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With the coordinated efforts of JKP, Indian Army, CRPF and intelligence agencies, Lashkar's last known active local terrorist in the valley, Lateef Bhat, was neutralised in an operation in Kulgam in the early morning hours today. One of his terrorist associates, Umar Nisar, was also neutralised in Kulgam, the day before. The entire operation was marked by a very high level of synergy. The nation salutes the brave Jawans of JKP, Army and CRPF and intelligence agencies.

LeT Commander Lateef Bhat Killed In Kulgam Encounter



UMAISAR GULL

KULGAM: Wanted Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Mohammad Lateef Bhat, identified by security agencies as the last known active local terrorist in Kashmir, was killed in an encounter with security forces in the Zangalpora area of Devsar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday.

A top police officer while sharing the details said, "Lateef Bhat was killed in a gunfight this morning."

He said, "The encounter broke out after a joint team of security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation in the area following specific intelligence inputs developed by J&K Police about the presence of terrorists. During the operation, Bhat took shelter inside a mosque, following which security forces exercised maximum restraint to ensure that the religious structure suffered no damage."

The Official said, "Multiple attempts were made to persuade the trapped terrorist to surrender. SSP Kulgam Anayat Ali Chowdhary, along with the Commanding Officer of 9 Rashtriya Rifles, also spoke to him through a video call and urged him to lay down his arms. However, Bhat refused to surrender and continued to remain inside the mosque."

Talking to reporters SSP Chowdhary said security forces were following the laid-down standard operating procedures • P-06

J&K Terrorism Nearing Endgame, Local Recruitment Almost Zero: LG

Says Only A Handful Of Pakistani Terrorists Remain

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said terrorism remained the biggest challenge to peace and progress in Jammu and Kashmir but expressed confidence that the Union Territory would soon become terror-free, with only a handful of Pakistani terrorists remaining.

He also credited sustained action against terrorism and separatism with ending the prolonged shutdown culture and creating an environment conducive to investment, tourism, entrepreneurship and infrastructure development.

Addressing the passing-out parade of probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs), Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Directors of the Forest Protection Force at the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA), Udhampur, the LG highlighted the exemplary record of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in combating terrorism.

Paying heartfelt tribute to the brave hearts of the Jammu Kashmir Police, Rashpal Kumar and Babi Chand, the Lieutenant Governor said that their courage, dedication, and supreme sacrifice would remain a source of inspiration for generations. The Lieutenant Governor assured their families that the nation stands firmly with them and reiterated the commitment to ensuring their welfare, dignity, and security.

"The home of a martyr is the greatest temple and pilgrimage site for me. I want to assure their families that, in this difficult hour, they are not alone. The entire nation stands with them. It is true that no compensation can make up for an invaluable life. However, it is our responsibility to ensure that the families of these brave sons of the nation lead a respectable and dignified life.

It will be ensured that they receive all the necessary assistance, so that the future of their children • P-06

- LG Addresses Passing-Out Parade of Probationary Officers at SKPA, Udhampur
- Pays tribute to martyrs and urges young officers to lead the fight against terrorism, cyber threats and emerging security challenges
- Says home of a martyr is the greatest temple and pilgrimage site for me
- Strengthen public trust through courage, professionalism and compassion and contribute in the journey of peace and progress in UT
- Only a handful of foreign terrorists remain; Jammu Kashmir will soon be terror-free
- Emphasises modern, technology-driven and people-centric policing; calls for greater focus on cyber forensics, digital evidence and community engagement
- Today's security threat may also come through a mobile screen, not just a gun. If we fight today's challenges with yesterday's methods, we will fall behind

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Dry Spell To Continue Across Kashmir



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to see a prolonged dry spell, with the Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecasting mostly dry weather across the Union Territory until November 27; partly cloudy conditions are expected on November 20 and 21.

Independent weather assessments suggest the lack of significant precipitation may continue for another 10 to 15 days, possibly until December 5.

The dry conditions and clear night skies have caused a sharp drop in night temperatures across the Kashmir Valley, with several locations recording sub-zero minimums. Shopian was the coldest at minus 3.6°C, followed by Pahalgam at minus 2.8°C and Gulmarg at minus 1.8°C. Srinagar recorded 0°C, while Ganderbal registered 0.6°C.

In Jammu region, daytime temperatures remain relatively mild: Jammu city recorded maximums of about 23–24°C and minimums of 11–12°C. Night temperatures across the UT are expected • P-06

"Nation Salutes Brave Jawans": Amit Shah On Kulgam Operation

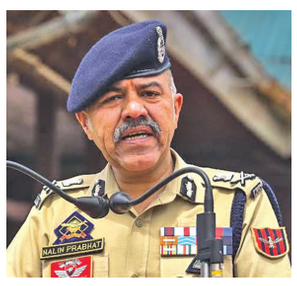
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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said security forces had killed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Lateef Bhat, described as the outfit's last known active local terrorist in the Kashmir Valley, during an operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam district in the early hours of the day.

"With the coordinated efforts of JKP, Indian Army, CRPF and intelligence agencies, Lashkar's last known active • P-06

Local Terror Recruitment Near Zero In J&K: DGP

YOGESH



UDHAMPUR: Asserting that the last active local terrorist in Kashmir was neutralised in an encounter in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Wednesday said that recruitment of local youth into terrorist organisations in Jammu and Kashmir has come down to almost zero over the past two years.

Addressing a gathering at the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA), Udhampur, the DGP, said only two local youths had joined the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) during the past two years, and both have been eliminated in separate operations.

"Only two local youths joined terrorist ranks in the last two years. One was killed two days ago and the last remaining active local terrorist, Mohammad Latif Bhat, was neutralised today in Kulgam. This brings local recruitment to almost zero," he said.

Referring to the • P-06

Rotten Meat Trade

7–8 FIRs Registered, Several Arrested In Srinagar

Action Against Accused Will Continue: SSP Srinagar

REHAN QAYOOM



SRINAGAR: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar Dr G V Sandeep Chakravarthy on Wednesday said that Police have registered seven to eight FIRs and arrested several people over the illegal trade of rotten meat in the past year.

Addressing a joint public outreach programme organised by the civil and police administration at Radpora in Khanyar, the SSP Srinagar said police have received fresh inputs about the illegal trade and were working to prevent its recurrence.

He said police had registered seven to eight FIRs and arrested several people during the past year, adding that those involved would face trial and the cases would be taken to their logical conclusion.

"Some criminal elements have started again. We have received the inputs. Definitely, we are working on it. We will follow them and prevent this crime," he said, warning of strict legal action against those involved.

Chakravarthy said the objective of the public outreach programme is to understand people's grievances, identify unresolved issues and find solutions through better coordination between the civil administration and police.

He said residents had appreciated police efforts against drugs and crime, while some issues remained unresolved. The administration had taken note of the grievances raised during the interaction and would make efforts to address them, he assured.

Calling for collective efforts, the SSP said the • P-06

Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav Takes Over As Chief Secretary

REHAN QAYOOM



SRINAGAR: Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, on Tuesday assumed charge as the Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, becoming the 33rd officer to hold the top bureaucratic position.

Dr. Yadav today took charge as Chief Secretary at the Civil Secretariat. His appointment was approved by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs last month, though his joining was deferred as the Delhi Government sought his continuation as Chief Executive Officer of the Delhi Jal Board during the festive season.

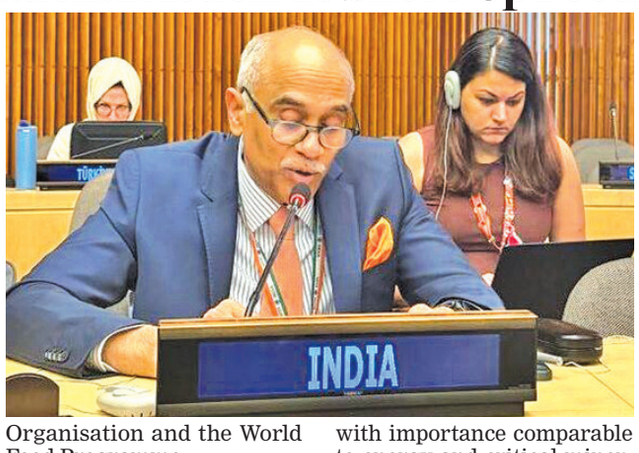
With his appointment, Dr Yadav joins a distinguished list of civil servants who have served as Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir. M.K. Kidwai was the first Chief Secretary, serving from 1949 to 1954, while R.K. Takkar remains the only officer to have held the post in two separate tenures.

A seasoned administrator, Dr. Yadav brings extensive experience in governance and public administration. During his career, he has served in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Delhi, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu, besides holding several important assignments with the Central Government.

He has served • P-06

India Stresses National Action To Shore Up Food Security At UN

IANS



UNITED NATIONS: India has stressed the importance of nations taking actions to deal with food shortages, even though conflicts and political instability contribute to it. Underscoring the importance of South-South cooperation, India's Permanent Representative Harish reiterated India's commitment to sharing its resources through development partnerships.

"While food insecurity is affected by conflict, political instability and underdevelopment, we firmly believe that these factors are not the root cause of food insecurity", he said.

"Building resilient, food-secure societies remains primarily the responsibility of national governments, supported by the UN development system and the Rome-based agencies", he said, referring to the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Food Programme.

Harish was speaking at an informal meeting of the Security Council convened by its president Greece on 'Food Diplomacy and Conflict-Induced Food Insecurity'.

A concept paper prepared for the meeting by Greece, along with India and other countries, said, "Food systems are strategic assets, with importance comparable to energy and critical minerals", but "must never be used to justify weaponising food".

"Disruptions to food production, supply chains and trade, as well as dependencies on critical inputs such as energy, fertilisers and water, can have consequences that extend beyond markets and development", it added.

Without mentioning the Strait of Hormuz or the Black Sea crisis that have impacted shipping, and food and fertiliser supplies, Harish said that it was important to "ensure safety and freedom of navigation, in accordance with international law, which are essential for movement of supplies and to protect seafarers".

About the role of the Security Council, he said that its "immediate priority should be to mitigate the humanitarian consequences of conflict and facilitate safe, rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access and protection of civilian infrastructure essential for food security".

The Council's actions like sanctions should "not impede humanitarian assistance or legitimate agricultural trade", he added.

"Humanitarian assistance must remain guided by need and the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and • P-06

Dry Spell May Lower Water Levels Across J&K

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness an extended spell of dry weather over the next 10 to 15 days, raising concerns over declining water levels in the Jhelum and its tributaries, independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif said on Wednesday.

Arif, as reported, said current weather indications suggest that largely dry conditions may prevail across the Union Territory until December 5, which could gradually reduce water levels in rivers, streams and other natural water bodies.

He said the Jhelum and several of its tributaries were likely to witness a gradual fall in water levels, while smaller streams and water channels, already flowing at considerably low levels, could face a greater risk of drying up if the precipitation deficit continues.

Although the expected dry spell may not trigger an immediate water • P-06

Winter Vacations In J&K Schools Depend On Weather: Edu Min

REHAN QAYOOM



SRINAGAR: Minister for Education and Jal Shakti Shamima Firdous Wednesday said that the government will announce winter vacation for schools in accordance to weather conditions and availability of heating facilities.

The minister further assured that no genuine candidate would face injustice in the ongoing FA examination row in Jammu, while calling for stringent action against those involved in the supply of rotten meat.

Addressing reporters on the sidelines of her visit to the Khanqah-e-Moula shrine in Srinagar, Firdous, said every student would be treated fairly and justice would be ensured. "Every student involved will be treated fairly and justice will be ensured for all of them," she said.

On the recovery of rotten meat, the Minister termed the incident serious and called for strict legal action against those involved in its transportation and supply.

"Those involved should face strict action and the PSA should also be invoked wherever warranted," she said.

About the complaints of non-availability of government textbooks, Firdous said books had been • P-06

LG Inaugurates Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study's Jammu Centre



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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday inaugurated the Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study's Centre in Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his congratulations and best wishes to the Centre's Director, Ms. Anshu Sharma, and her dedicated team. He commended their efforts in empowering the youth of Jammu Kashmir to realize their civil services aspirations.

The establishment of the Shubhra Ranjan IAS Study's Jammu Centre is expected to provide students with access to structured academic guidance, expert mentorship, comprehensive study material, regular assessments and a competitive learning environment for preparation of the UPSC Civil Services and other competitive examinations.

Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Member of Legislative Assembly from Bahu; Shri Vikas Kundal, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shri Tejinder Singh, IGP, Jammu; Shri Shridhar Patil, DIG JSK Range; Shri Minga Sherpa, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, academicians, and senior officials attended the inaugural ceremony.

J&K Bank launches 'Project HRIDHAAN' for paediatric cardiac care

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank Wednesday launched Project HRIDHAAN - an initiative under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme – by flagging off over 20 children for advanced heart treatment at various hospitals in Delhi-NCR. Under the project, 34 children from economically disadvantaged families in Baramulla district have been identified by the Child Heart Foundation (CHF), a Delhi-based not-for-profit organization, for availing specialised cardiac care.

