

## Operation Sindoor Debate Ends In Parliament

# No World Leader Asked Us To Stop Op Sindoor: PM

» 'Proved That We Won't Bow To Nuclear Blackmail' » Calls Indus Water Treaty 'Big Blunder' Of Nehru

KO Web Desk

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday affirmed in the Lok Sabha that no leader of any country asked India to stop Operation Sindoor but lamented that while the nation got support from the entire world, the Congress and its allies could not stand behind the valour of the nation's soldiers.

Responding to the two-day debate on the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor in the Lower House, he said no country in the world stopped India from taking action in its defence against terrorism.

The comments by the prime minister come amid repeated questions by the Opposition about why US President Donald Trump announced the "ceasefire" between India and Pakistan.

Modi told the House that on May 9th night, "US Vice President (JD Vance) tried to reach out to me 3-4 times,



but I was busy with meetings with the armed forces".

"When I returned the call, the US Vice President warned me of a big attack from Pakistan. I told him that if Pakistan attacks India, our attack would be much bigger as we will respond to bullets with cannons," he said.

Modi asserted that no leader of any country asked India to stop the operation.

The prime minister said Pakistani airbases hit by India "are still in ICU" and the

masterminds of the April 22 terror attack continue to have sleepless nights.

"No country in the world has stopped India from any action in its defence against terrorism. Only three countries spoke in favour of Pakistan at the UN.

"India got support from the entire world, but it is unfortunate that the Congress did not support the valour of our soldiers. Congress leaders targeted me for political gains, but their frivolous statements

ended up discouraging our brave soldiers," he said.

The prime minister noted that India called out Pakistan's nuclear bluff and showed the world that "we will not bow down to nuclear blackmail".

"Our operations range from Sindoor to Sindhu (Indus Waters Treaty)... Pakistan knows they have to pay a huge price for any misadventure. Terror attacks were launched earlier and the masterminds of attacks knew nothing would happen, but now they know India will come for them."

PM Modi said drones and missiles made in India exposed the capabilities of Pakistani arms and ammunition during the military operation.

"The world saw the strength of self-reliant India during Operation Sindoor. We destroyed terror sites deep inside Pakistan within 22 minutes to avenge the April 22 Pahalgam attack," he said.

Modi noted | [More on P6](#)

## 70% Drop in Terror Attacks Since 2014: Shah

'Terrorist Deaths Up 123%, Civilian Deaths Drop 80%'

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday ruled out any dialogue with the separatist Hurriyat Conference, labelling it as an "outfit of terrorist organisations" and asserting that the Modi government has dismantled its influence in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking during a special discussion on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, Shah drew



sharp contrasts between the previous UPA regime's approach and that of the current government.

"There used to be a red carpet for Hurriyat. Representatives of the Mamohan Singh government held talks with them," Shah | [More on P6](#)

## HURRIYAT AN OUTFIT OF terrorists, won't talk to them'

## Rahul Dares PM To Call Trump A Liar

Observer News Service

New Delhi: In a no-holds-barred speech in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using the armed forces to shield his personal image following the Pahalgam attack.

He also challenged the Prime Minister to categorically rebut US President Donald Trump's repeated claims about mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

"If Modi ji has even 50 per cent of the courage that Indira Gandhi had, then he should stand in Parliament and say – | [More on P6](#)

## Pahalgam Attack Perpetrators Eliminated: Shah

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Three of the terrorists who carried out the Pahalgam massacre have been eliminated by security forces in a joint operation by the Army, CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police near Srinagar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The terrorists were killed Monday in an operation dubbed Mahadev but officials had held back in identifying them conclusively as the Pahalgam attackers.

Participating in a special discussion on Operation Sindoor, Shah also attacked the opposition party for giving a "clean chit" to Pakistan for the April 22 Pahalgam attack. Had the Congress opposed Partition, the problem of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir would never have occurred, he said.

Shah was referring to former Home Minister P Chidambaram's recent remarks that | [More on P6](#)

## Amarnath Yatra Set To Cross 4 Lakh Mark

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The ongoing Amarnath Yatra is poised to cross the four-lakh mark, with a total of 3,93,401 pilgrims having performed darshan at the holy cave as of Tuesday, official data reveals.

According to figures, 7,203 pilgrims offered prayers at the cave shrine on Tuesday, amid tight security and a spiritually charged atmosphere.

Tuesday's batch included 5,025 men, 1,352 women, 109 children, 47 sadhus, 1 sadhvi, 1 transgender pilgrim, and 668 security personnel.

Despite intermittent weather challenges in the upper reaches, officials said the yatra has progressed smoothly with consistent daily turnout. "If the trend continues, the cumulative number is expected to cross four lakh by tomorrow," an official said.

Meanwhile, the 27th batch of 1,490 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu early Monday morning and has reached the twin base camps in Kashmir.

Escorted by CRPF and J&K Police, the batch included 1,262 men, 186 women, and 42 sadhus and sadhvis—37 sadhus and 5 sadhvis. | [More on P6](#)

'DON'T TOUCH THE INNOCENT, DON'T SPARE THE GUILTY'

## JKP Following LG's Mantra On Terrorism: DGP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday reiterated the police force's unwavering commitment to justice, guided by what he described as the Lieutenant Governor's core mantra: "Do not touch the innocent and do not spare the guilty."

Speaking at a public interaction, DGP Prabhat said this guiding principle defines the ethos and operational spirit of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, especially in the current transformative phase marked by new victim-centric laws and outreach-led policing.

"The Lieutenant Governor has laid down a clear mantra. It is our duty and constant effort to ensure that no innocent is harassed and no guilty person escapes justice. This is the framework within which we operate," Prabhat said.

The DGP highlighted the growing implementation of



recently enacted laws in the Union Territory, emphasizing their focus on victims' rights and timely justice. "These laws are gradually taking shape on the ground. They focus on quick action against offenders—be it arresting culprits, seizing their properties, or ensuring justice for victims," he said.

Addressing a gathering of citizens, the top police officer underscored the force's commitment to the vulnerable. "We strive to stand with the oppressed, the distressed, and the unsupported. For those who have no one else, | [More on P6](#)

## Dreams Of Youth Only Flourish In Peace: LG Sinha

Says Army Not Just Protecting Borders, But Culture Too

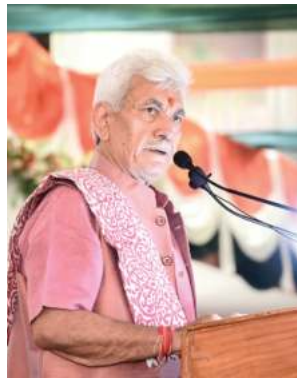
Observer News Service

Srinagar: Hopes and dreams of youth can only flourish in a peaceful environment, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday while addressing Kashur Riwaaj 2025, a mega cultural event held in Baramulla that saw a record-breaking participation of 20,000 youth in Ladishah and Calligraphy.

Praising the historic feat, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated the youth of Baramulla for setting a new world record and lauded the Indian Army and the District Administration for their role in making the event a success.

"By coming together for Ladishah and Calligraphy, you have set a new world record. This accomplishment will inspire society to reconnect with its roots, embrace culture, and uphold timeless values," Sinha said.

Highlighting the Army's role beyond security, he remarked, "I salute the dedication and commitment of our



Army. They are not only safeguarding the nation's unity and integrity but also serving as custodians of this region's vibrant cultural heritage and striving to fulfil the aspirations of our youth."

He emphasized the transformative shift in Jammu and Kashmir, noting that a peaceful atmosphere was essential for the region's progress. "Pakistan-backed terrorism and separatism had robbed Jammu and Kashmir of peace and the youth's future. Today, the region is rapidly moving

forward," he added.

The LG also expressed gratitude to the Army, paramilitary forces, and police for Operation Mahadev, in which three Pakistani terrorists involved in the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack were neutralised in Dachigam forest.

Calling upon youth to resist divisive narratives, he said, "There are elements in society who attempt to justify terrorism and the killing of innocents. They try to hold the aspirations of lakhs of youth hostage. Such individuals need to be unmasked."

He further urged the younger generation to support efforts against drug abuse and help reintegrate those affected back into society.

During the event, the LG announced two key cultural initiatives: the Guru-Shishya Parampara programme by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), and a Calligraphy course in collaboration with the University of Kashmir. | [More on P6](#)

## NIA Probes Killing of Pahalgam Mastermind

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials on Tuesday began a probe into the killing of Sulieman alias Asif, the alleged mastermind of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, and his two associates in a gunfight with security forces in the Harwan area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

The trio was neutralised on Monday in a swift operation codenamed 'Operation Mahadev' launched by the Army's elite para commandos near Mulnar, close to the Dachigam National Park. The operation was triggered by a technical intercept indicating the use of a satellite phone connected to the perpetrators of the Pahalgam massacre.

Officials said the NIA team arrived at the Police Control Room (PCR) in Srinagar early Tuesday to begin the formal identification of the slain terrorists. Witnesses were brought in batches to ensure "cent per cent confirmation" that one of the bodies belonged to Sulieman Shah.

The other two terrorists killed in the | [More on P6](#)

## 2013 Kulgam Murder Case

## Woman, Her Paramour Get Life Term For Killing Husband

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court in Kulgam on Tuesday sentenced a woman and her paramour to imprisonment for life for killing her husband in December 2013.

Principal Sessions Judge Kulgam, Aijaz Ahmed Khan, while announcing the quantum of punishment observed that justice demands that courts should impose punishment befitting the crime, reflecting public abhorrence of the crime.

"The courts must not only keep in view the rights of the criminal but also the rights of the victim of crime and the society at large while considering imposition of appropriate punishment," the court said underlining that undue sympathy to impose inadequate sentence would do more harm to the



**Undue Sympathy To Impose Inadequate Sentence Harms Justice System**

justice system to undermine the public confidence in the efficacy of law and society could not long endure under such serious threats.

"It is, therefore, the duty of every Court to award proper sentence having regard to the nature of the offence and the manner in which it was executed or committed etc," the court said that sentenced the convicts to life imprisonment with fine of Rs 3,00,000 | [More on P6](#)

## 50% Spike In J&K Narcotics Cases, Convictions Still Low: Data

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Despite a sharp rise in narcotics-related cases, Jammu and Kashmir continues to struggle with a low conviction rate, official data presented in Parliament reveals.

According to figures shared by Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai, J&K recorded 1,837 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in 2022 – a 50% increase from 1,222 cases in 2020. However, the conviction rate remains stagnant at 41.3% for the second consecutive year, despite improving from a dismal 15.7% in 2020.

In contrast, neighbouring Ladakh registered just eight NDPS cases in 2022 but reported a 100% conviction rate, highlighting sharper



judicial resolution in a smaller caseload.

The data, released in response to a question by MP K C Venugopal during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, drew attention to the wide disparities in narcotics case outcomes across Indian states. While states like Kerala (99.4%), Mizoram (95.8%), and Maharashtra (71.1%) boast high conviction rates,

J&K continues to lag behind the national average.

The Home Ministry's reply also outlined various legal and financial initiatives taken to combat drug abuse. These include the extension of the Assistance to States and UTs for Narcotics Control Scheme through 2025-26 with a total outlay of 50 crore – 10.85 crore of which has already been | [More on P6](#)

## 'Heavy Rains, Flash Flood Risk In J&K' MeT Issues 3-day Weather Alert

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Tuesday issued a comprehensive weather advisory for Jammu and Kashmir, forecasting a spell of intense rainfall and gusty winds across several parts of the region, particularly in the Jammu division, from July 29 to 31. The forecast has raised alarms over potential flash floods, landslides, and waterlogging in vulnerable areas.

According to the latest bulletin from the MeT Department, the next three days are likely to remain largely cloudy throughout the Union Territory, with light to moderate rainfall expected at many places. However, isolated regions may witness intense downpours accompanied by gusty winds,

particularly during late-night and early-morning hours.

