

Flash Flood Alert As J&K Braces For Heavy Rain



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Meteorological Department Srinagar on Saturday said that Jammu and Kashmir will see a mix of hot and humid weather with spells of rain over the coming days, warning of intense showers and flash flood risks in parts of the Jammu division.

Director MET, Dr. Mukhtar

Ahmad said that from July 26-27, the region will experience hot and humid conditions with brief showers at a few places.

From July 28-30, intermittent light to moderate rain/thundershowers are likely, with intense showers and heavy rain at a few places of the Jammu division, mainly during late night and early morning | [More on P6](#)

Post-370, 890 Central Laws Now Apply In J&K: LG

'Committed To Legal Aid For Armed Forces, Tribals' | Says Justice Must Reach The Poorest Of Poor

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 has paved the way for Jammu and Kashmir's full integration with the rest of the country, enabling the application of 890 Central laws that were previously not applicable in the region.

Speaking at the North



Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals: Bridging the Gaps" in Srinagar, LG Sinha said, "Article 370 was nullified by the Indian Parliament in 2019, and the Supreme Court later upheld the decision. Today, every law that applies in the rest of India is also applicable in J&K," the LG said.

Sinha said that major initiatives | [More on P6](#)

Legal Aid Scheme Launched For Soldiers' Families

For the first time in India's history, legal assistance will now be provided proactively to the families of soldiers. The new initiative, titled the NALSA Veer Parivar

Sahayata Yojana 2025, is aimed at relieving Indian soldiers from the domestic legal burdens while they serve in harsh terrains and far-flung regions. The scheme was formally

launched Saturday at a conference in Srinagar by Justice Surya Kant, Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the next | [More on P6](#)

President, PM Lead Homage on Kargil Divas

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday led the nation in paying tributes to military personnel who fought valiantly in harsh conditions to hand Pakistan a crushing defeat in the 1999 Kargil conflict.

On July 26 that year, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of "Operation Vijay", declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.

India observes the day as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' every year. Over 500 soldiers made supreme sacrifice in the conflict.

In her message, President Murmu, who is also the Supreme Commander of the military, said: "This day symbolises the extraordinary valor, courage, and steadfast determination of our jawans."

Modi said Kargil Vijay Diwas reminds the country of unparalleled courage and valour of its soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defending the country's pride. Various events | [More on P6](#)

Aprons, Nameplates Must: J&K Govt To Medics

Observer News Service

Srinagar- The Jammu and Kashmir government has directed all doctors and paramedical staff in government healthcare institutions to strictly adhere to the norms regarding the wearing of white aprons and nameplates during duty hours.

The directive comes after it was observed that a significant number of medical professionals—including those engaged under the National Health Mission (NHM) and Ayush—do not wear aprons or display their

identity properly, leading to confusion among patients and attendants.

"It has been observed that doctors and paramedical staff in various government healthcare institutions are not strictly adhering to the prescribed norms regarding the wearing of aprons and displaying of nameplates during duty hours. Such non-compliance is causing inconvenience to patients in identifying healthcare personnel," reads the circular.

It reads that all doctors, including those engaged under NHM and | [More on P6](#)

Probe Ordered Into SMHS Incident

On the directions of Ministers for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, Enquiry Officer has been appointed to probe the recent incident at SMHS Srinagar on July 23. As per the order issued by, Health and Medical Education department, Mission Director, National Health Mission J&K, Baseer ul Haq Chaudhary has been appointed as the Enquiry Officer to conduct a comprehensive examination of | [More on P6](#)

ALL HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS, AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS have been directed to ensure strict compliance with the instructions in their respective institution."

Op Sindoor To Be Part Of NCERT Syllabus

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The NCERT is developing a special classroom module on Operation Sindoor to help students learn about India's defence strategy and diplomatic response, according to sources.

The module will have two parts—first for students from class 3 to 8 and another one for students from class 9 to 12.

A source said that the special module prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will have 8 to 10 pages focussing on India's strategic military response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

"The aim is to make students understand how nations respond to terror threats and how defence, diplomacy, and coordination between ministries

play a role in national security," the source said.

Twenty-six men were gunned down in front of their family members in a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22.

India retaliated by targeting terror sites in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, leading to a four-day conflict between the two countries.

A special dis-cussion on Operation Sindoor would also be taken up in the Lok Sabha from Monday after a weeklong virtual washout of Parliament proceedings.

The opposition made a strong demand for a discussion on Operation Sindoor on the first day of the Monsoon session.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and | [More on P6](#)



J&K To Get Law University, ₹50 Cr Allocated: CM

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is set to get its first dedicated Law University, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced on Saturday, with an initial allocation of ₹50 crore sanctioned for the project.

Highlighting the Government's vision, the Chief Minister said that the institution will focus on specialized legal education and research in fields such as tribal law, military justice, constitutional studies, and environmental law.

Omar was addressing a two-day north zone regional conference on reaffirming the constitutional vision of justice for defence personnel and tribals at SKICC.

Reaffirming his government's support to the legal



services in delivering justice to the "most marginalised", he said that "we must remain committed to provide every institutional, financial, and technological support" necessary to transform constitutional promises into everyday realities.

"The true test of our legal system lies in its treatment of all the weaker sections of

the society, including those who have defended us without question and those whose rights have too often gone unrecognised," Omar said.

This test must be met with humility, guarantee and resolve, he added.

The CM said the thematic focus of the conference on the rights and entitlements of defence personnel and tribal communities, touches upon two segments of the society — the defence personnel who defend the Constitution with unflinching resolve, and the tribals who have long waited for its full embrace.

"It is our collective responsibility to ensure that the institutions of justice rise to meet their needs with speed, sensitivity, and strength," he said.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of | [More on P6](#)

HC Overturns JKB Dismissal, Grants Pension

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has quashed the retrospective dismissal of retired J&K Bank officer Naseer Ahmad Sheikh, terming the disciplinary proceedings "arbitrary" and "procedurally flawed."

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani observed that Sheikh, who retired in June 2021 after 34 years of service, was dismissed nearly a year later, in April 2022, without being given a fair opportunity to defend himself. The court found that key witnesses were not examined, crucial evidence was ignored, and Sheikh was denied a chance to cross-examine those involved.

The charges related to temporary

'Shorter Hajj, Same Price' Special 20-Day Package Announced, Only 66 From J&K Apply

Agencies

Srinagar: In a first, the Haj Committee of India (HCOI) has introduced a 20 day 'Short Hajj Package' for 2026. According to reports, the package covers minimum stay in Makkah and Madinah, and the core Hajj rituals in 20 days.

The package is aimed at individuals who cannot spare time for the usual 35-40-day stay due to work or personal commitments.

Officials from the J&K Hajj Committee said that while the package offers a shorter stay, primarily by reducing the number of days in Madina, it does not



significantly lower the overall cost of the pilgrimage.

"The package is meant for those who cannot stay for the full duration. However, the

expenses remain nearly the same because airfare, transportation, and most service charges are unchanged. The only | [More on P6](#)

J&K Polytechnics Get 30-Day Vacation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has announced a 30-day summer vacation for all Government and Recognised Private Polytechnics beginning July 21.

An order issued in this regard by Directorate of Skill Development J&K reads, "Consequent upon approval conveyed by the Administrative Department vide letter under reference, it is hereby ordered that all the Government/ Recognized Private Polytechnics in JKUT shall observe 30 days summer vacation commenced from 21.07.2025 to 19.08.2025"

The order further reads that all the Principals / HODs of Government Polytechnics of J&K UT shall remain | [More on P6](#)

GoI Mandates Safety Audit In All Schools

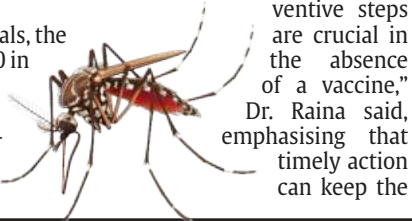
KO Web Desk

New Delhi: The Ministry of Education has issued a directive to all states and Union territories mandating them to conduct audits of safety mechanisms and facilities for children in schools, officials said on Saturday.

The Education Ministry has also called for schools to ensure the structural integrity of buildings. This comes a day after a portion of a government school in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district collapsed on Friday (July 25, 2025), killing seven children and leaving 28 injured.

"States and UTs must take urgent steps to ensure student's safety and their well-being. This includes mandatory safety audits of schools and child-related facilities as per national safety codes, training for staff and students in emergency preparedness, and the provision of psychosocial support through counselling and peer networks.

"Structural integrity, along with fire safety, emergency exits, and electrical wiring, must be thoroughly assessed. It must be ensured that staff and students are trained in emergency preparedness, including evacuation drills, | [More on P6](#)



Dengue Returns to J&K 23 Cases Reported, Authorities Step Up Vigilance

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has started witnessing the return of dengue, with 23 confirmed cases reported so far this year, prompting health officials to intensify their preventive efforts across the Union Territory.

According to officials, the majority of cases—20 in total—have been reported from the Jammu division. Three additional cases have

been traced to individuals from other states, while the Kashmir division has not recorded any infections yet.

State Malariologist Dr. D. J. Raina said that while the current figures remain relatively low, public vigilance remains key. "Panic is unnecessary, but proactive preventive steps

are crucial in the absence of a vaccine," Dr. Raina said, emphasising that timely action can keep the

mosquito-borne disease under control.

Despite a significant rise in testing this year, the infection rate has remained manageable so far. However, authorities have launched a wide-reaching anti-dengue campaign, involving fogging, spraying, and deploying bio-larvicide fish. The outreach strategy also includes mass awareness campaigns through newspapers, TV, radio, and social media, as well as public miking and community visits.

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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: Aspire Scholarship Program 2025-26

Description: Aspire Scholarship Program 2025-26 is a CSR initiative of SWAYAM Charitable Trust, a not-for-profit organization set up by Mr. Ajai Chowdhry and his family. The scholarship aims to provide financial support to underprivileged students pursuing B.Tech courses at 11 prestigious engineering institutions across India.

Eligibility: Students joining the first year of B.Tech courses at any of the specified 11 institutions can apply. The annual family income of the applicants should not exceed INR 6 lakh from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: A total of 28 beneficiaries will be awarded scholarships based on the actual fee structure. The scholarship fund will be provided for academic expenses such as tuition fees, hostel fees, food, and related expenses. The duration of the scholarship will be 4 years, subject to meeting the specified criteria for yearly renewal.

