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## IMHANS Kashmir Sees 2 Lakh Patients, Warns of Ongoing Challenges

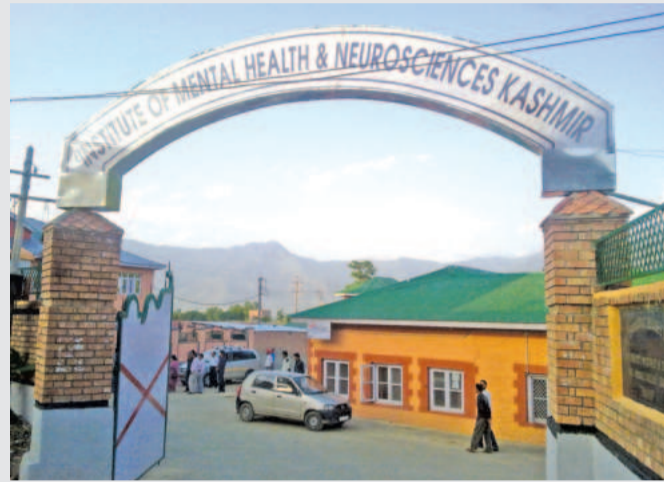
Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Srinagar: Amid a growing mental health crisis in Jammu and Kashmir, doctors say an increasing number of people are seeking treatment, reflecting a slow but positive shift in awareness and acceptance.

Official data from the Government Medical College (GMC), Anantnag, shows that over 3.7 lakh patients with mental health issues have been treated at the hospital in the past five years. Similarly, the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), GMC

Srinagar, catered to around two lakh patients last year, including those with general mental health concerns and substance-use disorders.

"As the only tertiary-level psychiatric hospital in the region, IMHANS sees growing demand for accessible, affordable, and stigma-free care," said Dr. Yasir Rather, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, IMHANS. He stressed that mental health care must not be a privilege during peace but a necessity in times of crisis, especially in Kashmir, where social stress, natural disasters, and recent conflict add layers of



**OVER 3.7 LAKH PATIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH issues have been treated at GMC Anantnag in the past five years.**

uncertainty to daily life. Doctors warn that depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder,

and substance abuse remain prevalent. "Recognising warning signs, especially for those with suicidal thoughts, and providing early intervention can save lives," a senior psychiatrist said. Substance abuse, particularly among youth, has surged, emerging as one of the gravest social concerns.

Health professionals recommend practical steps to maintain emotional well-being: daily physical activity, seeking professional help when needed, avoiding harmful coping mechanisms such as smoking or social isolation, and setting emotional and occupational

boundaries to prevent burnout. Experts attribute the higher prevalence of mental health issues in J&K to prolonged stress, political uncertainty, and social vulnerabilities. They emphasize the need for community-based mental health services, early childhood interventions, and strengthening primary health-care systems to provide affordable diagnostics and therapies at the grassroots level.

A multi-dimensional approach involving families, schools, community leaders, and healthcare institutions is seen as essential to reverse the rising trend. [More On P6](#)

## Fragile Gaza Ceasefire Takes Hold



Trans Asia News

**CAIRO:** A fragile ceasefire brokered by the US took effect in Gaza on Friday afternoon, bringing a tentative pause to two years of devastating war in Gaza— even as Israeli forces launched last-minute strikes just hours before the truce began.

Tens of thousands of people who had gathered in Wadi Gaza in central Gaza started

walking north after the Israeli military's announcement at noon local time. Beforehand, Palestinians reported heavy shelling in parts of Gaza throughout Friday morning, but no significant bombardment was reported after.

The ceasefire marks a key step toward ending a ruinous two-year war that has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians, reduced much of Gaza to rubble. [More On P6](#)

**THE BROADER PLAN ADVANCED BY US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP** includes many unanswered questions, such as whether and how Hamas will disarm and who will govern Gaza.

## J&K Statehood: SC Gives Centre 4 Weeks To Respond

Observer News Service

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Friday granted the Centre four weeks to file its response on a batch of pleas seeking restoration of statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran heard multiple pleas, including those filed by academician Zahoor Ahmad

Bhat and socio-political activist Ahmad Malik, pressing for the implementation of the Centre's assurance to restore statehood "at the earliest."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said that while elections in the region were conducted peacefully last year, the government needed more time to evaluate the issue of restoring statehood in view of ongoing security. [More On P6](#)

Gujjar Youth's Custodial Death Case

## HC Seeks Personal Statements Of 2 Police Officers

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has sought personal appearance of two police officers — part of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) — to record their statements in a case related to the death by suicide of a Gujjar youth after alleged custodial torture in Kathua district earlier this year.

A single-judge bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal passed the directions

while hearing the case on Wednesday, asking the SIT head, who is the Superintendent of Police (Operations), and Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Billawar, to appear in court on the next date of hearing on October 27.

Makhan Din (25), a Gujjar youth from the Billawar area, ended his life by consuming insecticide on February 4 after alleged police torture and recording the act on a video, claiming innocence. [More On P6](#)

## Terrorism Breathing Its Last In J&K: LG

- Says J&K Police Ensures Safety, Growth & Fear-Free Environment
- Highlights Role Of Sports In Building A United Region

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Police is not only fighting terrorism, maintaining law & order and protecting citizens but it is also a crucial agent of socio-economic development, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday.

He said J&K Police has ensured peace and stable society for industrial growth and overall progress in the Union Territory. The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the 10th All India Police Judo Cluster (Men & Women) - 2025.



"Terrorism is breathing its last in J&K. Peace has enabled unparalleled progress and brought greater prosperity in the lives of people. Security has significantly

improved across the country. Roots of left-wing extremism were dismantled and India is witnessing a new era of progress driven by rapid economic growth,"

the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the police, army, and CAPFs for dismantling terror support systems, and preventing cross-border infiltration. He emphasized on intelligence-based kinetic operations and adopting a multifaceted approach to tackle internal security challenges.

The Lieutenant Governor also praised the J&K Police force in building a fear-free environment for citizens.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the [More On P6](#)

## Body Of 2nd Missing Soldier Recovered

They Died Battling Snowstorm Says Army

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Security forces on Friday found the body of a soldier who had gone missing in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district earlier this week, officials said.

The body of another soldier was found from the area on Thursday.

The two soldiers of the Army's elite para unit — Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujay Ghosh — had gone missing during a combat operation at Kokernag on Tuesday. The operation was launched in the Ahlan Gadole area, following inputs that terrorists were hiding there, the officials said.

While the body of one of the soldiers was found on Thursday, [More On P6](#)



**THOUSANDS GATHERED AT Dastgeer Sahib shrine in Khanyar on the concluding day of Urs on Friday.**

KO PHOTO /ABID BHAT

AIR RAID IN KABUL

## Taliban Blames Pakistan Amid India Outreach

Agencies

**ISLAMABAD:** A blast struck before 10 p.m. local time on Thursday in the Abdul Haq Square area of Kabul, close to several ministries and the national intelligence agency. Security forces sealed off the site.

The government's chief spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said at the time that there were no reports of injuries or damage. He described the explosion as an accident and said an investigation was underway.

But Afghanistan's Defence Ministry said Friday that

Pakistan was responsible for that attack and for another, in the eastern province of Paktika.

The Afghan's Defense Ministry didn't say what the source of the bombing was or how Pakistan was able to carry out a strike in an urban center without being shot down.

Pakistan has, in the past, launched strikes inside Afghan territory to target what it says are militant hideouts and installations.

Pakistani Taliban leaders and fighters are believed to operate from across the border in Afghanistan. [More On P6](#)

## HC Closes PIL On Conservation Of Tral Spring

Marouf Ahmad

**SRINAGAR:** The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has closed a Public Interest Litigation regarding conservation and restoration of Aripal Spring located in the Tral area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

A division bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajesh Oswal closed the PIL after hearing petitioner, practicing advocate Mohammad Younus, and counsel for the government. "...after we had heard the learned counsel for the parties at some length, the petitioner, who appears in person, submits that in the [More On P6](#)

## Ramzan, Oberoi & Kichloo NC RS Candidates

4th Seat Left Open For Congress

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The National Conference (NC) on Friday announced its nominees for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, naming Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Shammi Oberoi, and Sajad Kichloo as its candidates.

Addressing a press conference, NC General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar said that while three candidates have been finalized, the party is still in discussions with the Congress over the fourth seat. "We have kept one seat open, and talks are ongoing with the Congress," he said. NC leaders, however, did not clarify whether one of the

three seats would be offered to the Congress or if the party would contest a competitive seat where the BJP holds an advantage.

The ruling alliance holds 24 votes for the fourth seat, whereas the BJP commands 28 votes, giving the saffron party an upper hand.

Congress yet to decide The Congress leadership said on Friday that no final decision has been made regarding which seat the party will contest. Sources in the party's high command said discussions between both parties are ongoing, and the specific seat for the Congress candidate has not yet been finalized.

"It is yet to be decided which seat the [More On P6](#)

## Ready With Winter Strategy To Thwart Infiltration: IG BSF

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KO Web Desk

**SRINAGAR:** The Border Security Force (BSF) has drawn up a comprehensive winter strategy to counter infiltration attempts by Pakistan-based terrorists along the Jammu border, a top officer said on Friday.

Inspector General (IG) of BSF Jammu Frontier, Shashank Anand, said terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) are attempting to regroup after suffering heavy losses

during Operation Sindoor earlier this year.

"In winter, fog poses the biggest challenge in the Jammu sector. Our jawans are on the highest alert, and we are fully prepared to foil any infiltration attempt from across the border," Anand told reporters in Jammu.

He said Pakistan continues to push terrorists from various points along the border but has "failed in its nefarious designs." The BSF, he added, is in close coordination with [More On P6](#)



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**Shabir Ahmad Rather**  
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**R/o: Dab, Wakura Ganderbal**

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### From Office of the Advocate

#### M.A Sofi

In the case of  
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2. Mohammad Ramzan Lone 3. Fayaz Ahmad Lone  
4. Nazir Ahmad Lone 5. Bilal Ahmad Lone  
6. Shaqib Ramzan 7. Maroof Ramzan  
8. Hena Ramzan  
Sons/ Daughter of M Ramzan Lone  
9. Shafeeqa Begum Wife of Mohammad Ramzan Lone  
All Residents of Sari Warpora Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla

(Caveator)

V/s  
Public at large

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Naseema Akhtar, widow of late Shabir Ahmad Shah, resident of K.B. Pora, D.H. Pora, Kulgam, have appealed to the concerned authorities for consideration of my only son under the SRO appointment scheme. According to Naseema Akhtar, her husband, Shabir Ahmad Shah, lost his life in a cross-firing incident at Kuchpora, Qazigund, on 13th July 2000. Since then, she has been living with her son, Syed Rabid Shabir, and has not remarried to date. "I have no objection if the SRO post is granted in favour of my only son, as he is the sole breadwinner of our family," she said in her statement.

