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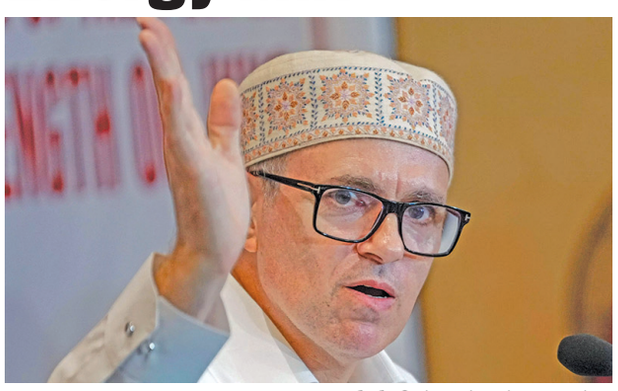
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Today inaugurated the new Multi-Utility Indoor Sports Arena at Sainik School Nagrota. This sports facility is an investment in cadet dreams and in India's future. Sports build character, teamwork, resilience and leadership. Urged every cadet to dream big and work hard with honesty.

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CM Omar Pushes To Diversify Renewable Energy Mix



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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday called for strengthening the implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), 2011, with a renewed focus on accountability, timely delivery of services and effective grievance redressal mechanisms.

Chairing a review meeting of the General Administration Department (GAD) to assess the implementation of the Act, the Chief Minister directed the departments to address the significant gap between applications disposed of beyond the prescribed timelines and the number of penalties imposed on officials responsible for delays.

He observed that while the Act provides for penalties against designated officers for unjustified delays and deficiencies in service delivery, the gap between cases delayed and penal action imposed needed to be addressed. He directed that the issue, along with the number of applications reverted by departments, be examined and corrective measures should be taken .

Emphasising the need to make the appeal mechanism more effective, the Chief Minister called for greater utilisation of the Auto Appeal System while ensuring that appeals are meaningfully examined at the First Appellate Authority level. He observed that several cases were being automatically escalated to the Second Appellate Authority without adequate processing at the first level, indicating that the concerned appellate authorities might not be aware of pending appeals.

He directed the • P-06

India's Future Is in Safe Hands, Lieutenant Governor calls on cadets to uphold legacy of service and sacrifice

New indoor sports arena at Sainik School Nagrota will nurture Olympic aspirants, future military leaders and nation-builders

Sports build leadership, resilience and team spirit essential for nation-building

Dream big, work hard and serve the nation

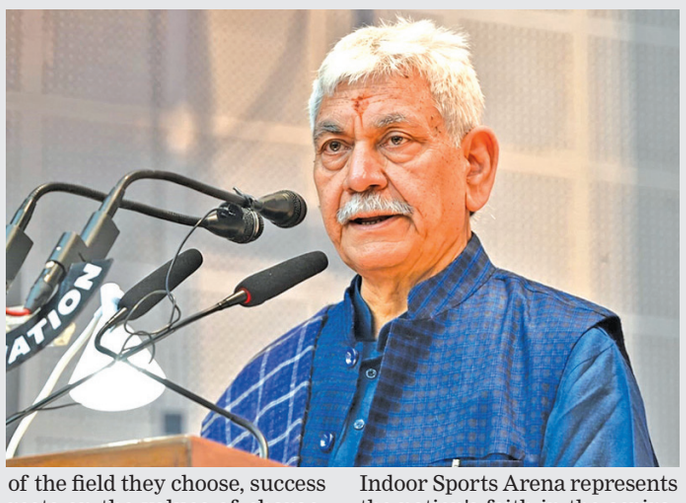
Team Spirit Essential For Nation-Building: LG Sinha

Inaugurates Multi-Utility Indoor Sports Arena At Sainik School Nagrota

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that sports cultivate leadership, resilience, and team spirit, qualities that are vital for nation-building, as he inaugurated a newly constructed Multi-Utility Indoor Sports Arena at Sainik School Nagrota.

Addressing cadets, faculty members, and distinguished guests at the ceremony, Sinha expressed strong confidence in the younger generation, asserting that India's future rests in safe hands. Addressing the cadets, faculty members, and distinguished guests on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence in the younger generation, stating that India's future is in safe hands.



The Lieutenant Governor said that the nation looks to its youth as future soldiers, civil servants, scientists, sportspersons, healthcare professionals, and nation-builders. He emphasized that irrespective of the field they choose, success rests on the values of character, discipline, hard work, and commitment to national service. He also paid tribute to the brave personnel of the Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice for the unity, sovereignty, and integrity of the nation.

Highlighting the significance of the new facility, the Lieutenant Governor said that the Indoor Sports Arena represents the nation's faith in the aspirations of youth. The arena will provide uninterrupted training opportunities throughout the year and enable cadets to pursue sporting excellence in disciplines such as badminton, basketball, and table tennis, regardless of weather conditions. He urged the school administration and coaching staff to ensure optimal utilization of the facility.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the ICICI Foundation for establishing the arena through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support. He observed that nation-building is a collective responsibility involving government, educational institutions, industry, society, and citizens. He said that similar partnerships would benefit educational institutions, especially in remote areas of Jammu Kashmir.

Recalling the vision behind the establishment of Sainik Schools, the Lieutenant Governor said that these institutions have played a vital role in nurturing leadership, discipline, national unity, and commitment to the Armed Forces. He urged cadets to uphold this legacy through their conduct, hard work, and achievements.

Emphasizing the role of sports in character building, the Lieutenant Governor noted that sports foster • P-06

Srinagar Records Coldest Night Of Season



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SRINAGAR: The cold wave tightened its grip over Kashmir as Srinagar recorded the coldest night of the season so far, with the mercury plunging to minus 1.9°C.

An official of MeT said that the summer capital recorded a further dip from minus 1.6°C yesterday, marking the second consecutive day of record-low night temperature this season.

Several parts of the Valley also witnessed fog and hazy conditions during the early morning hours, prompting commuters to drive cautiously amid reduced visibility.

Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.9 degrees Celsius, while the Meteorological Department forecast largely dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir over the next six days, offering little respite from the prevailing cold conditions.

According to data shared by the Meteorological Department and accessed by the news agency Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Srinagar's minimum temperature was 2.0 degrees below the • P-06

Additional Border Bunkers

J&K Sends Fresh Proposal To MHA



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RAJOURI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav said on Wednesday that a fresh proposal for constructing additional bunkers along the Line of Control has been submitted to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and is at an advanced stage of consideration.

He was speaking to residents during a Block Diwas-cum-public grievances redressal camp at vibrant village Bhawani in the Nowshera block of Rajouri district. Responding to local demands for more bunkers, Yadav said the new proposal had been sent to the Union Home Ministry and was being examined at an advanced stage.

Official figures show that 2,783 underground bunkers have been built along the LoC in Rajouri district for civilian safety. Of these, the Rural Development Department constructed 1,528, while the Public Works Department completed 1,255.

The demand for additional safety bunkers has become more significant • P-06

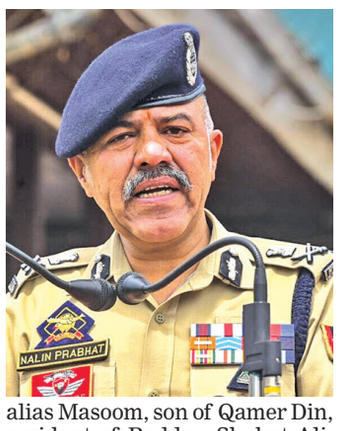
DGP Approves Attachment Of Land Belonging To Five Pak-Based Terrorists

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat has accorded prior approval for attachment of 28 kanals and 14.5 marlas of land belonging to five Pakistan-based terrorists from Reasi district, after an investigation revealed that they were attempting to sell the properties to generate funds for terrorist activities.

The order states that the approval has been granted under Section 25 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with FIR No. 70/2024 registered at Police Station Mahore.

According to the order, the five accused have been identified as Mohammad Qayoom alias Abdul Qayoom, son of Ghulam Mohammad, resident of Shadole (Tehsil Mahore); Bashir Ahmad alias Masoom, son of Qamer Din, resident of Badder; Shokat Ali, son of Roshan Din, resident of Hunder (Tehsil Arnas); Manzoor Ahmad alias Manzoor Hussain, son of Mohammad Din, resident of Khanti (Tehsil Thuroo); and Imtyaz Ahmad, son of Mohammad Maqbool, resident of Thuroo (Tehsil Thuroo).



The order states that the five accused had exfiltrated to Pakistan for arms and ammunition training and were involved in efforts to revive terrorist activities in the region from across the border.

The investigation revealed that the accused were attempting to sell their landed properties, with the proceeds intended to be used for furtherance of terrorist activities.

The properties identified for attachment comprise 2 kanals and 7.5 marlas belonging to Mohammad Qayoom in Shadole, 3 kanals and 8 marlas belonging to Bashir Ahmad in Badder, 3 kanals and 10 marlas belonging to Shokat Ali in Hunder, 15 kanals and 19 marlas belonging to Manzoor Ahmad in Khanti, and 3 kanals and 10 marlas belonging to Imtyaz Ahmad in Thuroo. • P-06

Sheshnag Lake Safe, No Soil Has Entered Waterbody: Altaf Kaloo



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Altaf Ahmad Wani said on Wednesday that Sheshnag Lake is completely safe, amid controversy over construction near the waterbody.

He said a team sent to the site found that the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) had not interfered with the lake or the existing track, and that work was being carried out 200–300 metres away from the lake.

"Not a single particle of soil has entered the lake," Wani said, adding that the lake remains safe according to the team's findings.

His remarks come as controversy grows over the proposed road project to Sheshnag Lake and concerns about its potential impact on the area's fragile environment.

Beyond The Schedule...

Power Cuts In Kashmir Exceed Revised Curtailment Plan

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: Even after announcing the revised curtailment schedule, the Power Development Department (PDD) 'enforces forced curtailment beyond the schedule' across rural and urban areas of Kashmir.

An official informed that over the past week, the department on average was supplying over 1600 MW, and nearly 1800 MW during peak hours.

"For the past week, we have been supplying nearly 1600-1650 MW power on average. However, the peak power demand surges to nearly 1850-1870 MW," the official said.

The official further said, "Roughly, the department is facing a power shortage of more than 200 MW and during that time the department is resorting to forced curtailment."

"We usually cut the power supply to nearly 2-3 power grids on an average during the limited power availability of power. Typically, the forced curtailment lasts for nearly 30-40 minutes," the official said.

It also said that the department is getting an additional 330 MW of power from the month of December till Feb- 2027.

As already reported, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are likely to witness a power deficiency of over 16 percent during the peak solar and non-solar hours in the month of December.

An official in this regard has said that the regions may face power deficiency of nearly 16.3 percent during the peak solar and non-solar hours. "Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is likely to face power paucity of 623 MWs against the available power position during the peak solar and non-solar hours in the month of December."

Stating the revised anticipated power supply position for December-2026 for both the Union Territories, the official said that there will likely be a peak availability of 3190 MW against the requirement of 3813 MW—keeping a loophole of 623 MW during the peak solar and non-solar hours.

Earlier, KNO carried

> **"FOR THE PAST week, we have been supplying nearly 1600-1650 MW power on average. However, the peak power demand surges to nearly 1850-1870 MW,"**

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

FDA Conducts 200 Inspections; 37 Food Samples Lifted



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JAMMU: The Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K, continued its enforcement activities, 200 inspections of Food Business Operators (FBOs) were conducted and 37 food samples were lifted for laboratory analysis to ascertain compliance with the prescribed standards under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the regulations framed thereunder.

As part of the enforcement action, 04 cases were recommended for proceedings under Section 56 of the Act which attracts fine up to one lakh rupees, while 02 Improvement Notices were issued to FBOs for rectification of identified deficiencies and ensuring compliance with • P-06

High-Level Security Review Meeting

Union Home Secy, IB Dir To Visit Jammu Today

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JAMMU: Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Intelligence Bureau (IB) Director Mahesh Dixit are scheduled to visit Jammu on Thursday to participate in a high-level security review meeting aimed at assessing the prevailing security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The high-level meeting is expected to be attended by chiefs of various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), along with senior officials from the security and intelligence agencies.

During the meeting, top security officials will undertake a comprehensive review of the prevailing security scenario across Jammu and Kashmir, with particular focus on emerging security challenges and measures required to further strengthen the security apparatus.



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The deliberations are expected to cover the overall security environment, coordination among different security agencies and future strategies to effectively tackle potential threats and maintain peace and stability in the Union Territory.

