

## LG Sacks 2 Employees Over Terror Links

Over 70 Dismissed So Far Under LG's Zero-Tolerance Policy

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a move reflecting the administration's hardline stance against terrorism, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday dismissed two government employees for alleged involvement in terrorist activities. The action was taken under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution, which allows termination without departmental inquiry in matters of national security.

The dismissed individuals include Ishtiyak Ahmad Malik, a Senior Assistant in the Public Works Department, and Basharat Ahmad Mir, an Assistant Wireless Operator in J&K Police. Officials said both had "deep-rooted" links to terror networks and posed "serious threats" to national security.

Malik, appointed in 2000, was accused of working with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and Jamaat-e-Islami. Sources said he not only facilitated the creation of an Over Ground Worker (OGW) network but also provided food, shelter,

and logistical support to militants. Investigations revealed his role in organizing violent mobs during the 2016 unrest after the killing of Hizbul commander Burhan Wani.

Malik's name emerged during the interrogation of Hizb activist Mohammad Ishaq, arrested in May 2022. The two were later charge-sheeted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Basharat Ahmad Mir, who held sensitive posts in the

J&K Police wireless wing, was reportedly in contact with a Pakistani intelligence operative and was found sharing classified information. Sources said his dismissal was necessary to prevent any compromise to the integrity and sovereignty of India.

This brings the total number of government employees dismissed over terror links to more than 70 under LG Manoj Sinha's tenure. The LG's administration has adopted a comprehensive approach to dismantle the terror ecosystem, combining security crackdowns with developmental initiatives aimed

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A vibrant bloom of mustard flowers paints the landscape of Pampore in South Kashmir. KO Photo | Faisal Khan

## No One Will Be Allowed To Spread Terror In J&K: Shah Says Meeting With Omar 'Cordial', Focused On Governance & Security

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asserted that any attempt to spread terror in Jammu and Kashmir will be dealt with firmly, reaffirming the Centre's uncompromising stance on national security.

Speaking to a national news channel, Shah said, "We will not let anyone conspire to spread terror in J&K. If anyone tries such things, they will be punished."

He emphasized that national



security remains a top priority for the government, adding, "We will not compromise, nor will

we allow anyone else to do it."

Referring to his recent three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, the Home Minister described his meeting with former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah as "cordial", with discussions centred on development and governance. "We have always supported regional governments equally, without any bias," Shah stated.

Reiterating the Centre's commitment to working with the elected leadership of Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said collaborative

governance was essential for progress in the region.

Commenting on the recent terror incident in Kathua, Shah said infiltration attempts continue to be backed by Pakistan. "It is certainly not Russia. This has been happening for years. But both our soldiers and the government are alert. We will punish them if they try," he said.

During his visit to the Union Territory earlier this week, the Home Minister met senior government officials, political leaders,

## Udhampur Encounter Enters 2nd Day

Agencies

Jammu: An anti-militancy operation in the dense Jofar forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district entered its second day on Thursday, with intermittent and then fresh intense gunfire reported between joint forces and suspected militants.

The gunfight, which began on Wednesday, resumed with renewed intensity late Thursday morning as security personnel, including the Army, J&K Police, and paramilitary troopers, tightened their cordon around a vast stretch of the forest.

According to official sources, the operation is taking place in a highly rugged and densely wooded terrain, which is making the search effort both slow and challenging. "The forest area is extremely tough to navigate. Visibility is poor, and there are multiple natural hideouts," said an officer on the ground.

Sources believe at least three militants are trapped inside the cordoned-off zone. The identity and affiliation of

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## Weather To Improve From April 12: MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Fairly widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorm activity continued across Jammu and Kashmir in the last 24 hours, with the wet spell expected to persist till Friday as well.

According to the Meteorological Department fairly widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorms are likely over Jammu and Kashmir in the next 24 hours.

An improvement in weather conditions is expected from the morning of April 12.

MeT said the highest rainfall was recorded in the ski resort of Gulmarg, where 5.4 mm of precipitation was measured.

The rainfall was reported in most parts of the Kashmir valley during the night.

Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng said there is a possibility of further fall in the day temperature in the next 24 hours.

He, however, said that a dry spell is expected from Saturday onwards till April 17 and another moderate Western Disturbance is expected to affect Jammu and Kashmir from April 18.

As per the details, the water level in river Jhelum—the lifeline of Kashmir, has risen for the first time to a large

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## 26/11 Plotter Extradited To India

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a key accused in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, was brought to India after being "successfully extradited" from the US and was formally arrested, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) announced on Thursday. The 64-year-old Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin landed in Delhi in a special plane from Los Angeles Thursday evening, ending days of speculation of when and how he will be extradited, officials said.

In a statement

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## DRUG TRAFFICKING

## Convictions Need Legal Evidence Not Moral Outrage: Court

M Ahmad

Srinagar: While drug trafficking is a societal menace, convictions must rest on legal evidence, not moral outrage, the Court of Special Judge (NDPS Cases) Srinagar has held as it acquitted a man accused by police of carrying 40 bottles of a narcotic



substance known as Corex along with 211 capsules of Spasmo Proxyvon in city in 2022.

According to prosecution, one Aijaz Ahmad Bhat son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Budoo Bagh Srinagar, was arrested by police during patrolling near Nowpora on July 9, 2022. Besides Corex bottles capsules of Spasmo Proxyvon, a cash amount of Rs 18,150, and a mobile

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## Judicial Orders Must Be Reasoned: HC

A judicial order has to be necessarily reasoned one, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said while underling that the right to know the reasons for decisions made by the judges is an indispensable right of a litigant. "It is well settled that judicial order necessarily has to be a reasoned one, where the mind of the

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## KPs Demand Waqf Like Act To Protect Temples

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: As the Waqf Amendment Act sparks national debate, Kashmiri Pandits are calling for a similar law to protect Hindu religious places in Jammu and Kashmir. The Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS) has warned that it will approach the Supreme Court if their demands are not met.

The KPSS claims that more than 1,400 temple properties across the Kashmir Valley have been encroached upon. The group says this would not have been possible without

the involvement of government officials and some politicians.

Sanjay Tickoo, president of KPSS, said, "Forged sale deeds have been made, and such encroachments could not happen without administrative support. We now demand the formation of a Sanatan Board to manage Hindu temples, just like the Waqf Board does for Muslim shrines. Both boards should work together to promote communal harmony."

He added that KPSS would wait until June before moving to the Supreme Court if no action is taken.

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(2) Abdul Ahad Lone  
S/o Mohammad Subhan Lone  
(3) Abdul Jabbar Lone  
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone  
(4) Abdul Gani Lone  
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone  
All Residents of khambiyar Pattan  
5,M/s Neeraj Limited and M/s Satish Aggarwal & Company  
(JV) through its Sub-contractor Jay Prakash S/o Kanwar Pal  
Resident of Sausapur, Sirsa-Tippu, Etah Uttar Pradesh,  
(Caveator)

V/s  
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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, Proprietor of Mustafa Agro Pesticides located at ( seeloo sopore ) hereby declare that I am applying for a pesticides licence as per the applicable laws and regulations. If any individual or authority has any objection regarding this application they may submit their concerns in the office of the Plant production officer Lal Mundi Srinagar within ( 15 days ) from the date of this notice.

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### NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC THE JAMMU & KASHMIR STATE BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION CERTIFICATES-KD, NEW CAMPUS BEMINA SRINAGAR

#### ATTENTION PLEASE

I have passed /appeared in SSE/HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th, 11th) under Roll No. 204262, 2104530 Session Annual - Regular 2013. Annual - Regular 2014 Through the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed by the School records against my Name as MOHSIN ALI instead of MOHSIN ALI WANI. Now i have applied for correction / rectification of error in the Jammu & Kashmir board of School Education, New campus Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Deputy Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.

This is published for the information of the general public. The Correct particulars be recorded as under:

Name: MOHSIN ALI WANI,  
Fathers Name: GH AHMAD WANI,  
Mothers Name, AZIZ FATIMA  
Date of Birth: 28-11-1998, Residence:- Pallar Budgam.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for fresh seeds Licence Under the name and style of M.A pesticides and fertilizers situated at Shop No 31, Near Crime Branch office, opposite High Court Srinagar. If anybody have any objection may Contact Chief Agriculture officer Lal Mandi Srinagar within the period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is inform to general public that in school records my Ward's father's and mother's name has been recorded as khurshed Ahmed Shah instead of Khurshed Ahmad Shah and Rehana Jaan Instead of Rehana Qadri. Now I want to correct the same in school records of my daughter Shah Hinan class 8th Adm. no.0961-16T.

In this connection if any body having objection for he/she may contact to Tyndale Biscoe and Mallinson school Tangmarg within 07 days from the date of publication of this Notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Khurshed Ahmad Shah  
F/o Shah Hinan  
Class 8th  
Adm.no. 0961-16T

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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 EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Aynoor Zubair S/o Zubair Mohammad Dar R/o Seer Jagir Sopore with verified date of birth 13/07/2021 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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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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### IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS SOPORE

In the case of: Shareefa Begom W/O Mohammad Maqbool  
R/O Waringam Payeen Pattan

...(Applicant)

Versus  
C.E.O Municipal Council Sopore (Registrar of Births and Deaths)  
...(Non-Applicant)

#### Notice To Public At Large

Whereas, the above titled case is under process in this court, seeking direction therein to the non-applciant u/s 13(3) of The Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969 for registration of Birth event of the applicant's son, namely: Owais Maqbool Beigh, S/O: Mohammad Maqbool Beigh, as 26-09-2008 (dd/mm/yyyy) at Sopore Nursing Home.  
Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, anyone has any objection for issuance of direction with respect to the registration of aforementioned Birth event, he/she shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 days from the date of the publication of this proclamation. If the date fixed is declared holiday, the matter will be taken on the next working day.

fko Executive Magistrate 1st Class, Sopore

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My Name Mohd Yaqoob Dar has inadvertently recorded as Mohammad Yaqoob Dar in adhaar card bearing number:- 9565-4337-4665 which is incorrect and the correct and actual name is Mohd Yaqoob Dar. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if any body as any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Yaqoob Dar  
S/o Mohd Maqbool Dar  
R/o Chukar Tehsil Kunzer District Baramulla

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### OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN

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Public Notice

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Sahil Ahmad Ganie s/o Muhammad Ramzan Ganie R/o Bazar mohalla pattan with verified date of birth 06/07/2004 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..

SD

fko Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

### Gulmarg Development Authority

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#### E-Bid Document (Auction ID: 20312)

Out-sourcing of Two (02) No Coffee Shops in Children Park at Gulmarg on "As Is Where Is Basis" at Gulmarg through GeM Portal for a period of 05-years.

