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I am deeply grieved by the tragic loss of the brave personnel of Jammu & Kashmir Police, Shri Babi Chand and Shri Rashpal Kumar, who laid down their lives in line of duty at Kishtwar. I strongly condemn the cowardly attack. Their courage, unwavering dedication and selfless service to the nation will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of immense grief. We stand shoulder to shoulder with them in solidarity.

Political Rivalry Should Never Turn Into Personal Hostility: CM



AGENCIES

JAMMU: Emphasising the importance of maintaining mutual respect despite differences of opinion, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said political rivalry should never turn into personal hostility.

Abdullah was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 22nd All India Vice-Chancellor's T20 Cricket Tournament 2026 at the main campus of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), here.

Being hosted by the varsity from November 13 to 23, the prestigious tournament has brought together 24 teams representing universities from different parts of the country, including six teams from Jammu and Kashmir and 18 from other states.

"I am often asked about my views on those who contest elections against me, criticise me on social media or express their disagreement through media interviews. My answer has always been the same: they may be my political opponents, but they are certainly not my enemies," the chief minister said, drawing thunderous applause from the audience.

He said if given an opportunity, he would happily sit down with them over a cup of tea, ask about their families, and have a cordial conversation with them.

"The same should apply to all of you. On this cricket field, you should • P-06

Kulgam Terror Attack Aftermath

Security Beefed Up Across Kashmir, Checks Intensified On NH-44

Police, CRPF, Army Step Up Frisking, Surveillance, Search Operations

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Following a terrorist attack on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) checkpoint earlier this week in South Kashmir's Kulgam district that left three personnel injured, authorities have beefed up the security across Jammu and Kashmir.

An official said that additional checkpoints have been established at several vulnerable locations, while security personnel have stepped up frisking of commuters and checking of vehicles, particularly along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44) and other sensitive stretches.



The intensified measures are visible in Awantipora, Pampore and other parts of South Kashmir, besides Srinagar city, where additional police and CRPF personnel have been deployed at important junctions and entry and exit points.

Armoured vehicles have also been stationed at select locations as part of the enhanced security arrangements, while round-the-clock patrolling and random checking of vehicles are being carried out to prevent any further incident.

A senior police officer said the security grid has been reviewed across the Valley following the attack, with special attention being paid to vulnerable locations and movement along highways.

"Security arrangements have been reviewed and strengthened across the city and the Valley as a precautionary measure. Additional checkpoints have been established, vehicle checking and frisking intensified, and deployment increased at sensitive junctions. Our • P-06

J&K Police question 300 OGWs, massive manhunt continues

NIA Joins Investigation, Searches Extend To Nearby Villages

UMAISAR GULL

KULGAM: Jammu and Kashmir Police have questioned more than 300 Over Ground Workers (OGWs) during the past three days in connection with the Kulgam terror attack that left three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel wounded earlier this week.

A top police officer said, "Till now 300 OGWs have been questioned. Assailants will soon be nailed."

The officer said that questioning OGWs is part of the investigation and many of them have been released.

According to the details available, a team from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has also joined the investigation. "The NIA team visited the scene and collected forensic • P-06

LG Pays Tributes To Two Slain SPOs



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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tributes to two SPOs, who were killed in a terror attack in the remote Dachhan area of Kishtwar district.

The bullet-riddled bodies of the two Special Police Officers (SPO)– Babi Chand (57) and Rashpal Kumar (45) — were recovered early Thursday, a day after they went missing from the remote Dachhan area.

The service weapons of the slain SPOs, an INSAS rifle and a .303 rifle along with some magazines and ammunition, were missing and are believed to have been taken away by terrorists.

Empty cartridges of Pakistani-origin armour-piercing steel-core ammunition were recovered from the scene.

In a post on X, Sinha said, "I am deeply grieved by the tragic loss of the brave personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police, who laid down their lives in line of duty at Kishtwar. I strongly • P-06

Rain, Snowfall Intensify Chill Across J&K

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Rain in the plains and fresh snowfall over higher reaches led to the plummeting of temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

According to the data accessed, Baramulla recorded the highest rainfall of 49.5 mm during the past 24 hours, followed by Gulmarg at 40.6 mm and Kupwara at 37.3 mm.



Pahalgam received 22.4 mm of rainfall, while Batote recorded 16.1 mm, Bhaderwah 15.3 mm, Banihal 10.5 mm and Kulgam district's Kokernag 6.4 mm. Srinagar received 16.3 mm of precipitation, while Qazigund recorded 5.8 mm.

Fresh snowfall was also reported from several higher reaches, with Gulmarg receiving around 2-6 inches of snow, adding to the wintry conditions in the region.

According to the MeT department's daily weather bulletin, Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 15.2 degrees Celsius, 0.7 degrees below normal, while the minimum settled at 6.2 degrees Celsius, which was 4.9 degrees above the seasonal average. • P-06

MHA Declares Zakir Naik's IRF Unlawful For Another Five Years

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NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry on Friday extended the ban on Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) for another five years, noting it has been indulging in activities that are prejudicial to the security of the country.

The ministry had invoked the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), to declare the IRF as an unlawful association, which was upheld by the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, it said in a gazette notification.

"The Central Government is of the opinion that the IRF and its members, particularly the founder and President of the IRF, Dr Zakir Abdul Karim Naik alias Dr Zakir Naik, has been encouraging and aiding its followers to promote or attempt to promote, on grounds • P-06

Kishtawar Killing

Police Announces Rs 30 Lakh Reward For 3 Wanted Terrorists

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KISHTWAR: In the aftermath of the killing of two Special Police Officers (SPOs), Kishtwar Police has issued posters of three wanted terrorists and announced a cash reward of Rs 30 lakh for information leading to their arrest.

The wanted terrorists have been identified as Mohammad Amin alias Jahangir, Riyaz Ahmed alias Hazari and Mudasir Hussain.

Police have appealed to the general public to share any information regarding the whereabouts and movements of the three terrorists to help security agencies track them down. • P-06

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Kashmir Faces 4,400 MWh' Daily Power Shortfall Amid Cold

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: The onset of cold weather has pushed Kashmir into a daily power deficit of nearly 4,400 megawatt-hours (MWh)—leaving consumers to contend with scheduled curtailments amid plummeting temperatures.

An official informed that "Over 24 hours, we face an actual power demand of 34,400 MWh. However, the power availability fluctuates from 29,000, 31000 MWh. There is a deficiency of nearly 4400 MWh."

The official further said that on an average, there is a power deficiency of nearly 150 MW.

"On an average, we have a power availability of 1280 MW against a total requirement of 1435 MW," he said.

HE further said, "Since yesterday, the peak power demand has increased by 50 MW. Till yesterday we were facing a peak non-solar power demand of 1650 MW which increased to 1700 MW today."

As already reported, Hydro power generation in Jammu and Kashmir declines by nearly 80 percent.

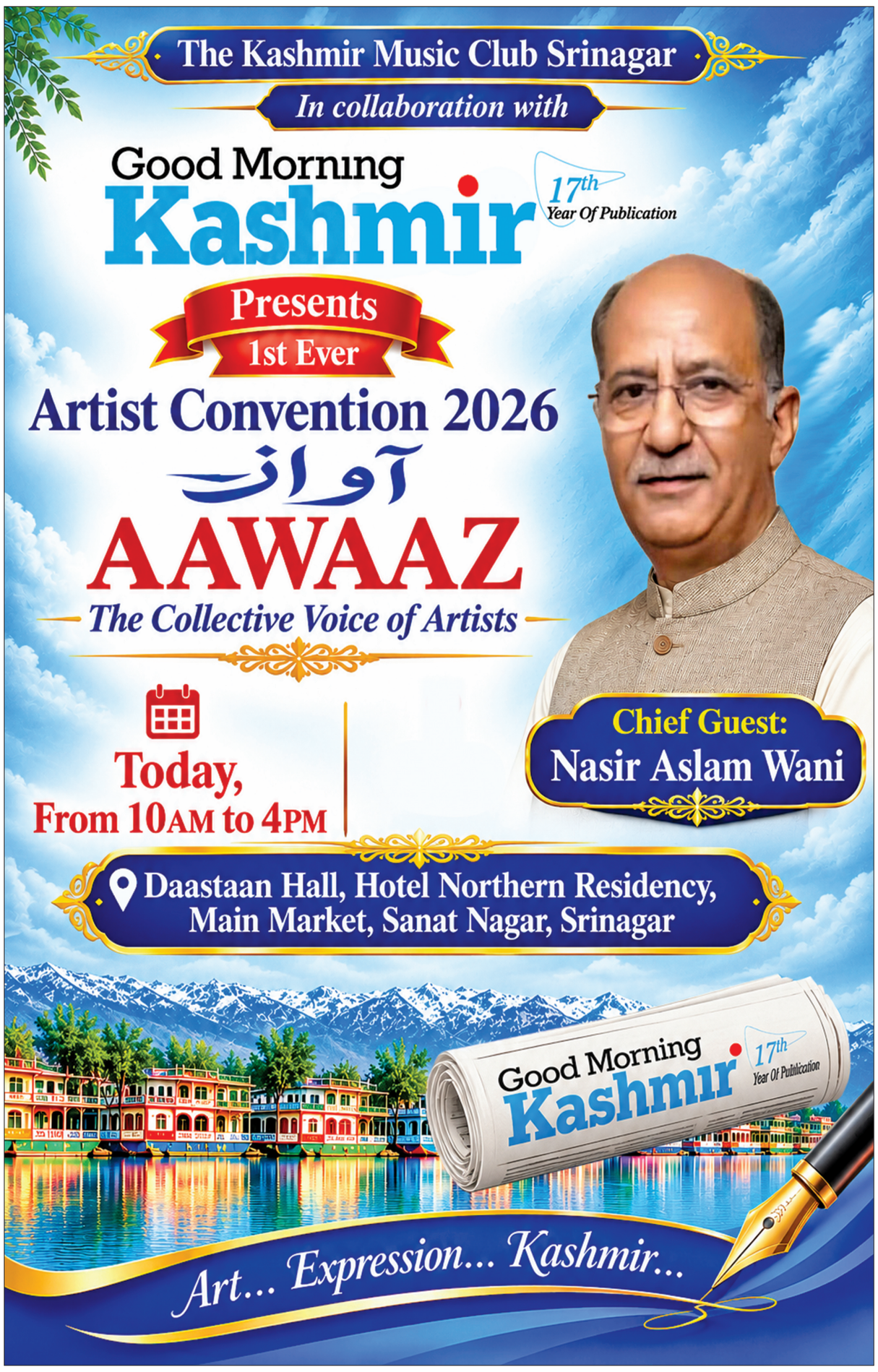
An official had informed that the hydel power generation from the J&K owned projects was fluctuating between 250-280 Megawatt (MW).

"During the past week, the average power generation from the local generation projects was fluctuating from 250-280 or 270-300 MW," the official said.

Earlier this news agency reported that Kashmir is reeling under power deficiency of nearly 300 MW.

An official had informed that "In Kashmir, the power demand during the third week of September remained around 1350 Megawatts (MW)."

He said, "During the peak hours, we generally had a power demand of 1300-1350 MWs in Kashmir division. However, the power availability was fluctuating • P-06



Ladakh records 66% rise in tourist arrivals in first 10 months of 2026: LG Saxena

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LEH: Ladakh has registered a significant surge in tourist arrivals, recording a 65.90 per cent increase during the first ten months of 2026 compared to the corresponding period last year, Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena said on Friday.

In a post on X, the LG said the Union Territory received 4.91 lakh tourists between January and October 2026, against 2.96 lakh during the same period last year.

"...Ladakh has recorded an extraordinary tourism growth for the sixth consecutive month, this year. Compared to the corresponding months in 2025, the tourist arrivals in 2026 increased by 121 percent in May, 43 per cent in June, 56 per cent in July, 65 per cent in August and 61 percent in September.," he said.

He said the growth momentum continued in October, with tourist arrivals reaching 30,623 compared to 17,537 in October last year, registering an increase of 74.62 per cent.