- Last Date to Apply: 31-08-2025
- Application mode: Online Applications Only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ASPI4
- QR Code: <https://d2w711p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/2025-261753160299.png>

Scholarship Name 2: HDFC Bank Parivartan's ECSS Programme 2025-26



Description: HDFC Bank invites applications from students in Classes 1 to postgraduate level for the ECSS Scholarship 2025-26. This program supports meritorious and underprivileged students from financially challenged backgrounds. Eligibility: Open to Indian nationals only. Students in Classes 1-12, diploma, ITI, polytechnic, undergraduate, and postgraduate (general and professional) courses. Minimum 55% marks in the last qualifying exam. Annual family income must be INR 2.5 lakh or less. Preference for students who have faced personal or family crises in the past three years, affecting their ability to continue education.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 75,000

- Last Date to Apply: 04-09-2025
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/HDFC57
- QR Code: <https://d2w711p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/2025-261753159637.png>

Scholarship Name 3: Corteva Agriscience Scholarship Program 2025-26

Description: An initiative of Corteva Agriscience Seeds Pvt. Ltd., this program aims to provide financial assistance to meritorious students pursuing undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral courses in the area of agriculture and allied streams. Eligibility: Female students in postgraduate (MBA/M.Sc./M.Tech.), doctoral, or undergraduate courses in government colleges. The applicant's annual family income must be 6,00,000 or less. Students from across India can apply. Children of employees of Corteva & Buddy4Study are not eligible.

- Prizes & Rewards:
- For UG students: 25,000
- For PG students: 35,000
- Last Date to Apply: 31-08-2025
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/CASP5

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Tariq Ahmad Wani S/O Gh Mohd Wani R/o Manzimpura Shopian, fko

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My name has been wrongly written in my Domicile certificate as Fayaz Ahmad Ganai S/O Mohammad Ramzan Ganai R/o Zalloora While My Correct Name Is Fayaz Ahmad Ganie S/O Mohd Ramzan Ganie R/o zalloora. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained
Fayaz Ahmad Ganie S/O Mohd Ramzan Ganie R/o zalloora fko

انزبابت بومئی زمینگیر

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب عالی علی دختر علی محمد میر سائلہ بیوری پورو ہمدرا جرائی لیگل ہیر اڈیچینٹ سرفٹیکٹ بکن خود

اشتہار ہرخاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض لیگل ہیر/ اڈیچینٹ سرفٹیکٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا والد علی محمد میر مورخہ 25-04-1999 کو فوت ہوا ہے اور متعلق کے وارثان جائزہ دیکھ رہے ہیں

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عنوان درخواست نسبت عوارض ولفد شمع لون سائلہ منوع واگب حاصل کوئی براد عطا ئی فوگئی سند بکن والد متوفی محمد شمع لون

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انزبابت بومئی

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب محمد رمضان ولد غلام احمد نجار سائلہ براد عطا ئی OBC تحت 176 SRO بحق پسر ادنان رمضان

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

No: --/B&D/TZ/2025 Date: 26/07/25

Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Ghulam Mohammad Dar S/o Ghulam Rasool Dar R/o Latishat , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of his son namely Uzair Ahmad Dar who was born on 16-08-2013 as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Naib Tehsildar Executive Magistrate Bomial fko

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

No: --/B&D/TZ/2025 Date: 26/07/25

Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Abdul Rouff Makhdoomi S/o Yahya Abdullah R/o Tuijar , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of his Daughter namely Nairah Abdullah who was born on 29-05-2010 as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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No: --/B&D/TZ/2025 Date: 26/07/25

Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Zahoor Ahmad Teeli S/o Ab Gani Teeli R/o Seloo , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of of SELF who was born on 10-11-1984 as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

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عنوان:- درخواست منجانب بشیر احمد تیلی ولد غلام محمد تیلی سائلہ نوہوہ ہمدرا عطا ئی OBC تحت 176 SRO بحق پسر شمشت بشیر

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Op Sindoor Showcased India's Might: Union Law Minister At SKICC

Agencies

Srinagar: Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Saturday praised the armed forces for their unwavering commitment to the nation and lauded their growing stature following the success of Operation Sindoor.

The Minister while speaking at North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities at SKICC here on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, described "Operation Sindoor" as a symbol of India's decisive military response.

"I congratulate the organisers for holding such a meaningful programme on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. This is the first event of its kind after Operation Sindoor, which demonstrated India's might to the world," he said.

The Union Law Minister lauded the Indian Army's swift and strategic action during "Operation Sindoor," launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians.

"The operation, which destroyed nine terror camps deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir

(PoK) within 22 minutes sent as a bold message to the world that India has zero tolerance towards terrorism," he added.

The Union Law Minister narrated a few lines of a song being sung in Rajasthan in the honour of the armed forces after the success of 'Operation Sindoor.' Talking to reporters on the side-lines of the event, Meghwal said that three major legal initiatives have been taken in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure ease of justice delivery to members of the armed forces and tribal communities. "We are committed to providing legal aid to the tribal population and ensuring timely legal assistance to our jawans. Legal support is essential for those who defend our borders and for the tribal communities who often face systemic barriers," he said.

Meghwal urged the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) to play an active role in ensuring that legal aid is not just a formality, but a tool to empower the deprived and vulnerable sections of society. He emphasized that such efforts are essential for protecting constitutional rights and upholding the spirit of inclusive justice.(KNO)



Google Executives Call On CM Omar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A team of senior executives from Google met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and offered to be part of the journey of digitisation through AI and empowering people of the Jammu and Kashmir through technology.

The Google team comprised of leadership executives Ashish Watal - Country Director, Sanjay Dewan - Head State Governments sector, Pankaj Shukla - Head Technology & AI from Google Cloud.

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The team informed the CM that focus verticals with AI technology intervention in Education and Health will have a huge impact on lives of the citizens of J&K.

They stated that giving access to AI platforms to the startup community will help local solutions from within Jammu and Kashmir and also give an opportunity to the young tech force within the state to get exposure on deep tech platforms and create AI based applications which will be used within and outside Jammu & Kashmir.

GMC Principal Assures Action After Journalists Assaulted

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In response to the recent incident involving the manhandling of journalists on the premises of SMHS Hospital, the Principal of Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, Professor Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah, on Saturday met with several members of the media to address their concerns and assure appropriate action.

The meeting followed Wednesday's confrontation, during which protesting postgraduate doctors allegedly assaulted at least three journalists attempting to cover the ongoing strike. A police officer who tried to intervene was also reportedly pushed aside. Journalists described the situation as hostile and urged the administration to take immediate disciplinary and legal steps.

Dr. Iffat Shah expressed regret over the incident and assured the media that the matter was under investigation by a government-appointed inquiry officer. "The conduct of doctors involved in the episode will be closely examined. The treatment meted out to media personnel is a serious matter and will be thoroughly addressed," she stated. She also stressed the need for restoring professional harmony between healthcare providers and the press.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police from Shaheed Gunj was also present at the meeting. Journalists urged legal proceedings against those responsible, including some Medical Representatives who were reportedly seen siding with the striking doctors.

Wholesale Mutton Dealers Union Calls On Advisor To CM

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A delegation of the All Kashmir Wholesale Mutton Dealers' Union met Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to Chief Minister, at the Chief Minister's Raabita Office in Srinagar.

The delegation apprised the Advisor of the challenges they are facing in the smooth transportation of livestock into Kashmir, particularly while passing through the state of Punjab. They conveyed their concern over repeated disruptions and difficulties being encountered by livestock carriers during transit through the state, which is affecting the timely and safe supply of livestock to the Valley.

The Union members urged the intervention of the J&K Government in taking up the issue with the authorities in Punjab to ensure hassle-free passage of livestock trucks.

The Advisor gave them a patient hearing and assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up with the Punjab Government on priority and all the genuine concerns of the livestock traders will be addressed to avoid any disruption in the supply chain.

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- 1214 - 1st battle of Bouvines - King Philips II of France vs Holy Roman Emperor Otto IV and King John of England; as a result John lost Normandy and his other possessions in France (hence his nickname Jhn "Lackland")
- 1914 Felix Manalo registers the Iglesia ni Cristo with the Filipino government.
- 1917 - World War I: Allied troops reach the Yser Canal in the prelude to the Battle of Passchendaele
- 1922 - International Geographical Union forms in Brussels
- 1941 - Japanese forces land in Indo-China
- 1943 - 772 British bombers attack Hamburg
- 1965 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a bill requiring cigarette makers to print health warnings on all cigarette packages about the effects of smoking.
- 1967 - Arabs Federation premier Hoessein Al Bayoomi resigns
- 1970 - France performs nuclear Test at Mururoa atoll
- 1975 - The British government closes its consulate in Angola following increasing fighting between the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and South African troops
- 1976 - Japanese ex-premier Tanaka arrested (Lockheed Affair)
- 1982 - Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's first visit to the US in almost 11 years
- 1986 - Iraqi jets attack central Iranian city of Arak; Iran threatens missile attack of gulf states supporting Iraq
- 1987 - First expedited salvaging of Titanic wreck begins by RMS Titanic, Inc.
- 1990 - Tom Moody scores 100 in 26 mins in county cricket, world record
- 1990 - White-Russia declares independence
- 1991 - TV Guide publishes its 2000th edition
- 1992 - Astros begins 26-game road trip to make room for Rep National Convention
- 1992 - Nelson Mandela says a general strike will go ahead to protest for the removal of South African President F. W. de Klerk from power and for free elections
- 1993 - Mafia bombs historical buildings in Rome/ Milan/Vatican City, 5 killed
- 1995 - Korean War Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.
- 1997 - Si Zerrouk massacre in Algeria; about 50 people killed.
- 2002 - Ukraine airshow disaster: A Sukhoi Su-27 fighter crashes during an air show at Lviv, Ukraine killing 85 and injuring more than 100 others, the largest air show disaster in history.
- 2003 - A group of 321 Filipino armed soldiers called "Magdalo" took over the Oakwood Premier Ayala Center in Makati City to show the Filipino people the alleged corruption of the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo administration
- 2005 - STS-114: NASA grounds the Space shuttle, pending an investigation of the external tank's continued foam-shedding problem
- 2007 - Two News helicopters from Phoenix, Arizona television stations KNXV and KTVK collide over Steele Indian School Park in central Phoenix while covering a police chase; there were no survivors. Worst civil aviation incident in Phoenix history.
- 2013 - 100 people are killed and 1,500 injured in a crackdown against protesters in Cairo, Egypt
- 2013 - 1,000 inmates escape from a prison in Benghazi, Libya
- 2013 - First Przewalski's horse (whose wild populations were believed extinct in 1969) is born via artificial insemination at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute as part of a worldwide effort to rebuild the wild herds
- 2014 - Liberia shuts down most of its borders with fears about the spread of Ebola epidemic
- 2014 - Obama reaffirms Israel's "right to defend itself", but condemns civilian casualties in Gaza
- 2017- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos briefly becomes world's richest person at \$91.4B USD, overtaking Bill Gates for half a day

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KO VIEW

Kashmir’s Startup Problem

In recent years, Government of India has bet big on start-ups. It’s a bet that’s paid off in cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune, but not in Kashmir. Despite over a dozen incubation centres dotting the region, and generous government incentives, the valley’s unemployment crisis is only growing sharper.