No: GDA/F/2025/44-49 Dated: 05/04/2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, E- Auction is invited through GeM Portal for Outsourcing the Two (02) No Coffee Shops in Children Park at Gulmarg on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", for a period of 05-years. The details are as under:

S.No	Particulars	Date/Amount	Remarks
1.	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission Start Date	09-04-2025 10:00 AM	Nil
2.	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission End Date	16-04-2025 04:00 PM	Nil
3.	PQ (Pre-Qualification) Assessment Date & Time	24-04-2025 05:00 PM	Nil
4.	EMD Start Date	25-04-2025 10:00 AM	Nil
5.	EMD End Date	07-05-2025 04:00 PM	Nil
6.	EMD (Bid Security) Amount	Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty Thousand Only)	To be pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority
7.	Bid Submission/ Auction Start Date	09-05-2025 10:00 AM	Nil
8.	Bid Submission/ Auction End Date & Time	10-05-2025 01:00 PM	Nil
9.	Minimum Reserve Bid Amount	Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lac Only)	Per year with 10% escalation for each successive year

The e-auction has been finalized by the Outsourcing Committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir, Reliable/resourceful and experienced agencies/persons, who fulfill the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (PRE QUALIFICATION) detailed as under shall only be eligible to participate in the E - Auction process.

#### PRE - QUALIFICATION(PQ) CRITERIA (TO BE UPLOADED ON GEM-PORTAL)

- The bidder shall have to upload GST Registration Certificate.
- The bidder shall have to upload PAN/ Aadhaar Card.
- The bidder shall have to upload Character Certificate duly certified by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) or Police Station concerned. The character certificate shall be within the time limit.
- The bidder shall have to upload Certificate of Registration for Hotel or Restaurant if any duly issued by the Tourism Department under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act and/or Relevant qualification (Degree/Diploma/Certificate Course) in the Hospitality sector and/or having experience in the Hospitality sector with documentary Proof be uploaded.
- SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**
  - The minimum bid amount shall be Rs. 1,00,000/- lacs per year initially for a period of 05 years subject to satisfactory performance by the outsourcee with 10% compound escalation for each successive year.
  - The restaurant shall be maintained and operated in an aesthetic manner on professional lines, any innovations or modifications in the structure/facility or cladding should be approved by recognized architects and shall be subject to the approval by the competent authority.
  - Only professional and qualified staff shall be employed.
  - The bidder participating in the e - bid process must apply in his/her name or in the name of firm duly registered in his/her name as indicated in the uploaded PAN/ GST Certificate.
  - The minimum reserve bid has been fixed at Rs. 1.00 lacs (Rupees One Lac) per annum with 10% escalation for each successive year, thereafter to be deposited before the start of every year.
  - The interested parties should compulsorily visit & inspect the asset before participating in the e - bidding process and the physical position of the asset. As such, no claim of any deficiency, addition, alteration, rectification in the asset would be entertained during/after bidding process.
  - Eligible persons shall be allowed to participate in the e-bidding process only after uploading of relevant documents mentioned in the Eligibility Criteria and EMD in the shape of CDR, amounting to Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty Thousand Only) pledged in favour of Accounts Officer Gulmarg Development Authority.
  - That the successful bidder shall have to pay all the taxes i.e GST & SGT Labour cess Income Tax and other taxes in vogue at his/her own. The bid amount received by the department is excluding the taxes mentioned above.
  - Overstay period of 1st 10 days will be charged @ 10,000/- per day and thereafter @ 20,000/- per day for a period of further 10 days thereafter legal action will be initiated against the occupant.
  - In case the successful bidder fails to complete the term of contract, or leaves the contract half way or the contract is cancelled due to any disqualifications/nonpayment of advance rent, the CDR shall be forfeited.
  - The safety, security and upkeep of the asset shall be sole responsibility of outsource during the period of contract.
  - The out-sourcing committee reserves the right to reject any or all the e - bids without assigning any reason thereof.
  - The successful bidder shall have to charge rates for various allied services as per approval of the Department from time to time.
  - The electric/water consumption charges shall be payable by the outsourcee.
  - The bidder should not be employee of any Govt. Deptt. Or a Public Sector undertaking.
  - The successful bidder shall have to execute an agreement along with undertaking positively within seven days with the department on non-Judicial Stamp Paper regarding adherence to the Instruction/terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Department during the course of the contract period.
  - The bidder shall have to bear all the costs and expenses for executing the agreement/ undertaking.
  - The successful bidder shall have to provide the catering facilities for the full period of lease and not on seasonal basis only.
  - The successful bidder shall be under an obligation to make arrangement for safe disposal of solid/liquid waste etc. And meet other requirements of pollution control/protection of environment.
  - On competition of contract period GDA shall take over the possession of property without any notice.
  - The licensee shall not make any alterations or additions to the space/unit allotted, without seeking proper permission from the competent authority of the department.
  - Repair or renovation work will only be granted after obtaining approval from the competent authority. Once approved, the repair or renovation must be reviewed and sanctioned by the concerned engineering wing of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, ensuring compliance with the existing structure. If any violations are found during the repair or renovation process, the contract will be canceled without further notice.
  - The successful bidder shall arrange on his/her own all necessary stationery, staff or any other requirements for providing efficient services to the clients.
  - The Licensee shall provide necessary uniform & name plates to the staff working in the premises & shall be responsible for any act of the staff member for which, he/she shall be liable for criminal/civil action under rules/law if any required.
  - The Watch and ward of the property, maintenance of lawns and other subsidiaries and landscape if any is the sole responsibility of the licensee. No departmental employee will be posted/ stationed at the site for this purpose.
  - The rates to be charged on account of various catering items and other activities to be carried in the premises will be approved by the licensor.
  - The bidder who intentionally / unintentionally posts a financial bid which is absurdly / anomalously on a higher side and might hamper the bidding process, the same will be rejected and even the bidder can be debarred from further participation during bidding process without any bearing on the ongoing process to ensure smooth conduct of auction.
  - The e-bidding process can be stopped by the Gulmarg Development Authority at any time / stage on arriving to the reasonable bid offer and information in this regard shall be given to bidders through an advance "Marquee message" on GeM portal during bidding process.
  - Defaulters shall not be allowed to participate in the further E-auction processes.
  - The equipment shall be eco-friendly, and the same can be installed only after obtaining proper approval from the Authority. Allottee in command is directly responsible for the safety of clients and the ground staff and the agency shall ensure first aid equipment at the site.
  - The licensee shall not, in any case, sub-let the premises to any other party. It shall vacate the premises allotted on the expiry of allotment. However, in case the party intends to vacate the premises before the expiry period, he/she shall have to deposit the full amount of the successive year and has to give three months' advance notice for the same. and during this period, it shall carry on with the allotted arrangement on the terms and conditions as prescribed.
  - The successful bidder shall have to provide services to the best satisfaction of tourists/locals. The bidder shall have to ensure that there isn't any complaint of misbehavior with the visitors/locals or by any of the staff member employed by the bidder in this regard. In case any complaint is received, action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against the bidder and necessary penalty will be imposed.
  - In case of any negligence in running the service or complaint pertaining to bad performance, the contract shall be terminated without any notice by the department.

No: GDA/F/2025-26/93-97  
DIPK-NB-168/25

Dated: 10/04/2025

Sd/-

Tariq Hussain (JKAS)  
Chief Executive Officer  
Gulmarg Dev. Authority

## Scientists Genetically Engineer Wolves With White Hair, Muscular Jaws Like The Extinct Dire Wolf

Associated Press

Three genetically engineered wolves that may resemble extinct dire wolves are trotting, sleeping and howling in an undisclosed secure location in the US, according to the company that aims to bring back lost species.

The wolf pups, which range in age from three to six months old, have long white hair, muscular jaws and already weigh in at around 80 pounds — on track to reach 140 pounds at maturity, researchers at Colossal Biosciences reported Monday.

Dire wolves, which went extinct more than 10,000 years old, are much larger than gray wolves, their closest living relatives today. Independent scientists said this latest effort doesn't mean dire wolves are coming back to North American grasslands any time soon.

"All you can do now is make something look superficially like something else"— not fully revive extinct species, said Vincent Lynch, a biologist at the University at Buffalo who was not involved in the research.

Colossal scientists learned about specific traits that dire wolves possessed by examining ancient DNA



from fossils. The researchers studied a 13,000 year-old dire wolf tooth unearthed in Ohio and a 72,000 year-old skull fragment found in Idaho, both part of natural history museum collections.

Then the scientists took blood cells from a living gray wolf and used CRISPR to genetically modify them in 20 different sites, said Colossal's chief scientist Beth Shapiro. They transferred that genetic material to an egg cell from a domestic dog. When ready, embryos were transferred to surrogates, also domestic dogs, and 62 days later the genetically engineered pups

were born.

Colossal has previously announced similar projects to genetically alter cells from living species to create animals resembling extinct woolly mammoths, dodos and others.

Though the pups may physically resemble young dire wolves, "what they will probably never learn is the finishing move of how to kill a giant elk or a big deer," because they won't have opportunities to watch and learn from wild dire wolf parents, said Colossal's chief animal care expert Matt James.

Colossal also reported

today that it had cloned four red wolves using blood drawn from wild wolves of the southeastern US's critically endangered red wolf population. The aim is to bring more genetic diversity into the small population of captive red wolves, which scientists are using to breed and help save the species.

This technology may have broader application for conservation of other species because it's less invasive than other techniques to clone animals, said Christopher Preston, a wildlife expert at the University of Montana who was not involved in the research. But it still requires a wild wolf to be sedated for a blood draw and that's no simple feat, he added.

Colossal CEO Ben Lamm said the team met with officials from the US Interior Department in late March about the project. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum praised the work on X on Monday as a "thrilling new era of scientific wonder" even as outside scientists said there are limitations to restoring the past.

"Whatever ecological function the dire wolf performed before it went extinct, it can't perform those functions" on today's existing landscapes, said Buffalo's Lynch.

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#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT NO.STB/10 of 2025-26, Dated: 05/04/2025

For and on behalf of the Lt Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from "A" Class Electrical Contractors issued by the Electrical Inspectorate of Govt of Central Inspectorial organization of Govt. of India/ other state Govt. In case bid submitted joint venture firm, any of partner should possess "A" class electrical license for "Shifting of 33 KV Pahalgam line along the road from 4-Pole Frame near Gurdurwara Hutmurrah to Receiving station Hutmurrah by way of Construction of new 33 KV Line on 11 Mtr. Long ST Poles .", as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document. Intending bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, technical specifications and annexure forming part of this tender document. The details are as under:

#	Name of Work	Adv. Cost. (IN Rs.)	Cost of e-Bid/ tender document (Rs)	EMD (Rs)
1.	Shifting of 33 KV Pahalgam line along the road from 4-Pole Frame near Gurdurwara Hutmurrah to Receiving station Hutmurrah by way of Construction of new 33 KV Line on 11 Mtr. Long ST Poles	4687776	1000	93755
2.	Publishing Date & Time	05-04-2025(1700 Hrs)		
3.	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time	05-04-2025 (1700 Hrs)		
4.	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time	05-04-2025 (1700 Hrs)		
5.	Seek Clarification End Date & Time	20-04-2025 (900 Hrs)		
6.	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	05-04-2025 (1700 Hrs)		
7.	Bid Submission End Date & Time	21-04-2025 (1500 Hrs)		
8.	Bid opening date & Time	22-04-2025 (1500 Hrs)		
9.	Venue of opening Bids	STD Bijbehara		

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- There is no need of furnishing of hard copies of bids after submission of e-tenders. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bid as per the instructions of Finance Department issued vide O.M No. A/24(2017)-651; Dated: 07-06-2018
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of cost of tender document. The cost of tender document should be paid through e- challan/ treasury challan /receipt only.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only, pledged to the Executive Engineer Sub transmission Division Bijbehara. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department. However the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bid has to submit the original EMD to the office of the Executive Engineer Sub transmission Division Bijbehara through speed post, Courier or by hand.
- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's OEM representative will be required to be produced.
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
- To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III(b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
- 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.
- 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.