The children and their parents attended the launch ceremony chaired by Executive Director Sudhir Gupta in presence of General Manager Mohammad Muzaffar Wani, Deputy General Manager Syed Adil Bashir Andrabi and CEO Child Heart Foundation (CHF) Sunita Harkar Shalla, Dr Riyaz Ahmad from Rashtriya Bal Seva Kendra (Baramulla) besides other senior officials of the Bank and the Foundation.

Speaking on the occasion, Executive Director Sudhir Gupta said, "Our CSR priorities are guided by the needs of the people we serve. Healthcare is a priority for the Bank because timely access to treatment can shape the course of a child's life and ease the strain on an entire family."

"Specialised paediatric cardiac care is limited in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, so families often have to travel outside the UTs for advanced treatment. Through Project HRIDHAAN, we are working with Child Heart Foundation to help children receive specialised cardiac care when they need it. Through such partnerships, we aim to ease the financial burden on families so they can focus on their child's treatment and recovery, " he added.

He further said, "As the first group leaves for treatment, our immediate priority is to ensure that families have support at every stage. The project covers treatment, travel and stay, and a dedicated coordinator from CHF will assist families with hospital admission, treatment and follow-up care."

Thanking the Bank for extending support to the children, CEO Sunita Harkar Shalla said, "On behalf of CHF, I thank J&K Bank for helping these children receive the specialized care they need. For parents travelling far from home, it makes a difference to know who will meet them at the hospital, whom they can call with a question and how their child's recovery will be monitored after they return. Our team will stay in touch with families throughout that journey and thereafter."

She further said that Child Heart Foundation has over a decade of experience in paediatric cardiac care, including screening and treatment initiatives across India.

Earlier, welcoming the participants, DGM Syed Adil Bashir Andrabi said, "For the families here today, travelling to Delhi for their children's treatment is a big step. By partnering with CHF, the Bank has ensured that these children receive the life-saving care they deserve. We wish them all a safe journey and a speedy recovery."

Expressing gratitude on the occasion, one of the parents said, "When we were told our child needed heart treatment outside Kashmir, we kept wondering how we would manage the journey and the hospital expenses. There is still some worry as we leave, but with J&K Bank on our side it is a relief to be able to focus on getting our child treated. We are thankful to J&K Bank for making that possible."

Another parent said, "It means a great deal to know that someone will guide us at the hospital and stay in touch after we come home. We are grateful to J&K Bank and CHF for being there for our children and for us at a time when we needed the help most."

DC Shopian presides over Mega Public Outreach Programme at Sedow



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SHOPIAN: As part of the government's sustained efforts to strengthen grassroots-level governance and ensure effective public grievance redressal, a comprehensive Public Outreach Programme was Wednesday organized at GHS, Sedow in Shopian.

The public interaction programme was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Charandeep Singh.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner along with SSP inspected stalls installed by various line departments showcasing their achievements, developmental initiatives, flagship schemes and ongoing activities.

The DC took keen interest in the exhibits and interacted with the departmental representatives to gain insights into the progress made under various government sponsored schemes and programmes.

He appreciated the efforts of the departments in highlighting their accomplishments, public welfare initiatives and service delivery mechanism, emphasizing the importance of ensuring greater public awareness about government schemes and facilitating their effective implementation at the grassroots level.

The programme witnessed an overwhelming response, with a large number of people from Sedow and adjoining areas participating to project various demands and issues of public importance concerning their respective localities.

On the occasion, SSP Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Choudhary, ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone, ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, PO, Mohammed Imran CPO, Mudasir Ahmed, ACR, Shakoor Ahmed Dar, GM, DIC, Shurjil Naik, along with other district and sectoral officers were present.

The local residents and delegations highlighted several pressing developmental requirements and basic amenities pertaining to their areas, which includes, construction and macadamization of roads, upgradation of High Schools and hospitals, completion of Shah Khul, provision of portable drinking water supply in Gujjar Basti and other uncovered areas, uninterrupted power supply, installation of new transformers and the optimal functioning of lift irrigation schemes,inspection of pesticide shops, addressing Forest Rights Act (FRA) issues, availability of adequate doctors in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), cleanliness drives for Veshu Nallah and local ponds, door-to-door waste collection, availability of firewood, deployment of snow cutters in anticipation of heavy snowfall and development of dedicated playing fields for local youth,

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the public deputations and individuals, taking meticulous stock of all issues raised during the extensive interaction.

While addressing the gathering, the DC assured the residents that all genuine demands and grievances would be examined on priority and addressed in a time-bound manner. He issued on-spot directions to the concerned district and sectoral officers to take immediate follow-up action on issues pertaining to their respective departments, emphasizing the need for prompt responses and visible ground-level action.

DC Budgam visits Magam Town, holds Public Outreach Programme

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BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Jatin Kishore,Wednesday visited Magam Town and chaired a public outreach programme at Town Hall Magam to review developmental issues and address public grievances.

During the programme, the Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the demands and concerns raised by local residents, senior citizens, Civil society members, representatives from Bar Association, Street vendors and various stakeholders from Magam, Beerwah, Bedran, Kanihama and adjoining villages.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to expedite structural demarcation of various works and actively pursue the bridge-related issue for its early resolution, including necessary legal proceedings.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to take prompt action for their time-bound redressal of public issues and stressed expediting resumption of pending road developmental works in Magam.

He further directed the concerned departments to prioritise the construction and improvement of lanes and drains, ensure proper functioning of streetlights, address drainage-related issues and undertake regular cleaning of irrigation canals. Directions were also issued for proper regulation of street vendors and maintenance and development of public parks in Magam Town.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply and expedite the completion of ongoing water supply schemes catering to Magam and Beerwah areas. He also stressed regular field inspections and monitoring to ensure effective delivery of essential public services.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to maintain close coordination, regularly monitor developmental works and ensure that public grievances are addressed within stipulated timelines.

He emphasised that all genuine public demands must receive due attention and that coordinated efforts are essential for improving civic amenities in Magam.

Mission Vatsalya organises child rights awareness programme in Ajas

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BANDIPORA: Mission Vatsalya Bandipora organised awareness and sensitisation programme at Government Higher Secondary School Ajas and Chuntimulla Bandipora to educate students and teachers about Child Rights.

During the programme, awareness was imparted about the Juvenile Justice Act 2015, Child Marriage Act, Child Labour laws, POCSO Act and COTPA. Speakers highlighted issues including child abuse, corporal punishment, child marriage, sexual exploitation and tobacco-related violations.

Students were sensitised about Child Helpline Number 1098 and various schemes under Mission Vatsalya. Awareness posters carrying information about the helpline were also distributed among students.

Special emphasis was laid on the mental health and emotional well-being of children. Teachers were urged to understand the emotional needs of students and ensure a safe, supportive and protective school environment.

Speakers also stressed the collective responsibility of students, teachers and the community to report violations of child protection laws to the concerned authorities.

The programme aimed to strengthen awareness about child rights and encourage collective efforts towards protecting children from abuse, exploitation and neglect.

Training programme for pilgrims of Hajj-2027 of B'la scheduled for Nov 23, 25

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BARAMULLA: The District Administration Baramulla has scheduled the first phase of the orientation and training programme for selected pilgrims of Haj-1448 (H) 2027 on November 23 and 25, 2026, from 10:30 am.

The Training Program, scheduled to be conducted on 23rd November for the pilgrims from Tehsils of Baramulla, Boniyar, Dangiwacha, Rohama, Sopore, Watergam, Zaingeer, Dangerpora and Uri at Masjid-e-Baitul Mukarramah Baramulla and for the pilgrims from Tehsils Pattan, Khoie, Wagoora, Kreeri, Singhpora, Tangmarg, Kunzer and Kawarhama at Jamia Hamdania Masjid Sharief Kunzer Baramulla on 25th November.

All the selected Haj Pilgrims of these Tehsils of District Baramulla have been requested to attend the orientation programme strictly as per the notified schedule at the respective venues.

Financial Awareness, Govt Schemes Sensitisation programme held at RSETI B'pora

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BANDIPORA: A Financial Awareness and Government-Sponsored schemes Sensitisation programme was jointly organised Wednesday at RSETI Bandipora by the RBI, NABARD and Lead Bank Office, Bandipora.

The programme was attended by Assistant General Manager (AGM), RBI, Anoop Kumar Sharma; District Development Manager (DDM) NABARD, Rouf Ahmad Zargar; Lead District Manager (LDM) Bandipora Liyaqat Maqbool; representatives of various banks, RSETI, FLCC, and the Mission YUVA Financial Expert and BHD Lead, Bandipora.

During the programme, participants were sensitised about various government-sponsored schemes, institutional credit facilities, eligibility criteria, credit appraisal procedures and financial modalities. Emphasis was laid on strengthening inter-institutional coordination, expediting application processing, addressing credit-related bottlenecks and ensuring timely institutional credit to eligible beneficiaries.

A detailed presentation was also delivered by the Mission YUVA Financial Expert, explaining the complete case-sponsorship mechanism under Mission YUVA, including the various stages through which an application passes before reaching the concerned bank for consideration.

The process, from initial mobilisation and applicant registration to scrutiny, verification, assessment, preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), processing at designated levels and final sponsorship to banks, was explained in detail.

Participants were also apprised of the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders at each stage, with emphasis on proper documentation, financial viability, timely disposal of applications and effective coordination between Mission YUVA functionaries and banking institutions.

DC Sgr, SSP hold mega joint Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Nowhatta

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Dr. GV Sundeep Chakraborty, on Wednesday held a mega joint Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Radpora, Nowhatta, in Shahr-e-Khaas to address public grievances and assess developmental needs at the grassroots level.

The camp was organised under the Public Outreach Programme of the District Administration and District Police to bring governance closer to the people and ensure speedy resolution of their day-to-day issues.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from residents of Nowhatta, Radpora, Shahampora, Khawaja Bazar, Rainawari, Zainakadal, Rajouri Kadal, Bohari Kadal, Kawdara, Gojwara, Eidgah, Qamarwari, Palpora, Achan, Noorbagh, Chattabal, Takanwari, Bakshipora and other adjoining areas falling under Khanyar, South and Eidgah tehsils.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, SP North, Showkat Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, IAS Probationer Aakash Garg, Superintending Engineer R&B Tatheer Manzoor, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, Deputy SP, Azhar Ahmad, Chief Education Officer, Ghulam Mohi Ud Din, Tehsildar Khanyar, Syed Shahid, besides other Zonal and Sectoral Officers, Executive Engineers, besides senior Police Officers.

During the camp, several public delegations, individuals and traders representatives raised various civic and developmental issues before the Deputy Commissioner. These included demands for the establishment of fire stations, creation of adequate parking facilities, strengthening of fire safety measures, tackling the stray dog menace, widening of roads, improvement of drainage infrastructure, augmentation of water supply and repairs of lanes and drains.

The people also demanded the restoration of the Sunday Market at Eidgah area to create livelihood opportunities for local youth and provide them with a platform for self-employment and economic empowerment.

A delegation of residents and representatives from Eidgah and adjoining areas submits this representation to sought immediate administrative intervention regarding the worsening environmental and public health crisis caused by the Achan dumping site in Saidapora Eidgah.

DC Pulwama conducts surprise Inspection of PHC Lajura

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PULWAMA: Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, K.K. Sidha, Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Lajura to take stock of the functioning of the healthcare facility and assess the availability of essential medical services being provided to the public.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Awantipora, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, during the inspection.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner checked the attendance of doctors and other staff members and reviewed their availability and punctuality. He also took stock of the overall functioning of the health centre and interacted with the medical staff to assess the facilities and services available for patients.

The DC also interacted with patients and attendants to obtain firsthand feedback regarding the quality of healthcare services, availability of medical staff and difficulties, if any, being faced by them. He emphasised the importance of ensuring timely medical attention, proper patient care and responsive healthcare services, particularly in rural and far-flung areas.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the winter preparedness of the health facility. He took stock of the arrangements in place to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services during adverse weather conditions and stressed the need for adequate preparedness to address any eventuality and ensure that patients do not face inconvenience during the winter season.

First Phase of Haj Orientation Programme scheduled for Nov 23-25 in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: The District Administration Anantnag has scheduled the first phase of the orientation and training programme for selected pilgrims of Haj-1448 (H) 2027 on November 23 and 25, 2026, at the Auditorium Hall of Government Women's Degree College, Anantnag.

According to a notice issued by the Additional District Magistrate Anantnag, the training sessions will commence at 10:30 AM on both days.

The Haj Pilgrims belonging to Anantnag, Sallar, Pahalgam, Larnoo, Kokernag and Srigufwara areas have been asked to attend the training programme on 23rd of November 2026, while the Haj pilgrims from Shangus, Shahabad Bala, Qazigund, Dooru, Mattan and Bijbehara areas will attend the session on 25th of November 2026.

The programme is being organised in pursuance of the directions received from the J&K Haj Committee to familiarise the selected pilgrims with Manasik-e-Haj (rituals of Haj), besides providing necessary guidance regarding travel arrangements, logistics and other important aspects of the pilgrimage.

All selected Haj pilgrims have been requested to attend the orientation programme strictly as per the notified schedule.

