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## PM To Launch Z-Morh Tunnel On Jan 26



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Z-Morh tunnel in Ganderbal district on January 26, a project expected to prove a game changer in regional connectivity and will improve border security, and enhance civilian and military logistics in the region. As per the reports, the tunnel, built at a cost of ₹2,400 crore, is strategically vital for

maintaining uninterrupted connectivity to Sonamarg, a region that often remains cut off during harsh winters due to heavy snowfall. This development is being seen as a major milestone in improving infrastructure and ensuring all-weather accessibility in Jammu and Kashmir. "The Z-Morh tunnel is a game-changer for both the military and civilians. It will facilitate faster | More on P6

### CRS Begins Inspection Of USBRL Project

The Commissioner of Railway Safety (Northern Circle) Dinesh Chand Deswal on Tuesday started a two-day statutory inspection of the recently completed railway line along the ambitious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project, officials said. Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the completion of the Reasi-Katra section last | More on P6

**THIS PROJECT WILL ENABLE SAFE** travel through avalanche-prone areas and significantly reduce travel time from Gagangir to Sonamarg to just 30 minutes."

## ECI Defers J&K By-Polls Citing Snowy Conditions

Says Deadline Set For April 20

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday announced that it would hold by-elections in Jammu & Kashmir later due to snowy conditions. The ECI stated that they still have time to conduct the elections. Addressing a news conference, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that they are not announcing

the schedule for by-polls in Budgam and Nagrota due to the snowy conditions in the region. The CEC mentioned that they have until April 20 to hold the electoral exercise.

Omar Abdullah vacated the Budgam seat on October 21, while the Nagrota seat became vacant on October 31 following the demise of Devinder Singh Rana. According to section 151A of the Representation of Peoples Act-1951, a by-election for filling any vacancy must be held within six months from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy. | More on P6

## Terror-free, Fear-free J&K Our Resolve: LG

» Says AI Tools Have Changed The Security Landscape » Narco-Terrorism, Social Media Weaponization Big Threats

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that a terror-free and fear-free Jammu and Kashmir is the government's firm resolve, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said the security agencies have adopted a "whole-of-government approach" to dismantle the terrorist and separatist ecosystem in the Union Territory.

The lieutenant governor cautioned that modern technology such as artificial intelligence (AI) tools has transformed the security landscape and highlighted that challenges like disinformation and deepfakes remain major concerns.

"Terror-free and fear-free Jammu and Kashmir is our resolve. At the operational level, we have improved co-ordination between the police and other security agencies and adopted a 'whole-of-government approach' to dismantle the terrorist and separatist ecosystem," he said while attending the Passing Out Parade of Probationary



Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) at the Police Academy in Udhampur.

The lieutenant governor congratulated all 61 passing-out police officers and urged them to discharge their duties with honesty, dedication and professionalism.

"From today, the nation entrusts you with the critical responsibility of maintaining internal security, combating terrorism, upholding the rule of law and ensuring a safe and secure environment for the

people. I wish you success in every mission," he said in his address.

The lieutenant governor paid tribute to the bravehearts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and other security forces who have laid down their lives for the nation.

Sinha commended the Jammu and Kashmir Police for its significant role in ensuring internal security, upholding the nation's integrity and protecting the citizens of the Union Territory under

challenging circumstances.

Speaking about the emerging security challenges, the lieutenant governor urged the Jammu and Kashmir Police to leverage innovative tools to counter disinformation and cross-border cyber threats.

"Modern technology like artificial intelligence tools has reshaped the security landscape. Disinformation and deepfakes remain significant concerns," he said.

Sinha called for the effective use of technological tools to maintain law and order, ensure vigilant monitoring and respond to challenges in real time.

The lieutenant governor emphasized the need to anticipate and analyze changes in criminal modus operandi to stay one step ahead.

"We need to shift from reactive policing to proactive policing," he said.

Sinha further said that "narco-terrorism, social media weaponization and disinformation campaigns have also emerged as major threats to internal security | More on P6

## Kashmir In For More Snow This Weekend

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Night temperatures rose at most places in Kashmir, with Srinagar recording a reading above the freezing point, officials said on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature settled at 0.9 degrees Celsius in Srinagar, compared to the previous night's minus 0.5 degrees, the Met office said.

The city witnessed bright sunshine in the morning, bringing respite from the intense cold conditions.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 6.6 degrees Celsius, compared to the previous night's minus 4.5 degrees.

Pahalgam recorded a minimum temperature of minus 7.8 degrees Celsius and was the coldest place in the valley.

Qazigund logged a low of 0.4 degrees Celsius while Konibal in Pampore town registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.4 degrees.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius while Kokernag in south Kashmir saw the mercury settle at minus 0.5 degrees.

The weatherman has however, predicted | More on P6

## Omar Meets FM Sitharaman, Seeks Liberal Funding For J&K

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here as part of pre-Budget consultations, officials said.

The meeting at Sitharaman's North Block office went on for more than 30 minutes and was "cordial", they said.

The finance minister is scheduled to present the Union Budget on February 1. This is the second meeting between the two leaders in two months.

Sources said that Omar Abdullah called on the Union Finance Minister to seek liberal funding for Jammu and Kashmir.

They said that the Chief Minister pushed for enhancing



financial support to the UT for minimizing liabilities of the last financial year.

"The CM is believed to have sought additional financial support from Centre for minimizing liabilities of Rs 10000-12000 crore accumulated in 2023-24," they said.

Omar, according to the

sources, held pre-Budget consultations with the Union Finance Minister and sought much-needed support from the Centre for the region.

"The Finance Minister assured all possible support to J&K Chief Minister and assured him that his concerns will be addressed," | More on P6

### Pays Tributes To Mufti Sayeed On Death Anniversary

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday paid tributes to Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on his ninth death anniversary. Sayeed was the chief minister of the erstwhile state of JK, first from November 2002-2005 and then from March 2015 until his death on January 7, 2016. "Remembering former CM of J&K, late Mufti Mohd | More on P6

### J&K Business Rules

## Panel To Finalise Changes Before Budget Session

Agencies

Srinagar: J&K legislative assembly's committee on framing rules Tuesday decided to carry out modifications and adaptations in the rules applicable to the legislature of erstwhile state for conducting business in the Union Territory's law-making House.

Sources said that the committee headed by Speaker Abdul Rahim Tuesday met and held threadbare discussions on framing the rules of procedure and conduct of business in the House.

After examining legal provisions governing framing of business rules, the panel decided to carry out necessary adaptations and modifications in the old rules for conducting routine business in the House.

A member of the committee, wishing anonymity, said that existing rules would continue but necessary modifications and adaptations would be carried out due to reorganization of J&K. "The Reorganization Act

authorizes the Speaker to make any necessary modifications and adaptations to these rules and standing orders to ensure their effective application," he said.

Another member of the committee, who also wished not to be named, said that references to J&K Constitution, Governor, Legislative Council and Joint Selection Committee (JSC) would be deleted from the old Rules for their effective applicability to the UT Assembly.

"In the old rules, there are references to the legislative council but the Council doesn't exist anymore. So you need to delete it from the rules," he added.

He said the committee would examine the draft proposal regarding the necessary changes to be made in the rules in its next meeting.

"The Assembly staff would put the draft proposal before the committee. We are hopeful that we will carry out modifications before commencement of the budget session," he said.

The budget | More on P6



Skiers glide down the snowy slopes of Gulmarg enjoying the winter sports season. PTI Photo

## Cashless Treatment For Accident Victims Soon: Gadkari

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The government will come up with a modified scheme by March to provide cashless treatment for road accident victims nationwide, under which they will be entitled to a maximum amount of Rs 1.5 lakh per accident per person, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

According to Gadkari, the scheme will be applicable to all road accidents caused by the use of motor vehicles on any category of road.

The National Health Authority (NHA) shall be the implementing agency for the programme, in coordination with police, hospitals and State Health Agency etc.



The programme will be implemented through an IT platform, combining the functionalities of the e-Detailed Accident Report (eDAR) application of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Transaction Management System of NHA.

