

## Waqf Act Sparks 2nd Day of Assembly Uproar

Parra Evicted, House Adjourned



Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was adjourned by for the second time on Tuesday following a ruckus in the House by National Conference (NC), Congress, PDP and other members over the disallowance of adjournment of business to discuss the Waqf Amendment Act.

This is the second consecutive day on which treasury benches did not allow the House to function.

As the House assembled for the day, NC members led by Salman Sagar, Tanvir Sadiq and Peoples Conference member Sajad Gani Lone raised the issue of adjourning the Budget Session to discuss the Bill in the

House.

As Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather asked them to allow the Question Hour to begin, members of NC, Congress, PDP, and Independents trooped into the well of the House, raising slogans and demanding the withdrawal of the "black law."

Amid the noisy scenes, PDP member Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra stormed into the well of the House, demanding the immediate passage of the resolution moved by his party.

As Parra, carrying a copy of the resolution in his hand, pressed for its passage, NC leader Abdul Majid Larmi accused him of being an "RSS agent," sparking a heated verbal exchange between NC members and other | [More on P6](#)

## Sustain Gains Post-Article 370, Wipe Out Terror: HM To Forces

Reviews Security; Concludes 3-day Visit To J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Reiterating the Centre's commitment to a secure and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday called for an intensified crackdown on terrorism in the Union Territory, stressing coordinated vigilance among security forces.

The direction came during a high-level security review chaired by Shah at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar. Shah later posted on X, "Chaired a security review meeting for J&K along with Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha Ji and senior officials. Agencies crippled terror in J&K through the Modi Govt's multi-pronged approach to security. Instructed to further



intensify anti-terror offensives by advanced vigilance and seamless mutual coordination to achieve the goal of uprooting terror for good."

He reiterated that "The Modi government is committed to building a secure and prosperous J&K."

The meeting was attended by a host of top security and

civil officials, including LG Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary, the Army Chief, GOC-in-C Northern Command, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, GOCs of 15, 16, and 9 Corps, as well as the Director of the Intelligence Bureau, Chief Secretary of J&K, and Director General of Police.

Heads of | [More on P6](#)

### 3 More Groups Dissociate From Hurriyat: Shah

The Jammu Kashmir Islamic Political Party, Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Democratic League and Kashmir Freedom Front have disassociated themselves from separatists conglomerate Hurriyat Conference, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Tuesday. Eleven such organisations in

Jammu and Kashmir have shunned separatism so far. Shah asserted that the move demonstrated people's trust in the Constitution. "Three more organisations, namely Jammu Kashmir Islamic Political Party, Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Democratic League, and Kashmir Freedom Front, disassociate | [More on P6](#)



### Rains To Continue Till April 11: MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Meteorological Department on Tuesday predicted a spell of unsettled weather across Jammu and Kashmir, with generally cloudy skies, intermittent light rain, and snowfall over higher reaches expected to continue till April 11. The department also warned of thunder and gusty winds in some areas during this period.

Officials said that while the precipitation is expected to be light, isolated weather disturbances could temporarily affect visibility and travel conditions, especially in hilly and mountainous regions.

Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is a possibility of intermittent spells of light rain and snow (higher reaches) for the next two days at many places of Kashmir division & scattered places of Jammu division with possibility of thunderstorm and Gusty winds (30-40 KMPH) at few places.

He also predicted light rain and snow (higher reaches) at scattered places towards morning & improvement thereafter on April 11, adding that from April 12 to April 17, the | [More on P6](#)

### Lone Leads No-Confidence Motion Against Speaker

Three opposition legislators led by People's Conference leader Sajad Gani Lone on Tuesday presented a no-confidence motion against Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather. Lone alleged that the Speaker had become an "impediment" in voicing their opinion against the Waqf (Amendment) Act in the Assembly. The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly witnessed pandemonium | [More on P6](#)

**NC MADE IT CLEAR THAT** it would not support the no-confidence motion.



### Will Not Change Decision: Speaker

As members of the ruling NC-led coalition including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary joined the demand for a discussion on the Waqf Amendment Act, Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Tuesday said he | [More on P6](#)

### Para's Bill On Daily Wager Regularisation Gets LG's Nod

Observer News Service

Jammu: PDP MLA Waheed Ur Rehman Para has received Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's nod to move in the House on Tuesday a private members bill for regularisation of ad hoc, daily wagers, need-based and other temporary workers on Tuesday.

On March 11, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced the formation of a committee to address the issue of regularisation of daily wagers.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly is taking up private members bills on Tuesday, the penultimate day of the budget session that commenced on March 3.

After a 12-day recess, the House reassembled on Monday but the proceedings descended into chaos with religious sloganeering after the speaker | [More on P6](#)

### PLEAS AGAINST WAQF ACT

## Centre Files Caveat In SC, Hearing On Apr 15

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court would likely on April 15 hear a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

The Centre, however, on Tuesday filed a caveat in the apex court and sought a hearing before any order was passed in the matter.

Caveat is filed by a party in the high courts and the apex court to ensure that no orders are passed without hearing it.

A Government notification, in the meantime, said Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, which was passed by Parliament last week, comes into force on Tuesday.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (14 of 2025), the Central Government



hereby appoints the 8th day of April, 2025 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force," the Ministry of Minority Affairs notification said.

Over 10 petitions, including those by politicians and the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, were filed in the top court challenging the validity of the newly-enacted law.

Lawyers privy to the development said the petitions were likely to | [More on P6](#)

### NO END IN SIGHT

## J&K Logs Over 25,000 Drug Abuse Cases In 3 Yrs

Agencies

Srinagar: At least 25,400 drug abusers have been registered in OPD and 1,595 in IPD across Jammu and Kashmir since 2022, the government said.

Responding to a question raised by several MLAs including Tanvir Sadiq, Basheer Ahmad, Veeri, Narinder Singh, Shabir Ahmad Kullay and Javid Ahmad Mirchal, the Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department Minister said 9,775 drug abusers were registered in OPD in the year 2022, followed by 8,700 in 2023 and 6,925 in

2024. Similarly, 306 drug abusers were registered in IPD in 2022, 586 in 2023, and 703 in 2024.



### CASES REGISTERED

2022: 9,775 cases  
2023: 8,700 cases  
2024: 6,925 cases

### PATIENTS ADMITTED

2022: 306 cases  
2023: 586 cases  
2024: 703 cases

It was said the Health and Medical Education Department is aware of the gravity of the drug menace and recognises it as a highly sensitive issue requiring collective efforts for its eradication. She said the enforcement of stringent laws to curb this menace is the prerogative of law enforcement agencies like the Police and the CID Organization, which fall under the exclusive control of the Home Department. | [More on P6](#)

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## Diabetes Drug Shows Effectiveness In Lowering Heart-Related Complications In Study

Press Trust Of India

Semaglutide, a common anti-diabetes drug, could lower risk of cardiovascular complications in diabetics, such as heart attacks and strokes, by up to 14 per cent, according to a study. The drug used to treat diabetes works by helping people manage their blood sugar levels. Semaglutide has also shown effectiveness in weight loss and thus, is also used as an anti-obesity medication. Researchers, including those at the University of North Carolina, US, found that the oral form of Semaglutide can significantly reduce cardiovascular events in people with Type 2 diabetes, atherosclerotic cardiovascular



disease (arteries harden due to build-up of fat) and chronic kidney disease. "Heart attacks and strokes are among the most common and devastating complications of diabetes," endocrinologist and the study's lead author John Buse, a professor of medicine and director of the Dia-

betes Care Center, University of North Carolina, said. "Semaglutide has been a main stay of our efforts to reduce heart attack and stroke in people with diabetes. Having an oral option to deliver this highly effective therapy is a big advance," Buse said. For the study, 9,650 people

-- aged 50 years and above -- with Type 2 diabetes and known to have atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, or both, were recruited. The participants were randomly assigned to receive either a once-daily oral Semaglutide (14 mg) or a placebo (an inactive substance). Standard treatment for lowering glucose and cardiovascular risk was provided to the study group. "Among persons with Type 2 diabetes and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, or both, the use of oral Semaglutide was associated with a significantly lower risk of major adverse cardiovascular events than placebo," the authors wrote.

### OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN

Sub .. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..

Public Notice..

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Aneesa D/o Riyaz Ahmad Dar R/o Palpora pattan with verified date of birth 31/08/2020 occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained...