Saxena also highlighted the month-wise growth in tourist arrivals, stating that Ladakh witnessed a 121 per cent increase in May, 43 per cent in June, 56 per cent in July, 65 per cent in August and 61 per cent in September compared to the corresponding months of 2025.

The LG attributed the growth to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to promote domestic tourism and the targeted policy initiatives of his administration aimed at strengthening the local tourism industry.

He said the increase in tourist footfall is also creating new employment opportunities and supporting sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

"We extend a warm welcome to all travellers to experience the breathtaking beauty and rich culture of Ladakh, while practicing responsible tourism," he said in the post.

Dir PM VIKAS reviews Education, Non-Traditional Skilling initiatives in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Director, Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, Neha Giri, undertook field visits to PM VIKAS training centres in Bijbehara, Anantnag and Karan Nagar, Srinagar, on 11–12 November 2026, to review implementation of the various components of the Scheme.

Director, PM VIKAS visited the Education Component Centre at Darul Aloom Noori Irfam, Guree, Bijbehara, District Anantnag, being run by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).

During the visit, she interacted with trainees, trainers and centre staff and reviewed the learning activities being undertaken under the Education Component. She emphasised the importance of open-school learning in enabling school dropouts to resume and complete their education and encouraged the trainees to make effective use of the opportunity available under PM VIKAS Scheme.

The trainees also shared their learning experiences and aspirations for continuing their education. Under the Education Component of PM VIKAS Scheme, eligible school dropouts are provided an education bridge programme to facilitate open schooling at the Class VIII, X and XII levels, with assessment and certification through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) or other institutions approved by the Ministry.

The visit was attended by officials of the Social Welfare Department, including Mushtaq Ahmad Maqdoomi, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kashmir, and Aadil Iqbal Lone, District Social Welfare Officer, Anantnag. NIESBUD was represented by Aabid Nisar Shah, State Head, J&K, along with the Centre Coordinator, trainers and other officials.

The Director also visited the PM VIKAS Training Centre at Karan Nagar, Srinagar, being run by ITI Limited under the Non-Traditional Skilling Component.

She inspected the training facilities and interacted with trainees undergoing training in the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)-aligned job role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technocrat. The Director emphasised the growing importance of industry-relevant technical and practical skills in emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence and encouraged the trainees to make optimum use of the training opportunity to enhance their employability and career prospects.

The Non-Traditional Skilling Component of PM VIKAS focuses on NSQF-aligned, placement-linked training in non-traditional and emerging sectors, with emphasis on industry exposure, assessment, certification, On-the-Job Training and employment linkages.

Training is provided free of cost to eligible beneficiaries with financial support from the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The trainees shared their experiences and the skills acquired during the programme. The Director encouraged them to successfully complete their training, assessment and practical exposure and to utilise the opportunities provided under the Scheme for their professional advancement.

The Srinagar visit was attended by Mukhtar Ahmad, District Social Welfare Officer, Srinagar. ITI Limited was represented by Ashfaq Ahmad, Coordinator, along with trainers and centre staff. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) was represented by Kahkashan Anjum, State Engagement Officer for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The two-day field visit provided an opportunity for the Ministry to interact directly with trainees, trainers, Project Implementing Agencies and officials of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and review implementation of PM VIKAS interventions at the field level.

Mission Vatsalya organises Capacity Building Programme in B'pora



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BANDIPORA: Mission Vatsalya, Bandipora, Friday organised a Capacity Building Programme on Adoption Procedures and timely declaration of Orphan, Abandoned and Surrendered Children as Legally Free for Adoption (LFA).

The programme aimed to create awareness among stakeholders regarding adoption procedures, timely identification of eligible children and completion of the necessary legal formalities for declaring them Legally Free for Adoption.

During the programme, speakers highlighted the importance of timely intervention, effective coordination among concerned departments and adherence to prescribed legal procedures to ensure that eligible children are provided an opportunity to grow up in a safe, loving and permanent family environment.

The speakers also deliberated on the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in the adoption process, emphasising the need for proper documentation, timely reporting and coordinated efforts to safeguard the best interests and welfare of children.

The programme concluded with an emphasis on strengthening coordination among all stakeholders and ensuring that no eligible child is deprived of the opportunity to find a secure and permanent family through the adoption process.

Officials from the District Child Protection Unit , Child Helpline, Child Helpdesk and Child Care Institutions (CCIs) attended the programme.

Mughal Road Reopened for Traffic After Snow Clearance



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SHOPIAN: The Mughal Road has been reopened for vehicular traffic following fresh snowfall and a snow-clearance operation by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The road, which connects Kashmir Valley with the Pir Panjal region and Poonch district of Jammu, had remained closed due to snow accumulation along the higher stretches.

BRO personnel cleared the accumulated snow, paving the way for the restoration of traffic movement on the strategic road.

Commuters have been advised to follow traffic advisories and exercise caution while travelling, particularly along stretches where road conditions may remain slippery. [KNT]

Health Deptt Shopian launches 60-day Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign



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SHOPIAN: In a push toward building a healthier, addiction-free society, Office of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Shopian, under the banner of the District Health Society Shopian and the National Tobacco Control Programme, organized an awareness programme, rally and pledge ceremony today as part of the 60-Day Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) 4.0.

During the programme, District Health Officer, Dr. shafkat Ahmed Khan highlighted the importance of creating awareness among people and urged all stakeholders, particularly educational institutions, health workers and community representatives to play an active role in discouraging tobacco use. He also administered pledge to the participants on the occasion.

Carrying banners emblazoned with the campaign slogan "Say No to Tobacco, Yes to Life," participants marched to sensitize the public particularly the youth about the severe health hazards of tobacco consumption.

The awareness rally commenced from the Mini-Secretariat, Arhama, Shopian and proceeded up to the Old Fruit Mandi, Shopian, drawing attention to the urgent need for collective action against tobacco use.

Alongside the rally, an awareness programme and a formal pledge ceremony were held where participants committed to abstaining from tobacco and actively contributing to the promotion of a tobacco-free community.

Lecturers, SBGM College Shopian, students, health functionaries and other concerned participated in the programme.

DC Pulwama reviews Developmental Works

Issue of Mini Secretariat pending since 2017 resolved



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PULWAMA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, K.K. Sidha, Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting of Sub-Division Tral to assess the physical and financial progress of developmental works and review sector-wise performance.

The meeting was attended by MLA Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik; Additional Deputy Commissioner Tral, Sajid Yehaya Naqash; Chief Planning Officer Pulwama, Aashiq Khanday; ACD, CEO, ACP, BMO, Tehsildars, Executive Engineers and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, officers presented detailed block-wise and sector-wise progress reports of works under the District Capex Budget, Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and other schemes, highlighting completed, ongoing and pending works, financial achievements, tendering status and issues requiring administrative intervention.

Reviewing CDF works, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to resolve bottlenecks, expedite pending estimates and administrative approvals, and ensure early tendering and timely completion of works. He stressed physical verification and certification of completed works and directed the ACD to update the status of works on the e-Nigrani portal. He further instructed officers to conduct proper field assessments and reconcile discrepancies in DPRs to ensure that proposed works reflect actual ground requirements.

MLA Tral, Rafiq Ahmad Naik, highlighted various developmental issues and constituency-level priorities, power infrastructure deficiencies, transformer requirements and other pending works requiring administrative approvals. The Deputy Commissioner assured necessary intervention and directed the concerned departments to address the issues on priority.

A comprehensive review of various sectors, including PDD, R&B, Health, Education, Jal Shakti, Irrigation and Flood Control, National AYUSH Mission, Rural Development, Social Forestry, Forest and Wildlife, flood restoration and other allied departments, was also undertaken.

DC Budgam chairs DLIC meeting, reviews progress under Mission YUVA



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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatin Kishore, Friday chaired a District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting to assess the progress of Mission YUVA implementation in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of pending bank cases, subsidy disbursement, hybrid training, capacity building, Udyam Jagriti, ONDC onboarding and progress reporting.

He directed the concerned banks to expedite the scrutiny, sanction and disbursement of all eligible cases and ensure clearance of pending subsidy claims within stipulated timelines.

Reviewing the training component, he instructed the concerned departments and institutions to ensure enrolment and completion of all pending training batches.

He stressed that no approved or disbursed case should remain unattended and called for optimum utilisation of available manpower and resources across colleges.

Under Udyam Jagriti, the Deputy Commissioner directed daily submission of progress reports and intensified awareness activities across the district.

He also stressed saturation of eligible beneficiaries under the Lakhpati Didi initiative and accelerated formation of new Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

DLSA Budgam organises Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Protection

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BUDGAM: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam, in collaboration with the Education Department, Budgam, Friday organised an awareness programme on Child Rights and Protection, with special emphasis on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 at Government Boys Higher Secondary School (GBHSS), Beerwah, under the banner of "Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan."

The programme was organised under the directions and guidance of Secretary, DLSA Budgam, Tabasum Qadir Parray, with the objective of sensitising students and the teaching fraternity about child rights, child protection mechanisms, and the legal safeguards available to children under the POCSO Act, 2012.

During the programme, Advocate Naseer Ahmad Khan, Panel Lawyer and Advocate Feroz Ahmad Khan, deliberated on various aspects of child rights and protection. They highlighted the key provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012, the importance of preventing child abuse and exploitation, the legal remedies available to victims, and the role of educational institutions, teachers and society in ensuring a safe and protective environment for children. The students were also sensitised about the importance of recognising, reporting and responding appropriately to instances of abuse.

The programme witnessed the participation of teachers, DLSA staff members, Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and a large number of students, who actively attended the awareness session.

The initiative reaffirmed the commitment of DLSA Budgam towards promoting legal awareness, safeguarding the rights and dignity of children, and strengthening community participation in creating a safe, secure and child-friendly environment.

ADDC Bandipora reviews progress of Tangwani bridge at Garoora

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BANDIPORA: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Nazir Ahmad Mir, Friday visited Tangwani, Garoora to take stock of the ongoing construction work of Tangwani Bridge.

During the visit, the ADDC inspected the progress of the work and interacted with the concerned engineering staff and contractor, seeking status regarding the pace of execution and other related aspects. He stressed the importance of ensuring timely completion of the project while maintaining the prescribed quality standards.

Later, the ADDC visited the Rural Mart at Pethkoot, where he conducted a detailed inspection of the facility and took stock of its overall functioning, infrastructure, available facilities, and ongoing activities. He also interacted with the concerned staff to assess the operational status of the Rural Mart and reviewed the arrangements in place.

33,500 hotels, homestays join MakeMyTrip to offer deals for year-end holidays

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NEW DELHI: MakeMyTrip Friday announced that the second edition of 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale' goes live from November 14, 2026 for travellers planning their year-end holidays. Participating partners comprise 30,000+ domestic and 3500+ international accommodation properties, including hotel chains, resorts, independent hotels, homestays and villas, 35 domestic and international airlines and 8 banks (as on November 11, 2026).

Year-end travel often comes with price anxiety, as travellers worry about rising prices and limited availability in December. 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale' gives them a dedicated booking window to plan ahead and book with confidence, with deals across flights, hotels, homestays, holiday packages, buses, cabs, trains, tours and attractions, forex and visa services.

The offers cover short and long-haul trips, ranging from domestic favourites such as Pondicherry, Coorg, the Andamans, Lakshadweep, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Rajasthan, the North-east and Goa, to international destinations including Japan, Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, the UK and the rest of Europe. Popular attractions across the world, such as Ferrari World (UAE), Universal Studios (Singapore), Madame Tussauds (Singapore), Mandai Wildlife Group – Night Safari and Singapore Zoo (Singapore), and Sun World Ba Na Hills (Vietnam), have also joined forces for this campaign.

Raj Rishi Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Corporate, Flights, GCC and Marketing, MakeMyTrip, said, "Shoppers in India look forward to festive sales, and we believe that travel deserves a planning season of its own. With the second edition, our focus is to go beyond just another sale and give India's travellers the confidence to move from considering a holiday to booking one. We want 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale' to become a fixed date in the calendar, when travellers know that they can plan their year-end break with a range of savings, and our partners see peak season demand early enough to prepare for it."