"The broad contours of the pilot programme are -- victims entitled to cashless treatment up to a maximum of Rs 1.5 lakh per | More on P6

## NC Minister Accuses Ruhullah Of Seeking 'Cheap Fame'

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Minister for Education and Health, Sakina Itoo Yattoo, took a veiled swipe at Member of Parliament from Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, accusing him of resorting to protests for "cheap fame" rather than engaging in meaningful dialogue.

Her remarks came during a

video interview with a Jammu-based journalist, where she expressed her discontent with public demonstration that Aga Ruhullah led outside Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's residence at Gupkar.

Itoo said, "Our Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, does not have a magic wand in his hand. He has constituted a committee to look into the matter of | More on P6

### NC Should Remove Ruhullah From Party: BJP

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday demanded the National Conference (NC) sack its Member of Parliament Aga Ruhullah for allegedly terming increasing tourism in Jammu and Kashmir as a | More on P6



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Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Daneen D/O Jan Mohammad Sjasha R/O Sopore-B Tehsil Sopore District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 04-05-2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Munazza Mehraj D/o Mehraj Ud Din Ganaie R/O Hamray Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 22-04-2021 occurred at SDH Pattan

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION ANANTNAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Notice Inviting E-Tenders-NIT No.17 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jand K U.T, e-tenders on percentage basis are invited in Single cover system from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K.U.T Govt. for the following works:-

Table with 8 columns: S.N.O., NAME OF WORK, Estt Cost (Rs in lacs), Earnest Money (EMD) Rs, Time for completion, Class of Contract, Cost of Tender (Rs), Major Head of Account, Tender opening authority

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (BOQ) set to terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from :-

Table with 3 columns: S.No, Publishing date, Download Date Starts, BID Submission Date Starts, BID Submission Date Ends, Date of opening of tenders

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.jktenders.gov.in and The bids uploaded shall be opened online on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the basis of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (on 100dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag / latest GST clearance certificate(GSTR-3B and GSTR-1) /Registration card duly renewed along with Verification/BID Security in the form of EMD as per above. The date of CDR/FDR/BG should be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date. After opening of tenders online, the 1st lowest bidder shall be asked to deposit the CDR/FDR pledged to tender receiving authority and other documents in original. The CDR/ FDR and other documents in original shall be deposited within two Days positively after opening of tenders. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract. The check list of documents for cover 1st is attached with the NIT & bidders are advised to recheck the uploaded documents as per the Check list.

2. Additional Performance Security is to be deposited by the L1 bidder in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG as per the breakup given below failing which the tender shall be rejected.

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- 4. Contractor / Bidder who fails to submit the CDR/FDR / Treasury Challan as required, their EMD will be forfeited besides they will be barred/prohibited from participating in the Tendering process for a period of Six Months (06 Months) in the first instance. Their online uploaded tenders will not be considered for the said period. 5. Contractor who shall be allotted the work has to start the work within the stipulated time period after the date of allotment as the work is of very important nature. 6. The department shall not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids due to any reason what so ever. 7. The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.(Ninety Days) 8. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department. 9. The earnest money shall be forfeited if- a. Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid. b. The successful bidder fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.

26.Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25.

Remittance Head:-0702 Position of AAA: -(1)Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ACH/22-23/1128-31 dated 05-08-2022 Position of TS.-(1)Accord of technical sanction vide order No. 75-dB of 2025 dated 02/01/2025 issued under No. SE/Hyd/Ang/ dB/TS/ No.IDA/7286-7308 DIPK-10563/24 Dated:07-01-2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag

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No.IDA/IDA/7260-82 DIPK-10511/24 dated:07-01-2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag

## Eye Check-Up Camp Organized At Kani Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A free Eye Check-Up camp was organized at Kani Kadal area of Srinagar. The camp, aimed at providing free eye care services to the community, was inaugurated by social worker Syed Aijaz Kashani, Chairperson of Smile Foundation NGO Miss Masrat, and President of Smile Foundation NGO Mr. Sajad Ahmad Sholla.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from the local community, with numerous individuals availing themselves of the free eye check-ups and con-

sultations offered by expert medical professionals.

Speaking on the occasion, Syed Aijaz Kashani emphasized the importance of such health initiatives in improving the quality of life for underprivileged sections of society. He praised the collaborative efforts of Al Khaliq Optics and Sharp Sight Eye Hospital for their commitment to serving the community.

Locals expressed gratitude to the organizing team and stressed the need for more such initiatives to ensure accessible healthcare for all.



## Fire Destroys Six Residential Structures At Nowhatta

Agencies

Srinagar: A massive fire broke out early this morning in Bahaudin Sahab, Nowhatta, causing extensive damage to six residential houses and three shops.

City Divisional Fire Officer (DFO), Muzaffer Ahmad said that the fire spread rapidly through the densely packed structures. "We received a call at 8:36 AM and immediately dispatched fire tenders from Babademb, Rainawari, Nowshera, and headquarters. Thanks to the prompt response from our teams, after rigorous efforts, we were able to contain the flames and prevent further damage in this highly congested

“ We received a call at 8:36 AM and immediately dispatched fire tenders from Babademb, Rainawari, Nowshera, and headquarters

area," he said. The fire engulfed six residen-

tial structures and three shops, with two gas cylinders exploding during the incident, according to the DFO.

Highlighting the challenges faced during the operation, Muzaffer Ahmad added, "The presence of vehicles illegally parked on the already narrow and congested roads made our operations significantly more difficult. We urge the general public to cooperate with us by ensuring clear access to facilitate smooth firefighting operations."

It is pertinent to mention that the first responder to any fire incident is often an individual, department and other NGOs have already requested the general public to follow dos and don'ts for fire safety. (ANB)

## DLSAs Collaborate To Address Concerns Of Old Prisoners

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) of Srinagar and Budgam convened a significant meeting to address the pressing issues faced by old and terminally ill prisoners.

The meeting, chaired by Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar/Budgam, was conducted in the presence of the Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Srinagar. Other members of both districts actively participated in the session through virtual platforms.

The primary focus of the meeting was to identify prisoners in need of immediate legal and humanitarian assistance due to their advanced age or critical health conditions.

After a thorough review and discussion, five such prisoners were identified. These cases were deliberated upon in detail, with participants exploring avenues to ensure their legal rights are upheld and

necessary interventions are made to provide them with adequate care.

During the discussions, emphasis was laid on the need for expediting legal remedies for such prisoners, ensuring access to medical care, and advocating for their compassionate release wherever applicable under the law.

The Secretary, DLSA Srinagar/Budgam, stressed the importance of coordination between various stakeholders, including legal aid counsels, prison authorities, and healthcare providers, to address these issues holistically.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to continue such collaborative efforts to uphold the principles of justice and humanity. Both DLSAs reaffirmed their dedication to supporting vulnerable sections of society, particularly those who are often overlooked. Steps were outlined to follow up on the identified cases and monitor their progress to ensure effective outcomes.

## Police Arrest Fraudster Posing As Government Officer

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Police have arrested a fraudster who impersonated a government official to defraud a woman of a substantial sum of money by promising to secure the release of a drug peddler detained for narcotics-related crimes.

According to a statement issued to Associated News Bureau reads that On January 6, 2025, a complaint was filed by Ms. Safiya Riyaz, wife of Riyaz Ahmad Channa, accusing Sadiq Hassan Cha-

loo, a resident of Shaheedgunj, of impersonating a government officer and defrauding her of 2 lakh. The accused falsely claimed he could use his influence to facilitate the release of her husband, who was arrested on November 19, 2024, by Rajbagh Police Station in a narcotics case.

Upon realizing the deception, Safiya demanded her money back. The accused returned only a partial amount but refused to repay the rest.

A case has been registered under Sections 318(4), 319, and 351(2) of the BNS Act, and the

accused has been taken into custody. An investigation is currently underway.

It is pertinent to mention that the applicant's husband, Riyaz Ahmad Channa, has been booked under the PIT NDPS Act and is currently lodged in Sub-Jail Bhaderwah.