The participation of senior officials from the Union Home Ministry, Intelligence Bureau • P-06

DC Sgr, SSP review anti-narcotics measures at District NCORD meeting

Emphasise sustained enforcement, proactive inter-departmental coordination

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Committee at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to review ongoing anti-narcotics measures and and assess the progress of the District's efforts to combat drug abuse and trafficking.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Dr. G.V. Sundeep Chakravarthy was present in the meeting.

The meeting held detailed deliberations on strengthening the District's anti-narcotics strategy through stringent enforcement, effective surveillance of drug supply networks, regulatory measures, preventive interventions and improved rehabilitation facilities for drug victims. The Committee also reviewed the implementation of the Common Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with accused persons, action against illicit cannabis cultivation and measures to prevent the misuse of pharmaceutical drugs.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to maintain sustained momentum in the fight against the drug menace through proactive coordination and collective efforts of all concerned departments. He underscored the importance of safeguarding the younger generation from substance abuse and strengthening rehabilitation mechanisms to ensure proper care, treatment and reintegration of affected individuals into society.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon all Departments and enforcement agencies to work in close coordination, intensify preventive and enforcement measures and ensure a sustained, comprehensive and result-oriented approach to eradicate the drug menace from the District. He directed the Excise and other line Departments to take effective measures for eradication of cannabis across the District. He also reiterated the zero-tolerance policy towards Government employees found involved in NDPS cases.

The DC laid emphasis on cases involving commercial quantities of narcotic substances, which shall be monitored periodically by the concerned agencies, including Police, Transport, NCB and Prosecution. The investigating agencies were also directed to focus on establishing forward and backward linkages in all NDPS cases to identify the main suppliers, financiers and kingpins operating behind the drug trafficking networks.

The Drug Controller in coordination with District Police and NCB, was directed to ensure proper regulations and strict monitoring of pharmaceutical shops across the District.

The meeting also reviewed preparations for the effective implementation of the nationwide 100 Weeks Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan announced by the Prime Minister of India, with emphasis on awareness generation, community participation, preventive interventions and coordinated efforts towards building a drug-free society.

SSP Srinagar emphasised the need for sustained and coordinated surveillance of drug trafficking networks, effective investigation of NDPS cases and strict action against those involved in the illicit trade. He stressed strengthening intelligence-sharing among enforcement agencies, identifying vulnerable areas and drug distribution channels, and ensuring that investigations comprehensively establish forward and backward linkages to dismantle the entire supply chain.

During the meeting, the NCORD Committee was apprised of the sustained crackdown against narcotics in the district, which has resulted in the registration of 251 FIRs and the arrest of 359 alleged drug peddlers. The Committee was further informed that 21 movable and 110 immovable properties, collectively valued at over Rs 138 crore, linked to drug traffickers have been attached as part of the intensified enforcement action. In addition, 200 bank accounts have been frozen following financial investigations.

The Committee was also informed that the Transport Department has taken strict action against violations linked to narcotics-related activities, resulting in the suspension/cancellation of 108 driving licences. Further, the Registration Certificates (RCs) of 64 vehicles have been suspended as part of the enforcement measures aimed at curbing drug-related offences.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Aadil Fareed, RTO Kashmir Qazi Irfan, SP Headquarters Ghulam Mustafa, Joint Commissioner SMC Suhail ul Islam, PO ICDS Bureeda Majeed, SDM West Seerat Baji, IAS Probationer Aakash Garg, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, Chief Education Officer Ghulam Mohi Ud Din, ALC Adnan Tariq, Deputy Drug Controller Rema Gazalla, District Health Officer Dr. Rubeena, besides officers from Excise, ANTF, Horticulture, Agriculture and other stakeholder Departments.

DC Kupwara, SSP Chair Block, Thana Diwas at Vibrant Village Trehgam

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KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Abhishek Sharma, accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kupwara, Sudhanshu Dhama, Wednesday chaired a Joint Block and Thana Diwas at Vibrant Village Trehgam to strengthen public outreach and ensure prompt redressal of public grievances at the grassroots level.

During the interactive programme, public delegations and local residents projected various demands and developmental issues concerning Health, Public Health Engineering (PHE), Power Development Department (PDD), Rural Development Department (RDD) and road connectivity. The delegations also highlighted drinking water shortages affecting certain pockets of the area.

Taking serious note of the issues raised, the Deputy Commissioner sought on-the-spot explanations from the concerned sectoral officers and issued directions for their timely resolution. Expressing concern over healthcare service delivery, the DC sought an Action Taken Report (ATR) on the functioning of Primary Health Centre (PHC) Trehgam from the concerned Block Medical Officer (BMO), directing him to submit a detailed report to his office at the earliest.

Similarly, the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) was directed to ensure regular inspections of all Anganwadi Centres across the block and submit the inspection schedule along with daily monitoring reports to the DC office.

Reviewing road infrastructure, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineer, R&B, to conduct detailed field inspections and submit a factual report on the quality of works executed in the area, particularly wherever concerns regarding substandard execution have been raised.

The DC also issued directions to the concerned officers of PHE, RDD, PDD and PMGSY to expedite ongoing works and ensure comprehensive winter preparedness. They were asked to maintain adequate buffer stocks of essential materials and equipment to ensure uninterrupted public services and prevent inconvenience to residents during the winter months.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner reiterated that the District Administration is committed to responsive, transparent and accountable governance in line with the directions of the Lieutenant Governor. He assured the residents that the administration would also reach out to other uncovered and far-flung areas of the block, reiterating its focus on the holistic development of Vibrant Villages.

SSP Kupwara also interacted with the delegations and assured full cooperation of the Police Department in maintaining peace and public order across the area.

DC Anantnag reviews Traffic Management

Emphasises smooth, hassle-free Traffic Movement



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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Wednesday chaired a meeting to review traffic management across the district and assess measures being undertaken to ensure smooth and hassle-free movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the ARTO, Traffic Police and other concerned departments to work in close coordination and adopt a comprehensive approach towards streamlining traffic management across the district. He stressed the need to ensure smooth traffic flow and minimise inconvenience to commuters and the general public.

Emphasising the need for sustainable and long-term solutions to recurring traffic congestion, particularly in the interior areas of Anantnag town, the DC directed the concerned officers to identify major traffic bottlenecks and take effective measures to address them.

He stressed that temporary interventions would not suffice and called for a well-planned strategy to ensure lasting improvements in traffic regulation.

The Deputy Commissioner also laid special emphasis on effective traffic management along the route leading to Government Medical College (GMC), Anantnag.

He directed the Traffic Police and Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) to ensure uninterrupted vehicular movement along the route and prevent unnecessary congestion, keeping in view the importance of facilitating access to essential healthcare services. He laid stress on traffic decongestion and ensuring smooth traffic flow in Anantnag and Bijbehara towns.

He further instructed the concerned departments to ensure strict enforcement of traffic regulations and take appropriate action, including imposition of penalties against violators, to ensure adherence to prescribed traffic norms.

The DC emphasizes the importance of coordinated efforts among all stakeholders, stating that efficient traffic management is essential for public convenience, road safety and the uninterrupted functioning of essential services.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, SDM Bijbehara, ARTO, DySP Traffic, representatives of Police and other concerned officers.

DC Shopian conducts surprise inspection of Govt Offices

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SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Charandeep Singh, Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection of various government offices functioning at the Mini Secretariat, Shopian, to assess their functioning and ensure punctuality, accountability and strict adherence to prescribed office timings.

The Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by ADC Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz, inspected different departments and sections of the Mini Secretariat, reviewed their functioning and thoroughly checked attendance registers to verify the presence of officials and employees during duty hours.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner took serious note of employees found absent and those reporting late. He expressed strong displeasure over instances of unauthorised absence and habitual late-coming, making it clear that such conduct would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Issuing strict directions, the Deputy Commissioner instructed ADC Shopian to initiate stringent action, as per applicable rules, against all employees found absent without valid justification and those habitually arriving late.

He further directed that attendance records be scrutinised carefully and that any violation of prescribed duty hours be dealt with firmly, without leniency.

DE&CC Kulgam organises Job Fair under Mission YUVA

Over 700 job seekers participate; 300 vacancies notified by 20 Employers

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KULGAM: District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC), Kulgam, under Mission YUVA, Wednesday organised a Job Fair at Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kulgam, to facilitate employment opportunities, career guidance and entrepreneurship support for the youth.

Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while ADDC Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad Khan, attended as Guest of Honour.

The Job Fair witnessed participation of over 700 job seekers and around 20 employers from different sectors, who notified more than 300 vacancies. Over 300 candidates also registered online for the event, providing them an opportunity to interact directly with prospective employers and explore suitable employment avenues.

As a major highlight, three offer letters were distributed to selected candidates on the spot. Besides, 13 sanction letters under Mission YUVA were distributed to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship among the youth.

The event also featured active participation of student exhibitors, NRLM members, SHG participants and aspiring entrepreneurs. Various stalls and facilitation counters were established to showcase products and skills and provide information regarding employment, skill development, career counselling and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The Job Fair provided an important platform for strengthening employment linkages between job seekers and employers while promoting career guidance, skill development and entrepreneurship under Mission YUVA.

DC B'pora chairs Block Diwas at Nowgam

Reviews Public Issues, Developmental Needs

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, Wednesday chaired a Block Diwas programme at Government Higher Secondary School Nowgam, Sumbal, where she listened to public grievances and concerns.

During the interaction, people raised issues related to road widening and macadamisation, banking facilities, education, healthcare, sports infrastructure, employment and other basic amenities.

The DC directed the concerned departments to look into the issues, including the widening of Nowgam Junction-Milstop road, and reviewed the status of other road projects. She assured that pending IDDS applications under the Animal Husbandry Department would be taken up for early disposal.

On healthcare, the DC directed the Health department to intensify screening for Hepatitis B, ensure the availability of medicines and directed PHE department to take steps to improve water quality. She also discussed staff shortages in educational institutions, demand for an ITI and sports facilities in the area. Officers were asked to guide interested youth towards available skill development opportunities.

Reviewing various government initiatives, the DC directed ACD Bandipora to organise awareness camps under VB-G RAM G to encourage greater participation. She also reviewed solid waste management arrangements, under which around 44,000 households have been covered in the district, and urged people to cooperate in waste segregation and pay the prescribed user fee.

On the occasion, Property cards were also distributed among beneficiaries, while farmers were urged to complete their Farmer ID registration to avail maximum benefits under different government schemes.

The DC stressed that public cooperation is important for the successful implementation of development works. She urged people to protect government property and cooperate with departments in creating lasting public infrastructure.

DDC Kulgam reviews status of aspirational upcoming Dev Projects

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KULGAM: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, Wednesday chaired a review meeting at the Mini Secretariat, Kulgam, to assess the status of various aspirational upcoming developmental projects proposed in Kulgam.

During the meeting, a detailed review was held of the proposed projects, covering the status of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), land requirements and land transfer, cost estimation and other related issues. The DC took stock of the preparation of DPRs, land identification and transfer process, administrative formalities and commencement of work of projects.

These projects include New Fruit Mandi, Khel Bhawan, GDC Kulgam Campus, Nursing College, Press Club, Centre of Excellence, G&B Hostels for Boys and Girls, Health Centre, Writers Residency and Sanskriti Bhawan, Rural Self Emplyment Training Institute and other vital projects.

The concerned departments were directed to furnish updated information on all projects and ensure close coordination for resolving pending issues, particularly those related to land transfer and preparation of DPRs, so that developmental works are taken forward in a time-bound manner.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad Khan; CPO Kulgam, Malik Suhail; SE PWD Circle Kulgam,Tehsildar Kulgam, Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B), PDD and Jal Shakti, CHO, DSWO, DYSSO, CEO MC, and other concerned officers.

CIPMC Sgr holds "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" programme in Kupwara

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KUPWARA: The Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (CIPMC), Srinagar, in collaboration with the State Agriculture Department, Kupwara, organised a "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" at Panchayat Ghar, Tarich, Natnussa, Kupwara, Wednesday.

During the programme, Dr. Haroon Rashid Hakla, APPO (PP), sensitised farmers about the "National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS) and various Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices" for the effective identification and management of crop pests and diseases. He emphasised the importance of using pesticides strictly as per the recommendations of the CIB&RC and highlighted essential safety precautions to be followed during pesticide application to prevent adverse health effects. He also elaborated on the use of neem oil and other natural oils for crop protection and demonstrated the installation and use of Yellow Sticky Traps and Delta Traps for pest monitoring and management.

