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Durbar Opens In Jammu After 4-Year Gap

CM Omar Gets Rousing Welcome



Observer News Service

Jammu: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was on Monday accorded a rousing reception by the people of Jammu on the first day of the biannual 'Durbar Move', marking the formal opening of government offices in the winter capital after a gap of four years.

The Chief Minister arrived at Shaheedi Chowk at 9:15

am, where he was warmly received and felicitated by members of the Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Residency Road, and Rajinder Bazar Associations. He then walked towards Raghunath Bazar Chowk, greeting traders and residents who lined the route to extend their greetings and best wishes.

At Raghunath Bazar Chowk, Omar was welcomed by members of the | [More on P6](#)

Time To Turn Plans Into Action: CM

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday directed all departments to focus on the timely implementation of projects, saying it is time to translate decisions into tangible outcomes. Chairing a meeting with the council of ministers and administrative secretaries at the civil secretariat here, he said a series of district-level review meetings would be initiated across the Jammu division | [More on P6](#)

6 DURBAR MOVE BIGGEST Way To Unite Jammu and Srinagar"

Modi Govt Hit Back At Terrorism With Full Force: Shah

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that the Narendra Modi-led government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism, asserting that strong retaliatory measures have replaced the soft approach of previous governments.

Addressing election rallies in Bihar's Sheohar and Sitamarhi districts, Shah said that under earlier regimes, particularly the Congress, Pakistani terrorists frequently infiltrated into India without facing any decisive response. "It was the Congress government that allowed decades of violence in Jammu and Kashmir. The Modi government



has hit back at terrorism with full force," he said.

Taking a jibe at the opposition, Shah remarked, "Earlier, militants were served biryani, but now, under Modi ji, they are given bullets."

He said that after the terror attacks in Uri and Pulwama, the government conducted surgical and air strikes. | [More on P6](#)

LG, CM Hail India's Historic Women's World Cup Win

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday congratulated the Indian women's cricket team on winning the ICC Women's World Cup, saying their determination and fighting spirit have inspired millions across the country.

The Indian women's team clinched its first-ever World Cup title with a 52-run victory over South Africa in the summit clash in Navi Mumbai on Sunday, scripting a golden chapter in the nation's sporting history.

"World Champion Team India! Congratulations to the Indian Women's Cricket Team on lifting the ICC Women's World Cup 2025. This glorious victory is a moment of immense pride for the entire nation," Sinha said on X.

He added | [More on P6](#)

Transfers Of Undertrials Jailed Outside J&K HC Questions Maintainability Of Mufti's Plea Filed As PIL

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh will hear arguments on the maintainability of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, seeking the repatriation of all undertrials from Jammu and Kashmir who are currently lodged in different jails across the country.

As soon as the matter came up for hearing, a division bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajesh Oswal asked counsel representing Mehbooba to specify whether the petition was maintainable as a PIL under

law. The court adjourned the matter to November 18.

In her plea, Mehbooba contends that the practice of lodging under-trials from J&K in distant prisons in other States, despite their FIRs and trials pertaining to jurisdictions within J&K, results in gross violation of their fundamental rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

"Such detention severely curtails their access to family members and legal counsel, frustrates their right to an effective defence, and renders the guarantee of a speedy and fair trial illusory."

Mehbooba says she has received numerous appeals from the | [More on P6](#)

Those Misusing Journalism Must Face Law: LG

Orders Crackdown on Fake Journalists, Calls For Online Media Registration



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has directed officers to take strict action against fake journalists operating in Jammu and Kashmir and to ensure that only bona fide media professionals are recognised and engaged by government departments, reports quoting official

sources said.

According to officials privy to the meeting, the issue of "fake journalists" was discussed during yesterday's high-level review meeting chaired by the Lieutenant Governor in Srinagar.

The matter, which had also figured in the recently concluded autumn session of the Jammu and Kashmir | [More on P6](#)

JKBOSE Issues Revised Date-sheet For Class 10

Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has notified revised date-sheet for Class 10th Annual/ Regular, 2025 (Oct-Nov session) for the remaining subjects. The revision | [More on P6](#)

Over 94,000 Students Appear In Exams

Over 94,000 students appeared in the annual regular Class 10 examinations that commenced on Monday across the Kashmir division, even as the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) | [More on P6](#)

Kashmir's Dream Cricket League Ends In Scandal

Organisers Flee Overnight, Players Unpaid

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Kashmir's much-hyped Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL) T20, once billed as the valley's gateway to international cricket, has ended in chaos — with organisers vanishing overnight, players unpaid, and police stepping in to investigate.

The privately organised, high-profile tournament held in Srinagar has collapsed amid allegations of fraud, unpaid bills, and breach of trust, leaving players, service providers and hotel managements in shock.

According to details, police have registered a case and launched a probe after multiple complaints



were received from cricketers and vendors who accused the organisers of cheating.

The league, which had announced the participation of global stars including Chris Gayle, Martin Gupthill, and Jesse Ryder alongside Indian | [More on P6](#)

Case Filed, Probe Underway: Police

KO Web Desk

Following reports of chaos, cancellations and unpaid dues surrounding the private cricket league — Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL)

T20 in Srinagar, police have filed a case and initiated a probe into the matter. A top police officer said that an FIR under relevant sections of law has been registered, while a probe is underway. Reportedly, | [More on P6](#)

FEEDING OF STRAY DOGS IN INSTITUTIONS SC To Issue Directions On Nov 7

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said it will issue directions on November 7 with respect to the stray dogs menace being faced in institutions, including government and public sector ones, where employees are supporting, feeding and encouraging the canines.

A three-judge special bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria was hearing the matter.

"Apart from recording the appearance and affidavits and everything, we will also be issuing some directions with respect to institutional menace which is being faced in government institutions, public sector institutions and other institutions where the employees are supporting, feeding and | [More on P6](#)

MET Predicts Drop In Temp From Nov 5

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Monday predicted generally dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till November 3, with a brief spell of rain and light snowfall expected over higher reaches between November 4 and 5.

Director MET Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad said that weather will remain generally cloudy on November 4 and 5, with the possibility of light to moderate rain or snowfall (over higher reaches) at many places across Kashmir division and at scattered locations in Jammu division, particularly during the evening of November 4 to the early morning of November 5.

The forecast indicates a return to dry weather conditions from November 6 to 15, offering respite after the brief wet spell, Mukhtar said.

Meanwhile, MET in an advisory noted that, Thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are likely at a few places on the evening of November 4.

A significant drop in day and night temperatures is expected from November 5 onwards across several areas, Mukhtar said.

Farmers have been advised to suspend agricultural operations on November 4 in view of the expected weather activity.

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Study Suggests How Human Cells Sense Temperature

Press Trust Of India

A study has uncovered a new way by which a cell in human body senses temperature, which researchers said could play a role in how the body differentiates between warmth from harmful heat.

Upon detecting heat in the environment, a sensor called 'TRPM3' located in the cell membrane -- the cell's outermost protective -- allows charged particles to enter, the team from Northwestern University in the US said.

The flow of charged particles in the cell generates nerve signals that the brain interprets as 'heat' or 'pain', they explained.

Because TRPM3 is also involved in pain, inflammation and epilepsy, the findings published in the journal Nature Structural and Molecular Biology may help develop non-addictive treatments for chronic pain, the researchers added.

Epilepsy is caused by a disrupted electrical signalling in the brain, resulting in recurrent seizures.

"When TRPM3 becomes overactive, it can cause pain," lead researcher Wei Lu, professor of molecular biosciences at Northwestern University, said.

"By learning how this sensor detects heat and how to control its activity, we may discover new pain-relief strategies that are safer and less likely to cause addiction," Lu said.

Tuning the activity of TRPM3, which is found in both the brain and sensory nerve cells in the skin, could help manage chronic pain or neurological disorders, the researchers said.

The study used cryo-electron microscopy -- a technique that takes thousands of pictures of proteins in a flash -- to create three dimensional images



The 'inactive' state of the sensor was observed when an epilepsy drug was bound to the protein. Comparing the two sets of images revealed that parts of TRPM3 move when the protein is active.

of TRPM3's behaviour at an almost atomic detail. Because heat does not have a physical shape or does not bind to proteins in a cell, the researchers used a heat-mimicking chemical to capture the TRPM3 in its active state.

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The team found that TRPM3 functions as a molecular switch made of four parts -- when the inner regions of the parts are tightly connected, the sensor remains inactive, they said.

However, exposure to heat or chemicals

disrupts these connections, triggering the protein to become active.

"Both heat and chemical activators push the same internal switch to activate the channel. In contrast, the epilepsy drug jams that same switch, preventing it from changing shape," co-lead researcher Juan Du, professor of molecular biosciences at Northwestern University, said.

Du added that temperature is among the ever-present environmental factor impacting how one senses the world.

"It also affects how our bodies heal and how diseases progress. Understanding how temperature is detected at the molecular level can help us design better treatments for pain and inflammation," Du said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Insha hereby inform the general public that my name in my Aadhaar Card bearing No.9986 XXXX 8202 is wrongly recorded as Irfana Akhter (old name). I intend to correct my name in the Aadhaar records to Insha (new name). If any person has any objection to the above name change, he/she may file the same with the concerned Aadhaar authority within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Name: Insha

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohsin Zahoor Lone, R/o Lasjan, Srinagar, do hereby inform the general public that I want to change my son's name in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 9384 XXXX 8351 from Ahmaad Mohsin Lone (old name) to Musaib Mohsin Lone (new name). If anybody has any objection to the same, he/she may file the objection with the concerned Aadhaar authority within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name: Mohsin Zahoor Lone F/o: Musaib Mohsin Lone R/o: Lasjan, Srinagar

jvd

Office Of The Naib Tehsildar Kreeri

Sub: Application of Feroz Ahmad Wani S/o Ab Ahad Wani R/o Hail Jagir for issuance of Dependent certificate.

NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above in this context. a detailed report sought from the concerned patwari halqa which reveals tha the family consists of 06 members and the annual income of the applicant family from all sources is Rs 63000 moreover family structure of the applicant is as under

S. NO	NAME OF DEPENDENT	RELATION WITH DECEASED	AGE	OCCUPATION
1	Muneera Begum	WIFE	53	h/w
2	Dawood Ah Wani	SON	33	Studnet
3	Tanveer Ah Wani	Son	29	LABOUR
4	Zainab Feroz	Daughter	25	Student
5	NUSRAT FEROZ	-	24	-

It is further submitted that Feroz Ah Wani S/o Ab Ahad Wani is labour by profession and is sloe earning member of the said family the applicant needs income dependent certificate in favour of Dawood Ah & Zainab Feroz for Marriage Assistance .

The applicant has applied for issuance of income dependent certificate . As such the instant mater is published through newspaper . If any one is having any kind of objection may approach this office within 7 days (Seven Days of the publication of this notice after passing of stipulated time of 7 days (Seven Days) , no objections will be entertained.

fko

Naib Tehsildar

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that I Dr. Syed Zulufkar Aziz Andrabi , S/o: Syed Ab. Aziz Andrabi R/o: B.K. Pora, Momin Abad Colony Sector -A, Tehsil: B.K. Pora, District Budgam, previously the mothers name of my wards in school records was recorded as Syed Akeela which needs to be corrected as Syed Akeela Athar in Delhi Public School Budgam in school records of my children mentioned below:

S. No.	ID No.	Name of the Ward	Previously Written as Mothers Name	Corrected Mothers Name	Class
1	2207	Syed Momin Andrabi	Syed Akeela	Syed Akeela Athar	9th./ F
2	2551	Syed Zulkifal Andrabi	-do-	-do-	8th./ A

If anyone has any objections to this inclusion they may notify undersigned of the concerned authorities within seven days of publication of this notice.