The police have urged the public not to fall prey to individuals claiming to have influence over law enforcement authorities. Citizens are advised to report any such claims immediately to the nearest police station or by dialing 112.

### NAME CORRECTION

This is to notify all that on my Driving License my name has been inadvertently written as Mohammad Ayoub Dar whereas my correct name is Mohammad Ayoub Dar S/O Ghulam Mohiuddin Dar R/O Delina, Baramulla. I have applied for the name correction. The corrected name on my driving license will be Mohammad Ayoub Dar S/O Ghulam Mohiuddin Dar R/O Delina, Baramulla. In this regard if anybody has any objection he may contact the concerned office. Thanks  
Mohammad Ayoub Dar

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**This Day In History**

- 871 - Battle of Ashdown: Ethelred of Wessex and his brother Alfred (the Great) beat invading Danish army
- 1297 - Monaco gains its independence.
- 1558 - French troops under Duc de Guise occupy Calais
- 1610 - Simon Marius, a German astronomer, independently discovers the first three moons of Jupiter one day after Galileo
- 1656 - Oldest surviving commercial newspaper begins (Haarlem, Netherlands)
- Music Premiere
- 1708 - Spanish armada headed by the San Jose and loaded with gold sunk after British squadron attacks off coast of Colombia (rediscovered 2015)
- 1745 - Britain, Austria, Netherlands & Saxony sign anti-Prussian Quadruple Alliance
- 1760 - Comet C/1760 A1 (Great comet) approaches within 0.0682 AUs of Earth.
- 1790 - 1st US President George Washington delivers 1st state of the union address
- 1800 - Austrians defeat French in Second Battle of Novi
- 1806 - Battle of Blaauwberg: British forces attack French vassal, the Batavian Republic near
- 1815 - Battle of New Orleans (War of 1812); the war had ended on 24th December 1814 but none of the combatants knew
- 1816 - Sophie Germain is the first woman to win a prize from the Paris Academy of Sciences for her paper on elasticity
- 1916 - WWI: ANZAC forces withdraw from the Gallipoli Peninsula after Ottoman forces successfully defend access to Constantinople
- 1917 - Austria-Hungarian troops conquer Forlani Italy
- 1926 - Abdulaziz Ibn Saud becomes King of Nejd and Hejaz; forerunner of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 1940 - Britain's 1st WW II rationing (bacon, butter & sugar)
- 1952 - Jordan adopts constitution
- 1958 - Cuban revolutionary forces capture Havana
- 1959 - Charles de Gaulle inaugurated as president of France's 5th Republic
- 1973 - Secret peace talks between US & North Vietnam resumed near Paris
- 1973 - USSR launches Luna 21 for Moon landing
- 1978 - Israeli government votes to 'strengthen' settlements in occupied Sinai
- 1985 - Japan launches Sakigake space probe to Halley's Comet
- 1994 - Russian manned space craft TM-18, launches into orbit
- 1998 - World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Ahmed Yousef sentenced to life
- 2013 - 130 wildfires across Australia's east coast force thousands to evacuate their homes
- 2013 - 2,130 prisoners held by the Syrian government are exchanged for 48 Iranians kidnapped by Syrian rebels
- 2013- Steve Nash becomes 5th NBA player to record 10,000th career assists, playing for the LA Lakers against Houston - Lakers still lose 125-112
- 2014 - First known interstellar meteor to ever hit Earth - CNEOS 2014-01-08 crash lands in Papua New Guinea [1]
- 2018 - US record year for cost of natural disasters announced - \$306 billion in 2017
- 2020- Duke and Duchess of Sussex announce they are stepping back as "senior" royals, will work towards becoming financially independent
- 2020- Iran launches missile strike on Irbil and Al Asad bases in Iraqi housing some American troops in retaliation to assassination of General Qasem Soleimani
- 2020- Ukrainian Boeing 737-800 crashes just after take-off from Tehran, Iran, killing all 176 people on board
- 2021- Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga declares a state of emergency for Tokyo and surrounding areas after COVID-19 cases surge to their highest level

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# The Patriarchy in Property Rights Culture



### KO VIEW

## Battle For Delhi

The Election Commission has announced February 5 as the voting date for Delhi's Assembly election, with results on February 8. The AAP is eyeing a fourth term, emphasizing governance over rhetoric, while the BJP campaigns on development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. The Congress, contesting independently, targets both rivals.

Although Delhi is a union territory, its elections have a bearing on national politics. This is one of the fewer places in India that the BJP has failed to win despite using all its might to defeat the AAP. The reason for this is the AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal, so far three-time Delhi chief minister. Over a decade ago, he was one of the many noted activists who were a part of the anti-corruption movement led by Anna Hazare.

The AAP was founded on an idealistic agenda, which has since frayed. The party introduced an alternative political vision for India that transcended secular-Hindutva politics of Congress and the BJP respectively. This was a politics that aspired to transcend identity and ideology and represented the aspirations and expectations of the common man. It also offered a basic commitment to a clean, fair and just system, something that might seem utopian given the state of politics in the country which basically thrives on appeal to identity and ideology, a part of which is pernicious in their envisioning of India.

AAP's first government supported by Congress lasted just 49 days. Kejriwal resigned in a huff when Congress refused to back his bill on Lok Pal, an anti-corruption institution. This disappointed AAP constituency and the party built on a sustained protest against corruption was seen as incapable of providing a stable government. Many people as much as wrote off the AAP. But in the next election in 2015, the party returned to power with a two-thirds majority. It went on to win the third successive Assembly election in 2020. This makes Kejriwal the only leader with West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee who has been able to stop the BJP juggernaut.

But all bets are off this time round. After the all-important Maharashtra win, the saffron party is back in the ascendant. The party has all but shrugged off the setback in the general elections and is back to its normal aggressive self. Should that happen, it would be a major boost to the BJP and will set it up for victory in the subsequent Assembly election in Haryana. At the same time, the AAP is no pushover and could be expected to register yet another landslide victory. All eyes are now on the unfolding battle, and only time will tell the outcome.

Ahymon Ayoub

“Unfortunately, lavishing our life-time earnings in ostentatious marriages still finds more meaning with us than upholding the rights of an already marginalised section of our society. We have reversed the sacred law quite conveniently and established a system of injustice where women are devoid of cultural and economic capital guaranteed to them by their Maker

PATRIARCHY, like any other forms of injustice feeds itself on the detritus of disinformation: by twisting the truths and realities. Unjust societies have a default embedded paraphernalia in place to reproduce themselves in new forms. Such societies incubate the culture of silence over telling issues to the point that they become non-existent or non-issues. One such issue which by the dent of our collective disservice has metamorphosed into a non-issue in Kashmir is the question of women's property rights or the rights of inheritance. Women, over the ages have either been conditioned not to seek her share in property or the subject of women's property rights has been stigmatised into non-existence.

Womenfolk, today are challenging stereotypes and reclaiming their agency in realms which hitherto were monopolised by men. However, even in the present times, women seem to be inheriting genetic docility when it comes to the question of property rights. Inheritance rights of women guaranteed by Islam long usurped by the patriarchal ghost don't even exist in name; nor is any data available on the subject which makes the case even worse.

While our society keeps strict and detailed manuals of expectations that women must fulfil without fail; educating them about their property rights in particular and other array of rights is apparently deigned subservive. In fact, women are conditioned or (precisely) indoctrinated to forgo her property rights in the name of some constructed sense of feminine generosity and benevolence. While women breaking the silence over the injustice is bound to offend the patriarchal sensibilities, this topic remains nearly untouched in routine conversations, Friday khutbas, public debates, media and every other platform which could prove to be icebreakers in this regard.

Islamic legislation in this respect is not only comprehensive but based on justice. It provides

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be small or large- a determinate share” (Qur'an, 4 : 7). Further in verse 32 of the same chapter, economic rights of both men and women have been ascertained as, “men shall have a benefit of what they earn and women shall have a benefit of what they earn”.