Manzoor Ahmad Ganaie, SMS (SDL) and Nodal Officer, NPSS, delivered an informative lecture on "Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticides." He stressed the importance of responsible pesticide use and encouraged farmers and field functionaries to make effective and regular use of the NPSS Mobile Application for timely pest surveillance and reporting.

Abir Shankhari, APPO (WS), highlighted the importance of biopesticides in sustainable crop protection and emphasised the conservation of beneficial insects and natural enemies in agricultural ecosystems.

Dir Agri Kashmir reviews progress of Borewell Works

Stresses need for expediting execution of approved works

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SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, Wednesday chaired a virtual meeting with Director Command Area Kashmir, all Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs) and Assistant Soil Conservation Officers (ASCOs) to review the progress and implementation of borewell works being executed under various schemes across Kashmir Division.

During the meeting, the Director held detailed discussions on the physical and financial progress of borewell projects and took stock of the status of ongoing works, besides reviewing issues and challenges, if any, affecting their timely execution.

Emphasising the importance of strengthening irrigation infrastructure and ensuring adequate water availability for the farming community, the Director stressed the need for expediting the execution of approved borewell works while maintaining the prescribed quality standards.

He directed the concerned officers to closely monitor the progress of works at the field level, ensure effective coordination among the implementing agencies and take necessary measures for the timely completion of all ongoing projects.

The Director reiterated that all officers must ensure proper implementation of the approved interventions so that the intended benefits reach farmers and contribute towards strengthening the agricultural sector across Kashmir Division.

CM reviews functioning of Science & Technology Deptt

Gives directions for timely completion of projects taken up by S&T deptt

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Wednesday called for Jammu and Kashmir's transition towards clean energy, ensure time-bound completion of key projects and to optimise the utilisation of renewable energy infrastructure to deliver tangible benefits to the people.

Chairing a review meeting of the department at the Civil Secretariat here, the Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Science and Technology, took stock of the progress of major initiatives, institutional activities and ongoing projects, while emphasising the need to remove implementation bottlenecks and strengthen research, innovation and scientific outreach.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Shailendra Kumar, Administrative Secretary Science & Technology Babila Rakwal and other senior officers.

At the outset, Administrative Secretary Babila Rakwal gave a detailed presentation on the mandate, achievements, ongoing projects and future roadmap of the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC) and the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA).

Reviewing progress under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, the Chief Minister was informed that 9,025 government buildings had been solarised under the CAPEX mode, with a cumulative capacity of 96.10 MW. He directed the department to expedite the solarisation of remaining government buildings and resolve inter-departmental issues relating to unified billing, adoption of Virtual Net Metering (VNM) benefits by DISCOMs and conversion of single-phase connections into three-phase connections for solar plants of 10 kW and above.

Underscoring the importance of diversifying the renewable energy mix, Omar Abdullah called for exploring viable wind energy opportunities alongside an accelerated expansion of solar power. He reviewed the department's 2030 vision, which envisages 500 MW of Solar PV capacity, 100 MW of Small Hydro capacity and 5 MW across wind, hydrogen, biomass and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

He also directed the exploration of solar energy potential in water bodies under the PM Surya Sarovar Yojana and called for expeditious implementation of the Model Solar Village initiative across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister stressed strict adherence to project timelines and directed the department to expedite the completion of the Industrial Biotechnology Park at Handwara, Sub-Regional Science Centre and Science Innovation Dissemination Centre at Rajbagh, Srinagar, and the 240 kW Solar Agro-Photovoltaic pressure irrigation project at Patyari Cluster in Samba.

He also reviewed the progress of 62 Small Hydro Power projects, with a cumulative capacity of 135.15 MW, currently in the development pipeline. He called for coordinated efforts to secure the requisite forest clearances and NOCs in a time-bound manner to prevent delays in execution.

Reviewing the Industrial Biotechnology Parks at Ghatti, Kathua, and Handwara, along with the proposed Centre of Innovation and Excellence, the Chief Minister emphasised their timely operationalisation and effective utilisation to promote research, innovation, entrepreneurship and employment generation. He stressed that the completed biotechnology park at Ghatti should be put to optimum commercial and research use.

He also called for full operationalisation of the Sub-Regional Science Centre at Srinagar, by attracting visitors through interactive scientific exhibitions. Emphasising the need to foster scientific temper among young people, he directed the department to strengthen science outreach initiatives and develop facilities such as planetariums to make scientific learning more engaging and accessible.

Reviewing the proposed Bio-Farms for medicinal and aromatic plants, the Chief Minister stressed the need to ensure their commercial viability and establish stronger market linkages to generate sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The presentation highlighted substantial progress under PM-KUSUM, with JAKEDA having installed 4,891 solar agricultural pumps against an allocated target of 5,000, achieving 97.8 per cent of the target. A 30 kW solar-powered electric vehicle charging station has also been commissioned at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora.

The meeting was informed that the Jammu and Kashmir Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) Policy 2026 had been notified to promote circular energy initiatives under the GOBARdhan programme.

'Bhai Band' Brings a Melodious Tale of Brotherhood, Tradition to IFFI 2026

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GOA: Bhai Band, a Gujarati film directed by Manish Saini, featured in the Gala Premier section of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026 in Goa Wednesday. The film follows two brothers who run a traditional wedding band in their village. Their lives take an unexpected turn when a disagreement drives them apart. When one brother returns weeks later with a DJ system and massive speakers, armed with nothing more than a playlist on his phone, the traditional band faces an unexpected challenge. What follows is a story that examines the impact of technological advancement on traditional occupations and the relationships that hold families together.

Addressing a press conference organised by PIB Wednesday, Director Manish Saini emphasised that although rooted in the Gujarati language and cultural setting, the film's underlying message and plot are universal and relatable to audiences across India. He also highlighted the importance of popularising artistic expressions and stories rooted in regional cinema, enabling them to reach wider audiences.

Saini said that he was particularly fond of the film's title, as it can be interpreted both as a reference to the camaraderie between two brothers and as a reference to a wedding band.

Actor Prit Kamani described Bhai Band as a unique film, filled with colours and enthusiasm. Marking his first Gujarati film, he spoke about his experience of working with Director Manish Saini and appreciated the ease and creative freedom he experienced during the filmmaking process. The actor also shared an amusing anecdote from the casting process, recalling how he had himself requested the director to conduct a screen test before finalising him for the role.

Actor Chirag Katrecha spoke about the process of understanding and internalising his character to bring authenticity to the performance. He also highlighted the challenges involved in portraying a singer, describing it as a demanding yet engaging experience.

Sharing insights into her character, actress Shraddha Dangar described her character as a lovely and cheerful personality. Reflecting on her experience, she spoke warmly about the collaboration and the enjoyable time spent working with the entire team.

Through humour, music and an engaging narrative, Bhai Band brings to the screen a story that goes beyond the changing sound of wedding celebrations. It raises questions about the intersection of technology, traditional livelihoods and human relationships, while celebrating the cultural vibrancy of regional storytelling.

The press interaction was moderated by Shri Kiran Murali.

JKBOSE Organises UT-Level Role Play, Folk Song Competition under NPEP

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), under the National Population and Adolescence Education Programme (NPEP), successfully organised the Union Territory Level Role Play and Folk Song/ Dance Competition for the Kashmir Division at the JKBOSE Auditorium, Bemina, Srinagar.

The event witnessed the participation of students from all ten districts of the Kashmir Division, who enthusiastically presented their performances through role play, folk songs and folk dances. The programme provided a meaningful platform for students to demonstrate their creativity, confidence, communication skills and awareness of important adolescent education themes, while also highlighting the rich cultural diversity and artistic traditions of the region.

The programme was conducted under the overall supervision and guidance of Mr. Gh. Hassan Sheikh (JKAS), Chairman-cum-Secretary, JKBOSE, whose leadership continues to strengthen the Board's academic and co-curricular initiatives. The event was further guided by Dr. Parveen Singh, Director Academic, JKBOSE; Dr. Arif Jan, Deputy Director Academic, JKBOSE; Dr. Yasir Sirwal Deputy Director, JKBOSE and Dr. Aliya Qayoom, Coordinator of the programme, whose coordinated efforts contributed significantly to the successful organisation of the competition.

Officers of JKBOSE, escort teachers and accompanying officials representing all ten districts of the Kashmir Division attended the programme. Their active participation, coordination and cooperation ensured the smooth conduct of the event and provided valuable support to the participating students.

The competition was conducted in a spirit of healthy participation, cultural appreciation and educational engagement. The performances reflected the dedication and preparation of the students and their teachers, while reinforcing the importance of adolescent education, social awareness, responsible behaviour and the holistic development of learners.

The Board further informed that the final results of the UT-level competition shall be finalised only after the completion of the second leg of the programme, involving the ten districts of the Jammu Division. The Jammu Division competition is scheduled to be held on December 8, 2026, at Jammu. The performances from both divisions will accordingly be considered before finalisation and declaration of the results.

JKBOSE placed on record its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the respected jury members for their valuable presence, expert evaluation, impartial assessment and professional contribution towards the successful conduct of the competition. Their role in assessing the performances and encouraging young participants was highly appreciated.

The Board also acknowl-

CS attends block diwas to hear public grievances at Vibrant Village Bhawani

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RAJOURI: Chief Secretary, Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, chaired a Block Diwas-cum-Public Grievances Redressal Camp at Vibrant Village Bhawani in Block Nowshera, Rajouri, providing a direct platform to local residents and public representatives to highlight their concerns and seek timely resolution of developmental and public welfare issues.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Dr. Devansh Yadav; DIG, Rajouri-Poonch Range, Sandeep Wazir; SSP Naresh Singh; ADDC, Malik Zada Sheraz Ul Haq; ; ADC Rajouri Ravi Sihag; ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa; district and sectoral officers besides a large number of local residents and public representatives attended the programme.

The programme witnessed participation of a large number of people who apprised the Chief Secretary of various demands concerning infrastructure development, religious and border tourism, education, healthcare, sports facilities, agriculture, connectivity and livelihood opportunities in the border areas.

ernment schemes, departmental initiatives and public welfare interventions.

During the interaction, the public representatives and local residents raised several issues, including granting shrine status to Maa Mangla Mata Temple, organising a Border Tourism Mela, promoting agriculture-linked ecotourism, double-laning of the Nowshera-Jhangar road, construction of additional border bunkers, addressing staff shortages in educational institutions, construction of a sports stadium at Kalsian, establishment of a dispensary and ambulance facility at Bhawani, fixation of rates for maize and wheat seeds and provision of storage facilities for agricultural produce besides other demands related to the development of villages and towns of this region.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary extended greetings to improved infrastructure, enhanced connectivity, livelihood generation and better access to essential public services.

He observed that Block Diwas, an initiative introduced by the Lieutenant Governor in Jammu and Kashmir, has emerged as an effective mechanism of taking governance to people's doorsteps, enabling direct interaction with citizens and ensuring that their grievances receive focused attention and timely redressal.

The Chief Secretary assured the gathering that all the demands and issues raised during the Block Diwas at Vibrant Village Bhawani had been noted and would be looked into earnestly by the administration. He appreciated the District Administration Rajouri for its public-centric initiatives and sustained efforts towards development and effective implementation of government schemes.

Air raid, blackout mock drills across Kashmir districts today

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: District administrations in Bandipora, Anantnag and Shopian will conduct civil defence air raid and blackout mock drills on Thursday as part of emergency preparedness exercises across Jammu and Kashmir.

According to details available, in Bandipora, the second civil defence air raid mock drill will be held at NM Boys Higher Secondary School at 11:30 am under the supervision of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). Police, Health, Fire and Emergency Services, SDRF and school authorities have been directed to coordinate the exercise.

In Anantnag, an air raid mock drill will be conducted at 2 pm, followed by a blackout exercise from 6:30 pm to 6:40 pm. Residents have been advised to switch off all lights and cover windows during the blackout period. Authorities said emergency and essential services will remain functional.

In Shopian, a civil defence mock drill will be held at Government Degree College Shopian. The exercise will begin with an air raid simulation at 1 pm, followed by a blackout drill from 6 pm to 6:30 pm.

Officials said the exercise will simulate air raid warnings, evacuation, search and rescue operations, and emergency response measures in line with prescribed protocols.