The districts of Jammu, Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua, Rajouri, and Samba have been marked for heavy to very heavy rainfall, heightening the risk of urban flooding, traffic disruptions, and possible damage to infrastructure in low-lying and flood-sensitive zones.

The advisory specifically warns against waterlogging and the likelihood of flash floods in nallahs and streams, alongside mudslides and shooting stones in mountainous terrain.

Authorities across the affected districts have been directed to stay alert and actively monitor river and stream catchments. Precautionary measures are being advised, especially for residents living near hill slopes, riverbanks, or | [More on P6](#)





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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION BARAMULLA

Short Term e-Tender  
Fresh NIT No: E-17of 2025-26

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed e-tenders In two covers on item rate basis are invited from experienced, reputed and registered firms for the following work:

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of tender document (Rate in Rs)	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Earnest money	Validity of offer	Time of completion	Programme Head	Whether Accorded/ Position of Funds	Tender ID no.
1.	Providing and fitting of chairs, waterproof pandal on rental basis for Independence Day (15 August) 2025 at Shaukat Ali Stadium, Govt Degree Collage Baramulla.	Rs. 50.00	Rs. 0.79	Rs. 1580/-	30days	03 days	M&R 2702	Within the ceiling of Budgetary Provisions of ARD 2025-26/ AAA No. 01- MCO of 2025-26 dated: 08-05-2025.	2025_IFC_282702_1

The tenders consisting of qualifying/eligibility criteria, technical specifications, general and commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-07-2025 (04:00pm).

The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-07-2025 (06:00 pm) to 04-08-2025 (6:55 pm). The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on the time and date, in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case offices happen to be closed due to holiday, or any other reason, on the schedule date of opening, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue.

The complete bidding shall be online.

Prequalification bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Baramulla on 05-08-2025 at 13:00 pm after which the financial bids of qualifying bidders shall be opened on the same day.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids.

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Mechanical Irrigation Division  
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For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), e- tenders are invited on Percentage basis from the Registered/ Approved PWD Civil Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules, for the below mentioned works strictly as per the terms and conditions given hereunder:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work incld. Depth, materials (Amount in lacs)	Costoffender Document in the shape of Treasury Challan) (Rs.)	Earnest Money (C.D.R)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Headof Account
01.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Mohammad Shafi to existing drain at Stadium Colony	Rs.14.63	Rs.200/-	Rs.29260/-	20 days	BEE/ CEE/ DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
02.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Mohammad Altaf to existing drain at Stadium Colony	Rs.1.86	Rs.100/-	Rs.3720/-	10 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
03.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Gh Rasool Bhat to House of Ejaz Ahmad Dar at Khalidabad Baghat	Rs.2.48	Rs.100/-	Rs.4960/-	10 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
04.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Abdul Rashid Tota to Masjid Sharief Khalidabad Baghat.	Rs.2.40	Rs.100/-	Rs.4800/-	10 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
05.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Nazir Ahmad Dar to House of Mohammad Shafi Parray at Parraypora Baghat.	Rs.4.90	Rs.150/-	Rs.9800/-	15 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
06.	Construction of storm water drain from House of Fayaz Ahmad Parray to main road Baghat Chowk at Rawalpora Baghat	Rs.3.62	Rs.150/-	Rs.7240/-	15 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
07.	Construction of storm water drain near House of Mohammad Akhtar Yattoo at Majed Bagh.	Rs.0.89	Rs.100/-	Rs.1780/-	10 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
08.	Construction of pipe drain from House of Ali Mohammad Parray and others upto existing drain at Check Rawalpora	Rs.4.01	Rs.150/-	Rs.8020/-	15 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
09.	Construction of storm water drain from main drain upto House of Mohammad Shafi Malik at LD Colony Rawalpora.	Rs.2.60	Rs.150/-	Rs.5200/-	15 days	DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
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11.	Construction of cement concrete drain at Atreen Colony Lane No02 Ellahi Bagh Srinagar Left over Portion	Rs.17.88	Rs.350/-	Rs.35760/-	25 days	BEE/ CEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (Additional Finance Assistance)
12.	Construction by way of pipe drain from House of Sameer Ahmad Shah upto main drain Chinar Colony Lane Mehjoor Nagar.	Rs.5.04	Rs.200/-	Rs.10080/-	20 days	CEE/ DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (City Grants)
13.	Construction of storm water drain at Basharat Colony Natipora.	Rs.5.75	Rs.200/-	Rs.11500/-	20 days	CEE/ DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (City Grants)
14.	Construction of RCC pipe drain including manholes at Lane No 01 Salma Bagh Opposite Madina Public School Syed Colony Habak Naseem Bagh Srinagar	Rs.12.36	Rs.200/-	Rs.24720/-	25 days	BEE/ CEE/ DEE	Capex Budget 2025-26 (City Grants)

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02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	25-07-2025 from 10:00A.M. to 07-08-2025 up to 4.00 PM
03.	Bid Submission Start Date	25-07-2025 from 02:00AM
04.	Bid Submission End Date	07-08-2025 upto 4.00PM
05.	Date & time of opening of Bids on line	08-08-2025 at 02.00 PM In the office of Executive Engineer, City Drainage Civil Division, Regal Lane Srinagar OR any subsequent date convenient date to the tender Opening Authority.

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3)	Scanned copy of GST Registration with latest clearance and PAN Card.	
4)	Scanned copy of Enlistment card with its validity, verification	
5)	Cell No. and e-mail address	
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Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

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

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This office has received a written application from Manzoor Ah Ahanger S/o Mohd Shaban Ahanger R/o Bomai , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of ward namely Tabi Manzoor who was Born on 06/06/2010 and 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  
Bomai  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly recorded as Zehra Jan in the Aadhaar card bearing number 8416-72711861 while my correct name is Rubeena Mohi Ud Din. 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 concern aadhar centre Jammu Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Rubeena Mohi Ud Din  
D/o Ghulam Mohuddain Ahanger  
R/o Khai Pora Bala Tehsil Kreeri District Baramulla

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (old name) TAHIRA to (New name) TAHIRA PARVEEN . In future i will be known as (new Name) TAHIRA PARVEEN .

If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

TAHIRA PARVEEN W/O SHAKEEL AHMED  
R/O WEST END HYDERPORA BYEPASS SRINAGAR

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از دفتر ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول تحصیل کوئی

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## DC Reviews Progress Of Muft Bijli Yojana

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo (Chairman Monitoring and Management Committee PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana) chaired a meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to discuss the plan for Model Solar Village in the district.

The meeting discussed threadbare the plan related to the selection of one Model Solar Village in Srinagar district, a component of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY) which focuses on establishing Model Solar Village in the district and raising awareness about the scheme aimed at installing rooftop solar plants.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the initiative is aimed at promoting sustainable energy solutions by establishing Model Solar Villages that will serve as a benchmark for harnessing solar energy to meet local electricity needs.

During the meeting, DC also took a firsthand appraisal of the progress made in installation of Solar Rooftops under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in all four Electric Divisions of the district.

He urged KPDCL Engineers to work in mission mode and make coordinated efforts to accelerate the pace and progress in the scheme implementation to achieve set targets in time bound manner.

## Awareness Prog On Drug Abuse & Bullying Held

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar organised an awareness programme at Boys Higher Secondary School.

The awareness programme, organized in collaboration with the School Education department, aimed to sensitize students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the rising concern of bullying and teasing among school-

going youth.

Students, faculty members, and legal experts ensured their participation in the programme. The program aimed to equip students with knowledge about the psychological, social, and legal consequences of substance abuse and bullying behaviors.

Speaking on the occasion, Zeenat Nazir (Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel) emphasized the importance of early intervention and peer support in curbing addiction and promoting a safe and respectful school environment. She also interacted with students and elaborated on the legal provisions under the NDPS Act related to drug abuse.

## Committee On Privileges Meets In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Committee on Privileges of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to discuss matters related to the constitutional privileges and entitlements of legislators.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Nizam-ud-Din Bhat and attended by members of the committee including Vikram Randhawa, Javid Riyaz (Bedar), Salman Sagar, Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed (Pardesi), Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Bharat Bhushan and Javid Iqbal.

Also present were Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), M.

Raju; Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Achal Sethi; and Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Neeraj Kumar and Secretary Legislative Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandita.

The Chairman underscored the significance of legislators asserting their constitutional rights and privileges on all appropriate platforms. He stressed the need for a well-defined framework to safeguard the dignity, autonomy and effective functioning of elected representatives.

The Committee resolved that a detailed report concerning the privileges and protocol issues of legislators be compiled and submitted within a stipulated time frame.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for fresh Pesticide and Fertilizers license under the name M/S Pure Yield Agro Fertilizers & Pesticides situated at Gosh Bugh Pattan Baramulla. In this regard if anybody is having any objection may file the same to Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla within the time period of 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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S/o Bashir Ahmad Hurra  
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I am applying for a duplicate marks card. If anyone has any objection regarding the same, he/she can contact the concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Name: Faizan Majeed S/O: Abdul Majeed Shah  
R/O: Jahangirpora Shrakwara  
Roll Number: 343220  
Registration Number: NI1441580051

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## SSCL Highlights Inclusive Development of Jhelum Riverfront

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) has strongly rebutted a news report published in a local daily on July 28, 2025, concerning the Jhelum Riverfront Development project. Terming the article “unbalanced,” “factually inaccurate,” and “lacking verifiable information,” SSCL issued a detailed statement highlighting the progress, vision, and public benefit of the initiative under the Government of India’s Smart Cities Mission.

The statement clarifies that the Jhelum Riverfront project was envisioned to reclaim and revitalise previously neglected riverbanks, making them accessible, inclusive, and ecologically sensitive public spaces. The project has been executed in phases along both the Left and Right Banks of the Jhelum River, with a strong focus on urban inclusivity, environmental sustainability, and cultural revival.

On the Left Bank—from Zero Bridge to Amira Kadal, spanning 2.5 km—SSCL informed that the entire stretch has been completed and was formally dedicated to the public by the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor on May 20, 2023. “Since its inauguration, this stretch has become a vibrant and inclusive public space actively used by both residents and visitors throughout the day,” the statement noted. The upgraded Left Bank includes a continuous pedestrian promenade, accessible landscaped green

spaces, dedicated on-street parking, a stormwater drainage corridor, underground and rationalised electric and telecom utilities, and development of modern public toilets. Additional features include high-quality street illumination, wayfinding signage, universal access through kerb ramps, upgraded heritage ghats with barrier-free entry, and integration of existing trees with interactive seating arrangements.

SSCL emphasised that the intervention has notably enhanced safety and accessibility, particularly for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Before the project, the Left Bank was fenced off, lacked pedestrian infrastructure, and remained largely unused. “The article fails to acknowledge the remarkable transformation and significant rise in public activity on this stretch—a change not seen before,” SSCL said.

The Right Bank of the river, from Heritage Zero Bridge to Amira Kadal, is being developed in segments. The first completed segment, approximately 800 metres from Heritage Zero Bridge to the General Post Office (GPO), was inaugurated on November 1, 2023, by the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor. This portion has seen major upgrades, including improved access points and the creation of new pedestrian routes, such as from TRC to the Heritage Emporium. What was once a debris-filled, unused space has now been turned into a usable public corridor. A surface parking facility was also

constructed under the redundant space of Abdullah Bridge, and modern public toilets were installed to support visitor needs. “This stretch has quickly become a hotspot for public use and cultural gatherings, especially during evenings,” SSCL said.

The remaining part of the Right Bank—from GPO to Amira Kadal—is in its final stages of development. Completed components so far include underground electric ducts, a wide and continuous pedestrian walkway, river-edge walkways, upgraded access routes from GPO Lane, Polo View Road, and SBI Lane, development of kiosks, and entry plazas. Ongoing work, being executed on a fast-track basis, includes landscaping, commissioning of the underground electric network, installation of illumination systems, and fixing of seating arrangements.

SSCL reiterated that the Jhelum Riverfront Development has been executed with a strong commitment to ecological preservation, civic functionality, and cultural heritage. “It has transformed once inaccessible and neglected riverbanks into safe, inclusive, and vibrant spaces that enhance urban life and foster civic pride,” the statement added.

