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Waqf Uproar Ends J&K Assembly Session In Chaos

Observer News Service

Jammu: Uproar over the demand by non-BJP parties for a discussion on the new Waqf Act paralysed proceedings for the third consecutive day in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

Addressing the members in the House, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather defended his action of disallowing the adjournment motion by National Conference (NC) members and its alliance partners on the Waqf issue.

He also did not admit a notice for a no-confidence motion moved against him by three opposition members led by Peoples Conference leader Sajad Gani Lone, citing business rules and technicalities.

"The last three days witnessed uproar and the reason was the Waqf amendment law. A majority of the members expressed their resentment against it... I examined the rule book and disallowed the adjournment motions to discuss the issue," the Speaker said.

Pointing to the protesting



members, he said that speeches do not make any difference but "your argument that your concerns should be recorded has already been done".

"You vociferously raised the issue in the House and the message has reached the people," he said.

As the presiding officer of the House, Rather said, he had fulfilled his responsibility in accordance with the rule book. "I am not a dictator and I respect

he National Conference

the Waqf Amendment Act, party

chief spokesperson and legislator

Tanvir Sadiq said on Wednesday.

(NC) will soon approach the

Supreme Court to challenge

your sentiments," he said. Rather spoke unhindered for

Rather spoke unhindered for more than 15 minutes for the first time in the past three days as the House had been rocked by protests from treasury and opposition members who were demanding a discussion on the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

Earlier when the House met this morning, the NC members started demanding a discussion on the Waqf Act. The BJP members also | More on P6

Sadiq, who represents the Zadibal constituency in Srinagar, said the party considers the Act a constitutionally "alarming interference" in the religious affairs

of the Muslim | More on P6

AAP MLA Alleges Assault by BJP, PDP Members

Observer News Service

scuffle broke out between BJP members and AAP MLA Mehraj Malik in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly premises on Wednesday after he allegedly made some objectionable remarks. The lone AAP legislator was also involved in a heated exchange with PDP members led by Arif Amin, who were present outside the House, after they objected to his remarks against former chief minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, prompting the security personnel to intervene to prevent a physical clash. Malik criticised the police for allowing PDP workers inside the Assembly complex and asserted he was a leader and "could say anything deems fit".



Budget Session Adjourned Sine Die



Observer News Service

Jammu: Speaker of the J&K Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather Wednesday adjourned the House sine die.

The 21 days assembly session commenced on 3rd March with LG's address and culminated today on 9th April 2025 afternoon.

According to the revised calendar, Wednesday was the last day of the Budget Session.
The Speaker lauded the

The Speaker lauded the contribution of the members in the smooth conduct of the 21-day-long budget session and said

- er of the Assembly, Rather adjourned lie 1,355 questions received 1,355 questions received 154 main questions, 353 supplementaries addressed.
 - 3 government bills passed
 - 33 Private Members'
 - Bills listed.
 85 of 109 resolutions
 - admitted78 calling attention
 - motions received, 23 listed.

 39+ hours utilized

it was the second longest in the country this year. A total of 1,355 questions No Floor Test, No Exit

Speaker Survives No-confidence Motion

he Speaker of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Wednesday said that the no-confidence motion brought against him by Peoples Conference President Sajad Gani Lone and PDP MLAs cannot proceed, as the Assembly wouldn't be in session when it has to be listed in the business. Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, Rather explained that he had thoroughly examined the notice submitted by Lone and other MLAs regarding the noconfidence motion against him. "As per Rule 215(2), the Speaker has to fix the date for listing of the motion to seek leave of the House 14 days after the notice is given," he said. He further said the House would not be in session when the resolution has to be listed. "You submitted the notice on April 8, and if you add 14 days, the House would have already adjourned sine die by then," he added. Rather said that the

Challenge Waqf Amendment Act In SC

Press Trust Of India

JJM Under

Lens: Probe

Panel Formed

NC To

Jammu- Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Wednesday formed an 11-member house committee to probe into alleged irregularities in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The committee will be headed by National Conference legislator and former High Court judge Hasnain Masoodi with CPI(M), BJP, Congress, PDP leaders, and an Independent, as its members.

On March 22, the Speaker announced the formation of a House committee to probe alleged irregularities in the implementation of JJM in view of persistent demand from the members since the start of the budget session on March 3.

"In view of the pressing demand of the Members on the floor of the House for constitution of a House | More on P6

Power Generation In J&K Increases By 44%

Agencies

Srinagar: With the frequent rainfall and improvement in weather, the hydel power generation in Jammu and Kashmir has increased by 44 percent in a month.

Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department was facing 84.17 percent dip in power generation owing to the low water level and was generating only 16 percent of energy.

À top official informed that the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) rehydel power generation of 721 Megawatts (MWs) from the local plants.

"From the power plants of the Kashmir region, the department is currently able to produce 110 MWs of power and in case of power plants in Jammu, the peak generation is 611MW," the official said.

ng 84.17 The official further said that the department is likely to produce more power in the coming weeks keeping in view the water level and improvement in weather.

Kashmir "Currently, we are able to produce more than 60 percent of power against | More on P6



BJP Ties, Waqf Act, & Tulip Selfie

Omar, Mehbooba Trade Barbs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti launched a scathing attack on the ruling dispensation and National Conference (NC) leaders, accusing them of remaining silent on issues impacting Muslims across the country, and turning the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly into a stage for distraction.

Speaking to media persons, Mehbooba Mufti said, "What has happened over



the last three days inside the Assembly is a shameful drama by the ruling party. Outside the Assembly, what happened



in Tulip Garden was equally disgraceful, especially when the country's Muslim population is facing | More on P6

Just A Coincidence: Rijiju Clarifies

nion Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju Wednesday sought to clarify the controversy surrounding his meeting with Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his father Farooq Abdullah at Tulip Garden, saying the interaction was just a coincidence. "A beautiful morning walk became a political discussion, echoed even in J&K Assembly too! I briefly came across CM, Omar Abdullah sahab and | More on P6

J&K Issues 83K Domicile Papers To Outsiders

notice requires | More on P6



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday revealed that 83,742 domicile certificates have been issued to non-locals in the Union Territory over the past two years.

In a written reply to MLA Waheed Ur Rehman Para, the government stated that a total of 35,12,184 domicile certificates were issued during this period across J&K.

Out of these, 83,742 were granted to | More on P6

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Office Of The **Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

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

Public Notice..

The registrar birth BDO Singapora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Ayaan Bashir Sheikh D.o.B 14/01/2018, Farhan Bashir Sheikh D.o.B 14/01/2018 S/o Bashir Ahmad Sheikh R/o Trikolbal Hanjiwera Tehsil Pattan 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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Public Notice..

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file

pertaining to birth of Rabiya Hilal D/o Hilal Ahmad Ganie R/o

Palhallan Tehsil Pattan with verified date of birth 26/02/2021

occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having

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Public Notice..

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pertaining to birth of Shahan Ali Mir S/o Waseem Raja Mir

R/o Bohripora sopore with verified date of birth 16/05/2020

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Public Notice..

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file

pertaining to birth of Fatima Ferooz D/o Ferooz Ahmad Lone

R/o Ussan kohie pattan with verified date of birth 05/07/2022

occurred at SDH pattan in this connection if any body having

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The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Maryam Mudasir D/o Mudasir Ahmad Lone R/o Hathlangoo sopore with verified date of birth 31/05/2021 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 registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Sheena Aijaz D.o.B 09/09/2017 ,Usman Aijaz D.o.B 09/07/2021 s/d/o Aijaz Ahmad Teli R/o Kripalgrah Matipora Pattan 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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entertained.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGAER DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTRE SRINAGAR

Email: srinagardic@gmailc. / gmdic-srinagar@jk.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Muneer Industries. I/E BAMK Srinagar stands formally registered with this office under No.: 07/09/01093/PMT/SSI dated 01-03-1980 for the line of activity "Weaving of raffal cotton and silk fabric on power looms" as proprietorship concern oF Syed Mohammad Nazim S/o Syed Mohammad Oasim R/o Barakh Pora Nowshera Srinagar. The proprietor of the unit had inducted three partners namely I. Peer Ali Mohammad Makhdoomi S/o Peer Ghulam Rasool Makhdoomi R/o Gojwara Srinagar. 2. Fayaz Ahmad Malik S/o Habib-Ullah Malik R/o Firdous Colony Eidgah Srinagar and 3. Rafiq Ahmad Malik S/o Habib-Ullah Malik R/o Firdous Colony Eidgah Srinagar as per partnership executed on 22-06-2015

Later on, one of the partners of the unit namely Syed Mohammad Nazim S/o Syed Mohammad Qasim R/o Barakhpora. Nowshera, Srinagar expired on 01-05-2017 as per the death certificate issued by the Registrar of Births & Deaths, Srinagar Municipal Corporation vide registration No.: 7065 dated 24-05-2017 and as per the legal heir certificate issued by the Additional Deput Commissioner. Srinagar vide No.: 39I/SM/ADC/7482 dated 10-08-2017, the deceased promoter has the following legal heirs:

- 1. Masooda W/o late Sved Mohammad Nazim.
- 2. Syed Omer Rasool S/o late Syed Mohammad Nazim Syed
- Obaid Ullah S/o late Syed Mohammad Nazim Misbah D/o late Syed Mohammad Nazim.

Now. the above listed legal heirs of Late Syed Mohammad Nazim have approached this office for transferring the lease hold rights in their favour to the extent of share of the deceased.

Any person having any objection for the change of constitution in favour of local heirs shall report to the office of General Manager. District Industries Centre. Srinagar within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection

shall be entertained

DIPK-241/25 dated: 09-04-2025

Sd/ General Manager District Industries Centre Srinagar

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4	4 Seek Clarification End Date & Time		26-04-2025 (1300 Hrs)			
5	5 Bid Submission Start Date & Time		09-04-2025 (1700 Hrs)			
6	6 Bid Submission End Date & Time		29-04-2025 (1300 Hrs)			
7	7 Bid opening date & Time		30-04-2025 (1300 Hrs)			
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The tender document is available on website. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table above. The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, WCT, freight, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted. All the bids must be supported by the Instrument of EMD of the exact amount as mentioned in the above table and shall have been issued post tender publication date. Moreover, any deviation in the EMD amount is liable for rejection.