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in Name in data to the Registration Certificate No.JK01U 1446 issued in favour of TARIQ AHMED Parentage MANZLOOR AHMED SHIEKH Whereas an application has been recieved by one TARIQ AHMED Parentage MANZLOOR AHMAD SHIEKH wherein he claimed that the Name has been wrongly recorded in the records of Registration Certificate as TARIQ AHMAD SHEIKH Parentage MANZLOOR AHMAD SHIEKH Which needs to be changed as TARIQ AHMED Parentage MANZLOOR AHMAD SHIEKH.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any in this regard shal reach in written in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.After expiry of stipulated time no objection will be entertained.

Regional Transport officer Kashmir

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hamida Begum, R/o Lal Bazar, Umar Colony, hereby inform the general public that I intend to change the name on the electricity bill bearing Consumer ID No: 0204040012434 from Hameda Begum (old name) to Parvez Ahmad Khan (new name).

If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same in the office of the PDD Sub-Division, Baghi-All-Mardaan within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name: Hamida Begum R/o: Lal Bazar, Umar Colony

fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of ward has ben wrongly writte in his adhar card as Mir Daaniyal whlie his correct name is Daaniyaal Shakeel. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shakeel Ahmad Mir F/o Daaniyal Shakeel R/o Laram Shopian

fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of ward has ben wrongly writte in his adhar card as Arhaan Bila while his correct name is Arhan Bin Umer . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Umer Bilal Ganaie F/o Arhan Bin Umer R/o Nangirpora Mughama Tehsil Kunzer

fko

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Tanveer Ahmad Khan, S/O Mohd Iqbal Khan, R/O Gohlad, Tehsil Mendhar, District Poonch, am the holder of a BEE Class Contractor License bearing Registration No. SE/HYD-I/ BEE/40/2020-21, dated 13-08-2020.

It is hereby notified that I have upgraded the said license into a Private Limited Company under the name and style of IRON-LEAF INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED, incorporated on 28-10-2025.

Further, I have added a partner in the said business, namely Akhter Rasool, S/O Makhan Khan, R/O Ward No. 6, Gohlad Ari Dharamshal, Mendhar, Poonch.

If any person has any objection regarding the above, they may submit the same in writing to the Chief Engineer, Civil Investigation Wing, JKPDCL, Bemina, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the expiry of the said period.

Tanveer Ahmad Khan S/O Mohd Iqbal Khan, R/O Gohlad, 6005490906

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از نیابت بیروہ

عنوان :- درخواست منجانب بشیر احمد نیولہ غلام حسن گنائی ساکنہ شملہ تحصیل بیروہ

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS e- NIT No. 115/2025-26 Dated 28-10-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory of JandK, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on **Percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of JandK Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estim ated /Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of tender docum ents (In Rupees)	EMD (in %)	Class of Contracto r	Time of completi on	Major head
1.	Installation of BOREWELL INSIDE THE LAND OF Ghulam QADIR MIR Son of Ghulam Mohammaddi Mir and others AT INDER	NEWA	0.997	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
2.	CONSTD OF 3 NO BOREWELL AT LOOSWANI	NEWA	2.889	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
3.	EMBANKMENT OF BANAGUND KUL FROM MASIID-E-ALDHISH ONWARDS	NEWA	1.991	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
4.	FENCING OF EIDGAH AT PARIGAM	NEWA	1.99	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
5.	PROTECTION BUND (RETAINING WALL FROM JAMIA MASID TO MASIID IGRA BOTH SIDES ON BODI KUL AT T.N PORA	NEWA	1.993	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
6.	CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PARK BWO FENCING AND CONSTD OF CULVERT WITH R WALL NEAR JAMIA MASIID WAHIBUGH	NEWA	2.849	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
7.	CONSTD OF R WALL NEAR LO MANZOOR AHMAD RATHER AND OTHERS AT CHEWAKULAN	NEWA	2.598	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
8.	CONSTD OF R WALL NEAR HOUSE OF GN MOHD TELI AND OTHERS ON BANIER KUL AT LOOSWANI	NEWA	2.798	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
9.	CONSTRUCTION OF R.WALL ON BANDBAL ROAD FROM THE HOUSE OF MOHAMMAD SUBHAN DAR TO QUAZIGUND KUL NEAR THE LAND OF UMAR JAN AND OTHERS	NEWA	1.70	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
10.	CONSTRUCTION OF R.WALL AT DINDI ROAD NEAR THE H/O JAVID AHMAD MALIK AND OTHERS	NEWA	2.99	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
11.	CONSTRUCTION OF R. WALL ON WUDER KULL FROM LAND OF FAROOQ AHMAD BHAT TO LAND OF AB GANI BHAT AND OTHERS AT BANGUND	NEWA	1.988	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF
12.	CONSTRUCTION OF TILE LANE FROM MASIID SHAREEF GUNDIBAGH TO THE H/O LATE ABDUL RASHID DAR AT GUNDIBAGH	NEWA	0.996	200/=	2%	DEE	30 Days	CDF

Position of A/A: - Accorded

Position of T/S: - Accorded

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28-10-2025
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	28-10-2025 from 06:55 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	07-11-2025 up to 06:55 PM
4.	Date and time of opening of Online Bids	08-11-2025 at 09:00 AM or any convenient day In the office of the Executive Engineer REW Pulwama
5.	Note: - Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bids opened. Incase The original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bids Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall take action as per Rules.	

Special Condition 01:

Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below for District Capex works only. Bidders must upload any document viz residential certificate/ Adhar Card/ Ration Card/Electricity Bill showing panchayat name, as residence proof that he/she is residing the respective Panchayat Halqa (Applicable for DEE Class contractors in call 1st only)

SC02: - Contractors Strictly not eligible

The Bidders who had participated in 2023-24/2024-25 and has not completed the works within stipulated time frame/who had left the work midway/ who had not started/taken up the works are strictly not eligible. Any such participation may lead to cancellation of their bid and No claim shall be entertained in this regard.

Xen/REW/Pul/5610-16
DIPK-7712/25

Dated:- 03/11/2025

Sd/= Executive Engineer
REW Division Pulwama

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EXTENSION NOTICE 1ST

Subject: This office e-NIT No. 49-JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./10300-320, dated: 25-10-2025 Bearing Tender ID No. 2025_PHE_293157_1 to 5.

Due to "NO/Poor Response" for the above mentioned works advertised vide e-NIT No. and Tender ID No's under reference. Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 03-11-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM are extended as per the details given below: -

S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1.	Last date & Time of submission of bids	10-11-2025 Up-to 11:00 AM
2.	Date & Time of opening of tenders	10-11-2025 Up-to 03.00 PM

NOTE:

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

DIPK-7733/25
dated: 03-11-2025

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR J&K AND LADAKH

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: - Draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Multi Year Tariff), Regulations, 2025. In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 5 of section 83 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003), the central Government has constituted a Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) vide notification dated 18.06.2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh hereby makes the following draft Regulations: Draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Multi Year Tariff), Regulations, 2025.

The Commission has decided to seek comments/suggestions/objections from the consumers and other stakeholders in the matter, before finalizing the same.

1. The Draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission (<http://https://jercjkl.jk.gov.in>).
2. Suggestions /comments /objections are invited from the stakeholders which may be submitted in Urdu, Hindi or English, through E-Mail/in person or by post within 21 days from the date of publication. Suggestions/comments/objections should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address.

Contact details are mentioned below:

Secretary,
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ambedkar (Panama) Chowk, Railway Road, Jammu
Pin Code- 180016
Email: secretary-jercjkl@gov.in/jercjkl@gmail.com

3. Public hearing, if required shall be held in the office of JERC for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. Date for the same shall be intimated to all concerned separately through mail, if needed.

DIPK-NB-2368/25
dated: 03-11-2025

Sd/- Secretary,
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission, J&K and Ladakh

Paras Health Leads Breast Cancer Awareness Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Paras Health, Srinagar, has successfully concluded a month-long Breast Cancer Awareness campaign that empowered more than 1,000 women through screenings, health talks, and preventive health initiatives across the Kashmir Valley. The campaign culminated on October 31 with a special panel discussion featuring leading oncologists, gynecologists, and healthcare professionals who underscored the importance of early detection, regular screening, and awareness in combating breast cancer.

In a nation where one woman dies from breast cancer for every two

geon), Dr. Iram and Dr. Muqtasid (Anesthesia), Dr. Taranum and Dr. Nidha Naseer (Radiology), Dt. Aisha Tarmboo (Dietitian), Dr. Nadia Jeelani (Pathology), Dr. Arjumand (Physiotherapy), and Madeeha Mukhtar (Clinical Psychologist). Together, they provide holistic care covering medical, emotional, nutritional, and rehabilitative support under one umbrella.

Throughout October, the hospital premises were illuminated in pink to express solidarity with breast cancer warriors and survivors. Paras Health also offered mammograms at a discounted rate of 999 and organized free breast screening camps in collaboration with



newly diagnosed cases, Paras Health, Srinagar, has strengthened its commitment to women's healthcare by launching the "For Women, By Women" Breast Cancer Care Team—a unique initiative designed to ensure comprehensive, compassionate, and gender-sensitive care.

The all-women team includes Dr. Shabnum Bashir (Breast Oncosur-

women-led NGOs and community groups. The initiative blended outreach, education, and affordable preventive screening to bridge the gap between awareness and action.

Speaking about the campaign, Dr. Shabnum Bashir, Director of Surgical Oncology (Breast & Colorectal Cancers & Non-Cancer Disorders) at Paras Health, said,

SKUAST-K Charts New Path for Rural Transformation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Institute of Business and Policy Research (IBPR), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), kick started a two-day inception workshop on "Federation Ecosystem for Rural Business and Service Hubs (RBSHs)" under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP-04) from November 3-4, 2025 at the University's Shalimar Campus.

The workshop was inaugurated by Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, Director, Horticulture Planning and Marketing, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof Shabir A Wani, former Director, Planning and Monitoring, SKUAST-K, was the Guest of Honour. The event brought together a diverse group of experts, academicians, field officers, and representatives from emerging RBSHs across Kashmir to deliberate on building a robust, federated ecosystem to accelerate rural enterprise development and agri-business transformation.

In his address, Prof Farhat Ahmad Shaheen, Head, IBPR, and Principal Investigator, HADP# 04, emphasized that the Federation of RBSHs will act as a backbone for decentralized rural development, bridging primary producers with markets, services, and value networks. Presenting the Federation Framework Model, Prof. Shaheen outlined a hub-and-spoke approach to connect individual RBSHs with sectoral experts, agri-input manufacturing firms, digital service providers, and academic institutions to enhance efficiency and market outreach. He highlighted the importance of synergizing policy, practice, and grassroots entrepreneurship, stressing that "building dialogue between policymakers, practitioners, and rural entrepreneurs is crucial for transforming agricultural trade and service ecosystems." He urged all stakeholders to focus on scalable, innovation-driven business models that empower youth, enhance livelihoods, and strengthen local economies through collaboration and enterprise.