The administrations have urged residents to cooperate and avoid panic, stressing that the drills are routine exercises aimed at strengthening emergency preparedness and assessing the response capabilities of various agencies—(KNO)

Grand cultural event marks culmination of World Heritage Week 2026

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JAMMU: To mark the culmination of World Heritage Week 2026, the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K, in collaboration with the Department of Floriculture, Jammu, organised a grand cultural event celebrating the rich cultural heritage and vibrant traditions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from artists, students, cultural institutions and heritage enthusiasts. A series of captivating cultural performances showcased the region's rich folk traditions and artistic diversity. Karak was presented by SNS School, while Bhakh and Geetru, along with other traditional cultural performances by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University including Dogri Jagrana and Kud, enthralled the audience and created an atmosphere of cultural vibrancy and celebration.

On the occasion, the Department felicitated Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri, Sh. N.D. Jamwal and Sh. Romalo Ram in recognition of their distinguished services and invaluable contributions towards the preservation, promotion and popularisation of Dogra heritage and culture.

Addressing the gathering, Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri spoke about the richness, uniqueness and historical significance of Dogra Virasat. He emphasised the need to preserve the Dogri language, folk traditions, customs and cultural identity for future generations. He also highlighted the importance of passing on this invaluable cultural legacy to the younger generation.

Furthermore, S.M. Sahni, Convener, INTACH Jammu Chapter, felicitated students from various schools in recognition of their participation and contribution to the heritage-related activities, encouraging them to remain connected with their rich cultural roots and traditions.

The programme was organised with the active support and collaboration of various partner institutions, including INTACH Jammu Chapter, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, University of Jammu, Central University, Cluster University of Jammu, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and MAM College.

MLA B'la calls for collective efforts to ensure effective SWM

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BARAMULLA: Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Baramulla, Javed Hassan Baig, Wednesday attended a Capacity Building Session on Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, organised by the Municipal Council Baramulla at the auditorium of St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Baramulla.

The session was presented by Swaaha Resource Management Pvt. Ltd., with support from St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Javed Hassan Baig emphasised that maintaining cleanliness and protecting the environment is a collective responsibility. He urged the general public to refrain from polluting water bodies, particularly the River Jhelum, and appealed to people not to dump garbage into rivers and other water resources.

Executive Officer, Municipal Council Baramulla, civil Society members, officials and students were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the MLA briefed about the initiatives being undertaken to address sewage management issues in the area. He informed that a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) worth ₹40 crore has been approved, with the tendering process expected to begin shortly. He further informed that another treatment plant costing ₹4 crore, along with a separate treatment facility for Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla at an estimated cost of ₹16 crore, is also planned.

He expressed hope that these projects would be completed over the next five to six years, helping address sewage management challenges and protect local water bodies.

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Making Audiences Laugh Is Serious Creative Exercise: Anil Ravipudi

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GOA: "Making audiences laugh is a demanding creative exercise", said National Film Award-winning filmmaker Anil Ravipudi at a press conference on his film Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu during the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. The 164-minute Telugu-language feature is among the five films selected for the Mainstream Cinema section of Indian Panorama at IFFI 2026. The director was joined by producers Shri Sahu Garapati and Ms. K. Sushmita and actor Catherine Tresa.

"Comedy is always a serious business," remarked Ravipudi, explaining the challenges of writing humour while balancing family emotions and the expectations associated with a superstar like Chiranjeevi. He observed that it is difficult to predict which jokes will resonate with audiences. Crediting his writing team for its support, the director said his endeavour has been to craft stories that appeal to audiences across age groups.

Written and directed by Ravipudi, Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu follows a national security officer whose devotion to his profession leaves him estranged from his wife and children. Six years later, he seeks to reconnect with them by taking up a position at their school. Blending humour and action with family emotions, the film explores the tension between professional duty and personal relationships, and the possibility of reconciliation.

Reflecting on his experience of directing Chiranjeevi, Ravipudi recalled growing up watching the veteran actor's films. His familiarity with the actor's diverse roles over the years helped him develop a simple family narrative that showcased Chiranjeevi's distinctive strengths.

Speaking about his association with the films being released around Sankranti, the director said the festive season naturally lends itself to family entertainers, as families come together and visit theatres. He observed that cinema offers audiences much-needed relief from the stresses of everyday life, adding that the joy of bringing smiles to their faces was a major motivation for him to continue making such films.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Let Children Stay Home

Winter is no longer knocking at the door; it has firmly settled in Kashmir. With temperatures dipping sharply and sub-zero conditions becoming increasingly common, the demand for an early announcement of winter vacation for young schoolchildren is both reasonable and urgent.

For adults, braving the morning chill may be part of the daily routine, but for toddlers and pre-primary students, it is an entirely different challenge. Making little children leave the warmth of their homes early in the morning, travel through freezing conditions and sit in cold classrooms is hardly a sensible approach when the weather itself is becoming increasingly hostile.

The Education Department must understand that the needs of nursery and pre-primary children cannot be viewed through the same lens as those of older students. At this tender age, children are particularly vulnerable to extreme cold, and their health must take precedence over routine academic schedules.

Education Minister Shameema Firdous should take an early call on the matter rather than wait for temperatures to fall further or for parents to intensify their appeals. There is little merit in keeping the youngest students tied to classroom schedules at the cost of their comfort and well-being.

Winter vacation is not a concession or an unnecessary interruption to education. It is a practical measure dictated by Kashmir's harsh climatic conditions. Academic schedules can always be adjusted, lessons can be completed and lost classroom time can be compensated. But the health of young children should never be put at risk for the sake of maintaining a calendar.

The government must act with sensitivity and foresight. When the weather turns severe, administrative decisions must respond to ground realities. For the youngest schoolchildren, the time to announce winter vacation is now.

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The Decade India Turned The Tide On Poverty



NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



A year ago, during my visit to Kiphire, an aspirational district in the remote hills of Nagaland, I interacted with tribal women from local self-help groups. Among them was Esther, a Lakhpati Didi, who proudly spoke of her millet-based products reaching customers online, far beyond Nagaland.

What stayed with me was their confidence in a better future. I encouraged them to dream bigger and become Crorepati Didis. Their stories reflected a transformation reaching India's remotest corners, where geographical and economic challenges have long constrained opportunities, yet aspirations for a better tomorrow are growing.

When the World Bank released its Poverty & Equity Brief on India last month, my interaction in Kiphire came back to me. The report showed that nearly 50 crore Indians had moved out of poverty between 2011 and 2023, while extreme poverty has been almost eradicated. These figures captured the transformation I had witnessed firsthand.

It was not always so. For over six decades after Independence, eradicating mass poverty remained an unfulfilled promise. Even in the early 2010s, India was portrayed abroad as a home of enduring destitution, lagging in sanitation, nutrition, clean cooking fuel and banking. The prevailing prescription was simply to put money into the hands of the poor, and poverty would take care of itself.

The last decade has overturned that belief. Under PM Narendra Modi's leadership, India has witnessed a fundamental shift from temporary relief to removing the barriers that perpetuate poverty. Guided by Antyodaya, the welfare of the last person in the line, our Government chose the harder path of addressing deprivations, household by household, ensuring development reached those who needed it most.

Targeted, Focused and Tailored

Garibi is not merely a shortage of income or wages. A household without a secure roof, safe water, sanitation or healthcare remains vulnerable even when its income rises. One illness can wipe out savings and push a family back into poverty. Our Government, therefore, made every intervention targeted at those who needed it, focused on measurable outcomes and tailored to the deprivation it was meant to remove.

There was no magic wand. Each scheme required careful identification of beneficiaries, effective delivery and follow-up until the last household was reached. PM Modi has personally and painstakingly monitored implementation, intervened at critical junctures to resolve bottlenecks, ensured follow-ups and encouraged the use of technology to track delivery. This sustained attention has helped translate policy into tangible improvements in people's lives.

Health and Dignity Begin at Home

A family cannot climb out of poverty while illness and the daily burden of fetching water keep pulling it back. Under Swachh Bharat, access to household toilets has improved sanitation and helped avert an estimated 60,000-70,000 infantdeaths a year. Jal Jeevan Mission has expanded rural tap-water connections from about 3 crore households in 2019 to nearly 16 crore, sparing women and girls the long walk for water and reducing exposure to waterborne diseases.

Ujjwala Yojana has enabled cleaner, smokeless kitchens, while PM Awas Yojana has provided the security and dignity of pucca homes. Ayushman Bharat, offering cashless hospital care, has strengthened financial protection against medical expenses. Together, they act as insurance against the shocks that once pushed families back into poverty, while lowering household expenditure and freeing time for work.

From a Bank Account to an Enterprise

Protection keeps families from slipping back into poverty; to rise further, they need opportunities to earn. For crores of people, that journey began with a bank account. Once, it was accepted that only fifteen paise of every rupee sent from the exchequer reached the intended citizen. Direct Benefit Transfer has changed that. Over 59 crore Jan Dhan accounts enable benefits to reach recipients directly, without middlemen. Technology has made this possible at an unprecedented scale.

A bank account also provides a safe place for savings and helps establish a financial record, opening doors to formal credit. For those without property, access to the first loan can be life-changing.

Two months ago, during an interaction with MUDRA beneficiaries, I met Sushmita Gharai from West Bengal. She lost her father during the pandemic, and her family's printing business subsequently collapsed. With no land or gold as security, a collateral-free MUDRA loan helped her restart the press. Today, she employs 8 people, twice her initial workforce, and plans to expand into digital printing.

What stayed with me was her determination to rebuild and grow. Her story reflects the aspirations of countless young Indians whose ambition exceeds their financial means. Under MUDRA, 60 crore loan accounts have been sanctioned, about two-thirds to women, while PM SVANidhi and PM Vishwakarma support street vendors and traditional artisans.

Women have led this transformation. Ten crore rural women participate in SHGs that, through the DAY-NRLM and other programmes, have become platforms for savings, skills, credit and entrepreneurship. Over 3.7 crore women have become Lakhpati Didis, with some going further to become Crorepati Didis. Others, trained as Namo Drone Didis, now provide drone-spraying services to farmers. Women once excluded from economic opportunity are building enterprises and livelihoods of their own.

The Sankalp for Viksit Bharat

For generations, poverty was treated as something India could manage but never end. What appeared unimaginable a decade ago has now been achieved through years of steady work on the ground.

Yet this is no time to rest; the road to Viksit Bharat by 2047 brings its own challenges. The next phase builds on this progress to lift the few people still at the bottom of the ladder out of poverty, while ensuring those who have already risen keep advancing and never slip back. The protection offered via various measures must now be complemented by even wider access to finance, markets and the digital economy.

Government is building closer links between academia and industry through employment-linked incentives, internships and apprenticeships, while investment in infrastructure is connecting the country as never before. Opportunity cannot remain the preserve of a few.

The Prime Minister has said that Viksit Bharat, like freedom, is a commitment that every Indian must live. Having achieved in ten years what remained unfulfilled for six decades, India can face the next twenty with confidence. With the resolve of 140 crore Indians, Viksit Bharat by 2047 is within our reach, and we together will get there. Courtesy: PIB

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Believe Her Until Justice Is Done

Ending Gender-Based Violence Requires Awareness, Justice, And Collective Responsibility

SHOIAB MOHMMAD BHAT



The 25th of November is celebrated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women every year. It is the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, which will run until 10 December, Human Rights Day. "The Future She Deserves: Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity." is the theme of the 2026 campaign. This is a gentle reminder that we must do more than be conscious of ending violence. It calls for justice, protection, accountability, and a community effort to make sure no survivor is left behind.

If a woman speaks about violence, she is always asked about her delayed response. When she does speak, she might be doubted for her memory, personality, and motives. If she doesn't show any bruises, some don't believe her. If the accused is influential or rich, or if she is powerful, her voice may not reach the institutions that are supposed to come to her aid.

The process of speaking up is a challenging one for many survivors, and they face the very real threat of fear, stigma, social pressure, and potential retaliation. Violence may have happened even if there are no visible injuries. This does not imply that an incident did not occur because there were no witnesses present. A survivor's right to justice will not be extinguished by the passage of time. As a result of the message of the 16 Days of Activism, speaking out, believing survivors, and demanding justice are important.

What it really means by the numbers

Domestic violence is one of the most prevalent human rights abuses in the world. A 2025 report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and its partners under the United Nations (UN) estimate that an estimated 840 million women worldwide experienced some form of violence by an intimate partner or sexual violence at some point in their lives.

The report further projects that only in the past year, 316 million women suffered physical or sexual violence at the hands of an intimate partner. These are just some of the statistics showing the crisis facing women's health, dignity, education, relationships and opportunities. These estimates are not comprehensive of all violence experiences. Many survivors do not report abuse as a result of fear, stigma, social pressure, and as such, the true prevalence may be greater than current statistics indicate.

