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SC Orders Relocation Of Stray Dogs From Streets

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday took note of the "alarming rise" in dog bite incidents in institutional areas like educational centres, hospitals, bus stands and railway stations, and directed the authorities to move such canines to designated shelters.

The apex court also ordered the authorities, including the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), to ensure the removal of stray animals and cattle from highways and expressways.

A three-judge special bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria passed a slew of directions in the stray dogs case.



"... (With) regard to the alarming rise in incidents of dog bites within institutional areas, such as educational institutions, hospitals, sports complexes, bus stands and depots and railway stations, this court deems it appropriate to issue the | More on P10

SC Tells States, UTs To Fix Deficiencies

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the states and Union Territories to take appropriate steps to address the "deficiencies and shortcomings" pointed out in a report filed by the amicus curiae about compliance with the court's directions in the stray dogs menace case. A three-judge special bench comprising justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said that amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal's report | More on P10

Art 370 To Op Sindoor, Every Promise Kept: PM

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said his government has fulfilled every commitment made to the people, citing the abrogation of Article 370, the construction of the Ram Temple, and the recent Operation Sindoor as proof of his administration's resolve.

Addressing a public rally in Aurangabad, the Prime Minister said that Pakistan has faced destruction in Operation Sindoor, launched after the

Pahalgam terror attack earlier this year.

"We have taken every step — from the abrogation of Article 370 to avenging the Pahalgam terror attack — to end terrorism in Kashmir and ensure national security," Modi said.

"The Modi track record is in front of everyone. I do what I say," he asserted, listing his government's actions on the Ram Temple, Jammu and Kashmir's special status, and counter-terror operations. "I said the Ram Temple



would be built — did it happen or not? I promised that the wall of Article 370 would fall — did it happen or not? I declared that the Pahalgam attack will be avenged — all of you saw Pakistan destroyed in Operation Sindoor."

Modi said these steps were part of a broader commitment to national unity and security. "You saw what happened to the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack," he said.

Turning to Bihar, the Prime Minister said the NDA government had | More on P10

J&K Achieves 93% Aadhaar Coverage

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has achieved an impressive 93 percent Aadhaar saturation, generating over 1.26 crore Aadhaar numbers against the projected population of 1.35 crore, officials said on Friday.

The achievement was highlighted during a meeting of the Unique Identification Authority of India Implementation Committee (UIDIC), chaired by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, to review | More on P10

Vande Mataram Gave Poetic Voice To India's Spirit of Unity: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday attended the 150th year celebration of Vande Mataram, organised by the Department of Culture, and paid rich tributes to its author, Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said Vande Mataram gave



poetic expression to India's self-respect, and devotion to the Motherland. | More on P10

HC Disposes Of PIL On Spurious Drugs

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has disposed of Public Interest Litigation after the government informed that there are ample measures in place to ensure availability of quality medicines and drugs to the patients in Jammu and Kashmir.



A Division Bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal however left it free to the petitioner, a practicing lawyer, to bring to the notice of authorities any sale of fake and spurious drug and medicine in Jammu and Kashmir.

The petitioner had complained sale of misbranded, spurious and | More on P10

No Smart Meter, No Free Power

CM On NC's 200-Unit Promise

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that the National Conference's promise of providing 200 units of free electricity can only be fulfilled if consumers agree to install smart meters, clarifying that the benefit cannot be extended to unmetered households.

Addressing a road show



in Budgam, Omar said the opposition parties, particularly the PDP, were

politicising the issue of smart meters for their electoral gains. "I can stand

here and say that I inherited these electricity meters. I did, but the truth is I didn't stop the practice of installing them as the metering reduces electricity bills and we had promised 200 free units to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in our manifesto," Omar said. He explained that free electricity cannot be distributed arbitrarily without knowing | More on P10

PDP-BJP Bonhomie Still Intact: CM

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said that the bonhomie between the Peoples | More on P10

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said he did not authorise the celebration of | More on P10

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Sgr Police Observe 150th Anniversary of “Vande Mataram”

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Police on Friday observed the 150th anniversary of the National Song – Vande Mataram with patriotic fervour and reverence across all Police Stations, Police Posts and establishments of District Srinagar.

A central commemorative event was held at PCR Kashmir, marking the occasion with grandeur and deep national spirit, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to Kashmir Observer.

Vande Mataram, written in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and first sung by Rabindranath Tagore, was adopted as the National Song of India on January 24, 1950. The event celebrated its enduring legacy and profound contribution to India's freedom struggle and nation-building journey.

The function at PCR was graced by Director General of Police, J&K, Nalin Prabhat, Special Director General of Police,

S.J.M. Geelani, and Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, V.K. Birdi, along with other senior officers, Zonal heads, and a large gathering of Police personnel from various wings of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

In all units of District Police Srinagar, the event was organized under the chairmanship of Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr. G.V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy and supervised by the respective territorial officers.

The ceremony commenced with the singing of Vande Mataram, evoking a deep sense of patriotism and unity among the participants. Officers and personnel paid homage to the song that has symbolized India's devotion, sacrifice, and unity for generations.

The programme highlighted the timeless message of Vande Mataram—devotion to the motherland, national integration, and collective responsibility toward building a strong and united India.

Activists Hold Anti-Drug Rally in Lal Chowk

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A group of activists from Maharashtra on Friday organised a rally and Nukkad Natak (street play) at Srinagar's famous Lal Chowk to spread the message against drug abuse.

The campaign, organised in collaboration with a local trust, aimed to highlight the growing menace of narco-terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and its impact on youth.

Holding placards and chanting slogans, the participants called for the slapping of the Public Safety Act (PSA) against those involved in drug trafficking networks.

One of the organisers said, “Drug trafficking is not just a social issue, but it is linked to national security. We came here to stand with the people of Kashmir and raise a collec-

tive voice against this growing threat.

Local volunteers and social workers also joined the rally, terming the move a “message of unity and shared responsibility” between states to combat the drug crisis. The Nukkad Natak portrayed the serious effects of addiction on families and society, drawing applause from onlookers at Clock Tower (Ghanta Ghar).

A local present on the occasion told KNO, such plays help spread awareness among the youth and should be conducted regularly in schools and colleges across the Valley. “This collaboration proves that the fight against drugs goes beyond regional boundaries. We are thankful to our friends from Maharashtra for standing in solidarity with us,” the participant said.

Blood Donation Camp Held At SMC Headquarters



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Friday organized a blood donation camp at its headquarters in Karan Nagar, in collaboration with Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar. The camp was inaugurated by SMC Commissioner, Dr. Faz Lul Haseeb.

The initiative, held under the supervision of SMC Health Officer, Dr. Fauzia Habib, aimed to encourage voluntary blood donation and raise awareness about its significance in saving lives. A considerable number of SMC officials, employees, and local residents participated in the drive and donated blood.

A dedicated team of doctors and paramedical staff from GMC Srinagar conducted medical screenings and ensured that the donation process was carried out safely and efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Haseeb appreciated the collaborative efforts of SMC and GMC Srinagar in organizing the camp. He said such initiatives help build a culture of compassion and social responsibility, reflecting SMC's commitment to public welfare beyond routine civic responsibilities.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation expressed gratitude to all donors and urged citizens to continue supporting life-saving humanitarian initiatives in the future.



Women’s Free Ride Scheme Leaves E-Bus Project Struggling

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: More than eight e-buses in Srinagar have been grounded due to lack of funds needed for repairs and purchase of spare parts.

The government has also not cleared the liabilities owed to the Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) for providing free travel to women passengers.

Top officials in the transport department told KNO that the corporation has written several times to the government seeking compensation for losses incurred after the administration directed RTC not to charge women passengers. Officials said no payments have been released so far.

They added that the e-bus project will struggle to survive if adequate funding is not provided immediately.

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We are seeking mitigation of losses incurred due to the directive of ferrying women passengers free of cost,” a senior official said.

He said earlier reports about e-buses losing lakhs of rupees every day reflected only part of the problem, and that the actual losses are even higher.

Due to insufficient funding, the corporation has been un-

able to carry out timely repairs. Several buses now have deflated tyres or remain grounded for want of spare parts.

“Out of 20 e-buses operating in Srinagar, more than eight have been grounded. The number may rise if the situation continues,” the official said.

The NC-led administration launched the Zero Ticket travel initiative on April 1 this year, allowing free travel for women in Smart City e-buses and JKRTC buses across Jammu and Kashmir. The measure was projected as an important step for women's safety.

However, concerns were raised at the time that women passengers constitute a significant share of the overall ridership, and the initiative could affect the revenue of private transporters who rely heavily on female passengers.

Officials had also warned that the decision could put additional strain on the already cash-starved state exchequer.

Autumn Magic Transforms City into Golden Paradise

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As autumn descends upon Kashmir, the Valley transforms into a mesmerizing blend of gold and red hues, with fallen Chinar leaves carpeting the ground like nature's own artwork.

In Srinagar, the Chrysanthemum Garden, the University of Kashmir's Naseem Bagh, Nishat Srinagar Garden, Shalimar Garden and the Chinar-lined Boulevard Road among others have emerged as the season's star attractions.

According to KNO, gardens across the city are drawing hundreds of visitors daily, from photographers chasing the perfect shot to families relaxing under the shade of centuries-old trees.

The fall of Chinar leaves adds a unique charm to Kashmir's classic autumn season.

A local from Khanyar, said it is beautiful to watch the leaves gently fall, turning the surroundings into shades of gold and red. “The leaves, the view, the colours everything looks magical,” he said.

The golden avenues near the University of Kashmir's Naseem Bagh, home to majestic Chinars, along with Badamwari and other gardens, have also become magnets for visitors.

Tourists, students and local families are seen posing for photographs, tossing leaves into the



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Every year we look forward to this moment, the sunlight filtering through Chinar leaves, the way everything glows is simply amazing,”

air and capturing memories of the fleeting season.

“Every year we look forward to this moment, the sunlight filtering through Chinar leaves, the way

everything glows is simply amazing,” said Mohammad Shoaib, a student posing for pictures at the university campus. “Autumn in Kashmir is not just a season, but it's a feeling,” he added.

Similarly, for many, this time of year carries a quiet charm. Another student from Srinagar said, “The Chinars remind us that even endings can be beautiful.”

It is worth mentioning that as October ends and November begins, the Valley slowly prepares for winter's hush. Residents, tourists and nature lovers gather in parks, gardens and tree-lined avenues to enjoy the rustle of falling Chinar leaves.

Police Launch Drive to Inspect SIM Card Vendors

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In its continued and sustained efforts to strengthen Public safety and communication security, District Police Srinagar has initiated a comprehensive inspection drive of SIM card vendors across the district.

The drive aims to prevent the misuse of SIM cards for any criminal, fraudulent, or terror-related activities and to ensure strict compliance with Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines and telecom regulations, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to Kashmir Observer.

Police teams from all five zones – covering Police Stations Kh-

anyar, Lal Bazar, Saddar, Nishat, RM Bagh, Soura, Parimpora, Safakadal, Karan Nagar, Batamalo, Maisuma, Kralkhud, Kothibagh, Zakoora, Ahmad Nagar, Shaheedganj. Sangam, Soura and Police Posts Noorbagh and Bagiyas, Khimber – conducted thorough inspections of SIM vendors operating within their respective jurisdictions.

More than 50 SIM vendors were checked, focusing on verification of identity proofs, record maintenance, and ensuring that SIMs are issued only to genuine subscribers with valid documentation.

Any vendor found violating regulatory norms will face legal consequences, including penal-

ties, cancellation of license, or prosecution under relevant laws, police said.

The public has been requested to extend cooperation during these inspections and to ensure that SIM cards registered in their names are not misused. Citizens are also urged to report any suspicious activity or irregular issuance of SIMs to the nearest police station or the District Police Helpline.

Meanwhile, the spokesman said that Srinagar Police remains committed to ensuring the integrity of communication networks and maintaining public trust by preventing their exploitation for unlawful or anti-national activities.

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This Day In History

- 1895- German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen produces and detects electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range today known as X-rays or Röntgen rays
- 1901- Bloody clashes take place in Athens following the translation of the Gospels into demotic Greek
- 1904- American President Theodore Roosevelt (R) defeats Alton B. Parker (D)
- 1904- Inventor and manufacturer Harvey Hubbell receives the first U.S. patent for a separable electric attachment plug
- 1907- In a landmark decision for Australia, the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration rules that the Sunshine Harvester Work must pay 'fair and reasonable wages'
- 1910- 1st Washington State election in which women could vote
- 1910- For the first time since 1894, the US elects a Democratic Congress, including the first socialist ever to sit in Congress, Victor L Berger of Milwaukee
- 1923 Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party stage "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich.
- 1932 - Amidst the Great Depression, Democrat candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican incumbent Herbert Hoover
- 1942 - Adolf Hitler proclaims fall of Stalingrad from Munich beer hall
- 1942 - Vichy-France drops diplomatic relations with US
- 1943 - France arrests government of Lebanon after they abolish the French mandate
- 1950 - A US aircraft shoots down a North Korean jet in the Korean War, the first jet-to-jet dogfight in history
- 1956 - UN demands USSR leave Hungary
- 1957 - Great Britain performs atmospheric nuclear test at Christmas Island
- 1960 - John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate Richard Nixon who was the incumbent Vice President
- 1964 - IMF grants Great Britain credit of \$1 billion
- 1965 - British Indian Ocean Territory formed
- 1965 - Vietnam War: US, Australian and New Zealand forces launch Operation Hump, a search-and-destroy operation near Bien Hoa in South Vietnam
- 1980 - Voyager 1 space probe discovers 15th moon of Saturn
- 1983 - STS-9 vehicle again moves to launch pad
- 1984 - STS 51-A mission launches
- 1987 - Australia beat England by 7 runs to win cricket World Cup
- 1988 - 900 die as earthquake hits China
- 1988 - Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Michael Dukakis
- 1990 - Saddam fires his army chief & threatens to destroy Arabian peninsula
- 1990 - Unconfirmed rumors emerge that Bush might announce an airlift of supplies to US embassy in Kuwait, which could ultimately trigger a military clash
- 2002 - Iraq disarmament crisis: UN Security Council under Resolution 1441 unanimously approves a resolution on Iraq, forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences"
- 2004 - War in Iraq: More than 10,000 U.S. troops and a small number of Iraqi army units participate in a siege on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.
- 2008 - John Key leads the National Party to victory in New Zealand's general election, defeating nine year Prime Minister Helen Clark and her Labour-led coalition government.
- 2014 - Mikhail Gorbachev warns that tensions between America and Russia over Ukraine have put the world on the brink of a new Cold War
- 2014 - US President Obama authorises deployment of 1,500 additional troops to help train and advise Iraqi and Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants.
- 2016 - Republican Donald Trump is elected President of the United States of America, defeating democrat Hillary Clinton, who received 2.9 million more votes
- 2016 - Indian PM Narendra Modi announces the demonetization of all ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes during an unscheduled live televised address, canceling 86% of the notes in circulation in a battle against corruption.