The aforementioned verses are followed by many other allied verses which lay down the legal framework for inheritance. Surprisingly, in more cases than one, female heirs receive a larger share of property than their counterparts. It is a subject which escapes our notice partly because of tainted social-construction of the subject and partly owing to our fragmented and irresponsible understanding of religion. Islamic legislations aim at ascertaining the overall wellbeing of its adherents which by default includes economic well-being but the entire structure of rights has been foreshadowed by androcentric propensities of the society.

Islam came as a liberatory force for women and toppled male-controlled economic system of that period in favour of women. The whole concept of women's rights of inheritance was alien to the society of 7th century which adhered strictly to the system of male primogeniture.

Being a Muslim majority society, we seem to have deeply cultivated an unjust system against the equitable spirit of our religion. Unfortunately, lavishing our life-time earnings in ostentatious marriages still finds more meaning with us than upholding the rights of an already marginalised section of our society. We have reversed the sacred law quite conveniently and established a system of injustice where women are devoid of cultural and economic capital guaranteed to them by their Maker.

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for the rights of inheritance for both men and women in a way that maintains social equilibrium. The force with which these rights were at first pronounced in Surah Nisa of Quran was subservive to the existing system of inheritance which was managed by men and favourable to men alone. As the verse goes, “men shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind, and women shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind, whether the property



Did you know ?

## Understanding Our Spending Habits: A Path to Financial Wisdom

Irshad Mushtaq

Have you ever thought about how much we spend when we go out? It's not uncommon for us to splurge on luxurious treats like fancy cakes and juice boxes, adding up costs that can easily exceed 3,000 to 5,000. While it's fine to indulge once in a while, we often overlook the true value of these items. After all, most of these treats are temporary pleasures; they expire quickly and can sometimes end up in the trash or even fed to animals.

Let's take a moment to reflect on gifting practices from the past. Remember the tradition of giving coins or gold? Those gifts had intrinsic value, appreciating over time. Today, however, we often invest our wealth into things like houses, which can take up 80% or even 100% of our net worth. It's a common belief that buying a home is a wise investment. But the reality is that many of us are tying up our money in what isn't necessarily a valuable asset.

Purchasing a house might feel like a solid step, yet we need to recognize that buildings often don't appreciate in value as we hope. For many, it's not until a decade later that any real increase in value is seen, and even then, it may just keep pace with inflation. This means we often find ourselves in a position where we've invested a significant percentage of our net worth into something that doesn't yield high returns.

Instead of making hasty financial decisions, we should focus on buying only what we truly need. The great Warren Buffett once said that true wealth comes not from what you earn, but from what you wisely invest. Creating a mindset shaped by understanding, saving, and investing can lead us to more sustainable and meaningful financial health.

Good health is paramount, and when you are in a good place healthwise, it becomes so much easier to manage your finances and make sound decisions. Let's strive to develop a balanced perspective on spending and investing. By practicing financial wisdom, we can enhance our lives, ensure a more secure future, and ultimately find joy in what truly matters.

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## Ensure Dignity and Safety for Journalists

It is much sad that the new year began on a tragic note for India's media fraternity, as the young journalist Mukesh Chandrakar was found murdered, with his body was seen lying in a septic tank in Bijapur town, Chhattisgarh. The journalist was allegedly killed for his ground reporting of the Maoist conflict in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region.

Local journalists and press organizations have called his death a targeted attack on press freedom, citing his bold exposés of corruption and his advocacy for marginalized communities. The global toll of journalist fatalities reached 179 in 2024, spanning 25 countries. India reported four journalist killings last year, all from central India, a region fraught with

challenges for the press. Mukesh's untimely death has once again spotlighted the perils faced by journalists in conflict zones and the urgent need for stronger protections for media professionals in India. His courage in exposing corruption, his dedication to tribal issues, and his fierce commitment to truth made him an indispensable voice and the very identity

of Bijapur. With his murder, a chilling message has been sent: in regions like Bastar, where the nexus of politics, corruption, and violence often intersects, speaking truth may cost more than a journalist's career—it can cost a life.

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# Your First Encounter with Snow

## What to Expect

Dr Ambreen Hamadani

Snow is inconvenient. It causes power outages and roadblocks, affects Interstate traffic and the airways, and causes losses for people on connecting flights. Cars are seen skidding off roads. Delays, damages, and disruptions are ubiquitous.

Despite the many layers we wear, our toes, fingertips, and noses still turn crimson and cold. There is a risk of snow sliding off roofs onto our heads, or of suddenly slipping and falling! This is a summary of all the things we endure during snowfalls.

But before you jump to any conclusions, wait one more moment. Because in that moment, our lives find meaning. Watching the white flakes come down from the heavens like tiny dancing fairies landing gracefully on the ground is magical. Peace and silence envelop us as everything becomes blanketed in pure white. The stillness that descends is more melodious than any music in the world. It feels as though the snow absorbs all the harshness from the surround-



Snow transforms even the most uptight adult into a child. You will hear roars of laughter as snowflights begin. Join any group. All are welcoming; the more the merrier. Pick up a handful, squeeze it and take aim. You will make a million friends as you shower them with snow, make them trip into it, or even bury them under it. The delightful snow will be soft and cheering. No hard feelings: it will cushion all falls and crumble on body surfaces. Sandcastles are fine, but nothing matches the versatility of snow!

If you are not the outgoing type, a snowy afternoon is the best time to curl up with a good book and a steaming cup of coffee. I doubt you would get very far with the reading, though, because the snow outside would keep you mesmerized.

When you experience all this, you will know that no matter how cold and wet our feet get, our love for snow will only grow in our hearts, and we shall celebrate this friend with all the joy it brings. Once or twice every year, it arrives in our valley, refills our glaciers with a year's water supply, and leaves us dancing with delight beneath the shower of white little stars. Whether it is your first time experiencing snowfall or your millionth, I dare you not to fall in love with it!

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ings, concealing all rough edges and imperfections.

We wait all year for this one moment and you must too. Your first snowfall will be worth the wait and it will exceed all your expectations. The sight will make you forget who you are. It will soothe your eyes and make you a voyager hurtling through great white galaxies. Your soul will harmonize with the world,

and make you one with it.

The falling snow will then start to accumulate on the ground. It will be softer than the softest mattress initially. The cold will turn it to stone quickly. So grab your chance, layer up and go out. Trudge on and feel your feet sink. You will leave behind footprints and make it easy for any Sherlock to find you. The snow angels you make will guard you

through the year.

Do not forget to scoop a fistful in your hand, and feel the texture and smoothness of the world's softest velvet. Don't worry about the cold, your heart will be warmed and that will be enough. You wouldn't want to miss out on holding and beholding the purest and most untarnished part of Mother Earth, would you?

You can mix snow with sugar

and milk and eat it. You can add colour to it and make ice lollies. You can play with it to your heart's delight. Mold it into anything your imagination conjures. For a day, you will become a Michelangelo, spending many delightful hours snowballing, shovelling, and moulding snow. Your work of art will last a few days, but the memories will stay forever.

## New Year, Same Doubts?

Here's How to Move Forward Anyway

Lindsey Godwin

A highly accomplished colleague recently texted me in a panic. She was about to launch a major initiative to kick off the year, complete with an announcement and event. But just before hitting "send," she froze. "I'm having a momentary freakout," she wrote. "I need someone to talk me off the ledge."

I smiled—not at her panic, but at how much I could relate. After all, the start of a new year often inspires bold resolutions and fresh starts, but it also tends to invite an unwelcome guest: impostor feelings.

Just a few weeks ago, I faced my own moment of doubt. My new book, *Ditch the Ditty: Doing What Matters Instead of Doing It All*—a labor of love co-authored with two incredible colleagues and shaped by countless late nights of writing and editing—was finally published. For a glorious five minutes, it even hit #1 as a new release in Women's Studies on Amazon—a dream come true for any author.

And yet, I couldn't shake the thoughts: What if people hate it? What if they think we have no idea what we're talking about?

This was the very book we wrote to help women interrupt self-doubt and impostor feelings. And here I was, embodying every word of it.

