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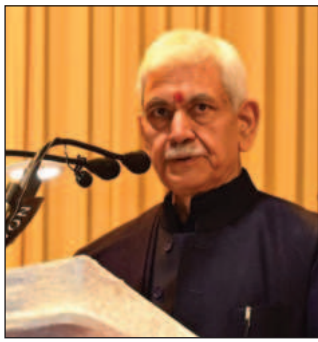
'62 important religious & historical sites restored in last 4 years'

Observer News Service

Jammu — Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that the administration is committed to strengthening religious tourism and preserving cultural heritage in Jammu & Kashmir.

Speaking at the foundation day of Purmandal-Utterbehni Teerth Seva Nyas in Samba district, Sinha said that about 62 important religious and historical sites have been restored in Jammu and Kashmir in the last four years and reiterated his commitment to transforming Purmandal into a world-class spiritual destination for sustainable and culturally rich religious tourism.

Sinha called Purmandal-Utterbehni a convergence point of tradition and spiritual learning, describing the region as a symbol of unity and self-realisation. "It is a sacred pilgrimage that fosters love, respect and brotherhood and embodies the soul of our



eternal culture," he said.

He said that the administration would adopt a coordinated approach to conserve and develop the area's spiritual infrastructure. Responding to demands raised by the Teerth Seva Trust, the LG instructed the district administration to identify land for a new Ved Vidyalaya and stated that the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board would fund its establishment. He also assured financial support for a Gurukul or Sanskrit Pathshala.

Sinha added

LG Hails Rajouri For National Jal Sanchay Award

Observer News Service

President Droupadi Murmu has honored the Rajouri district for its excellent work under the Jal Sanchay-Jan Bhagidari initiative, a nationwide programme that encourages community-led water conservation and smart use of natural resources. The award places

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Azad, Raina Accommodation Case

HC Gives Estates Dept 4 Weeks To Decide

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Wednesday granted four weeks to the Estates Department to complete the process recommended by the Designated Committee regarding government accommodation occupied by former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and former BJP chief Ravinder Raina.

The direction was passed by a Division Bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal while hearing a public interest litigation seeking eviction of former ministers and legislators from government quarters. The Bench made it clear that no further adjournment would be allowed. The directive came after Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli, appearing for the



government, requested more time to finalise the issue.

During the hearing of PIL No. 17 of 2020, petitioner's counsel Advocate S S Ahmed referred to the latest status report of the Estates Department. The report stated that the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct during the Nagrota and Budgam by elections had delayed the final decision and the department required eight more weeks to complete the process.

Advocate Ahmed argued that the Designated Committee had already met in February and March this year and more than eight months had passed without action. He submitted that the Model Code of Conduct had lapsed and urged the court to give the government no more than ten days to take a final decision. | [More on P6](#)

DELHI BLAST FALL OUT

Hospital Lockers Checked, Jails Raided In J&K As Probe Widens



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Srinagar: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday conducted inspections of lockers belonging to doctors and medical

staff in multiple hospitals as part of heightened security measures following the recent Delhi blast and the recovery of arms and ammunition from a "white collar" terror module. | [More on P6](#)

200 Doctors, Staff Of Al Falah Under Scanner

More than 200 doctors and staff at Al Falah University are under investigation after the November 10 car blast near Delhi's Red Fort, sources said. Security agencies have | [More on P6](#)

Body Of Kangan Labourer Reaches Home

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Grief swept through the mountainous Babanagri Wangat area of Kangan, around 56 kilometers from Srinagar, on Wednesday as residents mourned the death of 30 year old labourer Bilal Ahmad Sango, who was among the thirteen people killed in the recent car

blast near Delhi's Red Fort.

His body, wrapped in a white shroud, arrived from Delhi to the remote village surrounded by pine covered slopes and rugged hills. Hundreds of residents gathered to receive the mortal remains, their faces marked by shock and sorrow as they tried to process the sudden loss of a man known | [More on P6](#)

3 Doctors Among 4 Freed as NIA Finds No Link

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has released four individuals, including three doctors, after finding no evidence linking them to the Delhi blast conspiracy. Their release has | [More on P6](#)

All Kashmiris Being Treated As Suspects After Delhi Blast: CM

Says Even Driving A J&K Vehicle In Delhi Is Seen As A Crime Today

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir has not ended the bloodshed in the Union territory and added that Kashmiris are now being looked at with suspicion across the country after the recent Delhi blast.

"We want this cycle of violence to stop. Jammu and Kashmir, especially Kashmir, has witnessed so much bloodshed in the last 30 to 35 years. We were told that this will not happen now and



this cycle will end after 2019. But it has not," Omar told reporters in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

The Centre on August 5, 2019 abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir. | [More on P6](#)

Govt Focusing On New Job Avenues: CM

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said his government is working on creating fresh job opportunities in the union territory, as government jobs cannot be provided to everyone. The chief minister was speaking at an event after inaugurating a two-day J&K Business and Trade Fair organised by the district administration of Kulgam in collaboration | [More on P6](#)

TEXTBOOK VIOLATIONS

Four Private Schools Lose Affiliation: JKBOSE

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) on Wednesday said it has cancelled the affiliation of four private schools and imposed fines on several others for violating prescribed textbook norms.

"They have inspected the schools and whosoever private school was found violating the government norms by prescribing private publications of books was fined," she said.

Choudhary said the board has cancelled the affiliation of four schools that were not following the prescribed norms. She added that at least eight

schools have been fined by the inspection team for violating JKBOSE textbook guidelines.

The Joint Secretary said private schools affiliated with the board are required to follow norms laid down under SRO 123. She said JKBOSE textbooks are available at nominal rates, whereas books recommended by some private schools from private publishers are much costlier.

Speaking at a press conference at the BOSE headquarters in Srinagar, Joint Secretary Shahnaz Choudhary said the board has district level teams and sub offices that routinely inspect private schools to ensure compliance. | [More on P6](#)

Winter Break Likely From First Week of Dec

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister Sakina Itoo on Wednesday said that the winter break for students up to the middle classes is likely to begin from the first week of December due to the prevailing cold weather conditions.

Speaking to reporters, the minister said parents have been repeatedly requesting clarity on the schedule for winter vacations, as the harsh weather becomes difficult for younger children. She said a meeting has already been held on the matter.

"We have tentatively decided that for lower classes, from Class 1 up to the middle grade, the vacation will probably start from the first week | [More on P6](#)



Silhouettes of Life: A lone boatman glides beneath a quiet Srinagar bridge. Photo by Furqan A Najar

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Experts Stress Vaccination, Early Screening to Prevent Cervical Cancer

Press Trust Of India

Jaipur- On the eve of World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day, medical experts underscored the urgent need for awareness, vaccination, and early screening to prevent cervical cancer, calling it one of the most serious health threats faced by women in India.

Speaking at an awareness event held here on Sunday, senior gynaecologist Dr Veena Acharya said the disease continues to claim thousands of lives due to late diagnosis.

"In India, one woman is diagnosed with cervical cancer every eight minutes, and many die simply because the disease is detected too late," she said.

Acharya emphasised that cervical cancer is the only



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cancer in the world whose cause and prevention are both clearly known. "It is primarily caused by the Human Papillomavirus

(HPV), and we are fortunate that an effective vaccine is available. The HPV vaccine, recommended for boys and girls aged 9 to 14, can pre-

vent nearly 90 per cent of future cases," she added. Gynaecologist Dr Anshu Patodia highlighted the importance of regular screening. "A pap smear is a simple, safe, and accessible test that can detect pre-cancerous changes well before the disease develops," she said, urging women to undergo routine check-ups.

According to organisers, the awareness campaign will continue throughout the week across several private hospitals in the city. Free consultations and screening camps will also be conducted to help women understand prevention, testing, and treatment options for cervical cancer.

November 17 was recognised as World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

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This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar No. 4049 2233 9457 Now I want to change my name from MAIDYA QAYOOM (Old Name) to MADEEHA QAYOOM (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name:MADEEHA QAYOOM
D/o: ABDUL QAYOOM GANIE
R/o: HARJI GUND, BUDGAM, Jammu & Kashmir – 191111

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This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar No. 9620 9131 0559 Now I want to change my name from GHULAM MOHI UD DIN PARRAY (Old Name) to MOHDEH PARRAY (New Name). In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he or she may approach the concerned authorities within a period of seven days. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

Name: MOHDEH PARRAY
D/o: RAHIM PARRAY
R/o: PANZAN, GULNAZ (PANZAN) CHADOORA, BUDGAM, Jammu & Kashmir – 191113

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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

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(ACADEMIC SECTION)

Subject: Engagement of Senior Resident(s) on Academic Arrangement Basis in various Disciplines of Government Medical College, Srinagar.