CM dedicates 13 development projects worth ₹92.84 crore to Mendhar

Lays foundation stone for 50 MVA Grid Sub-Station, flood protection works



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MENDHAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday dedicated 13 development projects worth ₹92.84 crore to the people of Mendhar in the frontier district of Poonch, giving fresh impetus to infrastructure development and strengthening essential public services in the border constituency.

The projects, spread across road connectivity, power infrastructure, flood protection, education and drinking water supply, include eight inaugurations and five foundation stone-laying ceremonies, reflecting the Government's continued focus on improving basic amenities and extending development to remote and border areas.

Among the major projects, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for a 50 MVA, 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Mendhar, being executed by JKPTCL at an estimated cost of ₹49.40 crore. The project is expected to significantly strengthen the power infrastructure and improve electricity distribution capacity in the area.

He also laid the foundation stone for flood protection works at vulnerable locations between Gursai and Mankote on both banks of Mendhari Nallah in Tehsil Mendhar, at an estimated cost of ₹12.13 crore, aimed at safeguarding vulnerable habitations and adjoining land against flooding.

In the road connectivity sector, the Chief Minister inaugurated six road projects covering a combined length of 16.30 kilometres. Completed at a cumulative cost of over ₹20.19 crore, these include Jaranwali Gali to Dhara Wali Gali via CFC Rehmatpur, Main Babu More to Battangiya via Mohalla Khatana Ghai Kallar, SK Main Road to Thallan Kalaban, Main Road SK to Dharan Faizabad, Adar to Charoon Gali via High School Gorisian, and Gurah Nima Chughan to Hudian Gali (Phase-I).

He also inaugurated a double-storey (5+5) building, including a toilet complex, at Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School, Mendhar, constructed at a cost of ₹1.59 crore, besides Water Supply Scheme for Dheri, Hundi, Dhakki and Narman villages of Behra under Jal Jeevan Mission, completed at a cost of ₹3.67 crore.

The Chief Minister further laid the foundation stone for a 1.50-kilometre road connecting Dharana Mohalla Naka to Mohalla Muqadama High School, Upper Dharana, at a cost of ₹1 crore.

In the education sector, he laid the foundation stones for a Model School for the Educationally Backward Block at Pathanateer, at a cost of ₹3.72 crore, and a teacher and staff hostel for a school under the DAJGUA scheme, at an estimated cost of ₹1.13 crore.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also flagged off J&K SRTC bus services on three new routes and two water tankers to further improve public transport and drinking water availability in Mendhar.

Sagar reviews Power infrastructure in Sopore, Baramulla

Calls for Time-Bound Upgradation of Grid Stations

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BARAMULLA: Minister for Revenue, Power Development Department (PDD), Law Justice and Parliamentary affairs, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR) and Election, Ali Mohammad Sagar, Wednesday undertook an extensive tour of Amargarh, Sopore and Delina to review the status of power infrastructure, ongoing upgradation works and electricity-related grievances being faced by the people of North Kashmir.

During the visit, the Minister inspected the Amargarh and Delina Grid Stations and reviewed the functioning of the existing transmission and distribution network, besides taking stock of various long-pending issues affecting reliable and uninterrupted power supply in Sopore, Baramulla, Rafiabad and adjoining areas.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Irshad Rasool Kar, MLA Javaid Hassan Beigh, MLA Hazratbal Salman Ali Sagar and former President MC Sopore Masrat Kar, besides senior officers of the Power Development Department, KPDCL, public representatives and prominent citizens.



At Amargarh Grid Station, which has an installed capacity of 195 MVA (132/33 KV) and caters to Sopore, Baramulla, Rafiabad, Watrigam, Watlab and SIDCO Industrial Estate, the Minister reviewed the existing capacity and stressed the need for its augmentation and modernisation in view of the growing electricity demand across the region. He observed that strengthening this important feeding station was essential for ensuring reliable power supply to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers.

At Delina Grid Station, having 480 MVA (220/132 KV) and 100 MVA (132/33 KV) installations, the Minister reviewed its strategic importance for the entire North Kashmir power network. He was informed that the station feeds six downstream grid stations at the 132 KV level, besides directly catering to Delina, Wagoora and Pattan at the 33 KV level.

Taking serious note of the delay in the proposed upgradation of the station, the Minister directed the concerned officers to expedite the approval and execution of the revised Detailed Project Report (DPR), which has reportedly been submitted but remained pending for the last two to three years. He stressed that unnecessary delays in vital infrastructure projects would not be tolerated and called for focused efforts to strengthen the power transmission network.

The Minister also took stock of the condition of the distribution infrastructure and public grievances relating to damaged and outdated electric poles, unsafe wiring and frequent power interruptions. He directed the concerned officers to undertake a comprehensive assessment of areas requiring replacement and relocation of poles, particularly in Khankhai Mohalla and other affected localities.

J&K SEC attends meeting with President at Rashtrapati Bhavan



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NEW DELHI: About eighteen State Election Commissioners, including Jammu and Kashmir State Election Commissioner Shantmanu, attended the meeting with President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The President of India had invited all State Election Commissioners of States and Union Territories last week.

During the meeting, the State Election Commissioners briefed the President on the major challenges faced in conducting Panchayat and Urban Local Body (ULB) elections and how the Commissions are ensuring free and fair elections through active use of IT solutions for delimitation of constituencies, electoral roll management, manpower management and real-time dissemination of information during counting and results.

The meeting, held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, is significant from the perspective of India's democratic system and the importance of electoral institutions. These Commissions play a crucial role, ranging from conducting elections for Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies to maintaining public trust in democratic institutions.

J&K State Election Commissioner Shantmanu expressed happiness and gratitude after meeting the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Sakeena Itoo participates in National Social Justice Summit in New Delhi

Highlights challenges faced by students in remote areas of J&K

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NEW DELHI: Minister for Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo Wednesday highlighted the geographical, infrastructural and administrative challenges faced by students residing in remote and far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir while speaking at the two-day Departmental Summit, 'Samaveshi Niti Sankalp', organised by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan here today.

The summit, being held on November 18 and 19, aims to strengthen Centre-State coordination and cooperation for effective implementation of social justice and empowerment initiatives in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

During the thematic session on 'One Nation, One Scholarship Portal – Accessible Scholarships, Empowered Students', the Minister drew attention to the difficulties confronting students in remote and hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly Basholi, Kishtwar, Reasi, Doda, Tanghdhar, Machil, Keran, Gurez, Uri and other areas where limited digital connectivity and challenging geographical conditions often impede access to various



educational and welfare schemes.

She emphasised that while digital platforms have immense potential to simplify the delivery of scholarships and other benefits, their implementation must take into account the ground realities of geographically challenging regions to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out.

"Jammu and Kashmir has several remote and hilly areas where students continue to face difficulties in accessing online services due to poor internet connectivity and other geographical constraints. These challenges need to be adequately addressed while designing and implementing a unified scholarship portal so that the benefits of such initiatives reach every eligible student, irrespective of their location", the Minister said.

Highlighting the procedural difficulties faced by students, Sakeena Itoo observed that delays in the issuance of income and caste certificates often affect the timely submission and verification of scholarship applications, thereby depriving deserving students of benefits within the stipulated timelines.

She stressed the need for better coordination among the concerned departments and district administrations to ensure timely issuance of requisite documents and smooth processing of scholarship applications.

"Access to education and financial assistance should not be determined by a student's geographical location or administrative hurdles. We must put in place a responsive and time-bound mechanism to ensure that deserving students, particularly those belonging to economically weaker and disadvantaged sections, receive their entitled benefits without unnecessary delays," she added.

The Minister also underscored the need for focused interventions for girl students belonging to remote and difficult terrains, observing that ensuring their access to scholarships and educational support is essential for promoting gender equality, educational inclusion and social empowerment.

Spl Secy Cabinet Secretariat reviews deregulation reforms with CS Yadav

Calls for going beyond national benchmarks to act as model for other regions



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JAMMU: Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, K. K. Pathak, who heads the Centre's Task Force on Deregulation and Compliance Reduction, Wednesday appreciated the pace, commitment and vigour with which the UT has pursued the reform agenda under Deregulation 1.0 and 2.0, observing that several of its initiatives have the potential to serve as best practices for other States and Union Territories.

Pathak made these observations while co-chairing a review meeting with Chief Secretary, Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, to assess the implementation status of identified Priority Areas (PAs), their impact on the ground and the extent to which the intended benefits of regulatory simplification were reaching businesses, institutions, stakeholders and the general public.

Appreciating the progress, Pathak observed that J&K had made considerable headway in advancing the reform agenda and encouraged the UT administration to sustain the momentum and aspire to go beyond the nationally prescribed framework and benchmarks for liberalisation and deregulation. He emphasised that the objective should not merely be to fulfil the prescribed reform parameters but to institutionalise a more progressive, facilitative and business-friendly regulatory environment.

Advocating a calibrated and risk-based approach to regulation, he stressed the need to categorise sectors and activities into low-, medium- and high-risk categories. While low-risk activities should largely be governed through self-certification, medium-risk sectors could adopt third-party certification mechanisms, with regulatory oversight and mandatory compliance requirements retained for high-risk activities wherever essential. Such an approach, he observed, would help eliminate unnecessary inspections and procedural hurdles without compromising public safety, quality standards or legitimate regulatory safeguards.

He also called for undertaking a systematic comparative assessment of the compliance burden on applicants before and after the introduction of deregulation measures in each Priority Area. Such an exercise, he emphasised, would help quantify the actual reduction in compliances, time, costs and procedural requirements, thereby establishing the tangible outcomes of the reform initiatives.

FDA continues Food Safety Enforcement, 69 Inspections conducted

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its enforcement drive to ensure effective implementation of food safety regulations and strict compliance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), Jammu & Kashmir conducted 79 inspections across all the districts and nine food samples were lifted for analysis to ascertain their compliance with the prescribed food safety and quality standards.

As part of the enforcement action, an establishment engaged in the preparation and sale of Momos at Nageen, Srinagar, was sealed for violations of prescribed food safety requirements. Further, the storage area of M/s Hattrick, Rajbagh, Srinagar, was also sealed for failure to maintain the prescribed storage conditions and requisite sanitary and hygienic standards.

Furthermore, 13 cases were recommended for initiation of proceedings under Section 56 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, for violations relating to prescribed sanitary and hygienic requirements. Such contraventions attract a penalty which may extend up to ₹1 lakh under the provision.

Consumers have been urged to remain vigilant and report any instance of the sale or distribution of unsafe or adulterated food through the official email at cfsjandk.fnd@jk.gov.in.

Five Web Series Nominated for Best Web Series Award at IFFI 2026

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GOA: The evolving landscape of India's digital entertainment industry will take centre stage at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) scheduled to be held in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2026 with five distinctive web series nominated for the Best Web Series Award under the OTT Awards category.

Bringing together stories rooted in social realities, cultural traditions, historical milestones and human relationships, the nominations reflect the diversity and creative ambition of India's growing OTT ecosystem.

Adarsh Baal Vidyalaya directed by Himank Gaur brings humour and social commentary to the realities of India's public education system. Set in a government school in Delhi, the series follows headmaster Gyaneshwar Tripathi, whose dream of visiting Cambridge depends on his students performing exceptionally well in their examinations. With disengaged students, institutional shortcomings and a challenging academic environment standing in his way, the arrival of an idealistic teacher sparks an effort to transform the school.

Blending comedy with a reflection on the challenges of education, the series highlights the role of dedicated teachers and the potential for change within public institutions.

Drawing inspiration from folklore and traditional beliefs, Devkhel directed by Chandrakant Lata Gaikwad takes viewers into the mysterious world of Devtali village, where a death occurs every year on the night of Holi. The villagers attribute the recurring incidents to Shankasur, a mythical demon associated with local traditions. When another mysterious death occurs, Inspector Vishwas sets out to uncover the truth behind the disturbing pattern. As the investigation unfolds, village secrets, hidden motives and questions of faith come to the surface.

Blending elements of crime, suspense and folklore, the series explores the delicate intersection of superstition, tradition and reality.

Directed by Robbie Grewal, Made in India: A Titan Story traces the entrepreneurial vision behind the creation of one of India's most recognised homegrown brands. Set in the pre-liberalisation era, the series follows Xerxes Desai and his ambitious endeavour to establish a world-class Indian watch brand in a market dominated by foreign products and smuggled watches. With the guidance of J.R.D. Tata and the support of a committed team, Desai navigates bureaucratic hurdles, financial constraints and technological challenges.

FOOD SAFETY ROW

Day after CCIK warning, FDA seals Hattrick storage area in Rajbagh

REHAN QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: A day after the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIK) held a press conference at Hattrick restaurant in Rajbagh and warned of shutting restaurants and cafes over the rotten meat controversy, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) on Wednesday sealed the establishment's storage area over alleged violations of prescribed hygiene and storage standards.

The FDA also sealed a momo preparation and sale unit at Nigeen, Srinagar and recommended 13 cases for proceedings under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

According to details available, the storage area of M/s Hattrick, Rajbagh, was sealed for failure to maintain prescribed storage conditions and requisite sanitary and hygienic standards.

