor.
13. The contractor shall ensure execution of an agreement with the Department within 15 days from the date of issue of LOI/allotment.
14. All disputes and differences between the parties arising out any relating to the NIT, Letter of intent, Allotment, work done bills and agreement to be signed between the Officer of RSGC and the contractor including interpretation of its terms and conditions shall be preferable to Secretary, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar whose decision shall be final and binding upon all the parties
15. The bidders are advised to quote their rates in Percentage which includes Income tax, GST, Labour cess etc
16. The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes a breach of the contract.
17. The tender is liable to rejection if it does not fulfil the requirements as laid down in the NIT/ Agreement
18. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD form-25 double /FC-31.
19. The DLP shall be reckoned from the date of successful completion of work shall be upto the period of not less than 12 Months.
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21. No escalation of rates shall be allowed whatsoever during the period of rate contract.
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23. The EMD in shape of CDR/ FDR with validity of not less than 24 months from any nationalized/ scheduled bank preferably J&K Bank pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC and should be uploaded on the portal with tender.

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Raichandani's 93 powers India into U19 Asia Cup final

IANS

MUSCAT: Skipper Lakshya Raichandani's commanding 93 off 90 balls powered India to a crushing eight-wicket victory over Afghanistan in the second semi-final of the Under-19 Asia Cup here on Thursday, sending them to the final. The result also means India will ace arch-rivals Pakistan in a high-octane title clash on Saturday.

Chasing 228 at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground, India finished with 79 balls remaining, their top three batters the chief run-scorers. Apart from Lakshya, Aaryavir Sehwag chipped in with 51 off 57 balls, while VK Vineeth stayed unbeaten on 57 off 62 balls to take India home.

Afghanistan elected to bat first after winning the toss and appeared to be building towards a big total. At 143/3 in the 36th over, they had wickets in hand and were well placed to cut loose in the business end of their



innings. But the innings lost its way soon after, three wickets fell in quick succession, with Aryan Savsani doing the bulk of the damage by striking twice in a single over to dismiss Amir Hamza and Tahir Sarwary.

Noman Salarzai and Shah Faisal Rahimi both made 51 runs, but neither were able to shift gears against a disciplined Indian bowling attack. Captain Sohail Khan's unbeaten 36 off 44 balls took Afghanistan to 227/8, a total that always looked a touch short on a pitch offering little help to the bowlers.

The Indian seamers gave nothing away with the new ball, and the spinners then squeezed the life out of the middle overs. Manal Chauhan, Yashbardhan Chauhan and Savsani kept a tight grip on the scoring rate, and the fielding was largely sharp. An impressive Ishan Sood was the pick of the bowlers with 3-43, while Savsani finished with 2-29.

Once Afghanistan failed to get early breakthroughs in the chase, their task of defending the total became an uphill one. Raichandani took charge and attacked the bowling from the outset, while Sehwag played the anchor's role at the other end.

The opening pair added 117 runs before Sehwag was dismissed shortly after reaching his fifty. Vineeth rotated the strike smartly, hitting his shots whenever the chance came, brought up his own half-century, and finished the match in style with a six off Noor Ali Niazi.

Raichandani, who got a lot of his runs through the off-side, especially via the cover drive, fell seven short of a well-deserved hundred - the only blemish on an otherwise near-perfect day for India. The pitch also became easier to bat on as the game went on, a trend seen throughout the tournament, and the Indian batters made full use of it.

Saturday's title clash also gives India a chance to avenge last year's result. The two sides met in the final of the previous edition of the competition last year, where Pakistan walked away with the trophy.

In this edition of the competition, Pakistan defeated India by three wickets in the group stage, thanks to an unbeaten ton by Hamza Zahoor. Pakistan, meanwhile, reached the final with a nine-wicket thrashing of Bangladesh in the first semi-final, with Rizwanullah picking 5-30.