> Sd/- Executive Engineer O&M Division Bijbehara

No. EDB/TS/89-96 DIPK-NB-147/25 Dated:-09-04-2025

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The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Hurairah D/o Mushtaq Ahmad Navoo R/o Gohal Tangpora Pattan with verified date of birth 28/06/2021 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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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER GANDERBAL

NOTICE

Whereas, an application for Re-registration/Transfer of Ownership has been received from Mr./Mrs./Miss MANISH KUMAR S/D/W of RAM BILASH Resident of: 656 SECTOR 4 RK PURAM NEW DELHI 110092 in Respect of LMV/Three wheeler / Motor Cycle/MOTOR CAR Bearing Reg No. DL12CK7839, Chassis No MAJAXXMRKACY68358, Engine No. GY68358 In favour of: AB KHALIQ MIR, S/D/W of: AB SATAR MIR Resident of: KACHAN TULLAMULLA GANDERBAL KASHMIR (Transferee).

Now, therefore, it is notified for the information of the general public that the representation/objection, if any in connection with proposed Re-registration/Transfer will be received within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Leading Papers to the address of undersigned. No representation/objection shall be considered unless it is made in written and shall be submitted within the aforesaid

No. JK/ARTOG/343/IND/Gbl Dated: 07/04/25

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Authorized Signatory Assistant Regional Transport Officer Ganderbal

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R/O:- Sanat Nagar Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Ashiq Hussain Ahangar want to change my son's name in his aadhar card bearing no 2515 3550 6887 from Mohd Suhaib Ahangar (old name) to Mohammad Suhaib Ahangar (new name) . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within 7 days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ashiq Hussain Ahangar F/o:- Mohammad Suhaib Ahangar R/O:- Sopore Baramulla

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The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Salim Dawood Mir s/o Dawood Rashid Mir R/o Janwara Dangerpora Sopore with verified date of birth 05/08/2020 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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From Office of the Advocate F.A. Malla and Associates Lic No. 359/14

In the case of

Ab Razak Ahanger S/o Mohammad and sonaullah S/o Rashi Ahanger Residents of Goom Ahmadpora Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla

(Caveators)

V/S **PUBLIC AT LARGE**

(Non-Caveators)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C The caveators have landed property under Survey/khasra no. 840 khewat no. 73 and khata no. 308 situated at Chichiloora and Caveators have to construct a shopping complex over the said land and have reason to believe/apprehension that non caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble court and on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresent and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at irreparable loss and inconvenience it would be proper that caveators are given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

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From the office of Adv M. Afzal and Associates

In the case of

I. Ghulam Ahmad Para 2. Mohd Abdullah Para Sons of Late Habibullah Para 3. Mohd Sadiq Para 4.Ghulam Ahmad Para Sons of Abdul Khaliq Para

5.Shabir Ahmad Para S/o Mohd Ramzan Para 6.Abdul Rehman Para S/o Habibullah Para all Residents of Par Mohallah Pattan Tehsil Pattan Distt Baramulla Kashmir

7. Younis Hamid Baba S/o Abdul Hamid Baba R/o Sheerpora Bangil Tehsil Pattan

Caveators

public at Large In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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it to Plant Protection Officer. Lal Mandi Srinagar within 7 days from the publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained Abrar Hussain Shah

S/o Gh. Mohd Shah R/o Kachhama - Budgam

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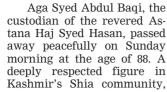
Thousands Attend Fateha Majlis Of Aga Syed Abdul Baqi

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The congregational Fateha of noted Shia cleric Aga Syed Abdul Baqi Rizvi was held on Wednesday at Astana Haj Syed Hasan in Nabdipora, Hawal Srinagar. A large number of people gathered at his resting place at Baba Mazar soon after Fajr prayers to offer Fateha and later the service continued through the day at the Astana.

The morning congregation was addressed by noted cleric Maulana Sheikh Ghulam Rasool Noori, who paid glowing tributes to Aga Syed Abdul Baqi's lifelong commitment to faith, spirituality, and community service

"As his name 'Abdul Baqi' signifies—the servant of the



away peacefully on Sunday morning at the age of 88. A deeply respected figure in Kashmir's Shia community, he was known for his piety, humility, and unwavering dedication to religious and social causes. Throughout his life, Aga

Sahab played a pivotal role in guiding the community through both spiritual and societal challenges, becoming a source of solace and wisdom for many. His contributions to religious education, intercommunity harmony, and social justice were widely acknowledged.

He is survived by his daughter and five sons, including Sved Gazanfar Hus-



by virtue of his noble deeds, remain alive. Though he has left this mortal world, his essence endures in the hearts of his students, in the voices of scholars he nurtured, and in the sacred mission of propagation he carried forward with unwavering devotion throughout his life," Noori said.

Those who attended the Fateha Khawani, included Aga Syed Hadi, Maulana Khursheed Ahmad Qanungo, Syed Salim Geelani, Aga Syed Yusuf, Aga Syed Hussain, Aga Syed Mujtaba, Maulana Firdousi, Aga Syed Liyaqat, Sheikh Ghulam Hussain Matsain and Aga Syed Aijaz. He was also the father-in-law of senior Shia leader Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari.

Earlier, thousands joined his funeral prayers on Sunday at Alamgari Bazar Chowk before he was laid to eternal rest at his ancestral graveyard Baba Mazar in Zadibal.

His demise has created a deep void in the religious and social fabric of the Valley. Condolences have poured in from religious leaders, scholars, and members of the community from across Jammu and Kashmir, all mourning the loss of a guiding spiritual light.



Tulip Garden Sees 4.46 Lakh Visitors In 15 Days, Surpassing Previous Records

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar has set a new benchmark by drawing over 4.46 lakh visitors within just 15 days of the ongoing Tulip Show 2025, surpassing last year's total footfall.

Featuring a breathtaking display of 1.7 million tulip bulbs in 74 vibrant varieties, the garden continues to attract tourists in large numbers, with several days of the show still remaining. This year, two new tulip varieties imported from the Netherlands have been added, further enriching the floral spectacle.

Opened to the public on March 26, the garden recorded an impressive 17,259 visitors on the very first day. The overwhelming response reflects the garden's rising global appeal and its vital role in promoting tourism and highlighting the natural beauty of Jammu & Kashmir.

Around 100 gardeners and casual labourers worked tirelessly to prepare the garden for this year's event. The Tulip Garden had already earned international recognition in 2023 when it was listed in the World Book of Records (London) as Asia's largest.

In 2024, the garden witnessed a remarkable 4.45 lakh visitors, including nearly 2,000 international tourists. The ongoing surge in footfall this year points toward another recordbreaking season, reaffirming the garden's place as a mustvisit destination.

SMC Ward-33 Launches Plantation Drive

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Ward 33, Humhama, today initiated a plantation drive aimed at enhancing greenery and improving the environment in the area.

The drive was officially launched near Peerbagh along the Airport Road, where a variety of plant species and saplings were planted. The initiative continued at Humhama Chowk, with active participation from administrative staff and local attendants under the supervision of the concerned Ward Officer.

Speaking on the occasion, the Ward Officer emphasized

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that the initiative is not only intended to beautify the surroundings but also to promote a cleaner and healthier environment for residents. "Planting trees contributes to restoring the city's pristine glory and aligns with our mission for a cleaner and better Srinagar," the officer said.

Barzulla's Bone & Joint **Hospital Lacks Echo Facility**

Agencies

Srinagar: The Bone and zulla, Srinagar — one of Kashmir's premier orthopedic government hospitals — continues to lack a critical medical facility: the echocardiogram (Echo) test, causing immense hardships for patients, especially those in critical condition.

Due to the non-availability of the Echo test, even emergency and surgical patients are forced to travel in ambulances to associate hospitals like Shireen Bagh in Karan Nagar to get this basic cardiac examination done. The absence of this facility in a tertiary care hospital has raised serious concerns over the government's healthcare planning.

'When the government is claiming to provide the best facilities in public hospitals, how can such an essential test be missing from a critical hospital like this?" asked a visibly distressed patient who had to undergo

the ordeal late last night. Jamsheed Ahmad, a resident of Srinagar, narrated his recent harrowing experience to KINS. "My mother is admitted here. She was scheduled for surgery yesterday. Before the procedure, the doctors recommended an Echo test because she is a heart patient. I was shocked to learn that the facility is not available

here," he said. "We were told to take her in an ambulance with oxygen support to Shireen Bagh Hospital just for the test. She was in pain and could barely move. Another critical patient was also in the same ambulance. Is this what we call patient ' he questioned.

Multiple patients attendants confirmed that this has been a regular practice, "Patients requiring Echo are routinely shifted to other hospitals, even though this is a major orthopedic center," another attendant said.

When reached out to Principal Government Medical College Srinagar, Dr. Iffat, for her comments, she abruptly said, "Visit my office, we will discuss it," and hung up the phone. The hospital In-charge Medical Superintendent, Dr. Altaf, acknowledged the problem.

"Yes, the Echo facility is not currently available in the hospital. We have written for the procurement of the Echo machine and have also arranged a cardiologist,' he said. "We are shifting into a new building soon, and we are hopeful that the facility will be available there. Until then, patients who need the Echo are being shifted."

He admitted it is a priority issue and said, "We understand how difficult it is for our staff and patients to manage this situation. But we are hopeful that the facility will be available very soon.'

Former Medical Superintendent, Dr. Nazir Ahmad, who retired recently, also confirmed the absence of the facility.