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Donald Trump Says He Could Travel to India Next Year

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NEW YORK/WASHINGTON- US President Donald Trump has said he could travel to India next year and noted that talks with New Delhi are “going good”.



“It’s great, going good. He (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) stopped... Largely he stopped buying oil from Russia,” Trump said at the Oval Office in response to a question on how talks with Modi and trade discussions with India are progressing.

“He’s a friend of mine, and we speak... He wants me to go there. We’ll figure that out. I’ll go. I had a great trip there with Prime Minister Modi, he’s a great man. And I’ll be going,” Trump said.

When asked if he is planning to go to India next year, Trump said, “It could be, yeah.”

YouTube Secretly Deletes 700 Videos Documenting Israeli War Crimes

Trans Asia News

San Bruno : YouTube has secretly deleted more than 700 videos documenting Israeli violations in Gaza and the West Bank after removing the accounts of three major Palestinian human rights organizations, a move widely condemned as an assault on free expression and accountability.

The accounts belonged to three prominent Palestinian human rights groups: Al-Haq, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

The deleted content included a documentary featuring mothers surviving Israel’s genocide in Gaza, a video investigation that uncovered Israel’s role in the killing of a Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, and footage revealing the destruction of Palestinian homes in the occupied West Bank—all critical evidence of alleged Israeli crimes.

The move came in response to a US government campaign to stifle accountability for Israeli war crimes against Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

After the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants and charged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Israeli minister of military affairs Yoav Gallant with war crimes in Gaza, the Trump administration ramped up its defense of Israel’s actions by sanction-

ing ICC officials and targeting people and organizations that work with the court.

“I’m pretty shocked that YouTube is showing such a little backbone,” said Sarah Leah Whitson, executive director of Democracy for the Arab World Now.

“It’s really hard to imagine any serious argument that sharing information from these Palestinian human rights organizations would somehow violate sanctions,” she added.

Katherine Gallagher, a senior staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, said that it is “outrageous that YouTube is furthering the Trump administration’s agenda to remove evidence of human rights violations and war crimes from public view.”

YouTube, which is owned by Google, confirmed to The Intercept that it deleted the groups’ accounts as a direct result of State Department sanctions against the group after a review.

The Trump administration leveled the sanctions against the organizations in September over their work with the International Criminal Court in cases charging Israeli officials with war crimes.

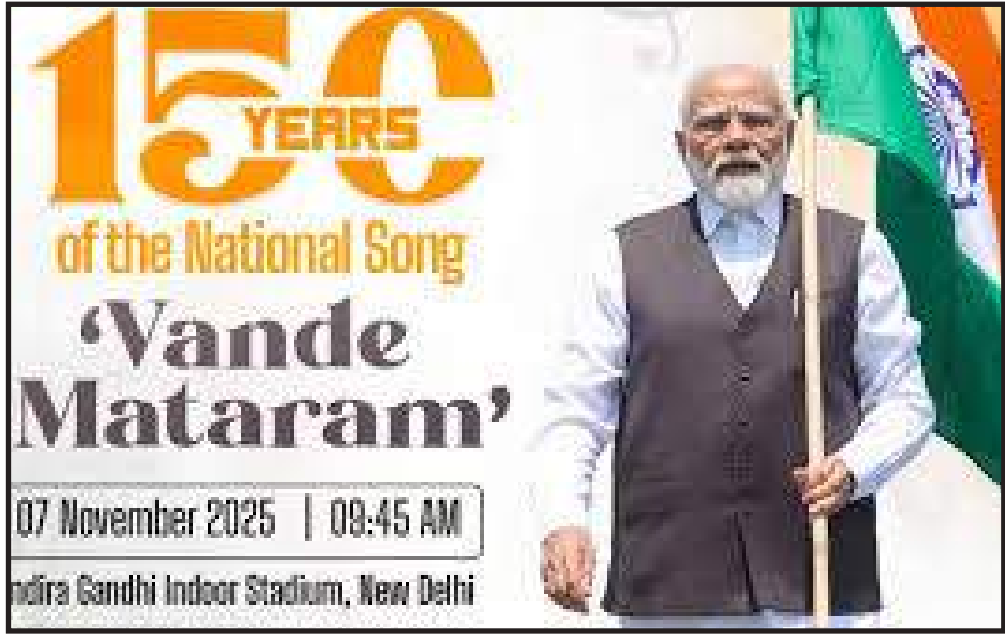


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PM Modi Inaugurates ‘Vande Mataram’ Year; Congress Hits Back

Prss Trust Of India

New Delhi: The year-long commemoration of “Vande Mataram” kickstarted on Friday with various leaders emphasising how this ‘maha mantra’ of nation building continues to symbolise the emotional consciousness and unity of the country’s people even as the BJP and the Congress accused each other of belittling the national song.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a programme at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here marking the formal launch of the nationwide commemoration. He also released a commemorative stamp and coin on the occasion.

Mass recital programmes were held in several parts of the country while many schools organised special events, engaging students in the celebrations.

The song was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterji on the occasion of Akshaya Navami, which fell on November 7 in 1875. The song first appeared in the literary journal “Bangadarshan” as part of Chatterji’s novel “Anandamath”.

The day also saw the BJP accusing the Congress of adopting a truncated version of “Vande Mataram” in 1937 under the presidency of Jawaharlal Nehru. It alleged that the Congress, pandering to its “communal agenda”, removed the stanzas from the national song which hailed

Goddess Durga.

Prime Minister Modi, in his remarks at the event, also attacked the Congress, alleging important stanzas of the national song “Vande Mataram” were dropped which sowed the seeds of partition and asserted that such a “divisive mindset” is still a challenge for the country.

“Vande Mataram became the voice of India’s freedom struggle, it expressed the feelings of every Indian. Unfortunately, in 1937, important stanzas of Vande Mataram...a part of its soul, were separated. The division of Vande Mataram

“Vande Mataram is a word, a mantra, an energy, a dream, a resolve. It is the devotion to Mother India, the worship of Mother India. It connects us to our history and gives our future new courage

also sowed the seeds of partition. Today’s generation needs to know why this injustice was done with this ‘maha mantra’ of nation building.this divisive mindset is still a challenge for the country,” he said.

The Congress hit back at Modi saying that Rabindranath Tagore himself suggested that the first two stanzas of the song be adopted and it was “shameful” of the prime minister to accuse the Nobel laureate of harbouring a divisive ideology.

It also demanded an apology

from Modi over his statement.

The Congress claimed it has been the proud flagbearer of “Vande Mataram” whereas the BJP and the RSS “avoided” the national song despite its universal reverence.

In his speech, Modi also said as the country marks 150 years of “Vande Mataram”, it gives us new inspiration and fills people of the country with new energy.

“Vande Mataram is a word, a mantra, an energy, a dream, a resolve. It is the devotion to Mother India, the worship of Mother India. It connects us to our history and

gives our future new courage. There is no resolve that cannot be achieved, no goal that we Indians cannot accomplish. We have to build a nation which is at the top on the basis of knowledge, science and technology,” he said.

Noting that “Vande Mataram” is relevant in every era, the prime minister, in an apparent reference to Operation Sindoor, said, “When the enemy dared to attack our security and honour using terrorism, the world saw that India knows how to take the form of Durga.”

Non-disclosure of Conviction by Candidate Renders Election Void: SC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- The non-disclosure of conviction in a nomination form will lead to the disqualification of an elected candidate, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar passed the order on an appeal filed by a former councillor, Poonam, who was unseated from the post as she did not disclose her conviction in a case in the nomination form for the election.

Poonam was unseated



from the municipal councillor’s post in Nagar Parishad, Bhikangaon, Madhya Pradesh. She was convicted in a cheque bounce case and sentenced to imprisonment

for one year with a direction to pay compensation.

Rejecting the petitioner’s plea to save her from disqualification, the bench said, “Once it is found that there has been non-disclosure of a previous conviction by a candidate, it creates an impediment in the free exercise of electoral right by a voter.”

“A voter is thus deprived of making an informed and advised choice. It would be a case of suppression/non-disclosure by such a candidate, which renders the election void,” it said.

Delhi Airport’s Air Traffic Control Faces Tech Issues

Over 800 Flights Face Delays

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Delhi airport, the country’s busiest airport, plunged into chaos on Friday as more than 800 domestic as well as international flights were delayed due to technical problems with the air traffic control system, sources said.

All airline operations at the airport have been impacted and authorities are working to fix the issues.

The sources said airlines have cancelled at least around 20 flights.

IndiGo, Air India, Air India Express, SpiceJet, and Akasa Air said there are delays in their flights at the Delhi

said technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest.

The sources said the air traffic control system had faced issues intermittently in the last two days and the technical issue started to impact the system significantly from around 5.45 am.

“All airline operations at Delhi Airport are currently delayed. Concerned authorities are working on resolving the issue at the earliest,” Delhi airport operator DIAL said in a post on X at 1:42 pm.

DIAL (Delhi International Airport Ltd) also said flight operations have been disrupted due to an ongoing technical



airport due to the issues with the air traffic control system.

The national capital’s Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), the country’s busiest airport, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily.

Airports Authority of India (AAI), in a post on X at 10:08 am, said flight operations at the Delhi airport are facing delays due to a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data.

The state-owned AAI, which provides air traffic control and navigation services,

issue with the AMSS that supports air traffic control flight planning process.

Information available on flight tracking website Flight-radar24.com showed that over 800 flights have been delayed at the airport and the delay for departing flights is around 50 minutes at the Delhi airport. The count of flights include arrivals as well as departures.

According to the sources, there were long queues near boarding gates and hundreds of passengers were waiting inside the airport terminals for flight updates.

Migrants 'X Factor': Kishor on Record Bihar Turnout

Press Trust Of India

Patna: Jan Suraj Party founder Prashant Kishor on Friday claimed that migrants from Bihar, who returned home for Chhath festivities and have



not yet gone back to their places of work, are the “X factor” in the assembly polls.

The former political strategist, whose fledgling party is said to have caught the imagination of “pravasis”, according to various surveys and opinion polls, made the claim a day after the first phase of voting registered a record

64.66 per cent turnout.

“The highest voter turnout since Independence confirms what we have always been saying - there is a very strong yearning for change in Bihar where the people have been caught in a political rut for about 30 years,” said Kishor.

He claimed that the people now had a glimmer of hope with his one-year-old party emerging as an alternative that was viable.

Berating the NDA, which has been in power since 2005, the Jan Suraj Party founder said, “These people had thought that they can win by offering some doles to women. Yes, women turned up in large numbers, but it is the migrants who are the X factor in this election”.

“Having returned home for the festivities, they have stayed back and are encouraging their family members to go out and vote. Their impact is something to watch out for,” he asserted.

NEWS MAKERS

Musk Thanks Tesla for Record \$1 Trillion Pay Package

Trans Asia News

Tesla shareholders have approved a massive pay package for CEO Elon Musk that could make him the world’s first trillionaire if the company meets ambitious growth targets, CNN reported.

At Tesla’s annual shareholder meeting on Thursday, more than 75 per cent of shareholders voted in favour of Musk’s stock-based compensation plan, excluding the 15 per cent stake he already owns. The room erupted in cheers and chants as the results were announced.

“I super appreciate it,” Musk told shareholders after the vote, thanking them and Tesla’s board for their support, as per CNN.

Unlike most CEOs, Musk does not take a salary. His compensation comes entirely through stock options, and this new package could grant him up to 423.7 million Tesla shares over the next decade, a poten-

tial payout worth around USD1 trillion if the company hits a market value of USD 8.5 trillion. That target would require Tesla’s stock price to rise by 466 per cent from its current level, a feat that would make it more valuable than Nvidia, currently the world’s largest company at USD 5 trillion.

If Musk secures all 12 tranches of the stock award, the earnings would equal USD 275 million per day, the largest executive pay deal ever recorded. Tesla’s board had warned shareholders that rejecting the pay plan could prompt Musk to walk away from the company. In a regulatory filing, the board said Musk had raised concerns about continuing as CEO without greater assurances of control that the pay package could grant him.

Despite the approval, Tesla is facing a challenging year. The company’s sales and profits have dropped sharply in 2025 amid slower EV demand and reduced US government incentives for electric vehicles, CNN reported.

British National Escapes Delhi Airport Before Deportation

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi : In a major security breach at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, a British national who arrived from Bangkok allegedly fled the immigration area and escaped into the city, prompting a massive search operation, police said on Friday.

The incident occurred on October 28 when the passenger, identified as Fitz Patrick, a British citizen, arrived in Delhi from Bangkok, they said.

Patrick was scheduled to be deported to the United Kingdom via Thailand, but managed to evade authorities after landing in Delhi. He allegedly escaped from the immigration area and left the airport premises before being for-

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entered the city. Delhi Police and security agencies have launched a search operation and filed an FIR while questioning airline staff,” a senior police officer said.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), responsible for airport security, along with the Bureau of Immigration and Delhi Police, has launched a coordinated effort to locate the fugitive.