The gap isn’t in infrastructure. It’s cultural, structural, and human. Startup India is a national mission. But in Jammu and Kashmir, it’s still largely a slogan.

Local entrepreneurs report that they can’t find reliable, skilled workers. At the same time, thousands of qualified youth complain of a mismatch between their aspirations and what’s on offer.

A young tech graduate may learn Python in theory, but he either finds no meaningful application for it in the local economy or is lured away by Gulf salaries. Even when startups try to build in Kashmir, they can’t retain talent. And those with talent don’t find reasons to stay.

This is not a simple jobs-versus-workers issue. It is about deep systemic misalignment.

Practical skills are in short supply because colleges still teach for exams, not enterprises. Incubators, often run by academics with little industry exposure, are disconnected from the market. They host PowerPoint-heavy “bootcamps” rather than build product-ready companies. Without strong industry partnerships, these centres become more ceremonial than catalytic.

Traditional sectors like handicrafts and tourism, meanwhile, still dominate Kashmir’s economy. But these fields offer seasonal income, little tech infusion, and no room for modern ambition. Agriculture may feed the region, but it doesn’t excite the engineers it produces.

Then there’s the trust gap. Workers feel underpaid and undervalued. Businesses fear investing in people who might migrate the moment a government job opens up. And because private firms can’t offer long-term security, they struggle to compete.

To solve this, the government must move beyond laying stones for centres and start cultivating actual companies. Engage industry leaders, not merely academics who see startups as a career move. Bring commerce into classrooms. Encourage schools to teach entrepreneurship as a life skill, not a last resort.

The valley lacks alignment not ideas. What Kashmir needs is a business culture that sees innovation as more than jargon and stability as more than a government posting.

Startups can succeed in Kashmir. But only when we stop mistaking incubation for transformation.

Younus Yousuf Ganie

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There is a growing disconnect between the ethics we preach and the behaviours we normalize. We are drifting toward performative piety and away from introspective faith.

Smoke Over Eden

As the world debates politics and progress, Kashmir battles a collapse of memory, values, and belonging.

There’s the Kashmir we see in pictures: green valleys, snowy peaks, and calm lakes. Then there’s the Kashmir people carry inside them today, one that feels tired, broken, and lost. The two no longer match.

The story of Kashmir is too often framed through security and geopolitics. News cycles swing between discord and diplomatic statements.

But that lens misses something more personal and unsettling.

What’s happening in Kashmir today isn’t just a power struggle or strife. It’s a slow, deep moral and emotional collapse. Beyond jobs and jibes, we are losing each other.

The numbers tell part of the story.

According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, Jammu and Kashmir continues to face one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Young people, especially the educated, spend their days waiting for purpose.

Around 12% of the population lives in multidimensional poverty. Half don’t have access to basic sanitation. Over a quarter go without adequate nutrition.

For those who find work in the tourism sector, the situation is increasingly unstable. After the April 2025 attack on tourists in Pahalgam, the valley’s economy suffered another blow.

Bookings dropped, hotels emptied, and families dependent on that income were left without options.

But even those economic hardships don’t fully explain what’s happening.

Something bigger is unraveling: Trust is thinning, suspicion is spreading, and a deep emotional fatigue is setting in.

In a place that often prides itself on cultural and religious unity, old social divisions have started to harden again.

Marginalized groups still struggle to gain space in religious, educational, and matrimonial institutions. Sectarian tensions are being fed by seclusion. Neighbourhoods that once shared rituals and resources now talk less, visit less, and fear more.

Even more troubling is the rise in superstition and stigma. Accusations of black magic, spiritual manipulation, and whispered fears have spiralled into real consequences.

They’ve become symptoms of a larger breakdown in rationality,



trust, and civic life.

Religion, once a source of guidance and grounding, is often being pulled in the opposite direction. Mosques are crowded, but that doesn’t always reflect spiritual clarity. Sermons speak of truth, but society rewards cunning.

There is a growing disconnect between the ethics we preach and the behaviours we normalize. We are drifting toward performative piety and away from introspective faith.

Among the young, mental health is in crisis. A study by Médecins Sans Frontières found that 45% of Kashmiris show symptoms of mental distress. That was before the pandemic, before more lockdowns, before the latest round of instability.

For many in their teens and twenties, life is a blur of anxiety, situational stress and self-doubt. Social media is their outlet, but often it intensifies the loneliness it promises to fix.

Kashmir is also losing its language, memory, and sense of cultural place. Crafts like papier-mâché and Kani shawl weaving are declining. Fewer children grow up speaking Kashmiri with fluency. Traditional songs and stories are slipping out of households.

In schools and homes, a cultural silence has taken hold from disconnection.

Even the environment is now under strain. Dal Lake, once central to Kashmir’s identity, is suffocating under untreated waste. The Jhelum’s waters are polluted. Glaciers

are shrinking. Forests are vanishing. The very symbols of Kashmiri resilience are under threat.

What we are experiencing is not just political gridlock or economic hardship. It’s a slow erosion of moral life.

The virtues that once held communities together, like empathy, dignity, self-restraint, are fraying under pressure. Influence now holds more value than integrity. Fame matters more than service. Being feared has become more useful than being respected.

And yet, people still whisper their hopes. Many still believe there is something to protect, if only we can name it honestly.

Kashmir doesn’t need another development scheme without dignity, or another speech that doesn’t mention grief. It needs moral repair.

And that kind of repair begins at the level of daily life, in the way we treat neighbours, raise children, speak across faiths, and listen when we disagree.

Healing won’t come from the top down or outside. It will come from rebuilding the ethics of everyday relationships.

Until then, the phrase “Paradise on Earth” will remain more postcard than promise. And for those of us who call this place home, that hurts more than anything else.

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The Last Honest Language

In the shifting stillness of Kashmir, a teacher of literature unpacks how poets, parents, and forgotten gestures remind us that love, even today, is the last honest language we have.

Adil Mohiuddin

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Rumi said, “Love is the water of life.” Elif Shafak reminds us that love has no definition. It just is. I believe that. And I believe it even more in a place like Kashmir, where winter eats into bones, where stories survive on lips rather than paper.



the real world. They want to be engineers, doctors, IAS officers. They want salaries, not sonnets. But I tell them this: the world will break you in ways no job can fix. When that happens, it is not your resume you’ll turn to. It will be the poem you half-remember, or the voice of your mother on the phone, or the memory of someone who stayed when they could have left.

I think often of Dostoevsky, whispering to his wife on her deathbed, “Even in my thoughts, I haven’t betrayed you.”

There is a sacredness in that line. A type of fidelity that feels impossible now, in the era of swipes and scrolls. We live in a world that rewards detachment. We are trained to love with caution, feel with limits, and keep exits open.

But literature, and life in Kashmir, has taught me

otherwise.

Here, love survives in the smallest places. In the woman sewing by dim-light so her children can go to school. In the father who sold his land so his daughter could study medicine in Delhi. In the grandfather who walks five kilometers to bring his grandson a mango from the city.

These are the acts of love, done daily, without witness.

And yet, I worry. Something is fading. The language of affection is being replaced by the language of acquisition. We buy things to feel seen. We collect applause instead of connection. The more we chase material comfort, the more we lose the discomfort that makes love possible.

Love, by its nature, is not convenient. It is disruptive, and asks you to stay when staying costs you something.

There is a grief in this forgetting. I see it in my students, too. They’re sharp, ambitious, often tired. Some of them have never written a letter by hand. Some have never watched their parents hold each other’s gaze for longer than a second. Love, to them, is something that happens elsewhere: mostly in films and fiction, and rarely at home.

Still, I teach and read Yeats and Keats aloud, hoping that somewhere, a phrase will lodge itself in their memory like a pebble in a shoe, small but unshakable.

Rumi said, “Love is the water of life.” Elif Shafak reminds us that love has no definition. It just is. I believe that. And I believe it even more in a place like Kashmir, where winter eats into bones, where stories survive on lips rather than paper.

In the end, it is not degrees or declarations that endure. It is the hand on your shoulder when your voice shakes. It is the text that arrives before you ask. It is the stove lit early by a mother who knows your schedule better than you do.

Love is the thing that doesn’t need to be said, but is always there.

And in that, I still believe.

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On a summer morning in Vailoo, South Kashmir, the valley blazes awake in gold and green. Apricot trees drip with fruit, their shadows sharp on sun-cracked walls. From tin rooftops, mynahs rise like flung sparks. The air smells of dust, leaves, and something older: stories the wind won’t stop telling.

At school, I walk into my classroom, where students sit with their backs straight, books open, eyes expectant. I read to them from Yeats. The words carry slowly across the room: “When you are old and grey and full of sleep...” They nod, half-understanding, waiting for explanation.

I wait with them, not rushing, letting the line breathe. Sometimes, the meaning of love arrives in the pauses.

I am a teacher. But I speak often of things outside the syllabus: longing, affection, and the soft ache that remains when everything else disappears.

Love, I tell them, is not a subject, but a thread. It winds through literature, yes, but also through life. It binds a girl to the memory of her grandmother’s voice, or a man to the weathered hands of his father. It remains long after we think it’s gone.

This is what Keats taught me with breath.

Gasping for air in the damp air of Rome, he wrote to Fanny Brawne with ink and yearning. He knew he was dying. Still, he asked her to take him away from the winter. His lungs could no longer hold the cold, but they could still hold her name.

I read that letter once on a rainy afternoon and wept out of recognition than sadness.

We are taught to love in hushed ways here in Kashmir. My mother never told me she loved me. She never had to. Her love came folded into leftover rotis, into the way she tugged my blanket tighter at night, long after I had fallen asleep.

My father’s love was quieter still, contained in the long walk to my school gate each morning, the silence he left behind as he turned back before I could wave.

These things are not written about in history books. They are not posted, liked, or shared. Yet they are the only reasons history survives.