Concluding the statement, SSCL expressed disappointment at the media report’s failure to present a balanced or fact-based narrative. “The article ignores visible progress and unfairly undermines a project that continues to benefit the people of Srinagar,” it said.

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#### Notice Inviting Tender

e-NIT No.: - ED-III /09 of 2025-26

Dated: - 29-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from reputed companies Registered with ROC of INDIA, Original Manufacturers or relevant class A registered electrical contractors/suppliers enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency of JKPD, for “HT/LT improvement of 250 kVA Abu Baker Colony Danmar and 100 kVA Pohru Sangam falling under the jurisdiction of ESD Nawakadal, ED 3rd & LT improvement/Extension at Arampora Gulbahar Colony Qamarwari falling under the jurisdiction of ESD Watalakadal, ED 3rd (Turnkey Basis)” as details below:

Name of the work.	Estimated EMD Cost (Lacs)	% of estimated Cost Rs. 8600.00	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period	Status of funds
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F	e-Bid submission (End) date and time Submission of e-tender fee, and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	16-08-2025; 04:00 PM
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#### HIGHWAY STATUS



- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)



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## This Day In History

- 1946 - 1st rocket attains 100 mi (167 km) altitude, White Sands, NM
- 1949 - British warship HMS Amethyst escapes down Yangtze River, having been refused a safe passage by Chinese Communists after 3-month standoff
- 1966 - US airplanes bombs demilitarized zone in Vietnam
- 1971 - Japanese Boeing 727 collides with an F-86 fighter killing 162
- 1971 - US Apollo 15 (Scott & Irwin) lands on Mare Imbrium on the Moon
- 1975 - Murtala Mohammed overthrows General Gowon to become Nigerian Head of State
- 1980 - Vanuatu (New Hebrides) gains independence from Britain & France
- 1985 - Discovery moves to Vandenberg AFB for mating of STS 51-L mission
- 1990 - The first Saturn automobile rolls off the assembly line.
- 2006 - World's longest running music show Top of the Pops is broadcast for the last time on BBC Two. The show had aired for 42 years.
- 2012 - Train fire kills 32 and injures 27 people in Andhra Pradesh, India
- 2012 - Indian power grid failure leaves over 300 million without electricity

## From KO Archives

## School Girl Assaulted, Slaughtered In Langate Village

Police suspect criminal assault, hunting three perpetrators

Srinagar- In a ghastly incident, a school girl was criminally assaulted by three unknown assailants in the outskirts of Langate on Friday, and then mercilessly slaughtered in a bid to avoid identification (of the criminals). The enormity of the crime sent waves of shock through the area and thousands of people took to the streets in violent demonstrations.

The victim had, as usual, left her home in Batpora this morning for the 4 km trek to the Uqaab Public School in Langate where she studied in class 8.

It being Friday, school was over at 1:30 p.m., and she and two of her friends headed home through what the villagers call, the Wudar route.

From what could later be pieced together from her friends account, they were suddenly waylaid by three persons who tried to grab the victim.

The two friends fled from the spot terrified and weeping, and out of fear did not say anything at home about their school-mate.

But when pressed by the family of the missing girl, out poured the story that created alarm in the entire neighbourhood. Search parties made up of the victim's family and their neighbours immediately set out for the track the girls had taken on their way home, and came across one of her shoes.

With fears of the worst mounting, the villagers found the girl's uniform, and shortly after came upon a body hastily hidden beneath clay and bushes of hay.

A villager, Ghulam Muhammad, said that the searchers were shocked to find that the throat of the victim had been slit, and her uniform, school bag, shoes and other belongings had been dumped some distance away from the "grave."

The Handwara police were informed about the gruesome incident, and top officers of the force tried to take custody of the body. But by then the news had reached the village, and a large numbered men and women came out in grief and headed towards the scene of the crime. The huge procession demanded the immediate arrest of the killers.

The Handwara police said that an autopsy would be carried out to find out the motive behind the killing. The police fears that the victim might have been criminally assaulted before being murdered because the body bore marks of violence, and was without any clothes when discovered.

The police said that a liquor bottle and a tumbler were found near the body.

Villagers from Batpora and adjoining areas held up traffic on the roads by pelting stones on passing vehiclea but dispersed late in the evening, when the additional deputy commissioner Handwara, Basheer Ahmad Wani visited the area and assured people of thorough probe into the crime.

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KO VIEW

Statehood push

When Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah says he is “hopeful” of statehood being restored during the ongoing session of Parliament, it is not a routine political statement. Coming from the head of the Union Territory’s elected government, it suggests something concrete may be brewing in New Delhi.

Omar’s words were measured, but firm: “Let this Parliament session pass. We are hopeful that we will get something. If not, we will talk after that.” Such guarded optimism from a sitting chief minister cannot be brushed aside. On its face, it does signal a possible shift in the Centre’s approach, or at least some behind-the-scenes assurance that the demand for statehood is not being ignored. Or does it?

Ever since the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, and its bifurcation into two union territories, the restoration of statehood has been one of the most pressing demands from J&K political parties. While the central government has said that downgrading into union territory status was done for administrative efficiency and better integration, public sentiment in the region has consistently sought the return of statehood.

Recently, the Congress party launched a campaign under the banner “Hamari Riyasat, Hamara Haq.” J&K Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra has laid out an ambitious programme - public outreach, a “Black Day” on August 5, and a district-wide chain hunger strike from August 9 to 21.

Incidentally, the Congress is an alliance partner of the ruling National Conference. They also fought the election together. While the NC emerged dominant, the Congress chose to remain out of government, sticking to its statehood-first principle. This division of roles, governance and protest, might well be a deliberate strategy to push the issue from both within and outside the system. However, the NC has earlier blamed the Congress for not involving it in the statehood protest.

Overall, the NC has chosen to stay away from a confrontationalist approach towards centre on the issue, keeping the door open for dialogue and avoiding pre-empting a process that may be quietly underway. In J&K, restoring statehood is more than a political demand. It is about trust, identity, and restoring a sense of ownership to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. With both the government and the opposition rallying around this cause, the Centre would do well to listen and act. But for now, all we can do is to keep our fingers crossed.

Irshad Mushtaq

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Kashmir has land, talent, and drive. What it needs now is clarity: a roadmap shaped by education, honesty, and shared progress. Happiness isn’t a lucky break. It grows from knowledge, logic, and steady effort. Education must go beyond classrooms. It must teach people how to think, act, and adapt. A clear goal matters, so does the will to work for it. In Kashmir, where dreams often stall in uncertainty, direction brings hope. With vision and discipline, individuals and investors can move from ideas to impact. Trust is the backbone of any lasting success. Without honesty, deals fall apart. Without loyalty, communities drift. In a place where relationships matter deeply, these values are our strength. Money follows skill, but it stays with wisdom. Financial growth comes through saving, investing, and learning. Earning is one part, managing is the rest. Informed investors don’t chase shortcuts, they build. What sets a society apart is how it treats others. Helping someone succeed is not a loss. It’s how communities win. When one person grows, others rise too. Integrity isn’t a choice for later. It’s the foundation now. Kashmir’s future depends on people who stand for what’s right and who never trade ethics for ease. A better Kashmir isn’t a far-off hope. It’s a possible present, if we lead with knowledge, values, and care.

The author is a Srinagar-based reputed financial advisor.

Why Bandipora Needs National Highway Status

While expressways transform the mainland, a strategic border district in Kashmir still waits for a road wide enough to carry hope.



Nizam ud Din Bhat

When winter hits the Himalayan north, Bandipora disappears from the map. Tucked between the vast Wullar Lake and steep mountains, this district in north Kashmir is home to nearly 400,000 people, more than the population of Maldives or Iceland.

And yet, just two narrow roads link us to the rest of the world. One through Sumbal, the other through Sopore. Most days, they’re more broken than usable.

When it rains or snows, or when no one takes care of them, the roads stop working, and so does life here.

Ambulances don’t make it, students miss exams, goods stop moving, and teachers cancel transfers.

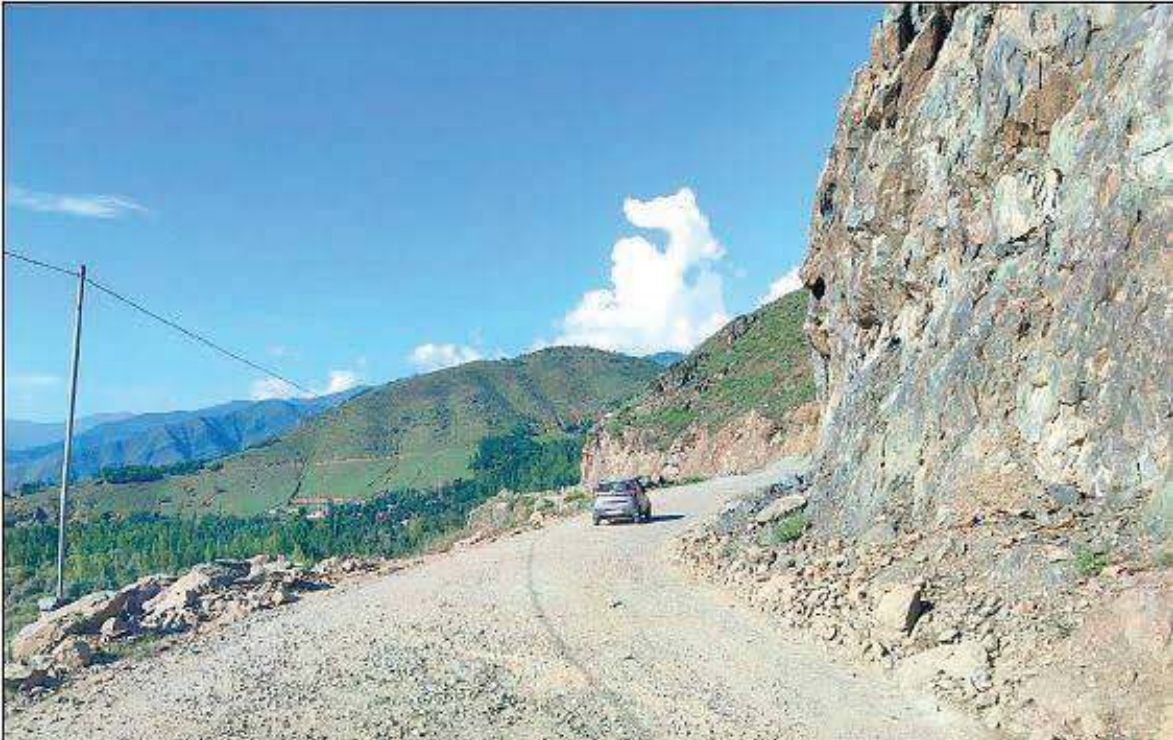
In a matter of hours, Bandipora turns into an island, cut off and left out.

What happens here can impact the whole country.

Beyond Bandipora lies Gurez, a stunning valley perched near the Line of Control. In peacetime or tension, in calm or storm, all access to Gurez passes through our roads. Soldiers, rescue teams, and families rely on these routes to survive and serve.

In January this year, the risks turned deadly. On the 4th, four Army personnel lost their lives in a road accident on the Bandipora-Gurez route. The road was narrow, the weather unforgiving, and the warning signs had been there for years.

To break free from this weather-imposed isolation, the Srinagar-



“We’ve seen the roads of India transform. From expressways in Uttar Pradesh to tunnels in the Northeast, the country is changing fast. Bandipora needs to be part of that story.

Bandipora-Gurez road needs National Highway status.

That single step can change everything.

National Highway status brings better roads, safer travel, and sustained upkeep. It opens the door to central funding and high-standard engineering.

More than anything, it tells people here that their safety matters as much as anyone else’s.

Some point to a controversy from the 1990s. Back then, development funds meant for this road, under NHPC’s CSR plan, were allegedly misused.