Airport CCTV footage is being scanned to determine the sequence of events and identify possible lapses that led to the escape, officials said.

A case has been registered under relevant sections at the local police station, and teams have been deployed to search for possible hideouts and exit points in the National Capital Region (NCR), they said.

70-Year-Old Man Wakes Up Before His Funeral

Press Trust Of India

Indore: A home that plunged into mourning in Madhya Pradesh’s Indore erupted in joy after a 70-year-old man, presumed dead by his family, started breathing again even as preparations were underway for his funeral, a relative said on Friday.

Talking to PTI, Sanjay Vaid said that his father, Makhanlal Vaid, was admitted to a private hospital in the city on November 1 after he suffered a brain haemorrhage.

“My father underwent surgery at the hospital. The operation was successful, but after some time, his condition deteriorated and he was put on life support,” he said.

Saffron Growers Warn of Deepening Crisis as Harvest Falls Short

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir's famous saffron industry is staring at yet another challenging season, with growers reporting that the crop bloomed for barely a few days this year. They said the overall harvest has remained below 10 percent of the normal output.

Farmers said that, unlike earlier years when saffron flowers continued to appear for weeks together, the bloom this time lasted just a few days, leaving fields almost barren soon after.

"This is the worst season we have ever seen," said Abdul Rashid, a grower from Lethpora. "Normally, we used to pick flowers for 15 to 25 days. This year, we were done in hardly three days."

"We have lost hope now. For 10 years, we have been begging



Abid Bhat/KO

authorities for timely action, but nobody took us seriously," Rashid lamented.

Farmers claim that despite repeatedly raising alarms about drying corms, unavailability of irrigation and continuous weather stress, nothing concrete was done on the ground.

"Had the government ensured irrigation infrastructure on time, the sector would not have col-

lapsed like this," said another farmer, Javaid Ahmad, from Pampore. "When the corm stays dry during spring, autumn and even summer, its root decays, and when the root is damaged, how can you expect flowers?"

Growers are now demanding that the government must investigate the much-hyped National Saffron Mission, a centrally funded project worth over Rs

400 crore, which was launched in 2010 to address issues of irrigation, quality corms and scientific cultivation.

"We want to know where this money has gone and what the outcome of this Mission actually is," said a grower, Mohammad Iqbal. "There is nothing visible on the ground. This Mission has completely failed."

Even though the Mission was later extended by two more years, farmers say the promised benefits never materialised and saffron land continues to be converted for other use.

Although the agriculture department data initially showed a steady rise in saffron yield between 2010 and 2014, farmers said the sector never recovered after the 2014 floods. Multiple years of severe dry spells dealt additional blows.

According to KNO, in 2024, production was already at just around 30 percent of the normal crop, and this year, the production is just below 10 per cent, according to growers.

Official data also shows that land under saffron cultivation has shrunk from 5,707 hectares in 1996-97 to 2,387 hectares in 2019-20— a 65% reduction, and production fell from 17.33 MT in 2021 to 14.87 MT in 2022, and marginally improved to 14.94 MT in 2023, but last year's real output was only around 30% of expected production.

Farmers said irrigation availability, providing quality corms and stopping land conversion are urgently needed steps if the sector is to survive. They warned that if immediate measures are not taken, there will be no saffron left here in a few years.

Major Land Compensation Scam Crime Branch Chargesheets 10 In Anantnag

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In its continued drive against corruption and financial fraud, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch Kashmir has filed a comprehensive charge sheet in a major land compensation scam that defrauded the government exchequer in South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

According to official sources, the charge sheet was filed in case FIR No. 12/2015 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, and 120-B of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC), read with Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The document was formally presented before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Anantnag.

The Fraudulent Scheme

Investigations revealed that the case stemmed from the fraudulent disbursement of compensation money meant for land acquisition during the construction of the Verinag-Kokernag road via Batagund. Officials found that compensation was released to fictitious beneficiaries whose land had never been acquired by the government.

According to the EOW, several officials from the Revenue Department, including the then Tehsildar Dooru, Naib Tehsildar Dooru, Girdawar Dooru, and Pathwari Dooru, allegedly colluded with private individuals to orchestrate the fraud. The accused are said to have manipulated official revenue records and fabricated land ownership documents to create false claims for compensation.

"These fictitious entries were deliberately made to facilitate the release of government funds to undeserving and non-existent persons," an EOW spokesperson said, adding that the conspiracy resulted in significant losses to the state treasury while eroding public trust in administrative integrity.

Charges and Evidence

Following an extensive investigation that included the collection of documentary evidence, witness

statements, and forensic scrutiny of land and revenue documents, the EOW concluded that the accused officials and private individuals acted in concert to commit fraud. The evidence reportedly establishes a clear pattern of corruption, forgery, and criminal conspiracy.

The charge sheet has now been submitted to the court for judicial determination, marking a crucial step toward accountability in one of the region's notable economic offences.

EOW's Stand on Accountability

Earlier, in another major breakthrough, the CBK filed a chargesheet against eight individuals, including a local BJP leader and four revenue officials, in connection with a multi-crore land scam in Srinagar.

The chargesheet, submitted before the Court of the Special Judge Anti-Corruption, pertains to the alleged illegal encroachment and manipulation of records for over 52 kanals of land in Ahel Danihama. The investigation, conducted under FIR No. 23/2019, exposed extensive irregularities in land record management, including fraudulent mutation entries and illegal occupation of state land. Those booked included Nadeem Ahmad Mayer, alias Nadeem Qasba, of Iqbal Colony, Shalteng and several former and serving revenue officers who face multiple FIRs in fraudulent land deals.

Reaffirming its zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, the Crime Branch Kashmir emphasised that it remains committed to upholding transparency and ensuring that public officials and private actors engaged in economic offences are brought to justice.

"The Economic Offences Wing will continue to pursue such cases vigorously to safeguard public funds and reinforce trust in governance," the statement read.

This development underscores the growing scrutiny of land compensation and revenue record-keeping in Jammu and Kashmir, areas that have often been susceptible to manipulation and financial irregularities in the past.

Pulwama's 400-Year-Old Mosque to Undergo Restoration

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant development, the centuries-old Mughal-era mosque at Shadimarg in south Kashmir's Pulwama district is all set to undergo restoration work, with the government sanctioning more than 22 lakh rupees for its renovation.

Officials said that the government has cleared funds, and the renovation process will begin in the coming days.

The locals have been consistently demanding preservation of the heritage monument.

The mosque, believed to be over 400 years old, dates back to the Mughal period and is considered one of the oldest surviving architectural structures in the region.

Locals said the monument holds immense cultural, historic, and architectural value, and preserving it is not only necessary

for heritage but also for identity

"This mosque is a living reminder of our glorious past. Its craftsmanship, thick walls and traditional structural style clearly depict the Mughal influence," said Zakir Ahmad, a resident of Shadimarg. "We had been requesting authorities for years to safeguard this structure, and we are happy that finally something concrete is happening."

Another local, Nadeem Ahmad, said the site has the potential to become a heritage tourism spot if restored properly. "The surroundings are beautiful and the mosque itself is a masterpiece. Once restored, it can attract tourists — both domestic and foreign — who are interested in history, culture and architecture," he said.

According to KNO, residents said that over the decades, the mosque had suffered deteriora-

tion due to weather, ageing and lack of maintenance. Cracks had developed in the structure, and parts of the building had started weakening.

They welcomed the sanction of funds and approval of renovation. "This was a long-pending demand of the area. We are thankful that the government has taken note of the issue. The renovation funds approved will help in preventing further damage," said another resident.

Officials said the project will focus on retaining the original architectural essence of the mosque, ensuring that the heritage character is not disturbed.

Locals hope that completion of this renovation will not only save this historic structure but also boost heritage tourism in Pulwama, thus contributing to the socio-economic landscape of the region.

Lavender Plantation Begins Along Banihal-Qazigund NH Stretch

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To enhance aesthetics and promote aroma tourism, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has started lavender plantation along a 16-kilometre stretch of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway between Banihal and Qazigund.

According to KNO, Shubham Yadav, Project Director NHAI said the initiative aims to combine environment-friendly beautification with livelihood generation.

"The primary purpose of introducing lavender cultivation along national highways is to promote environmental beautification and aroma tourism, while also providing benefits to local farmers," he said.

Yadav said that a substantial land stretch has been identified and planted. "A total of 200 ka-



nals of land, as per the MoU with CSIR-IIIM (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine), has been brought under lavender cultivation along the 16.26-km Banihal-Qazigund section," he added.

Highlighting the impact of the project, he said lavender plantations will significantly improve highway aesthetics and boost tourism. "Lavender fields, with their striking purple-blue hues, create a stunning landscape.

Court Convicts Police Sub-Inspector for Forging Date of Birth

The Court of City Judge Srinagar has convicted a Sub-Inspector of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and sentenced him to three years of simple imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 5,000 for forging his date of birth to secure unlawful service benefits, including extension and promotions.

According to official sources, the Crime Branch Kashmir had registered a case in 2023 against Sub-Inspector Jagdesh Singh, son of Kartar Singh, resident of Atina Budgam, for tampering with his date of birth in official records. During the investigation, the officer's matriculation certificate, session 1974 bearing Roll No. 6759, was sent to the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) for verification. BOSE authorities confirmed the certificate to be fake and fabricated and authenticated his actual date of birth as November 10, 1957. However, the accused had fraudulently altered it to November 10, 1959 in his service documents, including the Character Roll and matriculation record, to unlawfully obtain a two-year service extension and related benefits. During the trial, the Crime Branch produced around sixteen witnesses in support of the prosecution. After an eleven-year-long trial, City Judge Srinagar Abdul Bari said, in a detailed 68-page judgment, found the accused guilty under Sections 420, 511, and 468 of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC). The court held that the officer had intentionally deceived the authorities for personal gain by manipulating his official records and, accordingly, sentenced him to three years of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 under Section 420 read with 511 RPC. (KNT)

J&K HC to Hear Detained AAP MLA's Plea on Nov 20

The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has listed a plea filed by detained Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Mehraj Malik for final consideration on November 20, a party spokesperson said after the hearing of the case on Friday.

Malik, who is the AAP's Jammu and Kashmir unit president, was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) on September 8 for allegedly disturbing public order and was subsequently lodged in the Kathua jail. On September 24, Malik filed a habeas corpus petition, challenging his detention and claiming Rs 5 crore as compensation.

"Malik's habeas corpus petition was listed before Justice Rajneesh Oswal of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu on Friday. When the matter was taken up for hearing, his legal team vociferously submitted that a reply has not been filed by the government till date and due to the lackadaisical approach, an incumbent MLA is still behind bars and the people of his constituency are suffering," AAP spokesperson Appu Singh Slathia said.

Slathia, who is part of Malik's legal team that also includes senior advocate Rahul Pant, advocates S S Ahmed, M Tariq Mughal and M Zulkarnain Chowdhary, said Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli and senior counsel Sunil Sethi, appearing for the government, submitted that they filed their replies on Thursday but due to a defect in the affidavit, the same is not on record.

In the open court, the respondent's counsel served the copies of the reply to the counsel of the petitioner, Slathia said. She said the court has directed the registry to place on record the replies filed by the government and asked the government counsel to make the record available on the next date of hearing.

"The matter is kept for final consideration on November 20," the AAP leader said. (Press Trust Of India)

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR ARWANI

Subject:-Application of Rafia Mushtaq D/O Late Mushtaq Ahmad Lone R/o Semthan Tehsil Bijbehara for issuance of Legal Heir Certificate of deceased Mushtaq Ahmad Lone

Public Notice

That the applicant is in need of legal heir certificate with respect to his deceased Father namely Mushtaq Ahmad Lone who died on 17/05/1993 Kidnapped and Killed By Unknown Gunmen .The Father of the applicant died on the said date .And the certificate is currently under process in the said office.

S.No	Name of the Legal Heir	Relation with deceased	Occupation	Age	Marital Status
1	Rafia Mushtaq	Daughter	House Wife	32	Married

Besides, the above mentioned legal heirs. There is no any other legal heir of the deceased. Any one having any objection in this regard may report the concerned authorities within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the said date no objection will be entertained in this concerned office.

NAIB TEHSILDAR ARWANI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (MECHANICAL), PW(R&B), CENTRAL KASHMIR ENGINEERING COMPLEX (PMGSY BUILDING), RAJBAGH SRINAGAR KASHMIR-190008

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of lifts at Transit accommodation at Kakan Maran

Reference:- eNIT.No:- R&B/MDCK/NIT/16 of 2025-26. Dt:- 29/10/2025
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Bla Admin Orders CCTV Surveillance at Drug Hotspots

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, Friday ordered strict surveillance and tough action against drug offenders during the 22nd NCORD meeting held at Dak Bunglow Baramulla.

According to KNO, DC Baramulla, directed departments to install CCTV cameras at all identified hotspots. He told the Education Department to monitor CCTV systems in schools and colleges to stop illegal activity.

He also instructed the ARTO to suspend driving licences of anyone found involved in drug peddling or consumption under the law.

Officials from Police, Health, Education, Excise, Social Welfare and other departments shared data on ongoing action. They agreed to tighten coordination to check trafficking and abuse in the district.

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KO VIEW

Kashmir's
Organic Alarm

On November 7, a Kashmiri startup owner spoke at an EDI program and shared a warning that lingered long after the session ended. He described how a shipment of Mushkaboodrich rice bound for the Middle East was rejected because it contained dangerously high levels of pesticides.

The news unsettled farmers, entrepreneurs, and fellow startup owners. Beyond a trade issue, it revealed a deeper crisis taking hold across the valley.

For years, chemical fertilizers and pesticides have been part of daily farming in Kashmir. They promised bigger harvests and wider markets. Now, those same chemicals are turning against the farmers.

Some western buyers have flagged concerns about Kashmir crops. They warn that high chemical levels could harm the reputation of the valley's famous fields and threaten future exports.