To announce the sale, MakeMyTrip has unveiled a new campaign of six films starring brand ambassadors Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh. The campaign highlights different parts of the sale, covering domestic and international flights, domestic and international hotels, villas and apartments, holiday packages and outstation cabs. It has been conceptualized by the creative agency, Talented.

Members of MMTBLACK, MakeMyTrip's loyalty programme, get early access to the sale on November 13. Every Friday, the campaign brings Black Friday Deals as well exclusively for MMTBLACK members, and daily Lightning Drops release limited inventory deals between 6 PM and 9 PM for all users.

Sakeena Itoo reviews functioning of NHM in J&K

Calls for optimal utilisation of resources, strengthening healthcare infrastructure



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JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education and Social Welfare, Sakeena Itoo, Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Civil Secretariat here, to assess the functioning, progress and implementation of various components of the National Health Mission (NHM) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Saugat Biswas; Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K, Athar Aamir Ul Shafi Khan; Director Finance, H&ME; Director Planning, H&ME; Director Family Welfare and Immunization, J&K; Director Health Services, Jammu; Director Health Services, Kashmir and other senior officers of Health and Medical Education department.

During the meeting, the Minister undertook a detailed assessment of the performance of NHM across various sectors, with particular focus on public health planning, financial management, human resource availability, healthcare infrastructure, supply of medicines and essential logistics, diagnostic facilities, patient transport services and punctuality of healthcare personnel, besides other critical aspects of public healthcare delivery.

Taking stock of the progress achieved under different NHM interventions, Sakeena Itoo emphasised on the need for strengthening implementation mechanisms and ensuring that the resources being provided under the mission translate into tangible improvements in healthcare services at the grassroots level.

She stressed on optimal utilisation of financial resources, manpower and available infrastructure and directed the officers to identify existing gaps and take time-bound corrective measures to address them.

"NHM is an important instrument for strengthening the public healthcare system. Our focus must be on ensuring that every resource allocated under the mission is utilised efficiently and delivers measurable benefits to the people. There should be no gap between the availability of resources and delivery of healthcare services", the Minister said.

She further called for greater accountability and inter-departmental coordination to improve the overall functioning of healthcare institutions and ensure the availability of essential services, medicines and diagnostic facilities, particularly in areas where access to healthcare remains a challenge.

Emphasising on the importance of equitable healthcare delivery, Sakeena Itoo said that people living in remote, far-flung and underserved areas must receive the same attention and quality of healthcare services as those residing in urban centres.

Div Com Kashmir reviews Winter Preparedness

Directs prompt Snow Clearance, stocking of Essentials in Remote Areas

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SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg, Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review winter preparedness across Kashmir Division, emphasising coordinated efforts, timely response and adequate arrangements to ensure uninterrupted essential services during the winter season.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Director Airport Authority Srinagar, SSP Traffic Rural and senior officers from KPDCL, R&B, MED, PMGSY, ULB, BRO, NHAI, Irrigation and Flood Control, PHE, IMD, FCS&CA, Health, SDA, Police and other concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the snow clearance action plans of various agencies, including MED, R&B, PMGSY, ULB, SMC and BRO. He directed all agencies to ensure prompt snow clearance and clearly demarcate jurisdictional responsibilities to avoid duplication and confusion.

He stressed optimal utilisation of available machinery and manpower and directed the concerned agencies to complete all pending stage contracts to strengthen the snow clearance mechanism.

Concerned Chief Engineers and officers assured the chair that adequate arrangements are in place to ensure smooth, prompt and timely snow clearance on highways, major roads, streets and inner lanes immediately after snowfall.

Reviewing winter power preparedness, the Divisional Commissioner assessed electricity demand and supply, availability of buffer stocks of transformers, transformer oil, DG sets and HSD in Gurez, besides the status of branch cutting.

The meeting was informed that all districts have adequate transformer stocks while 80 percent of branch cutting has been completed. It was further informed that the average electricity demand in the Valley during winter is around 1,700 MW against an average supply of 1,300 MW, while peak demand during touchs to 2,400 MW.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the Chief Engineer, KPDCL, to augment the capacity of workshops wherever required, complete the remaining branch-cutting work at the earliest, strictly adhere to scheduled power curtailment timings and ensure prompt repair of damaged transformers.

While reviewing the availability of essential commodities in remote and snowbound areas, including Gurez and Karnah-Machil-Keran belt, the Divisional Commissioner directed FCS&CA to complete the advance stocking of LPG, petroleum products, rice and wheat within one week.

He stressed that adequate stocks of essential commodities be ensured in all far-flung areas to prevent any shortage or inconvenience to the public during road closures.

Taking serious note of delays in the commencement of winter air sorties in Bandipora and Kupwara, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Civil Aviation Department to operationalise the facility by December 1 to facilitate emergency transportation from remote and inaccessible areas.

'Half of faculty, senior resident posts vacant in medical colleges'

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir is facing a severe shortage of manpower in its medical colleges, with nearly half of all faculty and senior resident posts lying vacant in them.

The figures were revealed by the Health & Medical Education Department in a detailed reply submitted to the Estimates Committee of the J&K Assembly.

The reply was accessed against 3782 sanctioned posts of faculty and senior residents in Government Medical Colleges and Dental Colleges, only 2022 are in position. As many as 1760 posts are lying vacant.

The two oldest and largest medical institutions of J&K are among the worst affected.

GMC Srinagar has 632 doctors in position against 1,082 sanctioned posts, leaving 450 posts vacant.

Similarly, GMC Jammu has 452 in position against 829 sanctioned posts, leaving 377 posts vacant.

SKIMS Medical College has only 64 in position against 154 sanctioned posts, leaving 90 posts vacant.

The situation in the newly established medical colleges is equally grim.

Among them, GMC Doda is the worst hit, with only 33 doctors in position against 137 sanctioned posts, leaving 104 posts vacant.

GMC Handwara has 89 in position against 202 posts, leaving 113 vacant, while GMC Baramulla has 146 in position against 253 posts, leaving 107 vacant.

As per reply, GMC Anantnag has 179 in position against 283 posts, leaving 104 vacant, while GMC Kathua has 120 in position against 221 posts, leaving 101 vacant.

GMC Udhampur has 97 in position against 203 posts, leaving 106 vacant, while GMC Rajouri has 102 in position against 199 posts, leaving 97 vacant.

The two dental colleges are also facing a shortage.

According to the reply, Government Dental College Srinagar has 58 in position against 74 sanctioned posts, leaving 16 vacant.

Indira Gandhi Government Dental College Jammu has 50 in position against 62 sanctioned posts, leaving 12 vacant.

According to the reply, three colleges have zero faculty in position.

Government Unani Medical College Ganderbal has no faculty against 35 sanctioned posts, Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor has none against 35 posts, and Government Homoeopathic Medical College Kathua has none against 13 posts—(KNO)

Snowfall leads to closure of Kishtwar-Sinthan, SSG Roads

SAJID RAINA



JAMMU: Fresh snowfall led to the closure of Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag and the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) Road on Friday.

An official said that vehicular traffic was suspended on the Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road (NH-244) due to snow accumulation, while the SSG road was shut following fresh snowfall along the Zojila axis.

An advisory issued by the Traffic Police said the Mughal Road (NH-701A), connecting Poonch and Shopian districts, will be open for traffic from both sides on Saturday, subject to favourable weather conditions, good road conditions and clearance from the road maintenance agency, GREF, the advisory said. "Light motor vehicles (LMVs), followed by heavy motor vehicles (HMVs) of up to 10 tyres, will be allowed to ply on the road up to 6 pm. No vehicle will be permitted beyond the prescribed cut-off time," it added.

Meanwhile, traffic movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remained "very slow "during the past 24 hours due to single-lane stretches, uneven road surfaces at Dawal in Udhampur and between Marog and Kishtwari Pather, besides a vehicle breakdown at Nachlana, an official said, adding that traffic was regulated at Dawal, where a stretch of around 30-40 metres is single-lane.

For Saturday, subject to favourable weather and improved road conditions, passenger LMVs, private cars and goods-carrying vehicles, including HMVs and other permitted vehicles, will be allowed to ply on NH-44 from both Jammu towards Srinagar and vice versa, he said, adding, security forces convoys will also be permitted to move in both directions after confirming the highway's status with the Traffic Control Unit (TCU) Ramban.

The Traffic Police have advised commuters to undertake journeys on NH-44 during daytime and avoid night travel due to the risk of shooting stones and landslides, besides ongoing construction work between Ramban and Banihal.

In view of widening work on the Digdol-Khooni Nalla stretch, the movement of Kashmir-bound oil and gas tankers carrying inflammable material will remain restricted during daytime between 7 am and 7 pm, as such vehicles are not permitted through tunnels, the advisory said, adding, up-bound tankers will be allowed beyond Chenani only between 5 pm and 5 am.

Operators of goods carriers transporting fresh perishable items and livestock have been advised to plan their journeys in accordance with traffic advisories. Heavy vehicle operators have also been asked to avoid overloading, ensure vehicle fitness and carry sufficient fuel.—(KNO)

Taste of Independence

Kulgam's Young 'Chocolate Girl' Turning Her Passion into Profit

SAMEER AHMAD



KULGAM: Urwa tul Wasqa, a resident of Arreh in Kulgam district, is carving out a sweet niche for herself as a young entrepreneur. While pursuing her graduation at Government Degree College Kulgam, Wasqa has spent the last year running a thriving homemade chocolate business under the brand name 'Talbia Homemade Chocolates.' Determined to make a mark across the district, she aspires to be popularly known as Kulgam's 'Chocolate Girl.'

Wasqa, Learnt Chocolate Making Through YouTube, 20 year Old Urwa tul Wasqa Starts Her Own Business and is trying to turn her creativity and hard work into a source of livelihood through chocolate making.

Coming from a humble background, Wasqa lives with her parents and three sisters. With her father working as a farmer, Wasqa decided to balance her academic studies with entrepreneurship to financially support her household. Alongside her sisters, she crafts 25 distinct varieties of homemade chocolates right from her kitchen, supplying them to local shopkeepers in district kulgam and Anantnag while catering to a growing customer base.

According to Wasqa, the venture has proven to be highly profitable, generating a steady income that significantly helps her father manage family expenses. A major chunk of her sales comes from online orders, driven by active promotion on social media platforms like Instagram and WhatsApp.

Urwa said she has been preparing different varieties of chocolates from the last one year, including chocolates made with dry and fresh fruits. According to her, customers have responded positively to her products, with several placing repeat orders after making their first purchase.

She said she is currently supplying her products in district kulgam and Anantnag and is working to expand her business and reach a wider market. After returning from college, she devotes some time every day to preparing chocolates.

Currently, Wasqa is showcasing her latest collection of artisanal chocolates at the annual three-day Veshu Festival Exhibition in Kulgam. Organized by the District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with Mission Yuva, the event serves as a vital launchpad for local artisans and startups, drawing large crowds of visitors and enthusiastic buyers directly to her stall.

Cabinet gives nod to Urban Asset Mapping & Monetisation Policy

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet on Friday approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026 and the J&K Hydropower Policy, 2026, besides clearing several land allotment proposals, including those for setting up fruit mandis at Pattan, Tral and Kulgam.

Sources that Cabinet meeting was held in Jammu under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

They said the cabinet approved the Urban Asset Mapping and Monetization Policy, 2026, prepared by the Housing and Urban Development Department. The policy aims at systematic identification, mapping and optimal utilisation of urban assets owned by Urban Local Bodies to generate revenue for civic development.

The Cabinet also cleared the J&K Hydropower Policy-2026, which seeks to promote sustainable energy development and attract private investment for hydropower projects up to 100 MW in IPP/PPP mode.

In another decision, the Cabinet gave its nod for e-auctioning through the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, for grant of an exploration licence for copper and nickel and associated mineralisation in the Sumcham Padder block in Kishtwar district.

The Cabinet also approved the transfer of 32 kanals of Shamilat land at Nadikhai and Poshwari in Hajin area of Bandipora district to the Power Development Department for construction of a Grid Station.