Every statistic is a person who has been touched by it. Other survivors await justice, others struggle to rebuild their lives. Violence cannot be a single occurrence or an isolated incident or a private family affair. This is a matter of serious social and human rights that requires action by families, communities, institutions, and governments.

Why survivors don't talk about it

Women who speak about abuse in many cultures are supposed to show that they have suffered enough to be considered for sympathy. Her clothes, actions, relationships, and decisions can be looked at more closely than the accused person's actions that harmed her. A woman may be silent due to financial dependency on the person causing her pain. She might be worried about losing her children, home, or family support. A girl might not want to report abuse by someone she knows and trusts. Others might be afraid that what could have been their own personal issues will be talked about in public. These fears cannot be brushed aside but must be understood.

Listen when a survivor speaks, without judgment; consider safety; explain support; discuss legal options. A survivor's belief does not mean and does not entail that a fair investigation or the rule of law is abandoned. It implies that their accounts are taken seriously and complaints dealt with in a dignified, confidential and caring manner. Going to court for justice must not be a cause for more embarrassment. The need for accountability is heightened when money and power are used to block justice, and the accused is wealthy, influential or has a strong public face.

A survivor might be afraid her complaint will be disregarded, that she will be pressured to drop her complaints, or that her relatives will be threatened. A woman might not be able to go to the police because of a fear of retaliation. The law should be applied equally among people of all social statuses. No one should be able to suppress a complainant, derail an investigation or shirk responsibility due to their wealth, influence or connections.

Meanwhile, each allegation should be investigated in an equitable and legal manner. Every survivor has to be protected, and the investigation has to be kept intact. The protection of the survivor is paramount, and the integrity of the investigation must be maintained. Police, courts, and other institutions must react swiftly, conduct independent investigations, and provide legal assistance, counselling, medical care, and safe shelter, if needed, to survivors. When a loved one survives, there is no reason why they can't be allowed to pursue justice while keeping themselves safe.

The first place of sensitisation should be the home

Sensitisation is one of the most critical measures that can help to end violence. Individuals need to be aware of the nature of violence, its impact on victims, and why silence can perpetuate violence. Physical violence is not the only form of violence. Harm can also be caused by threats, intimidation, humiliation, coercion, and controlling behaviour. A person's safety and dignity can be compromised by economic abuse, or by online harassment and the misuse of private information.

Respect, equality and personal boundaries must be taught to children as a family unit from a young age. Schools and colleges should promote conversations about healthy relationships, consent, emotional well-being and responsible digital behaviour.

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SCO Beyond Borders

India's Civilisational Thrust On Regional Cooperation



OMKAR DATTATRAY



From security and economic partnerships to shared heritage, cultural diplomacy and people-to-people connections, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is entering a new phase of engagement.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is emerging as an increasingly important platform for regional cooperation, geopolitical engagement and the creation of a more balanced international order. Traditionally associated with security, counter-terrorism, economic cooperation and regional stability, the organisation is now seeking to expand its horizons. Its emerging emphasis on civilisational dialogue, cultural connectivity and shared heritage reflects a recognition that international relationships cannot be sustained merely through diplomatic agreements, strategic calculations and economic transactions. They must also be strengthened through mutual understanding, respect for cultural identities and meaningful people-to-people exchanges.

The expression 'SCO Beyond Borders' captures this expanding vision. It signifies an approach in which geographical boundaries do not become barriers to intellectual exchange, cultural understanding, historical appreciation and cooperation among nations. India's initiative to give the SCO a civilisational dimension is particularly significant in this context. It seeks to take regional diplomacy beyond conventional political and security considerations and bring societies closer through their common historical experiences and cultural traditions.

The first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum, hosted by India in New Delhi from November 20 to 22, 2026, represents an important step in this direction. Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the forum brought together scholars, intellectuals, cultural representatives and delegates from SCO member countries. It provided an opportunity to explore the historical and cultural connections that have linked different parts of Eurasia for century.

The SCO: A platform with growing global significance

Established in 2001, the SCO has evolved into a significant regional organisation bringing together countries with considerable geographical, demographic, economic and strategic importance. Its membership includes India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, along with Belarus, which joined in 2024. The organisation also engages with observer states and dialogue partners.

The geographical spread and collective influence of its members give the SCO considerable significance in international affairs. Its agenda encompasses counter-terrorism, regional security, trade, energy cooperation, transport connectivity, technological development and economic partnerships. It provides an important forum for countries with different political systems and strategic interests to discuss matters of common concern.

However, the organisation operates in a complicated geopolitical environment. India and China have unresolved border issues, while India's relationship with Pakistan remains deeply troubled by cross-border terrorism. Russia faces its own international challenges, and the Central Asian republics have to balance their relationships with major global powers. These differences make consensus difficult, but they also underline the importance of maintaining platforms for dialogue.

India's participation in the SCO must therefore be understood in the larger context of its independent foreign policy. New Delhi seeks constructive engagement without compromising national interests, territorial integrity or security concerns. Its approach is based on the principle that cooperation must be reciprocal, transparent and respectful of the sovereignty of participating nations.

India brings culture and civilisation to the forefront

The most noteworthy development is India's effort to make cultural and civilisational dialogue an important component of the SCO's activities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message at the inaugural forum was that civilisations connect beyond geographical boundaries and that cultural cooperation can strengthen relations between nations.

India possesses a civilisational inheritance that has travelled across continents through trade, scholarship, spiritual traditions, literature and intellectual exchanges. Its historical connections with Central Asia, Southeast Asia and other parts of Eurasia provide a natural foundation for cultural diplomacy.

The ancient Silk Routes were not merely commercial corridors through which silk, spices and other commodities were transported. They also facilitated the movement of ideas, philosophies, languages, religions, artistic traditions and scientific knowledge. Buddhist teachings travelled from India to Central Asia and further into East Asia. Indian philosophical and literary traditions influenced intellectual developments in several parts of Asia. Similarly, India absorbed and enriched cultural influences through centuries of interaction with other societies.

The SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum seeks to rediscover these historical connections and transform them into instruments of contemporary cooperation.

Manuscripts, languages and the digital revolution



One of the most promising aspects of the new initiative is the emphasis on preserving and sharing traditional knowledge. The Gyan Bharatam Mission's engagement with SCO delegates during the Delhi forum highlighted the importance of manuscripts, ancient scripts, literature, translation and digitisation.

India's National Manuscript Survey has reported more than 1.26 crore manuscripts. These manuscripts contain valuable knowledge relating to medicine, mathematics, astronomy, agriculture, governance, philosophy and sustainable living. Their preservation is not merely an exercise in protecting old documents; it is an investment in humanity's intellectual heritage.

The discussions also explored the use of artificial intelligence, digital cataloguing, translation and international academic cooperation. Delegates expressed interest in collaborating with India's manuscript-preservation initiatives. Such cooperation can make historical knowledge accessible to scholars across linguistic and geographical boundaries while protecting it from piracy and unauthorised appropriation.

This is where the concept of SCO Beyond Borders acquires a practical meaning. Technology can connect libraries, universities, museums, researchers and cultural institutions across countries. A manuscript preserved in one country can become accessible to a researcher in another. A literary work can be translated into multiple languages, while digital archives can help younger generations rediscover their shared intellectual inheritance.

Kashmir and Central Asia: A historical bridge

For Jammu and Kashmir, the emerging civilisational dimension of the SCO has special relevance. Kashmir has historically occupied an important position in the cultural and intellectual landscape of the Indian subcontinent and Central Asia. Its ancient traditions of Sanskrit learning, Shaivism, Buddhism, literature, philosophy and craftsmanship have contributed to the wider cultural history of Asia.

Kashmir's intellectual heritage is particularly noteworthy. The philosophical contributions of Acharya Abhinavagupta, the spiritual teachings of Lal Ded and the literary and cultural traditions associated with Kashmir form an important part of India's civilisational wealth. Kashmir was also connected with wider Asian networks through religious scholars, travellers, traders and cultural exchanges.

The SCO's emphasis on cultural connectivity offers an opportunity to bring this heritage into greater international focus. Academic exchanges, historical research, cultural tourism and collaborative heritage projects could help establish stronger links between Kashmir and Central Asian societies.

The region's temples, shrines, ancient learning centres, manuscripts and traditional crafts deserve systematic documentation and preservation. The heritage of Kashmiri Pandits, in particular, is an inseparable part of Kashmir's historical and civilisational identity. Preserving this inheritance is essential not only for the community but also for maintaining the cultural completeness of Kashmir.

Civilisational dialogue should therefore encourage an inclusive understanding of history. It must recognise the contributions of different communities and traditions without allowing political considerations to distort historical facts. Cultural heritage belongs to generations, and its preservation must transcend contemporary political disagreements.

Beyond diplomacy: Building bridges between people

Another important dimension of the SCO's expanding vision is people-to-people connectivity. Diplomatic meetings and government-to-government agreements are important, but lasting relationships are created when ordinary citizens develop an understanding of one another.

Student exchanges, university partnerships, joint research programmes, cultural festivals, tourism initiatives and exchanges between artists and writers can make regional cooperation meaningful. Young people must be encouraged to learn one another's languages, appreciate different cultural traditions and explore opportunities for academic and professional collaboration.

India possesses a civilisational inheritance that has travelled across continents through trade, scholarship, spiritual traditions, literature and intellectual exchanges. Its historical connections with Central Asia, Southeast Asia and other parts of Eurasia provide a natural foundation for cultural diplomacy.

Cultural tourism can also emerge as a major area of cooperation. Historical sites associated with the Silk Routes and Buddhist heritage could be connected through regional heritage circuits. Joint exhibitions, museum collaborations and artistic exchanges can provide fresh opportunities for tourism and employment.

India's rich traditions of yoga, Ayurveda, classical music, dance, literature and handicrafts offer considerable possibilities for international cultural engagement. Similarly, the artistic and cultural traditions of Central Asian countries can enrich India's understanding of its wider neighbourhood.

The purpose should not be to establish the superiority of one civilisation over another. Rather, it should be to appreciate the diversity of human experience and recognise the common aspirations that unite different societies.

Security cannot be overlooked

While cultural diplomacy deserves appreciation, the SCO cannot afford to lose sight of its foundational responsibility towards regional security. Terrorism, extremism, radicalisation, drug trafficking, organised crime and threats to digital infrastructure continue to challenge regional stability.

For India, terrorism remains a particularly serious concern. Its position has consistently been that there can be no compromise on the fight against terrorism and that there must be no distinction between good and bad terrorism. Any regional organisation claiming to promote peace and stability must demonstrate zero tolerance towards terrorism, its sponsorship and its financing.

India's participation in the SCO must not be interpreted as an acceptance of policies or actions that undermine its security interests. Cooperation with neighbouring countries is desirable, but it cannot be unconditional. Respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and international obligations must remain the guiding principles.

The challenge before the SCO is to ensure that geopolitical rivalries do not paralyse its functioning. Its members may have differences, but they must find sufficient common ground to cooperate against shared threats.

The road ahead

The success of SCO Beyond Borders will ultimately depend on how effectively its new vision is translated into practical initiatives. Civilisational dialogue must not remain confined to inaugural speeches, conferences and ceremonial declarations. It should lead to sustained institutional cooperation. permanent mechanism for cultural exchanges, collaborative manuscript preservation, digital heritage repositories, university partnerships and youth interaction would provide meaningful continuity. Member countries should also encourage joint research on historical trade routes, shared literary traditions, ancient scientific knowledge and traditional systems of medicine.

The participation of young scholars, researchers, artists, historians and cultural organisations should be strengthened. Their involvement can ensure that civilisational dialogue becomes a living process rather than an occasional diplomatic exercise. Equally important is the need to maintain political realism. Cultural cooperation cannot automatically resolve territorial disputes, strategic mistrust or terrorism. Nevertheless, it can create an atmosphere in which differences are discussed with greater understanding and mutual respect.

Conclusion: A shared heritage, a common future

The SCO's expanding vision represents an important opportunity to redefine regional cooperation. By moving beyond its traditional emphasis on security and economic engagement, the organisation can develop into a broader platform for cultural understanding, intellectual exchange and civilisational partnership.

India's initiative in hosting the first Civilisational Dialogue Forum demonstrates its willingness to contribute a distinct cultural dimension to regional diplomacy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message that civilisations connect beyond borders reflects the larger Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — the world is one family.