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**S/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat.R/O plan Bandipora, Ward NO.03.**

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2.	FINDC2526113822-(Construction of R wall on both sides of Gratok from house of Nisar Ahmad to others at Shewakhan)	Newa	1.762	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
3.	FINDC2526113744-(Const of R Wall along with fencing around Graveyard at Kolly Mohallah Bannoo)	Achgoze	2.616	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
4.	FINDC2526113745-(Const of R Wall at Nagard Near house of Abdul Aziz Sheikh at Bannoo)	Achgoze	1.7	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
5.	FINDC2526113747-(Const of Lane from House of Mohd Ahsan Lone to House of Gani Dar at Kadipora)	Achgoze	2.983	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
6.	RDDC2526100240-(CONST OF INTERIOR LANE WITH TILE PATH FROM MAIN ROAD TO ONWARDS AT SANGRAMA AMIRABAD)	Dadsara	1.00	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	PRI
7.	RDDC2526100387-(CONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF MOHD SHAH SHERKH TO AB RASHID BHAT AT SAMOH PAYEEN)	Dadsara	2.00	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	PRI
8.	FINDC2526112428-(Installation of Tube well at Khan Mohalla Payer Near the H/o of Mohd Maqbool Khan, Gh Ahmad Khan & others at Payer for Drinking water purposes)	Pulwama	0.554	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
9.	FINDC2526112446-(Installation of Borewell N/O of Abdul Aziz Sheikh & others at Bad Bani Sarpes)	Pulwama	2.475	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
10.	FINDC2526112470-(Installation of Borewell H/O Sheeraz Lone, Tabasum Khalid, Manzoor Lone, Ashiq Padroo at Banderpora)	Pulwama	1.188	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
11.	FINDC2526112472-(Development of playground at Trichal)	Pulwama	1.98	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
12.	FINDC2526112473-(Installation of borewell at Wafarudal Dar near the land of Habibullah Saani at Jandpora)	Pulwama	1.98	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
13.	FINDC2526112732-(CONST OF DRAIN NEAR LAND OF MOHAMMAD YAQOOB FAROOQ AHMAD AND OTHERS AT NABIA)	Pulwama	1.98	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
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16.	FINDC2526113802-(Const of Path by Ways of Ties near Masjid Sharif Kheer, Litter)	Litter	5.00	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
17.	FINDC2526113807-(Const of Link Road from Masjid Sharif to Kumar Mohallah Chakora)	Litter	4.632	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	COF
18.	RDDC2526100977-(DEV. OF NAMBALLA NALA FROM L/O MOHD-LATEEF GANIE & OTHERS WITH CULVERT AT CADOOT AWANTIPORA)	Awantipora	6.439	300/-	2%	DEE/CEE	30 Days	PRI
19.	FINDC2526100987-(CONSTRUCTION OF R WALL HO GH MOHD S O AB GAFFAR HAJAM ROADSIDE DRABAGM (SHADIM))	Shadimarg	3.50	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
20.	RDDC2526100988-(CONST OF MAIN ROAD TO CULVERT NEAR HOUSE OF MOHD BANGAZ AHMAD (T WAHAB SAHAB SHAR A PAMPORJE)	Pampore	0.957	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
21.	RDDC2526100974-(CONST OF DRAIN FROM AB AHAD SHERI TO MOJERTAT SHERKH AT SHARA PAMPORJE)	Pampore	1.300	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
22.	RDDC2526101374-(CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL AT NEW COLONY ASTAN MOHALLA NEAR HO ABDUL MAJEED SHERKH AND FAROOQ AHMAD TANTRAY AND OTHERS AT ACHANI)	Litter	1.650	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
23.	RDDC2526100807-(CONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF MOHD ANWAR BHAT AT RATHER MOHALLA WUYAN BALLA PAMPORJE)	Pampore	2.621	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
24.	RDDC2526101487-(CONSTRUCTION OF R WALL NEAR LO ABDUL HAMID LONE TO ONWARDS AT TONTAYAPORA)	Litter	1.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
25.	RDDC2526100987-(CONSTRUCTION OF CHANNEL FROM LO MOHD SUBHAN MIR TO ONWARDS AT BRENAL INDR)	Newa	1.495	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
26.	RDDC2526100973-(CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL NEAR HO RIZWAN BHAT AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.980	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
27.	RDDC2526100973-(CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL NEAR HO ALL MOHD GANIE AND OTHERS AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.980	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
28.	RDDC2526101384-(Const. Of lane from M/R to H/O Nisar Ahmad Shah and others at Peer Mohalla Nownagri)	Pulwama	0.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
29.	RDDC2526100960-(CO R WALL ON POWHUK KULL FROM HO MOHSINAT AHMAD MALIK SO AIME MALIK TO NAZIR AHMAD MALIK AND OTHERS AT HASAWAN)	Newa	1.281	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
30.	RDDC2526101322-(Const. Of 03 No. of Brains 1) From H/O Anwar Ahmad Dar to H/O Haji at Mohd. Dar 2) From L/O Mohd. Yusuf Bhat to L/O Haji Mohd. Maqbool Dar at Muzhat near Talangam road 3) From L/O Gh. Nisar Ahanger to Muzhat Ahmad Ganie	Pulwama	2.376	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
31.	RDDC2526101328-(Raising to R/Wall NHO Zahoorud-din Shah and others at Peer Mohalla Nownagri)	Pulwama	0.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
32.	RDDC2526100744-(CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM HO HAI GH QADIR BHAT TO HO MASTER AB GANI BHAT AT KARIMABAD)	Newa	0.596	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
33.	RDDC2526100987-(CONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF WALI MOHD BHAT TO RUSTUM BHAT AND CONST OF LANE FROM GRAVEYARD TO HOUSE OF GH RASOOL MIR AND CONST OF R WALL NEAR HOUSE OF MOHD KANZAN MIR RSHADU TO ONWARDS AT TINGPORA DADARSAR)	Dadsara	1.791	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
34.	RDDC2526101345-(Const. Of lane from R/Road to H/O Gh. Mohiud-din Lone at Malik Chowk)	Pulwama	0.792	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
35.	RDDC2526100111-(PARALLEL RASING OF R WALL ON KULL NEAR COWSHED (Tenggar side) at Govt. Upper Primary School at Zeligam)	Kakapora	0.498	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
36.	RDDC2526101366-(Const. Of drain alongwith chain link fencing (Tenggar side) at Govt. Upper Primary School at Zeligam)	Pulwama	1.287	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
37.	RDDC2526101373-(Chain Link fencing of graveyard with 01 No. Gate at Shakti Patisgam)	Pulwama	0.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
38.	RDDC2526101387-(Const. Of drain from Masjid Bontaki to onwards at bontaki Patisgam)	Pulwama	0.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
39.	RDDC2526101392-(Const. Of P bund NLO Intmyah Ahmad Wagay and others at Patisgam)	Pulwama	0.891	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
40.	RDDC2526100163-(DEV OF DRAIN FROM HO MANZLOOR AH GANIE TO ONWARDS AT BATHPORA B)	Kakapora	0.799	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
41.	RDDC2526100975-(CONST OF LANE FROM LINK ROAD TO HOUSE OF BASHIR AHMAD KHANDY VA GH HASSAN KHANWANI AT POSHWAN)	Dadsara	0.988	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
42.	RDDC2526100884-(DEV OF GRAVEYARD FROM THE HOUSE OF GH MUSTAFA DAR MOHD YOUSUF DAR TO THE HOUSE OF GH HASSAN LONE FROM M/R TO HO BASHIR AHMAD DAR AT LARIBAL KAKAPORA B)	Dadsara	0.979	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
43.	RDDC2526100848-(IMP OF TWO NO LANES FROM HO MOHD ASHRAF BHAT TO HO GH HASSAN LONE FROM M/R TO HO BASHIR AHMAD DAR AT LARIBAL KAKAPORA B)	Kakapora	1.100	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
44.	RDDC2526100889-(IMP OF LANE FROM M/R TO HO ASKULLAH HAJAM AND OTHERS AT LARIBAL)	Kakapora	2.749	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
45.	RDDC2526101249-(Dev. Of Public Park at Frestipora)	Pulwama	1.98	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
46.	RDDC2526101252-(Const. Of drain from L/O Mohd. Irtedal near onwards via H/O Ab. Qayom Bhat at Deeri)	Pulwama	0.99	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI

47.	RDDC2526101256-(Const. Of drain from H/O Abul Hussain Mir to onwards at Idward at Deeri)	Pulwama	0.99	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
48.	RDDC2526101257-(Const. Of drain from H/O Jalal-ud-din Bhat to H/O Mohd. Yaqoob Bhat at Mirgam)	Pulwama	0.99	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
49.	RDDC2526100379-(IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM THE HOUSE OF TARIQ AHMAD BHAT TO AB GANI BHAT AT AWANTIPORA)	Dadsara	1.072	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
50.	RDDC2526100383-(DEV OF GRAVEYARD AT BONPORA LARKIPORA)	Dadsara	0.99	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
51.	RDDC2526100267-(CONST OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF BASHIR AHMAD DAR TO ONWARDS PHASE2ND NOORPORA A)	Dadsara	0.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
52.	RDDC2526100268-(CONST OF LANE FROM MASUD SHARIF KANGWANI TO ONWARDS NOORPORA A)	Dadsara	1.485	200/-	2%	DEE/Other/Adj	30 Days	PRI
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## Srinagar Raids Target Premises Linked To Banned Outfits

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday conducted raids at the premises of terrorist associates linked with banned outfits at multiple locations in the city here.

In its sustained efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem and curb unlawful activities, Srinagar police conducted extensive raids at multiple locations across the city, a police spokesman said.

He said the searches were carried out at the residences of terrorist associates and overground workers (OGWs) affiliated with proscribed terrorist organisations, in connection with ongoing investigations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The coordinated search operations were conducted across various areas of Srinagar, targeting individuals involved in facilitating, aiding, or abetting terror-related activities, the spokesman said.

## Haris Handoo takes charge as Director SKICC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Haris Ahmad Handoo, Special Secretary in the Chief Minister's Secretariat, on Thursday assumed charge as the new Director of the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC).