That case is still in court. But should the people of Bandipora keep paying the price?

Investigations must happen, so should progress. One should never block the other.

Bandipora is often seen as distant. In truth, it’s filled with promise.

The majestic Wullar Lake is one of South Asia’s largest freshwater lakes. Gurez and Tulail valleys are breathtaking and rich in cultural heritage. The Kishenganga Hydropower Project, already up and running, powers homes across the region.

But without good roads, tourists won’t come, investors won’t stay, and jobs won’t grow.

This is also why Bandipora struggles to attract professionals. Doctors, professors, engineers, and officers often refuse postings here.

Poor access means fewer facilities, limited safety, and long periods of isolation. That hurts everyone, especially children, patients, and students.

This highway demand is not new. It has been raised in public meetings, debated in the Assembly, and covered by the press. But it never moved beyond files.

But now, every delay comes with a cost, sometimes in lives.

We’ve seen the roads of India transform. From expressways in Uttar Pradesh to tunnels in the Northeast, the country is changing fast. Bandipora needs to be part of that story.

This isn’t a request for charity. It’s a call for fairness, and foresight.

The author is a Member of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, representing Bandipora.

This article is adapted from his open letter to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

Letter to Editor

Kashmir’s PhDs Are Victims of a Failed Education Policy

Each year in Kashmir, a strange cycle repeats itself. Hundreds of highly qualified college lecturers, many with PhDs and national-level credentials like NET, SET, and JRF, line up to reapply for the very jobs they’ve held for years. They fill out forms, attach degrees they’ve earned through sacrifice, update their CVs, and wait, again.

These are not rookies or part-time tutors. They are the backbone of government colleges across Jammu and Kashmir. They’ve held the system together in remote districts, volatile towns, and disrupted semesters.

And yet, the state pays them 28,000 a month. That’s less than the salary of a freshly appointed peon.

The injustice is not new. It’s just growing old, and harder to excuse.

Across the Union Territory, the Higher Education Department has refused to bring these lecturers under the University Grants Commission (UGC) pay structure, despite their qualifications and years of full-time service. Meanwhile, institutions such as the University of Kashmir, IUST, and SKUAST-K have already implemented the UGC-recommended pay scales. They follow national academic standards. The colleges under the Higher Education Department do not.

This disparity has left lecturers fuming.

“How is it justifiable that someone with a PhD and UGC qualifica-

tions earns less than a non-teaching staffer?” asked Dr. Sheikh Afaq of SP College, Srinagar. “What is the value of education if the state treats its educators like this?”

A question worth repeating.

In J&K’s higher education landscape, these lecturers have stepped up again and again. When permanent posts remained vacant year after year, they filled the gaps. When colleges in rural belts needed staff, they moved without protest. When the pandemic forced campuses online, they carried the weight of continuity on their shoulders, with no allowances, security, and institutional gratitude.

The state, in return, gives them neither a contract nor a career path, just an honorarium. The word sounds ceremonial, as if they’re being thanked for a favour. In reality, it’s a monthly reminder of a broken system.

They are appointed on academic arrangement, a vague term that means nothing in terms of service recognition. There is no provident fund, pension, leave benefits, and medical coverage. And at the end of the academic year, they are asked to leave, only to apply again.

This cycle has played out for over a decade now. And every year, new memorandums are written. Protests are staged, delegations meet bureaucrats, and promises are made.

Even Chief Minister Omar Abdul-

lah publicly assured regularization and pay parity for these lecturers. But those assurances dissolved into silence once the cameras turned off.

The present administration has inherited this backlog of broken promises. And it has added its own indifference to the mix.

Lecturers say they are no longer just underpaid, they are invisible. Their files sit untouched, appeals unread, and their future remains undecided.

A 2022 RTI filed by an education advocacy group in Srinagar revealed that nearly 63% of sanctioned teaching posts in government colleges remained vacant. Yet instead of filling them with permanent faculty or upgrading existing ones, the department has leaned entirely on these temporary appointees while refusing to pay them fairly.

This is exploitation in slow motion. It is eating into the morale of Kashmir’s most educated generation. Some of these lecturers have taught for eight or ten consecutive years without a single raise. Others have crossed 40 with no sign of job security.

It is not just a professional crisis. It’s a mental and social one.

“We’re constantly living on the edge,” said a lecturer from Baramulla. “One year you’re teaching, the next year you’re out. You can’t plan your life, your child’s education, or even apply for a home loan.”

The tragedy is that the state needs them desperately. With the govern-

ment’s renewed focus on skill development, digital education, and research, the higher education system cannot function without competent, committed faculty. But it seems unwilling to build that system on respect.

This is a betrayal of every student in J&K’s colleges. When your teachers feel disposable, how do you expect them to inspire?

At the core of this crisis is a question of dignity. These lecturers are not asking for favours. They are asking for fairness. A lecturer with a PhD and teaching experience deserves to be treated at par with national standards. Anything less is institutional discrimination.

The government must act. The UGC pay scales must be implemented. These teachers must be regularized through a transparent framework. And the annual charade of reappointment must end.

It’s hard to speak of “Viksit Bharat” and digital universities when your educators are still begging for dignity. The future of Kashmir’s education depends on those who teach in its classrooms with conviction.

It’s time they are seen, heard, and paid what they’re worth.

Sincerely

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# Kashmir's Tech Trap

From signal strength to social strain, Kashmir's digital story is more complicated than it seems.

Mohammad Hanief

In a remote corner of south Kashmir's Shopian district, 16-year-old Insha logs into a YouTube channel to revise her physics lessons. The Wi-Fi signal is unstable. The electricity, unreliable. But she keeps going, like thousands of students across the valley, who now rely on digital devices to pursue their education, connect with the outside world, and imagine futures their parents could not have dreamed of.

This is the face of Kashmir's digital transformation. It's a story of hope, but also one riddled with fault lines.

With smartphones in most pockets, and social media shaping everything from community calls to career ambitions, Kashmir is now a digital society, without having had time to prepare for it.

Over the past decade, a region often isolated by geography and politics has plugged into a hyperconnected world. Yet with this connection comes a double bind: a newfound agency, and an escalating vulnerability.

Smartphones began to penetrate Kashmir's market in the late 2000s. By 2024, according to TRAI estimates, mobile phone density in Jammu and Kashmir stood at 122.63 per 100 people, one of the highest in the country.

Telecom towers now dot the mountain skyline. Villages once

out of reach now get online grocery deliveries. Even amid political turmoil, Kashmiris stream global news, edit videos for Instagram, and run e-commerce ventures from home.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the digital shift. When schools shut down, virtual classrooms filled the gap. A government schoolteacher in Anantnag says, "Some kids attended classes by borrowing their neighbour's smartphone."

Despite patchy bandwidth, students adapted. Online classes, digital worksheets, and education apps became the norm.

Health services, too, began experimenting.

Hospitals like SKIMS and SMHS introduced limited teleconsultation services. Several private clinics now use mobile apps to schedule follow-ups and send prescriptions. For people in far-flung areas like Tangdhar or Uri, digital health offers relief from long travel and waiting lines.

Then there's the new digital economy.

Hundreds of Kashmiri youth, particularly in Srinagar, are working as freelance graphic designers, copywriters, software developers, and content creators for clients in Mumbai, Dubai, and Toronto. Platforms like Fiverr, Upwork, and Instagram have redefined job markets for a region long hampered by unemployment and political instability.



According to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, over 4,200 youth from J&K registered for online skill certifications in 2023, a 160% rise from three years earlier.

Yet the glitter of progress hides deep cracks.

Mental health professionals across the valley report a spike in digital dependency, especially among adolescents.

In a survey conducted by a Srinagar-based mental health welfare body, over 52% of teenagers admitted to spending more than five hours daily on their phones. Social media, gaming, and endless scrolling are taking a toll on attention spans, sleep cycles, and self-esteem.

"Children are losing interest in outdoor play," says a pediatrician in Baramulla. "They're irritable, distracted, and constantly

online, even during meals."

Parents often lack the vocabulary or tools to manage this shift. Digital fatigue is setting in early, and its symptoms, like anxiety, irritability, burnout, are hard to ignore.

The digital world is also amplifying misinformation. WhatsApp forwards during tense situations, like protests or violence, can quickly spiral into panic.

A 2023 study found that nearly 40% of viral content during sensitive events was either misleading or unverifiable. The emotional consequences are immediate.

"People believe what they see in the moment," says a university researcher. "No one pauses to verify. The damage is done in seconds."

Meanwhile, data privacy remains a largely unspoken

concern. Few users in Kashmir are aware of where their personal information goes. Apps demand access to contacts, location, and messages without clear disclosures. Tech literacy, especially among older users, is low. The trade-off between convenience and surveillance is rarely questioned.

Then there's online abuse. Young women, especially, face routine harassment on social media. Some deactivate accounts, others post anonymously.

One 19-year-old in Pulwama recounts receiving threatening messages after posting a video on sustainable fashion. "I was told to stay off the internet," she says. "But it's also where I learn, connect, and dream."

Even as mobile networks extend their reach, a deep digital divide persists. In rural Kashmir,

5G access is uneven. Many families can afford only one smartphone, usually controlled by the head of the household. Girls often have restricted access or none at all.

In a survey by a local NGO, only 38% of girls in some south Kashmir schools reported having consistent access to online learning tools. In higher education, the gap widens further.

Many students preparing for national entrance exams must



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travel to Srinagar or Jammu for digital coaching centers, or settle for poor-quality content over slow networks.

Digital exclusion is becoming the new illiteracy. Without fast, affordable internet and basic training in how to use it, large segments of Kashmiri society risk being left behind. This disparity widens economic and social gaps, reinforcing cycles of marginalization.

Few speak of it, but digital technology comes with a footprint.

In junkyards across the city, dead and discarded cellphones and tangled chargers lie in growing heaps. Kashmir generates over 600 tonnes of e-waste annually, according to the recent report. There is no formal recycling system. Toxic materials, like lead, cadmium, lithium,

leach into soil and water.

Data centers, while invisible, draw enormous power. The demand for faster, 24/7 internet means higher energy use in a region that often struggles with basic electricity supply.

Kashmir is racing toward a future it didn't entirely choose, but now must shape.

Digital education must go beyond tools and screens. Schools need to teach children how to verify information, manage screen time, and recognize online threats. Media literacy must become foundational, not optional.

Tech companies operating in Kashmir must be held to higher standards. From data protection to harassment reporting, users here deserve the same rights and tools available elsewhere. Governments should invest in local cyber cells, regional content moderation, and language-sensitive AI tools.

At home, the culture around screens needs to shift. Families must treat digital hygiene like physical hygiene, through habits, modeling, and limits.

Phone-free zones, offline hobbies, and digital detox periods are small but powerful steps.

And for those still left out, targeted interventions are needed: community Wi-Fi hubs, subsidized devices, and offline-to-online mentorship programs.

Technology is not neutral. It reflects the systems, values, and inequities of those who create and control it. In Kashmir, where fragility and aspiration go hand-in-hand, the digital world can either deepen fractures or offer a ladder.

The task ahead is to ensure that as the valley plugs into the world, it doesn't lose its way.

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## The Road That Remembers

Two tunnels, two decades, and too many delays, but change is finally coming to Kashmir's most fragile road.

Er Navaid Runyal

The Ramban-Banihal stretch was never just a road. For people like me, it was a gamble with time, a daily test of nerves, a crack in the spine of Kashmir that swallowed chances, appointments, and sometimes lives.

I've seen this highway through fogged windshields and freezing nights, through blocked paths and broken schedules.

And standing there today, watching it transform into a four-lane lifeline, I felt something I wasn't prepared for: hope.

This road has held too much. I remember the ambulances that couldn't move. The families who walked for miles because buses gave up. The tourists stranded without food. The repeated calls we made, asking if traffic had moved beyond Panthyal.

The answer always seemed the same: "Sab kuch Banihal se aage ruk gaya hai."

For so long, we've known this stretch as the place where time stood still, where nature decided whether a child reached school or a patient reached a hospital, and where weddings were postponed and funerals were delayed.