The true strength of civilisation lies not in political dominance or geographical expansion but in its capacity to enrich human thought, promote harmony and inspire future generations. Borders may divide territories, but they cannot permanently divide shared memories, intellectual traditions and cultural aspirations.

The SCO must seize this opportunity to transform historical connections into contemporary partnerships. Its future relevance will depend not merely on the number of countries it represents or the economic and military strength of its members, but also on its ability to build trust, promote peace and create opportunities for collective progress.

SCO Beyond Borders is, therefore, more than a diplomatic slogan. It is an invitation to rediscover the past, strengthen the present and build a future in which cooperation triumphs over confrontation, cultural understanding over prejudice and shared prosperity over narrow national rivalries.

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MC B'la holds zero-waste session on solid waste management rules

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BARAMULLA: Municipal Council (MC) Baramulla, in collaboration with Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School, organised a capacity-building session on solid waste management, focusing on awareness and compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

According to a handout, issued, the session aimed to sensitise stakeholders about waste segregation, scientific disposal practices and their responsibilities in ensuring effective solid waste management across the town.



A key highlight of the programme was its zero-waste approach. MC Baramulla introduced edible cups for refreshments to eliminate single-use plastic and disposable paper waste.

The technical session was conducted by Swaaha Capacity Building Expert Tabraiz Hussain Madani, who spoke on modern waste segregation techniques, scientific waste disposal, and the roles and responsibilities of Urban Local Bodies and other stakeholders under the updated regulatory framework.

The programme was attended by the MLA, Chief Executive Officer of MC Baramulla, Swachhata Ambassadors, representatives of the Traders Federation, local hoteliers, sanitation workers and members of the educational community.

Students and faculty members from Government Degree College Boys Baramulla, Government Girls Higher Secondary School Baramulla, Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School and other educational institutions also participated.

During the event, Swachhata Ambassadors were felicitated for their contributions to sanitation awareness, while Green Campus Certificates were awarded to participating educational institutions in recognition of their efforts to promote environmentally responsible practices on their campuses—(KNO)

FDA launches "Mission Safe Food – School Programme" to sensitise students across UT

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: The Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K Wednesday launched "Mission Safe Food – School Programme", a UT-wide awareness initiative aimed at sensitising approximately 2 lakh school students on food safety, hygiene, nutrition and healthy eating habits. The programme is being implemented in collaboration with educational institutions and funded by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under its approved Work Plan.

The inaugural programme was held at Shri Kuldeep Kumar Badyal Memorial Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, with around 240 students participating in awareness activities. The programme was presided over by Sh. Rafi Ahmed Dar, Deputy Commissioner Food Safety, Jammu, and inaugurated by Dr. Neelam Sharma, Principal of the institution. The Designated Officer Food Safety, Jammu, Food Safety Officers and other departmental officials also attended.

During the programme, Dr. Muneeb Ahmed, Food Safety Officer, delivered a technical session on food adulteration, food safety hazards, hygienic food handling, personal hygiene and the importance of consuming safe and wholesome food. A live demonstration on the detection of commonly encountered food adulterants was also conducted to familiarise students with basic methods of identifying adulteration and encourage informed food choices.

The programme also featured painting, quiz and debate competitions on food safety and nutrition, encouraging active student participation and reinforcing key messages through interactive learning. Prizes were awarded to students securing first, second and third positions in the respective competitions.

The initiative is aligned with FSSAI's Eat Right School initiative and emphasised the importance of balanced nutrition, hygienic practices and limiting the consumption of foods high in salt, sugar and unhealthy fats, thereby encouraging healthy eating habits from an early age.

Similar awareness programmes shall be conducted across all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir with the target of sensitising approximately 2 lakh students and fostering a culture of food safety and informed food choices among schoolchildren.

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CM Omar Pushes To

General Administration Department to work with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to put in place an alert mechanism so that First Appellate Authorities are promptly informed about cases pending before them and can examine these within the prescribed timelines.

Observing that the Act was among the pioneering initiatives in the country when introduced in 2011, he said that several other states and Union Territories had since adopted similar frameworks, with some making further improvements. He stressed that an independent assessment would help evaluate Jammu and Kashmir's experience and identify areas requiring reform.

He further called for a review and revision of the penalty provisions under the Act, observing that 15 years was a sufficiently long period to reassess the existing framework and make it more effective in ensuring accountability.

Underscoring the importance of public awareness, the Chief Minister said that despite the Act being in force for 15 years, awareness among citizens about their rights and the available mechanisms for securing time-bound public services needed to improve.

He stressed that the government must take ownership of the legislation and make sustained efforts to publicise its provisions so that more people are aware of and benefit from this important instrument of citizen-centric governance.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister was apprised that 517 services across various departments have been notified under the PSGA. Of these, 114 services have been integrated with the Auto Appeal System, while another 163 services have been identified for integration.

The meeting was informed that, as per the data available on November 24, 2026, a total of 18.80 lakh applications had been received across districts, of which around 16.97 lakh had been disposed of.

The review also highlighted the need for departments to integrate all notified services with the Unified PSGA Portal and reconcile their data across the PSGA and Auto Appeal portals in coordination with NIC to ensure consistency and real-time updates.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary; Ministers Ali Mohammad Sagar, Sakina Itoo and Javed Ahmad Rana; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani; Chief Secretary Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Shailendra Kumar; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu; Deputy Commissioners; Heads of Departments and other concerned officers. Officers stationed outside Jammu attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Team Spirit

teamwork, resilience, discipline, humility, and leadership. He encouraged cadets to focus not merely on winning medals but on continuous self-improvement. Referring to India's growing achievements in international sports and initiatives such as Khelo India, the Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that some of the cadets present could one day represent the nation on the Olympic stage.

"In our military tradition, sports and physical training have always been given special importance. The reason is clear. From a soldier, physical strength alone is not expected. He is also expected to remain calm in adverse circumstances, make quick decisions, trust his comrades, and stand firm in the face of difficulties. And I believe all these qualities are developed on the sports field," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the cadets to adopt five guiding principles- dream big, work hard with honesty, embrace teamwork and sportsmanship, maintain physical and mental well-being, and always regard the military uniform as a symbol of service and sacrifice.

"There is no greater righteousness than the welfare of others, and no greater unrighteousness than causing suffering to others. This sentiment should be the guiding principle of a true soldier's life, because the uniform is not merely a symbol of authority and honour; it is a symbol of service, responsibility, and sacrifice.

Always remember the true meaning of the military uniform: it is not a means of personal prestige, but a commitment to serving the nation. Always remember that your success lies within India's success," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor laid wreath at the Shaurya Samarak and paid homage to the brave sons of Maa Bharati.

Ms. Devyani Rana, Member of Legislative Assembly from Nagrota; Lt Gen Mohit Seth, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps; Capt (IN) Shibu Devasia, Principal Sainik School Nagrota; Shri Sandeep Sharma, Zonal Head for Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh at ICICI Bank; Shri Ram Niwas Sharma, Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department; Shri Vikas Kundal, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shri Minga Sherpa, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; representatives of ICICI Foundation, senior officials of Army Police, Faculty and students were present.

Srinagar Records

seasonal normal. Srinagar Airport recorded a low of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius.

In south Kashmir, Pahalgam recorded minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, followed by Pulwama at minus 3.5 degrees, Anantnag at minus 2.8 degrees, and Qazigund and Konibal at minus 2.4 degrees each. Kokernag and Kulgam recorded minimum temperatures of 0.2 and 0.4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In north and central Kashmir, Kupwara recorded minus 2.0 degrees Celsius, Bandipora minus 1.5 degrees, Ganderbal minus 0.5 degrees and Baramulla minus 0.1 degrees. Budgam and Awantipora recorded minus 2.4 degrees each, while Gulmarg settled at 0.0 degrees and Sonamarg at 0.3 degrees Celsius.

In the Jammu division, Bhaderwah was the coldest at 3.2 degrees Celsius. Udhampur recorded 6.0 degrees, Poonch 6.1 degrees, Samba 7.4 degrees, Reasi 7.5 degrees and Ramban 7.7 degrees. Kishtwar settled at 8.5 degrees, Banihal at 8.9 degrees, Jammu city at 9.8 degrees, Katra at 10.2 degrees, Kathua at 10.4 degrees and Batote at 10.6 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif Keng said dry weather conditions were likely to continue across the region for about a week, with mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies.

The Meteorological Department has also forecast generally dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir until November 30 and December 1, with shallow to moderate fog likely in several areas.

Daytime temperatures are expected to gradually decline from around 15-16 degrees Celsius to nearly 12 degrees Celsius by early next week. Night temperatures are likely to remain low, with minimums dropping below freezing at several colder locations and higher reaches.

The department has reported no rainfall or snowfall at any weather station across Jammu and Kashmir during the past 24 hours—(KNO)

J&K Sends Fresh

after intense Pakistani shelling and drone attacks on forward villages during Operation Sindoor in May 2025. According to the report, 27 people, mostly civilians, were killed and 70 were injured in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Union Territory has a 221-kilometre-long International Border running through Kathua, Samba and Jammu districts, while the LoC extends for 744 kilometres. This makes civilian protection in border areas a key security and infrastructure priority.

Among the prominent demands raised by residents were granting shrine status to Maa Mangla Mata Temple, organising a Border Tourism Mela, promoting agriculture-linked ecotourism, double-laning of the Nowshera-Jhangar road, filling staff vacancies in educational institutions, constructing a sports stadium at Kalsian and establishing a dispensary and ambulance facility at Bhawani.

Residents also sought fixation of rates for maize and wheat seeds and adequate storage facilities for agricultural produce, besides other infrastructure and public service-related interventions in border villages.

Taking up the demand for sports infrastructure, Yadav directed the Deputy Commissioner to identify suitable land for the proposed stadium at Kalsian. He also observed that indoor sports facilities could be developed in schools with higher student enrolment and directed the administration to work out school-wise priorities.

On healthcare facilities, he said appropriate measures would be explored to provide a dispensary and ambulance services at Bhawani. He also assured that the issue of staff shortages in educational institutions located in border areas would be taken up with the concerned departments.

The Chief Secretary further said that the demand for establishment of a Kendriya Vidyalaya would be taken up with the concerned authorities, while other genuine issues raised during the interaction would be examined by the respective departments for appropriate action.

He also directed the Industries Department to sensitise local residents, particularly youth, about collateral-free loan schemes, startup financing and other entrepreneurship support initiatives available under various government programmes.

DGP Approves

The DGP, invoking powers under Section 25 of the UAPA, accorded prior approval for attachment of the properties, which the order categorises as proceeds of terrorism under Section 2(1)(g)(ii) of the Act.

The FIR was registered on November 29, 2024, after Police Station Mahore received information about 30 individuals from the Mahore and Chassana areas who had crossed over to Pakistan between 1991 and 2003.

The order further states that the individuals were working for Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), supplying arms, ammunition and money, besides attempting to radicalise and recruit local youth into terrorist activities.

FDA Conducts 200

statutory food safety requirements.

In a significant enforcement action, the registration of M/s Shan Sweets, Kanabal, Anantnag, was suspended for violating food safety norms. Further, dates of value 10,400 were seized under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act and legal action intiated. The enforcement teams also destroyed expired food items worth 22,500, ensuring that such products do not enter the food supply chain or reach consumers. Additionally, 12 cases were compounded under Section 69 of the Act, with a total compounding fee of 15,000 imposed.

The Food & Drugs Administration reiterated that enforcement, surveillance, inspection and sampling activities will continue to ensure that Food Business Operators adhere to food safety and hygiene requirements.

Consumers are also 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.

Union Home Secy,

and CAPFs underscores the Centre's continued focus on closely monitoring the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting is also expected to provide an important platform for assessing existing security arrangements and chalking out a coordinated strategy to address emerging challenges. (KNC)



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Security forces intensify hunt for 65 foreign terrorists in J&K

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: With no active local terrorist remaining in Kashmir, security agencies have stepped up efforts to track down and eliminate an estimated 65 foreign terrorists believed to be operating across Jammu and Kashmir.

Official sources said that the fresh focus of counter-terror operations is on identifying the movements, hideouts and support networks of Pakistan-origin terrorists, particularly those affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

They said the security forces are combining human intelligence with technological surveillance and inputs from multiple intelligence agencies to locate the remaining foreign terrorists. Information gathered from ground-level sources, intelligence networks and surveillance systems is being analysed to establish their movements, particularly in difficult-to-access areas.