The action comes a day after CCIK president Tariq Ghani, while addressing a press conference at Hattrick, demanded that those involved in the rotten meat case be identified and action taken against them within seven days, warning that restaurants and cafes would otherwise face a shutdown.

The FDA said inspections were conducted across the districts as part of its continuing enforcement drive to ensure compliance with food safety regulations.

It further said that 09 food samples were lifted for analysis to ascertain their compliance with prescribed food safety and quality standards.

Three IAS officers shifted to J&K

MHA orders posting of Dilraj Kaur, Nikhil Kumar and Ashok Kumar to J&K

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SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday ordered the transfer and posting of three Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the AGMUT cadre from Delhi to Jammu and Kashmir with immediate effect.

According to an official order, the transfers have been made with the approval of the competent authority and will remain in force until further orders.

The officers posted to Jammu and Kashmir include Dilraj Kaur (AGMUT: 2000 batch), Nikhil Kumar (AGMUT: 2002 batch) and Ashok Kumar (AGMUT: 2006 batch).

The order has been communicated to the concerned officers through the Chief Secretary of Delhi, with copies forwarded to the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir and other concerned Union Territory administrations. The postings will take effect immediately, the order stated—(KNO)

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Kashmir Faces Risk Of Water Crisis

Kashmir in near future may witness water crisis due to possible prolonged dry spell. The situation calls for serious attention in advance. With little possibility of rain or snowfall over the next 10 to 15 days, water levels in the Jhelum and its tributaries are likely to decline further. Smaller streams, springs and water channels are particularly vulnerable and could dry up if the dry spell continues.

The concern goes beyond falling river levels. A prolonged absence of precipitation can affect drinking water supplies, agriculture, the environment and power generation. Reduced river discharge could also hit hydropower production, making it more difficult to meet the Valley's electricity requirements during winter.

People living in villages and localities dependent on natural springs and smaller streams are likely to be the worst affected. Even a modest decline in water availability can create serious difficulties for these communities. The administration must identify vulnerable areas without delay and ensure that alternative drinking water arrangements are in place before shortages begin.

The Jal Shakti Department and other concerned agencies need to closely monitor the situation. Water tankers and other emergency arrangements should be kept ready wherever required. People, too, must use water responsibly and avoid unnecessary wastage. Conservation becomes all the more important when nature is unable to replenish its resources.

Kashmir has always depended on its rivers, springs and winter snowfall. These are not merely part of its natural beauty; they sustain life across the Valley. Any prolonged disruption in this natural cycle can have consequences far beyond the present dry spell.

There is no reason to create panic, but there is certainly no room for administrative complacency. The real test lies in how prepared the authorities are to deal with the situation. They must act now rather than wait for people to face empty taps before waking up to the seriousness of the problem.

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The Growing Web Of Digital Fraud



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The digital revolution has given new impetus to India's economy, banking system, and civic life. Today, sending money, paying bills, making purchases, and accessing government services through mobile phones is easier than ever before. UPI, internet banking, and digital wallets have brought financial transactions within the reach of the common man. But with this convenience, a serious challenge has also rapidly emerged—cyber fraud. While technology has simplified economic activities, it has also provided criminals with new avenues to access people's hard-earned money. Today, cybercrime is not just a technical problem but a serious question concerning economic security, social trust, and institutional accountability.

There are several interconnected reasons behind the increasing cases of cyber fraud in India. The most prominent reason is the rapid expansion of digital services and the lack of commensurate growth in digital literacy. While online banking and UPI have expanded access to small towns, villages, and remote areas, a large number of users are unfamiliar with basic digital security principles. They click on unknown links, share OTPs, or fall prey to fake customer service numbers. Criminals exploit this lack of knowledge to withdraw funds from bank accounts.

Phishing and identity fraud are dangerous forms of cybercrime. Criminals contact people posing as bank officials, government employees, police officers, or representatives of reputable institutions. They create fear and confusion by citing demands for KYC updates, bank account closures, receipt of contraband in parcels, or a government investigation. The most worrying example is fraudulent practices such as digital arrest. In this, criminals pose as officers from the police, CBI, ED, or other investigative agencies and hold people mentally hostage via video calls. They extort lakhs of rupees from them by threatening them with arrest, legal action, and social stigma.

The misuse of technology has exacerbated this challenge. Deepfake videos and fake voices, created with the help of artificial intelligence (AI), are now capable of impersonating a person's identity. Criminals can call in the voice of a relative, acquaintance, senior official, or trusted individual, asking for emergency financial assistance. While it used to be relatively easy to identify fraud through misspelt messages and suspicious emails, advanced technology has now made criminals' deceptions more convincing.

Another major problem is mule bank accounts. These are bank accounts used to transfer money obtained from cybercrime from one account to another. Unemployed youth and economically vulnerable individuals are often lured into using their bank accounts by offering commissions. In some cases, people hand over their accounts and ATM cards to others without complete information. By creating these chains, criminals attempt to conceal their true identities and source of funds. Furthermore, international cybercrime networks, fake SIM cards, fake identities, and cross-border digital transactions are increasing difficulties for investigating agencies.

Interestingly, cyber fraud is not solely the result of the cunning of criminals but is often fuelled by institutional weaknesses. The banking system's responsibility cannot be limited to providing digital services to customers. Banks must develop effective systems for identifying suspicious accounts, robust KYC procedures, and monitoring unusual transactions. If a large amount of money suddenly flows into or out of an account, or if there are multiple suspicious transactions in a short period of time, the bank's monitoring system should be activated immediately. Information sharing and coordination between banks is particularly essential for identifying mule accounts.

The role of the Reserve Bank of India is also crucial. As the regulatory body, the RBI should ensure stringent cybersecurity standards for banks and financial institutions. Clear guidelines, a timely grievance redressal system, and regular review of the security of digital payments are essential to protect customers from fraud. Banking institutions must understand that customer trust is their greatest asset. If confidence in the security of digital payment systems is weakened, the credibility of the digital economy is also affected.

Along with banks, telecom companies also have equal responsibility. Cybercriminals target people using fake SIM cards, spoofed calls, and fake mobile numbers. Telecom service providers should ensure the identification of suspicious SIM cards, the prevention of fraudulent connections, and prompt action upon receiving complaints. The government's Sanchar Sathi initiative is a useful step in this direction. Through this initiative, citizens can report suspicious mobile connections and mobile phone-related fraud. However, the benefits of such initiatives will only be widespread if the public is aware of their use.

The role of law enforcement agencies is also crucial. The nature of cybercrime allows criminals based in one state to target individuals in another and transfer funds to a bank account in a third state. Therefore, local action alone is insufficient. Better coordination between the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), cybercrime police stations, and state police is essential. Once a complaint is filed, the process of preserving digital evidence, identifying suspicious accounts, and tracing the flow of funds must be expedited. Delays in taking action against cybercriminals can increase victims' financial losses.

Digital platforms and social media companies should also not shirk their responsibility. A large number of people fall victim to fraud through fake advertisements, fake investment schemes, accounts created in the name of government officials, and misleading links. Platform companies should actively monitor such advertisements and accounts. Effective systems should be in place to remove suspicious content upon receiving complaints and preserve digital evidence related to crimes.

The most important issue is providing relief to victims. In the current system, victims often continue to run around various institutions even after filing a complaint. However, in cyber fraud, the first few minutes are crucial. In India, the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal are important channels for this purpose. Victims should report to 1930 without delay and also enter details on the portal so that the relevant banks and agencies can take action to prevent further transfer of suspicious funds.

An important question here is institutional accountability. If a case reveals negligence, poor monitoring, or a violation of established security procedures, the victim should receive appropriate relief and compensation as per the rules. It would not be appropriate to automatically hold the bank responsible for every cyber fraud, but it is also unacceptable to dismiss institutional lapses as customer error. Accountability should be determined based on the facts, applicable regulations, and the investigation.

The use of AI-based surveillance systems could be crucial in future strategies. Technology should be developed to identify unusual transactions, suspicious logins, multiple accounts operating on the same network, and rapid money transfers. Banks, telecommunications companies, payment service providers, and investigative agencies should exchange information in real time. This technology should be effectively utilised not only by criminals but also by crime prevention agencies.

Digital literacy must also be made a national priority. Through schools, colleges, panchayats, banks, and public institutions, citizens should be informed that no real police officer or investigating agency holds a person hostage over video calls in the name of digital arrest, nor does it have the authority to deposit money into a private bank account in the name of investigation. OTPs, PINs, passwords, and confidential banking information should not be shared with anyone. Elders in families and new users of digital services need to be especially aware.

The battle against cybersecurity cannot be won solely with technical tools and legal provisions. Citizen trust, institutional activism, and government accountability are essential. The dream of a Digital India will only be realised when citizens can access digital services without fear. Victims must receive swift justice and financial relief, along with stringent action against cybercrime. The success of digital development should not be measured solely by the number of people who have adopted online transactions but also by the safety of their hard-earned money. Technology should be a tool for convenience, not fear and exploitation—this should be the true identity of a secure Digital India.

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AgriStack

Why Land Records Must Come First In J&K

Welcoming Digital Agriculture, Former Minister Sukhnandan Choudhary Has Raised An Important Public-Interest Concern: Complete Bandobast, Update Jamabandis And Rectify Revenue-Record Discrepancies Before Finalising Farmers' IDs.



MOHD AMIN MIR

The success of any public welfare initiative depends not merely on its vision but also on the accuracy, preparedness and fairness with which it is implemented. In this context, the recent observation made by former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan regarding the implementation of AgriStack in Jammu and Kashmir deserves appreciation.

His suggestion that the Government should complete Bandobast, update Jamabandis and undertake comprehensive settlement and re-settlement of revenue records before finalising the process of Farmers' IDs is both timely and public-friendly. It reflects a practical understanding of the difficulties being faced by farmers and landowners because of outdated, incomplete and disputed land records.

Kudos to Choudhary Sukhnandan for raising an issue that directly concerns the common people, particularly the farming community. Equally, appreciation is due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for promoting digital transformation in agriculture and placing technology at the centre of agricultural governance.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, on November 14, Choudhary welcomed the AgriStack initiative of the Government of India while stressing that the foundation of agricultural digitisation must be accurate and legally sustainable land records. He also highlighted pending mutations, inheritance cases, sale deeds, gift deeds and other lawful transfers, particularly those relating to the period after 2015–16.

This observation deserves serious consideration by the administration because it touches the very foundation of land ownership and farmers' rights in Jammu and Kashmir.

Digitalisation cannot replace ground realities

AgriStack is an important step towards modernising India's agricultural ecosystem. It aims to bring farmers, agricultural land information and related services into a more integrated digital framework. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India has been pursuing technology-driven governance to improve transparency, efficiency and the delivery of benefits to citizens. However, one important principle must never be overlooked: digital records are only as reliable as the original information entered into them.

If an old or incorrect revenue record is digitised without proper verification, the mistake does not disappear. Instead, it may acquire a digital identity and create further complications for generations. A wrong entry in a Jamabandi, an unrecorded inheritance mutation, an incorrect proprietary share or an outdated possession entry can directly affect a farmer's eligibility, land-related entitlements and ability to access institutional facilities.

This is why the suggestion made by Choudhary Sukhnandan deserves attention beyond political considerations. It is a matter of public interest and administrative prudence.

The unfinished task of Bandobast and Jamabandi

Jammu and Kashmir has a long history of land settlement and revenue administration. In many villages, the existing settlement records are decades old. Agricultural practices, family structures, land ownership patterns and inheritance arrangements have changed considerably over time.

In several areas, discrepancies exist between the Jamabandi, Girdawari, mutations, cadastral maps and actual possession on the ground. Inherited properties may continue to appear in the names of deceased ancestors, while subsequent legal transfers and family partitions may not have been properly reflected in the revenue records. The problem becomes more complicated when old maps do not correspond with present-day field realities.

The completion of Bandobast and preparation of updated Jamabandis are therefore not merely administrative exercises. They are essential instruments for protecting the legitimate rights of farmers and landowners. Where fresh settlement has not been conducted for decades, the Government should identify such villages and prepare a phased programme for settlement and re-settlement.

Pending mutations require immediate attention

One of the most significant points raised by the former Minister concerns pending mutations, particularly those relating to inheritance, sale deeds, gift deeds and other lawful transfers. A mutation is an important instrument for updating revenue records following a legally recognised change in ownership or rights. When an eligible mutation remains unattended for years, the consequences can extend to several generations.

For example, if a father has passed away and his legal heirs have not been incorporated into the revenue records, the subsequent process of inheritance, transfer, Farmer ID generation and verification may become complicated. Similarly, a registered sale deed or gift deed should not remain disconnected from the relevant revenue record for an indefinite period.

The Revenue Department must therefore undertake a special drive to identify and dispose of pending mutations in accordance with law. Particular attention should be given to old inheritance cases, disputed entries and cases where the revenue record does not reflect legally established rights.

Patwaris must be part of the solution

Any meaningful reform of land records in Jammu and Kashmir must recognise the importance of grassroots revenue officials, particularly Patwaris. A Patwari is the primary field-level functionary who deals with land records, cultivators, landowners, field verification, Girdawari and other essential revenue-related responsibilities. The Patwari is also familiar with village boundaries, local land particulars, traditional possession patterns and discrepancies that may not be immediately visible in digital databases.