This was beyond potholes or poor maintenance. It was about a whole region being forced to live with uncertainty.

And yet, now, something is changing. I stood and watched cranes bend steel into bridges. I saw tunnels breaking through mountains that once stood in the way.

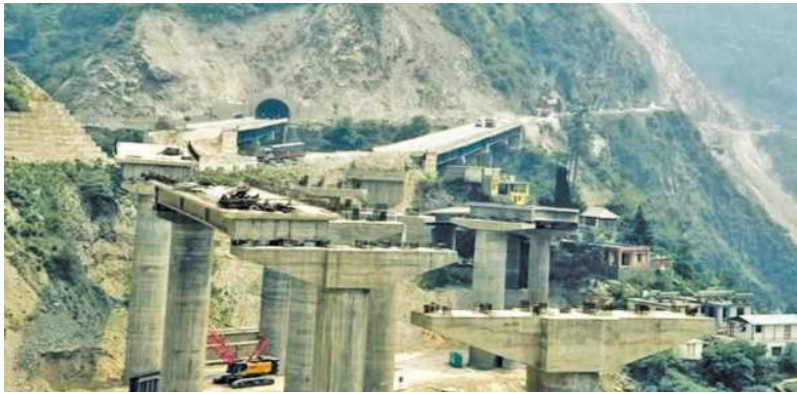
The new T5 tunnel, bypassing Panthyal, means something deeper than convenience.

It means fewer lives will be lost to falling rocks. It means mothers can breathe easier when their children travel. It means the road can finally serve the people it was meant to.

As an engineer, I looked at the slope protections, the retaining walls, the new viaducts, and I knew the work hasn't been easy.

The terrain is unforgiving, and the weather, unpredictable.

Yet, there are workers in torn gloves and muddy boots, pushing through rain and dust. Some are from local villages, others have come from states far away. Together, they are carving safety out of stone.



I watched one worker haul concrete through knee-deep muck. Another climbed a scaffold without looking down. These are the people building our tomorrow. Their names may not appear anywhere, but this road will always carry their effort.

It's because of these unsung heroes that this construction project has become a recovery.

I think of a fruit trader in Qazigund who once told me, "Hamari zindagi road ke hisaab se chalti hai." His voice still echoes in my head. One highway closure meant a truckload of apples going bad. His profit depended on the weather forecast, not the market. This new highway, for him, is about dignity.

Students have suffered too. I've known boys who missed their exams, and girls who lost their admission letters. Entire futures paused because the road between Ramban and Banihal had given up again.

For them, this new stretch is access, fairness, and the chance to compete like everyone else.

Traffic jams here have always tested our limits. I remember sitting in a car that didn't move for nine hours. There were children crying in the back seat, a tourist couple next to us had no water left, and an elderly man fainted. The anxiety was about safety, and feeling helpless and forgotten.

But I also remember what happened during those long hours. Locals came out with rice and tea. Someone brought blankets. Dhabas opened their doors for strangers. Volunteers handed out medicines and cups of kehwa.

No one told them to do it. Yet every time the road gave up, their compas-

sion kept it alive.

I once walked with a kettle of hot tea through a maze of stranded trucks. A driver took the cup with shaking hands. A mother thanked me with tears in her eyes. That moment has stayed with me. The road might have been blocked, but something deeper kept flowing.

Of course, this project has come at a cost. Mountains have been blasted. Streams have been diverted. Some homes have felt the tremble of every explosion. Progress often leaves marks. My hope is that this time, it listens. That it includes green recovery, proper drainage, and the voices of those who live in its shadow.

Even as I write, I think of the men still on site, finishing their shift under flickering lights. Some will sleep in tin sheds again tonight. Far from their own families, they are building a path for ours.

Years from now, the drive from Jammu to Srinagar may take less time. Children might laugh as they count tunnels. The road may become just another stretch on the map. But for those of us who lived through what came before, it will always mean more.

This road once made us wait, cry, and pray. Now it carries something new - possibility. It tells us that things can get better. That regions long pushed to the side can be brought to the centre.

In every metre of this new highway lies a memory, a burden, and a small, stubborn kind of hope. The kind that refuses to give up.

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## The Last Songs of the Dards

Through food, funerals, and forgotten dialects, a new book documents the living culture of Kashmir's Dard tribes.

Dr. Arshad H. Bhat

Far from the noise of cities and the rush of modern life, an ancient world is still breathing in Kashmir.

In the high valleys of Gurez and Ladakh, the Dard tribes are holding on to their stories, rituals, and fading tongue.

They speak in a language older than any map, and sing to rivers that no longer know which flag they flow under.

But the silence is closing in, slow and certain, like snow falling on an empty path.

It is this silence that Suheel Rasool Mir breaks in Cultural Encyclopedia of the Dard Tribe: Journey Through Gurez and Ladakh.

Page by page, village by village, he unearths a civilization long buried under snow, state apathy, and academic neglect. His work doesn't simply catalogue a community. It revives a vanishing world.

The Dards, who once inhabited a vast belt stretching across Dardistan, from Gilgit to Gurez, have lived through a slow erasure.

Their stories aren't taught, their songs aren't archived, and their wisdom doesn't trend.

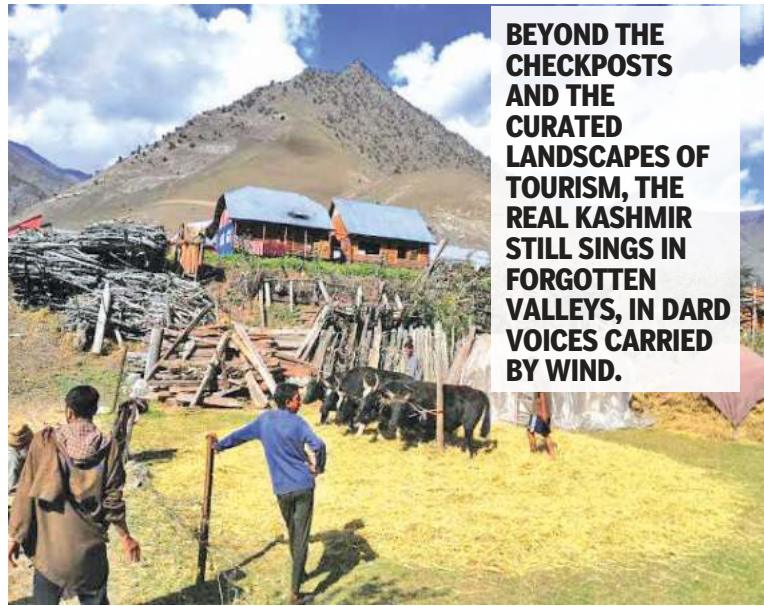
And yet, they hold within them the original pulse of the mountains: resilient, adaptive, deeply rooted.

Mir's book begins not with drama, but with devotion. He steps into their kitchens, listens to their prayers, learns their games, eats their food, and sits through their grief.

What emerges is a tender, textured documentation of the Dard world, from millet fields to marriage customs, from burial rites to barter economies.

It's not some academic study or longing for the past. It's a cry for attention, and proof of what's slipping away.

In Gurez, young people are abandoning their dialects. In Drass, weddings that once spanned days are now rushed through WhatsApp calls and cash payments. Sacred groves are being cleared for roads. Tourism, once a promise, now flickers between military presence and fleeting selfies. The Dards are being archived be-



fore they've even been understood.

And yet, the stories live on. A woman weaving wool remembers the festival songs of her mother. An elder in Batalik still recites ancient chants for the harvest moon.

Mir captures the sharp details, like the way butter is churned during snowstorms, the pattern of tattoos on women's wrists, the logic behind clan alliances, and the grief when a traditional flute falls silent for good.

Each chapter reads like a dispatch from a civilization the rest of the world forgot.

The power of the book lies in what it doesn't sensationalize. There are no heroic exaggerations here. Only the subtle urgency of preservation. The Dards are only waiting to be heard.

Mir does not write with the distance of a scholar. His tone is warm, clear, and grounded. He allows the Dards to speak for themselves, through songs, sayings, and small, unremarkable acts that carry generations of wisdom.

There's a dignity in his gaze, a refusal to treat these lives as museum exhibits or relics of some romantic past.

The book arrives at a critical time. Climate change is reshaping the Himalayan ecology. Modernity through roads, telecom towers, and displaced

priorities is sweeping away fragile systems of knowledge.

The Dards, who once lived in sync with stars and snow, are being dragged into a race they never signed up for.

And yet, their cosmology, rooted in earth cycles, spiritual reciprocity, and community care, might hold answers we're only beginning to seek.

For Kashmir, this work is more than a cultural document. It's a reckoning. It forces us to ask: how many worlds within our own borders have we neglected, overwritten, or lost? How many tongues will vanish before we call them mother tongues? How many traditions will be filed away as folklore before we recognise them as blueprints for survival?

Cultural Encyclopedia of the Dard Tribe doesn't offer closure. It offers an opening to listen, return, and remember.

Beyond the checkpoints and the curated landscapes of tourism, the real Kashmir still sings in forgotten valleys, in Dard voices carried by wind.

And if we don't bend down to hear them now, we may never hear them again.

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No World Leader

that Pakistan had some inkling of Indian action and had started issuing nuclear threats, but could do nothing when terror targets were hit.

“The Congress and its allies have unfortunately become spokespersons of Pakistani propaganda. India is becoming self-reliant, but Congress is now dependent on Pakistan for issues. The entire country is amazed to see Congress give a clean chit to Pakistan and sing the same tune as theirs.

PM Modi said, “It (Pahalgam attack) was a conspiracy to instigate riots in India and the country’s unity foiled that attempt. When I speak of this Parliament session being a Vijayotsav (celebration of victory), it is of destroying the headquarters of terror.”

“I stand here to make a case for India, and to show a mirror to those who do not understand this. I had said that we will teach the terrorists and their masters a be-fitting lesson which will be beyond their imagination.

“We have complete trust in the capabilities of our armed forces and they were given a free hand to respond. The armed forces taught them such a lesson that the masters of terrorism are still losing their sleep over it,” he added.

Modi tore into the Congress, accusing the Opposition of acting as “spokespersons of Pakistani propaganda.”

“It has been an old habit of Congress to mistrust the armed forces,” he said, accusing the party of seeking “proof” after surgical strikes.

“The era of ‘Aman ki Asha’ and terrorism running in parallel is over. We’ve shut down this one-way traffic,” Modi thundered.

He dubbed the Treaty a “big blunder” of Nehru. “Successive governments did not correct Nehru’s mistake of the Indus Water Treaty, but we made it clear that blood and water cannot flow together,” Modi said.

PM Modi attacked the Opposition, saying while the nation got support from the entire world, the Congress and its allies could not stand behind the valour of the nation’s soldiers.

He also asserted that no leader of any country asked India to end the military action after the Pahalgam terror strike.

“Before asking why PoK has not been taken back yet, Congress must respond -- who let it go. India is still suffering the pain of mistakes committed by previous Congress governments, starting from Jawaharlal Nehru.

“Then Congress governments lost opportunities to get back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir when India had Pakistan’s land and soldiers in custody,” he told the House.

70% Drop in Terror

said. “We banned all its constituents, and today, all of them are behind bars. We will not talk to Hurriyat. We will talk to the youth of the valley.”

The Hurriyat, formed in 1993, has long been viewed as a pro-Pakistan amalgam of separatist groups in Kashmir.

Backing the Centre’s tough stance with data, Shah highlighted a steep decline in terrorism since the BJP came to power. “Between 2004 and 2014, there were 7,217 terror incidents in Kashmir. Between 2014 and 2025, that number fell by 70% to 2,150,” he said.

Civilian deaths, according to Shah, dropped by 80% -- from 1,770 in the UPA era to 357 in the BJP’s tenure. Security personnel deaths fell by nearly half -- from 1,060 to 542 -- while the number of terrorists killed rose by 123%.