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NO:STB/Ts/etender/80-83  
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## Sanat Nagar Residents Seek Removal Of Roadside Vendors

Agencies

Srinagar: The residents of Sanath Nagar area here have raised concerns over the increasing number of roadside vendors occupying footpaths during evening and night hours, leading to frequent traffic jams and inconvenience to the commuters.

Locals alleged that the vendors install their carts and stalls on the roadside, especially during peak evening hours, causing massive traffic congestion on the already narrow stretch.

"The entire road gets choked after sunset. It becomes difficult for even pedestrians to walk, let alone

vehicles to move smoothly," said a local resident.

Another resident said the problem is getting worse each passing day. "Our children return home late from tuition and elders find it difficult to step out in the evening due to this chaos," she said.

The residents have also appealed to the concerned authorities to take immediate action and remove the vendors from the footpaths to restore smooth movement and public convenience in the area.

"We are not against anyone earning their livelihood, but it should not be at the cost of public safety and comfort," said another local—(KNO)

## AAP Workers Stage Protests Against BJP, PDP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers staged demonstrations in Srinagar on Thursday, accusing leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of attempting to intimidate the party's lone legislator in Jammu and Kashmir, Mehraj Malik.

Dozens of AAP supporters gathered at Srinagar's Press Colony, voicing their support for Malik, the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Doda. Holding placards and chanting slogans, the demonstrators condemned what they termed as "targeted harassment" of the legislator for raising people-centric issues

during the recently concluded Assembly session.

Police soon intervened and disrupted the protest, detaining several AAP workers on the spot. Eyewitnesses said the protest had remained peaceful until law enforcement moved in and prevented the rally from continuing.

Speaking to the media, an AAP member said that Malik had been consistently advocating for the welfare of the public inside the Assembly, and any attempts to stifle his voice were tantamount to undermining the spirit of democracy. "Mehraj Malik is not just our representative—he is the voice of the common Kashmiri. Silencing him is like silencing the people," the party member remarked.

# ACB Arrests Girdawar, Lumberdar With Rs 20,000 Bribe

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday said to have trapped and arrested Girdawar of Chatabal and Lumberdar from Halqa Habakadal, Srinagar red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000.

As per a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, a spokesman said that ACB received a written complaint alleging therein that Ayaz Ahmad Hurra, Girdawar, Chatabal, Srinagar, who is holding additional charge of Patwari Halqa Habakadal and Halqa Shivpora is demanding Rs 50,000 as bribe in lieu of issuance of revenue extracts required for sale deed of an old house located at Mandir Bagh, Srinagar.

"As per the complaint, the complainant was forced to pay Rs 30,000 a few days ago and remaining Rs 20,000 was asked to be paid today in order to receive the requisite documents. The bribe demand was communicated through Lamberdar (tout) Rafiq Ahmad who was acting in connivance with the Girdawar," the statement reads.

Unwilling to pay the bribe, the complainant approached ACB Srinagar and submitted a written complaint, requesting legal action against the accused public



During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught the accused public servant Ayaz Ahmad Hurra, Girdwar Chatabal (holding additional charge of Patwari Halaqa Habakadal and Halqa Shivpora Srinagar) red-handed while demanding and accepting Rs 20,000 as bribe from the complainant through Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh, Lumberdar,

lic servants. Upon receipt of the complaint, a pre-trap verification was conducted, which established the demand of bribe, accordingly a case under FIR number 06/2025 under section 7 PC Act 1988 and 61(2) BNS was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation was taken up, the ACB spokesman said.

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Girdwar Chatabal (holding additional charge of Patwari Halaqa Habakadal and Halqa Shivpora Srinagar) red-handed while demanding and accepting Rs 20,000 as bribe from the complainant through Mohammad Rafiq Sheikh, Lumberdar, the statement added.

After completing all legal formalities, both the accused Public Servants were taken into custody, the statement reads, adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on.

## Director Floriculture Convenes Awareness Prog

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant step towards strengthening the Floriculture sector and promoting sustainable livelihoods in the Kashmir Valley, Shakeel ur Rehman, Director Floriculture, Kashmir, convened an interactive session with Floriculture growers and entrepreneurs at the Malis Training School, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of growers and entrepreneurs representing all ten districts of the Kashmir division, offering them a vital platform to exchange experiences, discuss challenges, and propose innovative ideas for advancing the sector.

Highlighting the potential of Floriculture in transforming the economic landscape of Kashmir, Shakeel ur Rehman emphasized the department's unwavering commitment to fostering growth in this vibrant industry. "Our vision is to position Floriculture as an employment generation and liveli-

hood enhancement enterprise across the Kashmir division.

By empowering growers and entrepreneurs with modern techniques and robust support systems, we aim to unlock new avenues of prosperity while showcasing the Valley's floral potential on a commercial scale," he remarked.

To realize this vision, the department has finalized an ambitious Rs. 8 crore action plan under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for the year 2025-26. This initiative is designed to bolster commercial floriculture by enhancing infrastructure for protected cultivation, water resources, providing high-value plant material, establishing ornamental nurseries, vermicompost units, and aromatic plant cultivation projects.

Additionally, a Rs. 1.05 cr action plan under the CSS Agriculture extension (ATMA) 2025-26 has been proposed to facilitate training programs, exposure visits, demonstrations,

capacity-building initiatives, and Kisan Goshthies, ensuring growers are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.

During the session, participants were sensitized to the advantages of cultivating high-value crops under controlled conditions and adopting scientific practices such as micro-irrigation, fertigation, nutrient management, and efficient post-harvest techniques like sorting, packaging, and branding.

Shakeel ur Rehman urged growers and entrepreneurs to embrace innovation, diversify their product offerings, and leverage modern farming methods to enhance competitiveness in the market.

"The future of floriculture in Kashmir lies in blending tradition with technology. By adopting advanced cultivation practices and focusing on value addition, we can elevate Kashmiri flowers and aromatic products to national and global markets," he added.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firuzpur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of uploading tenders	Bid closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single Packet System	09.04.2025 Time 18:30 hours	09.05.2025 Time 15:00 hours	09.05.2025 Time 15:05 hours


S. No.	Tender Number	Details of Tender			
1	02-2025-watering	General Watering Arrangements at FKA, MOGA & LNK			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of completion
		61,33,762.95	1,22,700/-	45 Days	120 Days

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**Rasme chahrum of Syed Aamina Bano w/o Late Syed Shah**



With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Syed Aamina Bano w/o Late Syed Shah R/o Dussu Pampore** who passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 after a sudden death.


May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul. Ameen

The congregational Fateh Khawani of the deceased shall be observed on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Sunday) at 7:00 am at her ancestral graveyard at **Dussu Pampore near Astan Sharief.**

**Bereaved family**  
**Syed Niyaz Ahmad, (Son)**  
Contact No.7006866708  
Note. Ladies are requested not to bring any kind of eatables with them.

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## CONDOLENCE



**Hakim/Hamdani family of Bagwanpora Nawab Bagh bereaved.**

With profound sorrow, It is to inform that Hakim Mohammad Hussain Hamdani Son of Late Hakim Akber Ali Hamdani resident of Nawab Bagh, Bagwanpora, Lal Bazar, Srinagar left for heavenly abode on 9th April Wednesday 2025 after a brief illness.

His congregational prayers would be held on Friday 11th April 2025 at 7 a.m at their ancestral graveyard at Hassanabad near Imam Bada in the morning after that day long condolences will continue at the Imam Mehdi a.s Trust Imambara Nawab Bagh Bagwanpora Lalbazar Srinagar.

He was pious, down to earth and staunch believer of Ahlulbait<sup>a.s.</sup> May Allah bestow the departed soul highest place in paradise and give fortitude to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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### Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved father, Abdul Qadeer Dar, on Thursday, 10th April 2025. Condolences will be observed for three days only . We request your prayers for the departed soul. May Allah grant him the highest place in Jannah. Ameen.



**Bereaved Dar Family**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to general public that I have lost my 3 year Diploma certificate in Mechanical engineering with session May -June year 2008 under Roll Number 1103-DO7T-4871 with Vide No 623 Of 2008 Dated 29/10/2008 now I have applied for the duplicate copy of the same so, in this regard have anybody any objection he/she may file his/her objection at Secretary State Board of Technical Education J&K Government within the period of one week from the date of publication of this notice in the local daily news paper after due date no objection will/shall be accepted or entertained.  
Name:Mohammad Aslam Dar.  
S/O:Gulam Nabi Dar.  
R/O: Samboora Pampore.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION QAZIGUND

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT NO.02 OF R&B/Qazigund/2025-26 /E-TENDERING/165-180 DATED:10-04-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Qazigund invites Expression of Interest under (Single cover system) for allotment of Contract for Hiring of vehicle 01 No for a period upto 31-March-2026

S.No	Name of item	Cost of tender Documents (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor
1.	Providing of 01 No light motor commercial vehicle namely Bolero, Scorpio, Innova on hire basis for deployment with Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Qazigund the model of the vehicle should not be less than 2018.	Rs 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred Only)	Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only)	Registered Tour and Travel Operators/ Registered Sumo Owners/Private Vehicle

1- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R & B Division QAZIGUND (Tender Inviting Authority) (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division QAZIGUND (Tender receiving Authority).

2- The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per below schedule.

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-04-2025
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 12-04-2025 To 23-04-2025 (11:00 AM) (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 12-04-2025 To 11:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 23-04-2025 (04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	24-04-2025 (11:00 AM)

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Qazigund.