In Kamala Das’s My Mother at Sixty-Six, a daughter stares at her aging mother. She notices the loose skin, the slack mouth, the fragile silence of a body no longer defiant. She feels the panic of knowing her

mother will not always be there, and says nothing. Instead, she smiles.

That’s how love behaves when grief is too early to speak.

My students often ask what the use of poetry is in

Parizaads of Kashmir

The next poet, painter, or innovator may be sitting unnoticed in a Kashmir school. Will we see them before it's too late?

Dr. Ashraf Zainabi

A TV serial rarely changes how a society sees itself. But Parizaad did. It told the story of a boy who was dark-skinned, poor, and poetic.

He was mocked by neighbours, dismissed by teachers, ignored by peers. He had a kind heart and an honest mind. But that wasn't enough.

Only when he became rich did the world begin to value him. By then, it was too late.

What struck me most was how familiar his story felt, as Kashmir is full of Parizaads.

They sit in the backs of classrooms, drawing galaxies in the corners of their notebooks. They walk to school on muddy roads, shoes torn, and racing minds. They write poems in worn diaries, help parents in the fields, dream of labs, studios, and libraries.

But no one pays attention, until they give up or disappear.

We talk endlessly of talent. We glorify Iqbal, celebrate Ghalib, invoke Rumi. But when a boy from Pulwama scribbles verses, we ask him to stop wasting time. When a girl in Gurez hums a tune in the corridor, we tell her to be realistic.

Dreams in Kashmir need a pedigree. Your family must be known. Your accent must be polished. Your schooling must be English-medium. Your references must be influential.

Merit is not enough. Hunger for learning is not enough. Grit, imagination, and honesty are not enough.

The result is predictable.

Children without access fall through the cracks. They cannot afford private coaching. They do not own laptops. They speak in broken English. They are mocked for being different.

So they shrink. Their voices go silent, and potential dries up in rooms where no one looks their way.

I have met these children. One could quote Faiz from memory. Another had figured out algebra before it was taught. A third painted her grief in astonishing colours.

None of them got a scholarship, or a mentor. Their fathers drove cabs or laid bricks, their mothers stitched clothes, and their excellence meant little in a system that rewards connections, not courage.

Even our institutions betray them. Schools prize discipline over curiosity. Colleges prefer obedience over originality. Questioning is arrogance. Innovation is rebellion. Teachers toe the line. Students learn to memorize, not to think.



A young Kashmiri poet once told me, "I stopped writing because it made people uncomfortable." A teen techie said, "I wish I were born somewhere else."

Worse, those who refuse to flatter are punished. A gifted student who won't grovel for a recommendation is left behind. A brilliant teacher who dares to experiment is transferred. Competence is inconvenient, while compliance is celebrated.

And then there is the weight of conflict.

For decades, Kashmiri children have lived through sieges, shutdowns, and sudden death. They've grown up counting bandhs instead of birthdays. Many have missed entire academic years. Others have buried friends, fathers, or neighbours. Their lives are built around loss.

In such a climate, a child cannot simply "focus on studies." Trauma interrupts thought. Grief erases concentration. A creative spark needs calm to survive, but calm is rare here.

We wonder why substance abuse is rising. Why depression feels like an epi-

demio. Why children grow withdrawn or angry. The answer is not mystery. It is neglect.

We failed them, systematically.

Parents mocked them, teachers scolded them, while officials allocated budgets without asking what children actually need. Community elders celebrated saints and poets, but never asked if the next one lives on their street.

Even when a Parizaad emerges - a boy who wins a poetry contest, a girl who builds a science model - there is no platform.

Where are the mentorship programs, youth fellowships, and the music rooms, writing workshops, coding labs? Where are the spaces where they can breathe, express, belong?

Instead, those who dare to shine must leave Kashmir. Or dim their light to survive here.

A young Kashmiri poet once told me, "I stopped writing because it made people uncomfortable." A teen techie said, "I wish I were born somewhere else."

This is how we lose our best.

Yet all is not gone. Some Parizaads still walk among us. They teach in government schools for a fraction of what they deserve. They write at night after power cuts. They draw on old newspapers. They volunteer in hospitals, mentor younger kids, plant saplings in parks. Their names aren't trending. But they carry this valley forward.

They don't need pity. They need space. So the next time you see a shy child writing in a corner, don't ask her to be practical. Ask her what she sees when she closes her eyes. And then, listen.

In that answer may lie the future of Kashmir.

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In the Company of Friends

Kashmir gave me more than roots. It gave me a brotherhood that walked with me across every milestone.

Dr. Sajad Hussain Deen

As a child, before I could answer what I wanted to become, I discovered something even more precious: the joy of true companionship. That discovery began in a school corridor in Kashmir, with a boy named Altaf.

Altaf was everything I wasn't. He had charm, confidence, and a way of talking to people that made them listen. I, on the other hand, preferred to observe from the corners.

He once led a group trip to his maternal home in Ganderbal. That place was like him: lush, alive, full of surprise. It's where I learned that friendship doesn't need similarity, just trust.

Then came Rahil, Yasir, and Mudassir. We were boys who dreamed big and studied hard. Yasir had a poetic walk, graceful like the couplets he often quoted. Mudassir had a nose we teasingly said gave him away as "Chinese," but his heart was Kashmiri through and through: gentle, funny, always present. Rahil was the brain of our bunch, and once, in a twist only childhood can afford, his love letter ended up landing on my name. That story still makes us laugh.

School wasn't just about grades. It was a stage where eagles would dive during lunch breaks, trying to snatch bread from our hands. It was where Shahnaaz ruled the fields with his charm and sporting flair, so popular that my own cousin warned me not to get "influenced." But how could one not?

Wasim joined us toward the end. He had this sparkle: tall, sharp, always full of clever comebacks. With him, even tough days were somehow light.

When I stepped into engineering, the faces changed, but the essence of friendship stayed. Nazish, Sajad, and Tahir came from different departments, but we clicked like cousins. Mechanical engineering had fewer students, but

that made our bond tighter, more personal.

My M.Tech brought me to Ishtiaq Ahmad Bhat. I was intense, he was steady. I overthought, he stayed practical. His discipline rubbed off on me, and we both grew better through it.

Then came the Ph.D. years. Long, often isolating. But with Jibran and Ashiq, it never felt lonely. Jibran, with his sharp insights, and Ashiq, with his kindness, made even the hardest research feel human.

Work life had its own cast of companions. At Maruti Suzuki, Rashid Saleem became my anchor: focused, efficient, and always bringing energy to the team. In an industry built on deadlines and pressure, he made space for laughter.

At Toyota, two friends left a mark that still lingers. Sandy, with his lightning-fast typing and impeccable court-style documentation, turned routine meetings into performances. His energy was infectious. Then there was Karan, deliberate

and thoughtful. He taught me how to pause, breathe, and speak only when it matters.

When I stitch all these years together, what stands out isn't a degree or a job title. It's the lunch shared on a broken bench. The debates over tea. The late-night walks. The people.

This isn't just a list of friends. It's a map of how I became who I am.

Friendship, especially in Kashmir, is an unspoken promise. We don't always say how much we mean to each other. We show it, in silence, support, and standing beside one another through storms.

To all those who have walked with me, from Rajbagh school grounds to corporate boardrooms, thank you. You've built me, piece by piece.

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Dagan Top's Wild Magic

With no hotels and fewer footprints, Dagan Top offers a lesson in humility and harmony.

Sadaket Ali Malik

There are no road signs for Dagan Top. No ticket counters, souvenir shops, or well-lit trails.

To reach it, you leave behind Doda town in Jammu and Kashmir and head toward Thathri, a small settlement perched in the Chenab Valley.

From there, the road grows narrower, less certain, more generous in its silences. It leads you toward a landscape that feels like a held breath: green, immense, and remarkably untouched.

Tucked in the Gandoh tehsil of Doda, high up in the Bhalessa hills, Dagan Top is a place that lives in the stories of shepherds and summer wanderers.

Known only to locals and nomadic families who climb these slopes each year with their herds, Dagan remains a mystery to most maps and all mainstream tourist itineraries. And perhaps that's its greatest gift.

The journey ends long before the experience begins.

After Bonenchha village, the asphalt disappears. You either walk or hire a horse, threading through pine corridors that open like curtains onto meadows. Gingota is the last point of panchayat governance here, but it feels more like the beginning of something old and elemental.

What greets you at Dagan Top isn't a monument or resort. It's a vast, undulating canvas: the Rohari meadows spilling across ridgelines, snow-tipped mountains like sentinels standing far and high, and



TO REACH DAGAN, START EARLY FROM DODA. TAKE THE KILHOTRAN-CHANGA ROAD TOWARD THATHRI. ASK LOCALS IN KOTA BONENCHHA FOR HELP WITH THE FINAL STRETCH. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD. CARRY YOUR WASTE OUT. SPEAK LESS, AND WALK MORE.

wind sweeping through canopies of deodar and kail as if rehearsing an old hymn.

The air feels thinner, sharper. So does your awareness.

This is cattle country, home in summer to the Gujjars, Bakkerwals, and ethnic Pahari communities who've followed the rhythm of transhumance, seasonal migration, for centuries. They arrive with livestock in May, set up tents on slopes, and disappear with the autumn chill.

Their stories are woven into the terrain: women milking

cows at dawn, children chasing goats across wild grass, men returning with bundles of dried herbs and moss.

And this is the heart of what makes Dagan Top different from other so-called "offbeat" travel spots. This place isn't being curated for tourists. It lives for itself.

Its villages, like Alni Gingota, Kota, Ghati, Kakoti, lie folded around the hills like wrinkles in an old map. From any vantage, you see Mandral, Jawali, and beyond that, the green shadows of Talaie and Gangul, places

that sound mythical and remain mostly unseen.

The lack of formal infrastructure is both a challenge and a charm. There's no approach road to Dagan Top itself. Local guides and horsemen navigate the route, using ancestral knowledge of the terrain.

For now, the government schemes for tourism haven't reached here. It's bereft of reception centers, signage, and homestays. That absence forces you to engage with the place rather than consume it.

Even in winter, when the top

is white carpeted, snow trekking has started to gain interest. The landscape changes texture. What was lush in July turns stark and poetic by December. Snow muffles sound. The mountains turn pale, monumental.

For photographers, it's a canvas of contrasts. For trekkers, an invitation.

Yet all of this rests on a fragile ecological balance. The coniferous forests - home to rare flora, medicinal herbs, and native birds - face pressure from unregulated grazing and climate shifts. With no waste manage-

ment or trail maintenance, even a trickle of careless tourism could rupture this ecosystem.