“Between 2005 and 2011, there were 27 terror attacks. What did the Congress do? They just sent dossiers to Pakistan,” Shah said, taking aim at the opposition. “Now, there are no local terrorists left. They’re being sent from Pakistan.”

He said the abrogation of Article 370 dismantled the “terror ecosystem” in Jammu and Kashmir, reiterating the government’s zero-tolerance policy on terrorism.

Pahalgam Attack

those behind the Pahalgam massacre could be “homegrown terrorists”.

Giving details of ‘Operation Mahadev’, Shah said the slain terrorists have been identified as Suleman alias Faizal, Afghani and Jibran.

“While Suleman was an A-category commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Afghani was also an A-category LeT terrorist. Jibran too was a notorious and wanted terrorist. All these three involved in the killing of our citizens at Baisaran valley in Pahalgam have now been eliminated,” he said.

Shah said the identity of the terrorists was confirmed by those detained for sheltering and providing them with food ahead of the Pahalgam attack.

‘Forensic ballistics, witnesses helped identify Pahalgam attackers’

The arms -- one M-9 and two AK-47 rifles -- recovered from the terrorists were flown to Chandigarh Monday night in a special flight for examination at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory.

The empty cartridges found at Pahalgam and those after test firing by the guns recovered from the terrorists were matched by the forensic lab, Shah said. The ballistic report is with him, he added.

“Six forensic experts have confirmed to me on a video call this morning that these are the same bullets used in the Pahalgam attack,” he said.

“We were not satisfied yet (if these were the terrorists who carried out the Pahalgam attack)...” Shah said, adding that a special plane took off from Srinagar around Monday midnight and landed in Chandigarh with the three rifles seized from the terrorists.

The Central Forensic Science Laboratory

(FSL) in Chandigarh had already analysed the bullet shells recovered from the Pahalgam attack site and the experts at the facility fired “all night” from the three rifles flown in from Srinagar to generate more bullet shells, he said.

The two sets of bullets matched and it was established that it was these guns and terrorists who killed the innocents in Pahalgam, he said.

Waving the ballistic report in the House, Shah said six scientists “cross-checked” it and they confirmed its findings in a video call to him at 4:46 am on Tuesday.

The scientists told me that these were “100 per cent those bullets which were fired in Pahalgam”, he said.

On the investigation underway in this case, Shah said the government handed over the probe to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) after Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)/The Resistance Front (TRF) claimed responsibility for the attack.

The TRF is the LeT’s frontal organisation.

He said the NIA undertook a “long and tiring” investigation spanning 3,000 hours and questioned 1,055 people, including the family members of those killed in the attack, tourists, ponywallahs, photographers, various shopkeepers present in the area and their employees.

A sketch was made on the basis of these discussions and questioning. On May 22, Bashir and Parvez, who provided shelter and food to these terrorists, were identified. They were arrested by the NIA.

The two told the NIA that they kept the terrorists in their ‘dhok’ (hut), about 2 km from Baisaran valley, when they came to them around 8 pm on April 21. Two of them wore black overalls while the third was in disguise.

They also told the NIA that the terrorists carried three sophisticated rifles. They ate food, had tea and also took some eatables, salt, chilli and spices when they left.

Shah said the mother of the two arrested men also “identified” the bodies of the three terrorists, apart from some others who helped them.

Shah said security forces had recovered Pakistani voter IDs of two of the killed terrorists as well as chocolates made in Pakistan and the weapons.

“Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through Operation Sindoor, ensured that the masterminds of the Pahalgam attack were eliminated. And yesterday, in Operation Mahadev, those terrorists who were involved were eliminated,” he said.

Describing the Pahalgam attack as barbaric, Shah said innocent civilians were brutally killed in front of their families after being asked about their religion.

Expressing condolences for those killed in Pahalgam and during Pakistani shelling on civilians, he said civilians were martyred and some gurdwaras and temples damaged due to Pakistani firing.

Terrorists are now being sent from Pakistan to Jammu and Kashmir as there are no local terrorists in Kashmir, Shah said.

He said after the elimination of the three terrorists, he thought this news would spark a wave of joy across treasury and opposition benches. “But opposition faces are gloomy,” he said.

Describing Pakistan as the root of all terrorism, he said Pakistan was a mistake committed by the Congress. “Had they rejected Partition, there would have been no Pakistan,” he added.

Referring to Chidambaram’s statement, Shah said it was extremely unfortunate that a former home minister is saying what evidence was there.

“What are they trying to prove? Whom are they trying to protect? They say that the terrorists were not Pakistani, and in this way, a former home minister from Congress is trying to give Pakistan a clean chit. By saying this, Chidambaram wants to suggest that if the terrorists were not Pakistani then why did we attack Pakistan,” he said, adding this was a clear conspiracy to protect Pakistan.

Shah said under Operation Sindoor, Indian forces attacked targets 100 km inside Pakistan and India could exposed state sponsored terrorism in Pakistan.

He said India’s armed forces crippled Pakistan’s defence systems in such a manner that the neighbouring country had no choice but to request India to halt attacks.

“In 1948, Indian armed forces were in a decisive position to take back Pakistan occupied Kashmir but then PM Jawaharlal Nehru declared unilateral ceasefire,” he said.

In 1971, Shah said, 93,000 Pakistani soldiers surrendered and India had 15,000 sq km Pakistan territory under control, but still PoK was not taken back.

During 1962 war with China, then PM Nehru bade goodbye to Assam in a speech on Akashvani, he said.

Shah said between 2005 and 2011, there were 27 terrorists attacks but what did the Congress government do, they just sent dossiers to Pakistan.

“Terrorists now sent from Pakistan to J-K as no local terrorists in Kashmir... Scrapping of Article 370 has destroyed terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

“From 2004 to 2014, there were 7,217 terrorist incidents in Kashmir. From 2014 to 2025, these reduced by 70 per cent to 2,150. From 2004 to 2014, 1,770 civilians died. This reduced by 80 per cent to 357 from 2014 to 2025. From 2004 to 2014, the number of deaths of security forces was 1,060. This decreased to 542 in our time. And there was a 123 per cent increase in the deaths of terrorists,” he said.

Attacking Congress, Shah said under-world don Dawood Ibrahim fled in 1986 when Rajiv Gandhi’s government was in power, terrorists Syed Salahuddin, Tiger Memon, Anis Ibrahim Kaskar fled in 1993

when Congress government was in power and when Riyaz Bhatkal fled in 2007 and Iqbal Bhatkal fled in 2010, then again it was a Congress government.

“The answer they demanded from me has already been given by our security forces. Now let Rahul Gandhi answer why these people fled,” he said.

Shah said the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) was scrapped by the Manmohan Singh government in its first cabinet meeting after coming to power in 2004.

“The country deserves to know who benefitted from Congress repealing POTA? Those opposed to POTA will never appreciate Narendra Modi’s anti-terror policies,” he said.

Rahul Dares PM

Donald Trump is lying,” Gandhi said during the special discussion on “India’s strong, successful and decisive Operation Sindoor.”

He also claimed that had the government heeded his earlier warning about the China-Pakistan fusion, India wouldn’t have lost five aircraft during the operation. “You laughed at me when I said this fusion is India’s biggest foreign policy failure. Now you’re facing the consequences,” Gandhi said.

Responding later, Prime Minister Modi asserted that no foreign leader had asked India to halt Operation Sindoor, but expressed dismay that while the world stood with India, the Congress and its allies failed to support the armed forces.

Addressing reporters post-debate, Gandhi reiterated, “Narendra Modi didn’t categorically state that Trump is lying. Trump has said 29 times that he brokered a ceasefire, but the Prime Minister remains silent.”

Gandhi also slammed Modi for not once mentioning China during his speech. “Everyone knows China aided Pakistan during the Pahalgam attack. Yet the PM didn’t say the word ‘China’ even once,” he noted.

In his address, Gandhi accused the government of revealing critical operational details to Pakistan shortly after Operation Sindoor began. “I watched Rajnath Singh ji’s speech. He said the operation began at 1:05 AM and lasted 22 minutes. Then at 1:35 AM, we informed Pakistan that we had hit non-military targets and didn’t want escalation. That’s surrender—within 30 minutes,” he said.

He questioned why India conveyed to Pakistan that military infrastructure would not be targeted and why the Air Force’s hands were tied. Citing remarks by Defence Attaché Group Captain Shiv Kumar, Gandhi alleged political leadership imposed constraints on striking Pakistan’s military and air defenses.

“This was done to protect the Prime Minister’s image—he has the blood of Pahalgam victims on his hands,” Gandhi charged.

Tagging his speech on X, Gandhi wrote: “Prime Minister, the nation and the army stand far above your image, your politics, your PR and your propaganda. Have the humility to understand this.”

He also stated that if Modi lacked decision-making ability, he had no right to compromise the pride of the army and the country.

Gandhi argued that the government does not understand deterrence or political will. He invoked Indira Gandhi’s leadership during the 1971 war as an example of decisive action, claiming that today’s leadership failed in comparison.

He reiterated that the China-Pakistan military fusion had materialized and was evident during Operation Sindoor. “The Pakistani Air Force was operating in tandem with the Chinese Air Force. The Chinese were feeding battlefield data to Pakistan,” Gandhi said, citing remarks by Deputy Army Chief Lt Gen Rahul R Singh.

“Our armed forces should be unleashed with freedom. Don’t tie their hands behind their backs. Defeat the enemy once and for all. And don’t let President Trump tell the world 29 times that he stopped the war. Have the guts to say—‘To hell with you, you didn’t stop anything, we fought on our own terms,’” Gandhi declared.

He said the current situation is dangerous and India cannot afford a Prime Minister who lacks the courage to fully utilise the armed forces or call out global misinformation.

Gandhi insisted India needs a leader who empowers the Army, Air Force, and Navy to “finish the job,” like Indira Gandhi did. “If Trump is lying, Modi must say it openly. If you have half the courage of Indira Gandhi, say: Trump, you’re a liar,” he said.

He also cited CDS General Anil Chauhan’s statement that India rectified its tactics after initial losses during the operation. “The IAF made no mistake. The real mistake was political—‘don’t attack military targets’.” CDS Chauhan should say it clearly—our hands were tied,” Gandhi remarked.

Referring to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, he said the minister failed to clarify that no country directly condemned Pakistan for the Pahalgam massacre. “When UPA was in power, Pakistan was named and shamed for terrorism,” he said.

Gandhi concluded by criticising Modi for not reacting when US President Trump hosted Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir—“the architect of the Pahalgam attack”—for lunch.

Opposition Blames Lapses, Criticizes Govt Silence

Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday said that the Pahalgam terror attack was the result of a “complete intelligence and security failure” and alleged that the government was evading questions and hiding the truth.

Seeking to corner the government during the debate on the Pahalgam attack and

Operation Sindoor, they claimed its foreign policy has “failed”, as no major grouping -- including the G20 and BRICS -- passed a resolution condemning Pakistan after the incident.

Congress leader KV Venugopal said US President Donald Trump announced India-Pakistan ceasefire before the Indian government, which “is a clear intervention of third party”.

This has never happened in the history of India, the Alappuzha (Kerala) MP said.

Criticising Home Minister Amit Shah’s speech, Venugopal said the minister talked about all the peripheral issues but not about the “security failure”.

The government claimed it was safe to visit Kashmir, but was it not their duty to ensure the security of tourists, he asked, adding that there was no security cover when terrorists killed 26 innocent people in Pahalgam.

Shah’s speech “was incorrect”, Vengopal said on the Home Minister’s statement on the improvement in security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, adding “a state is burning and the home minister is saying that everything is safe”.

“Pahalgam was not an isolated incident. Why did you not put sufficient security measures,” he said, adding the conspirators of the attack are “dividing the country from outside and you are doing this from inside”.

Participating in the discussion, DMK’s A Raja said the government should not blame Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi for everything.

Raja said that none of the big groupings such as the G7, G20 and BRICS passed a resolution condemning Pakistan for this attack.

He blamed “complete intelligence failure and incompetence of administration” for the loss of lives.