No:165-180-DIPK-276/25      Dated:-10-04-2025


Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Qazigund

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**HIGHWAY STATUS**  
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Mughal Road - (Closed)  
Srinagar- Leh- (Open)



**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
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**PRAYERS**

FAJR	4: 39
ZUHR	12:32
ASR	5: 09
Magrib	7:01
ISHA	8: 26

### This Day In History

- 491 - Flavius Anastasius becomes Byzantine Emperor, with the name of Anastasius I.
- 672 - Deusdedit III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 1079 - Bishop Stanislaus of Krakow is executed by order of Boleslaw II of Poland
- 1471 - Wars of the Roses: King Edward IV of England conquers London from Henry VI
- 1512 - Battle of Ravenna: French forces under Gaston de Foix defeat Holy League in a major battle of the Italian Wars
- 1564 England & France sign Peace of Troyes
- 1677 -Battle at Montcassel, French troops beat Prince William III
- 1689 - William III & Mary II crowned as joint rulers of Britain
- 1713 -Peace of Utrecht; France cedes Maritime provinces to Britain - English, Prussian, Savois, Portuguese & French peace treaty
- 1783 - Hostilities formally cease in the American Revolutionary War
- 1814- Napoleon abdicates unconditionally; he is exiled to Elba
- 1848- Hungary becomes constitutional monarchy under king Ferdinand of Aust
- 1856 -Battle of Rivas; Costa Rica beats Wm Walker's invading Nicaraguans
- 1862 - Rebels surrender Ft Pulaski, Georgia-Rebels surrender
- 1863 - Battle of Suffolk, VA (Norfleet House)
- 1865 - Battle of Mobile, AL - evacuated by Confederates
- 1865- Abraham Lincoln urges a spirit of generous conciliation during reconstruction
- 1895- Anaheim completes its new electric light system
- 1898 President McKinley asks for Spanish-American War declaration
- 1899 -Treaty of Paris ratifies ends war; Spain cedes Puerto Rico to US
- 1914 - Mexican President Huerta breaks off diplomatic relations with the US
- 1919 - The International Labour Organization is founded.
- 1921 -Turkestan ASSR forms in Russian SFSR
- 1925 -Abd el-KrimsRifkabylen beats French army in Morocco
- 1939 - Hungary leaves League of Nations

### From KO Archives

## 'I Lived Like Fish Without Water For 57 Years'

Kashmiri's Wait To Visit Father's Grave Ends

LAWASI (MUZAFFARABAD) - Raja Naseeruddin was just three when his father died in a traffic accident. On Friday, 59 years later, he saw his father's grave for the first time.

Naseeruddin was one of 19 Indian Kashmiris who travelled to Pakistan-controlled Kashmir by bus on Thursday, the first to run across the heavily fortified military line dividing Kashmir in nearly 60 years.

"How can I express myself? I simply don't know how," said a tearful Naseer after offering prayers at his father's simple grave in the mountain village of Lawasi.

"I don't remember my father, I was too young when he died," he said. "Now, at least I feel relief to have visited his grave. I want to come here again."

Naseer's family, like so many others, was split apart by the Line of Control drawn across the scenic valleys of Kashmir.

After his father was killed in 1946 near Muzaffarabad his mother took him to live with relatives near Srinagar.

A year later, with the armies of newly independent Pakistan and India were battling over Kashmir, Naseer was unable to return to his home Village — and so it was until this week.

"Returning to my land, I feel like a fish being thrown back into water," he said.

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KO VIEW

Lingering Stray  
Menace

The ongoing escalation in dog bite incidents across Kashmir is yet another grim reminder that the government has failed to check the dog population. Early this April, at least 44 dog bite cases were reported on a single from various districts, including Srinagar, Kupwara, Pulwama, and Narbal. Downtown Srinagar was the most affected, with over 20 people, including women and children, reportedly attacked by a rabid dog in the congested localities of Sakidafar and Nowpora. This may also be because the Srinagar cases are reported more than those from the other parts of the Valley.

So, the issue is no longer a minor public nuisance. The rising dog bites, together with growing canine population, are a serious public health concern demanding immediate government intervention.

The data speaks for itself: Jammu and Kashmir recorded over 51,000 dog bite cases in 2024, up from around 34,000 the previous year, and more than double the 22,000 reported in 2022. The menace seems to have only further grown this year. with 4,824 cases reported in January.. In Ladakh too, the numbers have nearly doubled since 2022. Thankfully, no rabies-related deaths have been reported in recent years, but there is every possibility that rising dog bites may lead to fatalities.

Hence we urgently require a pro-active government to tackle the crisis. We already have the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme, which is meant to sterilise and vaccinate stray canines. But its erratic and often tardy implementation has made it ineffective in checking dog numbers. Although the new ABC Rules of 2023 and the National Rabies Control Programme have provided a policy platform, these have not translated into visible relief on the ground so far.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation has also failed to check the dog overpopulation, despite taking some steps in this direction. Early this year, the corporation had decided to open its third dog sterilization centre in Chatterhama to enhance the ongoing sterilization to contain canine population. Although the city already has limited capacity sterilization centres at Shuhama and Tenggpora, we need more such facilities to address the problem at hand. Srinagar alone has an estimated 60,000 to 70,000 stray dogs warranting more sterilization facilities like Chatterhama.

At the end of the day, authorities need to see whether the growing dog bites are a result of the lax implementation or it is because the scale of the problem has outgrown the existing means to address it. Canine overpopulation is a human-created problem and must be tackled with a humane but firm hand. Left unaddressed, it threatens not just the safety of people but also the credibility of institutions meant to protect them.



Did You Know?

When Others Run, You Buy

Irshad Muhtaq

In recent times, the stock market has been subjected to a whirlwind of volatility, alarmingly triggered by issues stemming from political and economic decisions in the United States. Many investors find themselves questioning the wisdom of their investments. The headlines buzz with panic, and the temptation to withdraw is high. But history has shown us multiple times that within every dip lies the seed of an opportunity.

One of the recent catalysts for market unrest was the unexpected influence of political decisions, such as those made by the Trump administration, which led to a roller-coaster effect on global markets. Investors, especially those new to the world of equities, may feel the urge to exit hastily. The initial reaction might be fear or doubt, warning oneself against future investments in what seems like an unpredictable terrain. However, it is essential to pause and consider what such market environments offer us.

Taking a step back to historical examples, during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, global stock markets, witnessed significant downturns. Roads were empty, businesses shuttered, and uncertainty was at its peak. Yet, in the midst of this economic shock, those with the fortitude to invest reaped substantial rewards. For instance, Indian Hotels (Taj) stock, once trading at Rs 80 during the thick of the pandemic, soared above Rs 700 as the circumstances improved and economic activities resumed. An investment of Rs 80 lakh in such stocks turned into over Rs 7 crores. In just 5 years, as economy, business shows growth, logically share will follow the same.

This paradigm underscores a critical lesson: Market falls are not merely setbacks but opportunities for savvy investors to seek discounted prices for valuable stocks. Increasing positions through systematic investment plans (SIPs) or lump-sum in mutual funds investments during these times can be a strategic move.

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Kashmir's Agricultural Emergency

Kashmir is witnessing an alarming loss of farmland, raising red flags over looming food insecurity and the region's accelerating shift toward industrial and urban expansion.



Dr. Ashraf Zainabi



Kashmir's total agricultural land has shrunk from 467,700 hectares in 2015 to just 389,000 hectares today. That's a staggering loss of land in the last 10 years alone—of nearly 78,700 hectares (17%)—that could have fed generations.

Land is the foundation of life. It feeds us, shelters us, sustains our economies, and forms the very identity of a place. But in Kashmir, land is under siege. Not by foreign powers or natural disasters, but by the greed and short-sightedness of its own people and policymakers.

The lush fields that once grew saffron, paddy, and almonds are being swallowed by an unchecked industrial explosion, urban sprawl, and infrastructure projects.

Kashmir's total agricultural land has shrunk from 467,700 hectares in 2015 to just 389,000 hectares today. That's a staggering loss of land in the last 10 years alone—of nearly 78,700 hectares (17%)—that could have fed generations. Given this land conversion trend, Kashmir may witness 50% agricultural land loss by 2050. And by the time, the population may see a 20% increase. As already reported, the average land-holding per household in Kashmir stands at less than 4 kanals. It may go below 2 kanals by 20250. And it is not hard to imagine the consequences.

Another agricultural land-consuming policy of the government under consideration at the moment is the construction of satellite townships. This proposed policy is aimed at decongesting the Srinagar city. But the land being identified is purely the agricultural land available on the sides of the Srinagar semi-ring road. Instead, the government must think of other available options, maybe the state lands around the karewas in upper towns of all districts. These lands if used for the construction of the proposed townships is better than them being ravaged for development of railways and highways. And why Budgam alone? A big question that must be asked by all stakeholders.

Once green and productive lands are now home to hundreds of brick kilns, hundreds of ply-

wood factories, and other polluting industries. The official number of brick kilns alone has crossed 560, many operating illegally, pumping poison into the air (threatening human health and responsible for shrinking of glaciers). These brick kilns bake the earth into lifeless dust. To counter the mushrooming growth of brick kilns, a promising, less polluting, and economical alternative is cement-sand-based brick manufacturing industries. This shift is important and may prove a boon in hiring local workforce. An answer to least sought after work by locals in brick kilns. Kashmir has recently seen a number of cement-sand-based brick manufacturing units that have hired local workers, thus retaining the local economy within Valley.

A farmer in Kashmir today no longer sees the land as a sacred trust. Instead, many see it as real estate: a disposable asset. With each plot leased out to a brick kiln or an industrialist, the region moves one step closer to food insecurity. What's worse? The children of these farmers no longer wish to farm. They dream of government jobs, city life, and easy earnings, leaving behind dying fields. If this continues, where will Kashmir get its food? Already, the region imports more than 70% of its food grains from outside, making it perilously dependent on unstable supply chains. This isn't just an economic issue, it's a survival issue. The more land we lose, the more Kashmiris become hostages to markets that care nothing for them.

Who's responsible? Everyone, including government officials who turn a blind eye, investors who prioritize quick profits, and most painfully, the farmers themselves. The very stewards of Kashmir's fertile land are now its sellers, leasing it to industries that ravage the soil beyond repair. The mindset of farmers has shifted: why toil in the fields

when leasing land to an industry brings easy money?

Kashmir's most agricultural land is being used to expand industrial sector. But with unprecedented air and water pollution, rising temperatures, erratic weather patterns, less rainfall and resultant forest fires. Glaciers being reported receding due to black carbon from brick kilns, wetlands vanishing, reducing the region's ability to prevent floods and store fresh water. We are watching the slow murder of Kashmir's natural wealth, and yet, the silence from policymakers is deafening.

Kashmir cannot afford another decade of this destruction. So, what must be done? A complete ban on industrial encroachment of agricultural land. No more brick kilns, no more polluting factories on farmlands. We must reclaim what has been lost. Heavy penalties for illegal land leasing. If a farmer leases fertile land to an industry, the contract should be declared void, with strict penalties imposed on both, the land-donor and industrialist.

To reclaim farming a passion and productive sector, government-backed incentives for young people to take up sustainable farming is a way forward. This can be achieved by giving advanced training to farmers to make farming both profitable and respected. About vandalized Karewas, large-scale afforestation and soil regeneration projects can be initiated.

Last but not the least, it is time to encourage clean, sustainable industries that align with Kashmir's environmental and economic needs.

The author is an Advisor at The Nature University Kashmir. Views expressed in this article are author's own and don't necessarily reflect KO's editorial policy.



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Waqf and the Wounds We Ignored

The recent Waqf Amendment Bill, passed with little public debate, is more than a piece of legislation. It feels like a quiet dismantling of a centuries-old legacy. For the Muslim community, Waqf is not just about land or assets. It is a sacred trust, a form of charity that lives beyond the donor, serving the poor, funding education, and sustaining places of worship.

This new law strengthens the state's powers to survey, take over, or repurpose Waqf land without prior consultation with the Waqf

Board. It raises a deeply troubling question: why is community-managed endowment being subjected to government overreach when similar safeguards exist for other religious institutions? Article 26 of our Constitution assures every religious group the right to manage its own affairs. Then why this selective intervention?