Reference: This office Advertisement No. 13 of 2025 Dated. 11-10-2025.

OFFICE ORDER No:1321 -RA of 2025.
DATED: 18. -11-2025.

Pursuant to the Selection Notification issued vide No. 25-RA of 2025 Dated. 11.11.2025, the following not In-service candidate[s] are provisionally engaged as Senior Resident(s) in the disciplines shown against each on Academic Arrangement Basis under S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27.11.2020 and Government Order No. 383-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 20.06.2024, initially for a period of one year, which is extendable upto (03) years on basis of good performance to be certified by the concerned HOD. However, the selection of the candidate(s) is made purely on a temporary basis in anticipation of the Character & antecedents report by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), J&K in view of extreme exigency & urgency expressed by concerned HOD(S). In case of adverse report with regard to character and antecedents of any candidate(s) received from Additional Director General of Police, CID or the candidate leaves the job before receipt of CID verification, such candidate shall have no claim for Senior Residency benefits i.e. Experience certificate and Salary: -

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Qualification	Discipline
1.	Dr. Shazia Akhter	MD	Anaesthesiology
2.	Dr. Nadia Parvez	MD	Anesthesiology
3.	Dr. Hani Amin Mir	MD	Anesthesiology
4.	Dr. Taqadus Ismail	MD	Anesthesiology
5.	Dr. Barzah Altaf	MD	Anesthesiology
6.	Dr. Sujeela Waheed	MD	Anesthesiology
7.	Dr. Sayema Javed Rana	MD	Anesthesiology
8.	Dr. Syeeda Manahil Hussanie	MD	Anesthesiology
9.	Dr. Razia Amin	MD	Anesthesiology
10.	Dr. Mir Kashif Hilal	MD	Anesthesiology
11.	Dr. Mudasir Ahmad Qurpal	MD	Anesthesiology
12.	Dr. Seher Tauseen	MD	Anesthesiology
13.	Dr. Burhan Ul Khursheed	MD	Anesthesiology
14.	Dr. Burhan Ali	MD	Anesthesiology
15.	Dr. Beenish Nabi	MD	Anesthesiology
16.	Dr. Taskeen Mehmood	MD	Medical Oncology
17.	Dr. Sayima Nargis	MD	Medicine
18.	Dr. Sajad Bashir Wani	MD	Medicine
19.	Dr. Saba	MD	Medicine
20.	Dr. Hemanyoun Altaf	MD	Medicine
21.	Dr. Hakeem Owais Shafi	MD	Medicine
22.	Dr. Abdul Basil Wani	MD	Medicine
23.	Dr. Mohd Irfan Lone	MD	Medicine
24.	Dr. Mahrukh Qureshi	MD	Medicine
25.	Dr. Sohail Ayoub	MD	Medicine
26.	Dr. Iflah Rafiq	MD	Medicine
27.	Dr. Muqem Farooq	MD	Medicine
28.	Dr. Sammeer Ahmad Rather	MD	Medicine
29.	Dr. Aadiil Shafi	MD	Medicine
30.	Dr. Shakir Ahmad Malik	MD	Medicine
31.	Dr. Ariba Afeeh	MD	Paediatrics
32.	Dr. Maria Mushtaq Chowdhary	MD	Paediatrics
33.	Dr. Samiyah Mushtaq	MD	Paediatrics
34.	Dr. Amal Qayoom	MD	Paediatrics
35.	Dr. Aadiil Rashid Wani	MD	Paediatrics
36.	Dr. Aarif Shafi Bhat	MS	Paediatric Surgery
37.	Dr. Zuhaib Younus	MD	Respiratory Medicine
38.	Dr. Aadiil Ahmad Sheikh	MD	Respiratory Medicine
39.	Dr. Syed Hanan Qumar	MD	Respiratory Medicine
40.	Dr. Muzamil Manzoor Sheikh	MD	Respiratory Medicine
41.	Dr. Younis Ahmad	M.CH	Surgical Gastroenterology
42.	Dr. Amir Zaffar Lone	MS	Surgical Gastroenterology
43.	Dr. Aaqib Akbar Wani	MS	Surgical Gastroenterology

The appointment of the aforementioned Doctor(s) is further subject to the following terms and conditions: -

- The selected candidate(s) are supposed to submit their joining report along with an affidavit(s) in the office of the undersigned duly attested by the Judicial Magistrate to the effect that: -
 - a. They are not In-service candidates, the information if found wrong the selectees shall be punished under Rules which includes confiscation of the Registration of the Doctors.
 - b. They will not participate in any kind of strike during the period of their tenure engagement. In the event they proceed on strike, their tenure engagement shall be terminated without any notice as this service is covered under ESMA Act.
 - c. They shall remain disciplined during the whole tenure; any kind of misconduct shall make them liable for termination without any prior notice.
 - d. They are not involved in any criminal activity or there is no FIR pending or registered in any criminal department or police station against them.
 - e. They shall not claim any experience certificate, in case they leave Senior Residency before completion at least of six months.
 - f. They will not indulge in any private practice. In case they are found doing private practice their appointment shall be liable for termination without any notice.
 - g. In case of adverse report with regard to their character and antecedents received from Additional Director General of Police, CID or the candidate leaves the job before receipt of CID verification, they shall have no claim for Senior Residency benefits i.e. Experience certificate and Salary.
- The above Doctor(s) shall have to execute an agreement with the institution on the prescribed format (Form A) with regard to the various terms and conditions applicable during academic arrangement same can be downloaded from the official website of Government Medical College, Srinagar.
- The appointees are required to join within (21) days from the date of issuance of this order failing which the order shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- The Senior Resident(s) appointed on an Academic Arrangement Basis shall be paid as per S.O. 364 of 2020 Dated. 27-11-2020.
- The Senior Resident(s) appointed on Academic Arrangement Basis shall be entitled leaves as per the Government Order No. 451-JK (HME) of 2024 Dated. 08.07.2024.

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Govt. Medical College
Srinagar

No: GMCS/RA/SR/ 8659-75/MC
DIPK-8251/25
Dated: 19-11-2025

Office of the Naib Tehsildar, Tilgam

Subject: Application of Paramveer Singh S/o Trilok Singh, R/o Dardpora, Tehsil Pattan for issuance of Dependent Certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the dependent certificate case of Paramveer Singh is under process in this office. As per verification conducted by the field staff, the deceased Trilok Singh S/o Sujan Singh, R/o Dardpora, expired on 21-01-2001, leaving behind the following dependents:

Name	Age	Relationship	Marital Status	Occupation
Dilip Kour	87	Mother	Widowed	Old-aged
Ranbeer Kour	64	Wife	Widowed	—
Simran Pal Kour	32	Daughter	Unmarried	Student
Jatinder Singh	28	Son	Unmarried	Student
Paramveer Singh	30	Son	Unmarried	Student

Any person having objections in this regard may approach the office of the undersigned within 03 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained thereafter.

Naib Tehsildar

ITI (Illegible) Pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in his adhaar card as Asrar Nissar While his correct name Mohammad Asrar Rather . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained

Rayeesa Bano
M/O Mohammad Asrar Rather
R/O Wani Gam Payin Tehsil Pattan

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I have lost the marks sheet of my First professional M.B.B.S bearing roll no 1736, Redg no. 1463 SKIMS_MC_JULY 2019. under Notification no.SIMS/EXAM/14 OF 2021 Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the Sheri-I-Kashmir Institute Of Medical Sciences (Deemed University) within 14 days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Altaf Ahmad Wani
S/O Late Mohammad Abdullah Wani
R/o: Chewa Budgam

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub.. Application of Mohammad Rafiq Lone S/o Mohammad Maqbool Lone R/o Nehalpora for issuance of Dependent certificate..

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Mohammad Maqbool Lone s/o Ghulam Mohi ud din Lone R/o Nehalpora died on 01/05/2025 and on deceased at the time of death are as under..

1. Mohmad Rafiq Lone	33	Son	Unmarried
2. Sara Begum	60	Wife	Widowed
3. Towseef Ahmad Loneq	29	Son	Unmarried
4. Ulfat Maqbool	19	Daughter	Unmarried

In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained..