“The Pahalgam attack is a classic case of incompetence of the administration,” he said.

Sharing similar views, ET Mohammed Basheer (IUML) said that several questions remain unanswered, like how the terrorists managed to reach the tourist spot.

“What steps have been taken to stop such incidents... Pahalgam was a security failure,” he said, adding, “There was a lapse on your part”.

Independent MP from Baramulla (Jammu and Kashmir) Sheikh Abdul Rashid said that the Pahalgam attack was a blot on humanity.

Rashid said the government’s claim that everything is normal in the valley is confined to social media only.

“We are tired of carrying dead bodies,” he said.

He wanted to know how many members from Kashmir were there in the seven multi-party delegation which were sent by the Centre to different countries to convey India’s message of zero tolerance against terrorism in May.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal (SAD) said that responsibility must be fixed as there was a security failure that led to this attack.

“If we can play cricket with Pakistan, why can’t Diljit Dosanjh’s movie be released in India,” she said.

Dosanjh had defended his decision to release ‘Sardaar Ji 3’ in the overseas territories amid controversy over the casting of a Pakistani actor in the movie.

Dimple Yadav (SP) said that there was a security breach that led to the Pahalgam terror attack.

“The government claims that there is a normalcy in Kashmir, then why did this incident happened,” she said, adding the government is fully responsible for the incident.

“Accountability should be fixed,” she said and asked why the US President announced the “ceasefire”.”It was a failure of our foreign policy,” she said.

Yadav demanded that the defence budget should be increased to 3 per cent of GDP from 1.9 per cent at present.

NIA Probes Killing

operation were identified as Jibran, allegedly involved in last year’s deadly strike at the Sonamarg Tunnel project in Gagangir, and Hamza Afghani.

Security forces recovered a cache of weapons from the site, including an M4 carbine rifle, two AK rifles, and other munitions.

The April 22 attack at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam had left 26 people, mostly tourists, dead, prompting the military to launch Operation Sindoor on May 7 to dismantle cross-border terror infrastructure believed to be linked to the assault.

According to officials, the larger operation in the Harwan-Dachigam belt is still underway amid inputs suggesting the possible presence of another group of terrorists in the forested terrain.

Dreams Of Youth

The six-month and one-year certificate/diploma courses aim to preserve endangered art forms.

Under the Guru-Shishya initiative, each Guru will receive 10,000 per month to mentor 4–8 Shishyas, who will get 5,000 each. Assistants will receive 7,500 monthly.

The event was attended by Principal Secretary Culture Brij Mohan Sharma, GOC 19 Infantry Division Maj. Gen. Paranjvir Singh Punia, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, DIG North Kashmir Maqsood-ul-Zaman, DC Baramulla Minga Sherpa, senior officials, artists, and a large number of citizens and youth.

JKP Following

the police will always be there,” Prabhat said.

Drawing a unique parallel between the

demands of policing and excellence in academic and scientific disciplines, Prabhat urged his officers to aim high. “I often tell my team to aspire as if they’re preparing to win a Nobel Prize in Physics or a gold medal in Mathematics. That’s the kind of mindset we need to truly serve people and bring change,” he said.

Referring to a recent case involving fraudsters who duped people with false job promises, Prabhat urged it a “clear-cut case of cheating” and called citizens to be more alert. “Why do we slip on the same banana peel again and again? Why can’t we see the signs before the damage is done?” he questioned.

He also stressed that while crime cannot be entirely eradicated, society must become the first line of defense. “Citizens must be vigilant. Awareness and responsibility within society are crucial in preventing crime,” he said.

The DGP reaffirmed that the police remain committed to fighting all forms of crime -- from drug abuse and gang violence to terrorism. “Every day is a test for us. And every day, we must deliver results that are worthy of the highest recognition,” he asserted.

Prabhat concluded by urging the public to work in tandem with the police. “Just as it is our duty to deliver justice, it is also the responsibility of society to support the police in this mission,” he said.

Amarnath Yatra

They travelled in 61 vehicles, including 35 buses, 7 medium motor vehicles (MMVs), 18 light motor vehicles (LMVs), and 1 two-wheeler.

The convoy was split between the two main routes to the cave shrine.

327 pilgrims in 16 vehicles took the shorter Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

1,163 pilgrims in 45 vehicles proceeded via the traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district.

The annual pilgrimage, which began on July 3, will conclude on August 9, and continues to draw participation from devotees across the country.

MeT Issues 3-day

in areas prone to landslides and soil erosion.

The MeT has also advised travellers and pilgrims to remain vigilant and avoid movement through landslide-prone routes during heavy rains. People are urged to follow local advisories and updates closely during this period of unstable weather.

From August 1 to 3, the prevailing weather is expected to transition into generally hot and humid conditions, with only occasional spells of light rain or thundershowers in some areas. Another phase of light to moderate rainfall is likely to resume between August 4 and 6.

50% Spike In J&K

disbursed over the past five years. Additionally, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has spent 777.19 crore under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) since 2020 to support awareness, rehabilitation, and de-addiction efforts.

To strengthen legal deterrents, the Centre has also added 14 new narcotic substances, 29 psychotropic drugs, and 28 precursor chemicals under the NDPS framework over the last five years.

While large states like Punjab, Kerala, and Uttar Pradesh dominate the NDPS charts in sheer volume, the rising trend of drug cases in Jammu and Kashmir--coupled with weak conviction rates--is drawing increasing concern. Experts point to the region's vulnerability to cross-border drug trafficking and the nexus between narcotics and organised crime as worrying trends that need urgent institutional response.

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for the offence under section 302 RPC. The court ordered that fine shall be paid by convict Ali Mohammad Dar and in default of payment of fine he shall undergo further simple imprisonment for one year.

According to police, the body of one Ab. Rashid Dar of Modergam was found hanging from a tree on 21 December 2013 in south Kashmir’s Kulgam district.

During the proceeding, police said, a postmortem of the deceased was conducted and it was observed that his private parts were squeezed and neck was broken, leading to the suspicion that some person(s) have killed Dar and kept his body hanging with the tree.

Subsequently, police said that several suspected persons were questioned and upon interrogation, one Ali Mohammad Dar of Modergam disclosed that he had illicit relations with the wife of the deceased namely Muzamil and accordingly they prepared a plan to eliminate Dar. On the date of occurrence, police said, both gave some medicines to the deceased with which he got unconscious and thereafter his private parts were squeezed and his mouth and nose were closed while his neck was broken with which the deceased got killed. Thereafter during the night, the deceased was taken to a field and kept hanging from a tree.

Consequently, police filed a charge sheet and on July 17, the Principal Sessions Judge, Kulgam convicted the duo for murdering Dar who is survived by a daughter and two sons.

Meanwhile, the court deemed it proper to recommend the case of the family of the deceased to Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kulgam for accord of compensation in terms of J & K Victim Compensation Scheme under sec 545-A CrPC in view of the trauma suffered by the children, especially by the daughter of the deceased.



## CS Reviews Readiness For ‘Sampoornata Samman’ Awards



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting of the Planning Department to review preparations for the upcoming Union Territory-level ‘Sampoornata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh’.

The event is being organized to felicitate districts and blocks that have shown exceptional performance in achieving saturation under the nationwide Sampoornata Abhiyan.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Planning Department, Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma; Director General, Economics & Statistics; Director, Planning; and other senior officers. Deputy Commissioners of the Aspirational Districts participated via video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also took stock

of preparations for district-level felicitation events being organized to honour the front-line workers and block-level officers who played a crucial role in implementation of the programme. He interacted with the Deputy Commissioners individually, reviewed their progress and directed them to ensure proper arrangements and dignified conduct of these events.

Dulloo further reviewed the overall performance of districts and blocks under the Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks programmes. He assessed national-level rankings, status of key indicator saturation, and commended the remarkable efforts of the administrative machinery. He emphasized the need for sustained progress and focused intervention to ensure long-term development.

## SKUAST-K Scholars Secure US postdoctoral Position, INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two Scholars from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir have brought laurels for the university by securing a postdoctoral fellowship at USA and INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship.

Junaid Nazir and Afnan Saleem, both PhD Scholars of SKUAST-K's Division of Animal Biotechnology, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, under the guidance of Prof Mudasir Andrabi, have won highest level of recognition for their accomplishments at a very young age.

Afnan Saleem, has been awarded the INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. This fellowship is a recognition that places her among a group of young scientists in the country. Dr. Saleem is the first veterinarian and the first SKUAST-K scholar to receive the fellowship. Her doctoral work explored programmed cell death in bovine mammary gland infections. With 23 publications and two patents, her fellowship project will now focus on developing bioengineered biomaterials for infection control and tissue regeneration.

Junaid Nazir has secured a NIH-funded postdoctoral position at Oregon State University, USA. Nazir's doctoral research is centered on developing a Lactobacillus-based recombinant oral vaccine against Salmonella in poultry. This research holds relevance for the poultry industry and public health. He has contributed to 16 research papers and holds two patents. He is scheduled to begin his postdoctoral work in August 2025, where he will continue vaccine development research, focusing on Neisseria gonorrhoeae.



## ‘J&K Faces Variation Of 700 MWs Power During Day Time’

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In the backdrop of low voltage issues during the day time, Jammu and Kashmir is facing a variation of nearly 700 Megawatts (MWs) of power in comparison to other hours.

The official documents reveal that in view of low voltage during the day hours from 9Am to 2Pm, Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited has a Available Transfer Capability (ATC) and Total Transfer Capability (TTC) of 2700/2800 MWs of power.

However, during the other hours except for 9Am to 2Pm, there is an ATC and TTC capacity of 3400/3500 MWs of power—highlighting the need of

improving the grid and other major infrastructures that can help in increasing the voltage during the day hours.

According to the official document available with KNO, “J&K SLDC is also sharing (transfer capability limit) ATC/TTC base-case on a regular basis as per CERC approved procedure.”

“However, due to low voltages during the daytime, the ATC and TTC figures for day time were recently reviewed and revised figures were communicated to J&K SLDC. Due to low voltages in the Kashmir valley area, the transfer capability limits (ATC/ TTC) are 2700/2800MW during

09-14hrs and 3400/3500MW for other than 09-14hrs duration,” it reads.

The documents said that “As of now the schedule of the state control area is not being restricted to ATC, and sometimes it is crossing the assessed ATC and TTC limits.”

“However, in future as is the case with Punjab which is separate bid area, schedule of J&K state may be restricted upto their ATC and TTC limits upon formation of separate bid area,” it reads.

Keeping in view the issues, the authorities have said, “Expedient actions are required from J&K side to improve the low voltages in Kashmir valley.”

## Terrorism Can Never Succeed: Dr Farooq

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference (NC) President and former J&K chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said that the terrorism can never succeed. He was reacting to the Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in the Parliament where he stated that all the three attackers involved in the Pahalgam attack have been neutralized.

In the special discussion on Operation Sindoor during the ongoing Monsoon Session in the Parliament, Shah said the terrorists were killed under Operation Mahadev on Monday. They were identified as Suleman alias Faizal, Afghani and Jibrin.

Farooq said although he doesn't know them (terrorists), only those who know them can identify whether they were the same. “If they are the same terrorists involved in the

Pahalgam attack, then it is a good thing. Terrorism can never succeed,” he said, as per KNO.

Furthermore, reacting to the statement of PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti wherein she stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi can resolve the issue of J&K, if he wants, Farooq said, “The issue of Jammu and Kashmir will be resolved. We need to stay united and work together and every issue can be resolved.”

## J&K Police Refund Rs 1.53 Cr To Victims In Job Scam

Agencies

**JAMMU:** Director General of Police, J&K, Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday presided over a special function at Police Station Nagrota, where Rs 1.53 crore were distributed among 22 victims of a Rs 2.39 crore job scam.

According to the details available to KNO, the amount was recovered by Jammu Police as part of a landmark case executed under the newly enacted Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Accompanied by senior officials including IGP Jammu Zone B.S. Tuti, DIG JSK Range Shiv Kumar Sharma, and SSP Jammu Joginder Singh, the DGP lauded the police force for their exemplary investigation and commitment to justice.