Upon his arrival, Handoo was accorded a warm welcome by the officers and staff of the SKICC. Following the assumption of charge, he held an introductory meeting with the employees, emphasizing the need to uphold the Centre's stature as a premier venue for national and international events.

He urged the staff to work with dedication and professionalism to further promote SKICC as a hub for conferences, cultural activities, and global collaborations that showcase Jammu and Kashmir's scenic beauty and cultural diversity.

ties, the spokesman said. He said the searches were conducted at 21 premises across the city.

The searches were conducted in accordance with due legal procedure, in the presence of executive magistrates and independent witnesses, and under the supervision of senior officers of J-K police, the spokesman added.

The objective of these searches was to seize incriminating material such as documents, digital devices, and other evidence relevant to ongoing investigations, the spokesman said.

The raids also form part of a broader intelligence-gathering exercise aimed at pre-empting and disrupting any conspiratorial or terrorist activities threatening public peace and national security, he said.

The police said the decisive action underscores its commitment to identify and take firm legal action against all individuals involved in promoting or supporting terror-related and anti-national activities.

"SKICC has always been a symbol of excellence and hospitality in the region, and we must continue to build upon this legacy," Handoo said during the interaction.



He assured the employees that all issues related to the smooth functioning of the institution would be addressed promptly. The staff, in turn, expressed their full support to the new Director in strengthening the legacy of this prestigious conference centre.



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

## Thousands throng Dastgeer Sahab Shrines (RA) on Friday Following

Agencies

Srinagar: The narrow streets of Khanyar in Srinagar and Sarai Bala turned deeply devotional on Friday as an ocean of devotees gathered to observe the Friday following Urs Mubarak of the revered saint, Hazrat Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), popularly known as Dastageer Sahib (RA).

From Khanyar Chowk to Sheeraz Chowk, the air reverberated with cries of devotion as men, women and children sat on prayer mats in front of the grand Dastageer Sahib Shrine, raising their hands in supplication.

According to the details, emotions ran high when the holy relic of the saint was displayed, with devotees breaking into tears, their voices trembling with faith and longing.

"I come here every year, but the moment the Moi-e-Muqqadas, (holy relic) is displayed, my heart trembles," said 65-year-old Ghulam Rasool, his eyes moist.

"It feels as if the saint himself is among us, blessing us all." The scene was one of spiritual grandeur as homes near the shrine opened their doors and rooftops for people to catch a glimpse of the relic.

"The entire Khanyar was soaked in faith today," said a local resident, Fazil. He said, every corner echoed with prayers and people from every age group, from elderly men leaning on sticks to little children sitting on their parents' laps, were part of this ocean of devotion.

Similar situation was witnessed in Sarai Balai area of Srinagar. Meanwhile, the shrine's management committee had made elaborate arrangements for devotees, ensuring smooth movement and uninterrupted prayers. Volunteers distributed drinking water and tea among the gathering, as spiritual hymns and recitations filled the air.

Notably, as the relic was displayed, devotees wept, some silently wiping tears, others openly crying, a moment that once again reflected Kashmir's timeless bond with Dastageer Sahib (RA).

"Faith brings us here," said Fatima, a young woman from Downtown. "No matter how busy life gets, this day pulls us to Khanyar. It is not just a tradition, but it is love, it is connection."

They questioned the silence of concerned authorities and asked, "Whose baby is it to ensure hassle-free traffic movement on this road?"

The drivers said they had even approached the local Masjid Committee seeking its intervention, but the committee members reportedly refused to persuade the shopkeepers. "The committee seems reluctant, while the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) not only fails to act but appears to be encouraging these violators by ignoring them," another driver said.

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## Drivers decry road encroachment in Mehjoor Nagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Daily commuters and drivers plying through Mehjoor Nagar in Srinagar's uptown have expressed strong resentment over the unabated encroachment of the main road by local shopkeepers, accusing authorities of turning a blind eye to the worsening traffic chaos in the area.

The drivers said that shopkeepers have virtually converted a large stretch of the busy road

into an open marketplace, spreading their merchandise in the middle of the carriageway and leaving little space for vehicles to pass. "Every day we get stuck here for long durations because the road has been completely taken over by shopkeepers. They have put up vegetable stalls and racks right on the road," one of the drivers said.

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**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT I)**  
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Exh. No: 29713  
**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED VS RAFIQ AHMAD MALLA**

To:  
(1) Rafiq Ahmad Malla  
S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Malla  
R/o: Ambarpora Tarzua Sopore  
Baramulla Jammu and Kashmir-193202  
2) Mr Ghulam Mohammad Malla  
S/o: Mohammad Jamal Malla  
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**SUMMONS**

Whereas, OA/1555/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 06.08.2025

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 8946209.47/- (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-  
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3 A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 10.11.2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 07.08.2025

**Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons**

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

## World Mental Health Day 2025 Observed at AAGHAZ

Observer News Service

Srinagar: AAGHAZ Drug De-Addiction Centre, in collaboration with Help Poor Voluntary Trust (HPVT) and KASHMER, observed World Mental Health Day 2025 today with a focus on awareness,

prevention, and community engagement in mental health and substance use care.

Experts, including Dr. Majid Shafi, Nodal Officer for Mental Health, highlighted rising mental health concerns in Kashmir—particularly anxiety and depression—and emphasized the need for accessible services and wider awareness of the Tele-MANAS helpline (14416). Prof. Dr. Mohd Maqbool Dar underscored the role of IMHANS and called for stronger institutional and community collaboration.

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### Notice Inviting E-Tenders/Bids

For Implementation of ISO 9001:2015 QMS

For and on behalf of Competent Authority of the Islamic University of Science and Technology, e-tenders are invited from reputed company/firms to submit the most competitive quotation in the enclosed format for providing ISO 9001:2015 certification services along with its implementation at Rumi Library, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir as mentioned in the tender notice along with the terms and conditions and other documents of the said notice.

Name of Work:	Implementation of ISO 9001:2015 QMS in Rumi Library at IUST Campus-I, Awantipora.
Tender Reference No. & Date	No. Tender/LIB/IUST/ISO/581; Dated: 08/10/2025
Advertised Cost of Work	Rs. 1.5 lakh (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)
Bid submission Start Date:	08-10-2025
Bid submission Closing Date:	22-10-2025
Date of Submission of Hard Copy:	23-10-2025
Bids shall be opened at IUST on	24-10-2025 at 10:00 am.

Tender details are available on website [www.iust.ac.in](http://www.iust.ac.in) and <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

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University Librarian

## Sad Demise

With deep sorrow and profound grief following the sad demise of my beloved father Zahid Mukhtar, congregational fateh khawani shall be observed at his ancestral graveyard in Lal Chowk, Anantnag at 11:30 am on Sunday, 12th October 2025  
All are humbly advised not to bring any fruits or edible items

Son  
Aadil Mukhtar

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# Budgam's Ground Reality

Illegal clay mining and unregulated brick kilns have turned Budgam's fertile lands into dust. As the bypolls approach, residents wonder if any political party will finally take notice.



Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat



The Election Commission of India has announced by-polls for Budgam and Nagrota assembly seats. The voting will take place on November 11, and the results will be declared on November 14. The Budgam seat fell vacant when Chief Minister Omar Abdullah decided to keep Ganderbal. During last year's elections, he had won both seats, defeating his opponents by wide margins.

Budgam lies at the doorstep of Srinagar, but feels far from it in every sense. Drive through Palar, Wahabpora, Garend, Paimus, Nasrullahpora, or Sholipora, and it's easy to forget that this is one of the closest districts to the summer capital. The roads are broken, the water is unsafe, and the electricity flickers through the night. The air carries a thick mix of dust and smoke, a constant reminder of what unplanned mining and industrial greed can do to a place once known for its fertile soil and calm fields.

I have travelled through these villages for years. The dust on Budgam's roads rises like a permanent cloud. It settles on trees, roofs, windowpanes, and food in open shops. Villagers sweep, wash, and wipe every day, but the dust always returns. What troubles me most is what lies beneath that dust: the slow destruction of Budgam's land, air, and people.

Over the past two decades, Budgam's famous Karewas, those ancient plateaus rich in clay and minerals, have been ripped open for sand and soil. Once covered with almond trees, maize, and wheat, these lands now resemble open wounds.

The damage accelerated after the Srinagar Ring Road project began. Contractors bulldozed Karewas in Palar, Mamath, and Ichkoot to extract clay for road construction. Truckloads of soil were carried to Srinagar for filling and construction. Very little of this revenue reached local panchayats.

What should have benefited the people became a private business run under the shadow of government departments.

When I drive along the Ring Road today, I remember what stood

there not long ago: almond orchards, corn fields, and golden wheat swaying in the wind. All gone.

The land was taken apart piece by piece. The Mining Department, Revenue officials, and even police looked away. Some officers tried to stop the illegal extraction, but they could not fight a network so deeply entrenched.

The same story continues with brick kilns. Budgam has around 100 to 150 of them, most running without any permission from the Pollution Control Committee.

“As the election campaign begins, every party will make promises. What matters is whether anyone will finally speak about the soil that has been stolen from under our feet. Budgam does not need another speech. It needs healing, and freedom from dust, smoke, and silence that has buried its pain for too long.”

They are everywhere: rising from fertile fields like smoke-stained towers. They consume land, poison the air, and change the colour of the sky. The land that once fed thousands has become wasteland. Paddy fields that produced rice are now buried under ash and clay, in open violation of land and pollution laws.

The local administration claims it has limited power. The Pollution Control Committee blames the district officials. Each side points fingers at the other, while villagers continue to suffer.

The result is a landscape that looks almost war-torn: fields flattened, roads covered in dust, and air thick with soot.

When I walk through these villages, I see women cleaning their windows again and again, trying to keep the dust out. I see shopkeepers wiping their shelves more often than serving customers. I see trucks and tippers rumbling through narrow lanes, carrying clay and bricks as if the earth were theirs to sell.

Some of these operations run barely a kilometre away from the Deputy Commissioner's office, but nobody intervenes. Over time, this illegal work has become normalised, as if Budgam's soil and lungs are meant to be sacrificed.

The health crisis is severe. Many residents suffer from asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases. In the summer, waterborne infections like hepatitis and jaundice rise sharply. The brick kiln workers, mostly non-locals, live in poor conditions and defecate near open water sources, contaminating the streams that villagers depend on.

Agriculture, once the backbone of Budgam's economy, is dying. Hundreds of hectares of farmland have been lost forever. The Karewas that once produced almonds and apples are now barren. For a district that once symbolised fertility and rural craftsmanship, this is a slow death.