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## The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No.: 125464 Session: 1986-84 Year 1984 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board against my name as Masoodha Akhter instead of Masooda Akhter Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Masooda Akhter  
Father's Name: Mohd Yousuf Sofi  
Mother's Name: Fatima Begum  
DOB: 26-06-1968  
R/o: Onagam Bandipora  
Mobile: 9906532745

SKU

### Public Notice

This is for information to the general public that I Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh, s/o: Mohmad Ashraf Sheikh, R/o: Bugam, Batapora applying for pesticides License. - If anybody have objection, he/she may reach PPO office Lal mandi Srinagar within Seven days. after due date no objection will entertain. Name: Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh S/o: Mohmad Ashraf Sheikh, R/o: Bugam Batapora, Tehsil Chadoora, District Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

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### Public Notice

This is for information to the general public that I, KHURSHID AHMAD SHEIKH, S/O: MOHMAD ASHRAF SHEIKH, R/O: Bugam, Batapora, Tehsil Chadoora, District Budgam want to say that I am applying for a fertilizer license. If anybody has any objection, he/she may reach the Chief Agriculture Officer, Budgam within seven days. After the due date, no objection will be entertained.

Name: KHURSHID AHMAD SHEIKH  
S/O: MOHMAD ASHRAF SHEIKH,  
R/O: Bugam, Batapora  
Tehsil: Chadoora  
District: Budgam

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### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE M/S NASIR AHMAD ADVOCATE AT BUDGAM

IN THE CASE:

1. Muzaffar Ahmad Sofi
2. Mohammad Shafi Sofi Sons of Mohammad Yousuf Sofi
3. Mohammad Yousuf S/O Gh Ahmad Sofi
4. Zeba D/O Mohammad Yousuf Sofi

All Residents of Betabagh Budgam  
Vs  
Public at lagre

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It is prayer before the Hon'ble court that in the event of any petition or other case is filed in any manner by public at large /interested person, no interim order or any protective order be passed without granting the caveator an opportunity of hearing. M/S Nasir Ahmad Advocate at Budgam Dated 09-04-2025

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my son namely Sibgat-ullah Fayaz who was born on 10-02-2010. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie  
F/o Sibgat-ullah Fayaz  
R/o Hamray Pattan

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Discharge Certificate issued by UPS Middle School Arampora Kupwara. Now I have applied for duplicate of the same. If anybody has any objection in this regard they may file them in the above mentioned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Hasham Hassan  
S/o. Gh Hassan Dar  
R/o. Arampora kupwara

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information for the general public that in School Records the name of my daughter is entered as KHADIJA BINTI ARSHID while her actual name is KHADIJA BITI ARSHID. Now i want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact PRINCIPAL JK PUBLIC SCHOOL HUMHAMA BUDGAM with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

ARSHID NABI DAR  
F/O KHADIJA BITI ARSHID  
R/o MAGANWARI B.K.PORA BUDGAM

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## The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

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Name: Abdul Razaq Wani  
F/N: Ghulam Rasool Wani  
M/N: Shakeela Bano  
DOB: 07-06-2008  
Residence: CHECK -I- Kawoosa  
Mobile No: 9070381122

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Meema Akhter W/o Mohd Hussain Wagay R/o Pinjoora Shopian want to correct my name in Aadhaar record bearing Aadhaar No 4887 5435 3094 which has been wrongly entered as Ameena instead of Meema Akhter. Now correction required. If anybody has any objection, may contact concerned Aadhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar or concerned authorities within 7 days.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my passport somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in Passport Office Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Name :Safiya  
D/o Mohd Massi Uddin  
R/o Hassan Abad srinagar Near Imam Bara Hassan Abad Srinagar Jammu And Kashmir 190003

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

My father name in my driving license (License No. JK05 20180001524) has been wrongly written as Ghulam Ahmad Mir while his correct name is Gh Ahmad Mir which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Yasir Ahmad Mir FKO  
S/O Gh Ahmad Mir  
R/o Chukar Pattan Baramulla 193121

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of 9th pass Discharge Certificate from GOVT HIGH S S PALHALLAN. If anybody has any objection in this regard they may file them in the above mentioned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Rafiq malla  
S/O Abdul khaliq malla  
R/O Palhallan Raipora

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## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (S&M) Kmr J&K FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SRINAGAR

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NOTICE FOR e-AUCTION OF TIMBER  
e-NIA No: 01/JKFCDL/S&M/K of 2025-26 - Dated:07/04/2025

It is notified for information of bonafide consumers of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Public in general and Timber Traders in particular including Government Departments/ PSU's/ Autonomous bodies of Jammu & Kashmir UT that Sales and Marketing Circle of Jammu and Kashmir Forest Development Corporation, Kashmir is going to sell its timber stocks at various sale depots. Interested persons/Firms can participate in online bidding at <https://oya.auction>.

For registration/enrolment/participation in e-auction, Consumers/Bidders shall have to share the GSTIN/Pan, Mobile No, Mail ID & Security deposit details with this office.

Time Schedule and key details of the e-Auction:-

#	Activity	PC Depot	Kakapora/ Harnag Depot	Sangam/Kunjoo Depot
1	CDR / FDR / Online security deposit end date	12.04.2025 by or before 1200 hrs	19.04.2025 by or Before 1200 Hrs	26.04.2025.2025 by or before 1200 Hrs
2	Auction Start Date	15.04.2025 at 1100 Hrs	21.04.2025 at 1100 Hrs	28.04.2025 at 1100 Hrs
3	Auction End Date	16.04.2025 at 1800 Hrs	22.04.2025 at 1800 Hrs	29.04.2025 at 1800 Hrs
4	Declaration of Result		To be notified later	
5	Deposit of 10 % down payment/ security deposit by HI bidder	By or before 18.04.2025	By or before 24.04.2025	By or before 01.05.2025

#	Activity	Forward Auction
6	Type of e-Auction	Multi Lot species-wise
7	Lot Types	https://oya.auction
8	e-Auction Place	Nil
9	e-Auction Fee	Rs.25,000/ per bidder (Refundable)
10	Security Deposit	CDR/FDR/Online Payment Mode (NEFT/RTGS)
11	Payment Instrument (security deposit)	Only Govt. Deptt/PSU/Autonomous Bodies
12	Security Deposit Exemption Allowed to:	

Detailed auction documents (NIA) with terms and conditions will be available at J&K Forest Development Corporation portal [www.jksfc.gov.in](http://www.jksfc.gov.in) and in the office of the undersigned. However, details of timber stocks (lots) to be sold shall be available two days before commencement of e-auction.

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## FREE RIDES FOR WOMEN

# Free Bus Service Sees Over 3.5 Lakh Passengers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The newly launched free bus service for women has witnessed a massive surge in ridership in Jammu and Kashmir with over 3.5 lakh women availing the facility within just a week of its launch on April 01.

The initiative, which aims to enhance women's mobility and ease of access to public transport, has received widespread appreciation. The female passengers from both urban and rural areas are using the service to travel to schools, colleges, offices and marketplaces.

Bus stops now witness large turnouts, especially during peak hours—8 to 10 AM, midday, and 4 to 6 PM.

According to Smart City data, the daily ridership on electric buses has doubled since the scheme began. “Where earlier we saw around 20,000 to 21,000 people using the service, the number has now risen to more than 40,000,” said an official.

Presently, more than 95 plus air-conditioned electric buses operate on more than 30 plus routes, carrying nearly 50,000 women passengers every day.

Passengers have lauded the

“Earlier we saw around 20,000 to 21,000 people using the service, the number has now risen to more than 40,000

move, especially during the hot summer days. “More than half of my salary was spent on daily travel. Now, I save that money and can spend it on essentials,” said a working woman from the outskirts of the city.

Officials also acknowledged the initiative and added they had a substantial social impact, especially in empowering women and reducing their dependency on private or unsafe transport options. “To ensure the scheme remains viable in the long term, authorities are considering various funding mechanisms and government subsidies.”—(KNO inputs)

# Woman Rescued After Jumping Into Jhelum

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A woman jumped into the river Jhelum from Budshah Bridge in Srinagar on Tuesday, prompting a swift rescue operation by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), officials said.

An official said that after the incident, SDRF personnel

launched a rescue operation and successfully pulled the woman out of the river after hectic efforts.

She was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for medical aid. “Her condition was not known immediately but is said to be stable,” the official added.

The reason behind the woman's act is being ascertained.



## High Investment, Low Returns

# Srinagar's Cycle Sharing Project Under Lens

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The ambitious public bicycle sharing project rolled out in Srinagar under the Smart City Mission has come under scrutiny after official figures revealed that the scheme, which became operational in May 2023, has generated a meagre revenue of Rs 4.48 lakh, despite infrastructure and viability gap funding totalling a hefty Rs 13.20 crore.

The details were revealed in responses submitted by the administration in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly to questions raised by legislators Shamim Firdous and Mushtaq Guroo. The disclosures have raised concerns regarding the project's sustainability and public reception.