Blaze Guts Two Houses in Hawal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A firefighter was injured while two residential houses suffered extensive damage in a blaze that broke out in Kathi Mohalla area of Hawal, Srinagar, on Monday evening.

According to officials, the fire started in a residential building jointly owned by two brothers and quickly spread, engulfing adjoining structures. Teams from the Fire and Emergency

Services (F&ES) department rushed to the spot and launched an operation to contain the flames.

During the firefighting operation, one fireman, identified as Nasir Hussain, sustained injuries and was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Authorities said the exact cause of the fire is yet to be determined, while investigations into the incident have been initiated.



From Pen to Screen

KU Celebrates the Timeless Legacy of Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza

Noted scholars, poets, filmmakers revisit Rahi's contribution to literature, cinema, cultural identity

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A three-day international seminar celebrating the literary and cinematic legacy of Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza, an acclaimed Urdu and Hindi poet, novelist, and celebrated Bollywood lyricist, concluded at the University of Kashmir (KU) on Monday.

The event was jointly organized by the varsity's Department of Students Welfare (DSW) and IDEA Communications, drawing together noted scholars, poets, and creative practitioners to explore Dr Rahi's contributions to Indian literature and cinema.

Throughout the seminar, scholars reflected on Rahi's unique writing that seamlessly blended lyricism with social consciousness and poetry with popular culture.

Speakers highlighted how his works, from evocative novels to iconic Bollywood scripts, continue to illuminate themes of identity, community, and social consciousness in India's cultural fabric.

Earlier the three-day literary event commenced on Saturday with the inaugural session graced by Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K and Chancellor of the University, Shri Manoj Sinha, who highlighted the continuing signifi-

cance of Rahi's writings in shaping India's cultural and intellectual consciousness. He emphasized that Rahi's works transcended linguistic boundaries, reflecting the composite spirit of Indian society and its deep human values.

Vice-Chancellor KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan, reflected on the relevance of Rahi's writings in contemporary times. "Rahi Masoom Raza's legacy reminds us that literature and cinema are not confined to art, they are mirrors of so-

rohvi (USA), Aziz Nabeel (Qatar), Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Aligarh Muslim University), Prof. Arun Hota (West Bengal State University), Prof. Ghazanfar Ali Khan (Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad), and Prof. Aejaaz Mohammed Sheikh (University of Kashmir), among others.

Over 40 Urdu and Hindi scholars presented their papers, engaging with Rahi's vast work that seamlessly bridged literature, poetry, and film.

"Rahi Masoom Raza's legacy reminds us that literature and cinema are not confined to art, they are mirrors of society that inspire reflection, unity, and compassion,"

ciety that inspire reflection, unity, and compassion," she said.

Renowned Bollywood lyricist Sameer Anjaan, described Rahi as "a poet who wrote not just with ink but with empathy," adding that "Rahi's words found rhythm in the struggles of ordinary people and became an anthem for unity and humanity."

The seminar witnessed the participation of several distinguished scholars and writers, including Prof. Abu Bakar Abad (Delhi University), Dr. Noor Am-

As part of the seminar's cultural component, the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) hosted a grand International Urdu Mushaira-Kavi Sammelan at Tagore Hall, Srinagar, which drew an overwhelming response from the Urdu literary fraternity. Presided over by Prof. Navin Chandra Lohani, a noted Hindi poet and scholar, the Mushaira brought together voices from across India, celebrating the linguistic and poetic diversity that Rahi championed throughout his life.

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This Day In History

- 1520- Danish Norwegian King Christian II crowned King of Sweden
- 1619- Frederick V crowned king of Bohemia
- 1846- American inventor Benjamin Palmer from Meredith, New Hampshire, patents the artificial leg
- 1856- James Buchanan elected 15th US president
- 1862- American inventor Richard Jordan Gatling patents the hand cranked Gatling machine gun in Indianapolis
- 1864- Battle at Reynoldsburg Island near Johnsonville, Tennessee: Confederate troops bombard Union supplies and fleet destroying four gunboats
- 1866- Kingdom of Italy annexes Venetia
- 1879 - African American inventor Thomas Elkins patents the Refrigerating Apparatus [1]
- 1879- James Ritty patents first cash register, to combat stealing by bartenders in his saloon in Dayton, Ohio
- 1890- Great Britain proclaims Zanzibar as a protectorate
- 1903- Panama and Colombia wake up to news that the insurrectionists have declared an independent Republic of Panama
- 1910- Russian Tsar Nicholas II visits German Emperor Wilhelm II at Potsdam; they force tentative agreements on spheres of influence in the Middle East
- 1911- France & Germany sign treaty about Morocco & Congo
- 1918- The Allied armistice with Austria-Hungary, signed 3 November, goes into effect
- 1921- Japanese Prime Minister Hara Takashi is assassinated by a right wing fanatic in Tokyo
- 1921- The Sturmabteilung or SA (the "Brown Shirts") is formally established by Adolf Hitler
- 1922 - Howard Carter rediscovers the intact tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in Egypt
- 1924- Stanley Baldwin becomes Britain's Prime Minister for a second time after a landslide victory over Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Party
- 1929- Richard E. Byrd, Laurence McKinley Gould and their polar expedition team begin a 2½ month, 1500-mile dog-sledge journey into the Queen Maud Mountains. The first exploration of the interior of Antarctica.
- 1939- US allows "cash & carry" arms sales during WW II
- 1942- 13th day of battle at El Alamein: Afrika Korps draws back
- 1944- German troops reconquer Schmidt Hurtgenwald
- 1946- United Nations Educational, Scientific, & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) formed
- 1948- American-born British poet T. S. Eliot wins Nobel Prize for literature
- 1950- US troops vacate Pyongyang, North Korea
- 1952- Republican candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Adlai Stevenson
- 1956- 200,000 Russian troops attack anti-Soviet movement in Budapest, Hungary
- 1957- 2nd Soviet Earth-satellite launched
- 1958- Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli crowned as Pope John XXIII
- 1958- Belgian minority government of Gaston Eyskens resigns
- 1960- Mary Leakey and Louis Leakey discover first Homo habilis jaw fragments (OH 7) at Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania
- 1961- Konstantinos Karamanlis becomes premier of Greece
- 1962- US performs atmospheric nuclear test at Johnston Island
- 1968 - Battles between Jordanian army & Al Fatah-arm forces
- 1970 - Russian nuclear physicist Sacharov forms Human Rights Committee
- 1972 - Bangladesh adopts constitution
- 1993 - Bolivia becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty
- 2002 Chinese authorities arrest cyber-dissident He Depu for signing pro-democracy letter to the 16th Communist Party Congress
- 2003 - The most powerful solar flare as observed by satellite instrumentation is recorded.

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KO VIEW

The Screen
Shift in Kashmir

Young Kashmiris are filming, editing, and posting like never before. In cafés, college lawns, and on busy streets, phones are propped up against cups or car dashboards as a new kind of work unfolds. Influencing has now become a way of life.

This growing digital culture is reshaping ambition in a region long defined by discord. On Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, Kashmiri youth are finding space to express themselves. Their videos blend style, humour, and social awareness. Many use their platforms to share stories of everyday life or showcase local crafts and landscapes.

These short clips feel like small acts of empowerment in a place where people have often felt unheard.

The numbers are striking. Meta’s 2024 data showed a 300 percent rise in creator accounts in Kashmir over two years. Srinagar now has hundreds of small influencers earning from brand collaborations and sponsored posts. This digital energy has come from a region that until recently lived through repeated internet shutdowns. It shows how fast young people adapt when given even a small opening.

For many, this is also about survival. Unemployment among Kashmiri youth remains one of the highest in India. With few local industries and limited startup support, a phone camera offers economic agency. Some creators earn more than many graduates. They are building businesses around content, from travel vlogs to food reviews. Each post adds a fresh layer to how Kashmir is seen by the world.

Still, this space is not free of pressure. Trolling, judgment, and scrutiny create fear. Some creators hold back their opinions to avoid trouble. Others get caught between personal expression and social campaigns that seek to use influencer reach for image-building.

Even with these challenges, this digital wave has opened a new path for Kashmiri youth. It has shifted dreams away from the old idea of stability through government jobs toward creative independence.

With better digital infrastructure and transparent support policies, this could grow into a genuine creative economy.

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Read This Before You Buy Anything

Kashmir’s New Realty Game

From Srinagar to Sopore, young investors are discovering REITs, a safer, paperless way to earn from India’s booming real estate market.

Irshad Mushtaq

Owning real estate in India has always been seen as a symbol of success. In Kashmir, too, families often dream of buying property in big cities like Delhi or Mumbai. Yet, the process—mutation, registration, and endless broker calls—can drain both money and patience. A new, smarter option is changing that: Real Estate Investment Trusts or REITs.

Through REITs, investors can now buy shares of large commercial properties—think office towers, tech parks, and malls—without ever signing a property deed. It’s real estate made simple. You invest through the stock exchange, and your money earns returns from rental income collected by the trust.

The model is transparent and regulated by SEBI, India’s market watchdog, offering Kashmiris a safe way to enter the real estate game. Three major REITs are currently listed in India, including Embassy Office Parks and Mindspace Business Parks. Over the past five years, they’ve delivered steady dividends and long-term appreciation.

For Kashmir’s growing middle class, this could be the next big financial step. With many already investing in mutual funds and equities, REITs bring diversification and stability, without the legal uncertainty or property disputes that often plague land investments back home.

A REIT share might look like a stock, but it’s actually your slice of a building in India’s top cities. For those dreaming of smart, secure, and stress-free investments, REITs might be the new definition of owning real estate, without owning land.

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Burnout in Kashmir Hospitals

Amid stress, trauma, and shrinking empathy, Kashmiri doctors struggle to care for themselves while caring for everyone else.

Dr Umer Ahmad Ganaie

This year, Kashmir has seen doctors take to social media to voice what was once unspoken: their exhaustion, anxiety, and loss of purpose.

Posts describing sleepless nights, moral fatigue, and fear of failure have drawn hundreds of comments from colleagues who feel the same.

Behind the reassuring faces we meet in clinics and hospitals lies a growing mental health crisis among those who save lives.

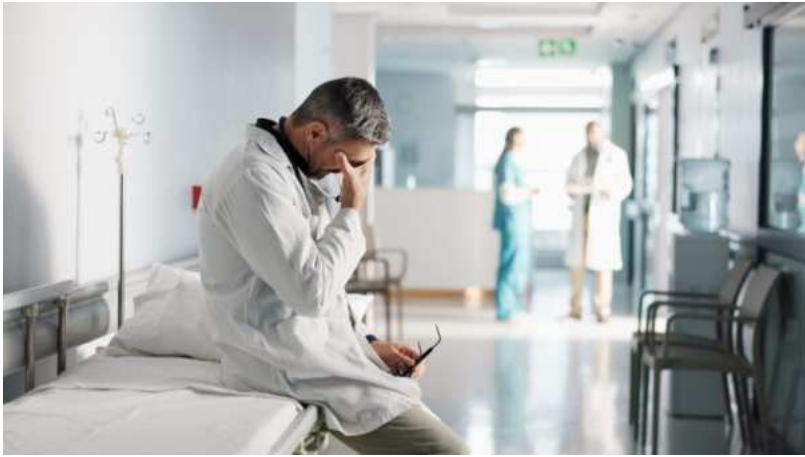
For years, the region has leaned on its medical community to carry more than their share of burdens, first through decades of unrest, then the COVID-19 pandemic, and now a deepening public health demand with few resources.