"We had placed an order for the Echo machine. It was supposed to arrive soon," he said. (KINS)

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837 - Comet 1P/837 F1 (Halley) approaches within

0.0334 AUs of Earth 1589 - Spanish troops conquer Geertruidenberg

1815 - Mount Tambora in Indonesia experiences a cataclysmic eruption, one of the most powerful in history, killing around 71,000 people and causing a global volcanic winter

1877 - 1st human cannonball act performed in London

1887 - US President Abraham Lincoln's re-buried with his wife in Springfield, Ilinois

1913 - President Woodrow Wilson throws out 1st ball, Senators beat Yankees 2-1

1923 - Hitler demands "hatred & more hatred" in Berlin

1938 - Austria becomes a state of Germany

1944 - Soviet forces liberate Odessa from Nazis

1946 - 1st election for Japanese Parliament 1964 - Iranian motor launch catches fire & sinks

killing 113 (Persian Gulf) 1972 - 7.0 earthquake kills 1/5 of population of

Iranian province of Fars

1973 - Pakistan suspends constitution

1979 - Soyuz 33 launched with a Russian & a Bulgarian

1981 - Computer glitch keeps Space Shuttle Columbia grounded

1986 - Benazir Bhutto returns to Pakistan

1989 - Intel corp announces shipment of 80-486

1991 - Rare tropical storm develops in the Southern Hemisphere near Angola; first to be documented by

1996 - Fastest wind speed ever recorded (not a tornado) 408 km/h (220 kn; 253 mph; 113 m/s) during tropical cyclone Olivia on Barrow Island

2006 - Hundreds of thousands protest H.R. 4437 (aka the "Sensenbrenner Bill") in the United States. 2010 - Polish Air Force Tu-154M crashes near Smolensk, Russia, killing all 96 people on board

2012 - United Nations deadline for Syrian troop withdrawal passes as vio lence continues

including President Lech Kaczy ski

2012 - Apple Inc claims a value of \$600 billion making it the largest company by market capitalization in the world

2013 - Japan and Taiwan sign an agreement on fishing rights around the Senkaku Islands

2014-88 civilians are killed by barrel bombs from Svrian war planes in Aleppo, Syria

2014- The Council of Europe suspends Russia's right to vote

2016- Explosions and a fire caused by fireworks at Puttingal Temple in Kerala, India, kills more than 100 and injures nearly 400

2016- Hong Kong pro-democracy political party Demosist established by Nathan Law, Joshua Wong and Agnes Chow

2018- Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg begins testifying before US Congress about data use and security 2019- First home delivery service by drone begins

in Canberra, Australia by Wing, part of Google's Alphabet company 2019- First-ever photo of a black hole announced,

taken by The Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration in 2017 in galaxy M87, 6.5 billion times the mass of earth, 55 million light-years away

2019- Four tiny sweat bees removed alive from a woman's eye in world's first operation of its kind at Foovin University Hospital, Taiwan

2019- New species of human announced named Homo luzonensis, 3ft tall, remains dated 50-60,000 years old found in cave on island of Luzon, **Philippines** 2021- China orders Alibaba pay a record fine of

18.2 billion yuan (\$2.8 billion) after anti-trust regulations say it has been acting as a monopoly 2022- Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan removed

from power after losing a no-confidence vote in

2023- The Dalai Lama apologizes for a video showing him asking a boy to suck his tongue, after widespread criticism

CRPF Observes Valour Day At GC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In conformity with the cherished tradition and supreme sacrifice of Brave hearts in reverence, the "VALOUR DAY' celebrated at Group Centre, CRPF, Srinagar by firstly paying homage to those Brave hearts, who laid down their lives at the altar of duty.

Raiesh Kumar, ADG J&K Zone paid the tribute to the Martyrs of the CRPF by laying a wreath at the "Shaheed Samarak". A Sainik Sammelan was also organized on this occasion wherein Pawan Kumar Sharma, IG, Srinagar Sector felicitated th martyr's family and recipients of DG's Disc & DG's Commendation Certificate for their outstanding contribution during Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024 and General Parliamentary Election-2024 in an investiture ceremony, a statement issued to Kashmir Observer reads.

Valour day is celebrated every year on 09th April to commemorate the saga of exemplary valour, unparalleled courage and phenomenal fortitude displayed by four companies of 02 Bn, CRPF on 09th April 1965 at Sardar Post and Tonk post of Rann of Kuchh, Gujarat against a full-fledged Brigade attack perpetrated by Pakistan Army.

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Statehood Can't Wait

nion Home Minister Amit Shah's recent threeday visit to Jammu and Kashmir culminated in a clear directive to security forces: sustain the gains made post-Article 370's abrogation and intensify the crackdown on terrorism. He called for inter-agency coordination, area domination, and a "zero terror" goal to consolidate the relative peace achieved in the region in recent years.. If anything, this shows that the security still remains top of the priority for the centre in Kashmir, and it doesn't want to take any decision that might be deemed to undermine this focus. Hence, perhaps the lingering delay in the restoration of statehood. But who knows, like the Assembly polls last year, the central government may pleasantly surprise the people of J&K on this score as well.

As of now, however, the centre hasn't revealed its cards. Both the prime minister Narendra Modi and the home minister Amit Shah have time and again promised the restoration of statehood at an appropriate time. What they have not given so far is the timeline. This is because the existing arrangement is seen as ideal from the centre's standpoint and the union government might be loath to alter this favourable arrangement by granting an early statehood to J&K. More so, when there also are far bigger reasons to withhold it. Centre, it is believed, is unlikely to let go of control on the security agencies and the allied security related matters, lest it unravel the gains made in recent years. The recent rise in militancy-related violence is likely to further dissuade the central government from handing over complete control over the region to an elected government. At the same time, it would be increasingly difficult to ignore the aspirations for statehood in the UT, as this will only deepen alienation. Best available option for the centre is to trust the elected government with running the state of affairs and make it accountable for

Also, the logic of the security can perpetually hold hostage a political call on the grant of statehood in the near to medium future. It is true that Kashmir has come a long way in recent years and since the assumption of office by the elected government the gains have been further built on. At the same time, for all the existing prolonged stability, Kashmir remains an unpredictable place. An occasional spurt in the violence can be an endless point of bother. even though it may not detract from the larger normalcy. So, the centre shouldn't delay statehood further and trust the elected government with doing its job, in turn giving people of the region a sense of empowerment.



Did You Know?

Why Timing Matters in Kashmir Markets

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inbox the world of investments, every asset class has its own rhythm and time ing when it comes to returns. Observing the last decade of financial history reveals fascinating patterns. For instance, there have been periods where gold, despite its value as a stable investment, has not shown any significant eturns for several years. Yet, in recent years, particularly over the past two the returns on gold have been nothing short of remarkable.

Similarly, the equity market, or stock market, has its own ebb and flow Over the past ten years, there were phases where returns were non-existent leading investors to question their decisions during those downturns. Notably during market crashes, stock prices can plummet, wiping out profits and reverting to values seen in the distant past. However, when markets recover, the

returns can be incredibly rewarding.

Looking ahead, it's crucial to remember that no asset class offers consistent returns indefinitely. For example, September 2024 might mark a shift for some asset classes. Gold might perform poorly in some years and excellently in others. The same applies to equities, real estate, and other investment vehicles Recently, real estate in regions like Kashmir—specifically in urban areas such as Srinagar—has seen varied returns based on tourism and local developments hinting at the nuanced nature of real estate investments

One fundamental truth holds across all investment types: they are subject to the forces of demand and supply. High demand with limited supply often leads to significant returns, while the opposite can result in declining profits. Investors must understand that every investment has its own time. Success ful investment strategies often involve diversified asset allocations, including gold, silver, real estate, mutual funds, and international ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds). Whether investing in emerging markets like China or in established

economies like the USA, or exploring debt funds, diversification remains key. Equities, in particular, are best approached with a long-term perspective. Although short-term investments in the stock market require excellent money management techniques to be profitable, the most successful investors typically understand that equity markets are not designed for quick gains. Long-term holding generally reaps the most substantial rewards

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Assembly or Akhada?

From the scuffle between rival party members to the storming of the Well of the House and even an attempted manhandling of marshals, the events have shaken public confidence in legislative propriety.

Ahmad Ayaz



People don't

vote to send gladiators. They elect representatives to solve problems, ask tough questions, and drive meaningful change. When legislatures descend into drama, the real casualty is public trust—and ultimately, the common citizen.

ssemblies and Parliament are not about muscle power. They are meant to represent the will of the people, frame laws, and hold the government accountable. These institutions are platforms for open debate, discussion, and informed decisionmaking on issues that shape our

collective future. They uphold democratic governance by checking executive overreach, allocating public resources, and safeguarding the rights and interests of the people. The strength of these

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tv is public trust—and ultimately, the common citizen.

This recent spectacle in J&K should raise serious concerns about the quality of political culture and legislative behavior. It reflects a worrying trend where substance is being replaced with showmanship, and governance is becoming a stage for personal vendettas and ego battles. Such behavior not only weakens the legislative process but also diverts attention from the real issues facing the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The region has its share of challenges: unemployment, in- tion among pe

sion or penalties for unruly members may sometimes be necessary to uphold institutional dignity.

not devolve into chaos. Suspen-

Media also plays a significant role in this dynamic. While reporting such incidents is necessary, sensationalism must be avoided. The focus should be on accountability, not just entertainment. Civic discourse must evolve, and the electorate should be made aware of their representatives' behavior within the Assembly.

This episode is a moment of reckoning. It calls for introspec-



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When shouting matches, personal barbs, and physical scuffles take over, the sanctity of these institutions is eroded. The Assembly begins to resemble an akhada—a wrestling pit—where the goal seems to be domination, not deliberation.

People don't vote to send gladiators. They elect representatives to solve problems, ask tough questions, and drive meaningful change. When legislatures descend into drama, the real casual-

n, and responsibility. It is only through focused deliberation and policy-making that the aspi tions of the people can be fulfilled.

In this context, the role gravity of their responsibilities. Internal party discipline, regular training on legislative norms, and mechanisms to curb unruly behavior are essential. Moreover, party leaderships must not glorify aggression as

sincere representation. The Speaker of the Assembly, too, has a pivotal role in maintaining order and decorum. The chair must act impartially and firmly to ensure proceedings do

strength. Instead, they should

reward constructive debate and

the well of the House, but arena of ideas, accountabilit and public service

more—not just flashy speeches and tall promises, but dignified political parties is equally conduct, clarity of purpose, and critical. They must ensure that competence. The real danger isn't their members understand the between political opponents. between governance and gimmickry. And it's a contest where we, the people, must always be the referees

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Tulips Take Over Kashmir

s the snow melts and spring breathes life into the valley, Srinagar transforms into a vibrant canvas of colours. Among its many breathtaking sights, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden stands out as a wonderful marvel. Nestled in the foothills of the Zabarwan Range, this garden is a spectacle of nature that attracts lakhs of visitors every year. The tulip

that blooms from mid-March to April, makes it the perfect time for travellers to witness this floral extravaganza and immerse themselves in the beauty of Kashmir's spring.