That's why the future of Dagan Top depends not on development but on deliberation. Sustainable tourism here must mean walking slower, looking deeper, and leaving lighter.

The place needs simple, locally made trails, eco-cabins

modeled after Gujjar shelters, and a visitor cap during grazing season.

Most importantly, a revenue model that pays local families to be custodians, not casualties, of tourism.

The potential is real. Doda district, according to government data, has over 20 identified tourism sites, most of them barely functional.

Yet what Dagan offers is rarer: a chance to rethink the relationship between visitor and visited. You don't arrive here to be served. You come to witness, listen, and slow down.

So when you stand atop Dagan, with nothing but wind in your ears and valleys in your gaze, you begin to understand the proposition. This is not leisure. This is a lesson.

A lesson in how the land remembers. How people endure without internet towers or tar-mac. How beauty doesn't have to announce itself to matter. And how maybe, just maybe, the best places left are the ones that ask you to earn the view.

To reach Dagan, start early from Doda. Take the Kilhotran-Changa Road toward Thathri. Ask locals in Kota Bonenchha for help with the final stretch. Bring your own food. Carry your waste out. Speak less, and walk more.

And once you arrive, try not to document everything. Some places are better left as stories told around fires, or dreams that smell faintly of pine and milk and moss.

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ED Raids Against Anil Ambani Group Companies Continue On Day 3

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate searches against the companies of Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani in Mumbai continued for the third day on Saturday with the agency recovering a number of documents and computer peripherals from multiple locations, official sources said.

The raids were launched on July 24 by the federal probe agency as part of an alleged Rs 3,000 crore worth bank loan fraud-linked money laundering case apart from multiple other allegations of financial irregularities with crores of rupees by certain companies.

The searches, being conducted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), are continuing at some locations out of the more than 35 premises that were covered in Mumbai since Thursday, the sources said.

These premises belong to 50 companies and 25 people

including a number of executives of the Anil Ambani Group companies.

ED sources had said the investigation primarily pertains to allegations of illegal loan diversion of around Rs 3,000 crore, given by the Yes Bank to the group companies of Ambani between 2017-2019.

Reliance Power and Reliance Infrastructure, two companies of the group, had on Thursday informed the stock exchanges saying while they acknowledge the action, the raids had “absolutely no impact” on their business operations, financial performance, shareholders, employees, or any other stakeholders.

“The media reports appear to pertain to allegations concerning transactions of Reliance Communications Limited (RCOM) or Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL) which are over 10 years old,” the companies had said.

The ED, the sources had said, has found that just before the



loan was granted, Yes Bank promoters “received” money in their concerns.

The agency is investigating this nexus of “bribe” and the loan.

The sources said the ED is also probing allegations of “gross violations” in Yes Bank loan approvals to these companies

including charges like backdated credit approval memorandums, investments proposed without any due diligence/credit analysis in violation of banks credit policy.

The loans are alleged to have been “diverted” to many group companies and “shell” (bogus) companies by the entities

involved.

The agency is also looking at some instances of loans given to entities with weak financials, lack of proper documentation of loans and due diligence, borrowers having common addresses and common directors in their companies etc, the sources said.

The money laundering case

stems from at least two CBI FIRs and reports shared by the National Housing Bank, SEBI, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) and Bank of Baroda with the ED, they said.

These reports indicate, the sources said, that there was a “well-planned and thought after scheme” to divert or siphon off public money by cheating banks, shareholders, investors and other public institutions.

The Union government had informed the Parliament recently that the State Bank of India has classified RCOM along with Ambani as ‘fraud’ and was also in the process of lodging a complaint with the CBI.

A bank loan “fraud” of more than Rs 1,050 crore between RCOM and Canara Bank is also under the scanner of the ED apart from some “undisclosed” foreign bank accounts and assets, the sources said.

Reliance Mutual fund is also stated to have invested Rs 2,850

crore in AT-1 bonds and a “quid pro quo” is suspected here by the agency.

Additional Tier 1 (AT-1) are perpetual bonds issued by banks to increase their capital base and they are riskier than traditional bonds having higher interest rates. An alleged loan fund diversion of about Rs 10,000 crore involving Reliance Infrastructure too is under the scanner of the agency.

A Sebi report on RHFL is also part of the ED probe.

The companies also said in their filings before the stock exchanges that Anil Ambani was not on the Board of either Reliance Power or Reliance Infrastructure and that they had no “business or financial linkage” to RCOM or RHFL.

Any action taken against RCOM or RHFL, the companies said, has no bearing or impact on the governance, management, or operations of either Reliance Power or Reliance Infrastructure.

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Flash Flood Alert

hours, Mukhtar said, as per news agency JKNS.

For August 1-3, generally hot and humid weather with scattered rain/thundershower activity is expected, he added.

The MET Centre has warned of intense showers, gusty winds, heavy rain, and a flash flood risk at vulnerable places between July 28-30, along with the possibility of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones. Farmers have been advised to resume farm operations.

Post-370, 890 Central

have been taken in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure ease of justice for members of the Armed Forces and that the administration is committed to providing legal aid to the tribal community.

He said the Constitution guarantees justice—social, economic, and political—and it must reach the poorest of the poor who deserve it the most. Sinha added that, post-2019, several central laws that were previously not applicable to J&K are now being enforced, thereby extending full constitutional protections and guarantees to the tribal population, including access to justice through free and competent legal aid.

“We have taken major initiatives in J&K to ensure ease of justice to the members of Armed Forces and are committed to provide legal aid to the tribal community,” Sinha said.

He emphasised the need for timely legal assistance to vulnerable groups. “State Legal Services Authorities must ensure that all possible legal aid reaches army personnel, tribal community, deprived and vulnerable sections of society so that their lives become easier and their rights granted by the Constitution are protected,” he said.

The LG observed that before the abrogation of Article 370, several key central legislations were not applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. “Before 2019, various central laws including the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were not applicable to J&K,” he said.

“Now, these laws have become applicable and the tribal community has been empowered. We are extending all constitutional guarantees and protections to the members of the tribal population including access to justice by providing free and competent legal aid to them,” the LG added.

He also spoke about structural changes made to support soldiers legally. “Amendment has been made in J&K Legal Services Authority Rules, 2020 to include Secretary, Zila Sainik Board as a member of the District Legal Services Authority to provide legal aid to soldiers.”

Further, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the establishment of Sainik Sahayta Kendra, a dedicated mechanism for redressal of civilian grievances faced by soldiers belonging to J&K or posted in the Union Territory.

The event also marked the launch of NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana 2025, aimed at providing legal services to defence personnel, ex-servicemen and their families, alongside other initiatives including the Defence Personnel Case Management System, Special Samvad Legal Units for tribal communities, and legal support centres at Rajya and Zila Sainik Boards.

The conference was attended by Supreme Court Judge and NALSA Executive Chairman Justice Surya Kant, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court Justice Arun Palli, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, senior judges, officials, legal professionals, Veer Naris, and ex-servicemen.

Legal Aid Scheme

Chief Justice of India.

Attending the launch event are Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

Reports said that the programme has its genesis in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor. Sources told NDTV that Justice Surya Kant was deeply moved by the sacrifices made by the armed forces during the operation and began exploring ways in which the judiciary could contribute more directly to their well-being.

According to the sources, Justice Surya Kant remarked that the legal fraternity must do its part to ensure that soldiers defending the

country are not left alone to handle personal legal crises.

This thought has since culminated in the NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana, which Justice Kant is set to launch before taking over as Chief Justice of India on November 24.

The new scheme is tailored to address a longstanding issue: soldiers deployed in isolated areas often lack the ability to follow through on legal cases involving family property, domestic disputes, or land matters. For example, a soldier stationed in Jammu and Kashmir may have limited access or zero leave to appear in court proceedings back home in Kerala or Tamil Nadu.

Under the scheme, NALSA will intervene to ensure that such cases are properly represented in courts across the country.

The support will also extend to paramilitary personnel, including those from the Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), and others who serve in similarly isolated and high-risk conditions.

President, PM Lead

were organised across the country, including at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass, to mark the occasion.

In the event at Drass, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi, highlighting the Army's “unique victory” on the Kargil peaks 26 years ago, said the military achieved a “decisive victory” during Operation Sindoor as well continuing that tradition.

“It was the time when India made it clear that no evil intention will be allowed inside its borders, no harm will be allowed to the unity and integrity of India,” he said, referring to victory in Kargil.

“Continuing this tradition, during Operation Sindoor too, Indian military with the same indomitable courage and firm resolve targeted Pakistan backed terrorist infrastructure and thwarted other aggressive actions of Pakistan with effective pretense and achieved a decisive victory,” he said.

“Operation Sindoor is our resolve, message and answer,” he said.

The Army Chief further added: “With the unwavering trust of the countrymen and the political freedom granted by the government, the Indian armed forces gave a determined, precise and decisive response.”

In his message, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan said the Kargil conflict remains a stark reminder of Pakistan's “treachery” and that India's adversaries will continue to test its resolve.

But the nation will always come out victorious over the enemy's “deceit and aggression” as was evident in Operation Sindoor, he added.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also paid glowing tributes to the military personnel who made supreme sacrifices in the conflict.

“On Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay heartfelt tributes to our bravehearts who displayed extraordinary courage, grit and determination in defending our nation's honour in the toughest of terrains,” Singh said.

“Their supreme sacrifice during Kargil war is a timeless reminder of the unwavering resolve of our Armed Forces. India shall remain forever indebted to their service,” he said in a social media post.

Singh and the top military brass also paid tributes to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial.

In his remarks, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Chauhan said Kargil Vijay Diwas is not only about remembering the past but also about drawing inspirations for the future.

“Our adversaries will continue to test our resolve, but the legacy of Kargil reminds us that our jointness, preparedness and unwavering courage -- proven once again by the success of Operation Sindoor -- will always triumph over the enemy's deceit and aggression,” he said.

Gen Chauhan said Kargil Vijay Diwas reminds every Indian of the unparalleled bravery and patriotism of the valiant soldiers who fought fearlessly to safeguard India's territorial integrity as also, the “bitter truth of Pakistan's betrayal”.

“Pakistan Army's ploy to extend the conflict beyond the Great Himalayan Range by sending regular troops disguised as Mujahideens, remains a stark reminder of their treachery,” he said.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi said the legacy of the Kargil “bravehearts” stands as a testament to the unwavering

devotion to the service of the nation.