Doctors continue to show up, but their own well-being has silently eroded. “We are trained to work till we collapse,” said a young resident at Government Medical College, Srinagar. “There’s no space to say we’re breaking.”

A 2022 study by the college’s Department of Psychiatry found that nearly half of resident doctors showed symptoms of burnout, depression, or anxiety. Many cited long duty hours, absence of rest, and a constant fear of being judged for seeking help.

“Weakness” is a word many still fear in medicine. But what they are experiencing is not weakness. It is a human response to relentless pressure.

The problem is not confined to Kashmir. A study from a tertiary hospital in South India reported that over 75 percent of resident physi-



cians and 78 percent of interns suffered extreme stress. Many resorted to isolation or unhealthy coping habits, unsure where to turn.

Medical education teaches them to diagnose physical pain, but rarely how to manage emotional strain. While they mend others, they often have no cure for themselves.

These challenges are amplified by Kashmir’s social and political realities. Hospitals operate under uncertainty: power cuts, staff shortages, and delayed supplies. Many doctors work through night shifts that stretch beyond 24 hours, juggling emergencies and personal loss in an environment already shadowed by trauma. The emotional cost of caring for the sick in such circumstances is rarely acknowledged, much less treated.

The pandemic deepened this invisible crisis. Doctors in Kashmir were celebrated as heroes, but the reality was harsh: months spent in isolation wards, relentless deaths, and

fear of infecting families.

A 2020 study published in Frontiers in Public Health found that nearly half of India’s healthcare workers reported symptoms of anxiety or depression. Young doctors, especially those away from home, were the most affected.

Long after the virus receded, many continued to battle fatigue and flashbacks.

Healing minds, though, requires more than therapy or medicine. The science of psychiatry may stabilise the brain, but connection heals the spirit.

Sometimes all a doctor needs after a long shift is a meal with family or a calm evening with friends who understand without asking.

Studies show that doctors with stronger social support networks report less burnout. Emotional intimacy often works as an invisible antidepressant.

Such support can be lifesaving in Kashmir, where family bonds still

From Plate to Policy

A food safety curriculum can turn awareness into action, helping Kashmir rebuild a system that values health, hygiene, and public trust.

Shafat Ahmad Khan

ated items through smell, colour, or texture. Lessons can also explain why certain additives are dangerous and why locally sourced, fresh foods are healthier.

This kind of education can help students protect their families and shape better habits in

helps prevent illness before it starts.

Kashmir can follow the same path while keeping its cultural values in mind. Lessons can include topics such as halal standards, hygiene during meat preparation, and traditional food ethics linked to Wazwan. Simple laboratory sessions

“The food safety crisis in Jammu and Kashmir is a warning and an opportunity. It calls for a new way of thinking where education and awareness form the foundation of food security.

their communities.

The idea has worked elsewhere. In the United States, schools added food safety lessons as part of the Food Safety Modernization Act. Communities that joined the program saw a 15 percent drop in foodborne illness cases. In Germany and France, similar programs reduced school-related outbreaks by 20 percent.

These examples show that food education changes behaviour and

can teach students how to test food samples and understand how contamination spreads.

This practical approach connects what they learn in class with what they see at home and in markets.

The benefits go far beyond classrooms. Over time, food safety education can lead to fewer illnesses, healthier families, and a more trustworthy food market.

In Europe, consumer awareness

led to a 25 percent drop in unsafe food products. If Kashmir achieves something similar, it could boost public confidence, improve tourism, and reduce healthcare costs. Most importantly, people would regain the peace of mind that their food is safe.

To bring this plan to life, education departments, universities, and food safety authorities should work together to design the curriculum. Teachers need special training to explain basic food science and hygiene in simple ways. Schools can also use mobile apps to let students check product certifications or report unsafe food. Involving religious and community leaders will help the idea connect with people’s values and traditions, making it easier for everyone to accept and practice.

Safe food is a basic right. But the recent crisis shows how easily it can be lost. Awareness through education can restore that right. By learning early about what is safe to eat, children can grow into adults who care about hygiene, nutrition, and accountability. They can change how food is handled in homes, markets, and restaurants.

The food safety crisis in Jammu and Kashmir is a warning and an opportunity. It calls for a new way of thinking where education and awareness form the foundation of food security.

With the right approach, Kashmir can build a safer, healthier, and more confident food culture, one that honours its traditions and protects its people.

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Letter to Editor

Kashmir’s Love for Flowers Can Power Its Future

Every season brings its own colours in the valley. When spring tulips fade, winter chrysanthemums arrive, spreading bright shades of yellow, red, and white across gardens and markets. These flowers bring beauty, income, peace, and a reason to smile.

In recent months, chrysanthemums have been grown in large numbers across Kashmir. They brighten homes, attract tourists, and give local farmers a steady source of earnings. Each flower reflects care, patience, and the potential for a greener economy.

If every Kashmiri household keeps a small garden, the impact would be remarkable. Flowers clean the air, calm the mind, and make homes more welcoming. They turn

courtyards into natural oxygen factories and help families enjoy their mornings and evenings surrounded by colour.

Kashmir’s rich soil and climate already support a wide variety of plants. With modern techniques like grafting and hybrid cultivation, farmers can now grow new types of flowers and fruits. Experiments such as the “pomato,” a cross between tomato and potato, show how science can boost both creativity and productivity in farming.

Floriculture, flower farming, has become a growing field worldwide. It creates jobs in design, marketing, and export, and gives young people a chance to turn their love for nature into a career.

This field can be a source of income and innovation in Kashmir, where beauty is part of daily life.

A small garden needs simple care: watering, using organic fertilizers, and trimming. A water tank can help during dry spells. Roses are an excellent choice because they bloom every few weeks and help prevent soil erosion. Seasonal flowers like hamish bahar and chrysanthemums add colour through much of the year.

Gardens also support health and happiness. A 30-minute walk among flowers refreshes the mind and strengthens the body. For elders or those who spend long hours indoors, a home garden offers peace and connection with nature.

The government can make this

habit easier to adopt. Subsidized seedlings, training centers, and awareness drives can guide young gardeners and boost production. Nurseries in Srinagar and across the valley already sell quality plants, especially from mid-February onwards.

Kashmir’s love for flowers goes beyond decoration. It is a way to breathe better, live healthier, and build livelihoods rooted in nature.

A blooming garden at home could be the simplest way to keep Kashmir’s beauty alive, and its future bright.

Sincerely,

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The Faithful Ride in Srinagar

A son retraces the sound of his father's faith through Srinagar's streets, where a Lambretta once carried prayers and purpose.

Syed Majid Gilani

Some memories never leave. They wait in the air like the first call to prayer before dawn, in the scent of burning oil lamps, or in the steady hum of a scooter on a Kashmiri winter morning.

Every 11th day of the Islamic month, Gyarhvi Sharif, carries that sound and fragrance for me. It brings back the pulse of my father's faith and the innocence of my own beginnings.

My father, Syed Iftikhar Gilani, believed that faith should travel, through streets, lives, and generations.

On those mornings, he would polish his silver-grey Vijay Super Lambretta until it gleamed. I would climb up in front of him, my hands gripping the handle, as he kicked the engine to life.

The sound filled our lane, rising above the chatter of neighbours and the cawing of crows.

The ride to Khanyar felt like a small pilgrimage.

Srinagar in those days smelled of wood smoke and fresh bread. Men walked briskly with prayer caps tilted to one side, and women arranged flowers in brass vases for the home shrines.

As we crossed Fateh Kadal bridge, the wind grew sharper. My father wrapped his pheran tighter and said, "Faith is a journey, not a habit."

I didn't understand him then. I only cared about the taste of nadir munji he had bought from a street



BEYOND TWO PEOPLE, THE VIJAY SUPER CARRIED FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS, winding through Srinagar's alleys, leaving behind traces of devotion on every turn. My father's lessons remain that faith has a rhythm, that love for the Prophet (PBUH) and the Ahlul Bayt (A.S.) is inseparable from kindness, and that the path of saints runs through ordinary streets and ordinary lives.

vendor, the crisp lotus stems seasoned with salt and chili.

At the Dastgeer Sahib Shrine, the

world seemed to slow. Men stood shoulder to shoulder, their palms raised. The air carried the soft hum

of Darood Sharif, the murmur of Qur'anic verses, and the rustle of prayer beads.

I watched my father close his eyes. His face glowed in the lamplight. When he bowed, I bowed too, not because I knew what he was saying, but because I could feel his peace.

After Khanyar, he would take me to the Naqshband Sahib Shrine at Khwaja Bazar. The streets there felt older, narrower, filled with shopkeepers who whispered their own prayers between sales.

Our final stop was the Khanqah of Shah-e-Hamdan, its wooden façade

glowing in the afternoon sun.

That circuit of shrines, traced faithfully each Gyarhvi Sharif, became our family's map of devotion.

Years later, I came to understand what my father was teaching without words. He followed the path of Hazrat Ghousul Azam Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Gilani (R.A.), the saint whose name we invoked every month.

The founder of the Qadriyah order preached self-purification, sincerity, and service to others. His teachings, gathered in works like Ghunyat-ut-Talibin and Futuh-ul-Ghaib, call the believer to cleanse

WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES NOW, I STILL FEEL THE PULL OF THAT LAMBRETTA RIDE, the sound of prayer merging with the hum of the engine, the scent of rosewater in the wind, and the warmth of my father's arm around me. Faith, I have learned, does not always sit in mosques. It often travels beside us, steady and sure, guiding us home.

the heart before seeking heaven.

His message took deep root in the valley. Even today, on Gyarhvi Sharif, Kashmir turns into a field of devotion.

At Dastgeer Sahib, men chant Azkaar in measured words, women offer plates of rice for charity, and the sound of Qur'an recitation spills into the alleys.

The spiritual energy gathers like mist, soft yet firm. For a few hours, Srinagar seems to breathe as one body of faith.

My father said that faith was never meant to be loud. It needed to be lived. "A believer's worth," he told me once, "lies in how he treats another human being."

He gave without record, prayed without display, and carried his devotion into daily life. He fixed a neighbour's roof without being asked. He refused to speak ill of anyone, even those who wronged him.

I think about that now, in a time when rituals often outshine their

meanings. The lights at shrines are brighter, the processions grander, but the inward silence that faith requires feels harder to find.

To observe Gyarhvi Sharif is to remember not only a saint but a way of life, one that binds faith to compassion and worship to action.

Every year, as this sacred day approaches, I open my father's old prayer beads. They still carry the faint scent of his hand. I read verses from Futuh-ul-Ghaib, where Hazrat Ghousul Azam (R.A.) writes that true worship begins when one forgets the self.

Those words linger. They remind me that the real offering is not in the food we distribute or the lamps we light, but in the humility we nurture.

Sometimes, when evening settles over the city, I hear an old scooter coughing to life somewhere down the lane. Its sound cuts through the air like memory made mechanical.

For an instant, the years fold back. I see my father again, his face calm, his eyes steady, and his hand on the throttle. The sky above Khanyar glows in a faint blue haze.