According to the official data, Rs 9.06 crore has been spent on constructing dedicated cycle tracks in the Srinagar constituencies of Bata-

maloo, Hazratbal, and Lal Chowk. These tracks form part of broader urban renewal initiatives under the Smart City umbrella, including the Lakefront Development along the northern foreshore of Dal Lake and the Complete Street projects in Batamaloo and Lal Chowk.

In addition to the cycling infrastructure, the government has approved Rs 4.14 crore as viability gap funding for the bicycle sharing initiative, which is being executed through a public-private partnership (PPP) model. Of the approved amount, Rs 1.2 crore has already been released to the private operator managing the project. This operator is tasked with maintaining a fleet of 900 bicycles and 100 docking stations under a five-year agreement.

The bike-sharing service was officially launched on May 20, 2023. From its inauguration until now, the project has only generated Rs 4,48,333 from user fees, raising questions about public uptake and

operational viability.

The docking stations have been strategically placed across several key city zones, including Lal Chowk, Dal Gate, Hazratbal, Eidgah, Chanapora, and Bemina. The highest concentrations of these stations are found in Lal Chowk, Hazratbal, and Chanapora, selected in line with the Smart City Mission's focus on promoting non-motorised transport and improving last-mile connectivity.

However, despite the scale of investment and the intent to create an eco-friendly urban transport solution, the low revenue figures have triggered debate over the project's effectiveness and long-term feasibility.

All financial and project-related figures have been officially documented in responses submitted in the ongoing budget session of the J&K Legislative Assembly. The disclosures were made in response to queries raised by three lawmakers from Srinagar.

## OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN

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### Public Notice..

The registrar birth BDO Lalpora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Rizwan Javid Bhat D.o.B 16/02/2014,Sana Javid D. o.B 05/10/2015, Mohammad Sabir Bhat D.o.B 02/03/2017 S/D/o Javid Ahmad Bhat R/o Babagund occurred at home in this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

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(سورۃ البقرہ: 156)

"بے شک ہم اللہ کے ہیں اور بے شک ہم اسی کی طرف لوٹ کر جانے والے ہیں"

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- 1772 - Philosopher and mathematician Jean-Baptiste Le Rond d'Alembert becomes permanent secretary of the French Academy of Sciences
- 1864 - Battle of Pleasant Hill LA, 2870 casualties
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- 1917 - Battle of Arras begins
- 1928 - Turkey passes separation of church & state
- 1942 - Battle of Bataan; US-Filipino forces overwhelmed by Japanese at Bataan
- 1945 - Battleship Admiral Scheer sunk by RAF bombing in Kiel
- 1945 - Liberty ship at Bari Italy carrying aerial bombs explodes, kills 360
- 1947 - Atomic Energy Commission confirmed
- 1947 - Tornadoes striking West Texas & Oklahoma kill 169, injuring 1,300
- 1948 - Massacre at Deir Yassin.
- 1949 - UN International Court of Justice holds Albania responsible for incidents in Corfu Channel and awards Britain damages
- 1955 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1959 - NASA names 1st 7 astronauts for Project Mercury

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Sub.. Application of Ghulam Jeelani Malla S/o Mohammad Ramzan Malla R/o pattan for issuance of legal hair certificate..

### PUBLIC NOTICE..

IT is inform to general public that applicants mother legal hair certificate is under process in this office in this matter report Was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants mother namely Fazi Begum W/o Mohammad Ramzan Malla R/o pattan died on 14/12/2024 and legal hairs of deceased are as under

Name	Age	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
GHULAM JEELANI MALLA	60	SON	MARRIED
MOHAMMAD AMIN MALLA	56	SON	MARRIED
ABDUL HAMID	54	SON	DIVORCED
SARWA BEGUM	62	DAUGHTER	MARRIED
JAMEELA BEGUM	49	DAUGHTER	MARRIED

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KO VIEW

Home Minister’s Visit

The home minister Amit Shah’s three-day visit to J&K comes at a time when the situation in the union territory has been most normal in years. That is, except the parts of Jammu where militancy has reared its head in recent years - albeit the violence that has emanated from it has remained peripheral to daily life. Most of the disturbance has been confined to the border areas or the hills. The UT’s cities, towns and villages have by and large remained peaceful.

In Kashmir on the last day the visit, Home Minister on Tuesday directed security forces to ensure “zero infiltration” and complete eradication of terrorism, Chairing the meeting attended by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, senior Army commanders, paramilitary chiefs, and intelligence officials, Shah stressed unified action and seamless coordination among security agencies to eliminate terrorist threats, especially in the Jammu region.

Earlier in the day, Shah reviewed the progress of developmental projects in the Union Territory and met with top civil administration officials, including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Chief Secretary Atul Dooloo. He also held a one-on-one meeting with the chief minister before the broader review.

Incidentally, on the same day, the three more separatist organizations pledged allegiance to the Constitution, a development highlighted by the home minister in a social media post. He termed it an endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of a “Naya Kashmir” free from violence and hatred.

It was a packed day for the home minister, during which he also visited the family of DySP Humayun Bhat, who was martyred in an anti-terror operation in September 2023, accompanied by the LG and CM.

That said, while the home minister expressed satisfaction with the prevailing normalcy in the UT, especially in the Valley, he isn’t oblivious to the persisting challenge of the militancy. To address this, he has outlined technology-driven 26 initiatives including anti-drone technology, tunnel identification and electronic surveillance to plug the Line of Control with Pakistan.

In a conspicuous omission, the home minister didn’t talk about restoration of J&K statehood, nor about talks with Pakistan. However, while the centre has often held out assurances about reinstating statehood, it has been resolute about not engaging Pakistan unless the latter stops fomenting violence in the UT. And as the steady pacification of Kashmir shows, the centre doesn’t now even feel the need to reach out to Pakistan except on its terms. This marks a profound transformation in the situation of the UT, something that hardly seemed to be imaginable just a few years ago.



Did You Know?

The Hidden Financial Power of Tariffs

Irshad Mushtaq

Did you know that tariffs, often dismissed as dry policy tools, have evolved into powerful instruments shaping the global financial landscape? Once used simply to protect domestic industries by taxing imported goods, tariffs today serve as strategic levers in international diplomacy and economic planning.

Take, for instance, the U.S.-China trade tensions during the Trump administration. Tariffs were not just about boosting local manufacturing—they were employed to challenge trade imbalances and exert geopolitical pressure. This strategic use of tariffs sent ripples through global markets, impacting investor sentiment and reshaping trade alliances.

Whenever tariffs are introduced or adjusted, uncertainty seeps into the financial markets. Companies that rely on imported raw materials or finished goods face rising input costs, leading to tighter profit margins. As a result, stock markets often respond with volatility, triggering investor concern. In such an environment, many turn to safer investment avenues, seeking to preserve capital during periods of turbulence.

One notable shift is the move from equities to bonds. When equity markets become volatile, the demand for bonds tends to increase. This surge in demand pushes bond yields lower, effectively reducing interest rates. Interestingly, while tariffs might be seen as restrictive, this movement in the bond market can lower borrowing costs across the economy, offering a surprising counterbalance to the initial disruption.

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Shashi Tharoor

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Lines That Divide

A prominent Indian lawmaker warns that the upcoming delimitation may tilt power toward the North, sparking a political rift with the South and threatening the country's federal balance.

In recent weeks, Indian politics have been roiled by controversy over something that hasn’t happened yet: the government’s redrawing of the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies, which is likely to happen within the next few years, after a new census is carried out. The problem, India’s southern states argue, is that this will unfairly shift the balance of political power to northern states.

In India’s Lok Sabha (the lower house of parliament), seats are generally apportioned according to population: more people usually means more seats. Since whoever controls a majority of seats in the Lok Sabha gets to form the government, a larger population amounts to a major advantage.

But unbridled population growth can come at the expense of prosperity and social progress. So, in 1976, India froze delimitation (the process of redrawing constituency boundaries), thereby assuring states that they could seek slower population growth without sacrificing political influence. The freeze was initially set to last until 2001, but was extended by constitutional amendment, meaning that today’s boundaries are based on the 1971 census.