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از نیابت گویگام تحصیل کو ار حامد ہار ہمول ہا اجلاس زیر اہمول نائب تحصیلدار مضمون: درخواست منجاب محل بشیر ودال بشیر و اقرا بشیر اولادان بشیر احمد شیر گوری ساکنہ چچوہہ تحصیل وارہمہ ہرا ہصول OBC بحق سالخان

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از نیابت ہونی

عنوان :- درخواست منجاب عبدل اہملہ ولد محمد رمضان ملہ ساکنہ سیلو رنگیر ہمراہ اجرائی EWS سر تقی حلقہ بحق عادل مظفر ہیران عبدل اہملہ ساکنہ سیلو

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My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as 6h Mohd Dar S/O Mohd Ahsan Dar While My Correct Name Is Ghulam Mohammad Dar S/O Mohammad Ahsan Dar . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained

Ghulam Mohammad Dar S/O Mohammad Ahsan Dar
R/O Urpora Tehsil Chitragam District Shoaif

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My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Meema Banoo While my correct name is Meema Jan . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained

Meema Jan
W/o Hilal Ahmad Khanday
R/o Pinjoora Shopian

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Rayeesa Bano
M/O Mohammad Muzamil Rather
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From Office of the Advocate M.A Sofi

In the case of
Mohamamd Ramzan Dar
Pisar Parwarda : Rehman Wani
R/o : Shирpora Pattan

(Caveator)

V/s
Public at large

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

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Sd/advocate

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub.. Application of Abdul Rashid Tantray S/o Ghulam Nabi Tantray R/o Shирpora for issuance of dependent certificate..

It is inform to general public that applicants brothers dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants brother namely Bashir Ahmad Tantray s/o Ghulam Nabi Tantray R/o Shирpora passed away on 23/12/2001 and dependents on deceased at the time of death are as under...

1. Ghulam Nabi Tantray	75	Father	Married
2. Saja Begum	70	Mother	Married
3. Jameela	29	Sister	Unmarried

In this connection if any body having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained..

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"During the investigation, it was established that records submitted before CAT, Srinagar were unlawfully altered while in its custody. The prime accused, Pathan Majid Ahmad Khan, in criminal conspiracy with CAT employee Anoop Mishra and other beneficiary employees, made unauthorised insertions in records regarding their regularisation in the Horticulture Department. Investigators also recovered at least twelve official seals of different departments/institutions including Director Horticulture, BDO, Tehsiladar, ZEO, Principals, Headmasters Etc from the residence of Pathan Majid Khan," the statement added.

Locals told KNT that they confronted the sand

7 نومبر 2025ء بروز جمعہ کو حاجی غلام نبی ملک ولد مرحوم حاجی محمد علی محمد ملک سائیکہ تار صدر بل سر سبز رملت کر گئے، ہم ان تمام برہمائیوں، رشیت داروں، عیوب و اقاطب و دوست و احباب دینی، سماجی، تعلیمی، خالص کریمہ و اعظمیہ اور انکم مولوی محمد عمر فاروق صاحب، امام بنی سید احمد علیہ نقشبندی و نائب امام بنی سید علی احمد نقشبندی، مولانا شوکت حسین کینگ، مولانا اختر حسین، انجمن اوقات جامع مسجد کے اراکین بن میں حاجی الطاف احمد مظفر پور غلام نبی عثمانی احمد صوفی، انعامیہ کمیٹی مسجد شریف تار جامع مارکیٹ کے عہدیدان اور دیگرہ واد تہہ دل سے خواہ فرادہ و عمریاد اکے لئے بنی جنہوں نے ہمارے دولت خانہ پہ آکر ہماری تعزیت پیری کی یا علی فون کے ذریعہ تعزیت کی جن اشخاص نے تعزیتیں تجاں میں شرکت کی انہوں نے ہم غمی اس گھڑی میں ہماری دوا حارن بڑھائی اللہ تعالیٰ سے دعا گو ہیں کہ ان سب کا اجر اعظم عطا فرمائے اور مرحوم حاجی غلام نبی ملک کو کورٹ کورٹ جنت الفردوس میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا کرے آمین


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A fisherman throws his net while navigating the serene waters of Dal Lake in Srinagar. Abid Bhat

The Divisional Commissioner stressed the need for sustained awareness among students and the community at large so they may better appreciate the value of protecting Kashmir's rich cultural legacy.

According to KNT, the locals demanded that SMC launch an immediate sterilisation and vaccination drive in the area and take steps to ensure safer public spaces. They said the repeated appeals reflect the seriousness of the problem and urged authorities to prioritise the issue before any untoward incident occurs.



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- 1815 - 2nd Treaty of Paris: France & her allies agree France pay indemnities after Battle of Waterloo, ending Napoleonic Wars
- 1817 - First Seminole War begins in Florida
- 1917 - 1st successful tank use in battle, at the Battle of Cambrai in World War I as Britain uses the new technology to break through German lines
- 1917 - Ukrainian Republic declared
- 1940 - World War II: Hungary, Romania and Slovakia join the Axis Powers
- 1959 - UN adopts Universal Declaration of Children's Rights
- 1965 - UN Security Council calls for boycott of Rhodesia
- 1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat becomes the 1st Arab leader to address Israeli Knesset.
- 1980 - United Nations Gulf War Mediator Olof Palme makes first unsuccessful peace shuttle between Tehran and Baghdad
- 1984 - SETI Institute (Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence) is founded.
- 1985 - Microsoft Windows 1.0 is released
- 1990 - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher fails to defeat Michael Heseltine's bid for leadership of the Conservative Party
- 1990 - US 68th manned space mission STS 38 (Atlantis 7) returns from space
- 1990 - Saddam Hussein announces plans to release German hostages
- 1990 - Soviet Union shows reluctance to endorse the use of force against Iraq
- 1994 - Kosmos 2294/2295/2296 launches
- 1994 - Angolan government and UNITA rebels sign the Lusaka Protocol in Zambia, ending 19 years of civil war.
- 1997 - Iraq's Revolution Command Council formally endorses an agreement, arranged by Russia, that enables UN weapons inspection teams to resume operations in Iraq.
- 1998 - Court in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan declares Osama bin Laden "a man without a sin" in regard to the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania

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KO VIEW

Kashmir’s
Winter Air Alarm

By late November, the air in Kashmir feels thick. A smoky layer settles over the valley and makes every breath a little harder. Winter steps in with sharp cold and a level of pollution that puts real pressure on the lungs. Families burn firewood through the night to stay warm. Kangris glow under pherans. Bukharis sit in the centre of living rooms. These are old habits shaped by geography, culture, and necessity. Power cuts remain common in many areas, and people rely on whatever heat source they can afford. The smoke that rises from thousands of homes drifts slowly and collects above the streets. Instead of rising and breaking, it hangs low because the winter air traps it close to the ground. By early December, Srinagar wakes up under a brownish haze. It settles over Dal Lake, across bridges, and inside busy lanes. Morning walkers notice it first. Many start coughing during their routine strolls. Traffic adds another smoky layer and keeps building through the day. Brick kilns and small industrial units outside the city continue operating through winter. Each source adds to the air that Kashmiris must breathe. Hospitals feel the impact almost immediately. Doctors report a rise in asthma attacks, chest infections, and wheezing. Children and older people face the hardest time. A simple cold turns into a persistent cough. Many families rush to clinics at night because their children struggle to breathe. Health data from past years shows a clear spike in respiratory problems from December to February, and the trend grows stronger. Cold weather makes the situation worse. When temperatures drop, air passages tighten and make breathing difficult. The immune system weakens. Polluted air enters lungs that are already working harder to handle the cold. Even a short walk to the market can feel exhausting. Some residents describe a burning feeling in their chest after spending time outdoors. Doctors advise people to stay indoors, wear masks, and use air purifiers. These precautions help, although most households cannot afford them. This winter struggle is linked to deeper issues. Kashmir’s population has grown, and construction has spread rapidly. Vehicles crowd the roads. Many homes and shops still depend on old heating methods because cleaner options remain expensive or unreliable. Power shortages force families to use smoky stoves and generators. Winter tourism brings more traffic and higher energy demand. The valley needs a plan that meets its winters head-on. Clean heating alternatives should be affordable. Electricity must stay stable during the coldest months. Industrial emissions need strict checks. Public transport should work smoothly even in snow so people can avoid using private cars. Local communities should receive support to move toward safer, cleaner heating methods. Kashmir deserves winters that feel cold, calm, and clean. The valley carries a long list of challenges. Breathing should not become another burden.