Beyond two people, the Vijay Super carried faith across generations, winding through Srinagar's alleys, leaving behind traces of devotion on every turn. My father's lessons remain that faith has a rhythm, that love for the Prophet (PBUH) and the Ahlul Bayt (A.S.) is inseparable from kindness, and that the path of saints runs through ordinary streets and ordinary lives.

When I close my eyes now, I still feel the pull of that Lambretta ride, the sound of prayer merging with the hum of the engine, the scent of rosewater in the wind, and the warmth of my father's arm around me.

Faith, I have learned, does not always sit in mosques. It often travels beside us, steady and sure, guiding us home.

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Weddings That Break Families

In a culture where weddings have become contests of wealth, a Kashmiri father wonders what happened to simplicity and faith.

Muntashir Kifayat Hussain

Somehow, my heart still beats under the rubble of our extravagant display. Watching the chaos around, I am reminded of Jaun Elia's haunting lines: "Dar hai chaba na jayein kaleeja nikal kar, rehte hain tere shehar mein Hinda mizaaz log." I feel that fear, that my heart might be chewed out for speaking the truth in a society that celebrates excess while preaching simplicity.

I teach at a government school in Narabal and am a father of four daughters. Every rupee I earn goes toward their education. But, whenever I see the endless train of lavish Kashmiri weddings, something inside me breaks.

Lights, noise, and feasts are so far removed from what marriage was meant to be.

Here, the process begins with a cup of tea. A simple visit turns into a ceremony of gifts, the cup filled with money or gold. Then follows a two-year-long stretch of spending. Parents spend nearly a quarter of their lifetime savings on gold, ten percent on clothes, and more on gadgets and décor.

The feasts alone, with every dish of the grand wazwan, from tabak maaz to gushtaba, consume another fifteen percent. Even lighting a "white house" for a night can cost twenty thousand rupees.

We call it celebration. I call it sin.

Marriage in Islam was meant to be sacred, simple, and filled with blessings. It was never meant to be a competition. Today, parents, especially those with daughters, are trapped in a cruel cycle. They spend their lives torn between saving for education or saving for a wedding. Some take loans they can't repay. Others fall into depression, watching their modest means crumble under social



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A marriage that should unite two souls has turned into a stage to display wealth. A twenty-dish wazwan doesn't guarantee happiness. A high-tech banquet hall doesn't promise peace. What it does create is envy, debt, and division, the "us versus them" mentality that tears our social fabric apart.

When I was married in 2004, my baraat had only a friend and my sister with me. We were served three cups of tea and

three biscuits. That was all.

My marriage has been one of understanding and success. Two of my friends who married simply share the same story. There was no glitter, but there was grace.

Our youth need to reclaim that grace. A simple wedding is wisdom. It frees families from financial burden and gives space for what truly matters: love, communication, and commitment.

With smaller gatherings, the couple can focus on each other instead of entertaining hundreds of guests.

An average Kashmiri wedding costs around twenty lakh rupees. Imagine what that amount could do if spent differently: a daughter could become a doctor, an engineer, or a scholar.

The real competition should be in raising educated, confident children, not in outspending neighbours on wedding days.

As I watch this growing culture of extravagance, I can only remind myself of Elia's words, and my own fragile heart, still beating beneath the glitter and rubble of a society that has lost its sense of simplicity.

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Cupped Hands

From sugar to sorrow, a Kashmiri recalls the many meanings of a simple gesture.

Saqib Manzoor

When I cupped my hands, moaj, my grandmother, would place a handful of shirin in them.

I would bring my small palms together near my chin, close my eyes, and wait. It always turned out to be her. Still, I liked to believe that someone up there in the blue sky dropped sweetness into my tender palms.

Moaj would laugh and say, "Athi zii gand, te mang parwardigaras." Learn to ask from the Creator.

I knew how to cup my hands, but I didn't know what to ask for.

When she was dying, I cupped my hands again. Others around her bed were doing it, whispering words I couldn't understand. I moved my lips too, pretending I knew what to say. The sky outside was dull, the air heavy.

When moaj left, I blamed myself. I thought maybe I hadn't held my hands right. Maybe the prayer slipped away because I didn't cup them well.

Later, I learned that the gesture of cupping hands held meanings beyond prayers.

One afternoon, I saw a woman staggering down the lane with a red bucket on her head. I thought it would fall, but she balanced it as if she were born with that skill.

Kashmiri women know how to carry weight on their heads and shoulders, and in their hearts. She placed the bucket on the mosque porch, and suddenly, people appeared from everywhere. Children squealed, "Shoudev muddev te-harr hooo!"

That's when I saw yellow rice for the first time. Until then, I believed rice was always white. People stepped forward, one after another,



cupping their hands. The woman placed a small handful of tehar in each pair of palms. Everyone smiled as if it were gold.

When it was my turn, she looked at my trembling hands, adjusted them gently, and dropped the warm, fragrant rice. I copied the grown-ups, bringing my cupped hands to my mouth and tasting the sacred meal.

Some people were late. The bucket emptied before their turn came. I saw others tilt their palms, letting a bit of tehar fall into those empty hands. It was a beautiful thing: how everyone went home with something, no one left unseen or hungry.

That day, I learned that cupped hands could feed not only the body but also the heart.

Years later, my father took me to Pakherpora, my first long journey outside home. We sat on the roof of a crowded bus. Back then, people didn't need earphones to survive silence. Strangers told jokes, sang songs, and shared stories.

When we reached, the air was full of smells: the frying of monji, the baking of parath, and a soft, sacred fragrance drifting from the shrine.

Near one window, I saw an

old man in a grey pheran, a white skullcap on his head, counting beads. In front of him stood a boy with cupped hands. The man dipped his fingers into his pocket and dropped something white and round: shirin.

I froze. It was the same sight as my childhood, the same gesture, the same sweetness. The shirin had never fallen from the sky. It had always come from a human hand.

Outside, my father sat on a bench, resting. I wandered near the fence. A woman in a white pheran embroidered with tiny flowers sat nearby. Her face and hands were covered with a white khasi. Then I noticed something: her hands were cupped, full of tears. She wasn't asking for shirin or tehar. Her lips trembled with words: "Khudayah meon Feroz koti gov... su kem ganthi nivv." God, my Feroz is gone, only you know where.

When she stood, she lifted a placard with a photo of a young man. Below it were letters I tried to read—M. I. S. S. I. N... I never could pronounce the G right.

Inside the shrine, the same gesture filled the air again. Hands raised, trembling, open to the sky. Young men prayed for strength, women for children or a house. Some shaped

their khasi into a wide bowl, as if asking for something larger than the world could give.

And the old women, their eyes misted with longing, asked for someone to return: alive or at peace. Their hands shook under the weight of years, but they still lifted them, as if hope itself had a shape.

My father nudged me. "Cup your hands. Pray," he said. I obeyed. I didn't know what to ask for. Maybe I still don't.

That day, I saw cupped hands receive more than blessings. They caught tears, smiles, giggles, rice, sugar, and the sound of hope being whispered into air.

Then came the darker lessons. In school, when I forgot my homework, the teacher asked me to cup my hands. I closed my eyes, expecting shirin. What came instead was the sting of a cane.

The blows fell fast, and my palms burned red. He told us to keep the hands half-cupped so the stick could hit both sides. That day, I learned that the same gesture could bring both sweetness and pain.

Over time, the gesture followed me through life: in mosques, kitchens, protests, and classrooms. It has held food, prayer, rainwater, even grief.

Cupped hands are never empty in Kashmir. They hold memory, longing, and faith that something, anything, will fall into them again.

Even now, when I cup my hands, I feel the warmth of moaj's touch, the softness of tehar, the weight of a woman's tears, and the ache of a wooden cane.

Perhaps this is what it means to live here: to keep your hands open, even when you don't know what will fall into them.

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Delhi HC: Law Students Can't Be Barred from Exams Over Attendance

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday ruled that no law student in the country should be detained from sitting in examinations due to lack of minimum attendance. The high court, which passed a slew of directions in relation to the mandatory attendance requirement in law colleges, asked the Bar Council of



India (BCI) to modify the mandatory attendance norms.

Due to shortage of attendance, a student's promotion to the next semester class cannot be

withheld, it said.

A bench of Justices Prathiba M. Singh and Amit Sharma passed the order while disposing of a suo motu petition, initiated by the Supreme Court, in relation to the death of law student Sushant Rohilla by suicide in 2016 after allegedly being barred from sitting for the semester exams due to lack of requisite attendance. "Having heard at length the

submission of all stakeholders in this case over the course of the hearing and having considered the stark realities that have come to the surface, this court is strongly of the view that norms education in general and legal education in particular cannot be made so stringent so as to lead to mental trauma, let alone the death of a student," the bench said while pronouncing the verdict.

Delhi HC Upholds FSSAI Ban on 'ORS' Branded Drinks

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has dismissed a plea challenging the decision of the Foods Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to ban Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) labelling on any fruit-based, non-carbonated or ready-to-drink beverages.

The high court said the measures taken by the FSSAI are impelled by "serious public health considerations" and are regulatory measures applicable across the food industry.

Justice Sachin Datta, in an order passed on October 31, refused to interfere with the FSSAI's October 14 and 15 orders by which it has withdrawn permissions for food-and-beverage companies to use the word "ORS" in their labelling unless they met the standard medical formulation.

"In the circumstances, this court is not inclined to interdict with the impugned orders, in light of the aforesaid order dated October 30, 2025 passed by the FSSAI. This is particularly in light of the deleterious effect

and adverse health outcomes in the event of consumption of the offending products by those who are in medical need of an ORS formulation," the high court said.

It added that the court does not find it apposite to sit in appeal over a measure taken by the FSSAI on public health considerations.

The court dismissed a petition by Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd challenging the FSSAI's directive restricting use of the label 'ORS' for its oral rehydration solution brand Rebalanz VITORS.

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Durbar Opens

Raghnath Bazar Association before proceeding on foot towards City Chowk, where he was felicitated by representatives of the City Chowk and Kanak Mandi Bazar Associations.

Later, the Chief Minister reached the Civil Secretariat, where he was presented with a Guard of Honour, marking the formal opening of the offices as part of the traditional Durbar Move. The Chief Minister inspected the ceremonial parade and interacted with officers and staff on the occasion.

Following the ceremonial reception, Omar chaired a high-level meeting with the Council of Ministers and Administrative Secretaries to review the functioning of various departments and assess administrative preparedness following the move.

Describing the restoration of the Durbar in Jammu as "a welcome experience" after a four-year break, the Chief Minister said the occasion had "infused a wave of enthusiasm and happiness across the city and its adjoining areas."

The yearly move was started by the Dogra rulers nearly 150 years ago. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha halted it in June 2021, citing the administration's complete transition to e-office, which, he said, would save around Rs 200 crore annually.

The decision drew sharp criticism from various quarters, including Jammu's business community, which termed the move a blow to trade and the traditional bond between the two regions. They had been pressing for the revival of the practice ever since.

On October 16, Omar fulfilled his election promise by reviving 'Durbar Move', bringing relief to the business community here.

"How important was this (decision), especially for Jammu, you might have come to know this morning. The journey (from my official residence to Civil Secretariat), which usually takes five minutes, took an hour with people pouring out on the streets and showering their love... Jammu was greatly affected when the 'Durbar Move' was stopped," the chief minister said.

Omar said he fulfilled his responsibility by reviving the transition, expressing hope that the economy of Jammu and Kashmir would benefit from his decision.