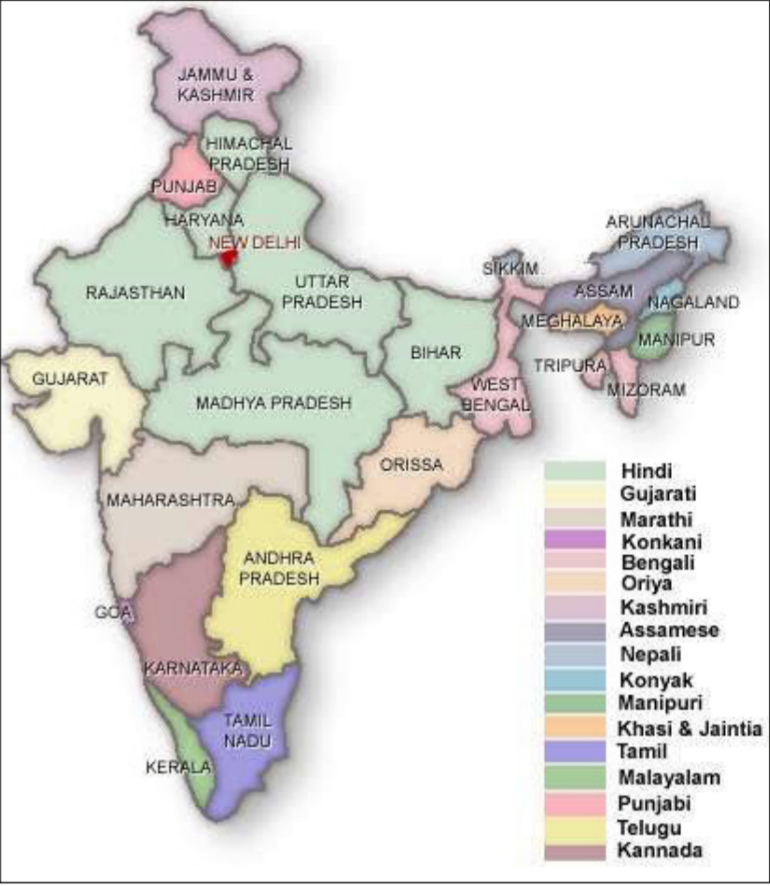
Since the freeze, India’s southern states have brought fertility rates down to or below replacement levels, and have made considerable progress on their human-development indicators, including literacy rates, health care, maternal and infant mortality, and gender equality. The north performs worse in these areas, as well as in terms of caste discrimination, unemployment, and economic growth, but its population has continued to grow.

The freeze on delimitation always had a time limit: until the first census after 2026. And the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has indicated that, rather than extending the freeze again, it intends to carry out a census – the one that was scheduled for 2021 has been repeatedly postponed – and redraw India’s electoral map accordingly.

The BJP says that this is a matter of fairness: the well-established principle of “one man, one vote, one value” means that each member of parliament should represent roughly the same number of people. It is undemocratic, they argue, that one MP represents just 1.8 million Keralites, while another represents 2.7 million voters in Uttar Pradesh.

Leaders of southern states counter that basing representation on population alone effectively rewards northern states for their higher population growth, while punishing southern states for stabilizing their populations and advancing human development. Already, southern states are watching their share of central tax revenues decline for the same reason.

Population might be sufficient to determine representation in a homogenous society, but it is insufficient in a highly diverse one. That is why the United States, for example, apportions two Senate seats to each state, regardless of



population. Similarly, the European Union grants smaller member countries more seats in the European Parliament than their population share would warrant, under a principle called “degressive proportionality.” Even in India, Goa, the smaller states of the northeast, and territories like the Andamans, Diu, and Lakshadweep have more MPs per capita than larger states.

India contains a vast diversity of languages, religions, demographic profiles, and levels of development. Moreover, under India’s “quasi-federal” system, states wield a certain amount of power themselves. So, while equal representation is important, state autonomy and cultural diversity must also be respected. This means ensuring that one group (Hindi-speakers from the north) cannot dominate decision-making, without regard for the needs, priorities, experiences, and aspirations of others.

Home Minister Amit Shah assures southerners that they would not lose a single seat in a new delimitation. But that simply means that the government would create more seats for more populous northern states – where support for the BJP is concentrated. Some predict that the Lok Sabha could be expanded from 543 members to 753, with others noting ominously that the new parliament building has space for 888 Lok Sabha MPs.

If this happens, southern states’ relative political influence will decline, and a critical platform for debate on the most important issues facing India will be weakened. Already, some are dismayed by the declining standards of parliamentary debate. A significantly expanded Lok Sabha would be reduced to something akin to the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference: a body too large for meaningful discussion, left dutifully to ratify the govern-

ment’s decisions.

Led by Tamil Nadu’s chief minister, M.K. Stalin, southern Indian states have formed a Joint Action Committee to demand that the current arrangement be extended for another 25 years. But this arrangement does make India less democratic, because representation per citizen would not be equal. The problem is that changing the formula on the basis of a population census alone would be equally bad for Indian democracy, not least because it would undermine national harmony and cohesion.

If southerners feel politically disenfranchised, they might start demanding constitutional arrangements to decentralize power and grant more autonomy to states. If these calls are not heard and heeded, some hotbeds in the south might even start pushing for separation.

This would be bad for everyone, as India functions best as a united whole. The North and South need each other. Northern states, with younger populations, can provide workers to the more industrially and socially developed southern states, to the benefit of all.

The current controversy offers an excellent opportunity to reaffirm and deepen Indian unity, by finding a solution that affirms its states’ mutual interdependence. The goal should be to mitigate North-South tensions by promoting balance and cooperation. To this end, India needs more dialogue and greater statesmanship – on both sides.

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The Relentless Voice of Justice

I write to acknowledge and commend the remarkable contributions of Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, a well-known social activist whose work has significantly impacted governance, environmental conservation, and human rights in Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Bhat has emerged as one of the leading voices advocating for transparency and citizen empowerment through the Right to Information (RTI) Act. He has conducted numerous workshops and awareness campaigns across the region, educating people about their right to seek

information from public offices. His efforts have helped expose corruption and administrative negligence, enabling citizens to access crucial data on public schemes, budgets, and services. Despite facing institutional resistance, he has remained steadfast in his mission to promote transparency and public accountability.

Equally commendable is Dr. Bhat’s work in environmental activism. As founder of the Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement, he has spearheaded campaigns against illegal mining in riverbeds and karewas, pollution of water bodies like Dood-

ganga and Shaalganga, and unscientific waste disposal. He has organized clean-up drives, plantation initiatives, and educational programs that aim to instill environmental responsibility among citizens.

Dr. Bhat is also a strong advocate for human rights, especially for marginalized communities. He has raised critical issues related to displacement caused by infrastructural projects such as the Srinagar Ring Road, emphasizing the importance of fair compensation under the Land Acquisition Act of 2013, now applicable in J&K post Article 370 abrogation.

Through his consistent media engagement—via articles, opinion pieces, and public discussions—Dr. Bhat has influenced public discourse on governance, sustainability, and justice. His ability to simplify complex issues and present practical solutions makes him a valuable voice in the region.

Dr. Muzaffar’s dedication, courage, and vision make him a beacon of hope and an inspiration for all working towards a better, fairer Jammu & Kashmir.

Shabir Bhat, Srinagar.

# The Quiet Storm of Raising a Life in Kashmir

The author challenges traditional narratives around children as blessings by revealing how they test marriages, identities, and the mental health of mothers, often in silence.

Hirra Sultan

We often read in holy scriptures or hear in lectures that your children are a trial for you. Nobody ever explains this and probably none of us think of it beyond a certain point. Probably, because we were never taught to ponder over the holy book and instructed just to keep reading it without comprehension. That there is no good deed written for you when you read tafseer instead of the text. Why it is said so? Is it because they are going to be defiant? Headstrong teenagers who will not listen to their parents anymore? Prefer friends over family? Bring you shame by asking difficult questions? Holding stronger opinions than our society can digest? Act out?

The first question a newly-wed couple is asked post-wedding is when are they planning to have kids, not the next vacation. Having kids is sold in our society as the ultimate fulfiller. The ultimate goal of a woman's life. Like life is empty without having one and the sole purpose of getting married is having children.

So many women hear "Ami warai tchenei shoobie", without once thinking that this is beyond a couple's control and is only by the divine decree. Now there are multiple things wrong with this.

First, a couple should be given enough time to understand each other before they decide to bring another life into the world. Do we not hear it enough that having children tests a marriage like nothing else? So why are we adamant on sitting the test without proper preparation?

Give the couple some time and some years before they venture onto the next adventure. Maybe they discover they do not like each other much and decide to part ways without having to think of compromise due to having kids. Maybe they have a bucket list and want to tick off a couple of them before getting bound down with kids, their schedules and requirements. What if a sensible couple decides to perform Hajj first before having kids and the lady losing most of her strength during pregnancy and the rest in childcare?

Secondly, the couple is never told the reality about having kids. Having kids is talked about as if it is the ultimate achievement of life. Like some elixir without which life is empty and with which everything magically falls into place and life suddenly has meaning. Why?

Why cannot a couple feel satisfied with



their work. Setting up a venture together? Working to make lives in society better? Travelling together or by getting a pet? Why the obsession with kids? Why cannot each other's company be enough for them? For the ones who quote religious reasons, Quran mentions marriage in terms of finding peace, not for the purpose of procreation. Allah has made marriage a means of permissible company and enjoyment so that the couple can roam around, go to dinner dates and trips together. But that's what today's relationships are for, right? Marriages are not for fun and enjoyment in our society, they are for slavery and kids.