"Of the estimated 65 foreign terrorists, around 35 are believed to be associated with the LeT and 25 with the JeM, while the remaining five belong to other banned outfits," said an official.

"The latest assessment comes after the killing of Mohammad Lateef Bhat, a Lashkar-e-Taiba operative, in an encounter in Kulgam district on November 18, following an eight-day search operation. His killing marked the elimination of the last identified active local terrorist in the Kashmir Valley.



He attributed the development to coordinated action by security agencies, the abrogation of Article 370, development initiatives and a decline in alienation among local youth.

He also called for sustained counter-terrorism efforts, prevention of infiltration and strict action against terror financing and narcotics networks.

Officials said the current security challenge is increasingly concentrated in parts of the Jammu region, particularly Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar and Doda, where dense forests, steep mountains and difficult terrain provide opportunities for foreign terrorists to remain concealed.

The security establishment has accordingly intensified intelligence-led search operations, with agencies sharing information to identify possible hideouts, movement corridors and individuals suspected of providing logistical assistance to infiltrators.

Officials pointed to the elimination of all seven members of a Jaish-e-Mohammed group led by Saifullah in Kishtwar as an example of coordinated operations against foreign terrorists. The group, which had infiltrated in April 2024, was neutralised through successive operations culminating in Operation Trashi-I on February 22, 2026 in the Chatroo area.

The overall number of active terrorists has declined considerably in recent years. Security assessments put the figure at 135 in 2022, comprising 85 foreign and 50 local terrorists. It subsequently declined to 91 in 2024 before reaching the present estimate of around 65, officials said.

With the local recruitment pipeline having dried up, officials said that the security agencies are now concentrating on preventing fresh infiltration, dismantling remaining support structures and tracking foreign militants to eliminate their presence from the Union Territory—(KNO)

DIPR's Cultural Unit organises Drug awareness programme at Hygam Wetland

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BARAMULLA: The Cultural Unit Kashmir, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), in collaboration with the Wildlife Department and Valley Public School, Sopore, organised a Drug Abuse Awareness-cum-Cultural Programme at Hygam Wetland, Sopore, to sensitise students and the public about the harmful effects of drug addiction.

Students delivered awareness speeches highlighting the adverse impact of substance abuse on individuals, families and society, while a thematic skit conveyed a strong message against drug addiction and encouraged young people to adopt a healthy lifestyle and resist peer pressure.

Range Officer, Wildlife Protection Range Hygam, Mohammad Iqbal Wani, also addressed the gathering and stressed the importance of collective efforts by educational institutions, government departments and civil society in combating drug abuse.

The programme highlighted the role of art and culture, particularly theatre and other creative activities, as effective tools for social awareness and positive change.

DC Anantnag reviews arrangements for JKSSB SI Examination

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Wednesday chaired a meeting with designated Examination Superintendents, Observers, Magistrates, Invigilators and other concerned stakeholders to review the arrangements for the smooth and transparent conduct of the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) Sub-Inspector recruitment examination, scheduled to be held on November 29, 2026, at various designated examination centres across the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of ensuring a free, fair, transparent and hassle-free examination process. He called for close coordination, effective communication and collective efforts among all departments and officials associated with the examination to ensure that candidates face no inconvenience.

Highlighting the significance of the examination in shaping the career prospects of thousands of aspiring candidates, the DC stressed that every possible measure must be taken to maintain fairness, transparency and strict adherence to the prescribed guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

He directed all designated examination staff to discharge their assigned duties with utmost responsibility, sincerity and professionalism. He also stressed strict compliance with the examination guidelines and instructed the concerned officers to remain vigilant to prevent any malpractice or procedural irregularity.

Officers from key departments, including KPDCL, the Motor Vehicles Department, Traffic Police and other concerned agencies, were directed to extend all necessary logistical and infrastructural support for the smooth conduct of the examination.

Special emphasis was laid on uninterrupted power supply, traffic regulation, transportation arrangements and effective coordination among the departments.

Chinar Festival brings Kashmir's Cultural Soul Alive in Bijbehara through Sufi Music

GMK NEWS NETWORK

ANANTNAG: As part of the ongoing Chinar Festival, the Department of Tourism, Wednesday organised a vibrant cultural programme at Government M.L. Higher Secondary School (Boys), Bijbehara, celebrating the Valley's rich Sufi traditions and cultural heritage.

The programme was attended by Deputy Director Information, Dr. Mohammad Zubair Lattoo; Assistant Director Tourism, Srinagar, Basharat Mahmood; Assistant Director Tourism, Pahalgam, Bilal Ahmad, and Assistant Director Tourism, Publicity, Srinagar, Jahid Azad.

The event witnessed an impressive gathering comprising members of the Sufi and cultural fraternity, besides teachers, students and other participants, reflecting the community's enthusiasm towards preserving and promoting Kashmir's traditional art forms.

A major highlight of the programme was the soulful performances by renowned Kashmiri singers Abdul Rashid Hafiz and Shafi Sopori, who enthralled the audience with their captivating renditions of Sufi and traditional Kashmiri music. Their performances brought alive the timeless melodies and spiritual essence of Kashmir's musical heritage, creating an atmosphere of cultural celebration and appreciation.

The participation of eminent artists and members of the cultural fraternity added significance to the occasion, while the presence of students provided an opportunity for the younger generation to experience and connect with the region's rich artistic and spiritual traditions.

The programme formed part of the Tourism Department's broader initiative under the Chinar Festival to showcase Jammu and Kashmir's diverse cultural heritage and strengthen its potential as a destination for cultural and experiential tourism. Such initiatives also provide a platform for established and emerging artists to showcase their talent while encouraging the preservation and promotion of traditional music and indigenous art forms.

Srinagar steps up war against drugs

359 arrested, Rs 138-cr properties attached, 200 bank accounts frozen

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Police have registered 251 FIRs, arrested 359 alleged drug peddlers, attached properties worth over Rs 138 crore and frozen 200 bank accounts as a part of an intensified crackdown against narcotics in the district.

Figures, were shared during a meeting of the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Committee, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo and attended by SSP Srinagar Dr G.V. Sundeep Chakravarthy, to review ongoing anti-narcotics measures and strengthen the fight against drug trafficking and substance abuse.

The meeting reviewed enforcement against drug supply networks, regulatory measures, preventive interventions and rehabilitation facilities, besides implementation of the Common Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with accused persons, action against illicit cannabis cultivation and measures to prevent misuse of pharmaceutical drugs.

The Committee was informed that 21 movable and 110 immovable properties, collectively valued at over Rs 138 crore and linked to drug traffickers, had been attached. Besides, 200 bank accounts had been frozen following financial investigations.

The Transport Department has also suspended or cancelled 108 driving licences and suspended the Registration Certificates (RCs) of 64 vehicles as part of enforcement measures against drug-related offences.

Stressing sustained action, DC Labroo called for closer coordination among departments and enforcement agencies to dismantle drug supply networks and prevent substance abuse, particularly among youth.

He directed the Excise and other concerned departments to take effective measures to eradicate cannabis cultivation across the district and reiterated the zero-tolerance policy towards government employees found involved in NDPS cases.

Labroo further directed that cases involving commercial quantities of narcotic substances be periodically monitored by Police, Transport, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Prosecution agencies. Investigating agencies were asked to establish forward and backward linkages in NDPS cases to identify suppliers, financiers and kingpins behind trafficking networks.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to strengthen rehabilitation facilities and ensure proper care, treatment and reintegration of individuals affected by substance abuse.

The Drug Controller, in coordination with District Police and NCB, was also directed to ensure strict regulation and monitoring of pharmaceutical shops across Srinagar.

SSP Chakravarthy stressed sustained surveillance of drug trafficking networks, intelligence-sharing among enforcement agencies and effective investigation of NDPS cases. He also called for identifying vulnerable areas and drug distribution channels and establishing forward and backward linkages to dismantle the entire supply chain.

The meeting also reviewed preparations for the implementation of the nationwide 100 Weeks Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan announced by the Prime Minister, with emphasis on awareness generation, community participation and preventive interventions.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Aadil Fareed, RTO Kashmir Qazi Irfan, SP Headquarters Ghulam Mustafa, Joint Commissioner SMC Suhail ul Islam, PO ICDS Bureeda Majeed, SDM West Seerat Baji, IAS Probationer Aakash Garg, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Umar Gulzar, Chief Education Officer Ghulam Mohi Ud Din, ALC Adnan Tariq, Deputy Drug Controller Rema Gazalla, District Health Officer Dr Rubeena and officers from Excise, ANTF, Horticulture, Agriculture and other stakeholder departments—(KNO)

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT NARVAW

(PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject: Revised Selection List of Shayikas (Anganwadi Helper) of Poshan Project NARVAW.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-042023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/Poshan/22188-99 Dated: 18-06-2026 accordingly posts advertised by this office, advertisement notice advertised vide this Office No: Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/616-32 Dated: 24.06.2026 followed by extension notice No: Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/757-88 Dated: 15.07.2026 and No:Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/825-37 Dated: 23.07.2026. for selection of (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project NARVAW. . In response to said advertisement notice, application forms were received from the Panch Wards/ M.C wards within cut-off date i.e.: 29-07-2026 , merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 is annexed as (**Annexure - A) and** Provisional merit list of candidates is annexed herewith as **Annexure-B.** Both Selection list and provisional list are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any. The appeal/objection if any against the said selection list, shall be filed in the office of Poshan Project Narvaw against proper receipt by or before **-04-12-2026** up to 4:00 PM, no appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filling appeal/objections.

ANNEXURE -A. -

Subject : Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sahayika (AWH) against the location AWC: Budmulla Ward No:01 P.H: Budmulla advertised vide this Office No: Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/616-32 Dated: 24.06.2026 followed by extension notice No: Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/757-88 Dated: 15.07.2026 and No:Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/825-37 Dated: 23.07.2026.

S.No	Name of Candidate	D/o, W/o	Residence Panchayat/ MC Ward	D.O.B.	Qualification	Marks obtained in 10th	Marks obtained out of (10th)	%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH	Additional 02 % points	Total Merit
1	**Shabnum Majeed**	**W/o Waseem Ahmad Bhat**	**Budmulla Ward No: 01**	**24.03.1996**	**10th**	**271**	**500**	**54.20**	**54.20**	**Yes**	**0**	**54.20**
2	Nahida Akther	D/o Abdul Ahad Rather	Budmulla Ward No: 01	05.03.1990	10th	166	500	33.20	33.20	No	0	33.20

Subject : Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sahayika (AWH) against the location AWC: Fathgrah-B Ward No:06 P.H: Fathgrah advertised vide this Office No: Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/616-32 Dated: 24.06.2026 followed by extension notice No: Cdpo/ Poshan/Adv/2026/757-88 Dated: 15.07.2026 and No:Cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2026/825-37 Dated: 23.07.2026.

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1	Saima Begum	W/o Showkat Maqbool Sheikh	Fathgrah-B	08.10.1990	10th	218	500	43.60	43.60	Yes	2%	45.60
2	**Nadia Muzafar**	**W/o Bilal Ahmad Sheikh**	**Fathgrah-B**	**08-04-1992**	**10th**	**272**	**500**	**54.40**	**54.40**	**No**	**0**	**54.40**
3	Reqaya Bilal	D/o Bilal Ahmad Lone	Fathgrah-B	15.03.2006	10th	381	500	76.20	76.20	No	0	76.20

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1	Riffat Bano	W/o Sajad Ahmad Mir	Ward No: 05 P.H . Fathapora	10.01.1990	10th	185	500	37.00	37.00	No	0	37.00

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1	Rayeesa Shabir	D/o Shabir Ahmad Ganie	Sheikh Mohalla Kitchama Ward No: 03 P.H . Kitchama	03.10.2001	10th	209	500	41.80	41.80	No	0	41.80
2	Mumtaza Bano	D/o Mohammad Ramzan Malla	Sheikh Mohalla Kitchama Ward No: 03 P.H . Kitchama	02.10.2003	10th	215	500	43.00	43.00	No	0	43.00
3	Uzmat Fayaz	W/o Aqib Ahmad Malla	Sheikh Mohalla Kitchama Ward No: 03 P.H . Kitchama	15.08.2007	10th	222	500	44.40	44.40	No	0	44.40

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1	Shabnum Majeed	W/o Waseem Ahmad Bhat	Ward No:01 P.H: Budmulla	24.03.1996	10th	271	500	54.20	54.20	No	0	54.20

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'Absolute carnage', 'out of this world' - India A camp in awe of Sooryavanshi's double ton

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DOHA: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's record-breaking 204 against the UAE in the Asia Cup Men's Rising Stars tournament has left the India A dressing room in awe of him. Captain Tilak Varma, vice-captain Rinku Singh and the support staff all lined up to praise the 15-year-old's knock.