Sources said the Cabinet also approved allotment of land for establishment of fruit mandis at Tral, Pattan and Kulgam—(KNO)

Avny Lavasa reviews preparations for Jammu Marathon 2027

Calls for Destination-Specific Tourism Events across Jammu

GMK NEWS NETWORK



JAMMU: Secretary Tourism, Avny Lavasa, Friday reviewed the preparations for the second edition of Jammu Marathon 2027, besides assessing publicity and promotional initiatives and the calendar of upcoming tourism events across the Jammu region.

During the meeting, Director Tourism, Jammu, Vikas Gupta, presented a detailed overview of the Directorate's ongoing promotional activities, tourism festivals and proposed roadmap for Jammu Marathon 2027.

The meeting undertook a comprehensive review of key aspects of the marathon, including event planning, mobilisation of participants, sponsorship, media outreach, promotional partnerships and race-day arrangements.

Emphasising the need to build upon the success and experience of the inaugural edition, Avny Lavasa called for developing Jammu Marathon into a major annual sporting event with national appeal, positioning Jammu as an emerging destination for sports tourism.

She stressed the need for a comprehensive publicity and outreach strategy encompassing print and electronic media, social media campaigns, outdoor advertising, influencer collaborations, running clubs, educational institutions and corporate organisations to maximise participation and visibility.

The Secretary Tourism also reviewed preparations for upcoming tourism events and festivals at prominent destinations across the Jammu region. She laid particular emphasis on organising destination-specific cultural festivals, adventure tourism activities and promotional programmes at Patnitop, Sanasar, Bhaderwah, Sarthal, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri, Poonch and other tourist destinations.

Underscoring the importance of a structured approach to tourism promotion, she directed that every major tourist destination should have a well-defined calendar of events and publicity activities showcasing its distinct cultural heritage, natural beauty and adventure tourism potential.

DG CRPF visits Kulgam, reviews counter insurgency operations

Visits injured head constable, lauds his courage, presence of mind

UMAISAR GUL



KULGAM: Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) G P Singh visited South Kashmir's Kulgam District on Friday and reviewed the ongoing counter-insurgency operations in the Valley.

In a post on X, the CRPF, said: "The DG interacted with field officers of the CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Sadura in Anantnag, where discussions were held on the way forward for intensifying counter-insurgency operations in the Valley."

The CRPF chief also visited Head Constable/GD Sonbir Singh, who is undergoing treatment at Army Hospital in Srinagar after sustaining serious injuries during the November 11 attack at Nowpora, Akhran, the paramilitary force said.

According to the CRPF, Singh displayed exceptional courage and presence of mind while responding to the attack, and his swift retaliation helped foil the attackers' designs and avert a major incident.

The DG CRPF lauded his courage and wished him a speedy recovery. He also expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for providing immediate helicopter support for the evacuation of injured personnel and ensuring their treatment at the Army Hospital.—(KNO)

Mechanical Engineering Deptt to conduct mock drill in Srinagar

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo on Friday said that the Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) will conduct a city-wide midnight mock drill in the district to assess the preparedness of snow-clearance machinery.

Talking to reporters here, DC Labroo, said, "Today itself, MED will conduct a mock drill across the city during night hours so that traffic movement is not disturbed. All machines will be taken out of the workshops and deployed on different routes to check whether they are fully ready for snow-clearance operations."

The DC said the exercise would help officials identify mechanical issues, maintenance requirements and coordination gaps that could affect snow-clearance operations during actual snowfall.

"When the machines move along their designated routes, we will be able to assess whether any additional coordination or maintenance is required. All these aspects will be examined during the mock drill," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner said the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) had already conducted its mock drill on Thursday, with machinery and manpower of the concerned departments kept on alert. "All machinery and manpower are on alert for snow clearance. We are just waiting for snowfall," he said.

Pertinently, the preparedness exercise comes amid an active weather spell in Jammu and Kashmir. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast widespread rainfall across plains and snowfall over higher reaches till November 14—(KNO)

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Posting Orders Cannot Wait

The delay in issuing posting orders to newly appointed lecturers in 15 subjects across Jammu and Kashmir reflects an unfortunate lack of urgency in the functioning of the School Education Department. Candidates who have successfully cleared the JKPSC selection process and received formal appointment orders between July and October are still waiting to know where they will actually serve. What should have been a smooth transition into government service has turned into an exhausting wait for them and their families.

It is difficult to understand why candidates who have completed the entire selection process and received appointment orders are being made to wait for months for something as basic as their place of posting. Their selection is complete, their appointments have been formalised, yet they remain unable to perform the very duties for which they were selected.

The situation is particularly frustrating for those who are reportedly required to visit the Directorate of School Education every day merely to mark their attendance. Spending entire days in offices without any meaningful assignment is neither productive for the department nor fair to the newly appointed lecturers. They are qualified professionals whose services should be utilised in classrooms rather than kept waiting in administrative corridors.

The delay is also taking a financial and emotional toll on families. Some candidates are travelling to Srinagar every day without knowing where they will eventually be posted. Such uncertainty brings unnecessary expenses, inconvenience and mental stress, particularly for families living outside the city.

At a time when government schools need qualified teachers and efforts are being made to improve the standard of education, keeping newly appointed lecturers away from classrooms makes little administrative sense. Every day lost in unnecessary paperwork is a day taken away from students who could have benefited from their services.

If the appointment orders have already been issued, the department must explain what is preventing the release of posting orders. If files are pending at the Secretariat, the matter should be taken up on priority. Administrative procedures are meant to facilitate governance, not become an excuse for keeping deserving candidates in limbo.

The Chief Minister, Education Minister and Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department, must intervene and ensure that the matter is resolved without further delay. The government should also put in place a time-bound mechanism so that future appointments are followed by posting orders without unnecessary gaps.

Young people who have worked hard to secure government employment deserve a fair and transparent system. They should not have to run from one office to another after securing their appointments.

The School Education Department must remember that these lecturers have not been appointed to mark attendance in government offices. They have been selected to teach. Let them do their job.

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J&K Agrarian Reforms Act

The Law Of Land Resumption And The Rights Of Tillers

Understanding The Limited Right Of Ex-Landlords To Resume Land For Bona Fide Personal Cultivation, The Safeguards Available To Tillers And The Responsibility Of The Revenue Department In Implementing The Law.



MOHD AMIN MIR



The history of land reforms in Jammu and Kashmir is incomplete without understanding the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976. Enacted to bring about a fundamental transformation in the agrarian structure, the legislation sought to transfer ownership rights to actual tillers, restrict concentration of agricultural land and ensure social and economic justice in rural society.

Among its important provisions, Section 7 occupies a distinctive position. It deals with the resumption of land for bona fide personal cultivation by an ex-landlord. While the general objective of the Act was to vest ownership rights in prospective owners, the legislature also recognised a limited statutory right of certain former landlords to resume a prescribed portion of land, subject to strict conditions.

For revenue officials, landowners, tillers and legal practitioners, understanding this provision is essential because its implementation involves historical revenue records, tenancy particulars, personal cultivation, statutory ceilings and the determination of ownership rights.

What does Section 7 actually provide?

Section 7, titled Resumption for bona fide personal cultivation by ex-landlord, provides that an individual whose rights in land were extinguished under Section 4, and who was entitled to recover rent directly from the tiller during Kharif 1971, could resume land situated outside demarcated forests for bona fide personal cultivation.

The provision also recognises the rights of eligible members of a family whose rights had been extinguished under Section 4. Furthermore, it contains a separate provision for certain displaced persons allotted evacuees' land or land included in Schedule II who were not cultivating that land personally.

However, this was never an unrestricted right to reclaim ancestral property. Eligibility depended upon the conditions specifically prescribed under the Act.

Conditions and restrictions: The heart of Section 7

Sub-section (2) lays down several important safeguards. First, the application for resumption had to be submitted in the prescribed manner within one year of the commencement of the Act.

Second, the applicant was required to establish normal residence in the village where the land was situated, or in an adjoining village, within six months from the date of resumption, for the purpose of personal cultivation. Certain exceptions were provided for defence personnel, widows and persons physically disabled or incapacitated by old age or infirmity.

Third, land held by a tiller paying rent at village rates, known as Hasab-e-Pardah, with or without malikana, or by an occupancy tenant, could not be resumed. Fourth, a person, or any member of the person's family, who was an income-tax payer was not eligible to resume land.

The Act also disqualified a person who had transferred land through sale, gift or bequest on or after September 1, 1971, if the transferred land had previously been under his personal cultivation.

These conditions demonstrate that the legislature intended to prevent misuse of the resumption provision and protect the interests of genuine cultivators.

How much land could be resumed?

One of the most important aspects of Section 7 concerns the calculation of the area eligible for resumption. Under clause (f) of sub-section (2), the extent of land was determined with reference to the rent received by the ex-landlord during Kharif 1971.

Where rent was received in kind, the resumable area had to bear the same proportion to the total tenancy holding as the rent in kind bore to the total produce.

Where rent was received in cash, the calculation was to be made by converting the cash rent into its equivalent rent in kind in accordance with Section 9.

The Act also provided an additional 20 per cent of otherwise resumable land for specified categories, including defence personnel, ex-servicemen, widows, certain minor orphans and persons incapacitated by age, infirmity or disability.

Sub-section (3) further imposed an overall ceiling. Ordinarily, the aggregate land held in personal cultivation after resumption, including the land held by the family, could not exceed five standard acres. For the specified categories under Section 7(2)(f)(iii), the limit was 6.50 standard acres, subject to the additional statutory provisos.

An additional restriction was also introduced for persons or their family members holding orchards exceeding 100 kanals. Thus, the extent of land could not be determined merely by looking at the total ancestral holding. The statutory entitlement had to be calculated in accordance with the prescribed formula and the applicable ceiling.

Role of the Revenue Officer and the importance of Form 5

The Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Rules, 1977 provide the procedural framework for implementing Section 7. Rule 15 defines an ex-landlord as a person who held land as a landlord before May 1, 1973, whose rights were extinguished under Section 4(1), and who was eligible to resume land under Section 7.

Rule 16 prescribes Form 5 for filing a petition for resumption. Rule 17 requires the Revenue Officer to provide an opportunity to the parties to arrive at a private agreement before proceeding with the identification of land. However, such an agreement cannot permit resumption beyond the statutory entitlement.

Where the parties fail to reach an agreement, Rule 18 empowers the Revenue Officer to identify the land in accordance with prescribed principles. The selection must take account of the proportionate rights of the parties, agricultural convenience and existing easement rights.

Rule 21 is particularly important. It prescribes the procedure for entering the resumption mutation, conducting an inquiry, hearing the parties, determining eligibility and calculating the area that may legally be resumed.

The Revenue Officer must record findings on the eligibility of the petitioner, the resumability of the land, the extent available for resumption and the portion that may actually be allotted to the petitioner within the statutory ceiling.

This is not a mere clerical exercise. It requires careful examination of the original Jamabandi, Khasra Girdawari, mutation records, tenancy particulars and other relevant documents.

Ownership rights and protection of the tiller

Sub-section (4) provides that a person legally resuming land under Section 7 becomes vested with ownership rights in the resumed land, other than evacuees' land, and is placed in possession after the prescribed procedure is completed.

The tiller is also protected regarding standing crops and land prepared for sowing. The Act provides an opportunity to remove the standing crop and, where applicable, payment for cultivation preparation before possession is transferred.

An equally significant safeguard is contained in sub-section (5). If the person resuming the land fails to cultivate it personally within one year of entering into possession, the land vests in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, except where the failure is due to circumstances beyond that person's control.

This provision makes it clear that resumption was intended for genuine agricultural purposes and not as a means of obtaining land for speculation or subsequent commercial exploitation.

A provision that must be read with Section 8

Section 7 cannot be understood in isolation. Section 8 explains the vesting of ownership rights in the prospective owner for the land remaining with the tiller after resumption.

For revenue officials, landowners, tillers and legal practitioners, understanding this provision is essential because its implementation involves historical revenue records, tenancy particulars, personal cultivation, statutory ceilings and the determination of ownership rights.

Where the ex-landlord resumes the entire permissible area, the remaining land vests in the tiller or the tiller's legal heirs in accordance with the statutory provisions. Where the ex-landlord cannot resume the entire eligible area because of the ceiling under Section 7(3), Section 8 provides the mechanism for vesting ownership rights in the remaining land, subject to the applicable levy provisions.