Every year, this grandiose festival draws a huge attraction as it offers a breath of fresh air to the discord-dented region. In fact, the London-based World Book of Records has included the garden for a record of 1.2 million bulbs bloomed in 2018. It has also been judged among the top five tulip gardens of the world by the World Tulip Summit Society

in Canada. Indeed, the promising petals of tulip flowers bloom in Kashmir around this time every year against the snow-capped mountains, lure the locals and tourists back to a land torn by years of turmoil. With its rich history and cultural significance, Tulip garden has become a must-visit destination for those seeking quietude and inspiration amidst the stunning landscapes of Kashmir.

> Ranganathan Sivakumar Chennai

The Kashmiri Scholar the System Keeps Discarding

In Kashmir and beyond, countless men and women silently endure a daily death their hearts turning into graveyards of crushed dreams, unmet desires, and fading joy.

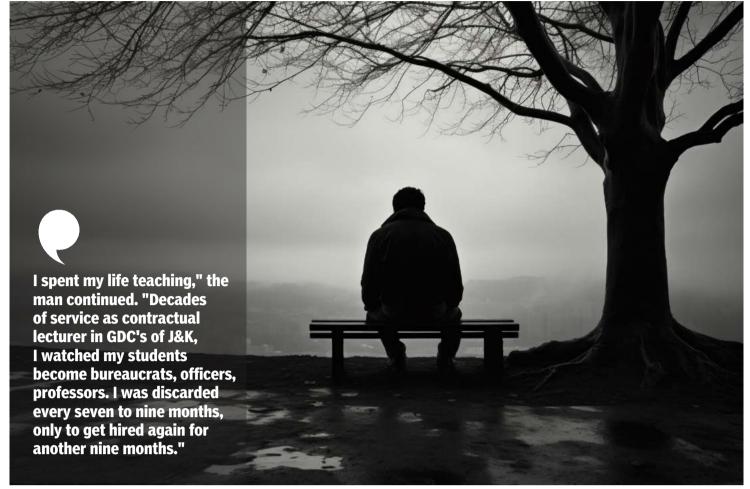
Dr. Ashraf Zainabi

ver the past 15 years, Dr. Altaf Lala (name changed) has buried countless desires and ambitions in the depths of his heart. His life, though outwardly composed, tells a far more complex and poignant story beneath the surface.

Recently we both were in Srinagar hospital to attend a common friend. After the rasm-ekhabar, we went on a stroll to Dal Lake. It was a cold winter evening in Srinagar. The mist curled around the streetlights, and the air carried the familiar scent of burning wood from distant chimneys. Dr. Altaf and I walked slowly along the boulevard, his hands deep in his jacket pockets, his thoughts heavier than the damp winter sky. To any passerby, he looked like any other man lost in thought. But beneath his quiet demeanor lay a graveyard of buried aspirations, unspoken pain, and silent struggles.

For over a decade, Altaf had devoted himself to academia. A PhD, a postdoctoral fellowship, research papers in reputed journals-each a testament to years of sacrifice. He had cleared NET and SET, proving his merit, hoping that one day, all this effort would translate into a secure, dignified career. But in Kashmir, where bureaucracy and unpredictability rule, that hope was an illusion. He missed regular appointments two times by a fraction of points — by decimals 0.10 and 0.40 respectively.

Now he is working as a contractual lecturer in one of the GDC's of Kashmir. He gets hired and fired every seven to nine months at the whims of officials who had never set foot in a classroom. Each year ends in uncertainty, his contract renewal hanging in the air like a death sentence waiting to be issued. There were no guarantees, no stabilityonly endless waiting, only new policies that seemed designed to keep



people like him in limbo.

At home, the stress took its toll. His parents, once proud of his achievements, had grown weary of his unstable career. His father would sigh in frustration, "What was the use of all those degrees if you can't even secure a proper job?" His mother, though kinder, could not hide her worry. She had seen other young men-less qualified, less ambitious-settle into government jobs, buy homes, start families.

Marriage had been another battlefield. The first proposal fell through when the bride's family

learned he had no permanent job. The second ended in a bitter argument between relatives—"What kind of future can he offer?" they had whispered. And the third, the one that had actually turned into marriage, quickly collapsed under the weight of financial instability and societal pressure. His wife, once understanding, grew resentful. The love that had once united them eroded under the constant stress of uncertainty. Eventually, she left.

Relatives weren't any better. They measured success in government salaries, land ownership, and social status. In their eyes,

Adil was a failure. The whispers at family gatherings, the casual taunts from uncles and cousins-"So, still waiting for that job? Maybe it's time to start a business instead." They laughed, unaware—or perhaps indifferent—to the damage their words inflicted.

The locality was no different. Neighbors who once admired his academic achievements now spoke of him with pity. The fruit vendor outside his home greeted him with, "Doctor Sahib, any news yet?" The tone wasn't one of

respect, but of quiet mockery.

But the worst part of it all was

what it did to him. The sleepless nights, the stress-induced headaches, the gnawing anxiety that never left him. His health had deteriorated-gastric issues from constant stress, migraines that made it impossible to focus, and a weight loss that everyone noticed but no one spoke about.

That evening, as we sat by the Dal Lake, we noticed an elderly man feeding pigeons. Something about his solitude drew Altaf in. Without thinking, he sat beside him.

"The pigeons always come back," the old man said, breaking the silence. Altaf glanced at him, unsure how to respond. "But people, they leave. And sometimes, they take parts of us with them." Man continued. Altaf felt his throat tighten.

"I spent my life teaching," the man continued. "Decades of service as contractual lecturer in GDC's of J&K, I watched my students become bureaucrats, officers, professors. I was discarded every seven to nine months, only to get hired again for another nine months." Altaf looked away, his own future flashing before him. "You are too young to let your heart turn into a graveyard," the old man said, his voice soft but firm.

With this brief conversation we left the elderly man feeding the pigeons. We reached our homes. I called Altaf next morning to enquire about him. He informed me, that night he sat at his desk, staring at his research notes, the ones he had abandoned in despair. He picked up his pen, not to write another job application, not to prove his worth to those who would never see it-but to reclaim what was his.

Because if the system refused to see his value, he would not let it bury him alive. His battle was not just for a job-it was for dignity, for self-respect, for the right to exist beyond the rules of a game rigged against him. Some battles are not won overnight. Some struggles stretch across lifetimes. But as long as a voice remains, as long as a mind refuses to surrender, no matter if heart becomes a graveyard of emotions. And in that defiance, in that refusal to be silenced, lies the hope of something greater.

Today, Altaf and thousands like him in Kashmir aged forty and above, not eligible and worthy by the definitions set by the system, are sailing the same boat.

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Love, Loans & Lehengas: The Great Kashmiri Wedding Trap

Marriage shouldn't be a life-threatening event. It shouldn't bankrupt families or shatter dreams.



Aliya Manzoor

n Kashmir, marriage is no longer just about love, com-**L** panionship, or commitment. It's about wealth, status, and extravagance. The emphasis has shifted from building a life together to proving a point to society, neighbors, and social media

For a middle-class groom, the road to marriage is no less than a battle. He's expected to carry the weight of societal expectations, financial burdens, and outdated customs. He's doing all this while trying to start a new chapter in life.

It begins with the pressure to secure a government job. Without it, the boy is labeled unworthy and incapable of supporting a wife. But that's just the beginning. He must also have a car, a large home, a thriving business, and an untarnished social image. And then comes the crushing blow: the dowry.

Despite religious teachings that emphasize mercy and sim-plicity, dowry or Maher has be-come a symbol of prestige, not compassion. In many cases, the demand isn't less than ten lakhs,

turning what should be a sacred obligation into a humiliating transaction. It reduces marriage to a business deal, a price tag, an unspoken auction.

Often, the Nikah and Rukhsati are separated by years, giving families more time to inflate expectations. The groom, caught in this storm, turns to desperate measures. He takes loans from friends, uses his mother's jewelry, mortgages the family home, or dips into his father's retirement savings. He may even drain his business account just to meet the crushing demands of a single event.

We've turned a simple life event into an extravagant spectacle. Weddings, once joyous and personal, have become intimidating, unaffordable, and often destructive. The result? Delayed marriages, emotional trauma, financial ruin, and a generation unable to move forward. Children are growing up in households weighed down by debt and stress. Young men buckle under pressure. Young women, disillusioned by society, either turn away from marriage or fall into toxic patterns: drug use, unhealthy relationships, depression.

If one wedding costs twenty lakhs, the next must cost fifty. We are not just competing; we are destroying. Parents fuel this madness too, pushing their sons to earn more, achieve more, and throw a wedding that becomes the talk of the town, no matter the cost.

This race for grandeur has erased the soul of marriage. The pressure has become unbearable. We are being merciless to our boys and blind to the consequences. We talk about change, but no one dares to act. We speak of simplicity, but fail to practice it. We celebrate extravagance and shun humility.

The truth is, marriage shouldn't be a life-threatening event. It shouldn't bankrupt families or shatter dreams.

It's time we stop turning weddings into a contest and start honoring them as the sacred, beautiful bonds they are meant to be. If we don't break this toxic cycle now, we will leave behind a legacy of burden for the generations to come.

-A Sociology postgrad, the author writes incisively on social dynamics.

Anantnag's Ace Educator Who Moved Generations

Muneera Mushtaq Shah retires, but not before transforming Anantnag's schools through three decades of visionary leadership and impactful educational reform.

Dr. Mushtaq Rather

t was a fanfare farewell to a campus coach who as a leader lit up learning amid darkness. That's how Muneera Mushtaq Shah was remembered while given sentimental sendoff. For those wondering about this lowkey educator, a dive into her decadal services becomes worth considering.

The effable tutor's leadership abilities have shaped the fate of innumerable schools in Anantnag. She motivated and inspired huge chunk of her colleagues to leave an everlasting impression in the lives of their students. Muneera worked tirelessly to ensure the execution of academic policies at the grossroot level and took every challenge as an opportunity and designed multipronged strategies to

mitigate those challenges. The successful evolution of an educational institution is hugely influenced by the proactive role executed by the head of the institution. All the important policy documents like NEP 2020, National Curricular Frame work for School Education 2023 (NCF 2023) lay strong emphasis on leadership role.

The central competency cited in NEP 2020 is the collaborative approach - the defining skill to be imbibed both by the educators and the modern era learners. Individualized efforts would not suffice and the role of the heads of institution is actually that of a nerve centre to manage the human resource at their disposal. Muneera Shah had this

inbuilt quality to take every staff member on board. This transformed her as an undisputed successful team leader.