#### So why the trial?

Allah calls the initial years of motherhood "Wahnan ala wahn" (31:14), which talks about the period of pregnancy and initial years of motherhood. Allah calls the period weakness upon weakness. Women get lightheaded, nauseous, body-aches, joint-pain, backaches and post delivery these all are accompanied by the exhaustion of labour/C-Sec, caring for the



**Inside the marriage, intimacy takes a hit, spending time with each other takes a hit, being each other's top priority takes a hit. After a child, keeping up a marriage is more effort than anyone is willing to admit.**

baby, sleepless nights.

Nobody tells the married couple this. Nobody acknowledges how hard it is going to be once the baby comes. People will say, "Aesi ti tche shiur rachmit, sarie ratchaan", "yi kos baid kath tche, asi aeis 5 5 shuir assan", "eman tche aazi diaper, aeis aeis iman kapar daij lagaan, dohas aeis ti-mai pewaan chalni", blah blah blah.

The same people who used to be hell-

bent on when is the baby coming start taunting the mother now. For having surgery, for using diapers, for bottle feeding, for any and everything they can find a fault in. For anything that the new mother is doing differently than them. That's what partly makes it difficult too.

What makes these kids, children a trial for parents is the utter exhaustion. The sleepless nights, the need to cater to the child even before your body has recovered from the trauma of labour and childbirth. The pain a mother feels when she starts breastfeeding. The effort, dread and exhaustion of trying to latch the child for proper feeding. The howling cries when the child gets colic. Diaper blowouts, enough to cause an urgent bath for the baby. The cold nights so that mother keeps worrying whether the child is warm enough. That one random relative who had cold but would not leave the child alone. The sheer load of mentally prepping and planning for the child. Nobody talks about this.

Everyone comes to say "bache ke baad ye tez hogayee hai", nobody understands

that all her energy, tolerance and patience is getting exhausted caring for the baby and keeping herself sane when she has no schedule for a proper rest. Not even hope. Nobody tells her to go sleep, we will take care of things. She is expected to take care of things while they keep an eye on a happy, well-fed and fresh diaper wearing baby. So, when does she get to take a break? An eye shut? A little me time where she can feel like herself again, even if for half an hour?

Nobody talks about the loss of identity a new mother faces. Nobody tells her she would not get time to even wash up properly. That she will have to come to terms with a different body and that it will be difficult looking into the mirror for a while. That her hair will fall off like leaves in autumn. That a diet too soon will impact the feeding of the baby.

Inside the marriage, intimacy takes a hit, spending time with each other takes a hit, being each other's top priority takes a hit. After a child, keeping up a marriage is more effort than anyone is willing to admit. More so because the preferred parent has to do everything as per the baby's schedule, including washroom visits and the other parent gets to keep their life as it was. It does not seem so fair and that gives rise to even further distance in the marriage than was the baby's fault. Even with today's fathers pitching in and changing that occasional diaper, they need to do much more for the mother to not feel being down in the ditches.

That is why children are a trial. You put your efforts into keeping this sweat pea alive, even at the cost of your own health, sleep and social life. Then one fine day once they are three or four or five years old, they start seeing themselves as an individual instead of an extension of you. Start voicing their opinions and want to do things their own way. And a good parent would acknowledge that and give them that space.

A good parent will ask their opinion once they are in their teens and let them live their life once they are older. This letting go of the child is your trial. It starts when a mother starts weaning a child, and ends at marriage.

As good parents, how many of us are ready to do all that work? How many of us are ready for this trial Allah set for us?

*-The author is a Srinagar-based techie who writes about society and it's changing dynamics.*

# The Desert is Coming

Once India's agricultural powerhouse, Punjab now faces severe water scarcity and desertification due to over-reliance on paddy and excessive groundwater extraction.

Pankaj Chaturvedi

Growing concerns about the possibility of Punjab turning into a desert later in this century can scarcely be dismissed as alarmist any longer. The declining water levels in all the five rivers in the state and the dams not storing water to their full capacity are eloquent testimony that something is very wrong.

Availability of water in the rivers has decreased from 17-million-acre-feet to 13-million-acre-feet in recent years. The per capita usage of water in the state is also higher than in the rest of the country, 380 litres per day as against 150 litres elsewhere.

Experts blame the crisis on the emphasis on paddy cultivation, which yields higher returns. Indiscriminate use of pesticides and fertiliser and the growing demand for water to cultivate paddy as more and more farmers took to it, they say, led to the present precarious situation. The demand for water for agriculture has grown to 43.7 lakh hectare meter and 73 per cent of it are raised from ground water.

During the hearing of a PIL in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, a survey conducted in each block by the Central Ground Water Board in 2020 was cited. The survey concluded that the state's groundwater level would go down below 300 meters from the surface by 2039. Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) has been warning about this for the past several years. By studying monsoon data and rainfall patterns between 1971 and 2020, a research paper on climate change by this university stated that crops that use more water are creating conditions for 'desertification' by over-cultivation, excessive exploitation of ground water, relatively little rainfall in the state despite the monsoon extending to four long months.

Waterlogged fields, a necessary requirement for cultivating paddy, gets layers of saline deposited from



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pesticides and chemical fertiliser. In the next cycle of cultivation farmers need more or the same level of water to deal with the salinity. In case of shortage of water in the next cycle, the land can potentially become barren. The soil requires rest just as human beings do; and excessive grazing of land, over-cultivation, mechanised transportation on the land too weaken the fertility of the soil and impacts productivity.

What is worse is that the crisis is not going to affect Punjab alone or only the availability of food grains. Agriculture in the state also provides employment to about six lakh migrant workers. The crisis will not just affect the economy of Punjab but also that of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which provide a bulk of the workers and depend on foodgrains

grown in Punjab.

What is prescribed is to replace wheat and rice as the principal crops in the state. Projects to break the crop cycle and recharge groundwater should be a priority in every village. Immediate and long-term action to arrest the decreasing water flow and pollution in the rivers of the state, removal of encroachments from the rivers and a ban on mining are the other urgent priorities. Sand mining needs to be supervised and regulated and strict action taken against factories that are discharging pollutants and the local bodies which routinely fail to take action against them.

The danger is huge and the risks cannot be glossed over because once the desert spreads, retrieving the land would take up several centuries. Notably, in 1985, 85 per cent of

Punjab boasted of adequate availability of water. Just 33 years later by 2018, 45 per cent of it was reported to have very little water and 6 per cent of the state had almost no water at all. Today, tubewells are being dug to depths of 300 to 1,000 feet. More than 14 lakh tubewells are said to have been installed in the state. No wonder ground water level is going down by an average of 50 centimetres every year.

Paddy was cultivated in the state in just 2.27 hectares in 1960. Rice was not a staple diet of the people and coarse grains, wheat, gram etc were grown and the harvest was retained for household consumption before getting distributed to the rest of the country. Since then paddy cultivation has grown to more than 30 lakh hectares.

In 2019, when the government realised the extent of this crisis, it made a law for paddy sowing and the sowing month was shifted from the scorching heat of May to June, hoping that the farmers' need for water would be fulfilled by nature. This has also increased the problem of stubble burning.

To make a bad situation worse, the rainy season is not only becoming unpredictable and getting delayed, it's becoming erratic too.

The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) recently issued a warning that stated that there is alarmingly water scarcity in the dam due to scanty rainfall and snowfall. On 20 November, 2024, the water level in the Bhakra dam was recorded at 16.33 feet, which was 15 feet less than the previous year. At the end of

December, only 63 per cent of the total storage capacity of the dam was full. The Pong Dam, which is another major reservoir, had even less water up to just 50 per cent of its capacity. The water level at Pong Dam was said to be hovering around 1,343 feet at the end of the year, which was apparently 18 feet less than the previous year in 2023. Less water in the dams results into greater exploitation of groundwater for agriculture and domestic purposes.

A joint satellite survey by Punjab Soil Conservation and Central Ground Water Level Board revealed that if the state continued to exploit ground water at the current pace, then in the next 18 years, only five per cent of the area would have ground water left. All ground water sources are completely exhausted. The looming drinking water crisis will be exacerbated by the land turning rapidly into sand.

A research paper by ISRO shows that the Thar Desert is spreading out of Rajasthan and taking roots in several neighbouring states. In 1996, the area of Thar was 1 lakh 96 thousand 150 square kilo meters which has now expanded to 2 lakh 8 thousand 110 square kilo meters. Out of the total 328.73 million acres of land in India, 105.19 million acres of land is in Thar. But barrenness has set in while 82.18 million hectares of land is turning into desert.