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Kashmir’s Missing Investors

A rising middle class wants to grow its money. Clear guidance can help them step into the market with confidence.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmir has always trusted land, gold, and fixed deposits. These choices made sense in a place that lived with long stretches of uncertainty. A shift is forming now. Young people with steady jobs download market apps, follow stock updates, and ask friends about SIPs. They want their money to grow faster than savings accounts allow. They pause because the next steps feel confusing. India’s equity participation stays under 7 percent, and Kashmir falls well below that. Walk into any bank branch in Srinagar or Anantnag. People open accounts, renew deposits, and take loan forms. Conversations around mutual funds or ETFs rarely find space. Interest exists, though confidence does not. A major reason shapes this gap. Across India, only around 15 percent of investors work with trained financial advisors. Kashmir has even fewer. Many rely on quick tips from friends or scattered knowledge from social media. They treat the market as a place for short trades instead of long-term plans. Without guidance, small mistakes feel heavy, and hesitation continues. Other countries show a different path. In the United States, almost three-fourths of investors use advisors who help them build balanced portfolios. People understand risk better, trust the process, and stay invested longer. Strong markets often grow from the trust built between advisors and everyday investors. Kashmir has the base to move in that direction. A turn toward thoughtful, long-term investing can help families build security and give Kashmir a stronger economic future.

The author is a Srinagar-based
reputed financial advisor.

Letter to Editor

Kashmir’s Digital Trust Problem Is Getting Worse

Cybercrime has turned into a daily worry in the valley. Many people receive messages or calls from strangers on WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. What starts as a friendly chat often leads to fear, shame, and silence. More people are speaking about it. Many still stay silent. This problem usually begins with a harmless-looking profile. The name sounds normal. The picture feels safe. The stranger spends days watching the other person’s photos and posts. They wait until the moment feels right, then start a conversation. Their voice sounds warm, and their behaviour feels kind. As trust grows slowly, the victim never imagines danger hiding behind a screen. The real trouble starts when the scammer makes a WhatsApp video

call. The victim answers, believing it is routine. The scammer records it instantly. A short video becomes a weapon. They send it back with a threat. They demand money and promise silence. Many people, worried about their reputation in a conservative society, pay without telling anyone. Once money is paid, the pressure increases. The fear grows stronger than reason. Cyber cops receive more complaints each month. Officers say that some local youth also take part in these scams. This involvement has shocked many families. It reflects a deeper social worry, where frustration, limited opportunities, and easy money come together in unhealthy ways. Another trick adds more pressure. Scammers call again and pretend to be police officials. They speak with force and say the video has al-

ready been posted online. They claim it can be removed only if the victim pays. These calls often break a person’s confidence. Students, professionals, and homemakers feel trapped between fear and helplessness. People often ask why these groups remain active when technology can trace them. They wonder how such a serious issue continues even with law enforcement in place. This gap between public concern and official action keeps the scammers bold. Still, there are simple ways to stay safe. Never respond to video calls from unknown numbers. Change privacy settings on WhatsApp and social media so only contacts can see photos or updates. Block and report strange profiles. In any blackmail attempt, contact the cyber police instead of dealing alone. Young people need guidance on

how to handle online interactions. Conversations about digital safety must become part of daily life. Kashmir stands at a point where technology shapes both opportunity and harm. Social media connects and entertains us, and opens doors. It also exposes new risks. Online blackmail has become a threat that grows in silence until someone speaks. Awareness, courage, and strong action can break this cycle. The screen will always remain in our hands. The power to protect ourselves must remain there too.

Sincerely

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Mehak Fayaz and Naveed Ahmad

Ladakh today stands at the meeting point of India’s most complex challenges. The region faces melting glaciers, declining livelihoods, and rising political pressure at a time when China and Pakistan are tightening their strategic grip nearby. Ladakh’s internal tensions now carry national consequences. Any misstep risks unsettling India’s security calculus in the northern frontier. Much of this tension took shape after August 2019, when Ladakh was separated from Jammu and Kashmir and placed under direct central administration.

The decision promised faster development and better governance. It also raised concerns about land ownership, demographic change, and the future of Ladakh’s cultural and ecological identity. These concerns grew into public agitation. The campaign led by Sonam Wangchuk transformed scattered anxieties into a unified movement for statehood and protection under the Sixth Schedule. The unrest reached its peak with violent clashes that left four people dead and pushed Leh under curfew for the first time in years. The story often begins with politics. Ladakh’s story begins with its mountains. The region forms a vital part of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan ecosystem, sometimes called the planet’s “Third Pole” for the volume of ice stored in its glaciers. These glaciers feed rivers such as the Indus, Sutlej, and Shyok, which support millions across South Asia. Glaciers in this system melted 65 percent faster between 2011 and 2020 than in the decade before. If warming continues at the current rate, up to 80 percent of the ice could disappear by the end of the century. A crisis like this would change

water security across Asia. The danger is already real in Ladakh, where farming relies on glacial melt and villages depend on carefully managed water channels. Traditional livelihoods are already in decline. Families who once relied on barley, apricots, and livestock now struggle to sustain themselves. The Periodic Labour Force Survey for 2023-24 reports Ladakh’s unemployment rate at 21.9 percent. Youth unemployment stands at 33.6 percent, while unemployment among women reaches 45.2 percent. Young people leave their villages in large numbers for opportunities in cities. Climate stress and joblessness form the two sides of the same crisis. This is why the demand for autonomy and constitutional protection carries dimensions beyond politics. Many Ladakhis see the Sixth Schedule as the only safeguard that can protect their land, community rights, and fragile environment from extractive projects. The call is rooted in a desire for survival.

This has raised a difficult question for New Delhi. The ruling party won the region on a manifesto that promised inclusion under the Sixth Schedule and a roadmap to statehood. The promise now stands in suspension. The hesitation appears driven by strategic choices. In the past year, teams from nearly twenty large solar power companies have surveyed land in Leh for a proposed 7,500-megawatt project worth 45,000 crore. Siemens, ABB, Tata Power Solar, and Adani Green Energy see Ladakh as an ideal site due to its open terrain and high solar radiation. Central control over land offers a smooth route for such projects. Granting legislative authority to local bodies under the Sixth Schedule could create new layers of negotiation and slow down national energy plans. Ladakh is also a militarily sensitive region where roads, airstrips,

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If policy continues to view Ladakh only as a strategic map and not as a living society, the price may be a gradual erosion of faith. Stability in Ladakh will depend on recognising that ecological survival, economic opportunity, and political dignity form one interconnected demand. Meeting that demand is central to India’s future in the mountains.

ries implications that reach far beyond the region. The broader geopolitical stakes intensify this picture. China’s partnership with Pakistan through the \$60-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has reshaped the strategic map. The corridor links Xinjiang to Gwadar and gives Beijing direct access to the Arabian Sea. Its northern routes run close to Ladakh. India’s hold over the Karakoram range gives it potential leverage during conflict. China’s territorial pressure, including the repeated transgressions and the deadly clash in Galwan in 2020, fits into this larger strategy of securing depth around CPEC. In this environment, loss of trust among Ladakh’s own people becomes a serious risk. Ajai Shukla, the former army officer and defence analyst, often reminds policymakers that unrest in Ladakh must be examined through a three-front lens shaped by India’s ties with Pakistan and China. Local alienation weakens India’s posture far more than any single military incident. Political stability in Ladakh strengthens India’s northern frontier. Distrust weakens it, and the consequences can spill across the wider Himalayan arc, including Kashmir. If policy continues to view Ladakh only as a strategic map and not as a living society, the price may be a gradual erosion of faith. Stability in Ladakh will depend on recognising that ecological survival, economic opportunity, and political dignity form one interconnected demand. Meeting that demand is central to India’s future in the mountains.

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Downtown Chef Feeding Community Spirit

Amid rising expenses and unstable work, the life of a young downtown cook captures the struggle and drive of Kashmir's new workforce.

Gowher Bhat

As downtown Srinagar sleeps under rising prices and scarce work, Mohammad Afzal Shah starts his day early, turning cooking into both craft and survival.

At twenty-seven, he carries the story of a generation balancing family pressure, unstable work, and the search for dignity in a city still adjusting to new economic realities.

His rise inside local kitchens speaks to a wider shift in Kashmir, where more young men now move toward service jobs as traditional livelihoods fade.

Afzal's interest in cooking grew in a modest home where his mother worked with limited ingredients and strong instinct.

"We didn't have much, but we had warmth," he says.

That warmth shaped him, even as the city around him changed year after year.

He entered the workforce early. He drove a commercial vehicle on the Lal Chowk to Soura route, waking up before traffic filled the roads. The income covered basic groceries.