Brief Scores: Afghanistan 227/8 in 50 overs (Noman Salarzai 51, Shah Faisal Rahimi 51; Ishan Sood 3-41, Aryan Savsani 2-29) lost to India 230/2 in 36.5 overs (Lakshya Raichandani 93, VK Vineeth 57 not out; Sohail Khan 1-56, Noor Ali Niazi 1-58) by eight wickets

'He did not say that in his book': Ian Healy hits out at Khawaja over injury claims

IANS

NEW DELHI: Former Australian cricketer and deputy chairman of Queensland cricket, Ian Healy, hit out at Usman Khawaja over an old feud as he criticised the former opener for not detailing the injury saga in his book 'Sabr'.

Khawaja's autobiography made the headlines even before the release, as the now 39-year-old claimed that "all" members of the Australian team were aware of the use of the sandpaper during the Cape Town Test against South Africa in 2018 and that Australia had also used the object on the ball in the previous Test match in Port Elizabeth (now Gqeberha).

Apart from those explosive claims, Khawaja opened up on a separate incident with Healy during his playing days. In his book, the former Queensland captain addressed Healy's criticism of him attending the Australian Grand Prix in 2024 instead of playing a match for Queensland.

Khawaja stated that he was "absolutely nailed" by Healy back then and he



had implied "I was only worried about myself and not giving back."

Healy hit out at Khawaja over the issue and claimed that he did not mention the full story of him missing that game for Queensland. "He didn't even tell the team why he wasn't playing. I sussed it out with all sorts of medicos in our dressing room and the head of our high performance, and they denied the injury," Healy said, as quoted by SEN.

"They tested him structurally and his functionality, and they said there is no hammy (hamstring injury); you are right to play. He did not say that in his book. Then they said, 'Let's get it scanned this afternoon,' and he refused to get it scanned. That's what I was going on, and it was a shame he does not support his team better than that," Healy added.

Khawaja's claims have reignited a fresh debate in Australian cricket. Khawaja had made the explosive claims in his books, stating that all of the team knew about the Sandpapergate.

"It was all of us. Not the batters, not the bowlers, not the staff. All of us," Khawaja said, as quoted by the Sydney Morning Herald. "In an ideal world, I don't want to do this. I don't want to be the one who comes out and talks about the truth. The issue is that I genuinely thought after eight years the truth would have been out by now."

The issue was later backed by David Warner, who was handed a one-year ban and a lifetime leadership ban from leading in international and Australian domestic cricket, which was later overturned in 2024.

Huge boost for India as Rishabh Pant set to reach New Zealand ahead of Tests

IANS

NEW DELHI: In what is a huge boost for the Indian team, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant is on his way to New Zealand and is set to join India's Test squad in Wellington on Friday.

IANS understands that Pant got the clearance from the concerned medical team after an extended rehab programme at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru and flew out early on Thursday.

"He left for New Zealand this morning and is expected to reach there via a connecting flight from Singapore. As of now, we believe he's left Singapore also and is expected to reach Wellington by early morning New Zealand time and wee hours, as per Indian Standard Time," said a source to IANS.

Pant picked up the side strain injury while captaining Rest of India (RoI) in the Irani Cup held in Srinagar from October 1 to 4. He reported to the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE)



in Bengaluru in the last week of October, where he worked on his recovery and all aspects of his game in several sessions.

Pant was already named in India's Test squad for the tour, as well as in the India A side for three four-day matches against New Zealand A. But his availability was subjected to full fitness, something which was under huge uncertainty.

Though Pant's recovery was going well, the slow nature of it meant that the fitness clearance took longer than expected to come. He missed the first two India A games and was initially expected to play in the third game from November 7 to 10 in Lincoln. But with his recovery taking time, Pant had to miss that match.

In Wellington, Pant will meet up with captain Shubman Gill, KL Rahul and Anshul Kamboj, who were released from the ODI squad after the third game to start preparing for the two-game Test series.