In Bhatinda, Mansa, Moga, Ferozepur, Muktsar and Faridkot, radioactive elements in the soil are reported to have crossed the acceptable limits and this is one of the telltale signs of the advancing desert. Government agencies, to be fair, are trying to make people aware of the water crisis arising largely due to paddy cultivation. This unfortunately is meeting with limited success.

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## SKUAST-K Launches Student-Friendly Admission Portal

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir Monday launched a new admission portal to ease the online application processes for undergraduate and postgraduate aspirants.

The student-friendly web portal [www.admissions.skuast-kashir.ac.in](http://www.admissions.skuast-kashir.ac.in) developed with a highly user friendly interface was launched by the Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai at a function held at Shalimar campus here.

While congratulating incharge ARIS Dr GM Mir and his team for developed a dynamic and easy to access web portal in a record time, the Vice Chancellor said the portal will ease out the application filing process for the entrance examination to the various UG and PG courses offered by the SKUAST-K. He said it will work a uniform single platform for the students with

streamlined application process secure document uploads, integrated payments process with the detailed program information and prospectus.

The web portal is easy to access through mobile and students can complete all the process including the fee payment through internet banking, credit and debit cards.

The portal has been indigenously developed by the university's software development team led by Muneer Shigan, with significant contributions from Zubair Paul and Adnan Samoon. The integrated system incorporates multiple decentralized dashboards, including an examination dashboard for examination management, a student dashboard for personalized access, and an admission dashboard for applicant processing, allowing different university departments to independently manage their respective functions while maintaining a unified data ecosystem.

## Bijbehara Accident Toll Rises To 2

KO Web Desk

**SRINAGAR:** Death toll in Bijbehara accident rose to two as the budding cricketer who had sustained critical injuries succumbed on Tuesday.

An official said cricketer Jasif Hassan, son of Ghulam Hassan Dar of Sangam was rushed to GMC Anantnag in a critical condition last evening. Despite efforts by doctors, he succumbed to his injuries, reported news agency KNO.

Earlier, Irfan Ahmad, resident

of Mir Bazar Qazigund, had died on the spot in the accident.

Two others injured, identified as Nadeem Ahmad Dar of Sethar and Khursheed Ahmad of Khonmoh, are currently undergoing treatment.

Pertinently, the accident took place near Fruit Mandi Jablipora here in South Kashmir on Monday evening, when a truck collided with a private car, leaving four persons injured, of which two have died and two others are undergoing treatment.

## J&K Sees 32% Rise In SC/ST Judges Since 2020: Union Law Ministry

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a steady increase in the number of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) judicial officers in its district and subordinate courts over the past five years, marking a 32 percent rise since 2020, according to data released by the Union Law Ministry.

As per the figures, the total number of SC/ST judges rose from 40 in 2020 to 53 by April 2025, the highest recorded in this time frame.

As of December 31, 2020, the UT had 40 SC/ST judges: 9 SC and 6 ST Judges at the Civil Judge (Junior Division) level, 10 SC and 4 ST Judges at the Civil Judge (Senior Division) level, and 5 SC and 6 ST Judges at the District Judge level.

The numbers remained unchanged in 2021, with minor

shifts in postings: 7 SC and 9 ST Judges at the Junior Division level, 5 SC and 6 ST Judges at the Senior Division, and 8 SC and 5 ST Judges as District Judges.

In 2022, there were 39 SC/ST officers: 9 SC and 8 ST at Junior Division, 6 each from SC and ST at Senior Division, and 7 SC and 3 ST Judges in District Courts.

A slight decline was reported in 2023, with the strength reduced to 38—comprising 9 SC and 7 ST at Junior Division, 6 each at Senior Division, and 5 SC and 3 ST District Judges.

However, the representation rose again by the end of 2024 to 54 officers: 13 SC and 11 ST at Junior Division, 6 SC and 7 ST at Senior Division, and 9 SC and 8 ST as District Judges.

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## Over 4 Lakh Kanals Of State Land Under Illegal Occupation: Govt

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government has revealed that an alarming 4,28,204 Kanals and 13 Marlas of state and kahcharai land is currently under illegal occupation across the Union Territory.

In a detailed response to a query raised by MLA Farooq Ahmad Shah, the Minister Incharge, while addressing the House, said that concrete steps have been initiated to reclaim the encroached land. "All en-

tries in the name of illegal occupants have been expunged," the minister stated.

The government informed that special eviction drives are being conducted on a continuous basis to retrieve encroached land. Furthermore, a total of 3,555 cases have been approved for land use change, allowing for its utilisation in commercial, industrial, and residential projects.

The minister also revealed that 40,151 Kanals and 17.5 Marlas of land have been

transferred to the Industries and Commerce Department across various regions in Jammu and Kashmir.

Specifically, in the tourist hotspot of Gulmarg, 94 Kanals of land have been transferred—50 Kanals in HarDubani village and 44 Kanals in Lalpora village, the minister added.

These revelations highlight the extent of illegal occupation and the government's ongoing efforts to recover public land for developmental use.

## CHC Tral Not Upgraded Despite Decade-Old Demand

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday stated that the Community Health Centre (CHC) Tral in South Kashmir's Pulwama district has not yet been upgraded to the status of a Sub-District Hospital (SDH), despite the matter being raised nearly a decade ago during a District Board meeting. The government also clarified there is no shortage of medical staff at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Aripal, Dadsara and Kahlii.

In response to a question posed by MLA Tral Rafiq Ahmad Naik, the Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakina Itoo, said that CHC Tral has not been granted SDH status.

"At present, austerity measures issued by the Finance Department are in force. Therefore, J&K is focusing on the consolidation of existing health facilities. Around 4,000 health institutes at various levels—Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary—already exist, Jammu and Kashmir ranks among the top Union Territories and larger states in terms of health institution density," she said.

Citing a 2023 report of the Ministry of Health and Fam-

ily Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, the minister said J&K has one health institution for every 3,500 persons, compared to the national average of one for every 6,000.

She added that feasibility surveys for creating new PHCs, NTPHCs, SDHs, and sub-centres are carried out by concerned offices, and if their findings align with the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) norms, the proposals are then forwarded for further consideration and approval.

Addressing concerns regarding vacancies at CHC Tral, the minister informed the House that two Medical Officers with postgraduate degrees in Surgery are currently working as consultant surgeons at the facility. Similarly, three Medical Officers with postgraduate degrees or diplomas in Gynaecology are delivering gynaecological services at the centre.

"As for the Radiologist post, it has not yet been sanctioned for CHC Tral. However, Dr Zafar Iqbal, a Medical Officer trained in ultrasonography (USG), is presently handling the responsibility. In addition, Dr Irshad Ahmad Malik, a Radiologist posted at District

Hospital Pulwama, visits CHC Tral every Saturday to provide USG services," she said.

The Minister further clarified that PHCs in Aripal, Dadsara and Kahlii do not face a shortage of medical or paramedical staff.

"Sanctioned posts at the respective NTPHCs have been filled, though there are a few vacancies including Senior Pharmacists at NTPHC Satoora and Batagund, FMPHW at NTPHC Noorpora, and a Safaiwala at NTPHC Chandrigam," she added.

On the matter of future staffing, the minister said that vacancies arising due to retirement or promotion will be referred to the concerned recruiting agencies for timely filling, to maintain optimal staff strength.

"There is no Trauma Centre sanctioned at Awantipora. However, a new G+3 type building for PHC Awantipora has been approved under KLC funds," she added.

Regarding the proposal for a dispensary at Bus Stand Tral, the Minister stated, "No such proposal could be moved or forwarded due to ineligibility under IPHS norms, as the CHC/SDH Tral is located just 0.5 km away from Batagund, Tral."

## J&K Bank Ties-Up with Escorts Kubota Ltd To Boost Agricultural Financing



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In a move aimed at promoting mechanization in agriculture and providing accessible financing to farmers across the country, J&K Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Escorts Kubota (P) Ltd. (EKL) – a leading manufacturer and supplier of agricultural machinery, including hydraulic mobile cranes, earth-moving equipment, farm tractors and engines.

Deputy General Manager (Agri/MSME) Rakesh Magotra signed the MoU on behalf of J&K Bank during a brief ceremony at the Bank's corporate headquarters, while General Manager Kamlesh Yadav represented Escorts Kubota Ltd. at the event that was also attended by all J&K-based dealers of EKL.

By virtue of the MoU, the Bank will be one of the preferred financiers (on a non-exclusive basis) for customers purchasing farm equipment from EKL. Notably, customers availing finance through J&K Bank will be eligible for an upfront discount of Rs 15,000 on all tractor models of Escorts Kubota Ltd.