Yet, painful as it is, we must also introspect. The truth is, Muslims too have failed the Waqf system. We allowed political appointees, indifferent boards, and corrupt caretakers to

mismanage properties meant for the collective good. Many Waqf assets have been lost not just to external encroachment but to our own silence and complacency.

I remember how a small Waqf clinic once gave my mother free medicine. How my early education was funded by the rent from a humble Waqf shop. These memories are not personal, they are shared by thousands. But the institutions that shaped them are now under threat, not just by law, but by neglect. The Sachar Committee estimated

Waqf land to be worth over Rs. 1.2 lakh crore. But instead of empowering the community to manage this wealth with transparency and professionalism, we are seeing more centralization, which risks further misuse.

We must speak up, not just to oppose the bill, but to reform our own systems. Waqf is not just law. It is life, faith, and trust. Let's defend it with dignity and rebuild it with integrity.

Ikkz Ikbal,  
Kupwara



# Kashmir's Private Schools Are Thriving But Teachers Are Starving

Long trapped in silence, Kashmir's private school teachers continue to face chronic exploitation and neglect in an issue the system refuses to fix.

Mohd Amin Mir

In a country where government employment opportunities are scarce and cannot possibly accommodate the flood of qualified youth, the private sector becomes the de facto employment avenue. Among private employers, private educational institutions—particularly schools—form a significant share. Yet, this sector, which claims to be the torchbearer of enlightenment and progress, is riddled with systemic exploitation, especially when it comes to the treatment of its most vital asset: the teacher.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the private schools of Jammu and Kashmir, where thousands of educated and competent individuals are employed under conditions that barely scratch the surface of decency. These schools, which advertise aggressively for the most qualified candidates, demanding advanced degrees and relevant teaching experience, fail spectacularly when it comes to offering fair compensation. The term “salary negotiable”—a common euphemism in recruitment notices—is merely a smokescreen that hides widespread underpayment and financial insecurity.

Prospective teachers are routinely subjected to extended “trial periods,” during which they are paid paltry sums—or in some cases, nothing at all. Their fate hangs on the whims of school managements who offer neither job security nor transparency. This exploitative model forces many teachers to work for salaries as low as Rs 3,000–5,000 per month—less than what an unskilled labourer might earn for basic manual work. Skilled labourers with equipment often take home three to four times that amount. This stark wage disparity is an insult to the teaching profession.



In one reported case, a teacher received only two months’ salary over the course of an entire year. Another went viral on social media after a cab driver offered him a ride; the teacher had no money to pay the fare because he hadn’t been paid by his school for months. These are not isolated incidents—they are a reflection of the larger rot.

Let us be clear: these teachers are not mere placeholders in classrooms. They are qualified professionals, expected to remain updated with the latest pedagogical practices, adopt new technologies, and cater to a generation of students more demanding and

dynamic than ever before. Yet, the economic reality forced upon them is bleak. Teachers are not even in a position to maintain basic professional decorum, let alone invest in teaching aids or digital tools now considered standard. The COVID-19 pandemic only

deepened this crisis. Many private schools conveniently halted salary disbursements for months on end, pushing already vulnerable educators and their families into near destitution. In one reported case, a teacher received only two months’ salary over the course of

an entire year. Another went viral on social media after a cab driver offered him a ride; the teacher had no money to pay the fare because he hadn’t been paid by his school for months. These are not isolated incidents—they are a reflection of the larger rot.

Such wage practices make a mockery of the Minimum Wages Act and flay the basic labour rights. Worse, they contradict the very ethos of education. What message are we sending when those who shape the minds of future generations cannot afford basic health-care, food, or transportation?

Behind every teacher stands a family that has invested years of financial and emotional support in the hope that their educated child

will lift them out of hardship. Instead, private school teachers are being driven to despair. They are denied annual increments, performance incentives, job security, and even dignity. Those who dare speak up are swiftly silenced, dismissed without notice or black-listed in the small, interconnected education community.

This exploitation must end. The government must take immediate and decisive action. The School Education Department and Labour Department should collaborate to establish a regulatory framework that governs hiring practices and salary structures in private schools. A Salary Fixation Committee should be formed to set minimum pay standards, with provisions for annual increments and performance-based incentives. Moreover, a Grievance Redressal Cell is essential to address and resolve complaints without fear of retaliation.

All is not bleak, however. Institutions such as the Sir Syed Memorial Educational Institute Doru in South Kashmir are proving that ethical employment practices are not only possible but sustainable. Teachers there are paid respectable salaries, on time, and according to official norms. This model must be replicated across the region if private education is to be considered a respectable and viable employment sector for youth.

The time for silence has passed. The plight of private school teachers is no longer a private affair, it is a public issue that questions the credibility of our education system, the morality of our institutions, and the conscience of our society.

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## Parray Pora and the Paradox of Possibilities

A Kashmiri sister challenges STEM bias to support her brother's pursuit of arts amid systemic and social hurdles.

Aisha Hasnain

My younger brother recently appeared in his 10th board examination through JKBOSE. A curious kid by nature, he keeps experimenting with things. Sadly, those things are not scientific gadgets. He will not become an engineer. Or a doctor.

I knew it since a year, and I knew I would be the one to help him assess other promising disciplines. I knew the answer very well, but since I am a good advocate, I asked him, “Baby, are you interested in mathematics?” “No!” He left no doubt about it. “Can physics or chemistry be your calling?” “No, I do not understand them well.” “Alright,” I said, “I think you will do something in arts. I see you are interested in language.”

I decided that once his board exams were over, I would see a good private school for him where he could find opportunities to realize his potential. I was considering CBSE, and I had it sorted in my mind. Subconsciously, he sometimes calls me “Mama”.

His subconscious sees me as a substitute to a mother for him if or when he needs one. He has put his faith in me. My friend told me that when she had asked him about what he was thinking of pursuing after grade 10, he replied, “That Aisha Di will decide.” A year has passed, his board examination is over, and it is time to get things done for him.

I have come to know that if I get him admitted in a private school outside of our village's vicinity, he will not receive a backward certificate. Practically speaking, that is a big issue.

Here I am not going to speak of the principles or unethical exploitation, if any, behind a backward certificate. For now, the matter at hand for me is that we belong to the backward category and whomever I asked for suggestions, nobody



supported my decision of giving up a backward certificate by getting him admitted in one of the top schools in the valley. And since it is my brother and not my certificate or future, I have no say in whether he should or should not need it.

Now where I have received my science and math tuitions from during my higher secondary school years, I asked a teacher working at that institute that if by any chance they had expanded the institute to include arts stream as well. They had not. There is only one small dilapidated place of which I know where arts stream is being taught to 11th and 12th grade students.

I am speaking of Parray Pora that has mainly been the hub of coaching institutes in the valley. We've a friend's place there which would be a safe accommodation for my brother for

these two years. But I'm struggling to find a decent coaching institute for him in a place where students flock like sheep. When I joined as a student, I found my seniors and juniors there, even my childhood crush! Parray Pora has been the melting pot of pan-Kashmir students.

As I saw no choice, reluctantly, I thought I might have to settle for the private school in the nearby town. “But I didn't get any backward certificate because I did my higher secondary studies from the town as well,” my KAS officer friend pressed. What on earth was I supposed to do then?

Looking for some hope, I called an IAS/KAS academy in Parray Pora to inquire if they taught arts to higher secondary students: “No Ma'am, we teach only medical students on the higher secondary level. But your brother can opt for medi-

cal stream and not appear in NEET. Basically, the last year's results came better from students who came from medical background. If your brother wants to appear in administrative exams in future, he can join our institute. He needs to take up science only for basic studies and we will build him until he graduates and he can straightaway go for administrative exam while holding only a bachelor's degree.”

Appearing in the UPSC examinations while holding a bachelor's degree only is a trap some - or maybe many - students fall for. Generally, it is not enough exposure. I asked my KAS officer friend if it was doable to let my brother take up science just for the sake of the administrative examinations. He was against the advice given to me by the guy at the IAS/KAS academy. “They are saying so

because they don't have other options available.” I went to my brother and asked him if by any chance he wants to set his base in science. “No chance,” he was crystal clear.

I don't want to contaminate my brother's mind. His natural abilities need nurturing. Now all I am left with is the option of getting him admitted in the local government higher secondary school and simultaneously in a good private coaching institute. But where is that ‘good private coaching institute’?

The government schools which have the cream of the teaching faculty are not seen as decent schools. I am yet to do some research regarding why that is so. How many loopholes can I count in this educational procedure in this third world country which apparently produces world class mathematicians and scientists, which is

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home to some of the toughest examinations in the world?

First I felt an aversion towards this backward certificate concept. Ultimately I concluded that the field of arts is not being taken seriously in this part of world. STEM degree is the only degree held in esteem. Esteem! I swear, had cleaning windowpanes been seen as a job of honor and money, every parent would be sending their kids to companies who could teach their kids to clean the windows in the most eloquent of ways, with the best soaps, rags and tools.

So, is there nothing beyond STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)? What about my classmate who studied astrophysics on scholarship basis in the UAE and gave it up to pursue literature? He was the brightest student in the class. What about another bright student who is pursuing humanities at the Delhi University after studying science in 11th and 12th grade? Yet another valedictorian who got selected for a prestigious course at the Ashoka University - what about her, a history student? What about another of my aca-

demic peers who also studied science and math in 11th and 12th grade and recently qualified All India Bar Examination? What about this KAS officer friend who was originally a BDS student?

On a larger scale, what about Jacinda Ardern, Christopher Nolan, J. K. Rowling, Irfan Habib, Yuval Noah Harari, Frank Lloyd Wright, Anne Sullivan, van Gogh, Beethoven, Emily Dickinson? What about André Rieu who brought Emma Kok to his show, and who breathetakingly sang Barbara Pravi's Voilà? I found a voice in that song for the woman in me.

As a tourist, what else can I see in Agra if an architect were not to design the Taj Mahal? Do these fields play no role in our society? Is history not supposed to be remembered and written? Is society not supposed to be studied? Does the flower vase on my side table containing flowers which lends a happy aura to the walls in my room hold no significance in my well-being? What about my gardener who creates a small heaven in my lawn where I sit and soak vitamin D?

I will not give up on my brother. If he does not want to pursue science, there is no reason for him to. A classmate of his considered less intelligent compared to my brother opted for medical studies and our mother remarked, “But how will he manage?” I saw the flip side of this statement and I looked at my brother and asked him, “Darling, do you think I am supporting you to take up arts because perhaps I think you are less intelligent? I'm supporting you because I know you will deliver better in the field of arts than in science. You have to work hard anyhow, be it science, be it arts!”

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# Xiaomi Brings Cinematic Experience Home with a New QLED TV Range

## Building on 15 Years of Innovation, Xiaomi Unveils the Upgraded X Pro Series QLED TVs for a Premium Viewing Experience

Srinagar, 10 April 2025: Xiaomi India, a global leader in technology and innovation, has unveiled its latest QLED TV series, designed to seamlessly blend technology with real-life entertainment needs. Whether it's creating a home theater experience or providing smarter control for everyday use, the new X Pro Series offers a versatile solution for modern lifestyles.

Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sharma, Chief Marketing Officer, Xiaomi India, said, 'At Xiaomi, we are not merely responding to market trends; we are looking to shape the future of home entertainment. Audiences want to foster shared moments with family and yearning for experiences that bring the magic of cinema into their homes. The Xiaomi X Pro QLED Series exemplifies this vision by merging cutting-edge technology with a deep understanding of evolving consumer needs. By offering Dolby Vision Filmmaker Mode for uncompromised storytelling, Xiaomi Sound for unparalleled audio clarity, and intelligent content curation tailored to individual preferences, we are redefining the essence of home entertainment. Our broader ambition is to build an integrated ecosystem where smart devices converge to create a more connected, intuitive, and immersive future for our users.'

### Bringing the Magic of Cinema Home

From reliving classic films to

discovering new releases, the Xiaomi X Pro QLED TV Series transforms the home into a personal cinema. Whether enjoying a solo movie night, gathering with family, or indulging in an immersive documentary, the rich, lifelike colors and ultra-smooth motion transport viewers right into the heart of the story. Filmmaker Mode preserves the director's artistic vision, ensuring every scene appears exactly as the director intended with the original frame rate, correct sharpness levels and the right aspect ratio. Dolby Vision enhances every frame with striking contrasts and vibrant detail, while recreating the authentic grandeur of the big screen in the comfort of home.

### Immersive Sound for Every Occasion

A true cinematic experience isn't only about visuals—it's about sound that moves with the story. With Xiaomi Sound integration, every whisper, explosion, and melody is delivered with remarkable clarity, offering audio immersion that feels almost tangible. Whether reliving the energy of a live concert, feeling the suspense of a thriller, or sinking into the soothing tones of a podcast, the X Pro Series brings every sound to life. The 34W box speakers, enhanced with DTS:X and DTS Virtual:X, create an enveloping soundstage that adapts to what's playing. Dolby Audio ensures clear dialogue, deep bass, and rich surround sound, making it ideal for those who



appreciate true-to-life cinematic audio.

### Smarter, Seamless, and Personalized

The X Pro Series offers more than just content playback; it curates a personalized entertainment experience. With PatchWall and Xiaomi TV+, users gain access to a vast collection of free live TV channels along with tailored recommendations. For families, Kids Mode

ensures a safe viewing environment by providing parental controls and age-appropriate content suggestions. Smart home integration is seamless, with voice control powered by Google Assistant—making it easy to adjust settings, manage IoT devices, or browse content effortlessly. Additionally, streaming is made smooth and convenient thanks to built-in support for Google Cast, Miracast, and AirPlay 2,

allowing direct playback from a variety of devices including smartphones, tablets, and laptops.

### Designed for a Cinematic Experience

Blending style with function, the X Pro Series features a sleek, bezel-less design that enhances any living space. The TV integrates effortlessly into home setups with 32GB of internal

storage and multiple connectivity options, including 3 HDMI ports (one with eARC), 2 USB ports, Ethernet, AV, and Bluetooth. Whether placed in a cozy bedroom or a grand living room, it delivers an immersive entertainment experience tailored to every user's lifestyle.

### New Xiaomi Future-Ready TV Remote

Navigating entertainment has never been easier. Xiaomi's latest TV remote provides direct access to popular streaming platforms and intuitive controls for a seamless experience. While the four dedicated DVB-T2 buttons are currently non-functional in India due to the absence of a DVB-T2 signal, they are included to align with future implementations. Quick-access buttons for Netflix, Prime Video, YouTube, and more allow instant content access, while Google Assistant integration enables effortless voice control. The much-anticipated mute button, along with dedicated PatchWall and Google TV home keys, ensures a smarter and more intuitive viewing experience.

Early buyers can avail bank discounts of up to INR 3,000 with 0% down payment and 12 months No cost EMI. Customers can purchase these models across mi.com, Flipkart, and leading retail stores. Xiaomi after-sales support for the X Pro QLED TV Series will be available across all-pin codes in India.

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### LG Sacks 2

at rooting out extremism.

Sinha recently directed the J&K Police to intensify operations against terrorists and their aides, reiterating that terrorism is "breathing its last" in the Union Territory.

### No One Will Be

and security authorities. He also reviewed the prevailing security scenario and outlined the strategy for the way forward.

### Udhampur Encounter

the militants have not yet been confirmed.

As part of the intensified search, reinforcements were rushed to the area early Thursday. Helicopters and drones have been deployed for aerial surveillance, scanning treetops and deep forest zones for movement. Additionally, sniffer dogs have been sent deep into the jungle to aid in the search.

"The entire forest belt has been brought under surveillance. We are proceeding cautiously due to the terrain and the possibility of traps," the official said.

Residents in nearby villages reported hearing gunshots throughout the night and again on Thursday morning. However, no civilian casualties or injuries have been reported.

The operation is expected to continue until the area is thoroughly sanitized. Authorities have asked locals to stay away from the forest and maintain calm. (CNS)

### Weather To Improve

extent during the past six months.

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Notably, J&K has witnessed a deficit rainfall of 50 per cent from March 01, 2025 to April 09, 2025 with the majority of 11 stations of 20 including Srinagar, the summer capital of the region, recording a deficit precipitation between 20%-59% during the period.

Pulwama and Bandipora have, however, received the average rainfall during the last 40 days while the winter capital of the region and six other stations of Jammu division saw a large deficient rainfall between 60% to 99% during the period.

The MeT said that Srinagar recorded a rainfall of 2.8 mm, 5.3 mm in northern district of Kupwara and 4.2 mm in southern resort of Pahalgam.

Due to the wet weather, authorities suspended vehicular movement on the Bandipora-Gurez road as a precautionary measure on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the minimum night temperatures remained above normal across Jammu and Kashmir, with most parts of the Kashmir division recording temperatures 2.4 C above normal and the Jammu division 4.6 C above normal.

Gulmarg recorded the lowest minimum temperature in Kashmir at 2.8 C, while Baderwah was the coldest in the Jammu region at 10.0 C, according to the MeT.

The maximum day temperatures remained above normal across most parts of Jammu and Kashmir, with the Kashmir division recording temperatures 0.2 C above normal and the Jammu division 2.7 C above normal.

### 26/11 Plotter

late evening, the NIA said Rana was "formally arrested immediately after his arrival at Delhi airport".

Rana was escorted to Delhi by teams of NIA and National Security Guard (NSG), the agency said.

An NIA team at the airport arrested Rana soon after he emerged from the airplane, upon completion of all the necessary legal

formalities, it said.

The agency in an earlier statement said that it had secured the successful extradition after years of sustained and concerted efforts to bring to justice the key conspirator and "mastermind of the deadly attack" that claimed 166 lives.

"With the active assistance of USDoJ, the US Sky Marshal, NIA worked closely with other Indian intelligence agencies, NSG through the entire extradition process, which also saw India's Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs coordinating with the other relevant authorities in the United States to take the matter to its successful conclusion," the statement read.

Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan and special public prosecutor Narendar Mann, who are representing the NIA, reached the Patiala House court premises shortly after news that Rana had landed in Delhi. Police officials asked mediapersons to leave and said they were ensuring the court premises were fully vacant. The lawyers, however, refused to comment.

Special NIA judge Chander Jit Singh is hearing the case against Rana. Advocate Piyush Sachdeva from Delhi Legal Services Authority is representing the accused.

Meanwhile, tight security has been ensured outside the NIA headquarters at the CGO complex here and the entire premises has been cordoned off by security personnel of Delhi Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Key roads outside and around the NIA office has been closed for any vehicular traffic. Entry and exit from gate no 2 of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium metro station, which is opposite the probe agency's office, has been barred.

The announcement that Rana would be finally extradited came when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the US capital in February. "We are giving a very violent man back to India immediately to face justice in India," US President Donald Trump said at a joint press conference with Modi on February 14.

Trump said his administration has approved the extradition of "very evil people of the world" Rana "to face justice in India".

Rana was lodged in the Metropolitan Detention Centre in Los Angeles.

He was held in judicial custody in the US following proceedings initiated under the India-US Extradition Treaty for his extradition. The extradition finally came through after Rana exhausted all legal avenues to stay the move.

The District Court for the Central District of California had ordered his extradition on May 16, 2023. Rana then filed multiple litigations in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, all of which were rejected.

He subsequently filed a petition for a writ of certiorari, two habeas petitions, and an emergency application before the US Supreme Court, which were also denied.

"The extradition proceedings were initiated between the two countries after India eventually secured a surrender warrant for the wanted terrorist from the US government," the NIA said.

Rana is accused of conspiring with David Coleman Headley alias Daood Gilani, and operatives of designated terrorist organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami (HUJI) along with other Pakistan-based co-conspirators, to carry out the three-day terror siege of India's financial capital.

Both LeT and HUJI have been declared terrorist organisations by the Indian government under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Among the 166 killed were US, British and Israeli nationals. Besides, 238 were injured in the mayhem carried out by a group of 10 Pakistani terrorists on a railway station, two luxury hotels and a Jewish centre after they sneaked into Mumbai through the Arabian Sea.

The terrorists had targeted multiple iconic locations in Mumbai, including the Taj Mahal and Oberoi hotels, Leopold Cafe, Chabad House

and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus train station, each of which Headley had scouted in advance.

Rana would be the third person to be sent on trial in India in the case after Ajmal Kasab and Zabiuddin Ansari alias Abu Jundal. In November 2012, Ajmal Amir Kasab, the lone surviving terrorist among the Pakistani group, was hanged to death in Yerawada Jail in Pune.

Rana had served in the Pakistan Army medical corps before emigrating to Canada in late 1990s and started his immigration consultancy firm. He later moved to the US and set up an office in Chicago.

Through his firm, Rana gave cover to Headley to carry out reconnaissance mission in Mumbai so that the terrorists could launch the attacks.

The officials said Rana's extradition would help probe agencies expose the role of Pakistani state actors behind the 26/11 attacks and may shed new light on the investigation.

His extradition from the US could provide important leads into his travels in parts of northern and southern India days before the carnage in 2008, NIA officials said.

Rana visited Hapur and Agra in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Kochi in Kerala, Ahmedabad in Gujarat, and Mumbai in Maharashtra with his wife Samraz Rana Akhtar between November 13 and November 21, 2008, they said.

Rana had submitted business sponsor letters from 'Immigrant Law Center' and property Tax payment notice from the Cook County as his address proof.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the US arrested Rana in Chicago a year after the attacks in October 2009 for providing support for an aborted plan to behead employees of a newspaper, in Copenhagen (Denmark) in retaliation for the publication of cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammed in it, and also for providing material support to Pakistan-based terrorist outfit LeT, which orchestrated the Mumbai attacks.

However, Rana was acquitted of conspiracy to provide material support to the Mumbai terror attacks. He was, however, convicted in 2011 in the other case and sentenced to 14 years, the officials said.

India has been trying to extradite Rana for many years because of his association with LeT and HUJI, Headley and for his active involvement in the Mumbai attacks.

It is alleged that Rana was aware of Headley's terror links and even helped in reconnaissance of targets in Mumbai and planning the attacks on the National Defence College (NDC) in New Delhi and Chabad House in Mumbai.