The risk goes beyond trade. Hospitals in South Kashmir report a rise in patients with serious illnesses. Doctors at SKIMS and SMHS hospitals in Srinagar point to exposure to agricultural chemicals as a possible factor. What once felt like a distant threat has become a local alarm.

Rejected shipments, sick patients, and farmers' complaints all point in the same direction: the valley cannot ignore the cost of chemical-heavy farming.

Kashmir's soil and crops carry a legacy. From saffron and apples to walnuts and Mushkaboodrich rice, agriculture here has cultural and historical significance. The irony is striking. The methods used to increase yields now threaten health, soil, and the very future of these crops.

If nothing changes, Kashmir risks losing its markets and the fertile foundation that sustained its farming for generations.

The EDI meet was a reminder that Kashmir's next revolution must be organic. Farmers need training and incentives to adopt sustainable practices. Policymakers must support shifts that protect health, soil, and exports. Entrepreneurs and startups can promote organic certification, eco-friendly technology, and new markets for chemical-free produce.

Organic farming is no longer a choice. It is a necessity. Kashmir's future depends on the soil, clean crops, and the health of its people. The time to act is now.

Kashmir's High-Stakes
Crypto Craze

As cryptocurrencies capture the imagination of Kashmir's young investors, the lessons of risk, regulation, and restraint are being learned the hard way.

Irshad Mushtaq

In a small internet café in Srinagar, two friends discuss "the next big coin." One of them shows an app on his phone, with graph rising in steep green lines.

"It's going to explode soon," he says with conviction.

This is a familiar scene in Kashmir these days. The youth, fluent in digital language and eager for opportunity, have found in cryptocurrency an alluring promise of fast wealth.

But, as with most speculative booms, the excitement often outpaces understanding.

The crypto fever sweeping Kashmir reflects a broader pattern of high-risk investing emerging across smaller Indian towns, where aspiration meets limited financial literacy.

The result is an ecosystem of misplaced trust, overconfidence, and, increasingly, loss.

In theory, cryptocurrency offers the thrill of autonomy: no intermediaries, no banks, and endless upside. But in practice, it remains an unpredictable, often manipulated market.

Data from CoinMarketCap shows that over 20,000 digital coins exist globally, but more than 95 percent of trading volume is concentrated in fewer than 50 established cryptocurrencies.

The attraction has shifted from these global giants like Bitcoin and Ethereum to lesser-known "low-volume" tokens circulating through social media and messaging apps in Kashmir. They promise extraordinary returns, often backed by slick marketing and fabricated success stories.

The risk is simple: in such low-volume markets, even a few large trades can distort prices. A handful of insiders can engineer temporary spikes to lure new buyers, then exit, leaving others stranded with coins that no longer move.

For investors in the valley, where every rupee of savings is hard-earned, this can mean total loss. Once these coins collapse, there is no regulator, no recovery mechanism, and often, no trace of the people behind them.

The social and economic landscape of Kashmir makes it particularly vulnerable to speculative trends. The region's unemployment rate remains among the highest in India, especially among youth. In such a setting, the idea of doubling one's savings through a mobile app becomes irresistible.

Crypto influencers exploit this desperation skillfully. Telegram channels and WhatsApp groups push "investment alerts," often mixing religious or local language appeals with financial jargon. Some promote referral-based systems that resemble pyramid structures. Early investors are paid from the deposits of newcomers until the system collapses.

Several Kashmiris who invested in these schemes over the past two years report losing entire savings when the promoters disappeared overnight.

India's regulatory position on cryptocurrency



The valley's crypto story is still being written. Whether it becomes one of empowerment or exploitation depends on how quickly investors learn to treat digital money with the same caution they would apply to the real kind: earned, saved, and safeguarded over years.

remains ambiguous. The Reserve Bank of India has repeatedly warned that digital currencies are neither legal tender nor backed by any authority. Yet trading continues, facilitated by offshore exchanges and mobile applications that operate beyond domestic jurisdiction.

Tax policy, however, is clear. Any gain from crypto transactions is taxed at a flat rate of 30 percent, with no deductions for losses. For small investors in Kashmir, this makes the arithmetic especially harsh: a modest gain after high transaction costs and taxes often yields negligible real profit.

Moreover, India's new money-laundering guidelines require exchanges to maintain records of user identities and transactions, creating additional compliance uncertainty.

Such legal ambiguity heightens risk. A sudden regulatory shift, say, a ban on certain exchanges or a tax tightening, can wipe out local holdings overnight. For investors who barely understand these frameworks, the exposure is total.

Globally, cryptocurrency markets have endured cycles of euphoria and collapse. The 2022 crash erased over two trillion dollars in market value worldwide, forcing regulators to confront the social cost of unchecked speculation. For investors in mature economies, the loss was painful but educational. In regions like Kashmir, where financial safety nets are weaker, such losses can push entire families into debt.

Experts advise following a disciplined "portfo-

lio approach": allocating no more than 5 to 10 percent of total savings to high-risk assets like crypto. In developed markets, this portion is considered "risk capital", money one can afford to lose.

The concept remains largely unknown in the valley. Many small investors pour their entire savings into one or two tokens, often encouraged by friends or social media groups rather than professional advisors.

Financial literacy programs remain scarce in the valley, and awareness around digital investing is even thinner. Educational initiatives, whether from local universities, NGOs, or banks, could bridge this gap by teaching basic investment principles: diversification, due diligence, and the understanding of taxation and regulation.

For those already investing, the advice is simple but powerful: diversify your portfolio, verify every platform, and avoid coins with low trading volume or vague backstories. Transparency should always outweigh hype.

The valley's crypto story is still being written. Whether it becomes one of empowerment or exploitation depends on how quickly investors learn to treat digital money with the same caution they would apply to the real kind: earned, saved, and safeguarded over years.

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On an autumn morning in Srinagar, a government eBus hums past Lal Chowk. Its bright frame gleams in the sunlight. Women board, smiling at the promise of free travel. The gesture feels progressive. It signals mobility, inclusion, and care. It is meant to empower.

The reality is harsher. Running a bus costs money. Fuel, electricity, driver wages, battery maintenance, insurance, and repairs do not disappear when fares are waived. Over time, revenue gaps turn into operational losses.

The JKSRTC and eBus fleets, once hailed as modern assets, struggle to pay salaries, cover maintenance, and keep buses running. A service intended to support citizens now risks becoming a burden on the system itself.

Private transport suffers in parallel. Mini-buses, shared cabs, and taxis that once relied on women passengers see their ridership shrink. Revenues drop. Drivers, conductors, mechanics, and roadside vendors face layoffs and idled vehicles. Fuel stations, local eateries, and repair shops feel the pinch. The policy's impact spreads across Srinagar and smaller towns alike, silently straining

A Ride Too Far

A policy meant to empower women is straining public and private transport, threatening livelihoods, and failing the people who need it most.

Aamir Basharat Qureshi

the local economy.

The policy does not target the people who need it most. Many women using free transport are salaried professionals who can afford their commute. Students and rural commuters remain underserved. Buses are overcrowded, routes are irregular, and struggle to reach colleges or schools each day.

Solutions exist that balance generosity with sustainability. A smart pass system could give students subsidized or free travel during academic months, verified by their schools. Digital fare collection could reduce losses,

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seats are scarce. A blanket free-travel policy fails to reach the students who track ridership, and allow authorities to plan routes and schedules efficiently.

Time-bound concessions could prioritize school and college hours. Rechargeable monthly or quarterly passes could offer discounts without collapsing the revenue model.

Integrating private transport into a hybrid public-private system could ensure both sectors thrive. Coordination could expand access, maintain livelihoods, and prevent a single policy from destabilizing the entire transport network.

Generosity cannot replace planning. When revenue disappears, maintenance falters. When private operators leave, commuters have fewer options. When buses degrade, the promise of mobility erodes.

Free travel sounds compassionate, but unchecked, it can undermine the very service it is meant to support.

Jammu and Kashmir's transport policy must move beyond symbolism. Targeted benefits, digital tools, and practical reforms can transform goodwill into lasting access. Empowerment should mean reliable, sustainable transport for those who truly need it.

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A Mind Under the Mountain

Students across Kashmir carry a weight far heavier than books. Daily demands from parents, schools, and society are reshaping childhood, identity, and mental health.

Sahil Bilal

Every morning in Kashmir, students step out with backpacks filled with books and lunch boxes. But the heaviest thing they carry rests silently on their hearts.

It is the weight of expectation.

Parents, teachers, and society measure worth by grades, college admissions, and career choices. Childhood becomes a performance. Dreams get borrowed, joy is delayed, and identity takes a backseat.

Parents add the first layer of pressure. They love fiercely, but fear shapes every decision. They see the world as a battlefield, where only the top succeed.

Rising education costs, unstable finances, and a competitive job market amplify that fear. Parents schedule every hour: tutoring, music lessons, coding classes, and sports.

Free time disappears. Career paths narrow to medicine, engineering, law, or finance. Interests in arts, history, or theater become hobbies, dismissed as irrelevant.

Projection adds a heavier weight. Parents pass on their unfulfilled dreams. Children must succeed to redeem their parents' lost opportunities. Failure becomes betrayal.

This invisible chain tightens further in a place like Kashmir, where opportunities remain limited and competition intense.

Society piles on more pressure. Social media broadcasts success in endless highlight reels. Friends join top universities, launch startups, or land prestigious internships abroad. Students compare themselves constantly, chasing the illusion of meritocracy.

Hard work alone rarely guarantees success.

Privilege, luck, and inequality play large roles. Every setback feels personal.

Kashmiri students face unprecedented mental health struggles. Sleep-deprived and overworked, they burn out before adulthood. Anxiety and depression spread. Some turn to self-harm or contemplate suicide.

Students wear performance masks, like high grades, leadership roles, volunteering, while their authentic selves fade.

Learning loses its purpose. Curiosity gives way to calculation. Passion yields to strategy. Pressure rarely creates diamonds. It fractures potential.

Change requires courage from parents, educators, and society. Parents must separate love from achievement. They can celebrate curiosity, effort, and personal growth over grades. They can confront their own fears instead of passing them to children. Sleep, unstructured play, and emotional well-being must become priorities.

Schools and colleges can reduce reliance on high-stakes tests, teach emotional literacy, and normalize failure as part of growth. Universities can embrace holistic admissions that value creativity, character, and passion over credentials alone.

Society can expand its definition of success. Skilled trades, creative work, social service, and unconventional careers deserve respect alongside medicine, law, and finance.

The invisible backpack weighs heavily, but students can set it down. Adults must recognize its weight, release their grip, and give children space to walk their own paths.

Childhood is a right. And Kashmir's future depends on it.

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A Kashmiri Architect's Journey From Darkness to Design

After years of struggle, a Kashmiri woman turned her pain into purpose and became a voice for mental health awareness.

Gowher Bhat

In the soft morning light of Larnoo, a small village near Kokernag, Hina Khan believed life was exactly as she had planned it.

The architect's home rang with her son's laughter, her sketchbooks filled with clean lines and balance. At work, her designs earned praise. Her husband spoke proudly of her strength.

In those days, she felt steady, certain, surrounded by the small, familiar joys that make a life feel complete.

Then, one rain-soaked morning, a phone call changed everything.

Her younger brother had died in a road accident near Anantnag. The sky that day, she says, "looked tired, like it already knew."

Grief came in waves she didn't know how to swim through.

For weeks she stayed composed for her parents, family, and everyone who looked to her for strength. Then, when the condolences stopped and the house turned still, she began to break from within.

"I stopped recognizing myself," she recalls. "I couldn't feel joy or sadness. I felt erased."



WHEN ASKED WHAT KEPT HER MOVING THROUGH THOSE YEARS OF DARKNESS, SHE PAUSES. "Love," she finally says. "My mother's hand on my forehead. My husband's patience. My son's smile. And kindness from people who didn't even know me."



The days slipped by without shape. She avoided people. Work felt impossible. Small things, like bathing, cooking, and even combing her hair, became unbearable.

When friends told her to pray or rest, she wanted to scream but couldn't find her voice. At night she lay awake, her thoughts circling the same dark corners.

"Depression tells you that you're a burden," she says. "And the worst part is, you start to believe it."

It was her mother who saw through the fog.

One evening she arrived from the nearby village, sat beside Hina for a long while, and said softly, "My child, this is illness. Let's go see a doctor."

That moment, Hina says, was her first step toward the light.

"It wasn't what she said," she recounts, "it was how she said it. She didn't blame me. She loved me through it."

A week later, Hina and her husband visited

a psychiatrist in Srinagar. The doctor listened, nodded, and told her, "You are unwell, not weak. And you can heal."

Those words shifted something inside her. "For the first time, I felt hope," she says.

Treatment began slowly. The medicines dulled the sharp edges of despair, and therapy gave her a way to speak her pain aloud.

"My therapist told me, 'You can't heal from what you refuse to face.' That sentence stayed with me," she says.

Healing, though, wasn't a straight line. Some days she felt like herself again. On others, she fell back into darkness.

On those mornings, her husband would bring her tea and say, "Just one sip, Hina." Her son would crawl into her bed, touch her face, and whisper, "Mama, smile."

Those small gestures became her anchors. Soon she started walking again, first around the courtyard, then through the meadows near Larnoo.

"I noticed the smell of pine, the shimmer

of sunlight on wet grass," she says. "It felt like breathing after being underwater."

She returned to her sketchbook. The lines she drew began to open up: more windows, bridges, and air. "Every drawing became a way to talk to myself again," she says. "It was as if my art was pulling me back to life."

Months later, when her strength returned, she went back to work in Srinagar. Her designs grew lighter, her voice steadier. But she carried within her a sense of duty: to speak about what she had endured.

"People think depression only happens to others," she says. "I wanted them to know it can happen to anyone."

She joined a small mental health awareness group in Anantnag. The first time she spoke publicly, her hands trembled. She told the audience about the sleepless nights, the emptiness, and the fear.