Pant's arrival, however, gives the team management a selection headache. Wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel, who captained India A, made a strong case for inclusion in the playing eleven with a century and a fifty in four innings against New Zealand A.

India suffer 0-5 defeat to New Zealand in Auckland friendly

IANS

AUCKLAND: India suffered a crushing 0-5 defeat to New Zealand in their first friendly of the November international window at the Go Media Stadium on Thursday.

Jesse Randall scored twice, while Chris Wood and Lachlan Bayliss also found the net as New Zealand registered a comprehensive victory. An own goal by Indian defender Bijoy Varghese opened the scoring in the fifth minute.

The defeat marked India's first-ever appearance on New Zealand soil. The two teams will meet again in their second friendly in Christchurch on Sunday.

India goalkeeper Vishal Kaith, returning to the national team after his last appearance in June, produced several impressive saves to prevent an even heavier defeat. However, he received little support as the hosts maintained control for long periods of



the contest.

New Zealand took the lead in the fifth minute following a scramble inside the Indian penalty area, with Varghese inadvertently putting the ball into his own net.

India gradually settled into the game and created a promising opportunity in the 19th minute. Ryan Williams broke down the right following a combination with Varghese and delivered a cut-back for Manvir Singh, but Callan Elliott made a timely block to deny the Indian forward.

Kaith kept India in contention with a series of saves, including two interventions to deny Randall around the half-hour mark. However, the New Zealand forward eventually found the net in the 34th and 43rd minutes, giving the hosts a commanding 3-0 lead at half-time.

India head coach Khalid Jamil made five changes at the break, introducing Jay Gupta, Lalrinliana Hnamte, Mehtab Singh, Ricky Meetei Haobam and Muhammad Suhail. Suhail and Ricky made their international debuts.

Despite the changes, New Zealand continued to dominate. Wood headed home the fourth goal in the 57th minute before Bayliss volleyed in the fifth in the 74th.

Women's Emerging Nations Trophy: SL crush Ireland; Pakistan, Scotland, Netherlands also win

IANS

AJMAN: Sri Lanka started their campaign in the ICC Women's Emerging Nations Trophy with a 10-wicket thrashing of Ireland on Thursday, while Pakistan, Scotland and the Netherlands also won their matches on the opening day of the tournament.

Ireland were kept to 105/9 in their 20 overs, and Sri Lanka's openers reached the target with 42 balls in hand. Sathya Sandeepani returned outstanding figures of 3-9, while Chethana Vimukthi took 2-26 and Kavisha Dilhari clinched 3-20 as the Irish batting faltered. Louise Little's painstaking 28 off 36 balls and a lively 21 off 16 from opener Amy Hunter were the only contributions of note for Ireland.

Sri Lanka's chase was over in 13 overs, with none of Ireland's bowlers taking a wicket. Vishmi Gunaratne hit six fours and a six in her unbeaten 53 off 37 balls, while Hasini Perera matched her score by reaching 53 not out off 41 deliveries with eight fours and a six.

Pakistan were similarly convincing in their Group B opener after beating Bangladesh by eight wickets with 25 balls to spare. Tuba Hassan took 3-26, and Nashra Sandhu conceded only 13 runs in her two-wicket spell, as Bangladesh were restricted to 108/9. Nigar Sultana's 27 off 20 balls and an unbeaten 21 from Shorna Akter gave the innings some respectability.

Shawaal Zulfiqar fell for 16, but Sadaf Shamas made 37 and captain Muneeba Ali hit an unbeaten 31 to keep the chase on course. Ayesha Zafar then struck a brisk 27 not out off 18 balls, as Pakistan completed the chase in 15.5 overs.

In the other game, Scotland beat Papua New Guinea by seven wickets at the Seven Districts Ground, with Katherine Fraser starring with both bat and ball. After Scotland chose to field, Katherine took 3-10 from her four overs as PNG were bowled out for 93. Kirstie Gordon took 2-15, and captain Kathryn Bryce had figures of 1-15.