This relationship between Sections 7 and 8 reflects the central philosophy of agrarian reforms: a limited right of resumption for eligible former landlords, alongside the statutory protection and ownership rights of actual cultivators.

An important subsequent legal development

There is another provision that deserves particular attention while discussing the present legal position. Sub-section (8) was inserted into Section 7 through the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Adaptation of State Laws Fifth Order, 2020. It provides that from the date notified by the Government, no application for resumption of land shall be entertained under this section.

This subsequent amendment is important because the original one-year application period and the later statutory restriction must not be confused. Any present-day claim or proceeding requires examination of the applicable notification, the historical proceedings and the orders already passed by the competent authority. The mere existence of Section 7 in the statute book does not create an unrestricted fresh right to seek resumption.

The need for historical revenue records and legal accuracy

The practical implementation of Section 7 requires an accurate understanding of historical land records. Entries relating to Kharif 1971, the rent received by the ex-landlord, the nature of tenancy, the area of the holding and subsequent mutations are all relevant to determining the statutory entitlement.

The Revenue Department must ensure that no party receives more land than the law permits and that the rights already vested in prospective owners are not disturbed through an incorrect interpretation of historical entries.

The principles discussed in revenue reference literature, including Jadeed Yadgare Maal, are valuable for understanding the terminology, traditional revenue practices and historical background of land administration. The relevant discussion in that book should be read alongside the actual statutory provisions and the Agrarian Reforms Rules, 1977.

Conclusion: The law must protect both sides

Section 7 represents an important balance in the history of Jammu and Kashmir's land reforms. It recognised a limited right of eligible ex-landlords while ensuring that the broader objective of agrarian reforms—the protection of actual tillers and the redistribution of ownership rights—was not defeated.

For the Revenue Department, the responsibility is to interpret and implement this provision strictly in accordance with the law, supported by authentic historical records and reasoned orders.

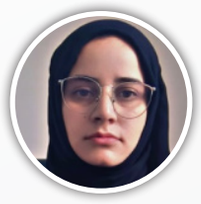
Land disputes often continue for generations because of incomplete records, misunderstood legal provisions and conflicting interpretations of old revenue entries. A proper understanding of Section 7 can help prevent such disputes and strengthen public confidence in the revenue administration.

The ultimate principle should remain clear: neither historical ownership claims nor the rights of tillers can be determined by assumptions. Every decision must stand on the foundation of the law, verified revenue records and justice.

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IDEAS, OPINIONS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLES PUBLISHED ARE WRITERS' OWN AND MAY NOT BE FOUND IN ACCORD WITH THOSE OF GOOD MORNING KASHMIR

Strengthening Women Entrepreneurs Through Government Schemes



MIR ULFAT



Women in Kashmir have been able to empower themselves due to the rise of entrepreneurship. More and more women are now moving away from conventional paths and venturing into entrepreneurship. Women in Kashmir have been using their creativity, skill, and determination to earn for themselves.

Women in Kashmir have considerable potential. They can use their skills in handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery, food processing, agriculture, tourism, beauty and wellness, tailoring, education, and digital services. Many women are taking advantage of their traditional skills to become entrepreneurs. Using their skills, they can produce products like Pashmina, Kashmiri embroidery, handmade goods, traditional foods, and much more. They are selling these products nationally using online resources.

Entrepreneurship may make a huge difference to the lives of women. It helps them boost their confidence, enhances their financial independence, and enables them to take part in family or entrepreneurial decision-making processes. By earning money through entrepreneurship, women will be able to become financially secure and motivate others in their community to do the same.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has undertaken various programs to empower women and boost entrepreneurship among them. Tejaswini: The Radiant: This program is intended to help young women establish businesses that earn money based on their skills and interests. It includes assistance for activities like boutiques, beauty parlours, tailoring, training institutes, and other small-scale businesses.

Mission YUVA: This program is meant for the promotion of entrepreneurship and self-employment among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. It offers financial assistance and incentives along with other kinds of institutional assistance to the eligible entrepreneurs.

Jammu and Kashmir Startup Policy 2024-2027: This program deals with strengthening the start-up ecosystem, fostering innovation, and offering institutional assistance and incubation services to the emerging entrepreneurs. It also includes further assistance for women-owned ventures.

UMEED: J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission: Provides women in rural areas with opportunities to save money, gain skills, generate income, and gain access to the market through Self-Help Groups. While these initiatives can give women some ideas, they may not have enough funds, direction, and institutional support. Farida Akhter from Anantnag started her own boutique called Anna's Boutique. She used funds from the PMEGP scheme to develop her own business. She has created 5 jobs through her business. Farida used her tailoring skills to create a sustainable income.

Across the Kashmir region, women artisans and craft entrepreneurs are creating opportunities. Women-led initiatives such as the Noor Aari Crafts Producer Company in Srinagar are providing more income for artisans. Although there are more opportunities for women entrepreneurs in Kashmir, there are still many issues they can face. These include a lack of funds, lack of knowledge in running a business, family commitments, societal pressures, and gaining access to a larger market.

Many women have amazing ideas and skills but lack the knowledge of how to turn them into profitable businesses. Some are unwilling to apply for funds from banks and government departments as they do not know what schemes are available. Technology is yet another key determinant for the development of women entrepreneurs. Social media sites and other internet technologies will provide women entrepreneurs with an avenue to market their products and connect with their consumers far away from them. They require training in various areas such as digital marketing, payments, packaging, customer care, and e-commerce so as to utilize these tools effectively. Women entrepreneurs need to be encouraged to take part in decision-making and run their enterprises independently.

In order to help the process of women entrepreneurship in Kashmir to flourish, it is necessary to make some sort of effort on the part of the government, educational institutions, financial agencies, private sector, and civil societies. Training and Skills: They need to be trained in various fields such as business management, digital marketing, finance, product design, and communication.

Financial Assistance and Awareness: There should be an increase in awareness about government programs, bank loans, and other financial assistance available to female entrepreneurs. Moreover, they should be guided on applications and financing issues. Market Access: There should be more emphasis on business meetings, exhibitions, trade fairs and so on to market their products. This will lead to better market linkages and expansion of their business.

Family & Community Support: The family and community must support the women to start their own business ideas. This will help the women to find out a balance between their responsibilities and their professional dreams.

Mentoring: Mentors and experienced business people must support women who want to start their own business. They will guide them and teach them about the requirements of the market and how to deal with problems and challenges. Support for Rural Women: Women living in rural areas must get special support through Self-Help Groups, local industries, home-based businesses, and vocational training programs. Proper support regarding finance and markets will help them become financially independent.

Educational institutions also have an important role to play in developing entrepreneurship skills among the girls. Programs like workshops, competitions, and other awareness programs can give them an insight into entrepreneurship as a viable career option. Women-led businesses and self-employment can create positive change in Kashmir. Not only can it provide them with financial security, but it can also benefit their family, create jobs, and inspire the next generation.

Kashmiri women have considerable talent, knowledge, and traditional skills and can be successful in many aspects. They just need equal opportunities, direction, funds, and an encouraging environment.

Women's entrepreneurship shouldn't just be seen as a way to make money but as an important step towards equality, dignity, confidence, and inclusive development. When women are creating jobs instead of searching for jobs, the whole community is moving forward to a stronger, independent future.

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Your Brain Is Listening

Why Negative Self-Talk Can Quietly Destroy Your Confidence



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There is a dangerous habit many people practice every day without realizing its cost. It looks harmless, sounds casual, and is often delivered with laughter. A student says, "I am terrible at mathematics." A young professional jokes, "I always mess things up." A parent says, "My memory is finished." Someone trying a new skill laughs and says, "I can never learn this." The room may smile, the speaker may not mean it seriously, but the brain is listening. And the brain does not always know the difference between a joke and an instruction repeated often enough.

Words are not just sounds. They are mental signals. When we repeatedly speak negatively about ourselves, we slowly train our mind to accept those statements as truth. A sentence spoken once may disappear, but a sentence repeated again and again begins to build an inner identity. "I am weak." "I am unlucky." "I am not intelligent." "I cannot change." These are not innocent remarks; they can become psychological walls. Many people are not defeated first by failure, poverty, competition, or criticism. They are defeated first by the language they use about themselves.

Modern life has made self-mockery fashionable. People insult themselves before others can insult them. They joke about their weaknesses to appear humble, funny, or realistic. But there is a difference between humility and self-destruction. Humility says, "I still have much to learn." Self-destruction says, "I am useless." Humility keeps the door open for growth. Negative self-talk locks the door from inside.

Consider the example of a student who repeatedly says, "I am bad at mathematics." The student may have struggled in one test, misunderstood one chapter, or faced one poor teaching experience. But when that experience becomes an identity, the real damage begins. The next time the student sees a mathematics problem, the brain does not say, "Let us try." It says, "This is not for us." Fear rises before effort begins. The student avoids practice, avoids asking questions, and avoids challenges. Eventually, the poor result confirms the false belief. The problem was not lack of ability alone; it was the mental command repeated for months or years.

This happens beyond classrooms as well. A person who says, "I always fail in interviews," enters the next interview already carrying defeat. A worker who says, "I am not a leader," may never take initiative even when opportunity appears. A person who says, "I cannot control my anger," gives anger permission to control him. A society that keeps telling its youth, "You are careless, weak, and irresponsible," should not be surprised when many young people stop believing in their own capacity.

The brain is shaped by repetition. What we repeat becomes familiar, and what becomes familiar often feels true. That is why irresponsible self-talk is not a small matter. It affects confidence, attention, courage, discipline, and performance. The words we speak create emotional climates inside us. Some words create fear. Some create hope. Some create helplessness. Some create movement.

This does not mean we should lie to ourselves or pretend that everything is perfect. Positive thinking is not the denial of reality. It is the responsible interpretation of reality. There is a great difference between saying, "I failed, therefore I am a failure," and saying, "I failed, therefore I need a better method." The first statement attacks identity. The second improves strategy. The first weakens the person. The second strengthens the process.

A healthier language of self-talk does not require exaggeration. We do not need to say, "I am the best," when we are still learning. But we can say, "I am improving." We do not need to say, "This is easy," when it is difficult. But we can say, "This is difficult, and I can approach it step by step." We do not need to deny weakness. But we must not convert weakness into permanent destiny.

Parents, teachers, and leaders have a special responsibility in this matter. Children often borrow their inner voice from the adults around them. A child who repeatedly hears, "You are careless," may begin to act careless. A student who constantly hears, "You will never understand," may stop trying to understand. A young employee who is always told, "You are not capable," may lose the courage to show capability. Words spoken by authority figures can become internal scripts for life.

Therefore, correction must be firm but constructive. Instead of saying, "You are lazy," say, "Your effort today was not enough." Instead of saying, "You are weak," say, "This skill needs practice." Instead of saying, "You always fail," say, "Let us find where the method went wrong." Such language does not hide mistakes; it separates the mistake from the person. That separation is essential for growth.

The same principle applies to our private conversations with ourselves. Every person has an inner teacher. For some, that teacher is encouraging and disciplined. For others, it is cruel, hopeless, and insulting. We must ask ourselves: what kind of teacher lives inside my mind? Does it guide me or shame me? Does it correct me or crush me? Does it remind me of possibility or imprison me in the past?

The most powerful change begins with awareness. Listen carefully to the words you use about yourself. Notice how often you say, "I cannot," "I always," "I never," or "This is impossible for me." These absolute words are dangerous because they close the future. Replace them with words that leave room for effort. Say, "I cannot do this yet." Say, "I have struggled before, but I can improve." Say, "I need practice." Say, "I made a mistake, but I am not a mistake."

This shift may look small, but it is not. Language is the architecture of thought. Thought shapes attitude. Attitude shapes action. Action shapes destiny. A person who changes his inner language begins to change his relationship with difficulty. Problems no longer appear as final judgments; they become challenges to be studied. Failure no longer becomes proof of worthlessness; it becomes information. Criticism no longer becomes a wound; it becomes a mirror.

In a world full of external noise, one of the most important voices is still the one we carry within ourselves. We may not control every event, every person, or every outcome. But we can learn to control the words we repeatedly speak over our own lives. That control is not a luxury; it is mental discipline.