When she finished, a woman came up to her with tears in her eyes and said, "I thought I was the only one."

That single sentence, Hina says, made all the pain worth it.

Today, she receives messages from people seeking help. Among them are young women, students, and even elders.

She listens, shares her story, and gently urges them to seek treatment. "I tell them, if you can talk about fever or pain, you can talk about sadness too," she says.

Her husband tells her she has changed. "You used to build homes," he once said. "Now you build hope."

Hina smiles when she recalls it. "Maybe pain makes us see life differently," she says. "It breaks us, but it also deepens us."

In her new projects, she designs with light in mind: open courtyards, broad windows, and places where air moves freely. "I want people to feel warmth in their walls," she says. "Light heals."

Every morning, she walks to the edge of her village. The hills rise like slow-breathing giants, and the mist curls through the pine trees. Children pass by, laughing on their way



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to school.

"That sound," she says, "means life is still happening."

There are days when old sadness returns, uninvited. When that happens, she sits by the window, breathes, and reminds herself, "I've come too far to go back."

When asked what kept her moving through those years of darkness, she pauses. "Love," she finally says. "My mother's hand on my forehead. My husband's patience. My son's smile. And kindness from people who didn't even know me."

Perhaps that's why her sketches now carry feeling, softness, and life.

When the wind moves through the pine trees, she listens. It reminds her that even after long winters, something always begins again.

Healing, she says, is about learning to live with hurt and still finding beauty around you. And in that understanding, Hina has found her peace.

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Fit at Forty

Many Kashmiris in their forties are embracing movement as a way to stay strong and focused. Science shows that starting to exercise now can add strength, clarity, and years to life.

Dr. Musawir Mohsin Parsa

Turning forty once meant slowing down. That age often came with the weight of responsibility: long work hours, family duties, and less time for oneself. But today, that story is changing.

Morning walkers fill Srinagar parks. Groups of cyclists ride through the Boulevard road at dawn. Meditation mats roll out in homes. A new generation of Kashmiris is proving that midlife can be a time to move, rather than rest.

Science supports this shift. After our thirties, the body begins to lose muscle mass at a rate of about 3–8% per decade. Bone density declines, metabolism slows, and joint flexibility drops.

The result is predictable: stiffness, fatigue, and lifestyle diseases that often surface in the forties. But these changes are not irreversible. Regular physical activity can reverse much of the decline and restore vitality.

A large study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that adults who began exercising in their forties enjoyed nearly the same reduction in mortality risk as lifelong exercisers. Another by the U.S. National Institutes of Health showed that even late starters could add several healthy years to their lives.

The message is simple: it's never too late to begin.

That message has started to resonate in the valley. Local gyms and fitness studios now see more participants in their forties than ever before. Parks are alive with joggers, while brisk walking has become a social activity for many.

For some, the motivation comes from health scares, like a high blood pressure report, and a warning from the doctor. For oth-



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ers, it's a desire to stay active for their children and careers.

Cardiologist Dr. R. Mehra calls exercise "the safest medicine you can take every day." Regular activity improves heart function, reduces stress, balances hormones, and keeps blood sugar and cholesterol under control.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that adults who meet the minimum weekly activity guidelines, about 150 minutes of moderate exercise, have a 33% lower risk of early death compared to inactive individuals.

Experts suggest four essentials for midlife fitness: cardio, strength, flexibility, and recovery.

Brisk walking, swimming, or cycling strengthen the heart and lungs. Strength training with resistance bands or light weights helps preserve muscle and bone density. Yoga, stretching, and balance exercises improve mobility and reduce the risk of falls. Recovery, through proper sleep, rest, and nutrition, gives the body time to rebuild.

In India, lifestyle diseases

have become a national concern. The ICMR reports that one in three Indians above forty has hypertension, and one in ten has diabetes.

These numbers are rising in Kashmir too. But there's hope in the growing awareness. People are realizing that health can't depend only on medicines or medical check-ups. It begins with movement, even a short walk or climb up the stairs counts.

Getting started, however, requires patience. Begin with low-impact exercises like walking or yoga and increase intensity gradually. Warm-up and cool-down sessions help prevent injury. Those with chronic conditions should always seek medical advice before starting a program. Many aches that people associate with aging actually come from inactivity.

Exercise also uplifts the mind. It increases blood flow to the brain, boosts mood, and improves memory.

A 2023 Harvard study showed that people who exercised regularly after forty performed better on memory and focus tests and had a lower risk of dementia.

At forty, fitness isn't about turning back the clock. It's about getting ready for the years ahead with strength and ease. Every walk, stretch, or push-up becomes a small promise to yourself, for better health, more confidence, and a little more joy in everyday life.

A researcher once said, "If exercise were a pill, it would be the most prescribed medicine in the world."

That medicine is finally finding its way into Kashmir's routines.

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The Decline of Decency

Between smartphones, school ranks, and shifting norms, Kashmir's moral compass drifts. A teacher retraces the road that led here.

Mushtaq Hurra

There was a time when the word *adab* carried weight in our homes. It meant grace, restraint, and warmth woven together.

A child who bowed before an elder, and a student who lowered his gaze before a teacher were lessons in humility.

Today, I look around and see the scaffolding of that old world collapsing. The moral castles our elders built with patience and prayer are giving way to noise. Gratitude is rare, modesty feels dated, and affection has turned into performance.

A teacher's words no longer echo in a student's heart. They float away like dust. What caused this slow unraveling? Where did the thread snap?

Every thoughtful person asks the same questions, but few pause long enough to listen for the answers.

The change did not happen overnight. It crept in silently, in small ways, through the screens we gifted our children, the silence we maintained when they spoke without respect, and the way we began to measure success by income rather than integrity.

A few weeks ago, a video made the rounds: students hugging their teachers in public celebration. To some, it was a harmless act of affection. To others, it was a sign of something deeper: the fading of our sense of haya, of respectful distance.

Such gestures strike differently in Kashmir, where even fathers hesitate to embrace their teenage daughters in public.

I do not wish to shame those young students. Their intention might have been pure. But their act reflects something missing in their moral education.

If they had been taught the meaning of mahram and ghair mahram, of boundaries drawn by respect, they might have understood the weight of that moment.

The real failure lies with parents,



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teachers, and elders, who taught them how to build a career, but not how to build a conscience.

We have turned education into a ladder for livelihood instead of a lamp for the soul. Our forefathers sent their children to learn wisdom, humility, and truth. We send ours to secure salaries and titles. They dreamt of character. We dream of comfort.

Modern education has multiplied our schools and degrees, but divided our sense of self. We have engineers without empathy, doctors without patience, and teachers who chase applause more than understanding.

We have outshone our ancestors in knowledge, but fallen behind in

virtue.

There was a time when a teacher's word could calm a restless child. When parents measured learning not by ranks but by behaviour.

In those days, fewer people could read, but everyone seemed to know the grammar of life.

Perhaps the problem is not in education itself, but in what we expect from it.

We see it as a shield against poverty, not as a cure for arrogance. We study science to master nature, not to understand our place within it.

The soul of education has become a casualty of its success.

We need to return to the idea of learning as character-building. Let science and scripture, reason and ethics, grow together like twin roots of the same tree. Let our classrooms become places where children learn to say thank you before they learn to say therefore.

We speak often about revival in Kashmir, but revival must begin with something simpler: a return to decency. The elixir of old learning once promised to make us better human beings. It is time to rediscover that potion, before we forget how to bow our heads, or raise our hearts.

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Deaths Due To Kidney Problems Highest Following Tropical Cyclones: Study

Press Trust Of India

An analysis of deaths in the wake of tropical cyclones in nine countries has found that the highest increase of 92 per cent was seen in deaths due to kidney diseases, followed by 21 per cent in deaths due to physical injuries.

A tropical cyclone is an extreme weather event originating in oceans in the tropics, bringing violent winds, torrential rains and in some cases, destructive coastal flooding.

Deaths due to diabetes were seen to increase by 15 per cent, and those due to neuropsychiatric disorders and infectious diseases by 12 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively, according to findings published in The British Medical Journal.

Researchers led by those at Monash University looked at 14.8 million deaths linked to 217 tropical cyclones during 2000-2019 across 1,356 communities in nine countries including Australia, Brazil, the Philippines and Thailand.

"Mortality risks from various causes consistently increased after tropical cyclones, with peaks occurring within the first two weeks after the cyclone," the authors wrote.

"During the first two weeks after a tropical cyclone, the highest increases were seen in mortality from renal diseases and injuries, with (an increase of 92 per cent and 21 per cent), respectively, for each additional tropical cyclone day," they said.

Communities with higher levels of deprivation and seeing fewer tropical cyclones historically were found to be at a sub-

stantially higher risk of death due to renal, infectious and digestive diseases.

The researchers attributed the spike in deaths to disrupted healthcare services, a limited access to medicines and an increased physical and psychological stress among residents.

Deaths due to tropical cyclones could be more strongly linked with rainfall than wind speed, possibly due to flooding and water contamination, suggesting that rainfall in early warning systems should be given a greater emphasis, they said.

However, evidence regarding how tropical cyclones impact public health is lacking, especially in regions that have historically seen fewer tropical cyclones and may have a low resilience to the extreme weather events, the team said.

The study provides "com-

PELLING and quantitative evidence for the notably elevated mortality risks from various causes following tropical cyclones at a multi-country level." More evidence on how tropical cyclones can worsen public health problems needs to be urgently integrated into disaster response measures under a continued warming of the planet, the authors said.

They added that the highest risk to health does not stem from immediate trauma but from disrupted healthcare systems, contaminated environment and prolonged stress.

Insights from studies need to be translated into framing policies to protect the most vulnerable and build a resilience against direct and indirect impacts on health due to devastating extreme weather events, the team said.

Capacity Building Workshop on Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) for District Education Officers and DIET Members on 06th & 07th November 2025

The Department of School Education and Literacy, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) & Ministry of Education Innovation Cell (MIC) organized a Two-day "Capacity Building Workshop on Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE)" for District Education Officers and DIET Members.

The objective of this workshop was to enhance the skills of district-level officials in the areas of innovation, creativity, design thinking, and entrepreneurship, in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

This bootcamp was organized in collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation, renowned for its support of entrepreneurship education.

The Phase-2 of Capacity Building Workshop on IDE was scheduled on 06th & 07th November 2025 at Kashmir College of Engineering and Technology (KCET).

Prof. Sitharam T.G., Chairman, AICTE, Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, and Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE, jointly inaugurated the Capacity Building Workshop on Innovation, Design and Entrepreneur-



ship (IDE)" for District Education Officers and DIET Members at 25 States and 2 UTs on 30th October 2025.

State Level Inauguration at HEI name was inaugurated by the Dignitaries name and department along with senior officials from the HEIs and over 60+ District Education Officers and DIET Members participated.

The event included a series of group activities, immersive working sessions, and engaging workshops, all tailored to

ignite creativity and problem-solving skills. With an emphasis on fostering collaboration and interactive learning, participants explored the "why," "what," and "how" of innovation. Throughout the program, attendees gained valuable insights into the significance of innovation in education, uncovered practical strategies for driving change, and harnessed the power of entrepreneurial thinking.



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Auto Retail Sales Peak at 52 Lakh Units in Festive Season: FADA

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NEW DELHI- Automobile retail sales across the domestic market witnessed a 21 per cent year-on-year increase in the 42-day festive season led by record registrations of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers aided by GST rejig enabled drop in prices across segments, dealer body FADA said on Friday.

Overall retail sales rose to 52,38,401 units in the festive period this year as compared with 43,25,632 units in the same period last year, registering an increase of 21 per cent.

"The 42-day festive period of 2025 stands as a defining milestone for India's auto retail, delivering the highest-ever sales and growth across categories," Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President C S Vigneshwar said in a statement.

Passenger vehicle registrations rose to 7,66,918 units during the period as against 6,21,539 units in the same period last year, logging an increase of 23 per cent.

"The GST 2.0 vision of empowering affordability and boosting middle-class consumption found real reflection on dealership floors. Compact and sub-4-metre cars saw strong resurgence as reduced tax rates expanded the buying base. Dealers also noted that retail momentum exceeded sup-

ply in several models," Vigneshwar stated.

Two-wheeler retails rose to 22 per cent to 40,52,503 units as compared with 33,27,198 units in 2024.

The segment was powered by improved rural sentiment, better liquidity, and the affordability impact of GST rationalisation, Vigneshwar stated.

Dealers described it as the best festive season in recent memory, with strong traction in commuter bikes and scooters, alongside rising EV interest, he added.

Similarly, three-wheeler and commercial vehicle registrations rose 9 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively during the 42-day period.

"This season's success has reaffirmed that the GST 2.0 reform is not just a tax simplification, but a catalyst for consumer-led growth and national prosperity. It has lowered ownership costs, energised Bharat's economy, and rekindled aspiration in every segment of society," Vigneshwar stated.

For the month of October, automobile retail sales rose 41 per cent year-on-year to 40,23,923 units, driven by all-time high monthly sales of both passenger vehicles and two-wheelers.

Passenger vehicle registrations rose to 5,57,373 units last month, up 11 per cent against 5,00,578 units sold in October 2024.

HAL Seals Mega Deal With GE Aerospace For Procurement Of 113 Jet Engines



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) on Friday sealed a major deal with American defence major GE Aerospace to procure 113 jet engines for its Tejas light combat aircraft programme.

The firming up of the deal came notwithstanding a downturn in India-US relations after the Trump administration slapped a 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods.

Under the deal, the delivery of the F404-GE-IN20 engines will begin from 2027 and the supplies will have to be completed by 2032, officials said.

The size of the deal is learnt

to be close to USD 1 billion (approximately Rs 8,870 crore)

The HAL said it has entered into an agreement with General Electric Company to acquire the engines and support package for execution of 97 Light Combat Aircraft Mk1A programme.