“Your sacrifice will remain a beacon of inspiration, not only for future citizens of our country but also for those who choose to serve in the defence forces with ‘Duty-Honour-Courage!’,” he added.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A P Singh the Indian Air Force remains committed to defend the sovereignty of the nation and uphold the proud traditions of courage, honour and duty as exemplified by the bravehearts.

Aprons, Nameplates

Ayush, as well as all paramedical staff working in government healthcare institutions across the Union Territory are hereby directed to wear proper white aprons during their working hours and wear legible name plates displaying their full name and designation at all times while on duty.

All heads of institutions, medical superintendents, and chief medical officers have been directed to ensure strict compliance with the instructions in their respective institution,” it reads.

Probe Ordered Into

the facts and circumstances related to the incident.

The order reads that the Enquiry Officer shall Assess the immediate precursors to the said incident, as well as the developments that ensued after the incident. It also reads that the enquiry officer shall investigate the reasons for the closure of Operating Theatres (OTs), assess whether such closure was avoidable, and fix responsibility upon the individual(s) found to have acted in dereliction of duty or in contravention of established protocols.

The order also reads that the officer shall recommend concrete measures aimed at enhancing internal grievance redressal mechanisms, strengthening administrative coordination, and improving the overall functioning of the institution; and propose remedial and preventive measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur in the future.

“The Enquiry Officer shall submit a report to the Government within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order,” it reads.

The order further adds that Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator Associated Hospitals, GMC Srinagar shall be the Presenting Officer in the case.

J&K To Get Law

Kargil Vijay Diwas, Omar remembered the fallen soldiers of the 1999 war and lauded their sacrifices.

“Today, on the solemn occasion of Vijay Diwas, let me begin by acknowledging the service and sacrifices of our defence personnel, both past and present. These men and women, many of whom belonged to J-K, served in remote, inhospitable terrain, with a quiet dignity and an enduring sense of duty,” he said.

The CM said when faced with legal challenges -- be it service-related disputes, pension matters, or civil grievances, the defence personnel often encounter systemic barriers owing to geographic remoteness, immobile nature of their postings, and their distinct constraints of military life.

“These challenges definitely constitute other disabilities under Article 39A and must be addressed with the urgency and the compassion that they weren't. It is indefensible that those who risk their lives to uphold the Constitution should struggle to access the protections in guarantees,” he asserted.

Omar said there is a pressing need to establish a robust coordination among legal service authorities, military legal cells, zila sainik boards, and regimental welfare offices.

The establishment of dedicated legal aid clinics in cantonments and in districts with significant ex-servicemen populations should be prioritised. Equally important is the need to ensure that families of defence personnel, particularly widows, aged parents, and dependent children, receive empathetic, expert and timely legal support, he said.

The CM said awareness must accompany access, and no soldier, or the family of a soldier, should be left adrift, unsure of the procedural avenues available to them.

“To this end, paralegal volunteers trained especially in military legal issues should be deployed in areas with high defence populations. Simultaneously, technology must be harnessed to democratise access through mobile apps, virtual consultation platforms, and user-friendly legal information portals,” he said.

“Justice in our times must not mainly be available, it must also be accessible,” Omar added.

Referring to the tribal communities in J&K, the chief minister said they are the custodians of rich cultural and ecological heritage, and the Union territory is home to several scheduled tribes who have preserved ancient traditions while making their way through difficult terrain.

He said his government has augmented its development efforts for the community, but development alone cannot substitute justice.

He demanded that paralegal volunteers be trained from within the tribal communities themselves to ensure that legal support is rendered in familiar idioms, dialects and cultural frameworks.

Omar said that for justice to be meaningful, it must reach every remote hamlet from Poonch to Kishtwar and from Rajouri to Karnah.

Simultaneously, a sensitive balance must be maintained between national security and the rights of tribal citizens. Many tribal regions are located in border belts in areas of heightened security oversight. However, law enforcement must not translate into legal disenfranchisement, he said.

HC Updates Rules

“A Memorandum has been drawn by the Government of India, showing the legal position concerning the persons belonging to Army Officers,” it reads. “...When any officer or soldier actually serving Government in military capacity is a party to a suit and cannot obtain leave of absence for prosecuting or defending a suit, he can appoint some other person to act on his behalf by an authority in writing given in the manner prescribed in Order XXVIII of the Code of Civil Procedure.”

Regarding immunity from Arrest for debt, the amendment refers to Sec. 29 of the Army/Air Force Act which provides that no person subject to either of these Acts, so long as he belongs to the Armed Force, can be arrested for debt under any process issued by, or by the authority of a civil or revenue court or a revenue officer.

“Where, in spite of the above any-such arrest is made, the court of the revenue officer concerned on receipt of a complaint by such person or by his superior officer to that effect, may discharge him and award reasonable costs to the complainants,” the amendment reads. The costs may be recovered in like manner as if they were awarded to him by a decree against the person obtaining the processes, it reads. “No court fees are payable for the recovery of such costs.”

It also has provision for immunity of persons attending courts martial from arrest. “Under Section 30 of the Army/Air Force Act, no presiding officer or member of a court martial, no judge advocate, no party to any proceedings before a court martial, or his legal practitioner or agent, and no witness acting in obedience to a summons to attend a court martial while proceeding to, attending or returning from, a court martial is liable to be arrested under civil or revenue process,” it reads, adding, “If any such person is arrested under any such process, he may be discharged by order of the court martial.”

The amendment also delineates priority in respect of Army Air Force personnel's litigation, underling that under Section 32 of the Army/Air Force Act on the presentation to any court by or on behalf of any person subject to either of these Acts of a certificate, from the proper military/air force authority, of leave of absence having been granted to or applied for by him for the purpose of prosecuting or defending any suit or other proceeding in such court, court shall on the application of such person, arrange, so far as may be possible, for the hearing and final disposal of such suit or other proceedings within the period of the leave so granted or applied for.

Among others, the amendment provides clarification regarding succession certificate proceedings under the Indian Succession Act, 1925.

“A “party to any proceeding” is a person actually impleaded e.g., a plaintiff or defendant or an appellant or respondent—and the phrase does not include persons named under section 372, sub section (1), clause (c) of the Indian succession Act, 1925, in an application for the grant of a certificate until the Court has, by order under Section 373 (1) (a) of that Act, expressed the opinion that special notice of the application should be given to them.”

HC Overturns

overdrafts allegedly sanctioned by Sheikh remained unproven, with the court noting that his claim of acting under verbal directions from seniors was never properly investigated.

Calling the inquiry “ritualistic” and biased, the court directed the bank to release all pending pensionary benefits within eight weeks, failing which an annual interest of 8% would apply.

Special 20-Day Package

adjustment is in accommodation,” the official said.

The official added that under this new category, India has been allotted 10,000 seats, with around 490 slots reserved for J&K across seven embarkation points, including Delhi.

“Only 66 application forms have been received so far from J&K under the new package,” officials said.

Meanwhile, the last date to apply for Hajj 2026 is July 31, and officials expect that this new option might attract those struggling with tight schedules.

Last year, 3,606 pilgrims from J&K performed Hajj, while this year's application numbers remain low at 28% of the expected quota, indicating a downward trend.

As per the officials, the highest number of applications so far has come from Srinagar, where 527 applications have been received against an expected quota of 1,113 (47.34%). Pulwama follows with 194 applications out of 408 (47.60%). Samba district, however, tops the chart in percentage terms with 87.61% applications (19 out of 22).

J&K is witnessing a rapid decline in the Hajj pilgrimage. The comparative data for 2024 and 2025 reveals a sharp decline in all districts of Jammu and Kashmir.(KNO)

J&K Polytechnics

at station and will work on formulation of the skilling roadmap for Jammu and Kashmir.

23 Cases Reported

the need to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, Dr. Raina urged people to avoid storing water in open containers, regularly clean water tanks, dispose of solid waste properly, and eliminate artificial containers that collect stagnant water. Insecticides should also be used in outdoor storage units as a precautionary measure, he said.

Dr. Raina noted that the dengue-spreading Aedes mosquito typically breeds in urban environments, favouring man-made containers like discarded tires, buckets, and flower pots. “This mosquito is most active during early morning and late afternoon. People should wear clothes that reduce skin exposure and use mosquito repellents,” he advised.

To prepare for potential surges, dedicated dengue wards with at least 20 beds have been established in each district hospital, and testing facilities are operational at the district level.

Patients who test positive are advised to take adequate rest, stay hydrated, and eat a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. The malariologist also warned against self-medication, especially with painkillers like aspirin and ibuprofen, which can aggravate bleeding in severe cases.

Typical symptoms of dengue include high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, joint and muscle pain, skin rashes, nausea, and vomiting.

In recent years, dengue has posed an increasing public health challenge in the region. J&K reported nearly 7,000 cases in 2024, 6,403 in 2023, and a record 8,269 cases with 18 deaths in 2022. Earlier years had relatively fewer cases, with just two in 2009 and none in 2010.

Dr. Raina concluded with an appeal for public cooperation. “Community cleanliness is vital. Keep surroundings dry and mosquito-free, wear protective clothing, and use mosquito nets while sleeping,” he said. (KNO)

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first aid, and safety protocols,” a senior MoE official said.

The ministry recommended that collaborations with local authorities (NDMA, fire services, police, and medical agencies) must be strengthened to conduct periodic training sessions and mock drills.

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External Affairs S Jaishankar are likely to participate in the 16-hour debate that is expected to stretch over three days.

Wreath Ceremony Held for Agniveer Killed In Blast



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A wreath-laying ceremony was held here on Saturday to pay tribute to an Agniveer who lost his life in a land mine explosion in Krishna Ghati sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district a day before, an official said.

White Knight Corps Chief of staff Major General Shailendra Singh led the solemn ceremony held at Satwari military station to honour 20-year-old Lalit Kumar of 7 JAT regiment, he said.

Superintendent of Police (city south) Ajay Sharma and some civil officers also attended the ceremony and paid their tributes.

Kumar's mortal remains were later sent to his home town Meerut in Uttar Pradesh to perform the last rites, the official said.

The Agniveer lost his life, while two other soldiers were injured in a land mine blast when they were on an area domination patrol in the general area of Krishna Ghati Brigade on Friday.

Principal Accountant General Chairs First Ever Pension Adalat



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The first ever Pension Adalat was held today at Government Degree College, Shopian, by the office of Principal Accountant General, J&K, in collaboration with District Treasury Office Shopian.

The Adalat was held to listen to the grievances of pensioners, settle pension related cases and sensitize the DDOs about e-processing of pension cases through recently launched pension Suvidha Portal.