He later worked as an office assistant in a small football club, handling everything from paperwork to heavy lifting.

Many young Kashmiris move through similar jobs today, searching for stability in a job market that



shifts with each season.

The turning point in Afzal's life arrived inside a small Srinagar eatery.

He washed dishes and cleared

tables while watching senior cooks work under pressure. He studied their hands and movements, understanding timing, heat, and balance long before anyone trusted him with a stove.

"If you watch closely, the kitchen teaches you," he says.

His first chance came during a busy dinner hour when the head cook fell ill and orders kept rising.

Afzal cooked the restaurant's signature curry from memory. The customers praised it.

That night moved him from the margins of the kitchen to the centre.

The subsequent years demanded discipline. Prices climbed, work hours stretched, and family responsibilities increased. Neighbours remember him rushing to morning shifts with tired eyes.

"He handled pressure silently and still showed up on time," says Abdul Rahim, a shopkeeper in his lane. Former colleagues recall his routine. "He came first and left last," one of them says.

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AFZAL'S STORY REFLECTS THE PRESSING PULSE OF TODAY'S KASHMIR.
Young workers push through financial strain, rising living costs, and unstable jobs while building new skills in growing industries.

As his skills grew, local hotels began calling him for vegetarian spreads, a growing demand as Kashmir's tourism sector shifts toward wellness food culture.

Senior chefs asked for his help. Young cooks followed his instructions. A hotelier who once hired him says, "His food feels clean and sincere."

Marriage added another layer to his responsibilities. His wife speaks about his calm and steady presence.

When their daughter arrived, Afzal balanced long shifts with sleepless nights. He insisted she rest while he cared for the baby. "I still

wonder how he managed," she says.

His daughter now gives him purpose on days when rising expenses and long hours test him. Her laughter at the door resets him instantly.

Afzal also supports boys in his neighbourhood who search for work. Many face the same uncertainty he once felt. He calls hotel owners, arranges interviews, and teaches them basic kitchen discipline.

"I know how it feels when you have no one to guide you," he says. Several boys credit him for helping them secure their first job.

He shares a simple ritual with those who feel overwhelmed.

He wakes before Fajr, washes his face with cold water, steps outside, and looks at the sky for a moment. "It clears the mind," he says. "It reminds you that challenges change."

Afzal hopes to open a small restaurant someday, one that respects traditional flavour and honest ingredients.

For now, he works long hours, supports his family, and helps those around him find footing in a demanding city.

A neighbour puts his journey in plain words. "He rises through effort," he says.

Afzal's story reflects the pressing pulse of today's Kashmir.

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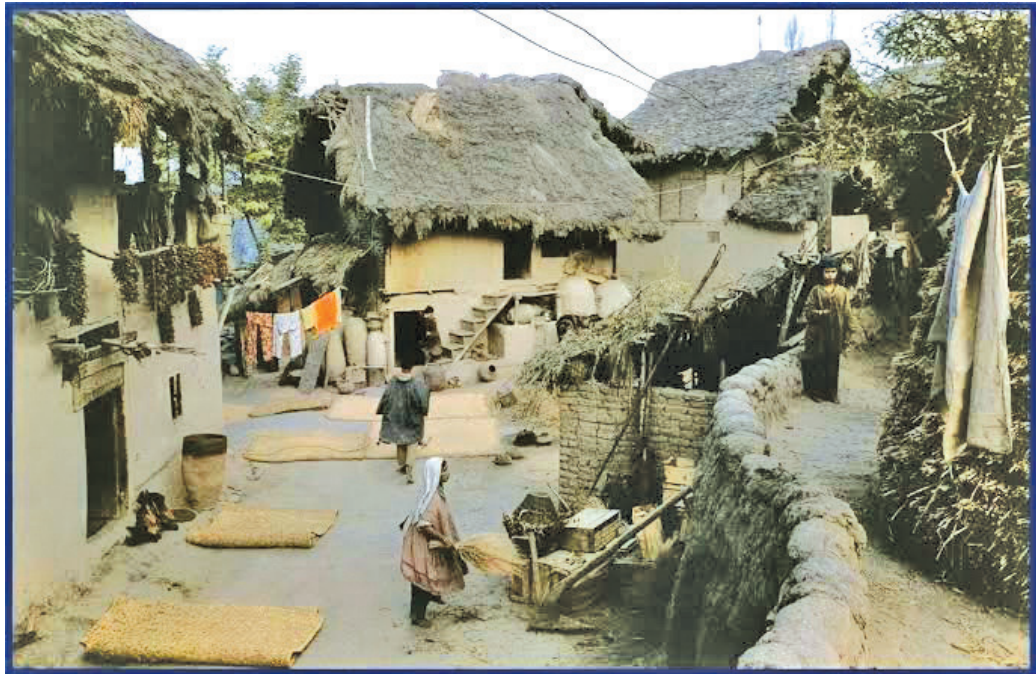
His path shows how one person's steadiness can mirror a wider struggle and a silent shift taking place across Srinagar's kitchens and homes.

—The author is a Pulwama-based educator and writer.

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A Trace of What Was

A personal reflection on how Kashmir's warmth faded over the years, and how returning to our old values may help us breathe again.



Wahid Bashir

I often find myself thinking about the Kashmir I knew as a child.

It feels close when I close my eyes, even though life has carried us far from it. People had less, but their hearts felt wide. Neighbours stepped into our homes without hesitation.

My mother would rush to make tea. The house felt alive with voices, laughter, and the comfort of being seen.

I miss those evenings. We sat together on floors warmed by carpets, sharing rice, stories, and the small joys of the day. No one was in a hurry. We looked at each other when we spoke. We listened fully. Gratitude lived inside us in a meaningful way. Even the poorest families would thank the Almighty for whatever they had. Life felt enough.

The Kashmir around me now feels more restless.

People worry about things they never spoke of before. Families feel scattered even when they live in the same house.

I hear of rising anxiety in surveys, though I also witness it in the tired eyes of shopkeepers, students, and friends.

My homeland holds a strange silence even in busy places. People walk with phones in their hands, searching for calm in a world that keeps reminding them to move faster. Doors stay

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shut. Hearts stay guarded.

I feel it in myself too. The warmth I grew up with often feels like a memory floating somewhere behind the noise.

Sometimes I ask myself when this shift began. Maybe it happened slowly, while we were all busy adjusting to a new kind of life. Trends and ideas arrived at our doorstep through screens long before we learned how to

filter them.

Family dinners now happen in the presence of glowing phones. Conversations shrink into short messages. Even when we sit together, we are elsewhere in our minds.

The speed of modern life slipped into our homes, and with that speed, something gentle slipped away.

I also see the change in how we dress and carry ourselves. Modesty once shaped us, giving people a calm confidence.

Clothing was a reflection of dignity instead of display. Today many try to match whatever they see online. Young people feel pressure to look a certain way, as if their worth depends on being noticed.

This search for approval often hides a deeper confusion about identity.

I look at old family photographs sometimes. The faces look so composed, as if they knew who they were without trying to prove it.

But now, many of us have started measuring life through wealth and recognition. Homes get bigger, but conversations grow smaller. Work stretches into evenings. Prayer becomes something we fit between tasks instead of something that shapes our day.

I see this in my own life too. I catch myself waiting to finish a call or a message before standing

up to pray. Then I remember stories of my elders who dropped everything the moment the call to prayer began. I wonder when that certainty slipped away from us.

The story of Imam Hussain [A.S.] pausing in the battlefield for prayer is something I grew up hearing. It taught me that prayer creates strength in the hardest moments.

Many of us remember the story, though we forget the practice that gives it meaning. A slow distance from faith troubles the valley more than we admit.

These changes came silently, almost without warning.

One day we woke up and realised we no longer lived the way we once did. Pride took space where humility lived. Self-interest grew stronger than community care. Hospitality turned into a ritual instead of a habit. Gratitude lost its regular place in our homes.

People speak often of a strange emptiness even when they achieve everything they once wanted. I feel that emptiness too sometimes, like a silent question inside the chest.

I do not believe everything is lost. The valley still carries a soft pulse under all this noise. I feel it when an elderly neighbour sends over a plate of food. I feel it when people gather for prayer in the early morning cold. I feel it when a stranger helps push a stalled car on a slippery winter road.

These small acts remind me of who we were, and who we can still be.

Maybe the way forward begins with simple choices. Opening the door for a neighbour. Putting the phone aside during dinner. Praying on time. Asking someone how they are and meaning it. Choosing gratitude even when life feels heavy.