Over the years, Budgam's politics have been driven by emotions and sectarian loyalties. Development rarely entered the conversation.

Now, as the bypolls approach, there is a growing demand for real change. People want their air back. They want their water and their fields. They want an end to this collusion between officials, contractors, and politicians.

Budgam has given enough of itself: its land, soil, and health. It deserves the right to breathe again. The people here are not asking for miracles. They are asking for justice, accountability, and leaders who care about the earth they stand on.

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### KO VIEW

## Kashmir's Chinar Dilemma

Kashmir takes immense pride in its majestic chinar, a tree woven into the Valley's cultural and environmental identity. For generations, it has been cherished for its grandeur, its deep red autumn hues, and the cool shade it offers during sweltering summers. The Chinar is more than just a tree — it is a living symbol of Kashmir's heritage.

However, time and neglect are quietly transforming this heritage icon into a public safety hazard. Many Chinars, planted decades or even centuries ago, now stand precariously along busy roads, intersections, and residential areas. Their massive trunks and sprawling roots obstruct traffic, while their ageing branches, weakened by time, wind, and snow, pose a serious threat to life and property.

Recognising its cultural significance, the government rightly declared the Chinar a protected tree years ago. Yet, in the face of rapid urbanisation, that well-intentioned decision has created a new dilemma. Urban planners and civic authorities often find themselves trapped between heritage preservation and public safety. The result is administrative inertia, an unwillingness to act decisively, even when the risk is evident.

At several locations, such as Nunar in Ganderbal, Pandrethan, Habak-Naseem Bagh Road and Shalimar Chowk, Chinars grow in the middle of narrow roads or at key intersections, causing chronic traffic congestion. School buses, ambulances, and daily commuters are frequently caught in long snarls, while traffic police often appear helpless to regulate the flow. In other areas, dangling branches hang dangerously over power lines and rooftops, waiting for a storm or snowfall to trigger disaster.

The situation calls for pragmatism over sentimentality. Safeguarding human life and ensuring smooth traffic flow must not be seen as acts against heritage. The authorities can and must strike a balance by seeking legal permission where necessary to remove hazardous trees and by compensating each removal with new Chinar plantations in open spaces, parks, and public gardens.

The Chinar Development Board under the Gardens and Parks Department was created precisely for this purpose. Yet its presence has been scarcely felt on the ground. It must now step up to scientifically assess the condition of ageing trees, remove those that pose imminent danger, and plant new ones in safer, sustainable locations.

Kashmir's relationship with the Chinar need not end — it only needs to evolve. Protecting heritage is important, but protecting life is indispensable. A thoughtful, science-based policy can ensure that the Chinar remains a proud emblem of Kashmir — not a silent hazard.

Imagine seeing Kashmir and Ladakh as a single region, a vast stretch of nearly 75,000 square kilometres. By size, it could fit around 150 full-scale cities, each sprawling over 500 square kilometres. In reality, there's only one major urban center, Srinagar, and roughly eight million people living across valleys, plateaus, and rugged mountains that shape daily life far more than any city ever could.

This contrast between scale and settlement reveals something important: the Himalayas ask for better planning.

And that planning must emerge from the understanding that mountains thrive on balance, not expansion.

Seen through a planner's eyes, the two territories, Kashmir and Ladakh, are not separate worlds but parts of one natural macroregion. They share rivers, trade routes, and ecological systems that have connected communities for centuries.

Kashmir provides population, water, and resources, while Ladakh contributes space, sunlight, and energy potential.

Together, they form a complementary whole that could become India's model for sustainable mountain development.

The idea is to realign mindsets.

If the Himalayas are to endure, they need a framework that combines their cultural diversity with environmental logic. This vision could take shape through three interconnected development corridors, each grounded in local geography and livelihood.

The first is the Anantnag-Qazigund Corridor, the southern stretch of Kashmir. It holds fertile soil, abundant water, and a direct link to the national highway. This belt can evolve into an agro-industrial powerhouse where apple, walnut, and saffron growers find modern processing units, cold-chain logistics, and export hubs powered by renewable energy.

Solar-driven food parks and rural skill centres could connect traditional agriculture with 21st-century value chains.

This is where the valley's economic backbone can strengthen without losing its soul.

The second is the Srinagar Metropolitan Region, the cultural and administrative heart of the Himalayas.

## The Himalayan Blueprint

Coordinated policy, shared resources, and corridor-based planning can build a sustainable Himalayan economy.

Sandeep Kotwal

Srinagar must grow vertically and intelligently, not outward into wetlands and farmland. The future city should breathe through clean mobility, smart water systems, and digital governance. It can become a knowledge capital linking education, tourism, and creative industries.

When planned well, Srinagar can offer lessons to other mountain capitals on how to balance growth with geography, a compact city that learns from its lake rather than chokes it.

The third is the Kargil-Leh Corridor, the energy and strategic frontier of India's northern edge.

Ladakh's high plateau is already known for its renewable potential, nearly 60,000 MW of solar energy, 1,500 MW of hydro, and immense promise for green hydrogen.

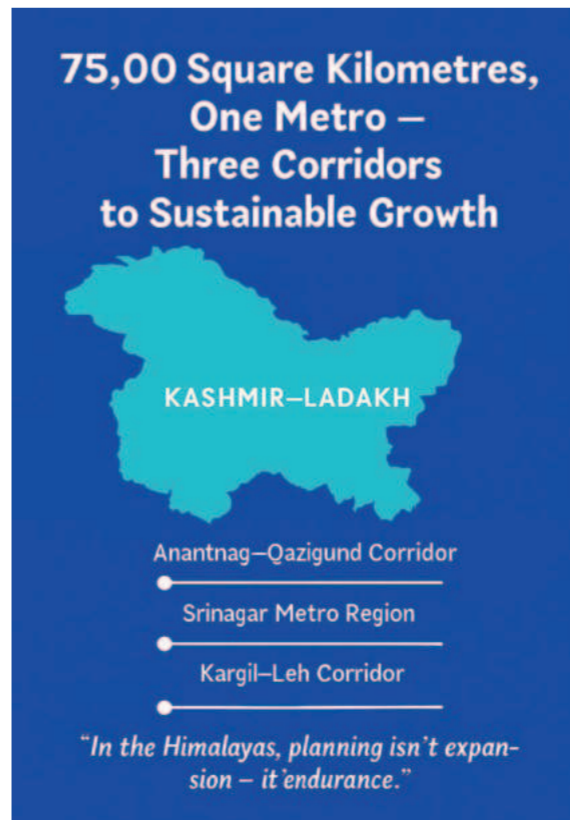
A corridor here can blend clean energy clusters with defence logistics, tourism circuits, and cold-climate research.

This would transform Kargil-Leh from a border zone into a self-sustaining hub that powers much of northern India while preserving its fragile ecology.

All three corridors reflect a simple principle: growth aligned with terrain.

Such an approach respects the rhythm of rivers, the logic of altitude, and the needs of local communities. But, achieving this harmony requires one unified authority.

Kashmir and Ladakh, though administratively divided, share climate systems and lifelines that cannot be governed in isolation.



A Himalayan Development Authority, placed under NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, could integrate water, energy, transport, and environmental policies across both regions. Mountains do not end at borders, though files often do.

A planner's balance sheet for the region would read something like this. Compact, corridor-based growth instead of metro sprawl. Horticulture and renewable energy instead of heavy, resource-draining industries. Eco-zoned tourism instead of chaotic mass travel. Joint Himalayan planning instead of fragmented UT policies.

Ecology first, economy next.

The real challenge is shifting from short-term projects to long-term endurance. Climate change has already begun to reshape the Himalayan landscape. Melting glaciers, unstable slopes, and unpredictable rainfall patterns are daily reminders that conventional development will not work here. The region's future depends on how wisely we connect economy with ecology.

If Kashmir and Ladakh embrace a shared development model, they can offer a blueprint for other mountain states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Arunachal Pradesh.

The three-corridor vision could redefine Himalayan planning across India: Srinagar as a knowledge hub, Anantnag-Qazigund as an agro-industrial zone, and Kargil-Leh as an energy frontier. Together, they would form India's first eco-smart Himalayan belt.

Mathematically, the region could hold 150 metros. But the Himalayas just need three smart corridors, one integrated vision, and a philosophy rooted in endurance rather than expansion. Planning here should mean lasting longer.

When Kashmir and Ladakh are seen as one connected system, India builds sustainability that respects altitude, community, and time itself.

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# The Beloved Broadcaster

For decades, Zahid Mukhtar brought warmth, insight, and poetry to Kashmir's mornings and its literary imagination.

Sahil Manzoor Bhatti



**I Remembering Zahid Mukhtar is remembering a life lived for words and ideas. He made Kashmir's mornings richer, its literature deeper, and its people more attentive to the subtleties of thought, feeling, and expression.**

I first met Zahid Mukhtar at Dargah Hazratbal, Srinagar, during a Scouting Camp in the sacred days of Rabi-ul-Awal. He came up to us, offered a firm but gentle handshake, and spoke warmly about our small efforts to serve the community.

In that moment, he seemed larger than the many titles he carried: poet, broadcaster, journalist, dramatist.

He was both unassuming and profound, as if all the work of his life distilled into that single gesture.

That memory of grace and humility has stayed with me ever since.

Zahid Mukhtar passed away early Thursday morning at his home in Nai Basti, Anantnag, at the age of 69, after a year-long struggle with neurological ailments.

His passing closes a chapter on a life that moved seamlessly between literature, culture, and media.

Born in South Kashmir in 1956 to Haji Sana Ullah Qasid, Mukhtar showed an early love for words.

Poetry came first, but prose soon followed.

In 1976, he published his first short story, Chout (Injury). Over nearly five decades, he created works in both Urdu and Kashmiri, including poetry collections like Ibtida (The Beginning), Sulagtay Chinar (Blazing Chinars), and Timbri Halm (A Hem Filled with Sparks), and short story compilations such as Jhelum ka Teesra Kinara (Jhelum's Third Bank) and Suraj ka Pehla Andhera (The First Darkness of the Sun).

Among his stories, Pul-e-Sirat (The Bridge of Judgment Day) stands out.

It portrays the suffering of Kashmiris subjected to identification parades and constant scrutiny, drawing a haunting parallel to the eschatological bridge in Islamic belief.

Mukhtar had a rare gift: blending social critique, spiritual metaphor, and human emotion into fiction that resonates long after the last page is read.

His influence went far beyond the written word.

For many years, he was a familiar face and voice on Doordarshan Kashmir's Good Morn-

ing Kashmir, anchoring with warmth and wisdom.