Technology can process information, but field-level verification requires local knowledge, professional experience and accountability. Therefore, the Government should strengthen the Patwari establishment with adequate manpower, modern equipment, laptops, reliable internet connectivity and proper training. The workload associated with AgriStack, digital crop surveys, SVAMITVA and routine revenue administration must also be assessed realistically.

Patwaris should be consulted while preparing the roadmap for correcting and updating revenue records. Their experience can help identify practical difficulties and prevent avoidable mistakes. It would be unfair to make grassroots officials responsible for achieving digital targets without simultaneously providing them with the necessary infrastructure and administrative support.

A time-bound corrective action plan is needed

The suggestion made by Choudhary Sukhnandan should now be translated into concrete administrative action. The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, and the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir should consider directing the Revenue Department to prepare a comprehensive, time-bound action plan covering the following priorities: Identify villages where fresh Bandobast or re-settlement has not been undertaken for decades. Review and incorporate all eligible pending mutations in accordance with law. Verify ownership, proprietary shares, inheritance and possession details. Reconcile Jamabandis with cadastral maps, Girdawari and field realities. Provide opportunities to landowners and farmers to report discrepancies and submit supporting documents. Establish an effective mechanism for correcting errors before the finalisation of Farmers' IDs. Ensure that digital records remain legally reliable and that genuine disputes are decided by competent revenue authorities.

The process should be transparent, participatory and subject to proper verification. No genuine landowner or cultivator should suffer merely because an old administrative mistake has been carried forward into a new digital system.

A farmer-friendly vision deserves appreciation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly emphasised the importance of farmers' welfare, technological advancement and transparent governance. AgriStack represents an important opportunity to connect agricultural development with digital infrastructure. The initiative can become a powerful instrument for improving agricultural services, facilitating access to institutional credit and ensuring that eligible farmers receive the benefits intended for them.

But the foundation must be strong.

A Farmer ID should reflect genuine and verified information. Digital transformation should simplify the lives of farmers rather than create new rounds of administrative difficulties for them. The observation of Choudhary Sukhnandan is therefore a welcome intervention. It demonstrates how elected representatives and public leaders can contribute constructively by highlighting practical concerns before a major government initiative reaches its final stage.

Kudos to Choudhary Sukhnandan for raising the voice of farmers and landowners. Kudos to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji for envisioning a technologically empowered agricultural India. The need of the hour is to bring these two important dimensions together: the Prime Minister's vision of digital agriculture and the practical realities of land administration in Jammu and Kashmir.

Let AgriStack become a milestone in agricultural reform, but let its foundation be accurate Jamabandis, verified mutations, reliable Bandobast and legally protected land rights. Technology must empower the farmer, not complicate his relationship with his land.

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Dignity And Democracy

The Real Question Behind The Bharat Summit



LALIT GARGG

The greatest strength of democracy is that it provides ample space for dissent against those in power. Questioning government policies, scrutinising its decisions, exposing shortcomings and presenting an alternative political vision are not merely constitutional rights of the Opposition; they are also essential democratic responsibilities. But when foreign political forces are given a platform to oppose an elected government, and domestic political disputes are transformed into matters of international political discourse, the issue ceases to be merely political. It becomes a question of national self-respect, sovereignty and democratic propriety.

The 'Bharat Summit', held in Hyderabad on November 13–14, 2026, has become the centre of a political controversy for precisely this reason. The Congress and the Telangana government have presented it as an international platform for deliberation on global challenges, climate change, artificial intelligence, economic justice, investment, democracy and development. The BJP, on the other hand, has cited remarks made by some foreign speakers to describe it as an 'Anti-Bharat Summit'. Both sides have their political arguments. Yet, beneath this political confrontation lies a far more serious question: Can the involvement of foreign political forces in India's domestic politics be accepted as a normal part of democratic discourse? This question must not be examined merely from the standpoint of support for or opposition to any particular political party. It deserves to be judged on the larger test of national interest.

There is nothing inherently wrong with inviting foreign scholars, economists, environmental experts and democratic thinkers to India. India has always believed in the civilisational ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is one family. Dialogue with the international community is a strength of Indian civilisation. Issues such as climate change, artificial intelligence, the global economy, war, peace and human rights cannot be confined within national borders. International dialogue on such subjects is both necessary and desirable.

The problem begins when global dialogue turns into political propaganda, and foreign political personalities are encouraged to make allegations against India's elected government, electoral process or democratic institutions without publicly substantiated evidence. The reported remarks of Italian socialist leader Giacomo Filibeck at the Hyderabad conference triggered precisely such a controversy. His questioning of India's electoral system in the presence of Rahul Gandhi, along with the reported use of the slogan "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod", further sharpened the political debate.

The fundamental question here is not whether a foreign citizen has the right to express an opinion about India's democratic system. In a free society, such opinions may certainly be expressed. The real question is: Should foreign political leaders be turned into active participants in India's domestic political battles? In a democracy, governments are changed by the people, not by foreign powers. If an Indian political party believes that there are shortcomings in the electoral system, it has Parliament, the judiciary, the Election Commission, the media and, above all, the people of India. It can challenge electoral outcomes, approach the courts, produce evidence and take its case directly to the people. But when a political party begins relying on foreign political platforms and foreign politicians to reinforce its domestic allegations, it ultimately risks weakening its own democratic credibility.

A serious question therefore needs to be addressed to the Congress: Has faith in India's democratic institutions weakened to such an extent that foreign voices are now required to validate its political allegations? But the same question must also be addressed to the BJP. It would be equally undemocratic to label every international conference as 'anti-India' or every criticism of the government as a 'foreign conspiracy'. India is a mature and confident democracy. It does not need to fear criticism; it can answer criticism with facts, reason and institutional strength. An inappropriate or provocative statement by a foreign visitor should certainly be questioned and opposed where necessary, but every



disagreement cannot automatically be branded as anti-national.

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Governments change; political equations change; electoral outcomes change, but the nation endures. From the legacy of the Non-Aligned Movement to today's increasingly multipolar world, India has maintained its independent foreign-policy identity. It has built relationships with the United States, Russia, Europe, Japan, the Arab world, Africa and the Global South on the basis of its national interests. For a country of India's stature, it is essential that domestic political differences should not be converted into international political conflicts. Opposing a government is not the same as opposing the nation. But inviting foreign political forces to actively participate in India's internal political battles is certainly a matter of serious concern. Understanding this distinction is crucial for the future of Indian democracy.

National unity does not mean the disappearance of the Opposition. It means that political parties may have different ideologies and governments and Opposition may fiercely criticise each other, but their fundamental commitment to India's interests, sovereignty and democratic institutions must remain shared. If a political party wants to return to power, it must go before the people. It must offer credible alternatives on unemployment, inflation, education, healthcare, agriculture, youth aspirations, women's security and economic development. Merely declaring that democracy is in danger is not enough. A claim that democracy is under threat demands evidence.

The answer to electoral defeat is not a foreign platform but public trust. At the same time, the government and the ruling party must also engage in introspection. When the Opposition raises questions about democracy or the electoral process, those concerns should not simply be dismissed as political propaganda. Transparency, institutional credibility and meaningful dialogue are essential to strengthening public confidence. Trust in democracy is not created by speeches alone; it is built through the conduct of institutions.

India is emerging as one of the world's major economies, and its influence on global platforms is expanding. At such a moment, carrying domestic political battles to international platforms could establish a dangerous precedent, one that could eventually be used against any political party. If foreign intervention in domestic politics is normalised today against one political formation, the same instrument could be used against another tomorrow. Therefore, the issue should not be reduced to Congress versus BJP. The larger question is India versus political opportunism. If the 'Bharat Summit' genuinely seeks to create a new platform for India's engagement with the world, it deserves appreciation. But if a platform organised in the name of Bharat becomes a vehicle for importing domestic political battles into the international arena, questions about its purpose and propriety are bound to arise.

India does not need to fear foreign ideas. India has always welcomed intellectual exchange and global dialogue. But the political destiny of India must ultimately be determined by the people of India alone. Power is neither granted by foreign approval nor taken away by foreign criticism. In a democracy, it comes from the mandate of the people, and ultimately returns to the people. The true strength of democracy lies in our ability to criticise the government fearlessly, listen to the arguments of the Opposition and engage with ideas from across the world, while ensuring that the final authority remains with the Indian citizen. Let there be political differences, but not national divisions.

Let there be fierce debate, but no compromise on sovereignty. Let there be competition for power, but never at the cost of national interest. Governments may change. Political equations may change. Electoral outcomes may change. But India's unity, integrity and democratic sovereignty are greater than the political strategy of any individual party. That is the true dignity of Indian democracy, and that is its enduring national strength.

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Who Shapes What We Think, Feel And Work?



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Aggressive nagging, loss of trust, a primitive culture of mass violence in the forms of wars, conflicts, and crimes, unbridled individualism, indifference, discontented citizens, consumer anxieties, repressive governance, authoritarian regimes of power, and a self-centred parasitic culture in private, public, and political life, all accompanied by alienated individuals with anxious presents and futures, define the malaise of life in our times. Imbalance in personal and professional life, the gap between realities and desires destabilises human life and society. Anger, anxiety, and grief overpower social, political, economic, and cultural interactions. The idea of threat and fear overwhelms everyday life. Deaths, destitution, and human suffering are growing on an unprecedented scale, in different forms and in different parts of the world, because of these unwanted primitive issues and basic instincts that continue to define human actions today.

Why do these issues continue to exist? Are they natural, inherent, and integral to life itself? Are these issues, emotions, and conditions avoidable for civilisational progress? Are we all failures in the test of empathy and humanness in our search for a happiness machine devoid of human connections? The answers lie within the origin and growth of capitalism and religion. These twin forces are responsible for reshaping both individual emotions and the trajectories of society in a direction defined by the domestication of collective lives in search of constructed happiness shaped by commodity consumption, freedom to access markets, and emancipation from the collective foundations of society for individual salvation shaped by the idea and values of sin and virtue.



Capitalism and religion are twin forces curated by the governing classes, who domesticate and shape how people feel, think, and work in the name of individual success; pleasure and pain; sin and virtue; family happiness; state-led sovereignty; and government-designed nationalism and patriotism. Ruling-class-curated religions, courts, and their institutionalised forms of praxis are designed to tame individuals and their natural collective habitats so that individuals think, feel, and work in harmony as human beings, yet this curated harmony based on the fear of the power represented by the religion and state serves the interests of power, not of people.

Historically, the domestication of human emotion by capitalism and religion has played a major role in producing and reproducing the different malaise of our times. The growth of capitalism has deepened the culture of automation and individualised processes of production, consumption, and interaction, further dismantling the collective foundations of human life, love, and happiness. The self-seeking nature of capitalism and religion provides the ideological frameworks for their own sustenance and growth at the cost of people, peace, and progress. Salvation in religion and individual freedom and happiness in capitalism are unachievable goals designed to control human life, labour, and human creativity and their collective foundations.

The dismantling of collective life by capitalism and religion is central to the growth of atomised consciousness, which in turn helps both religion and capitalism grow. These twin forces and their ideas have penetrated every sphere of human life and managed to control and promote self-seeking individual actions like parasites, where the consumption of commodities and fictitious spiritualism domesticated in religions helps people surrender their individual lives and experiences, producing a narrow and alienating consciousness. The collective foundations of life can transform alienation into collective consciousness for the growth of collective reason and rationale to fight the power shaped by capitalism and religion. But the individualisation of life helps religion and capitalism govern individual lives without any form of challenge.

This governance operates through a culture of compliance. Religion and capitalism survive on a culture of compliance in which hands and minds comply out of fear of the brutal, authoritarian power that dehumanises human life and destroys the planet. Unsuspecting individuals are victims of both religion and capitalism, which govern society through fear and submission to an all-pervasive power often named as gods and goddesses, behind whom capitalism works for profit at the expense of people and the planet.

This culture of compliance is actively produced and reproduced. The socialisation of life under capitalism, through bourgeois media, education and training, the institutionalisation of patriarchy, the naturalisation of the gender division of labour, and the normalisation of private property, promotes a culture of compliance that is neither a normal nor a natural form of human behaviour. However, this abnormal cultural ethos is promoted in order to tame collective life and human culture—to separate people from one another and from nature, and to produce and reproduce an individualistic lifestyle in the name of individual choice, which is neither rational nor social. Individualistic culture satisfies neither individuals nor societies. It is designed to promote market culture, and the growth of digitalisation has transformed individuals into numbers, which helps tax officials collect taxes with little trouble.

Individualism, selfishness, greed, and self-actualisation are not natural; they are products of the productivist culture of parasitic capitalism. This culture breeds jealousy, hatred, anger, success, failure, crime, conflict, war, and other forms of crisis in order to domesticate individuals within a culture of compliance, just as religions do.

Both capitalism and religion produce conditions of dehumanisation, marginalisation, and exploitation where individuals feel hopeless and surrender themselves to power. Dehumanisation, marginalisation, and exploitation are not natural but operational designs and structures of capitalism and religion, which govern life and domesticate human labour and creativity based on fear. Alienation and anxieties are the products of capitalist and religious culture, which promotes and prefers individuals to be domesticated and to create helpless conditions in which they surrender before a criminal system by promoting conflicts and crime. Moral justifications are reduced to costs and benefits that determine individual actions and emotions.