These gestures can bring back the warmth we lost slowly.

Kashmir has lived through many seasons of change. I still believe it can find its old light again.

The return may begin with something as simple as remembering who we were, and deciding to carry those values with us into the days ahead.

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The Ripple of Addiction

Behind every adult seeking help, there are children silently suffering the effects of addiction, carrying burdens too heavy for their age.



Ishfaq Nabi Qureshi

I reached the rehabilitation center in Srinagar early, when the streets still held the morning chill. Cold crept through the walls, mingling with the sharp scent of antiseptic and the warmth of brewing tea. Another day of intake forms, histories, and assessments waited. I thought it would be the usual routine. This day felt different.

A woman walked in, holding her infant close. Tears shone in her eyes. Her husband followed, hollow-eyed, shoulders slumped from years of fighting addiction. He moved slowly, silent, carrying the weight of battles lost.

The paperwork started. I asked questions, noted histories, recorded details of substance use and relapse. Her voice shook as she spoke. Her baby began to cry, a small, trembling sound that seemed almost swallowed by the room. Then it grew, demanding attention.

The infant's cries rose above the ticking clock, the low voices of the staff, and the father's hesitant mutterings. She lay in her mother's lap, wrapped in a thin shawl against November cold. Her tiny feet peeked out. Her chest rose unevenly as she coughed. The mother rocked her, whispering words of comfort that disappeared into the air.

I tried to continue my notes, but the cries drew me in. They were not just cries of discomfort. They carried the weight of hardship, the silent inheritance of suffering.

Addiction does not only affect the person who uses. It reaches spouses, parents, and children, leaving invisible scars.

Minutes passed. Her cries slowed into small gasps. Her limbs relaxed as sleep claimed her. She clutched her mother's shawl and her eyelashes rested against her pale cheeks. Even in sleep, she seemed to carry burdens too heavy for her age.

The father fidgeted beside them, guilt and shame written in every small movement.

I set down my pen, watching the scene. Between the child's rest and the father's tremor

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lay the reality I face daily: healing one life while others around it struggle silently.

Evening arrived. The hum of heaters filled the center. Patients moved softly through the corridors. Her cries stayed in my mind, a silent reminder of the untold stories addiction leaves behind.

Children like her rarely remember these moments, but they mark those who witness them.

The woman came seeking hope. The father came seeking recovery. The child, too young to seek anything, curled into uneasy sleep, trembling from the cold.

The truth of addiction showed itself in her small chest rising and falling unevenly and in her mother's endurance. I left the room carrying that memory.

And that memory is a reminder of what it means to witness suffering and to hold hope for lives shaped by addiction.

—The author is a counseling psychologist based in Srinagar, working with individuals and families affected by substance use in Kashmir.

Frame National Policy, Uniform Rules On Organ Transplantation: SC To Centre

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a slew of directions to the Centre to frame a national policy and uniform rules in consultation with States to ensure a transparent, and efficient system for organ donation and allocation.

A bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran passed the directions on a PIL filed by the Indian Society of Organ Transplantation.

The CJL, in its order, requested the Centre to persuade Andhra Pradesh to adopt the 2011 amendments to the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994.

It also directed that states like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Manipur, which have not yet

adopted the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules, 2014, to do so expeditiously, stressing the "importance of the issue.

The bench asked the Centre to develop a national policy with "model allocation criteria" for organ transplants.

This policy must address and mitigate issues of gender and caste bias and establish "uniform criteria for donors across the country" to end the state-wise discrepancies.

Noting that states like Manipur, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar, and Lakshadweep lack a State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTO), the bench asked the Centre to constitute these bodies under the National Organ Transplantation Programme after consulting the states.



On the issue of saving live donors from "exploitation", it asked the Centre to evolve guidelines for the welfare of live donors, ensuring they are cared for post-donation and to

prevent their commercialisation and exploitation.

It also directed the government, in consultation with the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation

(NOTTO), to amend birth and death registration forms (Form 4 and 4A) to specifically indicate if a death was a "brain death" and whether the option to donate organs was provided to the

family.

On Tuesday, the PIL petitioner commenced with the arguments surrounding the lack of uniformity around the applicability of the 2014 rules across the nation as certain states such as Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka rely on their own existing laws instead.

Senior lawyer K Parmeswar, appearing for the petitioner, said the lack of a consolidated national database for donors and recipients as of date was alarming and slowing down the process across states.

He said organ transplant till date remains only accessible to a certain class of people, as class and gender disparities remain.

At least 90 percent of organ transplants take place in private hospitals, with public hospitals barely finding any representation on the organ donor registry.

Earlier on April 21, the court had directed the Centre to convene a meeting of chief secretaries and public health secretaries of all States and Union territories and gather detailed data on the adoption and implementation of organ transplant laws, including the 1994 Act, its 2011 amendment and the 2014 rules, as well as compliance with NOTTO guidelines.

The court had sought information on cadaver versus live donor ratios, gender disparities in donation and receipt, awareness efforts, financial assistance, policies on swap transplantation, organ allocation procedures, and the availability of hospitals equipped for single and multi-organ transplants. The consolidated report was to be submitted by July 18, 2025.

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that the administration will pursue the proposal to connect Purmandal with a four-lane road through the central government.

He commended the Purmandal-Utterbehi Terth Seva Nyas, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other organisations for their role in strengthening cultural preservation and urged community participation in protecting natural heritage.

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, DDC Chairperson Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma, and other public representatives, officials, and community leaders attended the event alongside a large number of devotees.

LG Hails Rajouri

Rajouri among the top-performing districts in the country for promoting water-saving methods, involving local people in decision-making, and protecting the environment for the long term.

Officials said Rajouri's success came from the joint efforts of the district administration, local communities, panchayats, and government departments.

The district introduced new watershed management techniques and ran awareness drives to motivate people to save water.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated congratulated Rajouri district, the Deputy Commissioner and the entire Rajouri administration for the achievement.

The Deputy Commissioner thanked the President for the honour and said the administration would continue to strengthen community-led water conservation initiatives.

HC Orders

Magistrate (T), Kathua has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Udhampur against the vacant post.

Ms. Himani Parihar, Munsiff, Samba has been transferred and posted as Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Jammu .

Raja Arshad Hamid, Additional Mobile Magistrate (T), Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Srinagar.

Mainaaz Qadir, Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Pantha Chowk.

Shazia Chowdhary, Munsiff/Additional Special Magistrate, Doda has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, R.S Pura against the vacant post.

Lakshay Badyal, Munsiff, Nobra is transferred and posted as Munsiff, Hiranagar against the vacant post.

Ms. Deldan Angmo, Munsiff, Sankoo has been transferred and posted as Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Khalti.

Ms. Arusa Chowdhary, Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Rajouri against the vacant post.

Adnan Manzoor, 4th Additional Munsiff, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Baramulla.

Ms. Mufti Nahida, Munsiff, Kangan has been transferred and posted as Additional Mobile Magistrate (T), Srinagar.

Nazia Hassan, Munsiff Chadoora has been transferred and posted as 4th Additional Munsiff, Srinagar.

Isha Jerath, Munsiff, Munsiff Bhaleesa has been transferred and posted as 2nd Additional Munsiff, Jammu against the vacant post.

Ms. Ritika Jamwal, Munsiff Mahore has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Samba.

Himanshoo Attri, Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Pahalgam has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Mahore vice Ms. Ritika Jamwal.

Mansoor Ahmad Mir, Munsiff Tangdhar has been transferred and posted as Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Kralpora against the vacant post.

Ashutosh Sharma, Munsiff Bani has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Ramban against the vacant post.

Sadiq Ali Wazir, Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Drass has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Sankoo.

Moonis Wahid, Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Ganderbal has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Kangan.

Syed Tyoub Bukhari, Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Khalti has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Chadoora.

Shivani Attri, Munsiff/Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Pantha Chowk has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Bani.

Andleeb Singh, Munsiff Budhal has been transferred and posted as Munsiff, Majalta against the vacant post.

Orders Posting Of

Ajay Kumar Gupta as Registrar Inspection, Srinagar, Faizan Ul Haq Iqbal as Registrar Rules,

Swati Gupta as Registrar Judicial, Jammu and Umesh Sharma as Registrar Computers (I.T)

Among the Civil Judges (Senior Division), Sunil Kumar has been posted as Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Touseef Ahmad Magrey as Joint Registrar Inspection, Srinagar and Faizan I Nazar as Sub Judge, LRP. "He shall look after the work of CPC, e-Courts," according to an order by Registrar General M K Sharma.