"The most important thing is that everything should not be weighed in money. The 'Durbar Move' was stopped to save money. Some things are more than money, as it involves sentiment and unity between the two regions of Jammu and Kashmir," he said, adding that the tradition is the "biggest way" to unite the regions.

By stopping the 'Durbar Move', he said, the unity of the two regions got affected, and "we tried to right this wrong"

"It will be beneficial financially. But everything should not be weighed in money. If the 'Durbar Move' is weighed in money alone, then such decisions like curtailing the move are taken. The economy of Jammu will benefit (by reviving the tradition)," the chief minister said.

Time To Turn

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Those Misusing

Legislative Assembly, drew serious concern from the administration.

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The Lieutenant Governor is learnt to have also instructed the officers to work jointly to prepare a verified database of accredited and active journalists in every district.

Departments have also been told to entertain only those media representatives whose credentials are duly verified by the DIPR.

The Lieutenant Governor further directed that individuals or groups running Facebook pages, online news portals, or social media handles under the banner of journalism must be duly registered and verified by the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR).

He emphasised that such digital media platforms must be made accountable for the content they publish and should function strictly within the bounds of media ethics and lawful reporting.

Officials said the move comes amid growing complaints that certain individuals posing as journalists were misusing media identification cards or social media platforms to intimidate officials and extract favours.

Several legislators in the recent Assembly session had also raised this concern and sought a mechanism to curb the menace. "The government values the role of genuine journalists who report with integrity and responsibility," another senior officer said. "However, action against those bringing disrepute to the profession is inevitable."

Earlier, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) issued a stringent directive to all District Information Officers (DIOs) across Jammu and Kashmir, calling for heightened vigilance and coordinated action against such activities.

According to the circular issued on Friday, the DIPR noted that it had received "repeated complaints" from field officers, public representatives, and media houses regarding individuals falsely claiming to represent media organisations.

These individuals, the directive said, have been "misusing the name of media for blackmail, extortion, coercion of officials, and circulation of unverified and defamatory material against public institutions and officers."

"In several instances, such individuals were apprehended and booked for extortion and misuse of media identity," the DIPR observed, underlining the seriousness of the issue.

To curb this trend, all DIOs have been directed to maintain and regularly update a verified list of accredited, authorised, and bona fide media persons operating within their respective districts. This list is to be prepared in consultation with the Directorate and recognised media houses.

LG Lays Foundation

infrastructure. I am hopeful that the three-bedroom pre-fabricated smart houses for which the foundation stone was laid today will help bring the lives of the affected families back on track," Sinha said.

Appreciating HRDS India for its noble initiative, the Lieutenant Governor said that the relief provided under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) was insufficient to meet the scale of destruction.

"Since SDRF relief is insufficient, I had earlier requested HRDS India to rebuild 1,500 fully damaged houses across the UT under Operation Sindoor and in the aftermath of August floods, to which they had agreed. This initiative will provide huge relief to the affected families," he said.

Each of the new houses will have a concrete foundation and be built using prefabricated technology, including fibre cement boards, powder-coated GI sheets and a steel structural framework with C-channel sections. The materials have been chosen for their durability and suitability to the region's harsh weather, ensuring long-term resilience. The "smart houses" will also incorporate modern design elements for comfort, safety and functionality.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the efforts of emergency responders, including the district administration, Army, NDRF, SDRF, Police, and local volunteers for saving lives and evacuating Machail Mata devotees to safety during the floods.

"I must commend the profound resilience of the people of Chishoti. Nature has tested them severely, but this strong community met the challenge head-on," he said.

Reaffirming his government's commitment under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sinha said that complete rehabilitation of the flood-affected families and the development of Kishtwar remain a top priority.

"In a boost to our efforts to provide modern infrastructure to Paddar Kishtwar, the Government of India has sanctioned an Army Goodwill School and one petrol pump at Paddar," he announced.

The Lieutenant Governor also said that the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will reconstruct the Atholi-Machail Mata Road and build a new bridge in Chishoti. He added that all mobile network black spots have been identified, and land has been transferred to BSNL to install new 4G towers in the region.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor interacted with local residents and directed the district administration to link youth with self-employment schemes under Mission Yuva. He further said that the ongoing works to augment facilities for Machail Mata pilgrims will be completed by May 2026, while appropriate steps will be taken for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Paddar.

A two-minute silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the August 14 floods in Chishoti.

Leader of Opposition and MLA Paddar-Nagseni, Sunil Sharma; Kishtwar MLA Shagun Parihar; HRDS India President Shrimath Swami Atma Nambi; Principal Secretary to LG Dr Mandeep K Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar; DIG DKR Range Shridhar Patil; DC Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma; HRDS India Founder-Secretary Aji Krishnan and other senior officials, citizens and community representatives were present on the occasion.

JKBOSE Issues

of date- sheet got necessitated due to Assembly By-polls in Budgam and Nagrota Assembly Segments scheduled on November 11.

As per the revised schedule, the Vocational Subjects will now be held on November 6, followed by Science on November 13. Urdu and Hindi papers will be conducted on November 17, while Computer Science will take place on November 19. The English paper has been rescheduled for November 20, and Home Science on November 23.

The examinations for Additional and Optional subjects including Kashmiri, Dogri, Bhoti, Punjabi, Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, Persian and Sanskrit will be held on November 24, followed by Music on November 25 and Social Science on November 26. The annual exams will conclude on November 27 with Painting, Art and Drawing papers.

BOSE has urged all Chief Education Officers, Heads of Institutions, and invigilation staff to strictly adhere to the revised date sheet and ensure that candidates are informed of the changes through all available communication channels.

Over 94,000 Students

issued a revised date sheet in view of the upcoming Assembly bye-elections.

The JKBOSE had set up 994 examination centres across the Kashmir region to ensure smooth conduct of the exams. As per official figures, 68,804 students are enrolled from ten districts of the Kashmir division, while 25,224 candidates are from eight districts of the winter zone areas of Jammu division. In addition, 660 students from Kargil and 95 from Leh are also appearing in the examination.

Earlier, JKBOSE Secretary had said that nearly 95,000 students were registered for the Class 10 exams this year. The board has also made 760 centres for 82,000 Class 11 students and 682 centres for 70,000 Class 12 students respectively.

Kashmir's Dream

and local players, was promoted as a landmark event for Kashmir's sporting landscape.

However, the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) later clarified that its role was limited to providing the venue, and that the event was entirely private in nature.

A Dream Turns Sour

Launched in October with much fanfare by the Mohali-based Yuva Society, the IHPL featured eight teams named after different regions of Jammu and Kashmir, including Pulwama Titans,

Gulmarg Royals, and Kishtwar Giants. Matches were scheduled at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium between October 25 and November 8.

Organisers promised lucrative match fees, sponsorship tie-ups, and significant prize money. But soon after the opening matches, players began complaining about delayed payments and lack of basic facilities. Some were reportedly promised up to 3 lakh per match, but payments never came through.

Team managers cited "technical issues" when pressed for answers, even as the league's social media handles continued posting promotional videos of matches and celebrity appearances.

"They promised match fees, accommodation and travel support. But after two games, everything stopped -- no payments, no clarity, and no one answering calls," one player said.

Chaos and Cancellations

By November 1, the situation had deteriorated further. Scheduled matches were abruptly cancelled, and players were told not to report to the ground due to "technical problems."

Hotel managements, transporters, and catering vendors also began raising complaints about unpaid dues. Several international and outstation players, stranded at their hotels, were reportedly asked to vacate their rooms.

Organisers Disappear

On November 2, chaos deepened when it emerged that the organisers had quietly left Srinagar overnight, allegedly owing nearly 90 lakh to hotels, service providers and event staff.

"Calls to the organisers went unanswered and their offices were found locked," said one hotel staffer. "The remaining event coordinators vanished too."

The fallout has sparked political reactions, with several leaders demanding accountability and calling the IHPL fiasco an embarrassment for Kashmir's sports ecosystem.

Unrecognised by the BCCI or the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), the league's collapse has also raised concerns over the lack of regulation, transparency, and player safety in privately organised sporting events.

Case Filed, Probe

players associated with the league alleged that they were not paid their promised payments and were asked not to come to the stadium due to "technical issues."

Some also claimed they were asked to vacate their hotel accommodations.

The IHPL featured several local and international cricketers, but was not recognised either by the BCCI or the JKCA, raising questions about its legitimacy.

Modi Govt Hit

respectively, to send a strong message across the border. "When Pahalgalam was attacked, within ten days, we entered Pakistan and eliminated the terrorists through Operation Sindoor," Shah said, adding, "If bullets are fired from there, the answer will be with shells from here."

The Home Minister said that over the past eleven years, the Modi government has dismantled terrorist networks and ensured national security. "During Congress rule, terror strikes were routine, but now, terrorists are neutralised on their own soil," he said.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, addressing a separate rally, accused the Congress of creating disputes in Jammu and Kashmir and being responsible for the imposition of Article 370. "It was Congress's sin that Article 370 was implemented. Pakistanis were settling there while Hindus were being forced to leave," Yogi said.

He asserted that under Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah, Kashmir had been freed from terrorism and extremism. "The Modi government changed India's approach to national security and will continue to act firmly against terrorism."

LG,CM Hail India's

that "the team's determination, skill and fighting spirit have inspired millions across the country."

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, speaking to reporters, also expressed his admiration for the team's performance. "Congratulations to them. It is a moment of pride for the entire country," he said.

Omar Abdullah noted that India's journey through the tournament was nothing short of extraordinary. "When the tournament started, no one expected that we would win. But they played with a lot of courage and won some very difficult matches, especially the semi-final against Australia by chasing such a big target, which was not an ordinary thing," he remarked.

HC Questions

families of such prisoners "who, due to financial hardship and long travel distances, are unable to visit their kin or attend court proceedings regularly, thereby compounding the trauma of both the prisoners and their dependents."

"We urged the government on the issue of return of the undertrial prisoners who are lodged in jails outside J&K be brought to jails in J&K, but no action has been taken by the government as a result of which, the petitioner, in public interest has preferred the present petition," the petition said.

"I humbly seek immediate intervention of this

Hon'ble Court by writ of Mandamus, seeking immediate repatriation and direct respondents to transfer forthwith all undertrial prisoners belonging to J&K who are presently lodged in prisons outside the Union Territory to the jails within J&K," she stated.

Mehbooba said the court should also be informed by the jail authorities about written reasons demonstrating "unavoidable, compelling necessity, to keep them outside jails."

In such exceptional cases, she said, there should be quarterly judicial review.

Mehbooba has urged the court to ensure family and counsel access protocol by "framing and enforcing an access protocol ensuring minimum weekly family interviews in person, unrestricted privileged lawyer-client interviews subject to reasonable regulations, and no denial on cost/escort pretexts".

She pleaded that the Legal Services Authorities "should monitor compliance and file quarterly reports".

The petition also seeks physical production of repatriated under-trials and fixing timelines for evidence recording and preventing adjournments attributable to custody logistics.

The plea also seeks constitution of a two-member oversight and grievance redress committee of retired district judge to "audit under-trial locations, family-contact logs, lawyer-interview registers, and production orders". It should also recommend disciplinary action for non-compliance and submit bi-monthly status reports to the court.

The petition challenges the continuing practice of lodging under-trials belonging to J&K in prisons outside the Union Territory.