The lust for self-actualisation in capitalism and religion has undermined the collective foundation of life, human needs, and desires. The culture of self-actualisation has reduced the most intimate human needs and libidinal desires to the interaction of electromagnetic dildos. The expansion of this "dildoisation" of society and human life, the commodification of intimacy and crisis of human life in the society, has produced conditions beyond the control of individuals to solve, so individuals suffer from it.

Compliance and the commodification of life under capitalism and religion constitute a process of destruction of life itself. Therefore, the struggle for an alternative is a collective struggle for emancipation from both religion and capitalism, which dehumanise human life and destroy the conditions for the progress of civilisation based on peace and prosperity.

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LeT Commander

and were making every possible effort to conclude the operation while minimising damage to the mosque.

He said the trapped terrorist opened fire on security forces triggering an exchange of fire. The operation took time due to the sensitive location and the restraint being exercised by the forces.

The SSP had said that the area was properly cordoned off and that security forces had sufficient time to handle the situation carefully.

The religious structure remained intact, with no damage reported. Following the exchange of fire, the body of the slain terrorist, along with a weapon, was recovered from the encounter site. Officials subsequently identified him as Mohammad Lateef Bhat, resident of Khrewan village in Kulgam district.

According to officials, Bhat was affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its offshoot, The Resistance Front (TRF). He was wanted in seven cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and carried a reward of Rs 15 lakh on his head. He had joined terrorist ranks in 2025.

Officials said his alleged involvement included the Lal Chowk attack in Anantnag, the Kelam attack in Kulgam and the November 11 attack on a CRPF checkpoint at Akhran near Mir Bazar, in which three CRPF personnel were injured.

Investigators had also linked him to the July 22 killing of Special Operations Group head constable Ashiq Hussain in Anantnag and the July 31 shooting of two non-local workers at a brick kiln in Kilam village of Kulgam.

His killing comes amid intensified search operations launched after the attack on the CRPF checkpoint at Akhran. On November 16, an encounter took place in the Laroo area of Kulgam, during which one terrorist, identified as Umar Nisar Dar, was killed and a weapon was recovered. A search operation was subsequently intensified to track Bhat, who had managed to evade the security cordon.

Security forces later re-established contact with the remaining terrorist, leading to Wednesday's operation in Zangalpora, where he was eventually killed.

With Bhat's killing, security agencies have described the operation as the elimination of the last known active local terrorist in south Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, visited South Kashmir to review the progress of ongoing "OP Zangalpura" and took stock of the prevailing security situation.

Army spokesman wrote on X: "The Army Commander appreciated the formation's coordinated efforts, steady resolve, operational excellence and relentless drive in conducting sustained counter-terror operations.

He commended the troops for the success achieved in the ongoing operation and highlighted the exemplary #Jointness and #Synergy with other security & intelligence agencies including #CRPF, #JKPolice & #IB. #NorthernComd remains steadfast in its commitment to a terror free Jammu & Kashmir."—(KNO)

J&K Terrorism

and coming generations remains secure and bright. Every citizen of the country bows in salutations to the courage, dedication, and supreme sacrifice of these brave sons," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Congratulating the 74 officers who successfully completed their training, the Lieutenant Governor said the dedicated young officers has chosen the path of national service. He noted that their achievement marked a proud moment not only for their families but also for the Union Territory, adding a new chapter to its distinguished history of public service and courage.

Addressing the newly inducted officers, the Lieutenant Governor emphasized that policing and environmental protection are noble responsibilities requiring sacrifice, commitment, and a deep sense of duty. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the exemplary record of the Jammu Kashmir Police in confronting terrorism, maintaining public order in challenging circumstances, and safeguarding citizens through decades of dedicated service and sacrifice.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the officers to wear the uniform with pride and responsibility, remembering the sacrifices made by those who came before them. Stressing that terrorism remains the greatest threat to peace and progress, the Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that continued efforts would further strengthen security and stability in Jammu Kashmir.

"Only a handful of foreign terrorists remain; Jammu Kashmir will soon be terror-free. For decades, an environment was created in which shops, schools, and businesses remained closed for half the year. The conflict entrepreneurs present in Jammu Kashmir were engaged in the business of terrorism and separatism. But, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the nation delivered a strong blow and the shops of conflict entrepreneurs were shut down," he said.

Highlighting emerging security challenges, the Lieutenant Governor called for a modern policing approach equipped to address cyber threats, digital radicalisation, drone-based threats, narco-terrorism, and other forms of asymmetric warfare. The Lieutenant Governor underscored the importance of technological proficiency, forensic capabilities, intelligence gathering, and inter-agency coordination in meeting contemporary security challenges.

"Today's security threat may also come through a mobile screen, not just a gun. If we fight today's challenges with yesterday's methods, we will fall behind. I want every jawan and every officer to be proficient not only in counter-terrorism but also in digital tools, forensic science, cyber forensics, digital evidence, and monitoring technology," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasized the significance of community engagement and effective beat policing, noting that trust between citizens and the police is fundamental to good governance. The officers were urged to serve with sensitivity, professionalism, and integrity. He said that sustaining public confidence must remain a key priority and improved law and order has contributed significantly to investment, tourism, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure development in Jammu Kashmir.

"Over the past 6 years, the stakeholders of peace in Jammu Kashmir have grown. Every citizen of Jammu Kashmir is committed to a safe home, good education, employment, business opportunities, and a bright future for their children. Now, you must be not only the guardian of their security but also the guardian of their trust," he said.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor took the ceremonial Salute and inspected the parade. He also felicitated the officers who had excelled during their training.

An oath was administered to the young officers for performing their duties with dedication and honesty.

Shri Pawan Kumar Gupta, Shri Balwant Singh Mankotia, and Shri RS Pathania - Members of Legislative Assembly; Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, Chief Secretary; Shri Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Shri Chandraker Bharti, Additional Chief Secretary Home Department; Shri Sarvesh Rai, Director, J&K Forest Protection Force; Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, Director, SKPA Udhampur, senior officials of Police, Security Forces and civil administration and family members of the passing out Officers were present.

Dry Spell To

to dip slightly further until November 19, then rise by 1–2°C.

The long absence of rain and snow is also causing water levels in the Jhelum and its tributaries to decline gradually. Smaller streams and water channels, already carrying low discharge, face a greater risk of drying up if dry conditions persist.

A continued precipitation deficit could affect drinking water supplies, especially in areas dependent on springs and smaller natural sources. Reduced river discharge may also impact hydropower generation at projects reliant on natural water inflows.

Residents have been advised to use water judiciously and avoid unnecessary waste, while concerned departments have been urged to monitor water levels and take precautionary measures to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply.

"Nation Salutes

local terrorist in the valley, Lateef Bhat, was neutralised in an operation in Kulgam in the early morning hours today," Shah said in a post on X.

"One of his terrorist associates, Umar Nisar, was also neutralised in Kulgam, the day before. The entire operation was marked by a very high level of synergy," Shah said.

"The nation salutes the brave Jawans of JKP, Army and CRPF and intelligence agencies," he added.

According to the officials, Bhat and his associate Umar Nisar Dar were involved in the November 11 attack that left three CRPF personnel injured.

While Dar was killed in a gunfight in the Laru bypass area of Kulgam on Monday, Bhat had managed to give the security forces the slip.

Local Terror

Kulgam encounter, DGP Prabhat said the operation reflected the sustained efforts of security forces to track down terrorists and dismantle their networks. Mohammad Latif Bhat, a Lashkar-e-Taiba commander, was allegedly involved in the November 11 attack on a CRPF party in the Nowpora Akhran area of Kulgam, in which three personnel were injured. Earlier, another local terrorist, Umar Nisar, was killed in an encounter in the district.

The DGP said Jammu and Kashmir has been confronting Pakistan-sponsored terrorism for the past 35 years, during which terrorist organisations have repeatedly attempted to disturb peace and create instability. However, he said, the security scenario has witnessed significant improvement due to sustained counter-terrorism operations and a comprehensive strategy involving all security agencies.

Highlighting the approach being pursued under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, DGP Prabhat said the campaign against terrorism was aimed at dismantling its entire ecosystem rather than restricting operations to encounters and the elimination of armed terrorists.

"The fight against terrorism is not limited to encounters or neutralising terrorists. We have to dismantle the entire ecosystem that sustains terrorism, including its financial structure, support networks, logistics and recruitment mechanisms," he said.

Emphasising the economic dimension of counter-terrorism operations, the DGP said security agencies were systematically targeting the financial channels and resources that enable terrorist organisations to sustain their activities. He said those providing financial assistance, logistical support and other forms of assistance to terrorists were also under the scanner.

Sharing details of action taken under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Prabhat said 240 people were arrested in 2025, while 210 arrests had been made so far in 2026.

He further said that properties linked to terrorism were being identified and attached to deprive terrorist organisations and their associates of financial resources. A total of 155 properties were attached in 2025, while action had been taken against another 122 properties so far in 2026, taking the cumulative figure to 277 over the past two years.

The DGP said these measures were intended to disrupt the financial foundations of terrorist organisations and prevent them from rebuilding their networks or facilitating further terrorist activities.

Stressing the need to sustain the gains achieved against terrorism, he said preventing local recruitment remained a critical component of the police strategy. The focus, he said, was on identifying those attempting to radicalise and influence vulnerable youth, tracing recruitment networks and taking action against handlers and local facilitators.

He also underscored the importance of intelligence-based operations and close coordination among security agencies, saying sustained efforts were necessary to ensure that terrorist networks did not get an opportunity to reorganise or regenerate their support structures.

Paying tribute to security personnel who laid down their lives in the fight against terrorism, Prabhat said 1,623 personnel had made the supreme sacrifice in Jammu and Kashmir while safeguarding peace and security.

He said their sacrifices remained a source of inspiration for the police and other security forces and strengthened their resolve to continue working towards lasting peace and security in the Union Territory.

The DGP reiterated that counter-terrorism operations would continue with a comprehensive approach, focusing on armed terrorists as well as their financial backers, local facilitators, logistical networks and recruitment channels to ensure that the ecosystem sustaining terrorism was dismantled—(KNO)

7–8 FIRs Registered,

police, civil administration, media fraternity and residents needed to work together to resolve public issues and improve policing.

On civic issues in Downtown Srinagar, he said traffic congestion, illegal parking and encroachments would be addressed in coordination with the civil administration.

He said shopkeepers and residents would be consulted to identify suitable parking arrangements and address encroachments, particularly around schools and markets.

The SSP also assured that steps would be taken to establish a permanent fire brigade facility in the Jamia Masjid area. He urged residents to extend their cooperation to the police and civil administration, saying public participation is essential for effective policing and resolving local issues—(KN

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as Deputy Commissioner of East Kameng and Tawang districts in Arunachal Pradesh as well as South Delhi. During his tenure with the Centre, he worked in key ministries, including Finance, Health and Family Welfare, Women and Child Development, Heavy Industries, and Corporate Affairs, spending a significant part of his career in the Finance Ministry.

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India Stresses

independence and should be guided by national requests", he said.

In keeping with these principles, he said, India has sent 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan, supporting nearly five million people, and 2,000 metric tonnes of rice, along with medicines, to Sudan.

India has also contributed to Palestine 135 metric tonnes of humanitarian aid, including 81.5 metric tonnes of medical supplies, since the beginning of the Gaza conflict in October 2023.

Ultimately, humanitarian action alone cannot solve the food crisis, Harish said.

"Nationally owned investment in agriculture, irrigation, storage and diversified supply chains", he said.

Affordable seeds, fertilisers, technology and concessional finance are necessary for small farmers, he said.

He added, "Climate-resilient crops such as millets can strengthen nutrition and food security".

Dry Spell May

crisis, Arif cautioned that its extension beyond the anticipated period could worsen the situation, particularly in areas dependent on springs, streams and other local water sources.

He said a prolonged absence of rainfall and snowfall could also affect hydropower generation, as reduced river discharge would impact the natural inflows required for power projects.

Arif said the administration and concerned departments should assess vulnerable areas and take precautionary measures to ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply, instead of waiting for water levels to reach critical levels.

He also called for regular monitoring of river and stream discharge and advance contingency planning for areas that could face shortages.

Urging people to use water judiciously, he said avoiding unnecessary wastage would be important during the extended dry period.

"There is no immediate reason for panic, but preparedness is necessary. If the dry spell continues well into December, the gradual decline in water levels could become a more serious concern," Arif said.

He said advance assessment and timely intervention by the authorities could help minimise the impact of any potential water shortage—(KNO)

Winter Vacations In

made available to schools from November 15, adding that senior officers had been directed to ensure students faced no inconvenience.

She said consultations had also been held with officials of the Children's Hospital before the decision on school timings was taken.

On winter vacations, she said the government would announce the holidays without delay whenever weather conditions warranted, while also taking into account the lack of adequate heating arrangements in several schools.