The event was attended by officers from the Army, CRPF, civil administration, zonal SPs, SDPOs, and SHOs from Jammu's Rural Zone. SSP Jammu Joginder Singh and SP Rural Jammu Brijesh Sharma briefed the audience about the swift and efficient investigation led by SHO Nagrota, Inspector Parvez Sajad, under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Vinod Kundal.

This case, according to the officials, marked the first instance in the Union Territory where property was attached and proceeds of crime returned to victims under the BNSS. It involved Harpreet Singh, a resident of Pallanwala, who posed as a Lieutenant Colo-

nel and duped individuals by promising jobs in MES, MoD, and DRDO. “The scam came to light after Arun Sharma of Nagrota filed a complaint on November 6, 2024, resulting in FIR No. 293/2024 at PS Nagrota. Harpreet Singh was arrested the next day. Investigations revealed that proceeds from the fraud were funneled into a real estate transaction involving a duplex property in Channi Bheja. The property, worth Rs 2.22 crore, was being transferred to the accused's mother, Paramjeet Kour. An amount of Rs 1.93 crore was traced back to Harpreet through cash and digital transactions,” the officials added.

“On a plea by the police, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu, issued an attachment order under Section 107(5) of BNSS, executed by Tehsildar Bahu. A show cause notice was served to the accused to explain the source of funds. During proceedings, Kamaljeet Kour (the seller) judicially admitted to receiving ₹1.53 crore, and voluntarily committed to refund the amount,” the officials said.

“In the first phase, Rs 75 lakh was distributed among 17 victims, and today, Rs 78 lakh was distributed among 22 victims through cheques. A total of Rs 1.53 crore has been refunded so far, with disputed amounts pending trial. A dedicated account was opened for disbursement on court directions, ensuring transparency and timely restitution.”

### GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT. GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR



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#### EXTENSION NOTICE 4<sup>TH</sup>.

Subject:  
Reference:

Construction of Bore Well at Chapran District Bandipora.

This office Fresh e-NIT No.16-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./ 2581-91, dated: 19-06-2025. Bearing Tender ID No. 2025\_PHE\_279213\_1.

Due to “No Response” for the above mentioned works advertised vide-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 15-07-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Period of submission of bids	06-08-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date of opening of tenders	07-08-2025 11.00 AM

#### NOTE:

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e-NIT issued vide above referred endstt: nos.

No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./3993-4002

Dated: 28-07-2025

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DT: 29/07/2025

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Executive Engineer

Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.

Ground Water Division Srinagar.

### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION LOLAB

NIT No. 21-Lolab/ EEL/1464-72 of 2025-26 e-tendering DATED: -28-07-2025

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01	CONSTRUCTION/ REMODELLING OF WASHROOM/ TOILET BLOCKS FOR JUDICIARY/ COURT COMPLEXES OF KASHMIR DIVISION AT MUNSIF COURT SOGAM.	31.94	1100/-	64,000/-	30 Days	09-08-2025	"A&B"	UT CAPEX

Position of funds : Demanded

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	28-07-2025
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 28-07-2025 to 08-08-2025
03.	Bid submission start date	28-07-2025 from (06.00P.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	08-08-2025 up to (06.00 P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	09-08-2025 (10:00A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Lolab

#### Terms and Conditions:-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written the Name of Work Or NIT No. with Sr. No of NIT, Name of Contractor) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Lolab (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Lolab (CDR/ FDR shall be valid from date between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date)

b. The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

c. Additional performance security for unbalanced bids is to be submitted by the lowest bidder before issuance of Allotment as per procedure in vogue Within 3 days failing which the bidder will be declared non-responsive without any further notice.

75. All other terms and conditions shall be the same as per detailed and stock issue rates of 2023-24 circular instructions issued by the higher authorities from time to time.

76. The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications.

1. Cement = JKOPC Brand

2. Steel of all sorts = SAIL certified (The sail certificate shall have been produced / deposited in the division by the AEE concerned at the time submission of the work done bills). No extension in quantities/ Cost is allowed in any case.

No. EEL/ 1464-72

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Executive Engineer

R&B Division Lolab.

## TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 28-07-2025, 1600 hrs. to 29-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 04 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishitwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Dodda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/ Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- Passengers/LMV's operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishitwari Pather on Jammu Srinagar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HMV/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.
- HMVs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HMVs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

#### TRAFFIC PLAN & ADVISORY FOR 30-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY Convoy/LMV's Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, HMVs shall be allowed on alternate days. TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

#### SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

#### CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

#### HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed from Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and no HMV shall be allowed after 1900 hrs. TCU Udhampur shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44, UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle loaded/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025

#### SHRI BUDHA AMARNATH JI YATRA-2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 26-07-2025

#### Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-24:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice-versa on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. No HMV other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/ KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

#### SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Srinagar towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. Similarly, LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs. No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

#### Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffilaz) and Herpora (Shopian) at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs. as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

#### ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191-2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

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Bumrah Is 'Fit To Bowl As Per His Workload'

Press Trust of India

**LONDON:** India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak did not rule out Jasprit Bumrah's participation in the series deciding fifth Test against England, saying "he is fit as per his load."

Injury-prone pace spearhead Bumrah was earmarked for three Tests on the tour as part of his workload management but with the series on the line, he could play a fourth one.

After a dramatic draw at Manchester, head coach Gautam Gambhir also did not rule out the possibility of Bumrah featuring in the crunch game. Kotak reiterated that on Tuesday.

"Bumrah is fit now according to his load. He has bowled one inning in the last match. So that obviously head coach, our physio and captain they will have a dis-



cussion and decide. There has been no discussion," Kotak said two days before the game.

At Old Trafford, Gambhir had also confirmed that all his pacers were fit, meaning that Arshdeep Singh and Akash Deep have recovered from injuries.

Asked about the workload of Mohammed Siraj, who is the only Indian pacer to play all games, Kotak gave a detailed answer.

"So, I don't know what you guys think about the actual workload. So, if I tell you quickly, before the Test series, if a bowler puts in a certain amount of overs per week, that if he's preparing for T20 and putting in 20 overs, 25 overs, 6 overs every day, or putting in 6 overs for five days, that is good enough workload for T20.

"They have a GPS. It shows the

record of how many overs the bowler has put in throughout the week. And they're in constant touch with the bowling coach. So, the build-up of the last 4-5 weeks, you need to determine if that there's no spike in it.

"So, what's the spike? If a bowler is putting in 30 overs per week, and suddenly, in the first innings, he's put in 35 overs, then that's the spike in his load. So, the number of overs that Siraj is putting in every week, it's not necessary that it's due to practice.

"That load is due to the match as well. So, then, another thing depends on whether Siraj himself, or the physios, or his body feels that, no, I'm tired. Then, they will think about the load. Otherwise, his bowling load is very high, is very good. So, there's no chance of a spike in it," added Kotak.

J&K Kabaddi Referee Course L1 Begins In Srinagar

A three-day J&K Referee Kabaddi Course Level-1 was inaugurated on Tuesday at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar. The course is being organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council.

The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Sarmad Hafeez, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports; Nuzhat Gull, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; Nusrat Gazala, Divisional Sports Officer (Kashmir); and Mushtaq Ahmad, Manager, Bakshi Stadium.

During the ceremony, Hafeez extended his best wishes to all technical officials participating in the referee course. He also urged Gull to encourage all affiliated sports associations to organise similar referee development courses to raise the standard.

Approximately 90 technical officials from across Jammu and Kashmir are participating in this course, receiving expert training from renowned kabaddi professionals. (Observer News Service)

Gambhir & Oval Curator Involve In Heated Exchange

India head coach Gautam Gambhir was on Tuesday involved in a heated exchange of words with the Oval's chief curator Lee Fortis and was heard telling him "you don't tell us what we need to do" while pointing fingers at the groundstaff.

The Oval will host the fifth and final Test between India and England from Thursday.

During the training session, videos showed an upset Gambhir getting into a verbal altercation with the curator, prompting India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak to intervene.

The tiff started when Fortis told Gambhir: "I will have to report this" and to that the Indian head coach replied rather tersely: "You go and report whatever you want to report."

Kotak stepped in at this point, took the Englishman to a different corner and said: "We won't damage anything." (PTI)

Wankhede Staffer Arrested For 'Theft' Of IPL Jerseys

A 43-year-old security manager of the Wankhede Stadium here has been arrested for allegedly stealing 261 Indian Premier League (IPL) jerseys worth Rs 6.52 lakh from the BCCI's store, police said on Tuesday.

Accused Farooque Aslam Khan, a resident of Mira Road, was arrested a few days ago and is now out on bail, an official said.

On June 13, Khan allegedly stole jerseys of IPL 2025 from the official merchandise store of the Board of Control for Cricket in India at the stadium in south Mumbai, and sold many of them online. The theft came to light during an audit of the inventory. BCCI officials approached Marine Drive Police Station with a complaint about the theft on July 17. (PTI)

Baramulla Wins U-17 Provincial Kabaddi Final In Pulwama



Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** Baramulla continued its dominance in the Inter District Provincial Level Kabaddi competitions as the Under-17 Boys team emerged victorious against a strong Budgam side, winning the grand finale by a close margin of 4 points in Pulwama.

This remarkable victory comes right after Baramulla's Under-14 Boys team also lifted the championship trophy, making it a double triumph for the district in this prestigious event organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

DYSSO Baramulla ex-

pressed pride on the achievements of the young athletes and extended heartfelt congratulations to all the participating players. Special appreciation was also given to the dedicated field staff, whose tireless efforts in training and mentoring the players have borne fruit on the provincial stage.

"It's the relentless hard work, discipline, and commitment of our field staff that has shaped our teams into champions. Baramulla stands tall today, and we are confident that our Under-19 boys will continue this winning streak and bring further glory to the district," DYSSO Baramulla said.

Girls Shine At Inter School Zonal Competitions Across Budgam

Dabirah Hassan

**BUDGAM:** Under the directions of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Budgam Ghulam Hassan Lone, the Department of Youth Services and Sports conducted Inter-School Zonal Level competitions for girls across multiple zones of the district on Tuesday.

An Inter School Zonal Level Athletic Meet for Girls U-17 was held at the Open Ground Paripora, Magam, organised by DYSS Zone Magam. The event was inaugurated by Mohammad Ashraf Ganai (PeM), overall in-charge, along with other officials of Zone Magam.

A large number of ath-

letes from various High and Higher Secondary Schools participated and showcased their athletic prowess across multiple track and field events.

Meanwhile in Zone Nagam, an Inter School Zonal Level Competition cum Selection Trial in Basketball (All Age Group - Girls) was held at the Synthetic Basketball Court, GMS Dardpora.

The event saw vibrant participation from both Government and Private Schools.

In another event, Zonal Physical Education Office Hardpanzoo organised a spirited Athletic Meet for Girls U-14, inaugurated by Altaf Ahmad Katari, In-charge Activity, ZPEO Hardpanzoo.



Provincial Level Football For Girls AAG Begins In Ganderbal



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**GANDERBAL:** In celebration of girls' participation in sports, the Department of Youth Services and Sports on Tuesday kick started its Inter District Provincial Level Football Tournament for Girls in the Age Appropriate Group hosted by YSS Ganderbal at Govt Physical College Gadoora.

The opening day featured matches in the Under-14 category, with teams from across Kashmir division vying for top honours in a league-cum-knockout format.

The event was formally declared open by DYSSO

Ganderbal Sheikh Shafiqat Iqbal, who interacted with the young athletes and extended a warm welcome to all participating districts. He lauded the enthusiasm of the players and encouraged them to compete with discipline and sportsmanship.

Matches were played simultaneously at two venues, showcasing the exceptional football talent among young girls from all corners of the division. The high level of participation reflects the growing popularity and impact of football in shaping confident, competitive female athletes in the region.

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