She has literally been the engine of change. Her innovative leadership qualities has ensured the steady rise in enrolment. In one of her place of postings as a team leader, the enrolment of the kindergarten section swelled to more than 90 students and was thus successful in winning the trust and faith of the parents and community.

Muneera infused a degree of accountability in her institution: be it the punctuality of the teacher, ensuring the framing and execution of lesson plans by the teachers, monitoring classroom activities, cordial rapport even with the students, and active engagement with parents, especially mothers through regular parentteacher meet.

One of the root causes and serious issues plaguing the government-run schools is the lack of public

ownership. People hardly bother to work towards the betterment of these institutions and are escaping from shouldering their responsibilities to transform them. There is a serious disconnect between the school and the society. Both school administration and society are to be equally blamed.

The school administration need to honour and accommodate the genuine reservations of School Management Development Committee Members in decision-making process. The society too need to reciprocate by taking the ownership responsibilities of these schools. What rendered Muneera Mushtaq Shah as an inspirational team leader was her well-knit social-connect

strategy. She extended due regard to people from different shades of life and grossly engaged them in core decision-making process visa-vis development of the educational institution. This certainly raised the bar of the educational institution in the public domain.

Irrespective of impediments and challenges, Muneera's unique working style needs to be imbibed and replicated by the rest of the heads of institutions to transform their respective institutions as thriving learning centres. The department of education should make it mandatory for the heads of the institutions to undergo leadership building programs to orient themselves with latest trends in the field of leadership administration. This will go a long way in enabling the execution of academic policies at grossroot level in real spirit.

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Director reviews progress of official language implementation at NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Apr 09: Officials at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday reviewed the progress of official language implementation in the fourth and last quarterly meeting of financial year 2024-2025.

The meeting of the Official Implementation Committee (OLIC) was held at Committee Room and was presided over by Incharge Director NIT Srinagar Prof Roohi Naaz, Institute's Registrar Prof Atikur Rehman.

It was convened to review the progress of Rajbhasha (official language) implementation across various departments and administrative sections of the Institute during the financial year 2024-25.

The meeting was also attended by incharge Hindi Officer Dr. R.P. Shukla (Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering), Heads of Departments, Centres and sections

On the occasion, Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Roohi Naaz appreciated the commendable efforts made by the Rajbhasha Cell and active participation of departments in promoting the use of Hindi in official work.

She emphasized that the main signboards on campus will soon be made trilingual-Urdu, Hindi, and English on a priority basis to promote inclusivity and accessibility.

Prof. Naaz said that the Institute's commitment to effectively implementing the directives of the Department of Official Languages, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

She also discussed that there is a need for permanent posts in Rajbhasha Cell and for that communication is already under process with the department of Higher Education.

Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman stated that all directions issued by the Official Language Implementation Committee are being followed in letter and spirit on the campus.

"Important circulars and official orders are regularly issued in bilingual format to ensure compliance with Rajbhasha guidelines. NIT Srinagar has made significant progress in this direction, and we are confident of achieving even greater milestones in the future," he said.

Hindi Officer, Dr RP Shukla informed the chair that so far 28 ministerial staff of the institute successfully completed

Prabodh Course under the Hindi teaching scheme and now have been registered in Praveen

"Besides these 3 employees including an Officer have qualified the last Parangat Course under the Ministry guidelines),"

During the session, it was discussed that training sessions will be organized for more employees of the Institute in line with the Official Language Policy of the MHA.

These sessions will provide basic knowledge of Hindi to enhance reading and writing capabilities for effective usage in official correspondence. The training initiative will be supervised by Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Dar, Hindi Teaching Supervisor, Rajbhasha Cell.

CUKashmir holds events in the run up to the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Ganderbal, Apr 9: In the run up to the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, offices of OBC Cell, SC, ST PWD Cell, Department of Students welfare (DSW) and the NSS Unit of the Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) jointly organised five-events.

In his message, Chancellor, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath said, "Through these events-be it the screening of Babasaheb's biopic, spirited student debates, or symbolic Padyatras—we not only honour Dr. Ambedkar's legacy, but also spark essential conversations around equity, dignity, and justice. Education must remain a tool to dismantle barriers and build a more inclusive society." He lauded the collective efforts of faculty and students in translating Dr. Ambedkar's vision into actionable change



Shahid Rasool, noted that these events could highlight Dr. B R Ambedkar's enduring impact on social justice and inclusivity, fostering dialogue and action

amongst students and faculty. Inaugural event on 7th April featured a screening of the biographical film "Babasaheb Ambedkar" across university's departments, followed by interactive discussions on the visionary's life and his advocacy of inclusive

policies in national development. On 8th April, three events were

tion centred on the theme "Is Ambedkar's dream of annihilating caste still distant?" and an essay writing competition "Enduring Legacy of Dr. B R Ambedkar's Fight for Social Justice". In line with guidelines from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, a Padyatra was organised by NSS Coordinator Dr. Shabir Ahmad, in which students and volunteers walked from Tulmulla campus to Kheer Bhawani Temple, symbolising unity and reflection on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's ideals

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Waqf Uproar Ends

walked into the Well demanding that they be allowed to raise issues like unemployment. Amid the pandemonium, the Speaker adjourned the house till 1 pm.

The protests started again as the House reassembled and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Mehraj Malik, who was involved in a clash with BJP legislators and some PDP workers outside the House during the three-hour adjournment, tried in vain to raise the issue.

The Assembly witnessed back-to-back fullday adjournments for the last two days on the Waqf issue after the Speaker refused to allow a discussion on the Waqf issue, contending that the matter was sub judice.

On the no-confidence motion moved against him, the speaker said he had examined the notice with all seriousness and also made necessary corrections to the draft.

"As per rules, 23 members should be in favour of this motion, then only a Speaker can admit it. Another important point is that the notice should have been given 14 days before but this notice was only served vesterday (Tuesday). The House is being adjourned sine die so it cannot be admitted," he said.

However, he assured the House that he would only hold the chair as long as the members had their confidence in him. "If I feel the members have no confidence, I will leave the chair without considering the rules." Wednesday, the NC members once again trooped into the well to demand suspension of business to discuss the Waqf Amendment act, while BJP's Balwant Singh Mankotia moved an adjournment motion to discuss the problem of

unemployment. However, the Speaker disallowed the motion saying it is not a recent occurrence and took up scheduled business. He asked BJP member Sunil Bhardwaj to ask his question despite uproarious scenes including slogan shouting from treasury and opposition benches in support of discussion on Waqf and the unemployment

NC legislator Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi pleaded with the Speaker to allow a 30-minso that the House could function smoothly. "This (Waqf Amendment act) is injustice to Muslims and the BJP, which is doing its politics on Hindu-Muslim affairs, is enacting a drama in the House by raising the issue of unemployment.

"They were in power for the last 10 years and they should inform the House about the number of those who have been provided employment by them," Gurezi said.

Gurezi accused the BJP of destroying the region and snatching the rights of the people over land and jobs. The BJP members led by Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma walked into the well amid sloganeering by legislators from both sides. Some of them also staged a sit-in. Amid the uproar, the Speaker adjourned the house till 1 pm.

In the morning, the NC legislators and their alliance partners met in the assembly complex in a bid to end the logjam but the meeting -second within 17 hours -- failed to bring order in the House.

AAP MLA Alleges

Superintendent of Police should arrest PDP workers who assaulted me," Malik told the security staff.

"Whatever I said, I will not retreat from it. He (Sayeed) is a traitor to me," he told reporters

He also accused the police of acting like PDP conduits and alleged that they had failed to take action against those who should have been arrested for "assaulting" an MLA.

Tensions flared up again as the BJP MLAs accused Mehraj Malik of making derogatory remarks against Hindus during media

Malik and BJP members, who were on the scene, entered into a verbal altercation over his remarks.BJP MLAs led by Vikram Randhawa and Yudhvir Sethi were involved in a scuffle with the AAP MLA. However, he was escorted along with two workers inside the lobby of the Assembly.

In the lobby, Mehraj told the BJP MLAs present there that their party legislators had attacked him and the two sides again started jostling. They were promptly stopped by Marshals. In the melee, Mehraj Malik slipped and fell on a glass table, which shattered.

He again stood up to confront BIP members and MLA Vijay Sharma's shirt was torn in the

Abuses and barbs were hurled from both sides as the ugly scenes unfolded in the legislative assembly complex.

Malik was later escorted into the House by the Watch and Ward staff, accompanied by NC

BJP members attempted to charge at him again when he was being taken into the House but were restrained after intervention by some NC members and the security staff.

"PDP and BJP are together in this war against me. I do not want anyone's support. I will sit in the House and seek a reply from the Speaker," Malik said in the House.

The BJP members claimed that Malik had used unparliamentary language against Hindus.

The security staff deployed at the assembly removed everyone including media persons from the building, except for the MLAs, and locked most of the gates, apparently the first such instance.

BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa lashed out at Malik, demanding strict action against him and even invoking the Public Safety Act (PSA).

"We cannot tolerate him. He used derogatory words. He is always abusing Hindus. We will not tolerate this... He said 'Hindu tilak laga ke rape karta hai'... We will give him an answer. He says Hindus are drunkards. They drink in families and functions," Randhawa told reporters.

Leader of opposition Sunil Sharma said Malik has "lowered the parliamentary standards by behaving like a ruffian".

"I have moved a breach of privilege against him in the House regarding his remarks on Hindus with regard to liquor, but nothing was done," he said, adding, "If you hurt the feelings of Hindus now, you will not only be taken to task in the Assembly but will be confronted on the streets too. No one will tolerate this

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal hit out at the BJP. "BJP's attack on Aam Aadmi Party MLA Mehraj Malik is highly condemnable. This shows BJP's frustration. Malik was only raising questions of the public. BJP cannot stop the voice of the public," he said on X.

The security staff also evicted PDP leader Arif Amin from the Assembly complex.

Speaking to reporters, Malik alleged, "Some OP people came to attack me and started arguing with me — that too inside the Assembly premises. BJP MLAs came in their support. The fight was started by the PDP people, and BJP MLAs joined in their support."

On allegations of using derogatory words against former chief minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, he said, "He has died (Mufti Mar Gaya) - what wrong did I say? If Modi talks about Muslims, that's okay — but if speak about Hindus, suddenly I am wrong?"