He wrote over a hundred plays for television and radio, acted, produced, and edited. His early 1990s journalism venture, Al-Mukhtar, was cut short by political unrest, but he remained a guiding presence in the valley's literary circles through his editorship of Lafz ba Lafz (Word by Word).



**His funeral at Sherbagh, Anantnag, brought together admirers, colleagues, and residents, all paying tribute to a man whose life silently shaped the valley's literary and cultural landscape.**

Colleagues remember him for the rare combination of intellect and humility. Mohammad Amin Bhat, president of Adbi Markaz Kamraz, recalls, "He was a rebel from an early age, leav-

ing a government job to work independently, and remained active in literary circles for fifty years."

Awards such as the Safer-e-Urdu from Aligarh Muslim University and the J&K Urdu Academy award reflected the depth, elegance, and rootedness of his work.

I remember watching him on Good Morning Kashmir as a young viewer. He had a way of making ordinary mornings feel meaningful, turning simple routines into moments worth noticing.

For Kashmiris living abroad, his broadcasts were a thread back home, carrying the language, culture, and thoughts of the valley across mountains and oceans.

Those who knew him personally speak of his generosity. He mentored emerging writers, nurtured cultural discourse, and never let fame eclipse human connection. Cartoonist S. Tariq summed it up: "He was a voice that spoke for every emotion of the Kashmiri heart."

Mukhtar's personal life mirrored his professional ethos.

He remained rooted in Kashmir, valuing the intimacy of his surroundings over national or international fame.

He is survived by his son, a doctor in England, and his daughter.

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His poetry, stories, broadcasts, and the countless lives he touched remain a luminous legacy.

And for me, the memory returns to that first meeting at Hazratbal, where a gentle handshake and a warm smile spoke volumes about the humanity and grace that defined his life.

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# Childhood in the Digital Age

From mealtimes to bedtime, screens are changing how Kashmiri children grow, sleep, and connect.

Dr. Mushtaq Rather

For years, Kashmiri children lived with a kind of silence the rest of the country rarely understood.

Schools were shut down by situation, and classrooms replaced by uncertainty. When online learning finally arrived, it felt like a miracle.

A screen became a lifeline, offering education, connection, and some normalcy.

But that same screen is now doing something more sinister.

It is creeping into bedrooms, mealtimes, even toddler feeding routines, warping the way children think, feel, sleep, and grow.

What began as digital empowerment is slowly turning into a crisis.

Across India, nearly 470 million children under 18, almost 39% of the population, are growing up in this digital swirl. And as the country aspires to become a Viksit Bharat by 2047, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of a self-reliant India hangs heavily on how these children learn, adapt, and thrive.

But in Kashmir, that dream is filtered through a screen. And increasingly, that screen is turning from tool to trap.

A recent survey paints a stark picture: 60% of children aged 5 to 16 exhibit signs of digital addiction.

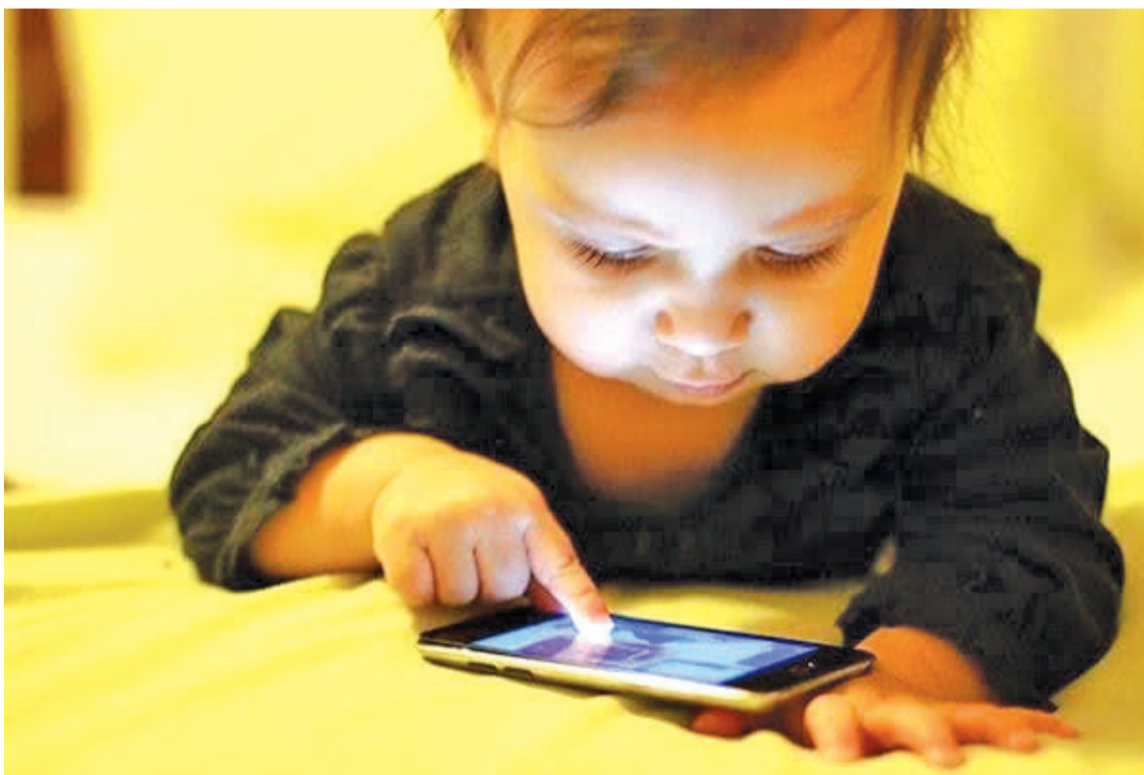
Most are clocking more hours online than what's considered healthy. Sleep cycles are disintegrating. Academic focus is thinning. Real friendships are vanishing. And parents, already overwhelmed by social shifts and political anxieties, are struggling to intervene.

Only 10% of parents use digital restrictions. The rest watch helplessly as the screen takes over their child's day. And in many cases, their emotional world.

The World Health Organization recommends zero screen time for children under two, and no more than one hour a day for those between two and five.

But in many Kashmiri homes, the screen isn't just permitted. It's essential. It helps feed the baby. It calms the toddler. It fills the social void when public parks feel unsafe or simply out of reach.

Kashmir's noted health specialists, including Dr. Sushil Razdan and



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Dr. Kaiser, have raised flags on what they now call a "silent epidemic."

Early exposure to screens, they warn, hinders cognitive development, dulls emotional reflexes, and reduces creative capacity.

Some children, they caution, are showing signs of Screen Dependency Disorder, a condition with neurological implications that can outlast childhood.

And the symptoms aren't hiding.

Children no longer want to play outdoors. Instead, they spend hours immersed in curated video worlds, endlessly swiping, liking, posting. Some can't sleep without a screen nearby. Others get anxious if their phone battery drops below 20 percent. Real-world conversa-

tions feel burdensome. So do family meals.

And what begins with cartoons or tutorials quickly spirals. Online games like PUBG, Call of Duty, and Grand Theft Auto are now household names among schoolchildren.

With them comes aggression, detachment, and in some heartbreaking cases, suicidal impulses. Exposure to violent content rewires emotional responses and dulls empathy. It also increases impulsiveness, making young minds vulnerable to risk-taking behaviors.

Social media platforms aren't built for children, but that hasn't stopped them. Fake birthdates are all it takes to access Instagram, Snapchat, Face-

book, or YouTube.

With no real age-verification system, a 9-year-old in Baramulla can create a digital identity and spend hours chasing likes from strangers. The idea of friendship is slowly mutating into follower counts.

And the cost is not just emotional. It's physical too.

Common complaints include dry eyes, chronic headaches, backaches, disrupted sleep, irregular eating, and poor hygiene. Some teens show signs of carpal tunnel syndrome, their wrists strained from endless scrolling and gaming. Many isolate themselves, shutting their doors to family and conversation. When limits are set, they lash out, sometimes violently.

In Kashmir, where community once cushioned trauma, this new isolation is alarming. It's not just about screens. It's about screens replacing everything else.

So what now?

Begin at home. Parents must reclaim space. Not by banning devices outright, but by creating balance. Declare "phoneless hours" during meals or gatherings. Replace YouTube with bedtime stories. Go for walks. Talk more.

Model behavior. A child mimics what they see. If a parent scrolls through dinner, the message is clear. Parents must learn to disconnect first, if they expect their children to follow.

Curate content. Not all screen time is damaging, but mindless, passive content is. Pick apps and videos that inspire play, teach empathy, and encourage imagination. Ask: Does this help my child grow, or just distract?

Encourage digital detox. Children need to learn boredom again. They need space for daydreams, dirt-streaked play, and real voices.

Seek help when needed. If screen use is disrupting sleep, schooling, or behavior, consult a child psychologist or therapist. In Srinagar and beyond, pediatric mental health support is growing, but stigma still keeps many families away.

Push for regulation. The government must do more. Age-gating, child-safe platforms, digital literacy in schools, and stricter content guidelines are urgent needs. In a country racing toward a digital future, child protection must be coded into policy.

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We need a version of digital India that doesn't drown its children in dopamine. One that values human connection as much as virtual access.

And the one that sees tech as a bridge, not a bunker.

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## Trump Out, Venezuela's Oppn Leader Wins 2025 Nobel Peace Prize

KO Web Desk

**SRINAGAR:** Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado has been awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, recognized for her role in uniting a once-fractured opposition movement and advocating for democracy in a nation long mired in political and economic turmoil.

The Nobel committee's decision to honor Machado comes in a year when global attention on the prize was amplified by U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated public claims that he deserves the accolade.

Announcing the award in Oslo on Friday, Jorgen Watne Frydnes, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, described Machado as a "key, unifying figure in a political opposition that was once deeply divided — an opposition that found common ground in the demand for free elections and representative government."

Machado, 58, is widely seen as part of the Western-aligned faction of Venezuela's opposition, favoring engagement with the United States and other international actors. Her selection underscores the committee's continued focus on democratic resilience and the durability of peace — values it has traditionally sought to highlight through its awards.

Last year's Peace Prize went



to Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots Japanese movement of atomic bombing survivors campaigning against nuclear weapons. The Peace Prize remains the only Nobel award presented in Oslo, while the prizes for medicine, physics, chemistry, and literature are announced in Stockholm. The economics prize will be declared on Monday.

Who Is Maria Corina Machado?

Born on October 7, 1967, in Caracas, Machado trained as an industrial engineer and comes from an influential family — her father was a leading figure in Venezuela's steel industry. Her upper-class background has long made her a target of criticism from the country's ruling socialist party.