So stop joking about your own defeat. Stop calling yourself incapable in the name of humor. Stop planting seeds of weakness in your own mind and then wondering why confidence does not grow. Speak to yourself with honesty, but also with respect. Challenge yourself, but do not curse yourself. Correct yourself, but do not condemn yourself.

Your brain is listening. Make sure it hears a voice that teaches courage, not surrender; growth, not helplessness; responsibility, not defeat. Sometimes the first step toward changing a life is not changing the world outside, but changing the sentence we keep repeating inside.

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MBBS aspirants, parents protest, seek NMC approval for KMC

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: With the admissions deadline approaching, MBBS aspirants and their parents staged a protest at Press Colony here on Friday, urging the National Medical Commission to grant Kashmir Medical College a Letter of Permission without further delay.

The students and parents, expressed concern over the prolonged uncertainty surrounding the proposed medical college, saying the delay in securing the mandatory approval was jeopardising the academic future of more than 100 aspiring medical students. They said their demand was aimed at ensuring that the institution becomes operational and admissions are allowed to begin within the stipulated timeframe, rather than targeting any individual or authority.

According to the protesting aspirants, the issue has remained unresolved for the past five months despite repeated efforts to seek intervention from the concerned authorities.

One of the students said they had approached the High Court in September and received a favourable hearing on October 27, but the matter was yet to reach a conclusion. "With November 16 approaching and the next court hearing scheduled for November 20, we are worried about losing another academic year. We appeal to the concerned authorities to intervene and resolve the issue at the earliest," he said.

The students maintained that an early decision on the LoP would not only protect their academic interests but also help strengthen medical education facilities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) has extended its support to the affected students and called on the Union Health Ministry to intervene urgently to resolve the pending approval issue, expressing serious concern over the five-month delay.

Dr Mohammad Momin Khan, President of AIMSA, said granting permission to Kashmir Medical College to commence its MBBS programme would open up additional opportunities for students from the Valley to pursue medical education within Jammu and Kashmir instead of having to look outside the region or abroad. He said the proposed institution represented an important opportunity to expand the region's medical education infrastructure and called upon people across Jammu and Kashmir to support the initiative.

Dr Burhan Hameed, Chief Advisor of AIMSA, said the future of more than 100 aspiring medical students could not be left uncertain due to prolonged administrative delays, urging the authorities to take immediate and concrete measures to settle the matter, particularly in view of the November 16 deadline.

AIMSA has also appealed to Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda to personally intervene in the matter and facilitate an early resolution, saying the interests of the affected students must be safeguarded. The association reiterated its support for the students and urged the authorities to ensure that the pending LoP issue is resolved before the deadline, allowing the admission process to move forward without further uncertainty—(KNO)

Religious Leaders Back Simpler Weddings, Traditional Seven-Dish Wazwan

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: With Kashmir's wedding celebrations increasingly turning into "a competition" over food, spending and social status, religious leaders across the Valley on Friday called for a return to simpler marriages and the traditional "seven-dish Wazwan."

Backing the Kashmir Waza Association's decision of not serving wedding dinners after 10 pm, prominent religious scholars said that the move is a welcome step, but more needs to be done to discourage unnecessary customs, excessive spending and the growing trend of families trying to outdo one another through elaborate wedding feasts.

Grand Mufti of Jammu and Kashmir Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam Farooqi appreciated the measures taken by the Waza community to improve Wazwan arrangements, ensure punctuality and maintain discipline and tradition. He urged people to keep the number of Wazwan dishes and other arrangements moderate and make Nikah simple, dignified and easy, and called upon religious scholars and Imams to ensure that Nikah ceremonies were conducted within reasonable timelines. "Our traditions and cultural values are our identity, but they should not become an obstacle in performing an important Sunnah like Nikah," he said.

Maulana Riyaz-ul-Haq Noorabadi, Imam and Khateeb at the historic Aasar-e-Shareef Dargah Hazratbal, also welcomed the decision, saying it will have a positive impact on society, and called for simple Nikah ceremonies.

Aga Syed Hadi, a Shia religious scholar, called the decision a welcome step and urged the Waza Association to issue a memorandum recommending a limited number of dishes, saying the responsibility of bringing change should not be left entirely to the public. "Our society may not understand on its own. The Waza Association should take the initiative. We traditionally had seven dishes in Wazwan, and we should return to that practice," he said.

Dr Abdul Latif Alkindi, president of Jamiat Ahle Hadith, Jammu and Kashmir, termed the decision a welcome and positive step, saying it should be supported by everyone. He said late-night wedding functions also affect the sleep and routine of guests, religious scholars and Imams, and called for simpler ceremonies.

The calls for change have also found support among residents.

Sahil Shafiq, a resident of Habba Kadal, Srinagar, said people should support the initiative, adding that weddings had increasingly turned into a competition over the number of dishes served. "Whenever someone organises a wedding, there is a competition. If one family serves a certain number of Wazwan dishes, another wants to serve even more," he said. —(KNO)

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leave no stone unturned in your pursuit of victory. Give it your absolute best, compete with all your might, but once the match is over, let friendship and mutual respect prevail," he said.

"Compete fiercely, give your best and fight for victory, but let the rivalry end with the final ball. Once the match is over, embrace one another and walk away as friends. Because this is a contest, not a conflict. You may be my opponent, but you are not my enemy," he added.

Emphasising that the spirit of the tournament should go beyond competition, the chief minister said that while teams would compete against each other on the field, the real achievement would be the friendships and bonds they establish during their stay in Jammu.

He observed that victory and defeat were integral to sports and urged participants to treat both with equanimity.

Quoting renowned writer Rudyard Kipling, he said, "If you can meet with triumph and disaster, and treat both those imposters just the same," adding that success and failure were temporary, while the friendships and memories created through such events endured.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir's recent sporting achievements, the chief minister said that if the same team continued to win every time, Jammu and Kashmir might not have had the opportunity to bring home the Ranji Trophy last year, underlining that competition and changing fortunes were part of the sporting journey.

Abdullah said the tournament was a welcome initiative that provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution of university employees who work behind the scenes in strengthening academic institutions.

"Universities are not just about students. They are also built by the people who work behind the scenes to make these institutions shine. Often, these employees do not get the opportunity to come to the forefront. This tournament gives them a platform to showcase their talent and come together through sports," he said.

Welcoming the participating teams to Jammu, he described the city as the City of Temples and invited the players to visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and explore the region's cultural and historical attractions, including the Border Tourism facilities along the International Border.

The chief minister also encouraged the visitors to experience the hospitality and culinary traditions of Jammu, particularly the rich Dogra cuisine, which he said deserved as much appreciation as the well-known delicacies of Kashmir.

Security Beefed

priority is to prevent any further untoward incident while ensuring that normal public movement is not affected," the officer said.

Pertinently, the attack took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Akhran area of Kulgam, near Mir Bazar, when terrorists opened fire on a CRPF checkpoint, injuring three personnel.

The incident triggered an immediate response from security forces.

Following the attack, police, CRPF and Army soldiers launched search operations in the surrounding areas to trace the attackers. Investigators are also examining CCTV footage collected from nearby commercial establishments and other locations to establish the route taken by the assailants before and after the incident.

Security agencies are examining possible links of Mohammed Lateef Bhat, a local commander of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), with the attack. Bhat had reportedly escaped a security operation in Shopian in July this year. However, officials said confirmation regarding the identity of the attackers was awaited.

An official said: "The alertness of the personnel and their prompt response prevented the attackers from causing greater damage. They were forced to retreat without achieving their objective."

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Home Affairs convened a high-level security meeting after receiving a briefing from the CRPF on the incident.

Security agencies are maintaining heightened vigilance across the Valley, with the Special Operations Group (SOG) and other forces deployed at sensitive locations, highways and busy public areas.

Officials said the additional measures were precautionary and aimed at maintaining security without disrupting routine civilian movement—(KNO)

J&K Police question

evidence. Investigating agencies are examining footage from nearby CCTV cameras to trace the attackers' movements and their escape routes," said another official.

Meanwhile, a massive search operation to track down the attackers involved in the firing on the CRPF party continued for the third consecutive day on Friday, with security forces extending searches to nearby villages.

Pertinently, terrorists had opened fire on a CRPF party at Akhran village of Kulgam, on Wednesday, injuring three personnel and triggering a massive cordon and search operation in the area.

Officials said that security forces have maintained a heightened vigil across the district, with barricades erected and armoured vehicles deployed at several locations. Vehicles are being stopped and frisked at security checkpoints as part of intensified security measures.

They said security agencies are using both human and technical intelligence to develop leads and trace the attackers. Several suspects have also been picked up by police for questioning as part of the investigation.

Search teams are combing residential localities, orchards and adjoining areas, with sniffer dogs also pressed into service to assist the operation. Searches are being conducted at multiple locations across the district through coordinated efforts of police and other security forces.

Security has been strengthened at several places across Kashmir, with police and paramilitary personnel and Army conducting random vehicle checks as part of heightened surveillance—(KNO)

LG Pays Tributes

condemn the cowardly attack".

"Their courage, unwavering dedication and selfless service to the nation will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of immense grief. We stand shoulder to shoulder with them in solidarity," the Lt Governor said.

The preliminary investigation ruled out abduction of the two SPOs before their killing, the officials said.

The incident occurred at an altitude of 8,858 feet between Deharna and Kiyar villages, while the two SPOs were heading to a post at Basnand, the officials said.

They said a massive operation is underway to identify, track and neutralise the assailants.

Posted with the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the local police at Kiyar village in Dachhan, they went missing on Wednesday while travelling from their camp to an Army post for patrolling duty at Deharna-Marwah.

The two SPOs were locals and were aware of the topography of the area, the official said.

Kiyar is located in the high-altitude Dachhan valley at an average regional elevation of roughly 2,880 metres (9,460 feet). Deharna, situated at an elevation of 6,560 to 7,220 feet, lies about 14 km from the Marwah tehsil headquarters and 30 to 50 km from Kishtwar town. It lacks direct all-weather road connectivity.

While Kishtwar is located 210 km from winter capital of Jammu, the area where the incident took place is further located 50 km in mountainous region.

Director General Police Nalin Prabhat visited Kishtwar district headquarters on Thursday evening to review the situation, while Inspector General of police, Jammu range, Tejinder Singh is likely to visit the area later in the day, the officials said.

Security forces continued the search operation for third day to identify and apprehend the attackers involved in the incident.

Rain, Snowfall

Gulmarg, one of the coldest places in the Valley, recorded a maximum temperature of 6.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 0.5 degrees Celsius. The maximum was three degrees below normal, while the minimum was almost in line with the seasonal average.

In Pahalgam, the maximum temperature settled at 14.1 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees above normal, while the minimum was recorded at 4 degrees Celsius, 5.2 degrees above the seasonal average.

Kupwara recorded a maximum temperature of 10.3 degrees Celsius, 5.7 degrees below normal, while the minimum settled at 4 degrees Celsius, 3.7 degrees above normal.

Qazigund recorded a maximum of 13.4 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 6.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag registered 14 degrees and 5.2 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In the Jammu region, Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 28 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16.3 degrees Celsius. Banihal recorded 25.5 degrees as its maximum temperature, while Bhaderwah registered 15.3 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Srinagar has forecast a brief spell of light rain and snowfall over higher reaches at scattered places towards late afternoon on November 13 and 14.

The weather is expected to remain generally dry from November 15 to 21, although cloudy conditions may develop towards November 20 and 21. Generally dry weather is likely to continue from November 22 to 24.

The MeT department has advised farmers to resume agricultural operations from November 15 onwards.

Earlier, the department had cautioned that precipitation and snowfall over higher reaches could affect movement along important mountain passes and hilly roads, advising travellers and transporters to remain updated about weather and road conditions—(KNO)

MHA Declares Zakir

of religion, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious communities and groups which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country," it said.

The statements and speeches made by Naik are objectionable and subversive and he has been promoting enmity and hatred amongst different religious groups and inspiring youths of a particular religion in India and abroad to commit terrorist acts, it said.