The left-hander hit 204 off 53 balls on Tuesday, with seven fours and 28 sixes and set new List A marks for the fastest century, 150 and double century, as well as the most sixes in an innings in the format.

"Nothing much to say on his innings. Everyone knows how he played and only one word we can say is his innings is absolute carnage. In five overs, I think we finished off the game. In five overs, we were 100/1. The way he carried on from there, in 14 overs, we were chasing 250. It was absolutely fantastic," India A captain Tilak Varma said in a video posted by the BCCI on its website on Wednesday.

Vice-captain Rinku Singh said he was happy to be a spectator. "When he plays, he just plays and doesn't let anyone else play as he bats. I was enjoying it. I was just standing there and watching how long his sixes were going and in my mind, I was thinking how many metres long they must be. God bless and may he keep batting like this."

Fast bowling coach Lakshmipathy Balaji went as far as comparing the sensational innings with Virender Sehwag's Test triple centuries. "Unbelievable. What a mind-boggling kind of performance we witnessed. I have witnessed a couple of very good knocks from my journey through Virender Sehwag's triple hundred. This is also special.

"I will put this on par with Virender Sehwag's triple hundred. Of course, the opposition against somebody, like no, definitely it will be considered. But in the forthcoming years, you will witness something special from here on. I wish him all the best for a wonderful career from here. Definitely, he's a wonderful kid, a nice human being."

Spin bowling coach Sunil Joshi said he had never seen hitting of this kind in his time of being in cricket. "Out of this world. Watching very closely from the dugout, 28 sixes. My goodness, I have never seen a carnage batting like this. 34 ball hundred and here it was 30 ball hundred.

"But the next hundred was unbelievable. I'm so happy and glad that I witnessed the knock. We wish Vaibhav continues to get a few more knocks in this tournament and much needed ones."

Head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar has watched Sooryavanshi closely since his India Under-19 days and said the youngster made the extraordinary look routine. "I have never seen something like this before, and words will fall short. To look at it, it looked very simple. It looked like he was playing all the normal shots he plays. The distance the ball was going, you know, the positions he was getting consistently into the focus. Everything was fabulous.

Sri Lanka clinch Women's Emerging Nations Trophy with six-wicket win over Ireland



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AJMAN: Sri Lanka defeated Ireland by six wickets to win the ICC Women's Emerging Nations Trophy 2026, with Imesha Dulani producing an unbeaten 44 to guide her side to the target of 97 in just 12.4 overs in the final at the Karwan Sports Club on Wednesday.

Sri Lanka made a brisk start to the chase before Sanjana Kavindi departed for 25 off 22 balls, including four boundaries. Captain Harshitha Samarawickrama was dismissed for a duck on the next delivery, leaving the side at 35/2.

Ireland briefly fought their way back into the contest through Kia McCartney and Cara Murray. McCartney claimed two wickets for 16 runs, while Murray finished with 2/38 to reduce Sri Lanka to 69/4 in the ninth over.

However, Dulani ensured there were no further setbacks, sharing an unbeaten 30-run partnership with Kavisha Dilhari, who contributed 16 not out off 10 deliveries, including two boundaries. The pair guided Sri Lanka to 99/4 in 12.4 overs to seal the title.

Earlier, Sri Lanka's bowlers produced a disciplined performance to restrict Ireland to 96 in 19.3 overs after opting to bat first.

Ireland suffered an early collapse, losing captain Gaby Lewis in the opening over at 5/1 before slipping to 10/2. The pressure continued as they were reduced to 54/6 inside 12 overs.

Alana Dalzell top-scored with 24 off 25 deliveries, hitting one boundary, while Louise Little made 15 off 17 balls, including two fours. Georgina Dempsey also contributed 13 off 13 deliveries, with two boundaries, but Ireland struggled to build partnerships.

Sathya Sandeepani led Sri Lanka's bowling effort with an impressive four-wicket haul, returning figures of 4/13 in four overs. Kavisha Dilhari (1/16), Sugandika Kumari (1/19), Nimasha Meepage (1/21) and Chethana Vimukthi (1/24) also picked up a wicket each.

Sri Lanka's sharp fielding further added to Ireland's troubles, with two run-outs contributing to their eventual collapse.

The victory crowned Sri Lanka champions of the second edition of the tournament, succeeding Thailand, who won the inaugural title in 2025.

UEFA Champions League:

Aston Villa 'not good enough' in Galatasaray defeat, admits Mings

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ISTANBUL: Aston Villa defender Tyrone Mings admitted his side was "not good enough" after suffering a 1-0 defeat against Galatasaray in the UEFA Champions League, saying Unai Emery's men lacked consistency and failed to do enough to win at the highest level of European football.

Deniz Gul scored the decisive goal in the 79th minute at RAMS Park on Wednesday, heading home from close range after Villa failed to clear a Galatasaray corner. The defeat extended Villa's winless run to six matches across all competitions and left them ninth in the Champions League league phase standings.

Reflecting on the performance, Mings said Villa had shown glimpses of their quality but were unable to maintain their standards throughout the contest.

"I think 'okay' is not good enough. We're just not at our free-flowing best at the moment.I think we defended well in large parts of the game. I think we built up well and got through their press at times, and had some opportunities to hurt them," Mings said after the match.

"The margins are so tight, and when you come to places like this, you have to win duels, you have to fight, you have to do all the things that give you a chance to get higher up the pitch and maintain the momentum, and we ultimately fell short of that," he added.

The defender stressed that the responsibility for the disappointing result rested with the entire team, adding that Villa needed to rediscover the consistency that had brought them success previously.

"Everything is a collective responsibility. It's a real team effort. We're just trying to find, at the moment, our way, and trying to learn from the previous games, trying to do things that have given us success until now. At the moment, we're finding it in patches, but we're not finding it consistently enough, and I think today was another example of that," he said.

Wiaan Mulder's 7-wicket haul powers South Africa to innings win over Bangladesh, extend WTC lead

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CENTURION: Wiaan Mulder produced a remarkable all-round performance, claiming seven wickets in Bangladesh's second innings to help South Africa secure a commanding innings and a 219-run victory in the second Test at Centurion and complete a 2-0 series sweep.

The comprehensive win further strengthened South Africa's position at the top of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2025-27 standings, extending their lead, while Bangladesh slipped a place following the latest result.

Having declared their first innings at 494/7 overnight, South Africa continued their dominance on the third day as their bowlers bundled out Bangladesh for 184. Mulder led the charge with figures of seven wickets, capping a memorable match in which he also scored a Test century.

Bangladesh openers Mahfijul Islam and Tanzid Hasan began the innings with a half-century stand, showing positive intent after negotiating the early overs. However, Mulder broke the partnership by dismissing Tanzid, who scored 29 off 48 deliveries, before removing Mominul Haque for a duck.

Marco Jansen then accounted for Mahfijul, who made 38 off 62 balls, leaving Bangladesh three wickets down and still facing a substantial deficit.

Towhid Hridoy tried to counter-attack after the lunch break, taking on Anrich Nortje and Kagiso Rabada with a flurry of boundaries. His aggressive approach, however, ended when he edged Rabada to Zubayr Hamza at gully for 41 off just 33 deliveries.

Rankings: Bumrah climbs to joint-second, Pant, Gill and Jaiswal stay among top 10 batters

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DUBAI: India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has moved up three places to share second place among Test bowlers in the latest ICC rankings, while Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal remain in the top 10 batters following the latest update. South Africa captain Temba Bavuma and fast bowler Kagiso Rabada have also made significant gains after their performances in the recent Test action.

Bumrah, who claimed five wickets in the first Test against New Zealand, is now joint-second with England's Ollie Robinson. The Indian fast bowler is 25 rating points behind Australia's Mitchell Starc, who continues to hold the top position.

There was movement among India's batters as well, with Pant leading the way after his 128-run effort in the first Test against New Zealand. He is placed sixth in the latest standings. Gill, who scored 98, occupies the seventh position, while Jaiswal is ninth with 85.

KL Rahul has gained four places to move to 25th, while Devdutt Padikkal has made one of the biggest advances among Indian batters, climbing 15 places to 39th after scoring 80.

Bavuma has moved up to third in the Test batting rankings after remaining unbeaten on 68, while Rabada has climbed two places to sixth in the bowling rankings. Rabada's rise follows an impressive eight-wicket haul, underlining South Africa's strong showing in the latest update.

New Zealand's Henry Nicholls has gained 10 places to move to 30th among batters, while Glenn Phillips has climbed 13 spots to a career-best 17th. Bangladesh's Towhid Hridoy has made a substantial jump of 28 places to 33rd after scoring 137, while Litton Das has risen nine places to 24th. Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Abbas has also moved up two spots to 12th.

The latest update has brought changes to the white-ball rankings too, with several England players registering notable gains. In the ODI batting rankings, Ben Duckett has climbed three places to fourth after scoring 133. England fast bowler Gus Atkinson is now 23rd among ODI bowlers, while Liam Dawson has moved up to 39th.

Mitchell-Phillips stand another tick in the box for New Zealand's batting grit, says Henry

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CHRISTCHURCH: New Zealand pacer Matt Henry on Wednesday called the match-saving resistance of Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips in the first Test against India as solid proof of the batting line-up's growing grit despite the visitors keeping the hosts under sustained pressure.

On a benign pitch at the Basin Reserve, Mitchell and Phillips defied India for 43 overs on day five to help New Zealand escape with a draw and steer the hosts to 239/5 in their second innings. While Mitchell made an unbeaten 49 off 186 balls, Phillips scored 26 not out off 126 deliveries.

"For us we're on that path of just keep growing really and I think it was just another tick in the box I suppose with our grittiness of our batting line-up. The way that we've shown in England, when we won that Test match, the way that the batters were able to dig deep in some tough situations and absorb pressure when needed and then to be able to put pressure on teams as well and I think that's just a great place for us to be in.

"What it's like in Test cricket, it doesn't always go your way. So the ability to suck up some moments and then find those moments where you can put the pressure back on the opposition and taking those moments. For us it was a bit of absorbing in the last game which was okay, I think we handled it well and we came away with the draw which gives us a lot of confidence," Henry told reporters in a press conference ahead of the second Test at Hagley Oval, starting on Friday.

The first Test was called off despite an hour left, and Henry linked that decision to the bowlers shouldering a heavy workload. "I think the way that Daryl and GP batted was pretty defiant and I think when you're in that situation and the bowlers had put a lot of work in as well.

"They had some pretty heavy loads to get to that point here and it's a big series coming up and still a lot of cricket to play. So look, that's the game we play isn't it so the decision out there was to shake hands which I probably wasn't reading into it too much."

Henry acknowledged that India had batted well in that match, declaring on a massive 720/9, but felt New Zealand took more positives than negatives, especially in how the batters handled fatigue and pressure in the closing stages.

"It's great to be home. Fingers crossed we can get a bit of bounce out there and we're just glad to be here. Obviously, it was a big challenge out there and I think that India batted really well and also when you reflect on a game like that, there's a lot of positives for us to take out there as well.

"I think the way we stayed patient with the ball in areas, there's some great signs from us from a control point of view and then tired legs and tired minds, it's pretty tough to bat and I think the way that the guys were able to, I suppose, navigate the pressures early on and see out for a really good draw for us was really impressive. So, lots of good things to take and I think there's more positives than negatives," he added.

With the ball, New Zealand tried an unusual approach at the Basin Reserve: wicketkeeper Tom Blundell stood up to the stumps against the pacers. Henry said the tactic was designed for a slow pitch where the edges were not carrying to the slip cordon.

"For us when you have someone like Tom Blundell keeping the way he is, it gives you so much confidence and I think that was probably the mode of dismissal that was kind of out there at the basin was it was wickets in play. Hanging the ball outside off for an edge was probably not the mode of the way that it wasn't quite carrying so the question was how are we going to be effective.

"So by having this keeper up, keeping the batter in their crease and trying to expose that dismissal was why we did it for such a long period of time. I think if there was a little bit more bounce on offer then obviously you can change your tactics, go a little bit wider and try to bring slips in play. But that wasn't the case so I think for us adapting to that kind of mindset, wicket to wicket, being boring for a long period of time and trying to create pressure.