Hospital Lockers

officials said.

In Shopian district, inspections were carried out at the District Hospital and the Community Health Centre Zainapora, officials said. Similar checks were conducted at the Sub District Hospital Yaripora and the Primary Health Centre Devsar in Kulgam.

Officials said the locker inspections are part of a broader security exercise triggered by the Delhi blast and are meant to ensure transparency, accountability and proper utilisation of hospital infrastructure. The checks aim to prevent any misuse of lockers for storing unauthorised items and to strengthen internal security in health facilities, they added.

During the exercise, unclaimed lockers were identified and hospital authorities were directed to update records to avoid any possible misuse.

The security drive was initiated after arms and ammunition were recovered from the locker of a doctor at Government Medical College Anantnag. The arrest of the doctor led to the busting of a "white collar" terror module involving several doctors and the recovery of around 2,900 kilograms of explosive material.

In a parallel operation, the Counter Intelligence Unit of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday conducted searches inside the high security Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu and the district jail in Poonch, officials said.

A raid was carried out at Kot Bhalwal jail, which houses hardcore Pakistani and local terrorists along with other notorious criminals, followed by a search operation at the Poonch jail later in the afternoon. Officials said jail authorities extended complete cooperation during the searches.

The operations were part of efforts to look for terror networks reportedly being operated from inside prisons. The searches also come in the backdrop of a major crackdown in the Kashmir Valley following the unearthing of the "white collar" terror network and the November 10 car blast near Delhi's Red Fort that left several people dead.

UP ATS Steps Up Checks on Madrasas

The Uttar Pradesh Anti Terrorism Squad has intensified monitoring after the recent Red Fort blast in Delhi and has sought full details of madrasas, their students and teaching staff across eight districts in the Prayagraj zone, officials said on Wednesday.

The ATS has written to minority welfare officers in Prayagraj, Pratapgargh, Kaushambi, Fatehpur, Banda, Hamirpur, Chitrakoot and Mahoba, asking for complete lists of students and clerics, including names, fathers' names, addresses and mobile numbers. Senior ATS officials in Lucknow said the exercise is aimed at preventing any misuse of madrasas by anti social elements.

Officials clarified that the directive has been issued only to these eight districts for now.

Prayagraj District Minority Welfare Officer Krishna Murari said the district's report has already been submitted, adding that Prayagraj has 206 functional madrasas, including 43 aided and 169 unaided institutions. The ATS has begun ground level verification based on the reports received.

Uttar Pradesh Panchayati Raj and Minority Welfare Minister Om Prakash Rajbhar said the government has instructed the eight district administrations to expedite submission of madrasa staff lists and assured full cooperation with the ATS in scrutinising suspicious activities.

The Delhi Police has registered cases against 250 people in the North district during a large scale verification drive launched after the November 10 Red Fort blast, officials said on Tuesday.

DCP North Raja Bantia said most FIRs were filed against tenants and residents who failed to complete mandatory police verification. Several lodges and small guest houses have also been booked for not following verification norms. Police said the crackdown was necessary as the blast occurred in a high footfall zone.

More than 2,500 houses have been checked so far, with ID verification and questioning conducted by multiple agencies. Offenders face action under Section 223(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which includes a jail term of up to six months or a fine.

Verification camps have been set up in all local police stations, and door to door checks are being carried out with support from specialised units and central agencies. Guest houses, budget hotels and rented accommodations have been inspected, officials said.

Around 50 drones are monitoring the Red Fort area, capturing real time visuals of rooftops,

abandoned buildings and market lanes, while CCTV feeds are being watched round the clock. Vehicle checks and additional pickets have been deployed to prevent any suspicious movement.

Police have urged residents to ensure all tenants and paying guests undergo mandatory verification. The drive will continue for several days and more FIRs may follow, officials said.

Body Of Kangan

for his modest nature and commitment to supporting his family.

Hundreds attended his funeral, with relatives and neighbours mourning the unexpected tragedy.

"Bilal left home in 2005 to earn for his family. After returning in 2016, he went back to Delhi to continue supporting his loved ones. His whole life was spent trying to fulfil his family's dreams," said neighbour Atta Mohd.

Ghulam Ali recalled his last phone conversation with him. "Just last month he said he would return in January. None of us imagined he would come back like this. The home feels emptier without him," he said.

Villagers described Bilal as a quiet, helpful presence who worked hard for his family and extended support to others whenever needed.

MLA Kangan Mian Mehar Ali visited the family and offered condolences, assuring them that the government would provide compensation and support. He noted that the Chief Minister had clarified that Kashmiris should not be viewed as suspects in such incidents.

Villagers remembered Bilal as someone who carried the hopes of his family on his shoulders and spent years working far from home, only to return in a coffin.

200 Doctors, Staff

been conducting frequent checks on the campus, prompting several employees to leave with packed belongings on Wednesday.

Investigators are trying to identify individuals who left the university after the blast and suspect that some may have links to the terrorists. Many people have deleted mobile data, which will also be probed. Police are searching hostels and rented rooms outside campus, and more than 1,000 people have been questioned.

A 35 year old Anganwadi worker who had rented a room to suicide bomber Dr Umar Un Nabi in Nuh has been detained. She had been absconding since the blast. Her family and seven other people from Nuh are also being questioned. Umar reportedly used multiple phones during his stay there.

Footfall at Al Falah Medical College hospital has fallen sharply since the institute's links to terrorism came to light, dropping from nearly 200 patients a day to less than 100.

Doctors said Umar was absent for almost six months in 2023 without leave and resumed duty without any action taken. They said he rarely took classes, worked only evening or night shifts, and often stayed in his room.

Multiple agencies, including the NIA, Delhi Police Special Cell, UP ATS, Faridabad Crime Branch and J and K Police, are conducting investigations at the university. The Enforcement Directorate also reached the campus on Tuesday, and teams have set up a temporary command centre inside the university.

ED Arrests Al Falah Group Chairman

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday arrested Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui, chairman of the Al Falah group, after it conducted simultaneous searches in Delhi-NCR against the trustees and promoters of Faridabad-based Al Falah University, linked to the Red Fort area car blast case, officials said.

Siddiqui has been taken into custody under the criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and is being produced before a competent court for remand, they said.

The agency has also seized cash of Rs 48 lakh during the searches that began around 5:15 am, and a total of 19 locations were covered in Delhi-NCR after a case was filed under the PMLA, taking cognisance of two FIRs filed by the Delhi Police, the officials said.

ED investigators also raided an office of the Al Falah Trust in Delhi's Okhla area with a security cordon thrown around the building by the police and paramilitary forces.

3 Doctors Among

shifted the focus of the widening probe, which continues to uncover alleged links between medical professionals and what investigators describe as a "white-coat" terror module operating across multiple states.

The four, Dr Rehan, Dr Mohammad, Dr Mustaqeem and fertiliser dealer Dinesh Singla, were picked up from Haryana's Nuh in recent days for suspected links to the blast that killed 13 people on November 10.

According to India Today, officials said that despite intensive questioning and searches, investigators found "no concrete link" between them and

the key accused, Dr Umar Un Nabi, a Pulwama-based medical professional associated with Al-Falah University.

Authorities had also probed whether explosive chemicals were sourced through fertiliser dealers, but a lack of digital or material evidence led to their release. Families of the detained men confirmed they were allowed to return home, though the NIA will continue to monitor them.

Seven people from the Mewat belt had been detained earlier, but with four now released, investigators are reassessing the trail based on abandoned phones and CCTV footage.

MD Student in Kashmir Detained, Questioned and Released

As the focus widens, a female doctor pursuing her MD at Government Medical College, Anantnag, was detained for several hours for questioning after her name surfaced during the interrogation of a former college staffer. Police seized her phone and SIM card for forensic analysis before releasing her the same night.

Her family, according to the Hindustan Times, has denied any terror links, saying she merely knew Dr Umar as her senior in the same department. They termed reports about her living in private accommodation as "false", insisting she stayed in the college hostel.

UP ATS Scrutinises 200 Kashmiri-Origin Medicos

Leads emerging from Kashmir have prompted the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad to verify the records of nearly 200 Kashmiri-origin medical students and doctors studying or posted across UP. Colleges in Lucknow, Meerut, Kanpur, Saharanpur and other cities have been contacted as part of the screening, amid concerns about a larger network of highly educated operatives.

Delhi Court Sends Youth to NIA Custody

Even as some detainees are being cleared of suspicion, the probe has tightened around others.