'What wrong did I say when I pointed out that liquor shops were opened in a temple town? What is wrong in saying that if you are bringing a bill for Muslims, then bring one for Hindus too — what is the issue with that?"

"If so many people come in a mob to attack Mehraj, let me be clear — I am not afraid of these people. Let them not be under any illusion that they can scare Mehraj — I am not someone who gets scared," he added.

However, he evaded responding to allegations levelled against him by PDP leaders. (PTI)

NC To Challenge

community.

"Under the direction of President Farooq Abdullah, the National Conference will file a writ petition in the Supreme Court. This legal battle will now continue in the court," Sadiq told reporters outside the I&K Assembly after the House was adjourned sine die earlier in the afternoon.

The last three days of the budget session were marred by protests from ruling NC legislators and their alliance partners after Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather disallowed an adjournment motion seeking a discussion on the contentious Waqf Amendment Act. The House had reconvened on Monday after a 12-day recess.

According to Sadiq, the Act "violates" several constitutional protections including Articles 14, 15, 21, 25, 26, 29, and 300A. "It directly undermines religious freedom, equality, and property rights of Muslims across the country,"

He added that independent MLA and former judge Muzaffar Iqbal, who supports the NCled government, would file the petition in the apex court "at the earliest," along with several lawyer-legislators including Hilal Akbar Lone, Arjun Singh, and Riyaz Ahmad Khan.

"Our decision to approach the Supreme Court reflects the importance of fighting this crucial legal battle. We stand with every Muslim affected by this new law and will represent them in court," Sadiq said, flanked by party colleagues and Muzaffar Iqbal.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill was passed

by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha last week after extended debates. President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to the Bill on

More than ten petitions have already been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the validity of the Act. These include petitions from the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, and various political figures.

Among those who have approached the court are DMK, Congress MPs Imran Pratapgarhi and Mohammad Jawed, AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, RJD MPs Manoj Jha and Faiyaz Ahmad, and AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan.

Reflecting on the recent disruptions in the J&K Assembly, Sadiq said the party wanted to make it clear that the ruling alliance in Jammu and Kashmir does not support the Waqf Amendment Act. He thanked the Speaker for ensuring that the "sense of the House" was recorded.

"If over 300 MPs voted against the Act, it shows there's a serious divide on the issue," he said, adding that the party, after registering its protest in the assembly, would now take the

He also pointed out that several important private members' bills and resolutions, including three seeking the restoration of statehood, lapsed amid the commotion.

"Restoration of statehood is just as important. But the PDP, BJP, and Peoples Conference (PC) deliberately created noise in the House to divert attention from these crucial issues. We are committed to bringing these resolutions back in the next session. Our struggle for statehood will continue on every platform until it is achieved," he said.

Budget Session

received; 154 main questions were taken up during this session while their 353 supplementary queries were answered, he said, adding 1,738 Cut Motions were also received and 1,731 were taken up for the discussions.

Rather said three Government Bills were received and subsequently passed by the House while 33 Private Members' Bills were also received and listed for the business.

The Speaker informed the house that 78 Calling Attention Motions were received by the Assembly Secretariat, out of which 23 were listed for the business and 34 were disallowed.

He also informed that 109 resolutions were received during the session, out of which 85 were admitted and 14 were listed for business. The Speaker said more than 39 hours were utilized during the Budget Session.

Rather spoke unhindered for more than 15 minutes for the first time in the past three days as the House had been rocked by protests from treasury and opposition members who were demanding a discussion on the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

He thanked all the Assembly Members for their cooperation for smooth conduct of the Assembly proceedings. He also thanked the Information Department, Assembly Secretariat, Health Department, Radio, Doordarshan, J&K Police, Media and other stakeholders for support during the Budget Session.

Speaker Survives

the support of 23 MLAs before it can be taken up for discussion.

He said that he will hold the chair as long as he enjoys the confidence of the House. "You shouldn't feel that Rather Sb has re-

jected no- confidence motion against himself. I will sit in the chair as long as I enjoy the confidence of the House," he said.

Lone had brought no- confidence motion against the Speaker for rejecting demand for discussion on the Waqf (amendment) bill-2025. (KNO)

JJM Under

Committee to probe into the alleged irregularities in implementation of JJM," the speaker said in an order issued on the last day of the 21-day session.

CPI(M) MLA M Y Tarigami, NC's Ali Mohammad Dar, Tanvir Sadiq, Javaid Riyaz (Bedar) and Arjun Singh Raju, BJP's Rajiv Jasrotia and Ranbir Singh Pathania, former judge and Independent candidate Muzaffar Igbal Khan, PDP's Rafiq Ahmad Naik and Congress' Iftikhar Ahmad have been nominated as members of

'The House is supreme and there is no harm in the formation of a House committee to probe the alleged irregularities in (the implementation of the) JJM," the speaker said.

The panel comes as a consequences of members of both the treasury and opposition benches alleging irregularities in the implementation

Power Generation

of the IIM.

the total generation capacity of 1197.4 MW,"

the official said. Pertinently, till the third week of February, an official had said that Jammu and Kashmir was relying on more than 85 percent of coal and solar power amid acute deficit of hydro power generation.

Officials of PDD department had claimed that local hydro power generation from the local power plants have reduced by nearly 90

An official had informed that "At present Jammu and Kashmir is 85-90 percent dependent on coal and solar energy that is being procured from the other states because as of now we don't have a local power generation."

"In winters the local hydro power generation of Jammu and Kashmir power plants has reduced by almost 90 percent and in order to cater the requisite power demand, we need to have a base power availability that we procure from outside states. The energy is coal based energy," the official had said. (KNO)

Omar, Mehbooba

continuous onslaughts from the BJP."

"After bulldozing the Waqf Amendment Bill through Parliament, Minister Kiran Rijiju strategically chose to visit Kashmir. He was given a red carpet welcome by the Chief Minister of India's only Muslim-majority state -- a move that seemed designed and deliberate to signal to the 24 crore Muslims across India that their views hold little weight when the leader of the country's only Muslim-majority region stands in support," Mehbooba said.

"The visit set against the backdrop of Asia's largest tulip garden felt like a public celebration of the community's marginalisation and disempowerment," she added.

Mehbooba alleged that the Assembly chaos was a tactic to divert attention from three important bills recently cleared by the Lieutenant Governor. "One bill was for the regularization of daily wagers who have been working for years on meagre salaries, the second was brought by Waheed Para to provide land to the poor, and the third was a bill to impose a ban on liquor," she revealed.

"These crucial pro-people bills were sidelined deliberately. The chaos in the Assembly was to distract from the misuse of Kiren Rijiju's visit and the warm reception he received,' Mehbooba stated.

She further announced that with legal support from Advocate Majeed, the party will challenge the Waqf amendment bill in the Supreme Court in the coming days.

Slamming Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba said "Satellite towns are being created, lakhs of kanals of land are being handed over. Who are these lands for? Lakhs of domiciles have been given in just two years—this is part of a larger agenda, which Omar is silently helping implement."

Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark that the bill was meant for the

social empowerment of Muslims, she questioned, "Why then are Muslims across the country opposing it? If it truly empowered Muslims, why are even secular parties raising their voices?'

She concluded by saying that just as the Tamil Nadu government refused to implement the amendment, Omar Abdullah too should have publicly stated that they would not implement the bill in J&K.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday hit back at veiled criticism over his recent interaction with a central minister at the Tulip Garden in Srinagar. Though no names were mentioned, the Chief Minister's remarks were widely seen as a response to PDP president Mehbooba Mufti's indirect commentary.

"Those who once gave the BJP a political foothold in Jammu and Kashmir — who formed a government with them - are now questioning a simple handshake and a photo? The irony is hard to miss," CM Omar Abdullah said.

He clarified the encounter, saying, "I had gone to the Tulip Garden with my father, Dr. Faroog Abdullah. It just so happened that a central minister was also present. We exchanged greetings, and they requested a picture. I obliged — it was nothing more than basic courtesy. There was no political agenda."

CM Omar further said that those targeting him should introspect first. "Let's not forget 2016 — the painful loss of young lives, and the insensitive 'toffee and milk' remarks. The public remembers. And they also remember how children were compelled to participate in events for the Home Minister during that government.'

He added, "Unlike others, we never compromised our principles for power. We didn't sit with the BJP to form a government. So those who did should think twice before pointing fingers."

Omar Abdullah concluded by saying that such attempts to stir controversy won't work. "People in Jammu and Kashmir are politically conscious. They know the difference between substance and stunt," he said.

Just A Coincidence

Faroog Abdullah sahab at the Tulin Garden on an early morning visit to avoid inconvenience for the visitors & tourists during the

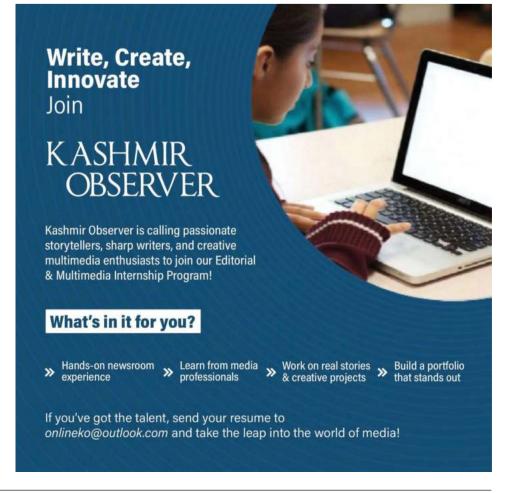
'We exchanged pleasantries! Let's enjoy the beauty of Kashmir beyond politics!" Rijiju posted on his X handle.

The opposition parties in the Union Territory lambasted the Abdullahs over their chance meeting with Rijiju, saying the ruling National Conference had rolled out the red carpet for the "architect of anti-Muslim amendments" to the Waaf (Amendment) Act.

Rijiju had moved the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in both Houses of Parliament in the recently concluded Budget Session.

J&K Issues 83K

individuals from outside the erstwhile state. Para had asked the government to provide details about the number of domicile certificates issued to non-locals in the last two years.



LG Attends Navkar Mahamantra **Divas Celebration At Raj Bhavan**

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the celebration of Navkar Mahamantra Divas at Raj Bhavan, Wednesday.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the citizens from different walks of life, members of Jain International Trade Organization, and numerous other organizations and senior officials who have joined together for the collective recitation of the sacred Navkar Mahamantra.