As it turns out, I'm in good company. Even Maya Angelou, an icon of talent and achievement, admitted to feeling like a fraud: "I have written 11 books," she once said, "but each time I think, 'Uh oh, they're going to find out now. I've run a game on everybody, and they're going to find me out.'"

Research confirms that impostor feelings are nearly universal, with 70 percent of people experiencing them at some point. So this New Year, let's skip the pressure to eliminate self-doubt altogether. Instead, let's focus on how to embrace it—and move forward anyway.

**It's Not a Syndrome; It's Being Human**  
The term "impostor syndrome" makes it sound like a diagnosable medical condition. It's not. Feeling like an impostor is simply a natural reaction to stepping into something new, stretching yourself, or facing the possibility of failure.

Studies show that doubt is incredibly common, even among high achievers. And honestly? If you never feel a flicker of self-doubt, that might be the real problem. As writer L.V. Anderson

**“THE NEW YEAR INVITES US TO GROW, DREAM, AND STRETCH OURSELVES. But those ambitions often bring a sidekick: doubt. Rather than seeing it as a roadblock, what if we reframed it as a sign of progress?”**

(2016) humorously put it, "Maybe we should stop calling people who experience impostor syndrome 'people who experience impostor syndrome' and start calling people who don't experience impostor syndrome 'overconfident weirdos.'"

In moderation, doubt signals that you care deeply about your work. The challenge is making sure it doesn't paralyze you.

### 1. Why We Feel Like Imposters

Impostor feelings often show up when we leave our comfort zones. It's your brain's way of asking, Are you sure you can handle this?—a question rooted in fear of failure, judgment, or rejection.

For women, these feelings can be amplified by societal messages that underestimate our competence, question our value, and demand perfection. Add in a culture that celebrates confidence over humility, and it's no wonder so many of us feel like frauds.

But here's the truth: Doubt isn't a sign that you're growing.

### How to Interrupt Impostor Feelings and Step Into Your Voice

If doubt is inevitable, the goal isn't to eliminate it. The goal is to interrupt it before it holds you back. As you tackle your New Year's goals, try these strategies to reframe impostor feelings and move forward with confidence.

When impostor feelings arise, the first step is to label them. Calling them out—"This is impostor doubt"—creates distance, making them easier to manage.

Next, remind yourself that these feelings are incredibly common. Even the most accomplished people feel like frauds sometimes. Doubt isn't proof that you're unqualified; it's evidence that you're stepping into something meaningful.

Try this: When doubt creeps in, take a deep breath and say, "This is just impostor doubt. It's normal, and it doesn't define me."

### 2. Shift Your Focus to the Work

Impostor feelings often center on how you'll be perceived—Will people like me? Will they judge me?—rather than on the value of the work itself. Redirecting your focus to the impact you're making can quiet self-doubt.

Ask yourself: Who will benefit from this? What problem am I solving? How can I serve others? These questions remind you that your voice matters, not because it's perfect, but because it's needed.

Try this: Before starting a project, write down three ways your work could positively impact others. Keep this list handy for moments when doubt resurfaces.

### 3. Act Anyway

One of the best ways to combat impostor feelings is to take action. Each small step builds evidence that you're capable. Over time, this creates confidence and proves that doubt doesn't have to control you.

Remember, confidence isn't the absence of doubt. It's the willingness to act despite it.

Try this: The next time doubt whispers, Stop, take one small action anyway. Press "send," share your idea, or take the first step. Progress, not perfection, is the goal.

### The Gift of Moving Forward

The New Year invites us to grow, dream, and stretch ourselves. But those ambitions often bring a sidekick: doubt. Rather than seeing it as a roadblock, what if we reframed it as a sign of progress? When we embrace our doubts, we free ourselves to step forward, imperfectly but authentically.

So, this year, when impostor feelings creep in, remember: They're not a sign you're failing. They're a sign you're trying something new, something important.

As for my colleague? She sent her big initiative email, doubts and all, reminding herself that her work—and putting herself out there—mattered.

Here's to a New Year filled with growth, courage, and the messy, beautiful process of showing up anyway. Because the world doesn't need perfection—it needs you.

*The article was originally published by Psychology Today*

## Introducing Public Administration at the 10+2 Level

A Step Towards Empowering Future Leaders

Aarif Maqbool

Public administration is the art and science of managing public programs and policies, ensuring their effective execution for the benefit of society. In an era where governance and civic engagement play a pivotal role in shaping societies, the introduction of public administration as a subject at the 10+2 level is a transformative step. This initiative has the potential to not only enrich students' academic repertoire but also instill a sense of responsibility and awareness about the functioning of government systems, policies, and administrative machinery.

### Role and Importance of Public Administration

In today's modern state and in developing countries, the functions and role of public administration are very important. The role and importance of public administration are as follows:

- ▶ It is the basis of government.
- ▶ It is the instrument of change in society.
- ▶ It plays a vital role in the life of the people.
- ▶ It is an instrument for executing laws, policies, and programs of the state.
- ▶ It is a stabilizing force in society, providing continuity.
- ▶ It is an instrument of national integration in developing countries facing class wars.

### Bridging the Knowledge Gap

The benefits of studying public administration are immense. One key reason students study public administration is to prepare them for careers in the public sector, as the government is the largest employer in many economies, with an array of positions requiring training in public administration. There is also a recurrent need for persons with specialized technical fields, such as engineers, to combine their technical skills with managerial skills, since at times in their careers, their job may involve management in the public sector.

It is to be observed further that some professionals may not have any interest in working in the public sector, but at some point, may seek contracts in the public sector, and therefore, knowledge of public administration may not only be helpful but essential. The study of the course propels job prospects for students after school. Usually, many formal public sector jobs will entail a basic qualification of a first degree; one with

a degree in public administration is usually an advantage.

Public administration, traditionally introduced at the undergraduate level, has often been perceived as a specialized domain. However, its integration into the senior secondary curriculum addresses a critical gap in education. It empowers students with a foundational understanding of governance, public policy, and administration at an impressionable age, fostering informed and responsible citizenship.

### Benefits of Early Exposure

**Civic Awareness:** Students will gain insights into the structure and functioning of government institutions, enabling them to appreciate the complexities of policymaking and administration.

Public administration is essential for the effective functioning of government. Without it, governments would be unable to provide essential services, implement policies, or manage their resources effectively. Public administrators play a vital role in ensuring that governments are transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of the public.

**Career Orientation:** Exposure to public administration can inspire students to pursue careers in civil services, public policy, or governance, aligning their aspirations with societal needs.

If public administration is introduced as a subject at the higher secondary level, it will be the most favorite subject to be opted by civil service aspirants at the schooling level. This will benefit them in preparation and also be helpful for them in training after selection. Public administration will help them in framing and implementing government policies.

Institute of Management, Public Administration, and Rural Development (JKAS) is the training institution for JKAS officers, where public administration is also taught to them. When public administration is introduced at the school level, it will foster the basics of public administration, which is necessary for all government employees, not only civil servants.

**Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking can be defined as the ability to make rational and clear, unbiased judgments based on analysis of available facts, evidence, and observations. It gives individuals the ability to effectively diagnose problems and identify possible solutions to them. The subject promotes analytical and decision-making skills by engaging students with real-world challenges and case studies.

**Value Education:** It inculcates values like accountability, transparency, and ethical governance, which are essential

for building a progressive society. The role of accountability and transparency is important in delivering public services. We are witnessing these two in most departments. Introducing public administration as a subject at the higher secondary level will help bridge this gap, as public administration as a subject will develop their value education since schooling, or we can say, future leaders in making, with transparency, accountability, and integrity.

Public administration should be introduced as a core subject at the plus 2 level for all streams to impart value education, which is required in every field.

### A Vision for the Future

The inclusion of public administration at the 10+2 level reflects a forward-thinking approach to education. It prepares students to navigate the complexities of modern governance and equips them to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. By nurturing young minds with knowledge of administrative systems and public welfare, this initiative has the potential to create a generation of informed, engaged, and empowered citizens.

As the education system evolves to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world, such innovative steps are a testament to the commitment towards holistic development. Introducing Public Administration at the school level is not just an academic reform; it is a step towards building a stronger, more participatory democracy.