Machado rose to prominence as the frontrunner to challenge President Nicolás Maduro in the 2024 election, but she was barred from running after being banned from holding public office. Following Maduro's disputed victory, Venezuela's electoral authority and top court confirmed his win. Machado led mass protests before his inauguration and was briefly arrested.

## Putin Relays Israel's 'Peace' Message Amid Iran-Russia Alignment

Trans Asia News

**DUSHANBE (TAJIKISTAN):** Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed on Thursday that Israeli authorities have asked Moscow to deliver a message to Tehran indicating that Israel does not seek further confrontation and aims to ease regional tensions.

Speaking at the Central Asia-Russia summit, Putin said, "We continue confidence-based contacts with Israel and receive signals from Israeli leadership asking that this be conveyed to our Iranian friends that Israel intends — and is determined — to further resolve the issue, and is not interested in any form of confrontation."

The appeal appears set against a backdrop of strengthened Iran-Russia strategic cooperation and Tehran's rapid recovery following a 12-day conflict with Israel in June. The hostilities, triggered after Israel launched strikes on Iranian positions, resulted in the deaths of top Iranian commanders and nuclear scientists and hundreds of civilians. U.S. air strikes on Iranian nuclear sites further escalated the conflict. By June 24, Iranian retaliatory strikes on Israeli and U.S. targets resulted into a ceasefire.

Analysts suggest Israel's request to Putin reflects concern over Iran's rapidly increasing regional resilience and the growing military and diplomatic coordination between Tehran and Moscow, Russia's ongoing mediation and



support have allowed Iran to consolidate its military posture while maintaining a constructive dialogue with the IAEA regarding its nuclear program.

Putin stressed diplomacy as the only path forward. "Only through diplomacy and negotiations can the situation around Iran's nuclear program be resolved. There is no reasonable alternative to it," he said, adding that Russia maintains close contact with Tehran and "feels their resolve to seek mutually acceptable solutions and to renew constructive cooperation with the IAEA."

Moscow recently hosted IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, who reportedly noted Iran's willingness to resolve outstanding technical issues. Putin said these agreements, once implemented, could pave the way toward a "final settlement on this very complex regional problem."

### Regional Tensions Persist

Despite publicly supporting a Gaza ceasefire, some Iranian officials hinted at continued

vigilance elsewhere. Ali Akbar Velayati, foreign policy advisor to Iran's supreme leader, tweeted: "The start of the ceasefire in Gaza may be the behind-the-scenes end of the ceasefire somewhere else!" This has been interpreted as a warning that Israel may exploit the pause in Gaza to escalate tensions with Iran and its allies.

### Modernizing the Iranian Air Force

Compounding Israeli concerns, a purported leak suggests Iran has signed a deal to purchase 48 Russian Su-35 fighter jets, potentially delivered between 2026 and 2028. The phased approach may allow semi-knocked-down assembly in Iran, creating the country's first near-indigenous fourth-generation fighter production capability since the 1970s. While this order would modestly enhance Iran's air capabilities, it underscores Tehran's growing regional confidence bolstered by strategic ties with Moscow.

## Afghanistan to Send Diplomats to India to Boost Bilateral Ties: FM Muttaqi

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI-** Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Friday said Kabul will send diplomats to India as part of step-by-step efforts to improve bilateral relations.

Muttaqi made the significant announcement at a media briefing hours after holding extensive talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

He also assured New Delhi that Afghan soil will not be allowed to carry out any activities that could be detrimental to its interests.

Muttaqi said Kabul will soon



send its diplomats to India. Till now, the Afghan missions in India have officials who were largely appointed by the previous Ashraf Ghani government.

India has not yet recognised the Taliban set up and has been pitching for the formation of a truly inclusive government in Kabul.

## SC Rejects Plea for Social Media Ban guidelines

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI-** The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking pan-India guidelines for governing social media intermediaries with respect to suspension and blocking of accounts.

The apex court allowed the two petitioners to withdraw the plea and told them that they were free to seek any other remedy available in law before an appropriate forum.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta was

told by the counsel appearing for the petitioners that their WhatsApp, which they used to communicate with the customers, was blocked. "There are other communication applications, you can use that," the bench observed and asked why WhatsApp of the petitioners was blocked. The petitioners' counsel said no reason was given to them. "What is your fundamental right to have access to WhatsApp?" the bench. It asked the petitioners why they approached the apex court directly with a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution.

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of mental health disorders in the region. "Interventions should be empathetic, addressing root causes rather than just punishing drug abuse, while promoting supportive living conditions and early psychosocial care," doctors said.

With rapid urbanisation, migration, and climate-related stressors adding to mental health challenges, experts stress that urgent, sustained action is needed to ensure no individual is left behind when it comes to care. (inputs from KNO)

### Fragile Gaza

destabilised the Middle East, and left dozens of hostages, living and dead, in the territory.

Still, the broader plan advanced by US President Donald Trump includes many unanswered questions, such as whether and how Hamas will disarm and who will govern Gaza.

The ceasefire announcement came shortly after heavy Israeli bombardment of Gaza City and Khan Younis, where air and artillery strikes were reported throughout the morning. Gunfire was also heard across parts of the enclave, though there were no immediate reports of casualties.

At least eight Palestinians were killed on Thursday night when Israeli forces conducted airstrikes after mediators confirmed a ceasefire deal had been reached.

The Israeli Cabinet approved the truce plan — championed by US President Donald Trump — in the early hours of Friday.

The proposal includes a phased ceasefire, the release of twenty living Israeli captives and several bodies within 72 hours, in return for 2,000 Palestinian prisoners jailed in Israel. The list of those prisoners published Friday by Israel did not include high-profile prisoner Marwan Barghouti, the most popular Palestinian leader and a potentially unifying figure. Israel views him and some others as 'terrorist masterminds' and has refused to release them in past exchanges.

Senior Hamas negotiator Khalil al-Hayya outlined the core elements of the agreement Thursday evening, saying the truce would bring an end to "the war and aggression against our people." He confirmed the prisoner release, reopening of the Rafah crossing with Egypt, and unrestricted entry of humanitarian aid.

Al-Hayya said mediators, including the Trump administration, had given "clear assurances" that the conflict was over, and that Palestinian factions would now focus on achieving self-determination and statehood.

A senior Israeli official said the military would retain control over about 50 percent of Gaza under the new arrangement, as forces reposition to what officials described as "defensive lines."

Egyptian and Hamas officials said five border crossings are expected to reopen, including the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt. That will allow aid to flow into the territory, parts of which are experiencing famine.

### Tenuous Peace

Despite the ceasefire announcement however, residents reported heavy shelling through Friday morning.

"The shelling has significantly increased today," said Mahmoud Sharkawy, displaced from Gaza City and sheltering in Nuseirat camp. "Low-flying military aircraft have been overhead since dawn."

Rami Mhanna, managing director of Shifa Hospital, said the bombardment in northern and southern Gaza City continued despite reports of a ceasefire, an AP report said.

"It's confusing — we've been hearing explosions all morning," said another resident, Heba Garoun, who fled her destroyed home in eastern Gaza City.

To oversee implementation, US officials said about 200 American troops will be deployed to Israel as part of a multinational monitoring mission.

The ceasefire — fragile and uncertain — represents the first major diplomatic breakthrough after two years of bloodshed that have left Gaza in ruins and reshaped the political landscape of the region.

### Terrorism Breathing

power of sports to foster a sense of collective identity, camaraderie, courage, character building, peace, equality and friendship among people and the region.

He called upon the youth to develop qualities like compassion and courage, and dedicate their potential and talents in service to the nation.

"Sports is the universal language of unity and it promotes inclusivity and mutual respect. The sports events like All India Police Judo Cluster serves as a vibrant platform to celebrate Unity in Diversity and showcase India's rich cultural and social heritage," he said.

More than 2,000 athletes are participating in the championship comprising Judo, Wushu, Pencak Silat, Taekwondo and Karate, hosted by Jammu Kashmir Police.

DGP, Nalin Prabhat; S.J.M. Gillani, Special DG Coordination PHQ; ADGP Armed, Anand Jain; senior officials of Police and Civil Administration; representatives of various sports associations; prominent sports personalities, and youth in large number were present.

### Body Of 2nd

the other body was found on Friday, they said, adding that it seems that both died due to hypothermia.

According to the officials, the two soldiers went missing after their communication line went out. Helicopters were pressed into aerial reconnaissance to locate the commandos. The Srinagar-based Chinar Corps unit of the Army said the operational team was caught in a severe snowstorm.

"On the intervening night of October 6 and 7, an operational team on the Kishtwar range confronted a severe snowstorm and white-out conditions in the mountains of southern Kashmir. Since then, two soldiers have gone out of communication," the Chinar Corps said in a post on X on Wednesday.

"Intense search and rescue operations have been launched but hampered due to prevailing adverse weather conditions," it added.

The Army paid tributes to the fallen soldiers.

"Chinar Corps honours the supreme sacrifice of Bravehearts Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh and Lance Naik Sujay Ghosh, while conducting relentless counter terror operations in the Kishtwar Range of Kokernag battling extreme weather conditions. Their courage and dedication will forever inspire us," the Chinar Corps said in a post on X.

It said Chinar Warriors salute the valour and sacrifice of the bravehearts.

"We stand in solidarity with the bereaved families and are committed to their wellbeing," it added.

### J&K Statehood

concerns and recent incidents such as the Pahalgam terror attack. "This is a sui generis problem with wider concerns. Consultations are ongoing with the Jammu and Kashmir administration," he told the bench.

During the hearing, senior advocates representing the petitioners argued that the delay in restoration undermined federal principles and stalled development. "The Union gave an assurance, and continuing denial of statehood sets a dangerous precedent for federalism," said Maneka Guruswamy, appearing for MLA Irfan Hafiz Lone. Counsel representing a group of Jammu-based lawyers highlighted issues like unemployment and stalled local development, stressing that peace and normalcy largely prevail.

The petitioners clarified that they were not seeking to reopen the abrogation of Article 370 but simply enforce the government's earlier commitment within a reasonable timeframe.

The Supreme Court will now await the Centre's response on the matter within four weeks.

### Ramzan, Oberoi

party will contest," sources said, adding that Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge had recently discussed the matter with NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah. During the talks, the NC leadership expressed willingness to spare one of the seats for Congress, which has six MLAs in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

Party MP Syed Naseer Hussain, who serves as the General Secretary and is in charge of Jammu and Kashmir, is reportedly in regular touch with NC leaders regarding the issue. A possible meeting between Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, currently in New Delhi, and senior Congress leaders has not been ruled out.