The defence ministry in September sealed a Rs 62,370 crore deal with the HAL to procure 97 Tejas MK-1A light combat aircraft for the Indian Air Force.

Tejas is a single-engine multi-role fighter aircraft capable of operating in high-threat air environments.

It has been designed to undertake the air defence,

maritime reconnaissance and strike roles.

The HAL is also using GE F404-IN20 engines to power another lot of LCA Mk1A jets.

In February 2021, the defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with HAL for the procurement of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets for the IAF.

The delivery of the jets are facing delays primarily due to GE Aerospace missing several deadlines for supply of its aero engines to power the jets.

The IAF is looking at inducting the warplanes as the number of its fighter squadrons have gone down to 31 from officially sanctioned strength of 42.

India, New Zealand End Fourth FTA Talks; Target Early Agreement

Press Trust Of India

ROTORUA- India and New Zealand on Friday concluded the fourth round of negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement and have agreed to work towards its early conclusion.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was here to review the progress of these negotiations with his New Zealand counterpart Todd McClay.

The fourth round of India-New Zealand FTA negotiations was focused on goods market access, services, economic and technical cooperation, and investment opportunities, Goyal said in a social media post.

"We look forward to working towards the early conclusion of a balanced, comprehensive and mutually beneficial agreement, in line with the growing strategic and economic convergence between India and New Zealand," he said.

During this three-day visit, Goyal also held meetings with business leaders to discuss ways to boost trade and investments.

The minister, on November 6, stated that talks are progressing fast and expressed hope that the free trade agreement will be finalised soon.

The FTA negotiations were formally launched on March



16, 2025.

Meanwhile, the Indian minister held meetings with several New Zealand business leaders, including Carmen Vicalich, CEO of Valocity; Ranjay Sikka, CEO of Slumberzone; and Nathan Guy, Chairman of the Meat Industry Association.

The interactions reflected the growing interest in expanding cooperation with India across diverse sectors, such as agriculture, tourism, technology, education, sports, gaming, and drone technology.

Given India's significant advancements in the space sector, including its recent lunar missions, space collaboration was identified as a promising area for future engagement, the commerce ministry said.

India's bilateral merchandise trade with New Zealand stood at USD 1.3 billion in 2024-25, registering a growth of nearly 49 per cent over the previous year.

New Zealand's average import tariff is just 2.3 per cent.

In a free trade agreement,

two countries either significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. They also ease norms to promote trade in goods and services.

India and New Zealand began negotiating the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in April 2010 to boost trade in goods, services, and investment.

After nine rounds of discussions, however, the talks stalled in 2015.

India's key goods exports to New Zealand include clothing, fabrics, and home textiles; medicines and medical supplies; refined petrol; agricultural equipment and machinery such as tractors and irrigation tools, auto, iron and steel, paper products, electronics, shrimps, diamonds, and basmati rice.

The main imports are agricultural goods, minerals, apples, kiwifruit, meat products, such as lamb, mutton, milk albumin, lactose syrup, coking coal, logs and sawn timber, wool, and scrap metals.

Meanwhile, the Commerce and Industry Minister will visit Australia tomorrow.

The visit is important as negotiations are underway between the countries for the second tranche of the India-Australia free trade agreement.



JKEDI Starts Two-Day Mentorship Program Under 'J&K Startup Idea Challenge'

Observer News Seervice

SRINAGAR- A two-day mentorship program under the 'J&K Startup Idea Challenge' commenced Friday at the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) main campus in Pampore.

The programme is being conducted in collaboration with T-Hub, Hyderabad, one of India's leading innovation and startup incubators.

The initiative is part of a large-scale entrepreneurship development effort launched under the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, which seeks to identify, nurture, and empower young innovators from across the Union Territory.

The J&K Startup Idea Challenge received an overwhelming response, with participation of more than 5,000 students and aspiring entrepreneurs from various educational institutions across J&K. These participants have submitted more than 1200 innovative ideas, out of which 225 promising ideas have been shortlisted for structured mentorship and capacity building, following a rigorous multi-stage evaluation.

The ongoing mentorship sessions, aim to equip participants with practical insights into entrepreneurship, innovation strategies, business model development, and market validation.

The sessions will also provide a framework for evaluating and selecting the best ideas from among the shortlisted participants for further incubation and support.

The mentorship phase represents a crucial stage in transforming innovative concepts into viable and scalable business ventures. Similar mentorship sessions are scheduled to be held at JKEDI Bari Brahmana, Jammu, on 10th and 11th November 2025.

After completion of the mentorship and pitch training sessions at JKEDI's campuses in Pampore and Bari Brahmana, the shortlisted participants will compete in a Grand Finale, where they will be presented before a distinguished jury of industry experts, investors, and policymakers. Winners will receive prizes, incentives, and incubation support at the JKEDI and its partner incubators across the Union Territory.

Markets Fall For 3rd Straight Day On FII Outflows, Global Weakness

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Falling for the third straight day, benchmark index Sensex declined by nearly 95 points while Nifty slipped below 25,500 on Friday as relentless foreign fund outflows and weak trends in global markets hit investors' sentiment.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 94.73 points, or 0.11 per cent, to settle at 83,216.28. During the day, it tanked 640.06 points, or 0.76 per cent, to 82,670.95.

The 50-share NSE Nifty dipped 17.40 points, or 0.07 per cent, to 25,492.30.

Among Sensex firms, Bharti Airtel tumbled 4.46 per cent after Singtel said it has sold about 0.8 per cent stake in the firm for Rs 10,353 crore (SGD 1.5 billion).

Tech Mahindra, Trent, Reliance Industries, HCL Tech, Hindustan Unilever, and ITC were also among the laggards.

However, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Bajaj Finserv were among the gainers.

"Domestic equities rebounded from early losses as buying emerged at key support levels, though it may be premature to call this a trend reversal amid mixed earnings, cautious global cues, and persistent FII outflows.

"Going forward, markets will closely monitor US shutdown and tariff-related developments with US-India and US-China deals to assess the durability of the current momentum," Vinod Nair, Head of



Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

The BSE midcap gauge went up by 0.25 per cent, while smallcap ended marginally lower by 0.01 per cent.

Teck dropped 1.46 per cent, followed by telecommunication (1.19 per cent), power (0.52 per cent), BSE Focused IT (0.50 per cent), IT (0.39 per cent) and services (0.37 per cent).

However, metal jumped 1.41 per cent, financial services (0.74 per cent), commodities 0.65 per cent, auto (0.55 per cent) and bankex (0.31 per cent).

In a holiday-shortened week, the BSE benchmark tanked 722.43 points or 0.86 per cent, and the Nifty declined 229.8 points or 0.89 per cent.

A total of 2,105 stocks declined while 2,069 advanced and 141 remained unchanged on the BSE.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite Index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index settled lower.

Markets in Europe were trading lower.

US markets ended significantly lower on Thursday.

India's Forex Reserves Drop USD 5.62 Bn To USD 689.73 Bn



Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- India's forex reserves dropped USD 5.623 billion to USD 689.733 billion for the week ended October 31, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

The overall reserves had declined by USD 6.925 billion to USD 695.355 billion.

For the week ended October 31, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 1.957 billion to USD 564.591 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units, like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

The value of the gold reserves declined by USD 3.81 billion to USD 101.726 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 19 million to USD 18.644 billion, the apex bank noted.

India's reserve position with the IMF increased by USD 164 million to USD 4.772 billion in the reporting week, according to the data.

Day-Long Workshop on GST Prime Analytics, e-Way Portal Held in Jammu

Observer News Service

JAMMU- Jammu & Kashmir State Taxes Department (JKSTD) Friday conducted a comprehensive one-day orientation workshop on the GST Prime Analytics Tool and e-Way Portal for officers of the department at Excise and Taxation Complex here.

The workshop was graced by P. V. Bhat, Scientific Director, e-Way Bill and GST Prime Portal, who delivered an insightful session on the advanced features and practical applications of the GST Prime Analytics Tool and the e-Way Portal. He highlighted various utility tools designed to streamline compliance, enhance data analytics, and improve operational efficiency for tax administration.

He also addressed queries raised by the participating officers, providing clarity on technical and procedural aspects. The event was presided over by Commissioner, State Taxes Department, P K Bhat. In his address, he commended the resource person and participants for their active engagement.

Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Jammu), Namrita Dogra, in her welcome address emphasized on the importance of digital tools in modern tax governance and the department's commitment to capacity building.

All Deputy Commissioners of Enforcement wing, Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes Officers (STOs) from both the Divisions, including those from outstation locations, participated in the workshop through virtual mode, ensuring wide outreach and inclusivity.

Gold Falls Rs 100 To Rs 1,24,600/10g In Delhi

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Gold prices fell Rs 100 to Rs 1,24,600 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday due to fresh selling by jewellers and stockists, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.5 per cent purity slipped Rs 100 to Rs 1,24,000 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) from Thursday's closing of Rs 1,24,100.

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.9 per cent purity had settled at Rs 1,24,700 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

However, silver prices remained flat at Rs 1,53,300 per kilogram, inclusive of all taxes, on Friday.

Globally, spot gold rose USD 19.84, or 0.5 per cent, to USD 3,996.93 per ounce while spot silver was trading 0.96 per cent higher at USD 48.48 an ounce.

"Gold prices gained on Friday as investors sought safe-haven assets amid growing concerns over a possible AI-driven bubble in equity markets and uncertainty surrounding the prolonged US government shutdown," according to commodity market experts.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.08 per cent to 99.65, lending support to gold prices.

"The US government shutdown has entered its 38th day, weighing on economic output and delaying the release of key macroeconomic data.

"Given the combination of market uncertainty, dollar weakness and the extended shutdown, there may be further scope for gold appreciation," an expert said.

Go Beyond Traditional Crops, Agri Min Tells Farmers

Press Trust Of India

BEED- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday urged cultivators to diversify beyond traditional crops and announced direct transfer of seed subsidy to farmers' accounts is under consideration of the government.

He asserted the Centre and the Maharashtra government will "leave no stone unturned" in helping farmers who suffered crop losses due to recent heavy rains in parts of the state. The minister also announced measures to reduce the price gap between rural markets and major urban centres by enabling government agencies to directly channel farm produce to big markets.

Chouhan was addressing a large 'Shetkari Samvad Melava' (farmer interaction meet) at Sirsala in Parli Vainath tehsil of Beed district in central Maharashtra organised by the Global Vikas Trust founded by social activist Mayank Gandhi. Farmers from across the Marathwada region and adjoining regions attended the meet.

"Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the government is committed to ensuring a prosperous and self-reliant farming community," Chouhan insisted.

"When farmers prosper, the nation prospers. No household will be allowed to remain in poverty," the agriculture minister maintained.

Urging cultivators to diversify beyond traditional crops, he said, "Along with soybean and cotton, farmers should shift towards fruits, flowers and organic farming. Every rupee of compensation for crop loss will be disbursed. Direct transfer of seed subsidy to farmers' accounts is also under consideration."

JKP Conducts Inspection Of SIM Vendors

Agencies

Srinagar: In a continued effort to strengthen internal security and prevent the misuse of mobile communication services, J&K Police conducted special inspections of SIM card vendors in Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag, Sopore, Awantipora & Handwara.

In a statement, police Spokesperson said, In Shopian, Police have launched a massive district-wide crackdown on the illegal issuance of SIM cards. The special drive, was carried out under the supervision of SSP Shopian Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Choudhary-JKPS, focuses on identifying and taking action against unscrupulous vendors issuing SIM cards without adhering to mandatory verification procedures a malpractice posing serious threats to both public safety and national security. During the operation, police teams carried out surprise inspections at multiple telecom outlets across the district.

In Pulwama, Police carried out a comprehensive verification drive of SIM vendors across the district. The drive was aimed at curbing any possible misuse of SIM cards and ensuring that all vendors operate strictly within the framework of law. During the verification, police teams visited multiple SIM sale outlets and franchise



points across different areas of the district.

In Anantnag, Police today launched a massive crackdown across the District. Multiple teams carried out simultaneous inspections of SIM card vendors at various locations to ensure strict adherence to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) guidelines. The special drive focused on verifying customer documentation, KYC (Know Your Customer) procedures, and vendor licensing compliance to prevent fraudulent

issuance of SIM cards. During the inspections, vendors were sensitized about their legal obligations and were categorically warned that any negligence or violation of regulatory norms would invite stern legal action.

In Sopore, Police launched a coordinated crackdown across the Police District. Multiple teams conducted simultaneous inspections of SIM vendors at various locations to ensure strict compliance with Department of Telecommunications (DoT) guidelines.

In Awantipora, J&K Police

headed by SDPOs along with SHOs and Incharge Police Post concerned, today launched a massive verification drive and searches on SIM card vendors across the Police District to prevent misuse of SIM cards for unlawful and anti-social activities. During the drive, police teams carried out detailed inspections, raids, and verification checks at various SIM sale outlets. The objective of the operation was to ensure that SIM vendors strictly adhere to guidelines, and that the documentation process for issuing new SIM cards is transparent and legitimate.

In Handwara, Police conducted a special checking drive of SIM vendors across Handwara, Qalamabad, Kralgund, and Vilgam areas of Police District Handwara. The drive was carried out under the close supervision of senior police officers, during which multiple SIM selling outlets were inspected to ensure strict compliance with the guidelines of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and law enforcement directives.

J&K Police reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to upholding national and public security, preventing misuse of digital infrastructure, and maintaining continuous vigilance against any activities that threaten peace and stability.

Kashmiri Doctor Held In UP

KO Web Desk

Sriagar: A Kashmiri doctor working at a private hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur has been arrested and handed over to the Jammu and Kashmir Police for allegedly putting up posters supporting the banned terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Srinagar, officials said on Friday.

According to police, the accused, identified as Adil Ahmed, a resident of Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir, was working at a private hospital on Ambala Road in Saharanpur. He was taken into custody by a Srinagar police team with the assistance of the local police and the Special Operations Group (SOG).