Addressing concerns over the prolonged dry spell and drinking water shortages, Firdous said a meeting had been convened to review the condition of water sources across Jammu and Kashmir.

"We would focus on reviving traditional water sources, including Harwan and springs in Kokernag. Around 300 springs had been identified across the region, including nearly 90 important sources, for revival to improve water availability," she said.

On government schools functioning from rented buildings, she acknowledged that land availability, particularly in densely populated Srinagar, remained a major challenge.

"There is no shortage of funds; the real problem is the availability of land," she said, adding that possibilities of identifying suitable land in Srinagar and adjoining areas were being explored.

Reacting to criticism by Peoples Conference president and MLA Sajad Gani Lone over a recent communication she had sent to MLAs, the Minister said criticism should be accepted positively as it provides an opportunity to learn and improve.

She said those who did not appreciate the style of her communication were free to express their views, adding that criticism could also be constructive—(KNO)





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PG doctors' stipend stir spreads across J&K

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The agitation by postgraduate (PG) resident doctors over the demand for enhancement of stipends and parity with their counterparts in other states and Union Territories has spread across Jammu and Kashmir, with Resident Doctors' Associations (RDAs) of several Government Medical Colleges and doctors from district hospitals extending support to the ongoing protest that is starting on Thursday.

The announcement, has initially gained momentum at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu and has now received support from resident doctors at GMC Anantnag, besides several district-level healthcare institutions, signalling a wider mobilisation over what the protesting doctors describe as long-pending financial and service-related concerns.

In a significant development, the Resident Doctors' Association of GMC Anantnag has decided to join the collective agitation in solidarity with the protesting doctors of GMC Jammu and other medical institutions across the Union Territory.

Dr Sajad Nisar, President of RDA GMC Anantnag, said the association has announced a phased programme of protest to press for the fulfilment of their demands.

As part of the initial phase, resident doctors will wear black bands and resort to other peaceful forms of protest from November 19 to 22.

The association has further announced that routine Outpatient Department (OPD) services will be suspended from November 23 if the government fails to address their demands by then.

It has also indicated the possibility of withdrawing other non-essential services in subsequent phases, depending on the decisions taken collectively by the Resident Doctors' Associations.

Meanwhile, the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) said the agitation was receiving support from several district hospitals, with institutions including JLNM Hospital having submitted formal representations to their respective administrations in solidarity with the protesting resident doctors.

AIMSA representatives Dr Sanah Javaid, Dr K R Jaipal and Dr Abhishek Mittal from GMC Jammu have urged the Jammu and Kashmir Government to intervene without further delay and address the concerns of postgraduate doctors.

The protesting doctors are primarily seeking an immediate revision of stipends for all PG resident doctors, including those pursuing Diplomate of National Board (DNB) courses, besides ensuring parity with the stipends being provided to resident doctors in other states and Union Territories.

Another major demand relates to the implementation of maternity leave benefits for eligible resident doctors in accordance with the applicable directions of the High Court, with the association seeking an end to the delay in extending these benefits.

AIMSA Dental Head Dr Danish Hamid has also extended support to the agitation, highlighting the concerns of postgraduate dental residents and calling for their demands to be addressed alongside those of other resident doctors.

The growing support for the movement is also evident from various district hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Ravi from JLNM Hospital, Dr Yamin from District Hospital Pulwama, Dr Karthik from RSSDH Poonch, Dr Yasir from District Hospital Kulgam and Dr Sriram from Gandhi Nagar Hospital have extended solidarity to the protesting doctors.

AIMSA President Dr Mohammad Momin Khan questioned the continued delay in revising the stipends of PG resident doctors in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that several other states, including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, had already undertaken revisions for their resident doctors. "If states like Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh can enhance stipends for their resident doctors, why is Jammu and Kashmir still lagging behind? Resident doctors across J&K deserve equal treatment, fair compensation and their rightful benefits. The Government must act now rather than allowing this issue to escalate further," he said.

AIMSA reiterated its support to all Resident Doctors' Associations, PG and DNB residents working in Government Medical Colleges and district hospitals across the Union Territory.

The association has urged the Health and Medical Education Department to initiate immediate dialogue with representatives of the protesting doctors and announce a concrete, time-bound decision on their demands.

It also cautioned that continued delay in resolving the issues could further intensify resentment among resident doctors, potentially leading to an expansion of the agitation and affecting routine healthcare services if the announced phases of protest are implemented—(KNO)

Daughter-in-law arrested in murder of 70-year-old Pulwama woman

JAHANGEER GANAIE

PULWAMA: In a significant breakthrough in the murder case of a 70-year-old woman in Parigam village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, police have arrested her daughter-in-law for her involvement in the killing, officials said on Wednesday.

The arrested woman has been identified as Bilkees Akhter, wife of Javid Ahmad and daughter-in-law of the deceased, Jana Begum, a resident of Parigam Jagir.

Her arrest comes a week after police apprehended the main accused, Imran Ahmad Mir, son of Bashir Ahmad Mir, from the same village on November 11, during the course of the investigation into the brutal killing.

According to police, the case came to light on October 19, when Jana Begum was found murdered inside her residence. Following the incident, Police Station Pulwama registered FIR No. 211/2026 under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and initiated an investigation.

Given the seriousness of the crime, SSP Pulwama, constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by DySP Headquarters Pulwama, with the SHO Police Station Pulwama and DO Police Post Newa, as its members, to investigate the case.

Police said that during questioning, the arrested accused, Imran Ahmad Mir, disclosed the involvement of Bilkees Akhter, claiming that she had entered into a criminal conspiracy with him to eliminate her mother-in-law in exchange for monetary consideration.

Acting on the disclosure and other evidence collected during the investigation, including statements of material witnesses, the SIT arrested Bilkees Akhter on Wednesday, police said.

The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Srinagar, also provided crucial scientific inputs after examining relevant evidence, which, according to police, helped investigators establish important facts and circumstances surrounding the murder.

The killing had sent shockwaves across Parigam village after Jana Begum was found lying in a pool of blood inside her house on the morning of October 19, with her throat slit.

According to the details of the incident, the assailant entered the house around 5 am when the deceased's son had gone to a nearby mosque to offer Fajr prayers. Upon returning, he found his mother murdered, triggering panic and outrage among the local residents.

Further investigation is underway to establish all aspects of the alleged conspiracy, verify the role of the accused and ascertain whether any other persons were involved in the crime, police said.

Police said the investigation was being conducted in a fair, impartial and scientifically guided manner, adding that all those found involved would be dealt with in accordance with law—(KNO)

KPDCL announces power shutdown in Kashmir parts

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL Wednesday informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Kongamdara line will be observed due to which power supply to Khore, Agar, Ahmadpora, Lalpora, Hardaboora, Tarhama, Dhobiwan, Kunzer, Ogmuna, Mangloora, Wusan and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 21 November 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 132/33 KV GSS Bemina and 132 KV BZTL (Both Circuits) will be observed due to which power supply to Fatehkadal, Barbarshah, Basant Bagh, Karan Nagar, Shaheed Ganj, Bemina, PC Depot, Qamarwari, JVC, Batamaloo, Rakhi Arth and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 19 November 2026.

Likewise, shutdown of 33 kV Watergam line will be observed due to which power supply to Watergam, Dangiwachi, Palpora, Behrampora, Chotosa, Kangrosa, Hachipora, Hadipora, Ganapora, Safalpora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 am to 03 pm on 21 & 25 November 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information to the general public that I Shabeer Ahmad Bhat intend to correct the mother's name of my ward Sadaf Shabeer of class 9th in her school records of Eve's Garden Educational Institute from Nighat Kaiser to Nighat Kaisar. In this regard if anybody have any kind of objection he/she may file the same with Principal Eve's Garden Educational Institute Bota Kadal Lal Bazar Srinagar with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ANANTNAG

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(MOCK DRILL)

Subject: - Conduct of Civil Defence Air Raid / Blackout Mock Exercise during 2026-reg. Dated:26/11/2026 Time 02:00 pm (04:00 pm) to 06:30 Pm 6:40 Pm

The District Administration Anantnag informs the general public that a Civil Defence Air Raid Blackout mock exercise will be conducted on 26/11/2026 at 1400Hrs (Drill) and Blackout exercise from 06:30 PM to 06:40 PM as a part of district wide emergency preparedness and safety training.

This Exercise aims to familiarize citizens with emergency response protocols during blackout or crisis situations and to evaluate the readiness of the public and administration.

Public is advised to the follow the following instructions strictly during the drill

1. Switch off all lights and source of illumination (inverter lights solar lights, torches, mobile lights, vehicle lights etc.) immediately after the siren sounds at 06:30 PM.
2. Draw curtains or windows to prevent light emissions.
3. Do not panic, this is a mock drill not a real emergency.
4. Inform and prepare elderly, children and persons with health concerns to avoid distress or panic.
5. All emergency services and critical care facilities will remain functional during the exercise.

Your Cooperation is vital to the successful completion of this exercise. Let us stand together to build a Resilient, Alert and Safer Anantnag.

No.DCA/DDMA/2026-27/ 658-63 Sd/-
Dated:18/11/2026 Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, IAS
DIPK-7808-26 District Magistrate Anantnag
DT: 18/11/2026

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN KHANSAHIB

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Publication of ward wise selection list of female candidates for engagement as Saginis (AWWs) Phase-IV 2025 objections thereof.

1. Whereas, 03 vacancies of Sanginis pertaining to ward no. 03 Khansahib-F, ward no. 06 Arigam-A and ward no. 02 Wager-A was identified in ICDS Project Khag in light of the HR Policy issued by the Govt vide No. 222-(JK-SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30-11-2022.
2. Whereas, the vacancy was advertised in prominent local dailies vide advertisement notice no 03 of 2026 Dated: 23-06-2026 to invite applications from desirous candidates as per eligibility.
3. Whereas, 16 applications forms have been received by this office till lock date from the electoral ward no. 03 Khansahib-F, ward no. 06 Arigam-A and ward no. 02 Wager-A.
4. Whereas, merit cum eligibility list with respect of above mentioned wards has been formulated on the basis of the marks percentage secured by the candidate in 12th examination and the same merit was put before the District Level Selection Committee for approval and publication.
5. Whereas, the District Level Selection Committee has approved the tentative selection list of candidate ward no. 03 Khansahib-F, ward no. 06 Arigam-A and ward no. 02 Wager-A for publication in the prominent local dailies for inviting the objections from all concerned.
6. Now in view of the above the ward wise tentative merit list of candidates enclosed Annexure-A from ward no. 03 Khansahib-F, ward no. 06 Arigam-A and ward no. 02 Wager-A is published in prominent local dailies to invite objections if any regarding the merit of the candidate and being resident of ward from all concerned within the period of ten days. No objection shall be entertained after expiry of stipulated time period and the merit list shall be considered final for selection of the candidate.

No. CDPO/Poshan/Ksb/2026/ 2902-2912 Child Development Project Officer
Dated: 17-11-2026 Poshan Khansahib

ANNEXURE-A
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, POSHAN KHANSAHIB

Subject:- Tentative selection list of Saginis (Anganwadi Worker) of Poshan Project Khansahib.

S. NO	Index no	Name of the Candidate with parentage and address	Ward No/ Name	DOB	Qualification	Age as on 01.01.2026	Marital Staus	12th Merit				Whether Any relation with retired AWW	Additional 2 points as per HR Policy	Total Percentage	Remarks
								MAX. MARKS (12TH)	MARKS OBTAINED (12TH)	% age	Weightage				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Name of AWC:- KHANSAHIB-F								Ward No/Name:- 03/KHANSAHIB							
1	01	MEHRO UL NISA D/O BASHIR AHMAD SHAH R/O KHANSAHIB	Ward No (03)	10.05.2004	12th	22 yr ,6 M	UNMARRIED	500	462	92.4%	92.4	No	0	92.4	
Name of AWC:- ARIGAM-A								Ward No/Name:-06/ARIGAM							
1	03	TAHMEERA MANZOOR D/O MANZOOR AHMAD MIR R/O ARIGAM	Ward No (06)	04.02.2001	12th	25 yr, 9 M	UNMARRIED	500	314	62.8%	62.8	No	0	62.8	
Name of AWC:- WAGER-A								Ward No/Name:- 02 / WAGER							
1	6	NUSRATGUL D/OGHULAM HTOWUˆMAD NAJAR R/ OWˆGER	Ward No (02)	15.03.2001	12 th	25 yr, 8 M	UNMARRIED	500	412	82.4%	82.4	No	0	82.4	

DIPK-7782-26 Child Development Project Officer Poshan Khansahib
DT: 18/11/2026 Member Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DOORU VERINAG

RETENDERED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

e-NIT No.: MC/DV/2026-27/2422-26 | Date: 18/11/2026

Subject: Retendering of Online Tenders for Engagement of Machinery for Seasonal Snow Clearance Services in Dooru Verinag Town for Winter Season 2026-27.

In reference to this office Notice Inviting Tenders bearing No. MC/D-V/2025-26/2330-34 dated 05.11.2026, sealed/online tenders are hereby re-invited through the e-tendering system from reputed and experienced suppliers, dealers, transporters and machinery owners for providing machinery on a seasonal rate-contract basis for snow clearance operations in Dooru Verinag Town during the Winter Season 2026.