Principal Accountant General (A&E), J&K, Jay Prakash Narayan Singh, inaugurated the Adalat which was also attended by Deputy Accountant General, Pawan Kumar Rath, District Treasury Officer, Muzafar Ahmad Rather and Senior Accounts Officers and other officials of PAGs office.

Appreciable number of pensioners and DDOs attended the Adalat and appreciated the step the department took towards the direction of streamlining the pension process.

The DDOs imparted impactful insights into the pension related rules and norms and new procedural interventions taken to ensure hassle-free pension settlements. Speakers dealt with Pension Suvidha Portal, pension verifications and other related issues.

The District Treasury officer highlighted the importance of

conducting the Pension Adalat.

A team of officers and officials, on the occasion, attended the pensioner's grievances and scrutinized various pension issues and redressed many of them on the spot.

On the occasion, the Pensioner Front Shopian also presented a memorandum of demands to the PAG.

The Deputy Accountant General chaired a grievance session, listened keenly to the grievances of the pensioners for redressal and replied queries of pensioners. He also spoke on strengthening the bond between the pensioners and the office of Principal Accountant General office by holding outreach camps.

The Principal Accountant General, while speaking at the event, said the department intends to connect to the pensioners more effectively by organising such outreach programs. He highlighted the role of efficient and collaborative mechanism between the pensioners, pension sanctioning authorities and office of PAG for the benefit of pensioners.

The PAG committed that similar Pension Adalats shall be organised in future.

"Welfare of pensioners is the focus of the department and we are proactively addressing the issues of pensioners and committed to serve them with utmost compassion and integrity, said the PAG.

Cultural Unit, DIPR Organizes Series Of Programs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan, the Cultural Unit of Srinagar, Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), in collaboration with the Government Boys Higher Secondary School Nawakadal organized a significant awareness program focused on drug de-addiction.

During the event, a captivating short play performed by a local artist group highlighted the severe realities and repercussions of substance abuse, making a lasting impact on the audience.

Toiba Tabasum, Principal of the school, along with Haadia, Senior Lecturer and Programme Coordinator, expressed their appreciation for the initiative and emphasized the necessity of spreading preventive awareness among the youth.

Burhan Hussain, the Cultural Officer, also spoke at the event, highlighted significance of theatre to influence public perception. The program concluded with a commitment from students, staff, and officials to unite against drug-related issues and to advocate for a healthy, substance-free environment.

Another awareness initiative took place at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Rajbagh, where a themed skit performed by a local artist group effectively showcased the threats posed by substance addiction, receiving enthusiastic applause from the students.

Rajinder Kour, the Principal, praised the awareness campaign and highlighted the critical role of education in protecting young minds.

The Cultural Officer underscored the importance of theatre in shaping societal views on the Nasha Mukt J&K effort.

The session ended with students and staff pledging their dedication to a drug-free community.

Additionally, a thematic skit named 'Drug-Free Kashmir' was presented at Abhinandan Home, a school for specially-abled children, located in Higher Secondary School Solina, Srinagar.

This program aimed to raise awareness about the serious issue of drug abuse and its detrimental effects on individuals and communities.

Designed for specially-abled students, the skit delivered a powerful social message advocating for a drug-free future.

J&K Deserves A Performing CM, Not An Excuse-Maker: Altaf Bukhari

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the National Conference (NC), accusing it of political dishonesty and failing to implement its own manifesto, while asserting that Jammu and Kashmir needs a Chief Minister who delivers, not one who hides behind excuses.

Speaking to reporters in Srinagar, Bukhari questioned the credibility of the NC's past performance and held the party accountable for what he described as repeated failures to live up to its promises.

"Which of the National Conference's manifestos has ever been implemented?" Bukhari asked. "Political parties knew the limitations of power before they contested elections. If you were aware that you didn't have power, why did you fight elections in the first place? Now you can't use that as an excuse."

His remarks appeared to be a veiled reference to Omar Abdullah, former Chief Minister and NC vice president, who has often cited limited autonomy



post-2019 as a constraint for mainstream political parties.

Outlining the phases of effective governance, Bukhari said a government with a clear mandate begins its work from day one. "The first two years should be about delivery, the middle years for consolidation, and the final year to announce popular schemes that may help in re-election. But we have seen no such structure from the NC," he added.

He also reflected on the Apni Party's earlier warnings, claiming that the public is now beginning to recognize their validity. "People didn't believe us when we raised red flags earlier. But now they're saying we were right," Bukhari asserted.

The Apni Party chief emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve a

Mehbooba's Cousin Sarwar Mufti Joins Apni Party

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- In a significant setback to the People's Democratic Party, Sarwar Mufti, cousin of former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, joined the Apni Party in Srinagar, on Saturday.

Sarwar joined Apni Party in a function presided over by Apni Party Chief Altaf Bhukhari in Srinagar.

Sarwar who was associated with PDP for a long time had joined Democratic Progressive Azad Party in November 2023, however, he later rejoined PDP before joining the Apni Party today.

Sarwar's exit is perceived as a major setback to PDP, which had managed to win only three seats in 2024 polls.

leadership that acts decisively, not one that resorts to blame games and posturing.

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'Bima Sakhi Yojana' Launched To Empower Rural Women: Shivraj Chouhan

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on Saturday announced the launch of the Bima Sakhi Yojana, calling it a historic step toward social security, rural employment, and women's empowerment.

Speaking at the launch event, Chouhan said the scheme, launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is "not only a major step towards women's empowerment but also towards providing economic security to rural and semi-urban India."

He emphasized that the central government is determined to make every woman in the country economically strong and self-reliant. The Ministry of Rural Development has partnered with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to support the Government of India's ambitious 'Insurance for All by 2047' mission.

Under the initiative, trained women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across the country will be appointed as Bima Sakhis at the Gram Panchayat level. These women will serve as the last-mile connectors in the insurance ecosystem, bringing financial protection to underserved communities.



"The Bima Sakhi Yojana is a strong platform for women's entrepreneurship and financial independence. It reflects our commitment to realizing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Chouhan said, adding that the scheme offers new opportunities for income generation and entrepreneurship.

He also highlighted that the initiative contributes directly to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality) and complements the government's Lakhpati Didi Mission. Chouhan announced that by August 15, the number of Lakhpati Didis—women earning over ₹1 lakh annually—will reach 2 crore across India.

The Minister said the Bima Sakhi Yojana marks a new chapter in rural and urban employment, enhancing women's participation in the workforce. "Within this inclusive insurance ecosystem, Bima Sakhis are not only expanding access

to insurance schemes but are also delivering trust-based services to the last mile," he added.

He further stated that the scheme aligns with several key government missions such as Jan Dhan Se Jan Suraksha, Digital India, and women skill development initiatives. "It also contributes to disaster protection by acting as a financial shield for rural families in disaster-affected areas," he said.

Chouhan described Bima Sakhis as "pioneers of social change," noting that they are carrying the torch of financial security to every village. "As a result, villages are becoming economically stronger and women more self-reliant," he asserted.

Calling on state governments and partner organizations, Chouhan urged widespread adoption of the scheme. "Let us join this people's movement and help take the Bima Sakhi Yojana to every village and every household," he said.

He concluded his address by stating, "The Bima Sakhi Yojana is a transformational movement. With its support, we will make a strong contribution toward building a resilient, inclusive, and insured India. This initiative will give new momentum to the economic security and holistic development of our rural mothers and sisters."

Bilquis Mir Wins Legal Battle As JK High Court Slams ACB

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Bilquis Mir, India's sole female judge for Kayaking and Canoeing at the 2024 Paris Olympics, has triumphed in her three-year legal battle for quashing an FIR filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, with the Jammu and Kashmir High Court delivering a scathing indictment of authorities saying it "seems that the people at the helm of affairs are leaving no stone unturned in harassing such talented people".

The court said the attitude of ACB "in criminalising non-acquisition of a technical qualification" by Mir when she has brought laurels to the country all over the world "speaks volumes about the manner in which we are treating our sporting heroes" and that the case appears to be "nothing but a witch-hunt launched against the petitioner by vested interests".

Mir still shudders recalling the moment, three years ago, when she learned from newspapers that the ACB had registered a case against her.

"My dreams came crashing and I could not understand

what was my fault," she recounted to PTI, tears welling up.

The FIR, which the High Court quashed on Friday, claimed a verification was conducted into allegations that Mir, appointed as a Physical Education Teacher, did not complete her Bachelor of Physical Education course during her probation.

The ACB had filed an FIR against Mir in 2023 under the Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code, charging her with taking gratification beyond legal remuneration for official work and involvement in a criminal conspiracy.

This marked the beginning of Mir's agony. "When I decided to opt for Kayaking, I did not have the money to buy a paddle for practising. I wore the India jersey at a time when terrorism was at its peak. Nothing deterred me, but this was a jolt I was not ready to take, and I decided to challenge," she said.

Mir's illustrious 28-year career began at the age of eight, and her include representing India at the 2009 Canoeing and Kayaking World Cup in Hungary, where she finished 8th.

She was the first Indian woman appointed as a judge in the Asian Games (China) and served as national coach for the Women's team in Kayaking and Canoeing for the London Olympics 2012.

Mir also holds the distinction of being the first Indian woman to earn an International Coaching Diploma from Budapest's Semmelweis University Institute of Coaching and Sport.

Her coaching roles extend to the chief coach for the women's national team in the U23 Canoe Slalom World Championship (Italy 2018) and national coach for the 9th Asian Canoe Slalom Championship (Toyama, Japan 2016).

And what she terms as the peak of her career was the moment when she was selected as a judge for the Paris Olympics for which she had to fight and see a court order to catch a flight.

"At times I wanted to call it quits, but the fire in me to do something for the country always pushed me beyond limits," she recalled.

In a 20-page order, Justice Sanjay Dhar referred to a February 16, 2024, letter from vice

India's Victory In Kargil War

'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' Held In Drass



Observer News Service

KARGIL: To mark 26 years of India's historic victory in the 1999 Kargil War, MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat), under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), organised 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' in Dras, Kargil.

The padyatra was led by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth. Over 3,000 youth volunteers, along with veterans, serving armed forces personnel, families of martyrs, and members of civil society participated in the tribute walk.

Carrying forward this spirit of unity, the padyatra moved along a symbolic 1.5-kilometre route from the grounds of Himabass Public High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbet. During the padyatra, cultural performances showcasing the vibrant traditions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh brought colour and meaning to the occasion, reflecting the unity and cultural richness of the region.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya remarked, "Kargil is not just a place in history, it is a living symbol of India's resilience and unwavering spirit. It stands as a powerful reminder that when it comes to protecting the sovereignty of our nation, India remains united, resolute, and unshaken."