### Conclusion

The introduction of the Public Administration subject at the 10+2 level will develop students' leadership qualities during schooling and prepare them to serve society while developing their critical thinking skills. Unfortunately, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), is already available in the JKBOSE syllabus booklet for classes 11th and 12th. The head of every higher secondary school institution in Jammu and Kashmir should recommend introducing the Public Administration subject at the 10+2 level.

Many Public Administration degree holders have been waiting since 2014 for its inclusion at the 10+2 level. It is pertinent to mention that the Public Administration syllabus, framed by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE), is already available in the JKBOSE syllabus booklet for classes 11th and 12th. The head of every higher secondary school institution in Jammu and Kashmir should recommend introducing the Public Administration subject at the 10+2 level.

*The author holds a Master's degree in Public Administration*



## JAKFAS Launches Digital Calendar 2025



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Finance and Accounts Society (JAKFAS) launched the Digital Calendar 2025 unveiled by the Fayaz Ahmad Lone, Director General Accounts and Treasuries, J&K in the presence of Mahesh Das, Director General Codes; Mohammad Sultan Malik, Director General Budget; and Ms. Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, Director General, Local Fund Audit & Pensions J&K (Joined Virtually), alongside the President JAKFAS, Ms. Rashim Deepika. The event was attended by Director Finance(s), Joint Directors (FA/CAOs); Deputy Directors and other members of the JAKFAS with many officers participating virtually.

Themed around "Digital J&K," the Calendar 2025 highlights the transformative digital initiatives undertaken by the Finance Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir in particular, marking a milestone in integrating technology with governance. Tools such as e-Kuber, e-Gras, BEAMS, the Janbhagidari Portal, and the PROOF App are prominently featured alongside other initiatives, showcasing the Government's commitment to transparency, efficiency, and citizen-centric service delivery.

In a special message featured in the calendar, the Honorable Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Omar Abdullah has commended JAKFAS for their visionary effort in highlighting the essence of Digital J&K through this initiative and

urged all to embrace technology as a powerful tool to create a brighter, more efficient, and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

Santosh D. Vaidya, Principal Secretary to the Government, Finance Department, stated in his message that the launch of the JAKFAS Digital Calendar, dedicated to Digital J&K, is a testament to their commitment to promoting progressive governance. He applauded the JAKFAS for this creative initiative and urged everyone to support and leverage these reforms for a modern, inclusive, and efficient Jammu and Kashmir. In his message, Fayaz Ahmad Lone, DGAT, applauded the JAKFAS for recognizing the power of digital transformation. He described the Digital Calendar as a brilliant step in celebrating these advancements and inspiring everyone to contribute to this remarkable journey.

Rashim Deepika, President JAKFAS, added in his message that, "The Digital Calendar is more than a tool for organizing schedules; it symbolizes our forward-thinking approach, sustainability, and a shared vision of modernizing how we manage time and resources. By going digital, we not only contribute to environmental conservation but also foster a culture of efficiency and accessibility among our members."

## 'Over 17% Primary, 12% Hr Sec Students Quit Studies Midway In JK'

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** In Jammu and Kashmir, over 17 percent of students at primary level and 12 percent learners at senior secondary level quit studies midway—thus raising a question on the functioning of the department.

The official figures accessed reveal that "The retention rate at Primary level in Jammu and Kashmir was 82.70 and 88.42 at senior secondary level."

The official documents however state that, "About 46,000 Out of School Children (OoSC) have been mainstreamed."

Meanwhile, the government-run-school teachers say that many students in rural areas quit studies midway. "The retention problem is mainly seen in tribal and remote areas wherein the students quit studies midway."

The documents further state that a notable shift of thousands of students from private



to government schools has been recorded.

"There has been impressive enrolment of 217,890 students in 2022-23, marking a 17.87 percent increase in total enrolment," it reads. It also said that the department introduced vocational education in 804 schools, and expanded to 1,067 schools in 2023-24—thus benefiting 1.25 lakh students.

The documents further reveal that the School Education Department established 3,000 ICT and CAL labs and were planning for additional 834 ICT labs and 1,352 smart class-

rooms in 2023-24 to enhance experiential learning.

Stating the works completed in the School Education Department, the documents reveal that it has completed 2,562 infrastructure projects in 2022-23, including civil works and facility enhancements under UT Capex and Samagra Shiksha.

"SED implemented Early Child Care Education with kindergartens in nearly 2,000 schools, alongside infrastructure improvements like child-friendly furniture and model kindergarten," it reads—(KNO)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender Notice**

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) with closing date **27.01.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Works	Single Packet System	04.01.2025	13.01.2025	27.01.2025/15:00 Hrs.

**S.N. Tender No.** Details of Tender

1	281-2024-25-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Heavy improvement of damaged rest house at Pahalgam in BAHL-BRML section under ADEN/BDGM	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
			7946378.36	158900	60 Days	08 Months

**Similar nature of work:-** "Any civil work other than track work".

Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.  
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA/FZR/2024-25 Date: 07.01.2025

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**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE**  
**MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR.**

**CORRIGENDUM-I**

For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/ 92 of 12/2024 DT: - 30-12-2024 issued vide this office No:-PHE/MRD/TS/4499-4503, DT: - 30-12-2024 and published vide No: 2024\_PHE\_269209\_1 is hereby extended due to nil response. The new closing and opening dates are given below:

S.NO.	Description	Date	Time
1.	Closing date	10-01-2025	11:00 AM
2.	Bid opening date	10-01-2025	13:00 PM

No: PHE/MRD/4586-90  
Dated: 07 -01-2025  
DIPK-10522-24  
DT: 07/01/2025

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
PHE Mechanical Rural Division,  
Srinagar

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION-IV**  
**PAMPORE, KASHMIR - 192121**  
Phone: Email: [xentlmd4@gmail.com](mailto:xentlmd4@gmail.com)

NIT No: TLMD-IV/e-NIT/09 of 2024-25 Dt. 04-01-2025  
**TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS**

The Executive Engineer, TLMD IV Pampore Kashmir, JKPTCL J&K, for and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir invites e-tenders from Registered electrical contractors/ Joint Venture/Firms/ with Relevant Experience registered with Government of J&K UT contractors with qualification/ past experience

S.No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money	Class of contract
01.	System Strengthening of 220 kV D/C KPTL by way of several works of electrical nature at various locations of the Transmission Line	Rs.4.40 lacs	Rs. 200.00 The cost of tender must be in the form of Demand draft pledged to Executive Engineer TLMD-IV Pampore	@2% Estimated Cost. Rs.8800.00	Registered electrical contractors/ Joint Venture/Firms/ with Experience

01. The bidding documents consisting of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	04-01-2025
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04-01-2025 from 12:00AM to 24-01-2025 to 02:00 PM
03.	Bid submission start date	04-01-2025 from 02:00 PM
04.	Bid submission end date	24-01-2025 up to 02:00 PM
05.	Deadline for receiving the hard copy, & CDR/EMD)	After opening the financial bid only, the lowest bidder (L1) is required to submit/furnish the hard copies of bid along with original copy of EMD & tender documents fee.
06.	Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	25-01-2025 at 03:00PM

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender documents fees in favour of "Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore" (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT (tender receiving authority). The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT (tender receiving authority)

No: TLMD-IV/ 3538-39  
Dated: 04-01-2025

DIPK-NB-3092-24  
DT: 07/01/2025  
Executive Engineer  
TLMD-IV Pampore

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL**  
**BEMINA, SRINAGAR (J&K)-190017.**

Sub: Unauthorized absence of Mr. Tajamul Islam, Forensic Technician, SKIMS Medical College-Hospital-Termination from Government Service thereof.