While the ruling alliance is expected to comfortably secure three of the four Rajya Sabha seats, the BJP remains in a stronger position to claim the fourth, with 28 votes compared to the alliance's 24.

### HC Seeks

and denying any connection with terrorists, prompting separate probes by police and the local administration.

"Record reveals that when the matter was listed before this court on April 25, Neeraj Padyar, SDPO, Billawar, who was part of the SIT headed by SP (Operations) investigating the case, submitted that the SHO of Billawar police station already stood transferred and the other two officials, against whom the complainants have levelled allegations, were not posted in the same police station.

"In addition, the SDPO, Billawar, stated at the Bar that no such persons, namely Jugal and Harish, were posted at the Billawar police station.

However, Appu Singh Slathia, the counsel appearing for the petitioners, submits that she has placed on record electronic evidence by virtue of a pen drive, which indicates that Jugal and Harish were also present on February 5 when the deceased was taken to his residence and thereafter, he committed suicide in a mosque at Bhatodi village, Billawar," the judge said.

He said the petitioners further submitted that even at the time when the body of the deceased was taken to the hospital, four police officers were present, including Jugal and Harish.

"Since, there is an ambiguity with regard to the statement so made by the concerned SDPO, Billawar, on April 25, this court deems it proper to direct him to remain present before this court on the next date of hearing, with a view to record his detailed statement before the registrar judicial of this court to proceed further in the matter," Justice Nargal said.

For proper appreciation of the matter, the judge said, it is necessary to verify whether the police officers, namely Jugal and Harish, were ever posted at the Billawar police station, or whether they were present at the time when the body was taken to the hospital, or when the deceased was taken to his residence.

In addition, the court also sought the personal presence of the head of the SIT, with a view to apprise the court with regard to the investigation so carried as on date in light of the fact that the SIT was constituted on March 10.

Government advocate Suneel Malhotra has been directed to produce the case detail file (of the SIT) on the next date of hearing, besides apprising the court about the investigation being conducted in the case.

Taking serious note of the failure of the respondents — chief secretary and home secretary — to submit their response to the notices issued to them on April 16, the court granted them one more opportunity to file their response through their counsel.

"The court deems it proper to grant one more opportunity to the (government) counsel for respondents 1 and 2 to file their response within a period of one week positively, failing which the matter will be heard on its own merits on the next date of hearing," the judge said.

### Taliban Blames

something that the Afghan Taliban deny. The Afghan Defence Ministry called the recent pair of strikes "unprecedented, violent and heinous."

It warned that the Pakistani army would face the consequences if the situation became worse. The statement didn't include information on the alleged targets, casualties or damage.

The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project monitoring group said that it was unclear who was responsible for the Kabul strike or what the source was. But, if confirmed, it would be the first in the Afghan capital since the US one in 2022 that killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Pearl Pandya, a senior analyst with the group, said that Pakistan had increased its use of airstrikes within Afghan territory this year, targeting alleged Pakistani Taliban hideouts.

"These alleged strikes coincide with the Taliban's first diplomatic trip to India since they returned to power in 2021," Pandya said. "An improvement in relations between India and Afghanistan is likely to be resented by Islamabad, fearful of any potential destabilizing impact on its western borders."

Islamabad: The Taliban government on Friday blamed Pakistan for striking the Afghan capital and bombing a market in the country's east, accusing its neighbor of violating national airspace. (AP)

### HC Closes PIL

wake of the stand set-out in the response filed by the respondent authorities, the proceedings be closed, but with liberty to

the petitioner to file a fresh petition in the event any further cause of action arises," the court observed and disposed of the PIL accordingly.

According to the petitioner, the spring originates in the northern ridge of Greater Himalayas at an elevation of approximately 4000 meters above sea level and finally merges with the Jhelum River near Chursoo Awantipora.

He had said that average discharge from the Spring had been previously measured at around 20 cubic feet per second (Cusecs) which is approximately 108 lakh gallons per day. However "sadly" as of today the spring has completely dried up, the petitioner says.

As per him the entire population of Sub District Tral is dependent upon the source of drinking water from Arpal spring and they have been facing severe water scarcity for the last so many years. The drying of spring has affected the daily lives of the residents, he had stated.

Among others, the PIL had sought direction to the government to prepare and implement a sustainable development plan for Arpal Spring including measures for water conservation and restoration of discharge in the said spring.

It had also sought directions to the government to disclose all the measures taken by them to deal with any water shortage in case of any unforeseen event of drying of the spring in total and to frame an additional backup resource plan to deal with any future water scarcity.

Besides, direction had been sought to the authorities to take all necessary steps for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in letter and spirit on ground in the Sub District Tral in particular and whole Jammu and Kashmir in general.

### Ready With

other security agencies to share intelligence and respond swiftly.

"There is no need for panic. Our forces are keeping a close watch on every movement across the border," the IG said.

Referring to Operation Sindoore, Anand said India carried out missile strikes in May, destroying nine terrorist infrastructures, including major LeT and JeM camps, while the BSF neutralised several launch pads along the International Border and Line of Control.

"Although these groups are now changing hideouts and regrouping, we are ready to take appropriate action whenever required," he said.

The IG also mentioned that while a ceasefire agreement with Pakistan remains in place, the BSF has been given a "free hand to respond to any provocation."

"Our jawans have clear instructions — a shell for a bullet," he said, adding that counter-drone and air defence systems used during Operation Sindoore had proven effective.

He stressed the need for continued technological upgradation, noting that "21st-century warfare demands readiness in drone, UAV, missile, and AI-based operations."

To enhance such capabilities, the BSF recently held a 'School of Drone Warfare' at its Gwalior academy.

As part of its diamond jubilee celebrations, the BSF will also host a full marathon in Jammu on November 9, aimed at connecting with border residents and promoting fitness and local sports talent.

# CS Pushes for Seamless Fruit Transportation from Kashmir

Observer News Srinagar

Srinagar: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the transportation and smooth movement of fruit consignments from the Valley to markets outside.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Secretary, Transport Department; IG Traffic; Transport Commissioner; Secretary in Agriculture Production Department; MD, HPMC; Regional Officer, NHAI; and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took stock of the current status of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) and its restoration to full operational capacity. He specifically enquired about the movement of fruit-laden trucks from the Valley and the unhindered passage of other essential commodities coming from outside towards Srinagar.

He further directed that no fruit truck should remain



**No fruit truck should remain stranded on the highway and instructed the concerned departments to ensure safe and priority passage of these vehicles**

stranded on the highway and instructed the concerned departments to ensure safe and priority passage of these vehicles. He also reviewed the situation regarding vehicles stranded on both sides of the NH-44 and directed for their timely clearance.

While reviewing long-distance transportation options, the Chief Secretary advised the Divisional Commissioner,

Kashmir, to explore the introduction of rail freight services for transporting horticultural produce to major markets such as Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru. He emphasized the need to engage with fruit growers in this regard and to coordinate with the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Jammu, to examine the feasibility of such a service.

The Divisional Commis-

sioner, Kashmir, apprised the Chief Secretary of the availability and adequacy of transport services for fruit growers, informing that sufficient trucks are presently available at reasonable rates and that growers are not facing any major logistical difficulties.

Secretary, Transport Department, Avny Lavasa, further informed the meeting that in case of any shortage of transport vehicles, the fleet of J&K SRTC trucks would be deployed to facilitate smooth evacuation of fruit from the Valley to outside markets, ensuring full assistance to the fruit growers.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that the administration is fully committed to ensuring seamless transportation of horticultural produce, which forms a key pillar of the Valley's economy, and directed all concerned officers to maintain coordination and take proactive measures to ensure smooth transportation of this crop throughout the ongoing fruit season

# Leh Administration Bans 'Fake News' on Social Media

Press Trust Of India

Leh: The Leh district administration has invoked legal provisions to prohibit the spread of misinformation on social media platforms in the district, which had witnessed violence last month.

Mobile internet services were restored in Leh district on Thursday night after remaining suspended for over a fortnight following widespread violence on September 24 which left four persons dead and scores of others injured.

Leh District Magistrate (DM) Romil Singh Donk said the order to prohibit fake news, issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), would remain in force for two months.

He said there is sufficient ground for proceeding under the section to maintain peace and tranquillity in the region.

"It has been observed that certain individuals/groups are spreading rumours and misinformation through social media platforms, which is likely to disturb law and or-

der," Donk said in the order.

Any person found indulging in the creation, sharing, or forwarding of fake news, messages, rumours, or misinformation shall be liable for "strict legal action" under relevant provisions of law, the order said.

The DM has also directed all social media group administrators to monitor the content being shared in their groups and immediately delete any content found to be fake, misleading, or rumour-mongering.

"They shall also turn on 'admin-only' control of WhatsApp groups. This order is issued ex-parte in the interest of public safety and to maintain public order," Donk added.

The mobile internet services had remained suspended in Leh following widespread violence on September 24, which left four persons dead and scores of others injured.

[10/10, 9:57 pm] Farzana Nisar: Azad, Raina Govt Accommodation Case: Court Grants Estates Dept Final Chance to File Affidavit Srinagar, Oct 10, KNT:

The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has granted a final opportunity to the Estates Department to file a specific affidavit detailing concrete measures taken on the recommendations of the Designated Committee regarding government accommodation allotted to former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and former BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina.

The Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal, passed the direction while hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL No. 17/2020) that seeks eviction of former politicians and legislators overstaying in official residences.

During the hearing held through virtual mode, Advocate S.S. Ahmed, appearing for the petitioner, argued that despite repeated directions, the Estates Department had failed to act on the recommendations of the Designated Committee, which met on February 28, 2025, under the chairmanship of IGP (CID).

# Court Seeks Report on NHIDCL, J&K Govt Measures to Curb Accidents

Agencies

Srinagar: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has granted six weeks' additional time to Amicus Curiae Advocate S.S. Ahmed to visit the Mughal Road and submit a detailed report on the implementation of safety measures recommended by an Expert Committee constituted by the court.

The Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal passed the direction while hearing three public interest litigations, Intakhab Ahmed Qazi v/s State of J&K & Ors (PIL No. 30/2019), District Bar Association, Doda v/s UOI & Ors (PIL No. 01/2018), and Court on its Own Motion v/s UT of J&K & Ors (PIL No. 13/2022), concerning road safety

on National Highway-244 (Batote-Doda-Kishtwar) and the Mughal Road.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed, assisted by Advocates Supriya Chouhan and M. Zulkarnain Chowdhary, submitted that in compliance with the court's earlier order dated April 22, 2025, he, along with two petitioners, Advocate Syed Asim Hashmi, former President of the Doda Bar Association, and social activist Asif Iqbal Bhat—had already inspected vulnerable stretches along NH-244 and filed a detailed report on August 20, 2025.