"The practice relegates under-trials to a condition worse than convicts, violates the presumption of innocence, and frustrates core Article 21 which guarantees family contact, effective access to counsel, and a meaningful, speedy trial," the PIL said.

Mehbooba advocates that the presumption of innocence should be a cardinal principle. "To punish by distance and separating undertrials from courts and families makes detention indistinguishable from punishment," the petition added.

SC To Issue

encouraging dogs in that area. For that, we will definitely be issuing some directions," Justice Nath said.

One of the advocates appearing in the matter urged the bench that they be heard prior to passing of directions on the issue.

"For institutional matters, we are not going to hear any arguments at all. Sorry," Justice Mehta said.

The bench noted that chief secretaries of most of the states and Union Territories were present before it.

It allowed the exemption application filed by the chief secretary of Kerala and noted that a principal secretary of the state was present in the court.

The bench said the Animal Welfare Board of India be made a party in the matter.

At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the bench that most of the states and UTs have filed their compliance affidavit in the matter.

"List for orders on November 7," the bench said. It said personal presence of the chief secretaries of states and UTs would no longer be required.

However, the bench said their presence would again become necessary in case there was any default in compliance of the orders passed by the court.

While hearing the matter on October 27, the top court had directed the chief secretaries of states and UTs, except West Bengal and Telangana, to remain present before it on November 3 to explain why compliance affidavits were not filed despite the court's August 22 order.

The apex court on August 22 asked the states and UTs about the steps being taken for compliance of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules.

The bench had expressed displeasure over the non-compliance of its order and observed that by October 27, compliance affidavits were not filed by the states and UTs, except West Bengal, Telangana and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

It had made clear that the chief secretaries would have to appear in the court and explain as to why no compliance affidavits were filed by them.

On October 27, the top court had slammed the states and UTs, which had not filed their compliance affidavits in the matter, and said continuous incidents were happening and the country was being "shown as down" in foreign nations.

The apex court had earlier expanded the scope of the stray dogs case beyond the confines of Delhi-National Capital Region, and directed that all states and UTs be made parties in the matter.

It had directed the municipal authorities to file an affidavit of compliance with complete statistics of resources like dog pounds, veterinarians, dog-catching personnel, and specially-modified vehicles and cages available as on date for the purpose of compliance of the ABC Rules.

The bench had also impleaded the states and UTs in the matter while observing that application of ABC Rules was uniform all over India.

The apex court is hearing a suo motu case which was initiated on July 28 over a media report on stray dog bites leading to rabies, particularly among children, in the national capital.

LG Manoj Sinha to Inaugurate 10-Day Jhiri Mela in Jammu Today

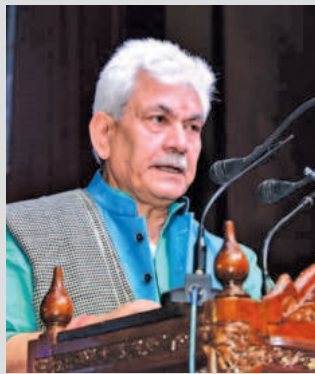
Thousands of devotees to pay homage to 16th-century farmer saint Baba Jittoo

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the 10-day annual Jhiri Mela on the outskirts of Jammu city on Tuesday, marking the beginning of one of the region's most revered cultural and religious events.

Thousands of devotees from across the country are expected to throng the shrine of Baba Jittoo, the 16th-century farmer saint who laid down his life in protest against the oppression of a feudal landlord nearly 500 years ago.

"Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha ji will inaugurate the fair at Jhiri Tuesday. All arrange-



ments and facilities have been put in place for its smooth conduct," Jammu Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas said. The fair, jointly organised by

the Directorate of Tourism and the district administration, will be held from November 4 to 13. Officials said departments including Agriculture, Horticulture and the Jammu Municipal Corporation have extended support to ensure sanitation, medical aid, parking, electricity and water supply arrangements.

The Agriculture Department's participation, they added, aims to raise awareness among farmers about modern technologies and government schemes while honouring the ideals of Baba Jittoo, who symbolizes the dignity of farmers and the struggle against exploitation. Security arrangements have

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been intensified, with police and paramilitary personnel deployed to maintain order throughout the festival.

According to legend, Baba Jittoo's daughter, in an act of devotion and grief, immolated herself on his funeral pyre. Devotees also take a ritual dip in Baba-da-Talab—a natural pond located around four kilometres from the temple—believed to possess healing properties.

Every year, the Jhiri Mela draws around 10 to 12 lakh devotees, mainly from Jammu, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana, celebrating the timeless spirit of sacrifice and faith associated with Baba Jittoo.

CM Omar Reaffirms NC's Pre-Eminence Ahead of November 11 By-Polls

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday exuded unwavering confidence in his party's imminent triumph in the forthcoming Budgam and Nagrota Assembly by-elections, slated for November 11.

Addressing mediapersons in Jammu, Omar asserted that the National Conference was contesting both constituencies with invigorated zeal and renewed political vigour. "Budgam has historically remained a National Conference citadel, while Nagrota is a constituency we narrowly conceded in the previous election. This time, we are resolute in our determination to reclaim it," he declared.

The Nagrota by-election was necessitated by the demise of BJP legislator Devender Singh Rana on Oc-



tober 31 last year, while the Budgam seat fell vacant after Omar Abdullah retained his family's ancestral bastion, Ganderbal, having won both constituencies in the preceding Assembly elections.

The BJP has nominated Devyani Rana, daughter of the late Devender Singh Rana, from Nagrota, while Aga Syed Mohsin will represent the saffron party in Budgam. The National Conference, on the other

hand, has fielded District Development Council (DDC) member Shamim Begum for Nagrota and seasoned political figure and former minister Agha Syed Mehmood for Budgam.

Omar expressed confidence that the electorate in both constituencies would repose their unflinching trust in the NC's vision of development, inclusivity, transparency, and good governance.

Film Industry Knocks Kashmir Again

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Nearly seven months after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which led to widespread cancellations of film shoots across Kashmir, the valley has once again welcomed a film crew, this time from the South Indian film industry, marking a noteworthy revival for cinematic tourism in the region.

The movie, whose title has been kept under wraps for now, is being filmed at various beautiful locations in Srinagar and South Kashmir. The project signals a renewed confidence among filmmakers who had earlier pulled back their schedules following the attack that shook the local film and tourism ecosystem.

A casting Director associated with the project, said the shoot marks a "positive restart" for film

activity in the region.

"After the Pahalgam terror attack, many production houses had put their Kashmir schedules on hold due to safety concerns. Being from outside the valley, even though we had initial apprehensions, once we came here, the experience has been completely positive. The people are cooperative, the environment feels safe, and the local support has been incredible," he said, expressing optimism that more crews will soon follow.

The director and lead actors of the film, currently engaged in shooting, said they initially had concerns about the situation in the valley but were "pleasantly surprised" upon arrival.

"We did have some fears before coming here, given what had happened earlier this year. But once we arrived, we found the place to be safe and welcoming. The people are very

cooperative, the security arrangements are good, and we were able to work freely in a positive atmosphere," they said.

According to KNO, the return of the film crew comes as a morale booster for local facilitators, tourism operators and artists associated with the Kashmir film industry. The valley has long been a favourite destination for filmmakers, from classic Bollywood hits to contemporary web productions, owing to its breathtaking landscapes and unique cultural charm.

Officials from the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department welcomed the development, calling it "a positive sign of regained confidence".

Sources said more film projects, including from Bollywood and regional industries, are in the pipeline for the coming months of late November and December.

'Pipes For Irrigation, Now Fences'

Kashmir's ₹400-Crore Saffron Mission Lies in Ruins

KO Web Desk

SRINAGAR: More than a decade after its launch, the ambitious National Saffron Mission—meant to revive the famed saffron fields of Kashmir—has turned into a story of neglect, mismanagement, and unfulfilled promises.

Launched in 2010-11 with a budget of ₹400 crore, the mission was envisioned to rejuvenate saffron cultivation in the Pampore belt by introducing modern irrigation facilities, high-yield corms, and financial incentives to farm-

ers, including ₹25,000 per kanal and subsidized sprinkler systems.

However, a visit to the saffron-growing areas of Pampore tells a very different story. Irrigation pipes meant for fields now lie unused, some tied together and repurposed as makeshift fences.

"These pipes were meant to bring water to our fields, but they never did," said Abdul Samad, a grower from Konibal, Pampore. "Tube wells were dug but never made functional. Eventually, we started using the pipes for fencing because they were just lying around."



Under the scheme, 253 tube wells and over 3,700 sprinkler sets were to be installed across Pulwama and Budgam districts,

including 128 tube wells in Pulwama alone. But locals say only a handful were ever operational, leaving fields dry and yields poor.

"The irrigation system was the backbone of this project. Without water, saffron cannot survive. The failure of that component made the entire mission meaningless," said Farooq Ahmad, a grower from Wajabatan, Pampore.

Farmers say the mission's collapse has been years in the making—blaming bureaucratic apathy, lack of technical support, and poor follow-up from officials.

"This project was supposed to protect our saffron heritage," said Muhammad Shaban from Lethpora. "Instead, it became a textbook example of how public money can be wasted."

Officials had earlier claimed that bore wells and sprinkler systems were handed over to farmer groups for upkeep. But without technical guidance or regular maintenance, most of the infrastructure has fallen into disuse.

Despite repeated promises, there has been no official audit or inquiry into how much of the ₹400 crore was actually spent. (KNT)

Those Who Want to Divide J&K Failed Today: Farooq

Observer News Service

JAMMU: As government offices reopened in Jammu under the revived 'Darbar Move' tradition, National Conference president and former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah on Monday said "those who wanted to divide Jammu and Kashmir have failed".

Abdullah asserted that the Union Territory stands united and must collectively move towards development.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the reopening of the offices here.

"Those who wanted to separate Jammu and Kashmir have failed today," he said, adding that the parts of the Union Territory are "one".

Taking a dig at the BJP, he said that those politicising the issue should "leave politics" and instead focus on the welfare of the people and the development of the Union Territory.

Abdullah said Jammu, too, will progress and hoped it would gain "maximum benefit" from the arrival of the Secretariat.

"This (erstwhile) state has to rise again. It has come out of many destruction, including wars, and we must now rebuild it together and take it towards development," he said.

According to PTI, Abdullah



congratulated the Chamber of Commerce and the people for welcoming the move. "I express my gratitude to every person from Jammu who supported this step," he said.

As Chief Minister Omar Abdullah walked along Residency Road and through Raghunath Bazar, various trader associations, including Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, accorded him a grand welcome and lauded his decision to revive the age-old tradition that was halted in 2021 by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Calling the transition a "big step" initiated by Maharaja Hari Singh, Farooq Abdullah said the move reflected unity among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"It meant that people of Jammu and Kashmir considered themselves one -- irrespective of language or religion, they belonged to one land," the former chief minister said.

Inquiry Initiated Against 3 Govt Doctors for 'Absence'

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Authorities have initiated an inquiry against three doctors, posted at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Khari in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, for their alleged absence from duty, officials said on Monday.

The matter came to light following a road accident in a remote village in the district on Monday, they said.

Five people, including a woman and two children, were seriously injured when a tempo traveller overturned in Khari area of Banihal. The injured were taken to the PHC Khari for first aid, the officials said.

However, all the five were referred to sub-district hospital, Banihal due to alleged absence of medical officers, leading to protest by local residents.