**Order No. 03 SKIMS MC of 2025**  
**Dated: 03-01-2025**

Whereas; Mr. Tajamul Islam S/o: Mohd Ahsan Mir R/o: Zungalpura, Devsar Kulgam was appointed as Forensic Technician at SKIMS Medical College Bemina vide Order No. 253 SKIMS-MC of 2018 dated: 29.05.2018 and joined the post on 06.06.2018 (F.N.);  
Whereas; HOD Forensic Medicine, SKIMS Medical College conveyed vide letter No. SKIMS/MC/Path-317/23/320 dt. 03.10.2023, that Mr. Tajamul-Islam, Forensic Technician is not attending his duties with effect from 26.09.2023;  
Whereas; the said official was attached with the office of Medical Superintendent, SKIMS Medical College-Hospital vide order No. 445-SKIMS MC of 2023 dt. 14.10.2023;  
Whereas; the Medical Superintendent vide letter No. SKIMS/MCH/2023/ 4851-53 dated 17.10.2023 informed that Mr. Tajamul Islam, Forensic Technician has not reported for duties and is continuously unauthorized absent;  
Whereas; a notice was issued vide No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/5322-27 dated 03.11.2023 on the home address of the said official with the directions to resume his duties immediately, but the official did not respond;  
Whereas; another notice was served upon the said official vide No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/5657-61 dated 22.11.2023 which was also published through print media with the directions to resume duties within 10 days and also ensure his presence before the Principal, but the official failed to resume duties nor responded to the said notice;  
Whereas; a show cause Notice was served upon the said official vide No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/6074-81 dated 11.12.2023 which was also published through print media with the directions to present himself before the Principal along with his statements of defense within 21 days from the date of issuance of the notice, failing which it shall be presumed that he has nothing to say in his defence and action as warranted in terms of Article 128 of J&K Civil Services Regulations Volume-I and other relevant rules shall be initiated against him without any further notice. However, the said official failed to present himself before the Principal and continued on unauthorized absence;  
Whereas; an Enquiry Committee was constituted vide Order No. 22 SKIMS MC of 2024 dated 13-01-2024 to enquire into the unauthorized absence of Mr. Tajamul Islam, Forensic Technician, SKIMS Medical College-Hospital;  
Whereas; Enquiry Committee submitted its recommendations vide letter No. SKIMS/MCH/2024/673 dated 16-02-2024 wherein it was recommended that:  
**"In order to know the whereabouts of Mr. Tajamul Islam, Forensic Technician; SKIMS Medical College, a letter shall be addressed to concerned police station for enquiring the whereabouts of the official so that further action in this regard is initiated."**  
Whereas; in view of the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee, the matter was taken up with Station House Officer, Police Station Devsar, Kulgam vide this office letter No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/ 2024/961-63 dated 24-02-2024 to intimate whereabouts of the said employee;  
Whereas; in the meanwhile, Mr. Tajamul Islam (951) Forensic Technician, SKIMS Medical College submitted an email dated 05-03-2024 requesting therein for consideration of Study Leave in his favour for pursuing higher studies;  
Whereas; Station House Officer, Police Station Devsar vide his letter No: PSD/6-1/15/2024 dated 06-03-2024, received by this office on 27-03-2024 submitted his report which is reproduced as under:  
**"Verification got conducted by this P/S through Incharge beat who revealed in his report that particulars of the subject namely Mr. Tajam-ul-Islam S/O Mohd Ahsan Mir R/o Zangalpura are found correct and is not found involved in any subversive activities. Further revealed that the subject went America for obtaining further studies (PHD) before two months."**  
Whereas; the matter was again placed before the Enquiry Committee and the committee in its meeting held on 16th April 2024 recommended that:  
**"A final show cause notice shall be served to Mr. Tajamul Islam, Forensic Technician, SKIMS Medical College/ Hospital Bemina with the directions to explain his position within three (03) weeks as to why his services shall not be terminated in terms of JK CSR Volume-I under Article 128 on account of unauthorized absence from duties w.e.f 26-09-2023 and also leaving the country without proper permission from the Competent authority."**  
Whereas; a Final Show Cause Notice vide No. SKIMS MC/ 302(Adm)/2024/2243-51 dated 16-05-2024 was served upon the said employee, addressed on his home address & on his personal email which stands also published in print media as well as uploaded on Official website of SKIMS MCH, directing him to explain his position as to why his services shall not be terminated in terms of Article 128 of JK CSR Volume-I. However, the notice sent on home address was returned by the concerned Post office with the remarks that "Addressee is not present at home. He left to America, private services";  
Whereas; in response to the Final show cause notice served to the employee on his email, the said employee admitted that "he left the country without prior permission of the Government for pursuing higher studies in USA and requested for sanction of Study Leave";  
Whereas; General Administration Department vide Circular No. 08-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated 13-02-2021 has issued instructions regarding visits outside country by Government employees which reads as under:  
**"All officers/officials working in various Government Departments / PSUs / Boards / Commissions to take strictly adhere to the instructions issued on the subject and not to undertake any foreign visit on private affairs without prior approval of the Government Administrative Secretaries / HODs shall take note of these instructions and take appropriate action against the defaulters and shall not process any case for post facto sanction."**  
Whereas; Rule 8 (i) of J&K Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1979 reads as under:  
**"Leave cannot be claimed as a matter of right"**  
Whereas; Mr. Tajamul Islam (951) Forensic Technician failed to join his legitimate duties despite the sufficient opportunities being accorded;  
Whereas; continued unauthorized absence from duties by a Government servant attracts action and is tantamount to Joss of service as warranted in terms of Article 128 of J&K Civil Services Regulations (Volume-I) of 1956, which reads as under:  
**"Absence without leave or after the end of leave involves loss of appointment"**  
NOW, THEREFORE, keeping in view the continuous unauthorized absence from duty and leaving the country without prior permission of the Government, Mr. Tajamul Islam (951) Forensic Technician, SKIMS Medical College-Hospital, is hereby terminated and discharged from Government Services from the date of his willful unauthorised absence i.e. 26-09-2023, in terms of Article 128 of J&K Civil Service Regulations, 1956.

No. SKIMS-MC/302(Adm)/2025/27- 34  
Dated: 03 - 01 - 2025  
DIPK-NB-3105-24  
DT: 07/01/2025

Sd/-  
(Prof. Mohd Ashraf Ganje)  
Director SKIMS &  
Ex-Officio Secretary to Govt.

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER**  
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**ELECTION URGENT**

**Subject: Final Delimitation of Municipal Councils/ Committees of District Baramulla—regarding.**

**CORRIGENDUM**

1. Whereas, the Hon'ble State Election Commission UT of J&K vide No.SEC/ME/07/2024-2/4937-58 Dated 06/11/2024 has issued instructions to publish the Final Delimitation Order as per the devised format for indicating ward wise details;  
2. Whereas, the Final Delimitation Order has been issued vide this office No.DE0B/2024/41785-815 Dated 14/11/2024;  
3. Whereas, the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Watergam has reported vide his No.MC/Wg/2024-25/820-22 Dated 28/12/2024 that the territorial limit of the boundary of the ward No.04 and 05 has remained uniform due to oversight/computer error;  
4. Whereas, the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Watergam has submitted the rectified copy of the same for making necessary rectification.

Now, in view of the above, the rectified Final Delimitation of Ward 5 Anwarabad of Municipal Committee Watergam is hereby notified as under;

No. of Ward	Name of the Ward	Area i.e Mohalla / Village/ Cluster falling in the ward.	Territorial Limit of the boundary of the ward.	Total Population as per Census 2011
5	Anwarabad	1. Mohalla Assad sahab, 2. Mohalla Anwarabad 3. Mohalla Shaheen Bagh	(Assad Sahab, Anwarabad, Shaheen Bagh) 1. From H/O of Nazir Ahmad Lone Left side of Park Road Via Ziyarat Assad Sahab and Nallah Hamal upto dumping site. 2. From H/O Nazir Ahmad Lone via Masjid Sharif Anwarabad and shop Hilal Ahmad Bhat upto H/O Manzoor Ahmad Malla. 3. Right side of Watergam Rehmatatabad Road from H/O Manzoor Ahmad Malla upto new Dumping Site and Kralpora orchards.	481

No.DE0B/2025/43695-701  
Dated: 04/01/2025.