Naik made radical statements and speeches to millions of people worldwide through international satellite TV networks, Internet, print and social media, it said.

The ministry said the outfit will escalate secessionism by supporting militancy and undertake activities which are prejudicial to the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country, it said.

Police Announces

The move comes amid intensified security measures in Kishtwar district following the killing of two SPOs.

Kashmir Faces

between 1000-1150 MWs."

The official further said that the power supply keeps on fluctuating. "Thus, the power demand and availability also varies from time to time. During that period we enforce grid curtailment."

It is pertinent to mention that Jammu and Kashmir was importing nearly 84 percent of power from other states in the last week of October.

The official figures in this regard reveal that the Union Territory was importing nearly 2000 MWs of power from other states and UTs—(KNO)



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Mir Saifullah Highlights Universal Message of Guru Tegh Bahadur

Calls for Upholding Values of Faith, Freedom and Humanity

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Minister for Planning, Development and Monitoring, Culture, Youth Services and Sports, Mir Saifullah, Friday highlighted the timeless relevance of the supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, describing it as an enduring symbol of religious freedom, human dignity, tolerance and universal brotherhood.

The Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at "Shristi Di Chadar – A Supreme Sacrifice for Faith and Freedom of Religion", a ten-city nationwide academic and interfaith commemorative initiative marking the 350th Martyrdom Year of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, organised at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.



Mir Saifullah said that the supreme sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji transcended religious and geographical boundaries and represented one of the greatest examples of standing up for the rights, beliefs and freedom of others. He observed that Guru Sahib's unparalleled courage and commitment to protecting freedom of conscience continue to inspire humanity and hold immense relevance in contemporary society.

Emphasising the importance of preserving and promoting the country's rich spiritual and cultural heritage, the Minister said that the teachings of great spiritual personalities must reach younger generations so that the values of compassion, mutual respect, communal harmony and peaceful coexistence remain deeply rooted in society.

He appreciated the organisers for bringing together academicians, scholars, writers, students and representatives of different faiths on a common platform to deliberate upon the life, philosophy and extraordinary martyrdom of Guru Sahib. He said such initiatives strengthen social harmony and encourage meaningful dialogue across communities.

The Jammu chapter of the initiative was organised by IHA Foundation, with the support of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu, under the aegis of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Members of Legislative Assembly Vikram Randhawa and Arvind Gupta also graced the occasion and addressed the gathering, paying rich tributes to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji and highlighting the significance of his sacrifice in defending religious freedom and human dignity.

Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Harvinder Kour; Chairman, IHA Foundation and Convenor, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji 350th Martyrdom Commemoration Committee, Satnam Singh Ahluwalia; President, DGPC Jammu, Ranjeet Singh Tohra; Vice President, DGPC Jammu, Balvinder Singh; and General Secretary, DGPC Jammu, Surjit Singh, were among the dignitaries present.

The academic deliberations featured eminent academicians, scholars, writers and interfaith representatives, including Dr. Vaidehi Taman, Dr. Harsimran Singh, Khawaja Iftekhar Ahmed, Prof. Vijay Bernard, Sardarni Kulwant Kour Chan, Sandeep Jain Sunny, Advocate Gurlad Singh, S. Ali Singh and Cmde. D. S. Sodhi, NM (Retd.), who explored the historical, spiritual and contemporary relevance of Guru Sahib's life and philosophy.

Student participation and debate competitions further enriched the programme, encouraging young minds to engage with Guru Sahib's extraordinary legacy and the principles of justice, religious freedom and human rights.

Three-Day Veshow Festival concludes amid exuburence in Kulgam

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KULGAM: The three-day Veshow Festival 2026 concluded Friday at Government Degree College, Kulgam amid liveliness with a series of literary, cultural and trade exhibition activities celebrating the rich heritage, art, culture, literature and trade.

The concluding day's literary programme featured a 'Meet the Author' session with noted author Satish Vimal, followed by a literary discussion titled "Kashmiri Literature – Kal, Aaj Aur Kal" (Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow), providing a platform for deliberations on the evolution, present landscape and future prospects of Kashmiri literature.

The programme also featured the Kul-Hind Mushaira (All India Mushaira), bringing together noted poets from across the country for a celebration of literary expression and poetry.

Meanwhile, the four dedicated pavilions continued their activities with keynote addresses, panel discussions, closing talks and interactive sessions focusing on entrepreneurship and startups, handicrafts and rural enterprise, agri-business and horticulture, besides youth, skill and career development.

The sessions covered diverse themes, including Jammu and Kashmir's potential as a business and enterprise hub, the role of handicrafts in livelihood generation, livestock and its contribution to the rural economy, opportunities for youth in a changing world, the role of Geographical Indication (GI) in promoting handicrafts and opportunities in the agri-economy.The sessions witnessed participation of experts, entrepreneurs, professionals, students and aspiring youth, providing them opportunities to exchange ideas and gain insights into emerging avenues.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Shahzad Alam, ADC, DPO, ACR, SDM, ACD, DIO, AD Employment also attended various sessions of the trade and literary sessions.

The Trade Fair and exhibition areas continued to attract visitors, with stalls showcasing local products, traditional handicrafts, Kashmiri cuisine, agricultural produce, art and craft, besides products and services from different sectors for sale. The stalls provided a common platform for local artisans, entrepreneurs, traders, institutions and service providers to display their products, interact with visitors and promote their work.

The Antique Village remained another attraction, offering visitors a glimpse of traditional Kashmiri household articles, artefacts and objects reflecting the region's cultural heritage and traditional lifestyle. The children's play area also provided recreational opportunities for young visitors.

The festival grounds witnessed enthusiastic public participation, with visitors exploring the stalls and exhibitions, enjoying different cuisines, shopping and engaging with exhibitors. The off-stage cultural showcase by school students also remained an attraction, featuring Kashmiri folk songs, traditional dances, cultural performances and drama, providing a platform for young talent to display their artistic abilities.

During the valedictory session, Deputy Commissioner Kulgam and other district officers felicitated the literary figures and expert speakers and appreciated the efforts of all those associated with the successful organisation of the festival. Certificates of Appreciation and participation were presented to participants and contributors in recognition of their involvement and contribution to the three-day event.

The DC acknowledged the participation of artists, writers, poets, artisans, entrepreneurs, students, various departments and the general public, whose collective involvement made the annual Veshow Festival, a vibrant celebration of the district's cultural and literary heritage.

Organised under the theme 'Celebrating Our Heritage', the Veshow Festival 2026 provided a common platform for promoting local talent, traditional crafts, literary expression, entrepreneurship and cultural traditions while encouraging greater public engagement.

The valedictory session was attended by ADC, DPO, ACR, ACD, SDM, DIO, Tehsildar, Kulgam, AD Employment, AD FCS&CA and other district officers, besides prominent artists, writers, poets, entrepreneurs, students and members of the general public.

Director Agriculture stresses systematic promotion of Makhana Cultivation in J&K



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JAMMU: The two-day seminar on Makhana Cultivation concluded here at Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo. Director Agriculture Anil Gupta and Nodal Officer for Makhana Cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir attended the valedictory session.

Addressing the participants, Anil Gupta described the seminar as a significant initiative towards introducing Makhana as a high-value crop in Jammu and Kashmir. He appreciated the resource persons and experts for sharing their valuable technical expertise on scientific cultivation practices, production technologies, processing and value addition. He expressed confidence that based on the technical knowledge and experience gained during the seminar, Makhana cultivation would soon be initiated in suitable areas of Jammu Division.

He informed that the Government of India has approved a Central Sector Scheme for the Development of Makhana, reflecting the growing national focus on promoting this high-value crop. He observed that Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Jammu Division, holds considerable potential for Makhana cultivation and expressed hope that farmers would adopt it as a profitable crop diversification option. He urged the participating officers to effectively utilise the knowledge gained during the seminar to develop successful Makhana production clusters and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers.

Emphasising the need for practical exposure, Anil Gupta stated that organising seminars alone would not be sufficient for the promotion of Makhana cultivation. "The Department will soon organise exposure visits for farmers and departmental officers to established Makhana-growing regions to gain first-hand knowledge of scientific cultivation practices, processing technologies and modern production techniques, which could subsequently be replicated in Jammu Division," he announced.

NCORD meeting held at Udhampur



DC calls for coordinated action against drug menace

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Ananth Dwivedi chaired a meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre to review measures for drug prevention and control and discuss the restructuring of the NCORD mechanism to strengthen anti-narcotics efforts in the district. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh and officers from the line departments.

The review focused on drug prevention and control, including dismantling of identified drug cartels, preventive detention of habitual offenders, effective prosecution of NDPS cases, action against the diversion of pharmaceutical drugs, detection of illicit cultivation and disposal of seized narcotic substances.

The meeting also reviewed the status of awareness programmes, drug-free campuses, drug de-addiction centres and addiction treatment facilities, year-wise details of under-investigation NDPS cases, PIT-NDPS cases, financial seizures, hotspot surveillance, preventive enforcement, inspection of de-addiction centres and block-wise details of drug abusers.

The DC directed the enforcement agencies to intensify inspection of pharmacies to check the unauthorised sale and diversion of pharmaceutical drugs. He also instructed district-level officers to organise coordinated activities under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan on a weekly basis to strengthen public awareness and community participation.

Emphasising the need for robust inter-departmental coordination, the DC directed the enforcement agencies to strengthen efforts to identify and apprehend individuals involved in drug trafficking, closely monitor drug-prone areas and promote community-based rehabilitation and awareness initiatives.

Poonch admin finalizes arrangements for JKSSB Exam

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POONCH: The District administration Poonch finalized the arrangements for the smooth, transparent and fair conduct of the OMR-based written examination for the post of Accounts Assistant (Finance Department), scheduled to be held on November 15, 2026 (Sunday).

The arrangements were reviewed and finalized at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma and attended by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vaibhav Meena, ADDC Amarjeet Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik, District Coordinator Exam, Sudhir Bali and other senior officers and concerned officials.

The meeting was also attended by Zonal Magistrates, Observers, Duty Magistrates, Centre Superintendents, Deputy Centre Superintendents and other officials assigned examination-related duties.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the arrangements in detail and directed the officers and examination staff to strictly adhere to the guidelines and ensure foolproof arrangements at all designated examination centres.

The meeting stressed on strict restrictions on carrying Mobile Phone or any unauthorized electronic devices in the exam hall by examinees, Centre Superintendents, supervisory staff or other examination personnel.

All designated officers were directed to maintain the highest standards of transparency, impartiality and accountability to ensure that every candidate gets a fair and equal opportunity. Adequate security, vigilance and monitoring mechanisms shall be ensured at all examination centres to prevent any possibility of malpractice or irregularities. All Zonal Magistrates, Centre Superintendents and other assigned officials were instructed to maintain close coordination and discharge their duties with utmost responsibility.

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REVISED NOTICE

In partial modification of the notice issued vide No.GDC/Estt/Gaz/File-54/e-file-6/2021-02/8816-26 dated.05/11/2026, it is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the conduct of written examination for engagement of Registrars/ Tutors on a tenure basis in the disciplines of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Periodontics, Orthodontics, Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics and Public Health Dentistry posts scheduled to be held on 18-11-2026 at 2:00 PM has been rescheduled and shall now be held on 20-11-2026 at 2:00 PM in the Auditorium Block, Government Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar.

It is further notified that all other terms and conditions, instructions and guidelines stipulated in the earlier notice shall remain unchanged and shall be adhered to strictly.

All concerned are hereby advised to take note of the revised date, time and venue of the examination.

No:- GDC/Estt/Gaz/File-54/e-file-6/2021-02/8776-9007
Dated: 13/11/2026

(Shakeel Ahmad Bhat)
Administrative Officer,
Member/Secretary

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DT: 13/11/2026

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR
(ACADEMIC SECTION)

Subject: **Engagement of Dr. Siman Gulzar as Senior Resident on Academic Arrangement Basis, in the Department of Medicine, Government Medical College, Srinagar.**

Reference: i)This office Advertisement No. 10 of 2026 Dated. 01.08.2026.
ii) Character and Antecedent verification report received from CID, J&K vide Form No. 176951 Dated. 07.11.2026.