"Adil Ahmed was arrested on Thursday in connection with a case registered in Srinagar after posters promoting Jaish-e-Mohammed were found in several parts of the city," said Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Vyom Bindal.

Police sources said the case was registered in Srinagar last week after posters bearing JeM slogans and insignia were spotted on public walls.



During the investigation, CCTV footage helped identify a man allegedly seen putting up the posters, later confirmed to be Adil Ahmed.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police tracked the suspect's movements and traced him to Saharanpur, where he had been employed for some time at a private medical facility. Following coordinated inputs, a joint operation was launched to apprehend him.

After his arrest, the accused was produced before a court in Saharanpur, which

granted transit remand to the Srinagar police. He was subsequently taken back to Jammu and Kashmir for further investigation.

Officials said local intelligence units in Saharanpur have been put on alert to verify the backgrounds of other residents from Jammu and Kashmir currently working in private hospitals and nursing homes in the district.

Police said further investigation is underway to determine whether the accused acted alone or in coordination with other operatives.

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SC Orders Relocation

Following directions in the interest of public safety, health and management of stray dogs," the bench said.

It directed states and Union territories, through their respective local or municipal authorities, to identify such institutions within two weeks.

The bench asked the administrative heads of such institutions to ensure that the premises are secured by adequate fencing, boundary walls, gates and such other structural or measures as may be necessary to prevent the ingress of stray dogs.

It said this exercise should be completed as soon as possible, and preferably within eight weeks.

The bench said the management of such institutions shall designate a nodal officer responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of the premises and for ensuring that stray dogs do not enter or inhabit the campus.

"The details of the said officer shall be displayed permanently at the entrance and notified to the jurisdictional municipal body or authority," it said.

The bench said local municipal authorities and panchayat shall carry out regular inspections at least once in every three months of all such premises to ensure that no stray dog habitats exist within or in the immediate vicinity of these institutions.

"It shall be the responsibility of the jurisdictional municipal body or authority to forthwith remove every stray dog found within the premises of an educational institution and other institutions... to a designated shelter after due sterilisation and vaccination in accordance with the Animal Birth Control Rules," it said.

The bench said the stray dogs shall not be released back to the same place from where they were picked up.

"We have consciously directed the non-release of such stray dogs to the same location from which they were picked up, as permitting the same would frustrate the very impact of the directions issued to liberate such institutional areas from the presence of stray dogs," it said.

The bench referred to an order passed by the Rajasthan High Court in August, issuing directions for tackling the menace of stray animals on city roads and highways.

The top court directed the authorities of all states, Union Territories and the NHAI to ensure the removal of all cattle and other stray animals from state highways, national highways and national expressways falling within their respective jurisdictions.

It said the authorities shall undertake a joint coordinated drive to identify stretches of highways and expressways where stray cattle or animals are frequently found, and take immediate steps for their removal and relocation to designated shelters.

The bench said cattle and other stray animals so picked up shall be kept in appropriate centres or cattle pounds and provided with necessary food, water and veterinary care in accordance with the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.

It directed the authorities to constitute dedicated highway patrol teams and assign existing road safety units for continuous surveillance and immediate response to reports of stray cattle or other animals obstructing the roadways.

"All national highways, state highways and national expressways shall have prominently displayed helpline numbers at regular intervals, enabling commuters to promptly report the presence of stray animals or accidents caused thereby," the bench said.

It said these helplines shall be linked to the control rooms of the local police, NHAI, and district administration for real-time redressal and monitoring.

It fixed the matter for further hearing on January 13.

On November 3, the apex court said it will pass interim directions to tackle the issue of "grave menace" of dog bites in institutional

areas, where employees feed and encourage stray dogs.

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

It has expanded the scope of the stray dogs case beyond the confines of Delhi-National Capital Region, and directed that all states and Union territories be made parties in the matter.

SC Tells States,

summarising the compliance affidavits submitted by the respective states and Union territories.

"The report highlights several grave deficiencies and shortcomings in the information furnished by certain States and Union Territories, as well as areas where compliance with the directions issued by this court has either not been effected or remains incomplete," the bench said.

It said the amicus has also given constructive suggestions and recommendations to ensure effective and uniform implementation of the court's orders.

The bench said contents of the report filed by the amicus shall be read as part and parcel of the court's order for all purposes.

"The States and Union Territories shall peruse the report and take appropriate steps to address the deficiencies and shortcomings pointed out therein," the bench said.

It said every state and UT shall file comprehensive additional affidavits before the next date of hearing, specifically indicating the remedial measures undertaken to ensure full compliance with this court's directions and to rectify the lapses highlighted in the report.

The bench said, "Any lethargy in this regard shall be viewed seriously".

It noted that pursuant to the court's directions of August 22 and October 27, the states and Union territories, except Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, have submitted their compliance affidavits in the matter.

The bench, while passing a slew of directions in the matter, posted it for further hearing on January 13.

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Art 370 To Op Sindoor

restored peace in regions once gripped by Naxal violence, including Aurangabad, and replaced "fear with development."

He accused the Congress-RJD alliance of weakening the country's security for "vote-bank politics" and favouring infiltrators at the cost of national interest.

Modi also praised the high voter turnout in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, especially among women, saying it reflected growing confidence in the NDA's governance.

He referred to the alleged land-for-jobs case involving RJD and Congress leaders, saying those who once took land from young people in exchange for government jobs are now facing legal action.

"People have seen the difference between politics of corruption and politics of commitment," he said, adding that the BJP-led NDA will continue to deliver on every promise it makes.

J&K Achieves

Aadhaar-based initiatives and assess measures to strengthen the authentication ecosystem across the Union Territory.

During the meeting, Dulloo underlined the need to focus on targeted enrolment drives to achieve universal Aadhaar coverage, particularly among children aged 0-5 years, where enrolment currently stands at 59.07 percent. He directed the Health and Social Welfare Departments to intensify efforts for complete coverage in this category.

The Chief Secretary also instructed the School Education Department to expedite

demographic updates and the Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) process for school-going children, while asking Deputy Commissioners and the IT Department to submit weekly progress reports on Aadhaar enrolment and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme notifications.

Emphasizing the importance of technological upgrades, Dulloo called for a shift from manual, non-verifiable certificates to QR-code-enabled online certificates to enhance transparency and trust. He also urged departments to adopt Face Authentication Technology for more inclusive biometric verification across all age groups.

UIDAI Regional Officer, Chandigarh, Commodore (IN) Dhiraj Sareen, informed that while Aadhaar saturation in J&K is among the highest in the country, around 4.7 lakh mandatory biometric updates remain pending. To address this, the Chief Secretary directed district administrations to organize special enrolment camps in schools and Anganwadi Centres.

The meeting also reviewed progress on the Birth Registration-Based Aadhaar Enrolment (BRBAE) initiative aimed at enrolling every newborn for Aadhaar at the hospital itself.

Currently, J&K operates over 1,000 Aadhaar enrolment centres, supported by two Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) in Jammu and Srinagar, with ten more in the pipeline. The administration is also transitioning from the ECPM to the Universal Client (UC) platform and upgrading ePDS devices for more reliable beneficiary authentication.

The UIDAI proposed deploying Face Authentication Technology at high-footfall religious destinations such as Shri Amarnath Ji and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrines to enhance security and streamline pilgrim management.

Dulloo also stressed on data cleansing and inter-departmental integration to improve transparency in welfare delivery, directing departments including ePDS, Revenue, and regional banks to proactively share Aadhaar-seeded data with UIDAI.

The UIDAI Regional Officer appreciated the proactive measures undertaken by the J&K administration and assured continued support for upcoming Aadhaar-linked reforms.

HC Disposes

substandard drugs in J&K, and as such, had sought directions to the authorities to submit a detailed report with respect to the operation of unregistered companies and manufacturing units and selling misbranded and unregistered medicines in J&K.

He had also sought directions to the authorities to immediately ban the sale and distribution of drugs manufactured and distributed by unregistered companies in Jammu and Kashmir and initiate legal proceedings against the erring companies and individuals after seizing the spurious, fake and misbranded drugs and medicines.

The petitioner had also sought directions to the authorities to devise a strategy to prevent supply and availability of spurious, fake drugs and medicines in the Union Territory. He had also sought directions for creating awareness about the labelling

The authorities filed the response to the PIL, stating that the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the rules framed thereunder, lay down a comprehensive mechanism with all checks and balances to regulate the sale and purchase of medicines.

The manufacturer of drugs is under statutory obligation to test each lot of the raw material used for manufacturing drug and each batch of the final product, they said.

Besides, they said, the Drug Control Department lifts samples of drugs randomly as well as on the basis of complaints from the vendors. J&K has two testing labs, one each at Jammu and Srinagar, they said.

Intelligence cum legal cell has been created vide an order (No. 638-HME of 2018) dated 26.11.2018 to facilitate busting of spurious drug rackets and the prompt prosecution

of perpetrators of crime under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, they said.

They had also stated that the petitioner has not gone through the "label claims" of medicinal preparations, which are governed by Rules 96 and 97 of the Drugs Rules, 1945.

Among others, every drug manufactured in India shall bear on its label the number of the licence under which the drug is manufactured, the figure representing the manufacturing licence number being preceded by the words 'Manufacturing Licence Number' or 'Mfg. Lie. No.' or 'M.L. The authorities said that there is proper complaint redressal mechanism and all the complaints received are attended to the entire satisfaction of end-users. "The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has to broadly rely on manufacturers "in-house testing and the regulatory mechanism available within the respective States from where manufactured drugs enter the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Department has carried out extensive market checks and found that the drugs in circulation are manufactured by companies having established credentials."

The authorities submitted that a detailed mechanism is put in place for training of personnel, lifting of samples and their testing to determine the quality of drugs and medicines.

Vande Mataram Gave

"Rishi Bankim Chandra strengthened the bond between Maa Bharti and her sons and inspired people to secure independence," he said.

LG Sinha said the commitment and dedication of every citizen to the Motherland will take the nation towards its destiny of a Viksit Bharat. "The young generation must remember they are inheritors of a great civilization, and their contribution to the nation's progress will be a true tribute to Maa Bharti," he added.

The event marked 150 years since Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay on Akshaya Navami in 1875. The national song first appeared in the literary journal Bangadarshan as part of his novel Anandamath.

The celebration also featured a mass singing of the full version of Vande Mataram, with participation from citizens across all sections of society.

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, Rajya Sabha MP Ghulam Ali Khatana, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary (Home) Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary (Culture) Brij Mohan Sharma, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, senior officials, and prominent citizens were present. Officials and participants from across Jammu and Kashmir also joined the event virtually.

CM On NC's

the actual usage. "Without a meter, we can't determine the electricity bill. This is the truth. We can't provide 200 units of free electricity through an agreement. Free electricity can only be provided where a meter is installed, and through the meter, we know how much electricity is being used," he said.

The Chief Minister, however, clarified that the choice to install the meter lies with the people. "If you don't want a meter, don't install it. Your electricity bill will be per agreement. But if you want 200 units free, that is our firm promise," he added.

Omar accused his political rivals of misleading the public by creating fear around smart meters. "They're turning electricity into a political slogan when the reality is that meters make consumption fair and transparent," he said.

Reiterating his party's commitment to development, Omar also promised a university for Budgam "as a gesture of gratitude" to the people for their support. He further announced plans for a cricket academy in Budgam, while revealing that he was in touch with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to develop cricketing infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In Jammu, the stadium will come up in

Kathua, and here, the cricket academy will be established in Budgam," Omar said.

PDP-BJP Bonhomie

Democratic Party (PDP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) remains intact in Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that the two parties continue to share a "hidden understanding."

Addressing a road show in Budgam, Omar hit out at the PDP for its "double standards," saying that the party which once sought votes to keep the BJP out of power had later joined hands with it. "In 2014, PDP sought votes to keep BJP out. You trusted them and voted against the National Conference. But what happened after the elections? They brought BJP to power and began eroding Jammu and Kashmir," Omar said.

He said while the National Conference too had sought votes last year on the same plank, it did not compromise for power. "Did we join hands with the BJP after the elections? No, that's the difference between the PDP and the NC. We stayed true to our word even if it cost us politically," Omar said.

He further alleged that the relationship between the PDP and the BJP was "still alive" and urged people to question the PDP's absence from the Nagrota bye-election. "Why is there no PDP candidate there? You must ask them that," he remarked.

'No Outside Interference

the 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram" in schools, saying there should be no outside dictation on such matters and no interference in governing the Union Territory.

"This decision has not been made by the cabinet, nor has the education minister signed off on it. We should decide what happens in our schools without outside dictation on these matters," Omar told reporters here in the central Kashmir district.

On October 30, the culture department of J&K had called for schools across Jammu and Kashmir to participate in the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram."

This order faced strong backlash from the Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU), an alliance of several religious organisations in J&K, which demanded the immediate withdrawal of what they termed a "coercive order," arguing that parts of the song contradicted Islamic beliefs regarding monotheism.

Omar was campaigning in the Budgam assembly segment on Friday as the elections for that seat are scheduled for November 11.

In response to a question regarding the absence of the party's Lok Sabha MP, Ruhullah Mehdi — who has represented the influential Shia community three times — Omar remarked that his party has never compelled anyone to campaign.

"Those who wish to campaign do so voluntarily, and those who do not want to will not. That's perfectly fine; I don't force anyone to campaign. However, when we succeed, those who did not support us will not share in our celebrations," Omar added.

Ruhullah has been estranged from the party over the last few months and has openly criticised the functioning of the government.

The chief minister, who had vacated the Budgam seat after winning from Ganderbal as well, necessitating the bypolls in the constituency, said he never wanted to contest from two seats.

"I had told my colleagues that I would not contest from two seats, but this is not an appropriate time to present the reality. A day will come when everything will be shared with you," he said.

Omar also expressed confidence of winning both Budgam and Nagrota seats in Jammu, where bypolls are also taking place.