He called upon the youth to dedicate themselves to the mission of building a strong, self-reliant, and developed India, driven by the spirit of 'Nation First.' Reflecting on his recent visit to Sando Top, Dr. Mandaviya added, "India has never initiated conflict, but when provoked, we respond with courage, dignity,

and determination."

The Union Minister also highlighted India's growing strategic capabilities, citing the significance of Operation Vijay and Operation Sindoor as milestones in the nation's military history. He reaffirmed that India's armed forces continue to stand as the steadfast guardians of national pride and sovereignty.

Emphasizing the critical role of Amrit Peedhi, Dr. Mandaviya urged them to take up the mantle of Jan Bhagidari (public participation) in Rashtranirman (nation-building) and contribute actively to the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. "It is now upon our yuva shakti to carry forward the dreams of our brave soldiers and help shape a stronger Atmanirbhar Bharat," he concluded.

Seth praised the enthusiasm of the youth and highlighted the sacrifices of the armed forces, encouraging students to imbibe discipline and national pride inspired by the Kargil heroes.

Following the Padyatra, both Ministers, joined by 100 MY Bharat youth volunteers, proceeded to the Kargil War Memorial where they offered floral tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1999 war. On the occasion, Dr. Mandaviya also felicitated 26 female bikers from the Shakti Udghosh Foundation, who completed a long-distance motorbike rally to honour the martyrs.

Leading up to the padyatra, MY Bharat had mobilised youth and communities through several activities such as essay writing, painting, elocution contests, and Yuva Samvads (youth dialogues) in villages around the region. These engagements were designed to promote civic consciousness, celebrate national service, and build emotional connection with the armed forces.

Police detain 4 notorious peddlers in Budgam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards curbing the menace of drug trafficking, Police in Budgam on Saturday said to have detained four habitual drug peddlers under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act.

The detained individuals are Sakeena Bano wife of Suraj-u-Din Khan resident of Khan Mohalla Gopalpora Chadoora, Gulam Hassan Sheikh son of Abdul Gani Sheikh resident of

Yarikha Khansahib, Sajad Ahmad Wani son of Gulam Mowhamad Wani resident of Nowhar Chadoora and Khurshid Ahmad Mir son of Gulam Mohammad Mir resident of Khansahib, Budgam, a police spokesman said.

All four individuals were identified as repeat offenders involved in the illegal trade of narcotics, particularly targeting and exploiting the local youth. Following the issuance of formal detention orders, the individuals were lodged in different jails as per legal procedures, he said.

population," it said.

The court said the attitude of ACB in criminalising non-acquisition of a technical qualification" by Mir "speaks volumes about the manner in which we are treating our sporting heroes".

In the strongly-worded order, the court said it was "alarmed" to note that the ACB has even tried to go into the issue as to whether the answer scripts of Mir in her graduate examination have been properly evaluated by the examiners.

"This attitude" of ACB, the court said, "clearly smacks of wreaking vengeance upon the petitioner (Mir). The present case appears to be nothing but a witch-hunt launched against the petitioner by vested interests."

Invoking Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which deals with the inherent powers of the High Court to prevent the abuse of the legal process and to secure the ends of justice, the court said the continuance of criminal proceedings against Mir in these circumstances would be nothing "but an abuse of process of law" and quashed the FIR.

Asia Cup: India, Pakistan To Clash On September 14 & 21

Press Trust of India

KARACHI/NEW DELHI: The men's Asia Cup will be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from September 9 to 28, Asian Cricket Council president Mohsin Naqvi announced on Saturday. As per the itinerary, the marquee group match between India and Pakistan will be held at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday (September 14).

The arch-rivals are clubbed in the same group and are expected to square off again in a Super Four game on next Sunday (September 21).

India will start its campaign against UAE on September 10 and are likely to play all its matches in Dubai.

India, Pakistan, UAE and Oman are clubbed in group A, while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Hong Kong are in group B.



The ACC will allow 17-member squads for the 19-match tournament and matches will be played in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

ACC president Mohsin Naqvi stated, "Hosting the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 in the UAE allows fans from across Asia to come together in a setting that mirrors our region's incredible diversity. When crowds

gather to witness the tournament's unforgettable clashes, it will be a great reminder of cricket's power to build bridges."

The venue of the event was decided at an ACC meeting on July 24, which was attended by all the 25 member nations.

BCCI is the host of the tournament but it is being held in the UAE as India and Pakistan have mutually agreed to compete only at neutral venues till 2027 due to the prevailing cross-border tension between them.

As per ACC's deal with the broadcasters, India and Pakistan will be clubbed in the same group and also get another shot at each other in the Super Four stage with a possibility of a third meeting if both teams reach the final.

This edition of the Asia Cup will be held in T20 format as is the convention with the next ICC global meet being T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

INDIA'S ASIA CUP GROUP LEAGUE ITINERARY

- Sep 10: India vs UAE
- Sep 14: India vs Pakistan
- Sep 19: India vs Oman.

SUPER FOUR SCHEDULE

- Sep 20: B1 vs B2
- Sep 21: A1 vs A2 (LIKELY INDIA VS PAKISTAN)
- Sep 23: A2 svs B1
- Sep 24: A1vs B2
- Sep 25: A2 vs B2
- Sep 26: A1 vs B1
- Sep 28: Final.

Gill, Rahul Resist To Take India To 174/2 On Day 4

Skipper Shubman Gill and KL Rahul made resolute fifties as India gallantly fought England bowlers to reach 174 for two at stumps on Day 4 of the fourth Test here on Saturday.

Gill (78 batting) and Rahul (87 batting) added 174 runs for the unbroken third wicket stand after India lost Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai.

Sudharsan in the first over of the second innings itself to pacer Chris Woakes.

The visitors now trail England by 137 runs.

India started their second innings 311 runs behind England after the hosts made an imposing 669 all out in their first dig.

England extended their grip on the match through skipper Ben Stokes who made his 14th Test hundred, a 198-ball 141.

For India, left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja was the most successful bowler with a four-wicket haul.

6th Srinagar Yogasana Sports C'ship From July 29

The District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Association, under the aegis of the J&K Yogasana Sports Association and Yogasana Bharat, on Saturday announced the 6th District Srinagar Yogasana Sports Championship 2025 will be held on July 29 and 30 at Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex, Srinagar. The event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council and recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, as well as the Indian Olympic Association.

This prestigious championship will witness the participation of over 150 athletes across various age groups, competing in multiple Yogasana disciplines, including Traditional Yogasana, Artistic, Rhythmic, & five individual events. The tournament aims to showcase the cultural essence and competitive spirit of Yogasana, while inspiring youth to embrace physical fitness, mental well-being, & discipline.

Xavi Application For India Coaching Job Was A Hoax

The All India Football Federation confirmed on Saturday that a job application attributed to former Barcelona manager and Spain midfielder Xavi Hernandez for the India head coaching role was a hoax.

The AIFF's national team director told The Times of India, opens new tab on Thursday that Xavi's name was on the list of applicants. The report also quoted an AIFF technical committee member saying the his candidacy was deemed too expensive to pursue.

"The AIFF received an email furnishing the applications from Spanish coaches Pep Guardiola and Xavi Hernandez. The authenticity of their applications could not be confirmed, and it has since emerged that the email applications were not genuine," the AIFF said in a statement.

YSS Anantnag Holds Cycling, Kabaddi, Football & Kho-Kho Events



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag on Saturday marked the completion of the much-awaited Cycle Race from Mominabad Crossing to Donipawa Crossing, which saw participation from students across various institutions. The event, previously postponed twice due to incessant rainfall, was finally conducted under clear skies.

In another event, Anantnag's U-14 Kabaddi Boys Team secured the 2nd position in the Inter-District Provincial Level Tournament held at Pulwama.

Adding to the day's engagements, the Inter-Zonal District Level Kho-Kho Tournament for U-19 Girls was inaugurated at Government Middle School Bona Dailgam.

Simultaneously, a Football

Coaching Camp for Girls continues at Higher Secondary School Dailgam, under the supervision of expert coaches Naseer Ahmad Sheikh and Shahid War. The camp has garnered positive response, with young girls showing consistent improvement and dedication under structured training sessions.

At the Zonal Level in Zone Shangus, Ideal Public School Shangus lifted the U-14 Boys Zonal Level Cricket Trophy after defeating Iqra Shooq Baba Deethu in a close final held at Sports Stadium Nowgam.

Zone Doru conducted selection trials for girls in Wushu, Taekwondo, Karate and Judo at Amateur Dojo Federation Hall. Zone Bidder organised the U-14 Girls Inter-School Cricket Tournament at GHS Hiller, with 88 girls participating. Zone Bhijbehra also inaugurated Inter-School Zonal Level Cricket tournament at DPS Sangam.

Girls Shine As Reliance Foundation Youth Sports Returns To Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Reliance Foundation Youth Sports U-19 Girls Football Tournament marked its much-anticipated return to Kashmir on Saturday, kicking off its second consecutive season at the Green Valley Educational Institute ground here.

In the opening game, Downtown Heroes FC girls defeated SRM Welkin FA 6-0.

Building on the momentum of last year's successful debut, this season promises to be even bigger. More than 200 young athletes from 12 teams across Jammu and Kashmir are set to compete, a testament to the rising interest and growing opportunities for girls in the sport.



Baramulla Clinches Under-14 Provincial Tourney Title In Kabaddi



Observer News Service

PULWAMA: The Inter-District Provincial Level Kabaddi Tournament, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports and hosted by the District Youth Services & Sports Office Pulwama, concluded on Saturday in a spectacular finale at Mehjoor Memorial Boys' Higher Secondary School here.

In a high-energy clash, Team Baramulla displayed exceptional skill and teamwork to defeat Anantnag in the finals, securing the championship title in the Under-14 category. The tournament, featuring talented young athletes from across the Kashmir division, was a celebration of sportsmanship and emerging talent in kabaddi.

The Director General of

the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, praised the initiative, stating, "Such tournaments are the foundation of nurturing future champions. By providing a competitive platform at the grassroots level, we not only identify raw talent but also instill discipline, teamwork, and a winning spirit in our youth. The YSS remains committed to fostering sports excellence across Jammu & Kashmir."

The event was inaugurated by the Additional Commissioner Revenue Pulwama, who emphasized the importance of sports in youth development and community engagement. Throughout the tournament, Baramulla maintained a dominant streak, while Anantnag and Bandipora secured the second and third positions, respectively.

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