The NIA had registered a case on November 11, 2009 under sections 121A of Indian Penal Code, Section 18 of UAPA and Section 6(2) SAARC Convention (Suppression of Terrorism) Act against Headley, Rana and others for being part of a criminal conspiracy with LeT and HUJI members to commit terrorist acts in New Delhi and other places in India.

During the NIA investigation, the roles of senior functionaries of banned terror groups LeT and HUJI -- Hafiz Muhammad Saeed alias Tayyaji, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Sajjid Majid alias Wasi, Illyas Kashmiri and Abdur Rehman Hashim Syed alias Major Abdurrehman alias Pasha have emerged.

They were working in active connivance and assistance from Pakistan spy agency ISI's officers namely Major Iqbal alias Major Ali, Major Sameer Ali alias Major Samir, all residents of Pakistan, the officials said.

### Convictions Need

phone were seized from his possession, police said. Subsequently, a case (FIR) was registered and after investigation charge-sheet was presented before the court. Subsequently trial ensued and the court of Special Judge (NDPS cases) Vinod Kumar acquitted Bhat, observing that the prosecution's narrative of recovery and forensic confirmation has been undermined by unsealed evidence, delayed sampling, missing witnesses, and quantity discrepancies.

The court underlined that Article 21

guarantees a fair trial, including procedural safeguards under the NDPS Act. The accused's cross-examination exposed violations—unsealed evidence, delayed processes—undermining fairness, the court said.

The court further underlined that while drug trafficking is a societal menace, convictions must rest on legal evidence, not moral outrage. The Supreme Court in State of Punjab v. Baldev Singh (supra) balanced deterrence with fairness, prioritizing procedural integrity, the Judge said.

"The prosecution has not proven the offence under Section 8/21 beyond reasonable doubt," the court said, and acquitted Aijaz Ahmad Bhat. The accused was represented before the court by Abu Owais Pandit and Associates.

### Judicial Orders

Court needs to be revealed and cogent and convincing reasons need to be stated," a bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul said while setting aside an order by a Srinagar court passed under Section 151 CPC.

"When we go through impugned order, it order reflects total non-application of mind on the part of Presiding Officer," the Bench said, adding, "The Trial Court while giving his opinion in the impugned order has said "Heard and perused the record. For the reasons stated in the order of the application IA/3, the application also lacks merit and is therefore dismissed. Disposed of and made part of the main file."

These expressions, the Bench said, cannot be, in view of well settled legal position, said to be reasons given by the Trial Court but can be said to be cryptic inasmuch as Trial Court has not discussed what provisions of Section 151 CPC provide for, what petitioners plead in their application, what they seek for on the basis of the case set up in the application, and why and what are the reasons to dismiss the application.

"Recording of reasons in support of conclusions arrived at in a judgment or order by the Courts in judicial system has been recognized since very inception of system," the bench said, adding, "Right to know the reasons for decisions made by the Judges is an indispensable right of a litigant. Even a brief recording of reasoned opinion justifying the decision made

would suffice to withstand the test of a reasoned order or judgment."

The Bench further said that a non-speaking, unreasoned or cryptic order passed or judgment delivered without taking into account the relevant facts, evidence available and the law attracted thereto has always been looked at negatively and judicially de-recognized by the courts.

"Mere use of words or language of a provision in an order or judgment without any mention of the relevant facts and the evidence available thereon has always been treated by the superior courts as an order incapable of withstanding the test of an order passed judicially," the court said, adding, "Ours is a judicial system inherited from the British Legacy wherein objectivity in judgments and orders over the subjectivity has always been given precedence. It has been a judicially recognized perception in our system that the subjectivity preferred by the Judge in place of objectivity in a judgment or order destroys the quality of the judgment or order and an unreasoned order does not subserve the doctrine of fair play."

### KPs Demand

"Our concerns are not just about temples," Tickoo said, "but also about jobs and human rights violations faced by Kashmiri Pandits."

The KPSS also criticized the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for staying silent for decades on temple encroachments and only showing concern now over Waqf property regulations.

"If the government fails to act within two months, the KPSS has vowed to seek justice through the Supreme Court," they said.

Meanwhile, the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit has expressed support for the KPSS's demands, stating that Kashmiri Pandits have every right to raise their voice for the protection of their religious places and properties, and that the government must act to safeguard temple lands.

Altaf Thakur, spokesperson for the BJP's J&K unit, said, "What our Pandit brothers are demanding is genuine. Many of their lands were forcefully encroached upon when they were displaced. Now that they are seeking a bill for the protection of these properties, the government should pass it."

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## Amid Rains, Water Level Increases In Jhelum

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR,:** The ongoing fresh spell of rains and snow has led to increase in water level in Jhelum and other streams across Kashmir.

The water level in river Jhelum—the lifeline of Kashmir, has risen for the first time to a large extent during the past six months.

The water level at Ram Munshi Bagh was 8.82 ft at 6:00 PM while at Sangam and Asham it was flowing at 5.11 ft and 5.68 ft respectively.

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lah, Dachigam, Doodhganga, Aru Nallah and others were also flowing above the Reduced Level (RL) of zero of gauge.

The rise in the water level has been witnessed amidst the fresh spell of rains and snow that continued for the second straight day today.

Several upper reaches including Zojila Pass, Sadhna Top, Pir Ki Gali, Sinthan Top, higher parts of Gurez, Gulmarg and others experienced fresh snowfall today while the intermittent rains lashed the plains of Kashmir, bringing down the mercury across the Valley.

## Pilot Dies After Operating Flight From Sgr To Delhi

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** An Air India Express pilot died due to a medical condition in the national capital on Wednesday soon after operating a flight from Srinagar, according to a source.

The pilot, in his late 30s, operated the flight from Srinagar to Delhi and was not feeling well after landing at the Delhi airport. He was taken to a hospital but passed away, the source said.

"We deeply regret the loss

of a valued colleague due to a medical condition... we are extending all possible assistance to them as we all cope with this tremendous loss," an airline spokesperson said in a statement on Thursday.

Further details could not be ascertained.

"We request all concerned to respect privacy at this time and avoid unnecessary speculation while we commit to assisting the relevant authorities in due process," the spokesperson said.

## Multiple Rusting Iron Bridges In Bandipora Endanger Commuters

Agencies

**BANDIPORA:** Several dilapidated iron bridges along key routes in north Kashmir's Bandipora district have become a growing concern for commuters, locals and officials alike.

With some of these bridges witnessing frequent VIP movement, military convoys, and regular public traffic, the crumbling infrastructure now poses a serious safety risk.

Among the most affected is the iron bridge at Naninara Sumbal, located on the vital Bandipora-Srinagar road. This bridge, which has long shown signs of wear and tear, is now in a severely deteriorated condition. Large cracks, rusted joints and shaky supports have made it increasingly dangerous for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Another iron bridge at Gu-roora, also on the Bandipora-Srinagar road, has been damaged multiple times in the past, yet no substantial repair work or replacement has been undertaken.

"Every time it rains or a heavy vehicle passes, we fear the bridge might collapse. It's been patched up too many times, but we need a permanent solution," said Abdul Hameed, a local shopkeeper near the site.

In Chattibandi-Aragam, a similar situation persists. The iron bridge on this route, being used frequently by security forces and local commuters shows extensive rusting and structural fatigue.

Residents of the area said that schoolchildren and the elderly are often forced to cross with extreme caution, fearing sudden collapse or injury.

"These are not just any village paths; they are lifelines for Bandipora, connecting major areas and facilitating administrative, military, and public movement," said Fayaz Ahmad, a daily commuter. "We don't want to wait for a tragedy to happen before authorities take notice."

Locals said that concrete bridges should replace these outdated iron structures to ensure long-term durability and safety. They said that while smaller villages across Kashmir are getting upgraded road infrastructure, Bandipora's key routes remain neglected.

Meanwhile, locals have urged both the Sonawari and Bandipora MLAs to look into the matter and ensure prompt action is taken, so that commuters no longer have to suffer due to the deteriorating condition of these crucial bridges—(KNO)

# Kashmir Earns Rs 181 Crore From Minor Mineral Extraction In 5 years

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The Kashmir division has witnessed a significant boost in revenue from minor mineral extraction, collecting Rs 181.04 crore over the past five years. The financial year 2023-24 marked the highest revenue generation at Rs 53.99 crore, reflecting a growing focus on regulated mining practices.

Responding to rising concerns over illegal mining, particularly in District Budgam, the government said authorities have intensified enforcement actions. "Between 2022 and January 2025, a total of 1,499 vehicles and machinery involved in unauthorized extraction were seized, and 79 FIRs were lodged. The cumulative compounding fines collected during this period amounted to Rs 1.63 crore," it said.

The figures were shared by the Jammu and Kashmir government in the Legislative Assembly, following queries raised by 14 MLAs regarding illegal mining activities in the Dood-Ganga and Shali Ganga rivers in Budgam.

In its response, the government denied any recent illegal exploitation in these areas, as-

serting that stringent action is being taken against violators whenever such activities are detected.

Officials said that out of 202 active mineral leases in the region, 144 have been allotted to local residents, while 58 are held by non-locals. This allocation is seen as a step toward empowering local communities and ensuring transparency in resource utilisation.

Earlier, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had taken serious note of environmental violations in the region. In its March 8, 2022 order in Raja Muzaffar Bhat vs. Union of India & Others, the NGT held the J&K government accountable for failing to prevent solid waste dumping, untreated sewage discharge, and illegal mining in Doodhganga and Mamath Kul in Budgam. The tribunal directed the state to pay Rs 1 crore as interim compensation for environmental restoration.

In compliance, the Mining Department deposited the amount with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, and seven restoration works were subsequently undertaken and completed by the Flood Control Department in Doodh-

ganga Nallah and Mamath Kul.

To strengthen oversight, the J&K government has instituted a robust monitoring mechanism. A Multi-Departmental District Level Task Force Cell, headed by Deputy Commissioners, has been established alongside Divisional-Level Monitoring Squads, District Officers, and Mineral Check Posts to curb illegal mining and unauthorised transportation of minerals.

The district-wise data from Budgam reveals a dynamic enforcement trend: From 2022 to 2023, 658 vehicles/machinery were seized, 13 FIRs lodged and Rs 1.06 crore fines were collected. In 2023-24, 424 seizures, 21 FIRs, Rs 81.73 lakh fine. In 2024-25 (up to January), 417 seizures, 45 FIRs, and Rs 71.21 lakh were collected.

Revenue collection from minor minerals in Kashmir has seen notable fluctuations: 2020-21: Rs 9.71 crore, 2021-22: Rs 43.81 crore, 2022-23: Rs 32.97 crore, 2023-24: Rs 53.99 crore, 2024-25 (till Jan): Rs 40.56 crore.

The government said it continues to emphasise strict compliance with mining regulations for sustainable resource management and environmental protection in the region—(KNO)

## CS Pushes For Tourism Promotion Of Reasi's 'Iconic Rail Bridges'



Observer News Service

**REASI:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday conducted an exhaustive visit to two of the region's most iconic engineering landmarks; the Anji Khad Bridge and the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River in Reasi district.