"For thousands of years, several significant 'Mantras' have guided the path of seekers and devotees. Among them Navkar Mahamantra's aura and essence of divinity is unique," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that Navkar Mahamantra- the most revered and universal chant inspires inner transformation and fosters

spiritual awakening.
"Where there is love and harmony there is God. It is true power. A man is closest to God when heart is filled with goodwill. It is my firm belief that the most precious assets of society are love, harmony, peace and compassion. A person full of these qualities can uplift humanity. I believe that the true meaning of life lies in self-dis-



covery. When we know ourselves then one thing becomes clear that God has not given this life for small things but there is a big purpose behind it and that is selfless service to society and welfare of all living beings," the Lieutenant Governor said.

In a global initiative, people from more than 108 countries participated in 'Navkar Mahamantra Divas' celebration promoting peace, and universal harmony. The occasion also encourages all individuals to reflect on the values of self-purification, tolerance, and

collective well-being.
Anand Jain, ADGP Armed
Police; Rajeev Jain, North India Advisor, Jain International Trade Organization (JITO); Pankaj Jain, President SS Jain Sabha; Sandeep Jain, General Secretary, SS Jain Sabha and representative JITO J&K, senior officials, and people in large number were

2-3 Terrorists Hiding In **Udhampur Forest: SSP**

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Security forces tightened the cordon in Marta village, Ramnagar area of Udhampur district, after an over two-hour-long exchange of fire with hiding terrorists.

SSP Amod Ashok Nagpure stated the area is difficult to access due to mountains, dense forests, and a river. "We have information that two to three terrorists are hiding here. The search operation is underway," he said.

He added that despite the terrain, morale among security forces remains high. "We are hopeful of success," he said.

Security forces have been pursuing terrorists since March 24, after multiple encounters in the Sanyial area of Kathua. So far, two terrorists and four police personnel have died in these confrontations.

Hydel Power Generation In J&K Rises 44%

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Improved weather and rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir have led to a 44% increase in hydropower generation in the past month.

A senior official of the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC) has reached 721 MW. Of this, 110 MW comes from Kashmirbased plants, and 611 MW from marks a significant recovery.

Jammu region plants. At present, the department is

producing over 60% of the total capacity (1197.4 MW). Officials predict further improvement in generation with rising water levels. Earlier, during February's

third week, hydro generation had dropped by nearly 90%, and the UT relied on 85-90% of its power needs from coal and so lar energy imported from other states. The recent turnaround

Conduct Survey For Recompense Of Forest Fires: Tarigami

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The government should immediately direct the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department to conduct a survey and ensure recompense measures are taken for the increasing incidents of

forest fires in Jammu and Kashmir, CPI(M) leader and MLA Kulgam, M Y Tarigami, said on Tuesday.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, Tarigami said he had submitted a calling attention notice in the Assembly to the Minister in charge of Forest, Ecology, and Environment, in light of the growing number of forest fires in the region.

He said the recent forest fires in J&K have led to the loss of

precious green cover, often referred to as "green gold," and have contributed to climate

change The MLA said he was informed that the forest fires are being closely monitored and managed by the department staff to prevent their spread.

"During the months of February and March 2025 alone, 91 forest fire incidents were reported in J&K, affecting around 136

hectares of forest area. It is imperative that the department takes serious steps to compensate for the loss by planting more trees and conducting a thorough survey to assess the damage and prevent recurrence of such incidents," Tarigami

Govt Reserves 4 Surgeries For Public Hospitals Under PM-JAY

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has reserved four key surgical procedures exclusively for public hospitals. This step aims to improve transparency, prevent unnecessary interventions, and curb malpractice under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Man-tri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

During a legislative session, in response to a question by MLA Tanvir Sadiq, Minister for Health and Medical Education,



Sakina Itoo, said the government decided to reserve the following surgeries for public sector hospitals only: Cholecystectomy, Laparoscopic Haemorrhoidectomy, Appendectomy, Fissure-in-ano surgery.

She explained that the decision was made in line with Anti-Fraud Advisory No. 17 dated June 29, 2020, issued by the National Health Authority (NHA). This advisory highlighted instances of fraudulent and unnecessary surgeries being performed in private hospitals. By shifting these procedures to government institutions, the government intends to ensure ethical practices, quality treatment, and protect beneficiaries from exploitation.

ITOO EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE IN LINE WITH ANTI-FRAUD Advisory No. 17 dated June 29, 2020, issued by the National Health Authority (NHA).

CS Reviews Arrangements For **Smooth Conduct Of NEET Exams**

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Wednesday chaired a high level meeting to take stock of preparedness for smooth and fair conduct of NEET (UG) 2025 examination across various districts of the Union Territory. The meeting was attended

by Additional Chief Secretary, Education, Shantmanu; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/ Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners of all districts; Directors of School Education for both divisions; officials from the National Testing Agency (NTA) and senior officers from the Education Department.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of seamless coordination between the civil administration and the NTA to ensure professional and transparent conduct of this prestigious national level exam. He directed all the Deputy Commissioners to personally visit the designated exam centres and assess



closely with the City Coordinators of the NTA to finalize the logistics and ensure availability of all essential amenities. He further instructed both

the Divisional Commissioners to put in place adequate arrangements for security and administrative oversight by deploying duty magistrates and ensuring police presence at each centre. The credibility of both the civil administration and Police must be upheld through efficient and professional handling of this examination," he stated.

The Chief Secretary observed that the overall arrangements will be overseen by the Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department. He asked the divisional and district

administrations to promptly report any issue or requirement to his office for immediate resolution. He directed the UT Coordinator of NTA to maintain direct communication with the ACS to align local arrangements with national level standards.

Speaking on the occasion, Shantmanu informed the participants that the final list of examination centres in J&K will be shared by the NTA tomorrow. He directed the officials to obtain and circulate the contact details of all the City Coordinators designated for J&K to ensure smooth coordination. He assured that all necessary arrangements for successful conduct of the NEET (UG) exam will be made in close collaboration with the testing agency.

J&K Transport Sector Earns ₹964 Crore In FY 2024-25

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir transport sector witnessed robust earnings in the financial year 2024–25, amassing a total revenue of ₹964 crore, according to government data.

The Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) generated ₹782.67 crore in revenue till January 2025. while its expenditure stood at ₹20.23 crore, resulting in a substantial net gain. Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) reported revenues of ₹181.31 crore (₹1813.11 lakh) from April to December 2024, with an expenditure of ₹115.69 crore (₹11569.25 lakh).

Combining both and JKRTC, the total revenue reached ₹964 crore, with overall expenditure of ₹135.92 crore, resulting in a net surplus of ₹828.08 crore. This data was disclosed in response to a legislative query by MLA Thakur Randhir Singh.

Responding to a separate question on criteria for initiating new bus services, the Minister Incharge said factors such as regulatory clearances, logistics, route surveys, road connectivity, public demand, financial feasibility, population size, and existing transport availability are all considered.

Farooq Abdullah Vows Women's Centre In J&K

Observer News Service

for women's empower-

ment and equal rights.

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) President Dr. Farooq Abdullah announced that a Women's Centre would soon be established in Jammu and advocating Kashmir.

Speaking to reporters, Dr. Abdullah stated, "The time has come to give women their rights. Women constitute 50 percent of the population and cannot be sidelined if the country wants to progress.

Parliament must act urgently to empower women."

He said J&K is the "crown of India" and the women's centre

will be established from here. Land identification for the centre has already been requested. "We will take every possible step to support them," he said.

On questions about opposition remarks in the Assembly, Abdullah remarked, "Enemies will always exist, but we will continue our work and lead J&K out of its problems."

Dr Hakim Irfan Awarded SCAI Fellowship

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Renowned interventional cardiologist Dr. Hakim Irfan Showkat has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI), USA, recognizing his outstanding contributions in cardiovascular interventions.

SCAI is a globally respected professional body committed to advancing interventional cardiology through education, research, innovation, and advocacy. The fellowship acknowledges physicians demonstrating exceptional skills, leadership, and service

Dr. Hakim has undergone extensive training and achieved significant professional milestones. In his statement, he dedicated the fellowship to his patients and family. "Every achievement is built on the trust and love of my patients and the sacrifices of my family. This fellowship is as much theirs as it is mine," he said.

The official fellowship convocation will be held in May 2025 in Texas, USA, where Dr. Hakim will be formally inducted. This honor is expected to open new avenues for him to contribute further to global cardiac care advancements.

2 Drug Peddlers **Arrested In Sopore**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In continuation of its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Sopore on Wednesday said to have arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of Police Post Warpora headed by IC PP Warpora under the supervision of SDPO Sopore Sarfaraz Bashir and SHO PS Sopore during naka checking at Main Chowk Warpora, apprehended one person identified as Irfan Ahmad son of Ghulam Hassan Malik resident of Bilal Abad Warpora Sopore, a police spokesman said in a statement.

During the search, 160 capsules of Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus were recovered from his possession. In this regard, a case under FIR number 51/2025 under relevant sections of Law has been registered at Police Station Sopore & investigation has been initiated, police said.

Moreover, in continuation to the investigation of the case FIR No. 44/2025 NDPS Act of Police Station Sopore, the name of another accused surfaced in the said case. Accordingly, a team of Police Post Fruit Mandi headed by IC PP Fruit Mandi got a search warrant from competent court and conducted the search of the residential house of the accused namely Firdous Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Sultan Dar resident of Reban and recovered 374 grams of Charas like substance from the said house. Subsequently, the accused has been arrested and further investigation of the case is going on, police said.