According to PTI, the protesters alleged that only one BUMS doctor was present at PHC Khari, while three MBBS doctors were absent from duty when the injured were rushed there for treatment.

Taking serious note of the protest, Banihal Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mohammad Naseeb directed Khari tehsildar to inquire into the allegations.

"An explanation has been sought from the concerned medical officers, and strict action will follow based on the inquiry findings. Public health services in remote areas cannot be compromised," the SDM said.

Following the directions of the SDM, the block medical officer (BMO) Ukheral issued an explanation notice to the three doctors, seeking their reply within two days.

The salaries of the doctors for the month of October will remain withheld pending inquiry, the SDM said.

LG Kavinder Gupta Meets Defence Minister Rajnath Singh



Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on strengthening welfare initiatives and improving air connectivity for the Union Territory, particularly during the harsh winter months.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor apprised the Defence Minister of the unique challenges faced by Ladakh due to extreme climatic conditions and limited accessibility during the prolonged winter season. He sought the Ministry's continued support under Operation Sadbhavana—an Indian Army initiative that has played a vital role in promoting education, healthcare, and community welfare across remote regions of Ladakh.

Highlighting the need for uninterrupted connectivity, Shri Kavinder Gupta urged the Defence Minister to further en-

hance air services, including the continuation of flights between Kargil-Thoise—Chandigarh and improved air maintenance links between Leh and Delhi. These measures, he said, are critical for ensuring the smooth movement of essential supplies, passengers, and medical evacuations when road access is blocked by heavy snowfall.

The Lt Governor expressed his appreciation for the Defence Ministry's consistent support toward border residents and commended the Army's efforts in facilitating medical assistance and socio-economic development in the region.

In response, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh acknowledged the concerns raised by the Lt Governor and assured all possible assistance from the Ministry of Defence. He reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to working with relevant agencies to strengthen connectivity and expand humanitarian outreach across Ladakh.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

CBC J&K Organizes Workshop on Vigilance Awareness



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh Region on Monday organized a workshop on Public Information Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution (PIDPI) at the Regional Office, Jammu.

The workshop was organized as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, to sensitize the employees at regional and field levels to create greater sensitivity about the need for ethics and transparency in governance and public administration.

In a keynote address Sh. Ghulam Abbas, Director, CBC Regional Office, J&K and Ladakh region impressed upon the officers and officials to promote integrity and strive to eradicate corruption in all forms at all levels.

Welcoming the guests and participants, Ms. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director, CBC Jammu outlined the objectives of the workshop. Ms. Puri also highlighted the vision behind the annual observation of the Vigilance Awareness Week.

Sh. Kamal Sangra, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K gave a detailed presentation on Public Information Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution (PIDPI). He highlighted the key points of the 2014 resolution deliberating upon the importance of the resolution in the fight against corruption, particularly the protection of whistleblowers.

Sh. Sangra made special reference to the cases of the crimes against whistleblowers in India, pointing out the need for a framework like PIDPI-2014. He said that this year's theme - Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility, puts limelight on collective responsibility of citizens to curb corruption.

Others who participated in the workshop included Sh. Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer (FPO) Srinagar, Sh. Shahid Mohammad Lone, FPO, Anantnag, Sh. Zakir Nazeer, Media and Communication Officer, PIB Jammu, Sh. Ashwani Gupta, Senior Accounts Officer, CBC Jammu and Sh. Omprakash Maurya, Administrative Officer, CBC Jammu.

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(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.	
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Gayle, Ryder, Other Stars Stranded In Srinagar Hotel After IHPL Scam

Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Billed as a major event to unearth new cricket talent from Kashmir, the Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL) has turned out to be a scam as the organisers have fled, leaving several former international stars like Chris Gayle stranded in a hotel here due to non-payment of bills.

The IHPL, which began here amid huge fanfare in the last week of October, was organised by the Mohali-based Yuva Society.

Huge billboards featuring former cricketers like Gayle, Devon Smith, Jesse Ryder and Shakib-al-Hassan came up at several places across the city, announcing



that these megastars will play alongside the local players in the league which was scheduled to end on November 8.

Most of the matches were played at Bakshi Stadium with music blaring from loudspeakers

during the intervals.

However, the league ended abruptly on Saturday as the players refused to turn up for matches due to unpaid dues. The organisers did a vanishing act, forcing the hotel where the players were

staying, to stop them from leaving till their dues were cleared.

The story came to the fore when Mellisa Juniper, an Englishwoman who was an umpire at the event, said they had not been paid.

"We have not received any payment," Juniper said, adding she was informed by the hotel staff about the "missing organisers". While police did visit the hotel, there was no official word whether any action has been initiated by the cops.

Gayle was among several players who had played in the Legends' League cricket tournament last year in Kashmir. The event, which was a private one just like the IHPL this year, had drawn huge crowds to the stadiums as

locals got to see international players in action for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Parminder Singh, who is listed as chairman of the Yuva Society, might have been swayed by the success of the Legends' League to organise the IHPL in Kashmir.

They booked the Bakshi Stadium, owned by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, and paid the rent up front for hosting the matches.

Eight teams -- Srinagar Sultans, Jammu Lions, Ladakh Heroes, Pulwama Titans, Uri Panthers, Gulmarg Royals, Patnitop Warriors and Kishtwar Giants -- were formed to play the league. Each team had a former international player in its ranks.

UT Level Under-14 Boys Cricket Tournament Held In Budgam



Younis Paray

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam is hosting the UT Level Under-14 Cricket Tournament at four venues across the district. The inaugural ceremony was held on Monday at the Sports Stadium Budgam, where players from 10 districts are participating.

Chief Planning Officer Budgam Javed Ahmed Najar, who was the Special Guest on the occasion, inaugurated the tournament while the activity incharge of the District Sports Office was also present.

Many senior officials of the department were also present at the inaugural ceremony while the boys were

urged to show their talent in sports competitions and bring glory to the district.

In the opening match, the competition between Samba district and Anantnag district was played, in which Anantnag won.

It is to be noted that the tournament will continue till November 8 at four grounds of the district, including Sports Stadium Charar Sharief, Sports Stadium Budgam, Degree College Ground Charar Sharief and Eidgah Ground Sheikhpora.

The District Sports Office Budgam has hired several staff to organise the tournament in a smooth manner, while the tournament is being played in the presence of District Sports Officer Ghulam Hassan Lone.

IHPL: Fans Demand Refund After Paying Rs 1K Per Ticket

Agencies

SRINAGAR: What was promoted as Kashmir's biggest-ever private cricket tournament, the Indian Heaven Premier League (IHPL), has collapsed amid mounting allegations of fraud and mismanagement, leaving fans, players, and hotel staff in shock and anger.

The much-hyped league turned chaotic after the organisers abruptly called off the remaining matches and disappeared without clearing their dues.

Hundreds of sports lovers, who had bought tickets worth Rs 1,000 each to watch the matches, returned home disappointed. Many said they had travelled from far-off areas to witness the event and were left standing outside the stadium gates when the league suddenly shut down.

"We waited for hours, but there was no announcement, no organisers, and no match. Even the ticket counters were closed," said Bilal Ahmad, a cricket enthusiast from

Budgam. "We paid a thousand rupees each for our tickets, and no one is talking about refunds. It feels like we have been cheated."

Like Bilal, hundreds of sports lovers who had purchased tickets for Rs 1000 each have been talking about a refund, but they don't know whom to approach.



The IHPL had been launched with great fanfare, branding itself as a "world-class cricket festival" meant to boost local talent and tourism in the Valley. The inclusion of big international names, including Chris Gayle, had lent credibility to the event. However, soon after the opening matches, communication from the organisers ceased, and the official social media pages went inactive. [KNT]

Hosts Anantnag Shine In Under-17 UT Level Netball C'ship



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The District Youth Services & Sports Office Anantnag hosted the UT Level Inter-District Netball Championship for Under-17 and Under-19 Girls, which culminated on Monday.

In a thrilling finale, host District Anantnag emerged as the champion in the Under-17 Girls category, displaying exceptional teamwork and determination to clinch the title against Jammu District. The home team's outstanding coordination and skillful play earned them a well-deserved victory, drawing loud cheers from the local supporters.

Meanwhile, in the Under-19 Girls category, Jammu District proved their dominance by securing the

championship title after an intense contest against District Kulgam. The match showcased high-level athleticism, strategic play, and unwavering focus from both sides.

The championship provided a vibrant platform for young athletes to demonstrate their talent and competitive spirit. Officials from the Department of Youth Services and Sports lauded the efforts of all participating teams and extended congratulations to the winning districts.

The championship concluded with a colourful closing ceremony where trophies and medals were awarded to the winners and runners-up in the presence of dignitaries, sports officers, and enthusiastic spectators.

BCCI Announces Cash Award Of Rs 51 Crore For India Women

The BCCI on Monday announced a cash award of Rs 51 crore for the Harmanpreet Kaur-led squad and its support staff for winning the country's maiden ICC World Cup title.

The Indian women's team under Harmanpreet's leadership beat South Africa by 52 runs in the final on Sunday to win its first ever global trophy.

"As a token of appreciation, the BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with a cash award of Rs 51 crore for winning the World Cup. It includes all the players, support staff and the national selection committee," Saikia told PTI. The BCCI also highlighted the "pivotal role" of Jay Shah, who served as the Board secretary and now holds the position of chairman of the ICC, towards women's cricket in India. During his tenure at the BCCI, Shah championed significant initiatives for women's cricket accelerating the expansion of domestic structures, launching elite-level competitions and ensuring improved infrastructure, the Board said in the statement. (PTI)

Yamal Youngest Player To Make FIFPRO's Team Of The Year

Barcelona teenager Lamine Yamal became the youngest player ever to be included in FIFPRO's team of the year, and five players from Paris Saint-Germain's Champions League-winning squad also made the selection announced by the global player's union on Monday. Goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma -- who has since moved from PSG to Manchester City -- got the most votes with 13,609 from the more than 20,000 ballots that were sent in by players around the world, FIFPRO said.

The 18-year-old Yamal was second, with 10,167 votes for the Spain and Barcelona winger.

FIFPRO Men's World XI

Gianluigi Donnarumma (Paris Saint-Germain/Manchester City, Italy); Achraf Hakimi (Paris Saint-Germain, Morocco); Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool, Netherlands); Nuno Mendes (Paris Saint-Germain, Portugal); Vitorino (Paris Saint-Germain, Portugal); Pedri (Barcelona, Spain); Jude Bellingham (Real Madrid, England); Cole Palmer (Chelsea, England); Lamine Yamal (Barcelona, Spain); Kylian Mbappé (Real Madrid, France); Ousmane Dembélé (Paris Saint-Germain, France). (AP)

PSG Forward Dembélé Fit To Face Bayern Munich In CL

Paris Saint-Germain coach Luis Enrique says Ousmane Dembélé is fit enough to face Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Ballon d'Or winner Dembélé has only recently returned to the side following a right hamstring injury sustained while playing for France in September.

TV cameras picked up Dembélé clutching the back of his right leg and telling a teammate "my hamstring hurts, it really hurts" when the players celebrated in front of fans after a 1-0 home against Nice on Saturday.

PSG faces a Bayern side which has won all 15 matches this season in all competitions.

"We have difficulty winning two, three or four matches in a row," Luis Enrique said. "Fifteen matches is incredible, they have a lot of merit." (AP)

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