The machinery shall be deployed for clearance of snow from roads, lanes, bye-lanes and other public areas within the jurisdiction of Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag, as and when required, depending upon prevailing weather conditions and the directions of the Municipal Committee.

Name of Department	Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag
Name/Nature of Work	Seasonal snow clearance services for Winter Season 2026-27
Machinery Required	1. Backhoe Loader (JCB), 2. Tipper 3. Tractor with Leveller
Tendering Process	Online through the e-tendering portal
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	CDR of Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only), issued by a Nationalized Bank and pledged in favour of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag
Tender Document Fee	RS 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) shall be deposited into the bank A/c No:- 0044040100000173 (Executive Officer MC Dooru Verinag). The bidder shall upload transaction receipt as a proof of payment with the tender document
Last Date & Time for Online Submission	25/11/2026 up to 02:00 P.M
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	26/11/2026 at 02:00 P.M

Terms and Conditions

1. The rates quoted shall be on an hourly or trip basis, separately for each type of machinery/equipment. The quoted rates shall be inclusive of all taxes, fuel, driver charges and other incidental expenses.
2. The bidder shall upload proof of ownership of the machinery or a valid lease/hire agreement, as applicable. Registration Certificate (RC) and valid driving licence(s) shall also be furnished for the vehicles/equipment wherever applicable.
3. All machinery and vehicles deployed shall be in good working condition and suitable for snow clearance operations. Drivers/operators must hold valid licences, maintain proper conduct and be familiar with traffic rules and the local roads/routes of Dooru Verinag.
4. The successful bidder shall make the machinery and drivers available as per the duty roster/instructions issued by the Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag. No vehicle or machinery shall leave the assigned duty without prior permission of the competent authority.
5. The Nodal Officer designated by the Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag shall supervise the work. Directions regarding deployment, quality and progress of work issued by the Nodal Officer/competent authority shall be complied with.
6. The owner/bidder shall be responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and repairs of the machinery/vehicles throughout the contract period.
7. Any accident, damage, incident, traffic violation or challan arising during deployment shall be the sole responsibility of the vehicle/machinery owner and/or driver. The Municipal Committee shall not bear any liability in this regard.
8. Payment shall be released after satisfactory completion of the assigned work and submission of the bill in duplicate, subject to verification and the terms of the contract.
9. The Municipal Committee reserves the right to modify the deployment schedule, impose additional operational conditions during the contract period, or accept/reject any or all tenders in accordance with applicable rules, without assigning any reason.
10. Tender documents shall be submitted/uploaded online only. No physical submission of the tender documents shall be entertained. Any amendment, clarification or extension shall be notified through the e-tendering portal.
11. All other terms and conditions contained in the original Notice Inviting Tenders bearing No. MC/D-V/2025-26/2330-34 dated 05.11.2026 shall remain applicable, except to the extent modified by this retendered notice or subsequent corrigendum.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the office of Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag during working hours. Bidders are advised to regularly check the e-tendering portal for updates, corrigenda and clarifications.

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DIPK-NB-2170-26 Executive Officer
DT: 18/11/2026 Municipal Committee Dooru Verinag

‘Big tournaments need accomplished players’: Madan Lal backs Rohit, Kohli for 2027 World Cup

IANS

NEW DELHI: Former Indian cricketer and one of the heroes of India’s 1983 World Cup-winning campaign, Madan Lal, believes Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli should be part of India’s squad for the 2027 ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup, saying the experience and performances of the two senior batters will be equally important for the team’s campaign.

Madan Lal said experienced players such as Rohit and Kohli bring significant value to the side in major tournaments, where their presence and performances can make a difference. He also expressed confidence that the two former India captains would be keen to win another World Cup before bringing their illustrious careers to an end.

“I believe Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli should feature in next year’s World Cup. Their performances will be equally important for the team. In big tournaments, the team looks up to experienced and accomplished players like them. I am sure both would also want to win another World Cup before calling time on their careers. Therefore, I feel they should be part of the World Cup campaign,” Madan Lal told IANS.



The former all-rounder’s backing comes at a time when questions continue to surround the future roles of Rohit and Kohli in India’s preparations for the 2027 showpiece in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Both batters endured difficult outings during India’s recent five-match ODI series against New Zealand, which the hosts won 3-1.

Rohit had a particularly disappointing series, managing only 30 runs in four innings at an average of 7.50. His scores of 0, 23, 0 and 7 included two ducks, making it his lowest batting average in a bilateral ODI series as an opener. His final outing ended with a seven-run dismissal at the Bay Oval, where he flicked a delivery from Matthew Fisher straight to mid-wicket.

Kohli, meanwhile, finished as India’s leading run-scorer in the series with 86 runs from four innings at an average of 21.50. After beginning the tour with an impressive 74 off 51 deliveries in Auckland, he struggled to maintain the momentum, returning scores of 7, 0 and 5 in his subsequent appearances.

The 2027 edition will provide India with another opportunity to challenge for the ODI World Cup title, with the team looking to build a strong combination under Gill’s leadership.

'Truly humbled to have you as a mentor’: Dewald Brevis pens heartfelt note for MS Dhoni



IANS

NEW DELHI: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) batter Dewald Brevis described sharing the dressing room with Mahendra Singh Dhoni as a privilege and said he is grateful to have the former captain as his mentor, following the latter’s retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Dhoni has stepped away from his IPL playing career and will take up the role of CSK’s team mentor from the 2027 season. He concluded his IPL playing career with 278 matches and 5,439 runs. He led CSK to five titles in 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021 and 2023 and finished with 205 wicketkeeping dismissals, including 158 catches and 47 stumpings.

Brevis took to social media to recall his first interaction with Dhoni in 2022, when he was a young Mumbai Indians player, and how their association developed after he joined Chennai in 2025. The South African batter said the former India captain had made a lasting impression on him by taking time to guide young players.

“Feels like a dream! From meeting you for the first time in 2022 as a young MI player, being so overwhelmed seeing you behind me at the crease, to sharing the CSK dressing room with you in 2025 and 2026," Brevis wrote on Instagram.

“I’ll never forget how you took the time to speak to us young players after that first game and shared advice that has stayed with me ever since. What a journey and what a privilege! Congratulations on an incredible IPL career. Truly humbled to have you as a mentor at CSK,” Brevis added.

Brevis, who joined CSK in April 2025, has played 17 IPL matches for the franchise, scoring 376 runs at an average of 26.86 and a strike rate of 154.70. He has also been retained by Chennai ahead of the IPL 2027 auction, allowing him to continue playing under Dhoni’s guidance in his new capacity.

Rishabh Pant should back his instincts, not overthink in New Zealand: WV Raman

IANS

NEW DELHI: Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant should stick to his attacking game in New Zealand, said former India cricketer WV Raman on Wednesday. Raman, who played four of his 11 Tests in New Zealand, also felt that any form of hesitation would only get Pant into trouble, as India open their two-Test series in Wellington on Thursday.



Pant has been short of game due to recovery from a side strain injury, which also kept him out of India A red-ball games against New Zealand A. It meant that Pant played one competitive match since India’s 1-0 series win in Sri Lanka in August, which came via leading the Rest of India in the Irani Cup in Srinagar. In that game, Pant scored 10 and 8, despite battling fever.

After that, he checked into the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru and joined the Test team in New Zealand only last week. Pant’s overseas record is very strong, though. He has eight Test hundreds, and five of them came in Australia, England and South Africa. New Zealand is the one major overseas country where he has not reached three figures. He has played only two Tests there in 2020, where he amassed 60 runs.

Cut to now, and seam movement, a relentless New Zealand fast bowling attack, especially the tall bowlers who can angle the ball across him and get extra bounce, will all make for a stern examination for Pant. “I think Rishabh Pant should not be confused as far as approach is concerned. Basically, he is a man who goes by instinct, and that’s what has served him well.

“Basically, he is a very aggressive batter, and that’s exactly what he needs to do. He has got to try and keep that brand of cricket going because if he tries to do something which is not natural to him, he will get into a tangle. Because in cricket, it’s so important for you not to be indecisive - either while playing a particular delivery or even when you get on to the field.

“You have got to either completely get rid of thoughts, or you have got to be very sure about what you are doing. So, if you are going to be hesitant, and if you are going to be indecisive, you are going to get into a tangle, which is no good.

“So, sometimes, as they say, when you think, you blink, and when you blink, you are out. So, that’s what happens, and you have got somebody like Rishabh Pant. He should not be overthinking. He should back his instincts, and he should do what he knows best - that of trying to attack the bowlers,” Raman told IANS in a select virtual interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network on Wednesday.

Indian women eye record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title in Bhopal

IANS

BHOPAL: The Indian women’s hockey team will look to extend its impressive run and make history by winning a record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title when the 2026 edition of the tournament gets underway here on Thursday at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda.

The defending champions will begin their campaign against Malaysia on November 19, aiming to become the most successful team in the tournament’s history. India and South Korea are currently joint leaders with three titles each, with the hosts having won the previous two editions held in Ranchi and Rajgir.

The six-team competition, scheduled from November 19 to 28, will feature India, China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand. The teams will compete in a round-robin format, with the top four advancing to the semi-finals on November 27. The final and third-place match will be played on November 28.



India head into the tournament following an outstanding year in which they achieved several significant milestones. The team secured qualification for the FIH Women’s World Cup after remaining unbeaten until the final of the qualifiers in Hyderabad. They subsequently won all five matches at the FIH Women’s Nations Cup in Auckland to clinch the title and earn promotion to the FIH Pro League.

The Indian team continued its strong performances at the Women’s World Cup in Belgium, finishing fifth to register its best-ever result at the tournament since 1974. The campaign reached another high at the Asian Games in Japan, where India ended a 44-year wait for gold in women’s hockey.

The hosts will now look to carry that momentum into the Asian Champions Trophy, although they face a challenging field led by China, Japan and South Korea.

World No. 4 China will be among India’s biggest challengers, particularly after losing to the hosts in the Asian Games final last month. China will also be eager to secure its maiden title in the competition, while South Korea will aim to add to its three championships. Japan, which has won the tournament twice, will also pose a strong challenge with its organised defence and quick passing game.

Under chief coach Sjoerd Marijne, India will also use the tournament to build squad depth by testing players in different positions.

SMAT 2026: Bihar pull off thrilling chase against Delhi; Chhattisgarh, Andhra, Bengal register wins

IANS

NEW DELHI: Bihar pulled off a thrilling two-wicket victory over Delhi, chasing down a target of 225 with one ball to spare, as the first four matches of the day in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Elite 2026 produced plenty of runs and several standout individual performances on Wednesday.



At the Daly College Ground in Indore, Delhi rode on a sensational 125 off 59 balls from Yash Dhull and a quickfire 51 off 25 deliveries by Tejasvi Dahiya to post 224/5 in 20 overs. Dhull struck 16 fours and seven sixes, while Dahiya contributed 4 boundaries and 4 maximums.

However, Bihar responded with an aggressive start. Ayush Loharuka smashed 50 off just 22 balls, while Bipin Saurabh made 49 off 19, putting the chase firmly on course. Raghuvendra Pratap Singh added 25 off 15 and later finished as Bihar’s leading bowler with figures of 3-44. Despite a late wobble, Bihar reached 227/8 in 19.5 overs to secure the win, with Raghuvendra named Player of the Match.

At the Jadavpur University Campus Ground in Kolkata, Chhattisgarh defeated Odisha by 51 runs after captain Vikalp Tiwari produced a magnificent century. Tiwari struck 119 off 56 balls, reaching his hundred in just 44 deliveries, while Ajay Jadav Mandal chipped in with 50 off 28 as Chhattisgarh posted 228/4.

Odisha managed 177/8 in reply, with Kartik Biswal top-scoring with 57 off 33 balls. Subhranshu Senapati added 31, but Chhattisgarh’s bowlers kept the chase under control, with Jayant Yadav, Dev Aditya Singh and Sourabh Majumdar picking up two or more wickets.

Andhra registered a 29-run win over Kerala at the Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali. Seeram Venkata Rahul led the batting effort with 64 off 30 balls, while Shaik Rasheed scored 60 off 39. Contributions from Maramreddy Hemanth Reddy (32 off 16) and Ashwin Hebbar (37 off 15) powered Andhra to 225/7.

Kerala fought back through Abdul Basith’s 70 off 35 balls, supported by Govind Dev Pai (36) and Sanju Samson (26), but finished at 196/5. MD Nidheesh claimed three wickets for Kerala, while Andhra’s KV Sasikanth and K S Narasimha Raju took two apiece.

Bengal completed a seven-wicket victory over Jharkhand at the Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy in Mumbai. After restricting Jharkhand to 148/7, Bengal chased down the target in 18.4 overs, finishing at 149/3. Abhimanyu Easwaran remained unbeaten on 61 off 48 balls, while Abishek Porel contributed 49 off 34.

Jharkhand’s innings was built around Virat Singh’s unbeaten 45 and Shikhar Mohan’s 42, but Bengal’s bowlers ensured the total remained within reach. The defending champions, who started their campaign with a win, have now registered back-to-back losses.