OFFICE ORDER No: 1099-RA of 2026.
DATED: 11-11-2026.

Pursuant to the Selection list issued vide Notification No. 24-RA of 2026 Dated. 24.09.2026 and on the basis of Satisfactory verification report of Character & Antecedents by Criminal Investigation Department (CID), J&K, Dr. Siman Gulzar, MD, a non-in-service candidate is hereby provisionally engaged as Senior Resident in the Department of Medicine, on Academic Arrangement Basis, under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020 and Government Order No. 383-JK (HMEJ of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024, initially for a period of one year, extendable up to a maximum period of 03 (three) years, subject to satisfactory performance, as certified by concerned Head of Department.

The engagement of the above-named doctor shall further be subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. The engagee shall submit his joining report, along with duly attested affidavits before the Judicial Magistrate, in the office of the undersigned, to the effect that: -
I. he is a non-in-service candidate and that the information furnished by him in this regard is true and correct. In the event, the information is subsequently found to be false or incorrect, he shall be liable for action under the applicable rules, including cancellation/confiscation of his registration, as may be permissible under the relevant provisions;
II. he shall not participate in any kind of strike during the period of his engagement. In the event he proceeds on strike, his engagement shall be liable to termination in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, including the provisions of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), wherever applicable;
III. he shall maintain discipline and proper conduct throughout the period of his engagement. Any act of misconduct shall render him liable to termination of engagement in accordance with the applicable rules;
IV. he is not involved in any criminal activity and that no FIR is pending against him or has been registered against him in any criminal case, except as specifically disclosed by him in the affidavit;
V. he shall not claim an experience certificate in respect of the Senior Residency in the event he leaves the Senior Residency before completion of at least six months;
VI. he shall not indulge in any private practice during the period of his engagement. In the event he is found indulging in private practice, his engagement shall be liable to termination in accordance with the applicable rules;
VII. he shall not claim any further extension beyond the maximum permissible period of Senior Residency under the applicable rules, under any circumstances.
2. The engagee shall execute an agreement with the institution in the prescribed format (Form A) in respect of the various terms and conditions applicable to engagement on Academic Arrangement Basis. The prescribed format may be downloaded from the official website of Government Medical College, Srinagar.
3. The appointee shall be required to join within 21 days from the date of issuance of this order, failing which the order shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
4. The Senior Resident engaged on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be paid remuneration as admissible under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020.
5. The Senior Resident engaged on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be entitled to leave as admissible under Government Order No. 451-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 08.07.2024.

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CM inaugurates 22nd All India Vice-Chancellor's T20 Cricket Tournament at SKUAST-J

Friendships, bonds forged beyond cricket field matter more than winning trophy: CM

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CHATHA: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Friday inaugurated the 22nd All India Vice-Chancellor's T20 Cricket Tournament 2026 at the Cricket Ground, Main Campus of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), Chatha.

Being hosted by SKUAST-Jammu from November 13 to 23, the prestigious national-level tournament has brought together 24 teams representing universities from different parts of the country, including six teams from Jammu and Kashmir and 18 from other states.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister congratulated SKUAST-Jammu, the participating universities and their Vice-Chancellors for bringing university employees together on a common sporting platform. He said the tournament was a welcome initiative that provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution of university employees who work behind the scenes in strengthening academic institutions.

"Universities are not just about students. They are also built by the people who work behind the scenes to make these institutions shine. Often, these employees do not get the opportunity to come to the forefront. This tournament gives them a platform to showcase their talent and come together through sports," he said.

Emphasising that the spirit of the tournament should go beyond competition, the Chief Minister said that while teams would compete against each other on the field, the real achievement would be the friendships and bonds they establish during their stay in Jammu.

He observed that victory and defeat were integral to sports and urged participants to treat both with equanimity. Quoting renowned writer Rudyard Kipling, he said, "If you can meet with triumph and disaster, and treat both those imposters just the same," adding that success and failure were temporary, while the friendships and memories created through such events endured.

Referring to Jammu and Kashmir's recent sporting achievements, the Chief Minister said that if the same team continued to win every time, Jammu and Kashmir might not have had the opportunity to bring home the Ranji Trophy last year, underlining that competition and changing fortunes were part of the sporting journey.

Welcoming the participating teams to Jammu, he described the city as the City of Temples and invited the players to visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and explore the region's cultural and historical attractions, including the Border Tourism facilities along the International Border.

The Chief Minister also encouraged the visitors to experience the hospitality and culinary traditions of Jammu, particularly the rich Dogra cuisine, which he said deserved as much appreciation as the well-known delicacies of Kashmir.

Earlier, the Chief Minister conducted the toss between the captains of the host SKUAST-Jammu team and Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University Jalgaon team and interacted with players from the participating universities.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Minister for Agriculture Production, Finance, Mining and Cooperatives Javid Ahmad Dar; Minister for Planning, Development and Monitoring, Culture, Youth Services and Sports, and ARI & Trainings Mir Saifullah; and Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Prof. B.N. Tripathi, who presided over the function.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the impressive parade of participating university teams, reflecting the spirit of unity and sportsmanship. The occasion also witnessed the lighting of the ceremonial torch, which was carried by players around the ground before being handed over to the Chief Minister, who lit the main ceremonial torch.

A cultural programme presented by the Madras Regiment added vibrancy to the occasion and was appreciated by the audience.

The Ministers appreciated SKUAST-Jammu for hosting the national-level sporting event and emphasised the importance of promoting physical fitness, discipline, teamwork and a healthy sporting culture among employees and educational institutions.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Prof. B.N. Tripathi expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister and other dignitaries for gracing the occasion. He said hosting the 22nd edition of the tournament was a matter of immense pride for the university and Jammu and Kashmir.

He observed that the tournament provided a unique national platform for university employees to showcase their sporting talent, promote physical fitness and strengthen professional relationships beyond their routine academic, research and administrative responsibilities. He also acknowledged the collective efforts of university officers, faculty, staff, students and the organising committee in making the event possible.

Virat Kohli gifts Indian jersey to Matt Henry after Kiwi pacer's carnage leads NZ to win

IANS



TAURANGA: India icon Virat Kohli gifted his jersey to New Zealand fast bowler Matt Henry, who wreaked havoc to lead his team to a huge 244-run win against India in the fourth ODI of the ongoing series at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui here on Friday.

Kohli met the Player of the Match Henry, who picked his career-best ODI figures of 6-27 and had reduced India to 0/3. He dismissed Rohit Sharma, Kohli and Shreyas Iyer for ducks in the opening over, sending India to a new low as this was the first time that India lost their first three wickets without a score in ODI cricket.

Despite being dismissed by the Kiwi pacer for a four-ball duck, Kohli showed a warm gesture and gifted him his jersey as the two players exchanged smiles and had a brief discussion about the match.

Henry castled an in-form Kohli on the fifth ball of the innings. After going for out-seamers, he brought one back into the right-hander as the ball stayed low and sneaked into the gap between Kohli's bat and pads.

The Kiwi pacer then also got stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer for a golden duck LBW through a review. This pinned any hopes of India chasing a daunting total, and although Ishan Kishan (27), Axar Patel (21) and Naman Dhir (21) fought, the visitors were never in the chase.

Henry came back and picked three more, getting Kishan, Kuldeep Yadav and Gurnoor Brar as he starred with 6-27 and set up a big win. Henry spoke on his performance and the triple wicket maiden after the match. "Yeah, it's quite funny, isn't it? The wind was so strong, and it was keeping things pretty simple, and it's funny when you're actually trying to have a simple game plan. A bit of luck as well. One shot a little bit low there too, so maybe the wind pushed me a bit sideways (smiles)," Henry said at the post-match presentation.

"Well, especially with the way the wind was going, I wasn't too worried about the swing. So from ball one it was just about trying to have the strengths and bring the stumps into play, really. We knew that there was a small window there with the new ball that you could put the batters under pressure. So just trying to be as simple as possible, obviously, and when it moves sharply like that in the first over, when people are facing the first ball, it's pretty tough," he added.

J&K Pencak Silat Association to Organise 11th UT Championship in Srinagar from November 28

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SRINAGAR: The Pencak Silat Association of Jammu and Kashmir will organise the 11th Edition of the J&K UT Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Pencak Silat Championship 2026–27 for boys and girls, men and women, at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex, Srinagar, from November 28 to 30, 2026.

The three-day championship will serve as a selection platform for athletes across all age groups and both genders for the upcoming 4th All India Pencak Silat Championship 2026–27, as well as the All India Inter-District Pencak Silat Championship 2026 for Women. Both national-level competitions are scheduled to be held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, in the last week of December 2026 and at the end of January 2027, respectively.

According to the Association, only those players who have participated in the 2026 District Pencak Silat Championships in their respective districts will be eligible to compete in the UT-level championship. All participant entries and related data must be submitted exclusively through the authorised representatives of their respective districts.

All participants have been directed to report to their respective coaches or district heads along with their date-of-birth certificates and Aadhaar cards for verification and registration.

The championship will be conducted under the aegis of the J&K Sports Council and the Pencak Silat Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

The last date for submission of entries is November 25, 2026. The Association has clarified that no entries will be entertained after the stipulated deadline.

For further information and registration-related queries, interested participants may contact the Association at jksilat@gmail.com or 9797194893.

IFL 2026/27: Nagaland Utd set for historic home debut; Bengaluru Utd host Real Kashmir in double header

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BENGALURU/DIMAPUR: FC Bengaluru United host Real Kashmir FC at the Bangalore Football Stadium while Nagaland United SC make their home debut when they welcome leaders Gokulam Kerala FC to the Chümoukedima Football Stadium in Dimapur in another weekend double-header in the Indian Football League (IFL) 2026/27 on Saturday.



FC Bengaluru United return to the Bangalore Football Stadium sixth in the table with three points from two matches. After defeat in their opening fixture, they marked their first home game in the Indian Football League with a 4-3 win over Mohammedan SC last Friday.

Headers from Marat Tareck and Gautam A. put them two goals up inside 20 minutes, and after Mohammedan drew level at 3-3, substitute Akshunna Tyagi headed the winner in the 91st minute. A second home win on Saturday could lift Head Coach Nallappan Mohanraj's side into the top four.

Speaking ahead of the match, head coach Nallappan Mohanraj said, "After losing our first game, the next match was very crucial, so bouncing back to get three points on our home turf was very important and gives us the confidence to go deep in this competition.

'No unplayable deliveries': Gambhir urges batters to adapt after getting all out for 89 against NZ

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MOUNT MAUNGANUI (NEW ZEALAND): India's head coach Gautam Gambhir believes the batters must find ways to tackle challenging conditions rather than allowing the opposition bowlers to dictate terms, insisting that there are no unplayable deliveries in international cricket after India suffered a humiliating 244-run defeat to New Zealand in the fourth ODI at the Bay Oval on Friday.

India were bowled out for just 89 in 26.4 overs while chasing 334, with Matt Henry producing a career-best performance of 6-27 to dismantle the visitors' batting line-up. The defeat was India's second-heaviest in ODI cricket and reduced their lead in the five-match series to 2-1, with the decider scheduled to be played at the same venue on Sunday.

Speaking after the match, Gambhir said the Indian batters should have been better equipped to counter Henry's disciplined bowling, adding that the movement on offer was not enough to justify the batting collapse.

"There are no unplayable deliveries in international cricket. Matt Henry bowled in good areas, but we should be able to negate that. I don't go into technicalities. There wasn't a lot of deviation. It's the job of the batter to negate movement. More than the seam, the areas and lengths created problems for us. We got stuck in the crease," Gambhir said in the post-match press conference.

The Indian head coach admitted that repeated batting collapses were a major concern, particularly with the team needing to prepare for challenging conditions ahead of the upcoming World Cup.

"You are always concerned when you get bundled out for 90-odd. These are conditions close to the World Cup. Even in the previous game, we lost seven wickets, so it's a concern. We need to be mentally and skill-wise ready. A score of 35-40 without losing a wicket is fine in conditions like these. We have experience and can hopefully adapt in the last game," he added.

India had also struggled in the second ODI, losing seven wickets for 111 runs, although they eventually secured a seven-wicket victory through the DLS method.