Recognizing the immense potential of these architectural marvels, the Chief Secretary called for their immediate promotion as key tourist destinations. He emphasized that both sites, due to their engineering brilliance and scenic location, deserve to be integrated into the broader tourism circuit of the region.

Highlighting the proximity of these sites to the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, the Chief Secretary advised that the pilgrims visiting the cave shrine should be encouraged to also visit Anjikhad and the Chenab Rail Bridge.

This, he observed, would not only diversify the tourism offerings of the region but also serve as a catalyst for local economic development, generating employment and entrepreneurship

opportunities for the local youth.

In his interaction with the district administration, the Chief Secretary directed the officials to explore development of supporting infrastructure and visitor amenities around both the locations. This included provision for rest areas, guided tours, food stalls and other facilities aimed at enhancing the overall experience for the tourists and pilgrims alike. He also stressed the need for installing informative signage and display boards at the sites. These boards, he said, should highlight the unique technological and structural features of these bridges. By doing so, visitors would not only gain insights into the engineering prowess behind these projects but would also develop a sense of national pride and appreciation for the infrastructural advancements being made across the country, he added.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; DC, Reasi; SSP, Reasi; senior officers from the Northern Railways and other local officers from civil administration and police department.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER BUDGAM

**Subject:- Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Solid Waste Management in Block Budgam District Budgam.**

On behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Expression of Interest (EOI) from the eligible and interested agencies are hereby invited for the execution of a Solid Waste Management Plan in Block Budgam of District Budgam.

**1. BACKGROUND:**

The Solid Waste Management program aims to implement effective and scientific Waste Management Practices in Block Budgam, in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The programme will cover 25 Panchayat Halqas of Block Budgam.

The details of households of Block Nagam are as under:-

S.No.	Cluster	Name of Panchayat Halqa	No. of Households	Total No. of Households
1	I	Gudsathoo A	463	2272
2		Gudsathoo B	576	
3		Naroo	210	
4		Ichkoot	1023	
5	II	Ichgam A	250	1719
6		Ichgam B	245	
7		Ichgam C	280	
8		Ichgam D	250	
9	III	Qazibagh	694	2917
10		Budina	630	
11		Harada Batapora	285	
12		Putilbagh	361	
13	IV	Shoolipora A	508	2453
14		Shoolipora B	508	
15		Waterwani	625	
16		Choon	700	
17	V	Razwan	828	3201
18		Mamat	413	
19		Skeikhpora	512	
20		Mahwara	541	
21		Sundipora	747	
22		N S Pora A	504	
23		N S Pora B	508	
24		Sebdan	430	
25		Lakhripora	371	

**2. SCOPE OF WORK:**

The contracting agency will be responsible for the following processes:-

**\* SOLID WASTE COLLECTION:**

a) Sanitation and Door-to-Door collection of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste from all households viz. covering all households, shops, factories, industrial establishment, etc. at least thrice a week.

b) Panchayat-Halqa-Wise schedule of waste collection shall further be notified in consultation with the concerned Panchayat level officials

c) The intending agency shall collect all types of waste-door-to-door waste, waste from already installed dustbins, and legacy sites so that the status of ODF Plus is sustained.

d) Effective and scientific management and disposal of collected waste in an environmentally sustainable manner. A weekly review/report shall be submitted in the office of undersigned to ascertain the effectiveness of weekly disposal.

**\* REVENUE COLLECTION:**

a) Conducting a fresh survey, in consultation with the field functionaries of this Block to update the household data and include commercial factories, business units, institutions, shops etc. Collection of monthly fees/Charges from the households preferably in digital mode will be deposited in new account opened by the firm specifically for the purpose of revenue collection. QR code of that bank account should be easily available to the households.

b) Revenue generation through sustainable waste management practices, such as selling segregated dry waste to authorized dealers

c) Revenue will be collected by the agency/firm and it should maintain panchayat wise cashbook on monthly basis and shall share the statement with BDO office on regular basis.

**\* MAINTENANCE:**

The agency shall be responsible for

a) Maintenance and upkeep of 05 (Five) departmental garbage collection vehicles and ensuring there use only for solid waste management purpose.

b) 5 No of vehicles will be provided by the Department for waste collection and the agency can meet out the additional demand at his own level also the agency shall engage its own staff for the operation of these vehicles and ensure maintenance of these vehicle in all respects.

c) The agency shall be responsible for any damage to the vehicle and shall hand over all the assets viz vehicles / machinery civil structures to the concerned department after completing the allotment of one year. The agency shall collect and any plastic waste and ensure its disposal at Plastic Waste Management Unit at Qazibagh

d) The contracting agency has to operate and maintain all the vehicles at its own level and has to bear the electricity, POL and maintains charges of vehicles/ missionary. The agency will be required to obtain necessary permissions / Approvals from the office of undersigned for repair and maintains of the machinery if required at any time.

**\* DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND PENAL PROVISION:**

a) In case of any dispute, the Block Development Officer Budgam of this office shall be the first appellate authority. The 2nd appellate authority shall be the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP), Budgam and the third appellate & Final authority shall be the District Level Committee for implementation of SBM-G with Deputy Commissioner Budgam as its Chairperson.

b) The contracting agency shall have to report to the office of undersigned in case of any violation by any Household/establishment for imposing a fine.

c) In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the Budgam District Court shall hold exclusive jurisdiction and serve as the ultimate deciding body. 'Repercussions' in this context refer to any adverse consequences, claims, Disputes, legal actions or related incidents that may arise.

**\* IEC ENDEAVORS AND INCITING BEHAVIORAL CHANGE:**

a) The contracting agency shall chalk out a plan for a sustained IEC campaign for inciting behavioral change among the people through various means. The means could be composing appealing and effective sanitation jingles played through overhead speakers of waste collection vehicles on a regular basis, organizing special sanitation drives by involving local youth clubs, students, and Self Help Groups, organizing monthly felicitation ceremonies for best cooperative and complying Panchayats in consultation with the undersigned and the District administration, etc...Monthly IEC Plans, 10 days in advance, to be submitted to the office of undersigned for review and approval.

b) The contracting agency shall influence the general public through its best possible sanitation services and shall motivate and convince them to segregate the waste at the source besides reducing the use of Single Use Plastics.

**\* ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The contracting agency must meet the following criteria:

a) The agency can be a sole proprietor, registered partnership firm, limited liability partnership, public limited company, private limited company, society or NGO, etc.

b) The agency must have an average annual turnover of more than Rs: 50,00,000 (Rupees fifty lakh) for the last two years.

c) Previous experience in managing public utilities as PPP/outourcing and knowledge of waste management, including running decentralized solid waste management processes, will be advantageous.

d) Additional experience in community mobilization and IEC activities will be preferred.

e) The agency must deposit a Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs: 35,00,000/- (Rupees thirty five lakhs only) pledged to the Office of undersigned.

f) Only those Firms/agencies should participate in bidding process which are not blacklisted by any Government institution.

**4) REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

a) GST certificate with latest filing.

b) Pan card

c) Adhaar card.

d) Experience certificate and all other documents as required by the bid.

e) Affidavit issued by Judicial Magistrate. Format of the affidavit

Subject: Submission of affidavit (issued by Judicial Magistrate) by the bidders willing to participate in the bidding process.

**Annexure 1a**

"I/we (Name of company) \_\_\_\_\_ and address \_\_\_\_\_ have participated in the bid No \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare: that genuine and valid documents viz. Experience, turnover and all other documents as required by the bid have been submitted to BDO Budgam. I/we bidder will not try to influence any official of this office, if so, we shall be disqualified from the Tending process. I hereby accept all the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document including all annexures unconditionally.

(Acceptance of all the terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender to be duly signed and enclosed with undertaking).

Name of the firm/individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

**4. CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

a) Interested agencies must submit their EOI in sealed envelopes addressed to the office of undersigned by 17.04.2025 up to 4 PM.

b) The envelopes will be opened on the same day, 19.04.2025 at 2 PM in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives.

c) Evaluation of bids will be done on the basis of

1. Technical Evaluation will be done based on the prescribed eligibility criteria.

2. Financial Evaluation will be done on the basis of :-

I) The agency offering lowest rates for collection of solid waste both at house hold level and at commercial level.

II) The agency which will share maximum revenue with the panchayats will be preferred.

III) After the technical and financial bidding the selected bidder shall submit an affidavit as required by the BDO Office.

IV) The successful bidder will be exempted from depositing any percentage collected revenue to BDO office for 1st two months after the award of contract.

V) Successful bidder has to deposit a minimum of 20% from the revenue towards the Department on monthly basis.

**5) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

a) The selected agency will be awarded a one-year contract, which may be extendable based on its performance and the necessity of the Department.

b) The agency shall adhere to all the terms and conditions specified in the EOI document.

c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI without assigning any reason therefor, in the interest of the Government, Department and Public funds.

d) The service provider should abide by and comply all statutory requirements and provisions as laid down under various Labour Laws/Acts/Rules like minimum wages, provident fund, ESI, bonus, gratuity etc., and any other provisions of the contract Labour act and other Labour Laws/Acts/Rules as applicable from time to time at their own cost.

**6. SUBMISSION OF EOI AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

a) Interested agencies must submit their sealed envelopes containing the EOI to the following address: Office of the Block Development Officer, Budgam District Budgam.

b) For any inquiries or clarifications regarding the EOI, interested agencies may contact Block Development Officer, Budgam at the above-mentioned email on bdo@bdoagdm@gmail.com

**7. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS:**

\*The results of the EOI evaluation will be communicated to the eligible agencies through official communication channels.

**8. LEGAL AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

a) The selected agency must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical standards during the execution of the Solid Waste Management project in Block Budgam.

b) The contracting agency has to adhere to a) the environment Protection act 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and the by-laws drafted and passed by the Gram Panchayats in letter and spirit.

c) Sub-contracting shall not be allowed and shall be considered illegal.

d) The contracting agency has to submit an affidavit duly attested by a Judicial Magistrate affirming therein the commitment to bear all costs related to damage, theft, or loss incurred to the vehicles/machinery of the department during the execution of the SWM project.

e) In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the Budgam District Court shall hold exclusive jurisdiction and serve as the ultimate deciding body. 'Repercussions' in this context refer to any adverse consequences, claims, disputes, legal actions, or related incidents that may arise.

The process of technical Evaluation will be done by a designated committee based on the score for the solutions & procedures provided by the agencies to transform the entire solid waste management into an efficient, effective and sustainable one of this Block.

Termination of Services:

1. BDO Budgam will have no direct or indirect liability arising out of such negligent, rash and impetuous driving or any other unlawful activities by the staff of the service provider, which are offence under relevant sections of Motor Vehicle Act, 1968 and BNC and any damage caused to BDO Budgam have to be suitably compensated by the service provider may invite termination of the contract.

2. Contract can be terminated after three complaints from gram panchayat if proven guilty by committee constituted by BDO Budgam for that purpose.

3. The garbage vehicles should be used for the purpose of waste collection only and any deviation shall result in forfeiture of performance security.

No:- BDO/BN/  
Dated:-

**DIPK-262-25  
DT: 10/04/2025**

Block Development Officer,  
Budgam



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