Commenting on the development, the Bank's General Manager (Credit) Ashutosh Sareen said, "This tie-up with EKL reflects our commitment to

empower our farming community by enabling easier access to farm equipment financing through tailored solutions. Our aim is to provide all the necessary financial support to the agriculture sector especially in J&K, which is perfectly aligned with the Government's strong focus on agricultural development and improving the farmers' incomes."

Speaking about the agreement, Whole-time Director & CFO (EKL) Bharat Madan stated, "This alliance with J&K Bank reinforces Escorts Kubota's dedication to providing farmers with accessible and cost-effective credit solutions. By making financing simpler, we aim to support rural growth and strengthen the agricultural sector in India."

In his remarks on the alliance, Chief Officer (Tractor Business Division - EKL) Neeraj Mehra said, "Beyond credit, this initiative enables farmers to adopt modern equipment suited to enhance productivity of their operations. Further, J&K Bank's vast network ensures credit flows to even the most remote fields, strengthening farmer resilience, especially in regions like Jammu & Kashmir, where easier access can unleash lasting agricultural growth for the state."

## Missing Woman's Body Found In Madumati Stream, Bandipora

Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** The body of a 30-year-old woman, missing since Sunday, was recovered from the Madumati stream near Sonarwani in Bandipora on Tuesday.

Officials said the deceased,

identified as Jani Begum, wife of Nawab Chowan from Nigepora, Athwotoo, had been reported missing a day earlier. Her body was discovered behind the BSF camp in the area.

Authorities have taken cognisance of the incident, and an investigation is underway.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (MECHANICAL), PW (R&B) (DIVISION CENTRAL KASHMIR) ENGINEERING COMPLEX (PMGSY BUILDING) RAJBAGH SRINAGAR-190008

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### CORRIGENDUM

Subject: -

SITC of 03 No. G+4,08 passenger lift with two years CMC post 01 year DLP at Excise & Taxation Building Solina Srinagar.

Reference:

This office e-NIT No. R&B/MDCK/NLT/oi of 2025-26 Dated: - 07.04.2025.

Apromos to above cited Subject & reference, kindly read the following on JK Tender portal.

Tender Fee Payable to: - "Executive Engineer, R&B Mechanical Division Central Kashmir-Rajbagh". Instead of "Convenor purchase committee Directorate of ISM"

Tender fees exemption allowed —> "No." instead of "Yes"

All the condition of NIT & SBD shall remain same.

Er. Mir Irfan Muzaffar

Executive Engineer,

PWD (R&B) Mechanical Division

Central Kashmir

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## Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir (U.T) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION VAILLOO NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.01/ 105-14 of R&B/Vailloo /2025-2026/ e-tendering/ DATED:07/04/2025

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Sage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S.No	Name of Work	Approved Amount (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc.in form of Treasury challen/ Receipt (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (2% of Adv. Cost) (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Project Intending Department	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	ACR at Middle School Badray	20.192	800	40384	90 Days	Education	CEE/BEE Class	PAB
2	ACR at Middle School Margan	20.192	800	40384	90 Days	Education	CEE/BEE Class	PAB
3	ACR at Middle School Neelphan	20.192	800	40384	90 Days	Education	CEE/BEE Class	PAB

Position of AA: Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill 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) as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07.04.2025
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From 07.04.2025 To 04.00 pm
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 07.04.2025 To 04.00 pm
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To 21.04.2025 To 04.00 pm
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailloo

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ challan remitted in Head-0059 and Earnest Money for 2% of Advertised Cost in shape of CDR/ FDR only. Pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailloo (tender receiving authority) (Name of work or ENIT no. and Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury receipt/ challan (The date of Treasury receipt/ Challan should be between the date of start of bid end Bid submission End date ) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Vailloo (Tendering Inviting Authority). 5% Performance Security of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/ FDR by the Successful bidder. Minimum of Two bids are necessary to decide L-1 bidder in case of Contractors.
- The 1st Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of allotted cost as performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR within 07 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of defective liability period of the work.
- The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.
- Only those contractors are eligible for taking part in the bidding process whose contractor registration card is enrolled online on the JKPWDOMS portal.
- The Advertised is cost is inclusive of GST@18%. The bidder has to quote the rate exclusive of GST.
- Security Deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender
- The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the undersigned shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz forfeit security/ LD as per T&C of the Bid document and recommend contractor for blacklisting.
- The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in the bid document/ agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division vailloo (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The intending bidders should write the name of work / serial No. of NIT and Item No. on the Treasury receipt / challan while uploading their bids .
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

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-Sd/-

Executive Engineer

PWD(R&B) Division Vailloo

Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

## OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TOURISM GULMARG, Telefax.01954-254439-87 email; - [gulmargtourism@gmail.com](mailto:gulmargtourism@gmail.com)

**Subject: Constitution of Flying Squad for Regulation of Tourist Trade Activities.**



### ORDER

In pursuance of the provisions laid down under the Jammu and Kashmir Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1978 (Amended 2011), and with the objective of ensuring proper implementation and enforcement of the said Act within the jurisdiction of the Office of Assistant Director Tourism, Gulmarg, it is hereby ordered that a Flying Squad Team is constituted comprising the following officials:

S.No.	Name of Official	Designation	Cell No.
01	Shri. Mohd Ashraf Bhat	Jr. Ski Patroller	7889977079
02	Shri Nazir Ahmad Mir	Ski lift operator	9906779493
03	Shri Abdul Majid Thoker	MTS	8825086154
04	Shri Abdul Ahad Rather	MTS	7006838171

The Flying Squad shall be responsible for monitoring, regulating, and checking tourist trade activities across all tourist areas falling under the jurisdiction of this office. The team shall function in coordination with the Incharge, Tourist Assistance Group (TAG), and the Tourist Police Incharge, Gulmarg.

The key responsibilities of the Flying Squad include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1970 and rules framed thereunder.
- Preventing unauthorized or unregistered tourist trade activities.
- Checking overcharging, misbehavior, cheating, and harassment of tourists by any service provider.
- Verifying registration and display of registration certificates by hotels, guest houses, ponywallas, guides, porters, travel agents, and other tourism-related service providers.
- Ensuring availability of rate charts and adherence to fixed tariffs wherever applicable.

The said team shall submit a comprehensive report of its activities and findings on a daily basis to the undersigned, highlighting the action taken and observations recorded during inspections.

This order is issued in the interest of safeguarding the reputation of Gulmarg as a premier tourist destination by ensuring transparency, accountability, and lawful conduct in tourist trade practices. The constitution of this Flying Squad aims to foster a tourist-friendly environment and to uphold the rights and safety of visiting tourists by enforcing statutory provisions effectively.

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Assistant Director Tourism

Gulmarg

# IPL 2025: GT, RR Look To Iron Out Chinks In Bowling In Crucial Clash

Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals will hope that their stretched-to-the-hilt bowling units will find their range on an Ahmedabad flatbed in an IPL match that holds a lot of significance to their progress in the league.

The Titans now have six points, and a win will keep them in the top echelons of the points chart, while the Royals, who now have four points, will need the win to wriggle free from the mid-table tussle.

The GT have scored three wins on the trot, and RR two in successive matches to be placed where they are now in the points table, but that mini



streak hides a rather underwhelming bowling effort.

The Gujarat outfit is riding on individual brilliance by pacer Mohammed Siraj and spinner R Sai Kishore.

But the form of ace spinner

Rashid Khan and experienced quick Ishant Sharma is not encouraging even when they operated at the more helpful tracks at Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Rashid, an accomplished T20

master, has taken just a wicket from four matches while giving away in excess of 10 runs an over. It's easily the worst start of his previous IPL seasons.

Ishant is a co-sailor in that ship of turmoil, bagging just a solitary wicket in three matches while leaking 12 runs an over.

Unfortunately, the GT has no ready back-up available as pacers such as Arshad Khan have not really stepped up.

The Titans are also still waiting on the fitness of South African pacer Gerald Coetzee, as a hamstring injury had curtailed his participation in the SA20 before ruling him out of last month's Champions Trophy.

His continued absence has

weakened the GT attack with Kagiso Rabada returning home recently citing personal reasons.

So, they might be tested by the Rajasthan line-up who has some explosive names in Sanju Samson, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag all have made runs at a strike-rate well over 150, and Nitish Rana have scored at over 180.

In the bowling department, RR has a deeper issue as except pacer Sandeep Sharma none of the other bowlers have been able to stem the run flow.

However, Jofra Archer's effort against Punjab Kings (4-0-25-3) will offer them a semblance of consolation going into a potentially high-scoring game.