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Jammu And Kashmir Union Territory

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION SHOPIAN.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-Tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD/ Railways/ Other Governments/ Union Territory for thebelow-mentioned works. The stage contract shall be valid during current financial year 2025-26

S. No	Name of work	Cost	Tender	the adver-	Time of completion	Class of Contract		
1	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Lar Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura .	(In lacs) 2.50	Doc. 150	tised cost 7500	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2701- M&R	
2	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Sanigaloo Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura	3.00	150	9000	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2701- M&R	
3	Maintenance of Irrigation Facilities FromTongri Canal & including distributaries .	3.47	200	10410	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2701- M&R	
4	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Manul Zoura Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura .	1.44	100	4320	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
5	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Gadder Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura .	1.49	100	4470	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
6	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of MastporaKhul and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura .	0.49	100	1470	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
7	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Natoo Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura.	1.00	100	3000	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
8	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Sathoo Canal and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura.	0.50	100	1500	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
9	Operation and Maintenance of irrigation supply of Town Khulls and its branches including removal of encroachments to ensure smooth irrigation season of Irrigation Sub Division Manul Zoura for the year	0.51	100	1530	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
10	Restoration of emergency works for maintenance of irrigation facilities from minor irrigation schemes including distributaries of Subdivision Shopain .	7.13	350	21390	Up to 03/2026	D&C	2702- M&R	
11	Restoration of emergency works for maintenance of irrigation facilities of C.K Canal and Rebon Minor including removal of encroachments.	2.00	150	6000	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
12	Restoration of emergency works for maintenance of irrigation facilities of Zainpora Canal and Awneera Canal including removal of encroachments.	3.00	200	9000	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
13	Restoration of emergency works for maintenance of irrigation facilities of Rakhi Litter and Melhura Canal including removal of encroachments.	1.50	100	4500	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	
14	Restoration of emergency works for maintenance of irrigation facilities of Lift Irrigation Schemes including removal of encroachments.	1.50	100	4500	Up to 03/2026	DEE	2702- M&R	

Position of Funds: Budgetary Provision

tending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Pulwama HQ-Shopians order No: SE/HYD/SPN/DB/02 of 04/2025 dated: 07-04-2025. And No: Se/HYD/SPN/DB/03 of 04/2025 dated: 07-04-2025

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, set of terms and conditions, and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given bel

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01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	08-04-2025 (04:00 PM)				
02	Date of start of downloading.	08-04-2025 (05:00 PM)				
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	09-04-2025(10:00 AM)				
04	Bid submission end date.	16-05-2025(04:00 PM)				
05	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online).	17-05-2025(10:00 AM))				

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Bids must be accompanied with proof of the cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Shopia (tender inviting authority). The name of the work shall be legible along with NIT number and item number. The date of treasury challan should be in between the date of start of Bid and bid submission end date

The successful bidder shall have to submit the hardcopy of EMD in the shape of CDR duly uploaded, treasury challan and other allied documents as mentioned in para-4. The date of CDR/FDR 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. Contractor / Bidder who fails to submit the CDR/FDR / Treasury Challans as required; there 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.

Bidders are advised to use the (My Documents) area in their user on www.j&ktenders.gov.in portal to store, the required documents as given below:

GSTIN clearance last guarter and PAN.

Treasury challan (0702) Scanned copy of EMD.

Card verification letter

Registered mobile number and E-mail ID in the shape of Bidders address form.

Sd/

The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message at their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Shopian (Tender Receiving Authority) The bid for the work shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of the opening of the bid

All other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form). No: SID/40-58 DIPK-205-25 DT: 09/04/2025

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT.

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GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR

EXTENSION NOTICE 6TH.

Subject: Construction of Gravel Packed Production Tube Well at Water Supply Shame Katchpora Baghatpora. Reference: This office e-NIT No. 62-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2024-25, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./ 12283-97, dated: 14-02-2025. Bearing Tender ID No. 2025_PHE_272611_1.

Due to "No Response" for the above mentioned works advertised videe-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 08-04-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below:

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date		
1.	Period of submission of bids	15-04-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM		
2.	Date of opening of tenders	16-04-2025 03.00 PM		

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt; nos. No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/24-25/Corrs./ 193-206 Dated: 08-04-2025

Executive Engineer DIPK-236-25 Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt. DT: 09/04/2025 **Ground Water Division Srinagar.**

Sd/ Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Shopian

RCB v DC: Intriguing Battle With Personal Match-Ups On cards

BENGALURU: Drama and mayhem is on the cards when fearless Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals take on each other in a high-stake IPL match, where the outcome will be governed by a clutch of intriguing personal match-ups, here on Thursday.

The Capitals have three wins from as many matches, and the Royal Challengers bagged three victories from four games. That record testifies their wonderful shapeshifting ability according to opponents and conditions.

Royal Challengers have mastered conditions as distinct as Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai and their lone stumble came at home against Gujarat Titans.

It was more to do with a rather out of character Chinnaswamy pitch taking them by surprise than any sudden ero-

The RCB will be wiser for that experience against the Delhi side, who have



wins at varied Visakhapatnam and Chen-

nai tracks. But the hosts will be a confident group as star batter Virat Kohli made a return to run-making ways after an all too brief blip. If the 22-yard strip here retains its nature from that GT match, then Kohli's form will be crucial for RCB.



Kohli v Starc & Kuldeep

The 36-year-old Indian star will have two formidable foes to negate in this match — pacer Mitchell Starc and leftarm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

Kohli has an edge over Starc in T20s as he has scored 72 runs off 31 balls, but the Aussie is in fine fettle this season taking

nine wickets from three matches at an average of 11.

So, Kohli's battle with Starc in the Power Play will have a massive influence on RCB's initial charge. Kohli will come up against Kuldeep (6 wickets at an economy of 6) if he bats a bit deeper, and it will be an interesting battle.

Kohli is a much-evolved batter in T20s after shedding his reticence to play lofted and sweep shots against spinners.

It has allowed him to bat with more liberty against slow bowlers, and Kuldeep's endless bag of tricks will challenge the senior pro, especially the one

the slides away from the right-hander. Here, in-form RCB skipper Rajat Patidar too will have a big role to play as he is a superb player of spin, and, in that context, DC will hope for a heavier contribu-

tion from left-arm spinner Axar Patel. The Delhi captain has bowled just eight overs across three matches, and is

yet to take any wickets. Match starts at 7.30 pm.

Real Kashmir Hosts 2 More Matches Of AIFF Junior League

RKFC the hosting rights for

the matches in Srinagar.

Visiting teams lauded RKFC

for their commendable ar-

rangements and hospitality

throughout the event.

the matches.



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SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC on Wednesday hosted two matches of the U-15 Junior League 2024–25 at the TRC Ground in Srinagar.

In the first fixture, Sreenidi Deccan FC outplayed the host team Real Kashmir to secure a win. The second match saw Corbett FC emerge victorious against Inter Kashi in a competitive clash.

The league, organized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF), granted

talent across the country through structured competition and exposure.

Real Kashmir Thanks J&K **Sports Council & YSS Secy**

football and nurture young

In a statement on Wednesday, Real Kashmir thanked J&K Sports Council Secretary Nuzhat Gull and Department of Youth Services & Sports Secretary Sarmad Hafeez.

The club thanked JKSC and its Secretary for "their unwavering support and dedication to the development of football in the region."

RKFC expressed grati-Kashmir tude to the Jammu and thanked Sarmad Hafeez for Kashmir Sports Council, "his continued support and contribution to the growth Health Department, J&K Police, and other allied deof sports in Jammu and partments, sponsors, for Kashmir."

their continuous support The club said it looked forward to "continued coland cooperation in ensuring the smooth conduct of laboration in nurturing football talent and promot-The U-15 Junior League ing a vibrant sporting culaims to promote grassroots ture" across the region.

DYSS Holds Sports Events Across 8 Srinagar Zones

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports has set the stage for a thrilling season of camaraderie and athleticism as intra-school sports competitions kicked off on Wednesday, energizing all eight sports zones of Srinagar district.

Hundreds of students from the Government and private schools are diving into the action, turning playgrounds into hubs of excitement and competitive play.

From spirited track events to team sports, the competitions are designed to celebrate physical fitness while nurturing teamwork and resilience among young participants.

"This isn't just about winning medals-it's about discovering passion, building confidence, and fostering lifelong healthy habits," said Director General of Youth Services and Sports Rajinder Singh Tara.

Zone Batamaloo emerged as an early standout, with schools hosting lively opening ceremonies and students showcasing remarkable talent.

"Seeing kids from all backgrounds unite through sports is heartwarming. These events are shaping tomorrow's leaders, both on and off the field," shared District Youth Services and Sports Officer Srinagar Gh Hassan Lone.



Short TAKES

Goa Crime Branch Arrests 34 In IPL Betting Racket

Acting on complaints filed by Police Inspectors, two FIRs were registered against illegal betting operations, which were were being carried out from two rented premises -- one at R&A Business Hub behind Punjab National Bank in Pirni, Nagoa-Salto, and another near Holy Cross, Curca in Panaji.

The accused were using betting apps such as Reddy, Lotus, and Lionking247.BET to solicit bets from members of the public. By impersonating account holders and luring users to deposit money into fraudulent bank accounts, the accused are alleged to have defrauded the public of approximately Rs 40 lakh.

The police seized 18 mobile phones, 5 laptops, 3 Indian passports, 11 bank passbooks, 8 cheque books, 54 SIM cards and 363 ATM cards from different banks. Among items recovered by the police were 83 mobile phones, 6 laptops, 12 desktop computers, 6 CPUs, 3 routers, 84 bank passbooks, 27 cheque books and 109 ATM cards.

PBKS' Glenn Maxwell Fined, Handed One Demerit Point

unjab Kings all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has been fined 25 per cent of his match fee and handed one demerit point for breaching IPL Code of Conduct during the match against Chennai Super Kings here.

The 36-year-old Maxwell has admitted to the Level 1 offence under article 2.2 which relates to abuse of fixtures and fittings during the match which was played here at the New PCA Stadium on Tuesday.

Maxwell, who has been struggling for form both with the bat and the ball, fell for one run, giving a return catch to CSK spinner Ravichandran Ashwin on the

second ball he faced to be dismissed for one. Punjab Kings, however, went on to win the highscoring match by 18 runs and are placed fourth on the points table with three wins and one defeat in four matches so far.

England's Fifth Entry In Next Champions League Guaranteed

rsenal's win over Real Madrid conclusively sealed England's long-expected fifth guaranteed entry in the Champions League next season.

In the new 36-team Champions League format, UEFA awards bonus places to the two nations whose sides collectively perform the best over the three European club competitions this season.

England, which has led the rankings since early in the season, has the most teams — five — left playing across the three competitions. It now cannot be caught by third-place Italy.

The English Premier League confirmed its fifth entry in the Champions League after Arsenal's stunning 3-0 win over the defending champion on Tuesday in the first leg of the quarterfinals.

Spain is second in the UEFA rankings though still can be caught by Italy.

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