DIPK-10525-24  
DT: 07/01/2025  
Deputy Commissioner  
District Election Officer  
Baramulla.

## Rohit Sharma & Virat Kohli's Test Future Depends On Selectors: Gavaskar

Press Trust of India

**SYDNEY:** Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's Test future is now in the hands of selectors, said former India captain Sunil Gavaskar while advocating an honest deep-dive into the team's downward spiral in the last six months.

In an interview to PTI, Gavaskar spoke about India's recent debacles, including the home whitewash by New Zealand, the way forward and the responsibility on the Ajit Agarkar-led national selection committee to give a fair chance to those waiting in the wings.

Asked about the raging debate surrounding the future of struggling stars Rohit and Kohli, Gavaskar said, "How long they continue is really up to the selectors."

"Now that India has failed to qualify for the WTC (World Test Championship) final, it would be pertinent to reflect on the reasons that (why it) hap-



pened," he added.

This is the first time since the WTC's inception that India could not make the finals following a 1-3 loss to Australia in the Border-Gavaskar series that concluded on Sunday.

That defeat also meant that

the coveted BGT was surrendered to Australia for the first time in a decade. The primary reason for the debacle was the batting unit's failure to fire with Rohit and Kohli proving to be the weakest link.

Kohli scored 190 runs in nine

innings including an unbeaten century, while Rohit's tally was a dismal 31 from five completed knocks.

Gavaskar didn't mince words while pointing out the repeated failures of the team's batters, who failed to cross the 200

mark six out of nine times during the series.

"It is clear that in the last six months, the batting failed and that was the main reason that we lost matches that we should have won," the former captain stated.

"So, if changes are required for the new cycle of the WTC which starts in mid-June in England, then hopefully the selectors will take into account who would still be there for the final in 2027 and choose accordingly," Gavaskar put things perspective.

The 75-year-old former India captain did not take names but said there are some good performers coming up in the domestic circuit and the onus is now on the selectors to give them a fair chance.

"Unless they are given a chance how will we know if those doing well in Ranji Trophy will do well at the international level? Here's where good selections come in," he said.

## Annual Skiing Courses Of DYSS Begin In Gulmarg

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The annual Skiing Training programme organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports started on Tuesday at Gulmarg.

The 15-day training course's first batch of 2025 comprising 50 students from government schools of J&K was inaugurated by Joint Director Kashmir DYSS, Mohammad Rashid Kohli. He was accompanied by District YSS Officer Baramulla Ghulam Qadir and Incharge YSS Skiing Courses Hilal Ahmed.



This year, DYSS has chartered out the plan of organising six courses for boys and girls under the guidance of Secretary YSS Sarmad Hafeez and DG YSS Rajinder Singh Tara. The course is being or-

ganised with the technical expertise of Incharge Course Ghulam Nabi Rashi, Mushtaq Ahmed Dar, Manzoor Ahmed Dar, Mushtaq Khan, Mohammad Rafiq, Fayaz Ahmed, Tariq Ahmed and Zahoor Ahmed.

## We Know How To Beat Aussies: South Africa Pacer Rabada

Press Trust of India

**CAPE TOWN:** Fiery South African pacer Kagiso Rabada, no stranger to beating Australia, believes the prospect of facing them in the World Test Championship final at Lord's in June has already sparked anticipation and motivation in his side.

Reigning champions Australia secured their spot in the WTC final with a six-wicket victory over India in the fifth and final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Sydney, clinching the series 3-1.

South Africa were the first team to qualify after defeating Pakistan by 10 wickets in the Boxing Day Test.

"It's actually quite some distance away, but a big occasion like the World Test Championship final gets you up for it," Rabada said on SuperSport after taking a six-wicket haul in his side's 10-wicket, second-Test demolition of Pakistan that completed a 2-0 sweep.

Up against defending champions Australia, the Proteas will start as underdogs but Rabada, who twice played a big part in winning series against Australia in 2016-17 and 2017-18, is confident of pulling off an upset.

"South Africa versus Australia has always been an intense rivalry, because we play cricket quite similar. We play hard -- and they're going to come



hard at us, and we know that. But we also know how to beat them," he said.

About the significance of Test cricket, Rabada said: "One hundred per cent, Test cricket is still alive. It's our best format that we've been playing right now."

"When you look at South African cricket and all our legends, they've all been great Test cricketers. The world's best players are Test cricketers, and this series against Pakistan has been a wonderful advertisement for Test cricket, especially in South Africa."

The Proteas don't have any Test assignment in the build-up to the WTC Final at Lord's from June 11-16 and coach Shukri Conard has said they're looking at the possibility of a one-off match against either Ireland or Afghanistan.

## Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League S2 Enters Day 4

Observer News Service

**LEH:** The Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2, organised in partnership with the UT Administration of Ladakh and Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh at the Nawang Dorjay Stobdan Stadium in Leh, entered its Day 4 on Tuesday.

Several matches were played on the day, with Purgig Warriors ending Sham Wolves' unbeaten streak with



an impressive 5-2 victory in the opening game. Imran Ali, Nadeem Sarwar, Sarfaraz Hussain, Bashar Ali and Mo-

hammad Ali Baba were on the scoresheet for the Warriors. Urgain Chosjor scored the two for the Wolves.

## Short TAKES

### Bumrah Nominated For ICC Men's POTM Award

**S**tar India pacer Jasprit Bumrah was on Tuesday nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for December 2024 after his standout performance against Australia in the just-concluded Border-Gavaskar Trophy. In the month of December, Bumrah took 22 wickets in the three Tests at a phenomenal average of 14.22 and overall, the 31-year-old finished with 32 wickets across five Tests.

Unfortunately, Bumrah could not bowl in Australia's second innings at Sydney because of a back spasm. His standout spells included nine wickets in both the Brisbane and Melbourne Tests, which played a pivotal role in keeping India in competition.

Competing with Bumrah for the award is Australian skipper Pat Cummins, who guided Australia to 3-1 series win over India, and South African seamer Dane Paterson. Pacer Cummins showcased fine form, claiming 17 wickets across three Tests against India at an average of 17.64.

His best bowling performance came in Adelaide, a sensational 5/57, which helped the hosts secure a commanding 10-wicket victory.

### Steve Smith, Kane Williamson Unlikely To Feature In PSL

**S**tar overseas batters Steve Smith and Kane Williamson are unlikely to make themselves available for Pakistan Super League (PSL) and the PCB is also awaiting clearance from the England Cricket Board (ECB) for participation of their players in the T20 tournament in April-May.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Tuesday said top players such as David Warner, Adil Rashid, Chris Woakes and Mustafizur Rahman will feature in the Platinum category during the players draft on January 11.

The other players in the Platinum category, which is the highest, include Australia's Matthew Short, Riley Meredith, and Steve Smith (subject to confirmation), along with England's Adil Rashid, Gus Atkinson, Jason Roy, Jonny Bairstow, Tom Curran, and Tom Kohler-Cadmore.

New Zealand's Finn Allen, Kane Williamson (subject to confirmation), and Mark Chapman are also part of the platinum category. Sri Lanka's Charith Asalanka and West Indies' Shai Hope are also included in this category.

### China's Most Successful Club Folds Under Weight Of Debts

**G**uangzhou FC, the most successful soccer club in Chinese history, disbanded on Monday due to crippling debts.

The club, formerly known as Guangzhou Evergrande, has been unable to meet the Chinese Football Association's financial entry requirements needed to compete in the 2025 domestic season.

After being taken over by property developer Evergrande in 2010, the club started the spending spree in China that made headlines around the world.

Helped by players such as Brazilian international Paulinho and elite coaches such as Marcello Lippi of Italy and Brazil's Luiz Felipe Scolari, Guangzhou won eight Chinese Super League titles from 2011 to 2019. The team triumphed also won the Asian Champions League in 2013 and 2015. Other clubs followed with world-famous stars such as Carlos Tevez, Nicolas Anelka, Oscar, Didier Drogba and others heading to China.

In 2021 however, Evergrande reported debts of over \$300 billion and, as key players left the club due to financial issues, it was relegated to China's second tier in 2022.

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