## JKFA Lauds AIFF For Forming Committee To Conduct Elections

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Football Association on Tuesday hailed the decision of All of India Football Federation to form a normalisation committee to expedite with the conduct of elections in the JKFA. The normalisation committee, announced Monday during an Executive Committee meeting, will also deal with the Tamil Nadu Football Association elections.

The JKFA has been without an elected body since 2022, and with a normalisation committee soon to be formed, the adhoc arrangement currently governing the association will come to an end. The association's affairs were initially handled by unelected officials, but the AIFF later handed the governance of the J&K Football Association



tion to J&K Sports Council.

During AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey's recent visit to J&K, JKFA said its officials had proactively proposed the formation of a normalisation committee. "This recommendation was made with the objective of addressing critical matters related to the JKFA constitution, electoral roll, and other election-related challenges in a structured and unbiased manner," the FA said in a statement.

"The JKFA wholeheartedly welcomes this step, view-

ing it as a significant move toward restoring democratic structures, ensuring institutional transparency, and strengthening football governance," it added.

Meanwhile, District Football Association Srinagar also released a statement, requesting "the normalisation committee remains neutral, ensuring a fair and transparent process". The DFA Srinagar also said it hope that this "committee will facilitate early elections to prevent further damage to football" in J&K.

## DYSSO Budgam Strategises For Execution Of Activity Calendar

Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** District Youth Services and Sports Officer Budgam Gh. Hassan Lone chaired a crucial meeting on Tuesday to discuss the implementation of the Annual Activity Calendar 2025, issued by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports.

The meeting was attended by Zonal Physical Education Officers, Incharge



Activities, Junior Assistants, and officials from the Activity and Establishment sections. DYSSO Lone

stressed the importance of fair and transparent selection of students for various events and directed all officials to strictly adhere to the calendar set by the Directorate.

Discussions focused on ensuring the smooth execution of sports activities, fostering maximum student participation and promoting a competitive spirit among young athletes across the district.

## YSS Anantang Holds Sports Events At Vailoo, Verinag & Bidder

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag held Inter-School Zonal Level Chess Competitions for Under-14 and Under-17 categories across the zones of Vailoo, Verinag and Bidder.

In Vailoo, Chess competitions for U-14 and U-17 Girls were inaugurated on Tuesday at two venues, GMS Gohan and HSS Larnoo in which a total of 132 girls from various schools participated. These competitions offered a valuable platform for students to test their strategic skills and develop a competitive

mindset.

In Zone Verinag, Inter-School Zonal Level Chess competitions for U-14 and U-17 Boys were held at GHSS Verinag and HS Chowgund. A total of 40 students showcased their talent in which HS Nowgam and HSS Qammar clinched the winner's trophy in U-14 and U-17 categories, respectively.

In Bidder, an Inter-School Chess competition for U-14 and U-17 Girls was held on Tuesday at HS Sagam. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes and awards to the winners and runners-up and a total of 34 girls participated in the competition.

## Favourites Do Not Exist, Says PSG's Luis Enrique

Agencies

Paris St Germain coach Luis Enrique refused to acknowledge that his team were the favourites ahead of Wednesday's home Champions League quarter-final first leg against Aston Villa.

"Against Liverpool (in the last 16) bookmakers said we had no chance. In soccer, favourites do not exist," Luis Enrique told reporters on Tuesday.

"There are eight teams that are in quarter-finals because they deserve it. We will need to do what we have to do and that we deserve to win on the field."

PSG forward Desire Doue agreed with his coach.

"If Aston Villa are here, it means they deserve it," the 19-year-old said. "I don't think talking about a favourite is a good thing to do. Aston Villa are a very good team with good players."

Aston Villa manager Unai Emery, who was PSG boss from 2016-18, will be back at the Parc des Princes.

"He is a great coach," Luis Enrique said. "Aston Villa are a great team. They



progressed in the last two years thanks to Unai Emery.

"Aston Villa are a team that look like us, with many versatile players. It's difficult to know who is going to play, especially after their winter transfer window where they have strengthened in a good way. It will be an open and difficult tie for both teams."

The Spaniard is confident his players will not lose focus three days after securing their 13th French Ligue 1 title.

"I think we will keep seeing a great version of PSG, that we will keep playing the same way, with the same intensity or even more," Luis Enrique said.

The French side's captain Marquinhos will miss the game due to suspension.

## Short TAKES

### KKR Lose By 4 Runs In High Scoring IPL Contest Against LSG

**K**olkata Knight Riders suffered a late batting collapse to lose their high-scoring Indian Premier League contest against Lucknow Super Giants by a mere four runs here on Tuesday.

Chasing 239, KKR slipped from 149 for two in 12 overs to 234/7 in 20 overs. Skipper Ajinkya Rahane top-scored with 61 off 35 balls with eight fours and two sixes. Venkatesh Iyer contributed 45 and Rinku Singh smacked a late 15-ball 38 but their efforts were not enough. Earlier, Nicholas Pooran (87 not out) and Mitchell Marsh (81) powered Lucknow Super Giants to a massive 238 for three.

**Brief scores:**

LSG 238/3 in 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 87 not out, Mitchell Marsh 81; Harshit Rana 2/51)

KKR 234/7 in 20 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 61, Venkatesh Iyer 45, Rinku Singh 38 not out; Shardul Thakur 2/52)

### Shreyas Iyer Among Nominated Cricketers For ICC POTM

**I**ndia's middle-order mainstay Shreyas Iyer was on Tuesday nominated alongside New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra and Jacob Duffy for the ICC Player of the Month award for March following his impact show in last month's Champions Trophy.

With 243 runs in five matches at 48.60 including two half-centuries, Iyer played a vital role in India's title win in the eight-team competition.

However, it was Ravindra who had topped the batters' chart with 263 runs in four matches at an average of 65.75 including two tons.

Duffy, the world No 1 T20I bowler, found his way into the list following a dominant show in New Zealand's 4-1 hammering of Pakistan in the T20I series. He took 13 wickets with an economy rate of 6.17 and average of 8.38.

### PCB's Earning From Champions Trophy Exceeds Estimation

**T**he Pakistan Cricket Board has claimed to have earned three billion rupees by hosting the ICC Champions Trophy, exceeding its target of two billion rupees.

The PCB claim came in a written reply to the National Assembly which expressed its concerns over the persistent under-performance of the national team over the past two years.

The PCB in its written response also confirmed that a total of 18 billion rupees are being spent on the upgradation of stadiums in Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi. It said that the complete upgrade process would be completed by 2026 and the second phase would begin after the Pakistan Super League ends in May.

The PCB also said that there have been no budget overruns so far because of the Champions Trophy and other issues.

### Barcelona Coach Flick Stays Grounded Ahead Of Dortmund Test

**B**arcelona have not lost a game this year but their manager Hansi Flick is not getting carried away ahead of Wednesday's Champions League quarter-final first leg against Borussia Dortmund.

Barca top the LaLiga standings ahead of Real Madrid with eight matches left and will play their arch-rivals in this month's Copa del Rey final.

"We can dream, but players and coaches must keep our feet on the ground," Flick told reporters on Tuesday.

"We have to look at what we have achieved, based on hard work, and it must not be the end. We have to pull out all the stops to keep going.

"We want to continue without losing this year, but we have to perform at our best against a very strong rival."

### IPL: Furious Rahane Blames Eden Gardens Pitch After Defeat



Press Trust of India

**KOLKATA:** Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Ajinkya Rahane was once again visibly disappointed with the nature of the Eden Gardens pitch and lamented over lack of help for spinners after the team's second loss at home.

However, the seasoned campaigner chose his words carefully when the contentious topic of 'home advantage' was brought up, saying any comment from him could trigger a "bawal" (controversy).

On a night when spin was expected to play a crucial role, Lucknow Super Giants edged past the defending champions by four runs, handing Rahane's KKR their second loss in three home games this season.

"Firstly, there was no help

for the spinners, let me clear that," Rahane said after the game.

LSG posted 238/3 before limiting KKR to 234/7. Rahane's decision to bowl seemingly backfired as the rival batters outsmarted KKR's plans, scoring runs to the longer side of the ground.

"They used the boundary really well, you know, bowling to the longer end, I mean longer boundary, they did that really well, our bowlers tried as well, but again, (Nicholas) Pooran and Mitchell Marsh batted really well in between, they took their chances which came off really well for them."

"It was a lovely wicket, we all saw that, scoring almost 500 runs on this track, hard for the bowlers, but again, they used the conditions and used the boundary really well."

While the LSG spin duo of Digvesh Rathi and Ravi Bishnoi went for 80 runs from their eight overs combined but managed to pick two crucial wickets, their KKR counterparts -- Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarty -- returned wicketless, conceding over nine runs per over.

Narine, in fact, didn't even complete his full quota of four overs.

This prompted the inevitable question: does 'home advantage' even exist in the IPL anymore?

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