"We feel that the situation is in our favour in both the seats. Now, the final few days (of the campaign) remain, and we have to work harder to reach out to those voters whom we have not yet appealed to, and encourage them to vote for the National Conference," he said.(PTI)

India Target Batting Consistency & Series Win In Final Australia T20I

Press Trust of India

BRISBANE: On the cusp of another overseas series win, India will look to overcome batting inconsistencies and finish the tour of Australia with authority when the two sides clash in the fifth and final T20 International here on Saturday.

With an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series, India have extended their 17-year streak of not losing a T20I series against Australia and Suryakumar Yadav and Co. will look to finish strongly in this one too.

The focus will be on Shubman Gill and skipper Suryakumar Yadav's batting, while Australia will look to counter India's spin challenge when the two sides clash for the last time ahead of next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

India showed better tactical awareness in the previous match, adjusting on a tricky Carrara pitch. Gill led the way in a promising start of 121 for 2 in 14 overs before a late collapse saw them lose four wickets for 15 runs.



For vice-captain Gill, it has been seven innings without a fifty, though his 46 in the fourth T20 was a sign of his returning form. Gill has not quite displayed the fluent touch that has defined his batting in recent years. He looked composed in the last match before being undone by a slower ball. The opener will be eager to sign off on a high and

ease concerns within the team management.

Suryakumar has also shown flashes of brilliance across the series but has struggled to convert his starts. The captain would be expected to bat with more freedom and lead by example ahead of next month's South Africa.

Tilak Varma is another batter who is yet to find his rhythm, managing scores of 0, 29, and 5 in his last three outings.

The pressure will also be on wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma, who has featured ahead of Sanju Samson in the last two games but is yet to make a substantial impact.

Abhishek Sharma, however, has lived up to his reputation as the world's top-ranked T20 hitter, scoring a fluent half-century and providing brisk starts.

India's lower order has also chipped in effectively, with Axar Patel smashing an 11-ball 21 in the previous match. The presence of all-rounders at No. 7 and No. 8 has given the team valuable flexibility and depth.

Match starts at 1:45 PM (IST).

Ranji: Delhi To Blood Bhardwaj On Likely Turner v J&K

Bolstered by the presence of regular skipper Ayush Badoni, Delhi will not settle for anything less than an outright victory against a spirited Jammu and Kashmir in a Rani Trophy group D encounter, which will also be their last home game of the season.

Having failed to record outright wins against Himachal Pradesh (3 points) and Puducherry (1 point), Delhi's campaign could be massively derailed if they can't improve from current fifth position in the eight team table.

With two very potent seam and swing bowlers in Aqib Nabi and Umar Nazir Mir operating in tandem, the Delhi batting line-up will face its first proper test against a quality attack, which it hadn't encountered in previous three games (Hyderabad, HP and Puducherry).

Delhi will have their task cut out against a batting line-up that has veteran skipper Paras Dogra and seasoned Shubham Khajuria ready to take the attack back to the opposition camp. (PTI)

UT Level Yoga Competition Reaches Under-14 Stage In Baramulla



The ongoing Inter-District Provincial Level UT Level Yoga Competition has now reached its Under-14 category events at the Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla.

The prestigious event is being organised and hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Baramulla under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Baramulla.

In Friday's session, the Under-14 Boys competition witnessed energetic participation from 16 districts of J&K, with 91 young yoga athletes showcasing their flexibility, balance, and discipline in a highly spirited environment.

The event aims to promote holistic development, physical fitness, and mental well-being among the young athletes through the ancient art of yoga. The participants demonstrated remarkable skill and composure, reflecting the growing popularity of yoga as a key component of school-level sports activities.

The event continues to serve as a platform for identifying promising talent that will represent J&K at higher levels of competition. (Observer News Service)

UT Level U-14 Cricket Tournament Semi-Finals Held In Budgam

Dabirah Hassan

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam-hosted Inter-District UT Level Cricket Tournament for Boys Under-14 witnessed thrilling semi-final matches on the fifth day of the event on Friday.

In the first semi-final, District Shopian registered a remarkable win over District Kulgam to enter the final. The second semifinal saw District Anantnag defeat District Ganderbal in a competitive clash to secure their spot in the

championship match.

The third-place match will be played on Saturday at Eidgah Ground Sheikhpora, while the much-awaited final between Shopian and Anantnag is scheduled at Sports Stadium Budgam.

The ongoing tournament, organised under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Ghulam Hassan Lone, continues to witness great enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and outstanding performances from budding cricketers across Jammu and Kashmir.



UT Level Athletic Meet Ends At KU; Jammu Emerges Champion



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Inter-District UT Level Athletic Meet 2025-26 for Girls Under-19 concluded on Friday at track field of the University of Kashmir here.

Around 150 athletes representing various districts of J&K showcased their sports abilities, skills, and sportsmanship to earn a

chance to represent the region at the national level.

An enthusiastic and charged atmosphere marked the event, which witnessed spirited performances from athletes across districts.

District Jammu emerged as the overall champion, followed closely by District Kathua and District Udhampur which secured the next two positions respectively.

The prize distribution ceremony was graced by DYSSO Srinagar Ghulan Hassan Lone, accompanied by Dr. Basharat Ali, Assistant Director Physical Education and Sports, University of Kashmir.

The meet concluded with appreciation for the athletes' discipline and sportsmanship.

UT Level Cricket Tournament Kicks Off At BHSS Bijbehara

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The much-awaited UT Level Cricket Tournament commenced on Friday with an inaugural ceremony at Boys Higher Secondary School Bijbehara, organised by the District Youth Services and Sports Office, Anantnag.

The event witnessed an energetic opening marked by the presence of Raja Yaqoob Ali, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Anantnag, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Among the distinguished guests were the Sub



District Deputy Police Officer and the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned police station, who joined the gathering to encourage the participating teams and promote the spirit of sportsmanship and discipline among youth.

In his inaugural address, DYSSO Raja Yaqoob Ali highlighted the importance of sports in fostering teamwork, leadership, and physical fitness among students. He emphasized that such tournaments provide a valuable platform for young athletes to showcase their talent and gain exposure at higher levels.

The opening ceremony featured the march past of participating teams, representing different districts of Jammu and Kashmir, followed by the formal declaration of the tournament open. A total of 16 teams from across J&K are participating in this multi-day competition, which aims to promote cricketing excellence and strengthen inter-district sporting ties.

The guests appreciated the efforts of the District Youth Services and Sports Office, Anantnag, for their meticulous organization and commitment to nurturing sporting culture among the youth.

The tournament is expected to continue in the coming days with exciting fixtures lined up, promising competitive cricket and spirited performances from budding cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir.

SC Issues Notice To Mohammad Shami On Wife's Plea For Higher Maintenance

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court issued a notice to cricketer Mohammad Shami on Friday on a plea filed by his estranged wife, seeking enhancement of the interim maintenance granted to her and their minor daughter.

A bench comprising Justices Manoj Misra and Ujjal Bhuyan sought Shami's response on his wife's plea challenging two orders passed on July 1 and August 25 by the Calcutta High Court.

The high court has enhanced the interim maintenance payable by Shami to Rs 1.5 lakh per month for his

spouse and Rs 2.5 lakh per month for their daughter, while allowing the cricketer to clear the arrears in eight monthly instalments.

In her plea before the apex court, Shami's wife has contended that the amounts awarded are "grossly inadequate", considering the cricketer's financial standing and "lavish lifestyle".

She has sought a monthly maintenance of Rs 7 lakh for herself and Rs 3 lakh for their daughter.

The petition points out that Shami's annual income, as disclosed in his Income Tax Return for 2021-22, stood at nearly Rs 48 crore, while

she has been forced to live in "downtrodden conditions", struggling to meet even basic expenses.

It also highlights Shami's ownership of luxury vehicles, including a Range Rover, a Jaguar, a Mercedes and a Toyota Fortuner. The couple got married in April 2014.

In 2018, Shami's wife got an FIR lodged at the Jadavpur police station in Kolkata, alleging domestic violence, which subsequently led to a chargesheet against the cricketer.

She later moved a court under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, seeking interim

maintenance.

A trial court had initially granted Rs 80,000 per month for the child but denied maintenance to Shami's spouse.

On appeal, the Sessions Court awarded her Rs 50,000 and the child Rs 80,000 in 2023.

The Calcutta High Court, through its July 1 order, further increased the amounts to Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 2.5 lakh, respectively.

The August 25 order allowed Shami to pay the arrears in instalments.

Senior advocate Shobha Gupta appeared in the court for the cricketer's estranged wife.



10 Arrested After Aston Villa v Israeli Club Maccabi Tel Aviv Game

British police said Friday that 10 people were arrested the previous night around the highly charged Europa League match in Birmingham between English Premier League side Aston Villa and Maccabi Tel Aviv, a match that saw fans of the Israeli team banned.

West Midlands Police said the match passed without major incident or disruption to the game. It said five of the 10 arrested, including two men accused of racially aggravated public order offenses and another man accused of trying to throw fireworks into the ground, are still being held.

More than 700 officers were deployed around the Villa Park stadium over concerns of clashes between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli groups. A pro-Palestine protest was held outside the stadium before kick-off, where hundreds turned up with Palestinian flags and anti-Israeli banners.

There was a flashpoint as a woman holding an Israeli flag walked past but she was quickly escorted away by police before it escalated.

Non-disclosure of Conviction by Candidate Renders Election Void: SC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The non-disclosure of conviction in a nomination form will lead to the disqualification of an elected candidate, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar passed the order on an appeal filed by a former councillor, Poonam, who was unseated from the post as she did not disclose her conviction in a case in the nomination form for



the election.

Poonam was unseated from the municipal councillor's post in Nagar Parishad, Bhikangaon, Madhya Pradesh. She was convicted in a cheque bounce case and sentenced to imprisonment for one year with a direction to pay compensation.

Rejecting the petitioner's plea to save her from disqualification, the bench said, "Once it is found that there has been non-disclosure of a previous conviction by a candidate, it creates an impediment in the free exercise of electoral right by a voter."

"A voter is thus deprived of making an informed and advised choice. It would be a case of suppression/non-disclosure by such a candidate, which renders the election void," it said.

Delhi Airport: Air Traffic Control System Glitch Delays Over 800 Flights

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Delhi airport, the country's busiest airport, plunged into chaos on Friday, as more than 800 domestic and international flights were delayed due to the air traffic control system's technical issue, which was later addressed by the AAI.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) also said that due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon.

All airline operations at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) were impacted due to a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data.

Sources said more than



800 flights were delayed, and at least 20 flights were cancelled.

The national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily.

The AAI, in a post on X at 8:56 pm, said it has addressed the "technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which caused delays in

"A team of ECIL officials and AAI personnel is still on site. The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI said in another post on X.

ECIL (Electronics Corporation of India Ltd) officials from Hyderabad came to the national capital to help in addressing the technical issue.

An enquiry will be conducted to find out the reasons that resulted in the technical issue, sources said.

The AAI, which provides air traffic control, navigation and other services, deployed additional manpower to manually process flight plans.

Delhi HC Tells Google To Remove Rajat Sharma Deepfakes

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday directed Google LLC to take down two YouTube channels hosting and circulating deepfake and fabricated videos using the personality rights of journalist Rajat Sharma.

The high court ordered Google to take them down within 36 hours and to disclose BSI details, access and contact details and monetisation data of the channels to Sharma within one week.

"Keeping in the averments made in the application categorically asserting the videos uploaded on these channels are fake, doctored and AI generated impersonating plaintiff no. 1 (Sharma) and spreading misinformation, the court is satisfied that the plaintiff has made out a case for issuance of directions as prayed for," Justice Manmeet



Pritam Singh Arora said.

The court directed Sharma and Google to have a mutual meeting where the journalist can bring to Google's attention the deepfake content.

It asked Google to ensure that identical content is removed to obviate the plaintiff's onus of making an endeavour to look out for such content on the channels.

The action is not only necessary to protect the plaintiff's common law rights and statutory rights but also to help in stopping the spreading of misinformation, the court said.

dedicated to the journalist, so they were praying for the taking down of the channels and not just the content.

He said the YouTube channels unauthorisedly lifted copyright footage from Sharma's news channel, and doctored and edited it.

The counsel called the two channels "rogue" for hosting deepfake, fabricated videos and impersonating Sharma, as well as other prominent Indian journalists.

The court granted liberty to Sharma to approach Google regarding any other false or fake videos uploaded against him on any other channel and ordered Google to take them down within 48 hours.

Earlier, another bench of the high court passed an interim order protecting Sharma's personality rights, while ordering the removal of any content bearing doctored traits of the TV journalist.

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VENUE NOTIFICATION.

All members of The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Officer's Association Kashmir JKBOA (K) are hereby informed that Election 2025 for the officer bearers of the Association scheduled on 08th November 2025 shall be held at the following polling stations. The member of JKBOA (K) can exercise their right to vote at any of the following designated polling stations.

All members are requested to mandatorily carry their Employee (Bank) Identity Card with them for identification.

Polling station	Venue address	Time of Polling
ANANTNAG	Wazir Bagh Park Anantnag	10.00 AM to 3.00 PM
AWANTIPORA	Near J&K Bank Awantipora	
BARAMULLA	Dak Bunglow Baramulla, Adjacent to District Police Lines Baramulla	
BANDIPORA	RSETI Bandipora Tawheed Bagh	
BUDGAM	Town Hall near New Bus Stand Budgam	
GANDERBAL	RSETI Ganderbal - Top Floor J&K Bank Ganderbal	
KULGAM	RSETI Kulgam Town Plaza Kulgam	
KUPWARA	Town Hall Kupwara Near Masjid Murshideen Kupwara	
SOPORE	RSETI Baramulla Bye Pass Road Amargarh Sopore	
SHOPIAN	Lead District office , 2nd Floor Main Branch Shopian	10.00 AM to 4.00 PM
PULWAMA	Hotel Akbar Near Old Bus Stand Pulwama	
SRINAGAR	S. P College M A Road Srinagar	

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