However, the Amicus informed the Bench that due to adverse weather conditions, he was unable to conduct a similar inspection on the Mughal Road and requested further time to complete the task. KNT

# Last Date of Admission Extended to Oct 14: Director Colleges

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Director Colleges, J&K, Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir has announced the extension in admission deadline for students who passed the Secondary School Examination (Class 12th) under the Annual Private/Biannual 2025 session upto 14th October, 2025.

These admissions are for Four-Year Undergraduate Programs (FYUGP)

with multiple-exit options, offered across various degree colleges of J&K against leftover vacant seats for the Academic Session 2025-2026.

In continuation to earlier notification, the last date for admission has now been extended up to October 14, 2025, in view of multiple representations received from students. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged—(KNO)

# Drug Menace Grips Panzan, Locals Demand Action

Observer News Service

Budgam: The growing menace of drug addiction in Panzan village of Chadoora has sparked deep concern among residents, who fear that the crisis is threatening the community's health, safety, and future. With a rising number of young people falling prey to substance abuse, the once-peaceful village is witnessing an alarming increase in crime, domestic strife, and social decay.

Locals say that the spread of drug abuse—particularly among the youth—has not only

devastated families but also undermined the social and moral fabric of the area. Many attribute the problem to unemployment, lack of awareness, and increasing peer pressure.

"The situation has gone from bad to worse. Every other family here is affected in one way or another," said Zahoor Ahmad, a concerned resident of Panzan. "We have lost so many bright youngsters to addiction. It's heartbreaking to see how drugs have destroyed their lives and shattered their families."

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The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs.8,69,23,205.44/- (Rupees Eight Crore Sixty Nine Lacs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Five & Paise Forty Four Only) together with future interest thereon from 02.10.2025 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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(Authorised Officer)

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The borrower/s attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

#### Description of the Immovable Property:-

- Equitable Mortgage of land measuring 02 Kanals falling under Khasra No 273 min. Khata No 16 and Khewat No 07 situated in Mouza Sonmarg Tehsil Kangan District Ganderbal standing in the Name of Mr. Ghulam Nabi Dar S/o Abdul Rehman Dar.
- Extension of Charge on equitable Mortgage of Property comprising land measuring 13 Kanals and 04 Marlas falling under Khasra No 09 min. of Khata No 77 and Khewat No 28 (01K 04M), Khasra No 18 min. of Khata No 105 and Khewat No 34 (03K 06M) Khasra No 17 min. of Khata No 105 and Khewat No 34 (0K 14M) and under Khasra No 22 min. of Khata No 83 and Khewat No 29 (08K 0M) Situated at Mouza Sonmarg, Tehsil Ganderbal District Ganderbal standing in the joint names of (i) Mr. Ghulam Nabi Dar S/o Abdul Rehman Dar (ii) Mushtaq Ahmad Dar S/o Abdul Rehman Dar (iii) Mrs. Sumaiya W/o Mushtaq Ahmad Dar and (IV) Mrs. Rashida W/o Ghulam Nabi Dar.

(Authorised Officer)

Dated: 08.10.2025  
Place: Srinagar

# Dazzling Jaiswal's 173 Powers India To 318 For 2 Against Listless Windies

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Yashasvi Jaiswal drove with precision, cut with ferocity and defended with doggedness to decimate a hapless West Indies attack with another 'Daddy Hundred' that took India to a commanding 318 for 2 on the opening day of the second Test here on Friday.

Jaiswal displayed all facets of his extraordinary talent en route an unbeaten 173 off 253 balls. He had skipper Shubman Gill (20) for company when stumps were drawn for the day.

Such was Jaiswal's panache that there wasn't a single awkward boundary during his knock which was laced with 22 hits to the fence.

The control with which he dic-



tated the proceedings also gave enough confidence to another young batter Sai Sudharsan (87), who looked good for his maiden

Test hundred but fell 13 short.

In a stand of 193 for the second wicket between the two 23-year-olds, Sudharsan was able to show his true potential and also justify the Indian team management's decision to persist with him as the long-term number three in the Test line-up.

With a languid approach, Sudharsan managed to caress the ball to the boundary without any usage of brute force.

By the time, he got one from left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican that turned and came back into him thudding onto his pads, the Tamil Nadu southpaw had done enough to stop conversations on whether he is running out of time.

Gill also looked assured and would be hoping to make up for the disappointment of missing a

hundred in Ahmedabad.

As far as West Indies bowling was concerned, they were disciplined during the first hour and pedestrian for the next five, bowling enough loose deliveries that resulted in 43 boundaries (including one six) on Day 1.

For Jaiswal, it was his control that was laudable but he was equally disdainful on pacers and spinners.

Jayden Seales and Anderson Phillips fed him with a lot of half-volleys and over-pitched deliveries that met the fate they ought to have. As far as the spinners were concerned, Jaiswal was either gifted half-trackers or wide and overpitched deliveries that were driven with such impetuosity that at times, fielders left the chase halfway.

## Asia Cup Trophy At ACC Office, Needs Chief Naqvi's Approval

The Asia Cup trophy, which was not presented to the victorious Indian team after its refusal to accept it from Asian Cricket Council chief Mohsin Naqvi, has been locked away at the ACC's Dubai headquarters with "instructions that it should not be moved or handed over" without the Chairman's approval.

The trophy has been at the ACC office after Naqvi walked away with it from the presentation ceremony following the Indian team's refusal to accept it from him. India beat Pakistan in the Asia Cup final in Dubai on September 28.

"As of today the trophy is still in ACC offices in Dubai with clear instructions from Naqvi that it should not be moved or handed over to anyone without his approval and in person presence," a source close to Naqvi told PTI.

"Naqvi has given clear instructions that only he will hand over the trophy in person (whenever that happens) to the Indian team or BCCI," he added. (PTI)

## Ahead Of Australia Tour, Rohit Sharma Trains With Abhishek Nayar at Shivaji Park here on Friday ahead of the Australia tour.

Rohit Sharma trained for nearly two hours along with his former Mumbai teammate Abhishek Nayar at Shivaji Park here on Friday ahead of the Australia tour.

Rohit, who was recently replaced by Shubman Gill as India's ODI captain, will be back in action during a three-match series against Australia starting on October 19 at Perth.

Mumbai cricketer Angkrish Raghuvanshi and a few other local players were present at the training when Rohit had two batting nets session at the All Heart Cricket Academy.

The 38-year-old Rohit last played for India in the Champions Trophy final against New Zealand in February this year, leading the team to their second consecutive ICC title after the T20 World Cup win in the Americas in 2024. (PTI)

## Pakistan Bring Back Shaheen Shah Afridi For South Africa Series

Left-arm fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi will make a return to Test cricket after nearly 17 months as Pakistan will go in with two spinners and two pacers in the first Test against South Africa, beginning October 12 in Lahore.

Despite all the talk about preparing spin pitches and including four specialist spinners in their 16-member squad, the Pakistan team management has decided to keep a balanced attack for the first Test with Shaheen Shah Afridi set to share the new ball with Khuram Shahzad. Veteran spinners Noman Ali and Sajid Khan will handle the spin duties.

The 25-year old Shaheen last played a Test against England in May 2024. In fact the left armer played just four tests since December 2023 as he was dropped after the first game against England for remaining two tests against and the two matches in South Africa early this year and a home series against West Indies. (PTI)

## Softball Warriors Club Wins Senior Titles At Srinagar Softball Championship



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The District Srinagar Softball Championship 2025-26, conducted by the District Srinagar Softball Association and J&K Sports Council under the aegis of J&K Softball Association, concluded on Friday at Gindun Sports Centre, Rajbagh, with massive participation.

According to a press release, Dilbagh Singh, Incharge Gindun Sports Centre, Rajbagh, Srinagar, presided over the concluding function as Chief Guest, while Waseem Raja Khan, General Secretary JKSA, and Ajaz Ahmad, renowned sports promoter, attended as Special Guests. Siraj Ud Din Dar graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The championship was organised

under the supervision of Mohammad Iqbal Beigh, Organising Chairman.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the organisers for arranging the Championship in a commendable manner. He also praised the efforts of Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, for promoting sports in the region. Best Athlete titles were awarded to Shaista Wani in the Women's section and Mohammad Rasib in the Men's section. The Chief Guest later distributed medals and trophies among winners, runners-up, and third-place holders. Officials, including Nayeem Hussain, Saqib Fayaz, Nadeem Hussain, Muneera Hassan, Zainab Zahoor, and others, were felicitated for their contributions.

## Kerala Wins 69th NSG Football Trophy, J&K Finishes Third

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The 69th National School Games 2025 for Football, organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), culminated on Friday at TRC Ground. The tournament, which commenced on October 6, showcased a thrilling display of skill and sportsmanship from U-19 age group boys from across the nation.

Kerala emerged as the champion, clinching the gold medal with a commanding 2-0 victory over a spirited Meghalaya in the

final match. The day was packed with high-stakes football, beginning with two intense semi-finals.

Kerala secured their place in the final by defeating Manipur 4-3 in a penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw, with goals from M. Danish and Adwait Leneesh. Manipur's goals were scored by L. Leishba and Kh. David Singh.

In the other semi-final, Meghalaya overcame the host team J&K with a decisive 3-1 victory.

In the tournament's hardliner match, the host team J&K delivered a thrilling performance, defeating Manipur with a 4-3 scoreline.



## Sub-Junior Judo Championship Concludes



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The J&K Sports Council, in collaboration with the Judo Association of J&K, organised the UT Level Sub-Junior Judo Championship at Bhagwati Nagar Stadium, Jammu. The event witnessed participation from nearly 100 judokas representing various districts across J&K.

The championship showcased remarkable performances from young athletes, reflecting the growing enthusiasm in both genders for martial arts across the region. The event also highlighted the Sports department's ongoing efforts to promote sports at the grassroots level through structured coaching, improved infra-

structure, and enhanced training support.

Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services and Sports, J&K, congratulated the winners and participants, saying, "Sports play a vital role in promoting fitness, peace, and harmony."

Yasha Mudgal, IAS, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, J&K, lauded the successful conduct of the event and said, "The Sub-Junior Judo Championship has once again demonstrated the immense talent among our youth."

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, expressed satisfaction over the participation and enthusiasm witnessed during the event.

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