A Delhi court on Tuesday granted 10 days' NIA custody to Jasir Bilal Wani. Jasir, a 20-year-old college student from Qazigund, Kashmir, has been described by NIA as an "active co-conspirator" who allegedly assisted suicide bomber Dr Umar by modifying drones and attempting to develop rockets.

Jasir and his uncle, Nabeel Ahmad, were picked up by the Jammu and Kashmir Police a few days back during the ongoing investigation.

In a tragic turn, Jasir's father—who reportedly set himself on fire after his son's detention—succumbed to his injuries at a Srinagar hospital on Monday.

Module Under Scanner as Leads Expand

Meanwhile the Red Fort blast probe, which has revealed a network of highly educated individuals allegedly involved in terror planning, continues to expand across states even as some detainees are being cleared. Forensic analyses, digital trails and inter-state cooperation remain central to mapping the module believed to have orchestrated the deadly November 10 explosion.

All Kashmiris Being

The erstwhile state was also bifurcated and downgraded into two Union territories, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Omar said those responsible for the security in Jammu and Kashmir should be made accountable. "You will have to ask those responsible for our security as to why it has not ended. That responsibility does not lie in our hands," he said.

While highlighting the security concerns, he said there is an incident of violence happening somewhere or the other. "If a bomb is not exploding in Delhi, then it goes off here," he said, referring to the recent car blast near the Red Fort in Delhi and Friday's accidental blast in Nowgam police station in Srinagar.

He lamented that innocent people were losing their lives. The chief minister said he went to five places for condolences on Tuesday and was scheduled to visit two more on Wednesday.

Omar visited the families of Aijaz Afzal Mir at HMT Zainakote, Mohammad Amin Mir at Bemina and Showkat Ahmad Bhat at Qamarwari, all members of the Forensic Science Laboratory team, as well as Suhail Ahmad Rather at Natipora, a revenue department chowkidar, and Mohammad Shafi Paray at Wanabal, a tailor, who lost their lives in the Nowgam blast on Friday.

At another event in Kulgam, Omar said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are apprehensive about travelling outside the Union territory as they are all being seen as suspects for the violent acts of a few.

"In the prevailing circumstances, perhaps parents will not like to send their children outside. When we are looked at with suspicious eyes from every side, when attempts are made to defame us for someone else's doing, when attempts are made to bring everyone into the ambit of what few people have done, then it is obvious that it becomes difficult for us to leave for outside," he said.

He said it does not feel good to say this, "but what can we do, that is the reality." He added that few people are responsible for what happened in

Delhi, but a perception is being created that everyone from Jammu and Kashmir is to blame.

Omar said he also thinks twice before taking out his vehicle bearing a Jammu and Kashmir registration number in Delhi. "Today, even driving a JK registration vehicle in Delhi is being seen as a crime. When I do not have many security personnel with me, I myself think whether I should take out my car or not, as I do not know if anyone will stop me and ask me where I was from and why I had come there," he said.

The November 10 car explosion in Delhi that claimed 15 lives has triggered a sweeping, multi-agency investigation involving the Delhi Police Special Cell, NIA and Crime Branch.

Govt Focusing On New

with 'Mission YUVA'.

The fair aims to promote entrepreneurship and provide a platform for business innovation and growth for businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, he said.

The government is working to create jobs, but it is not possible to provide government employment to everyone, the chief minister remarked.

"Therefore, it is essential to create self-employment avenues, and schemes like 'Mission YUVA' have been devised to fulfil this objective," he said.

Omar emphasised that banks must ensure smooth disbursement of cases under various entrepreneurship schemes and assured budding entrepreneurs of all possible support from the government.

He added that the aim of the scheme is to empower young people to explore innovative ideas, build sustainable businesses, contribute to the region's economic progress, and evolve into job creators.

Omar said trade fairs play a crucial role in strengthening the economy by offering emerging entrepreneurs opportunities to showcase their talent, connect with wider markets, and expand their business networks.

During the event, he also visited entrepreneur stalls, business units, and departmental exhibits and interacted with the participants. He also distributed sanction letters to beneficiaries under the scheme.

Four Private Schools

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) on Wednesday said it has cancelled the affiliation of four private schools and imposed fines on several others for violating prescribed textbook norms.

HC Gives Estates

He also informed the court that some dignitaries continued to occupy government accommodation in Jammu and Srinagar. He produced an RTI communication showing that a former Deputy Chief Minister was still living in a government quarter in Jammu. The RTI was handed to the Senior AAG in open court and examined by the Bench.

Ahmed further pointed out that some unauthorised occupants who had been evicted had secured injunctions from civil courts, calling it a serious concern since the evictions were carried out in line with Supreme Court guidelines and monitored by the Division Bench. The court said the issue would be looked into.

After hearing both sides, the Bench directed the Estates Department to conclude the pending process within four weeks and reiterated that no further extension would be granted. Given the public interest involved, the court listed the matter for the next hearing on December 23.(KNT)

J&K Set To Make

government will soon notify the appointment of chairperson and members of the body," they said.

The selection panel also included the Administrative Secretaries of the Social Welfare and Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Departments.

The committee headed by the Minister was tasked to submit recommendations for appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the Commission.

As per the committee's terms of reference, it was also mandated to prepare a waitlist of two candidates for each post.

In August this year, the J&K government had informed the High Court that it had shortlisted 21 applicants for the post of chairperson and 28 applicants for the posts of members of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. (KNO)

Winter Break

of December," the minister said.

Referring to the issue of school textbooks, Itoo said the matter has been streamlined to a large extent. "Directions have been issued to ensure there is no shortage of books or uniforms," she said.

The minister also said strict instructions have been passed to the JKBOSE Secretary, Chairman, Education Secretary and other officials to act against private schools that violate government norms.

Kashmir's Fruit Economy Reels from August Disaster: KVFG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the wake of the devastating natural disaster that struck Jammu and Kashmir in August 2025, the valley's fruit industry, one of the region's major economic lifelines, has reported massive losses estimated at nearly Rs 2,000 crore, the growers said on Wednesday.

At an emergency meeting convened by the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers-Cum-Dealers Union (KVFG) at Fruit Mandi, Apple Town, Sopore, the representatives from all major fruit growers' associations across the valley expressed grave concern over the crisis and urged the government to immediately announce a comprehensive relief package.

The meeting, as per KNO was chaired by KVFG Chairman Bashir Ahmad Basheer, who said the valley's apple economy had been crippled after an unprecedented deluge in August, followed by the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway



for more than 20 days.

Basheer said the disaster hit at the peak of the apple harvesting season, turning the situation catastrophic for growers, traders, and buyers. "Thousands of trucks carrying fresh apples remained stuck for days together, resulting in massive rotting and damage to the produce. Prices crashed to levels never seen before. Farmers who worked tirelessly the entire year were forced to sell their produce at throw-away rates," he said.

Since mid-August, recurring landslides and repair work on the national highway have led to repeated closures, causing fruit consignments to pile up in mandis and orchards, further triggering a price crash, the growers said.

The Union expressed disappointment that neither the central government nor the UT administration has announced any compensation or support package so far, despite the enormous losses.

It urged the Lieutenant Gov-

THOUSANDS OF TRUCKS CARRYING FRESH APPLES REMAINED STUCK FOR DAYS TOGETHER, resulting in massive rotting and damage to the produce. Prices crashed to levels never seen before."

ernor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to address the crisis through a set of key demands that include an immediate Rs 2,000 crore relief package, implementation of crop insurance for horticulture, revival of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) and declaration of Mughal Road as National High-

way and construction of alternative routes.

The growers also demanded Waiver of KCC Loans, interest exemption on farmer loans, ending municipal Chungi on Fruit Transportation, establishment of 200-300 Additional CA/Cold Stores, standardisation of Packaging (Bardanna), quality Control on Pesticides and Fertilisers, ban on artificial colouring chemicals and fully equipped Fruit Mandis

The Union urged CA store owners to adhere to the 2024 decision, allowing growers to use their own packaging material if they choose.

KVFG called for effective quarantine measures for high-density plantation rootstock to avoid the entry of infected plants and prevent crop losses.

The Union said the fruit economy, which employs lakhs and contributes significantly to the region's livelihood, is at a breaking point and requires urgent government intervention to prevent long-term damage.

Kangan Grieves Return of Local Youth Killed in Delhi Terror Blast

Grief spread across the mountainous terrain of Babanagri Wangan in Kangan, approximately 56 kilometers from Srinagar, on Wednesday as the villagers gathered to mourn the 30-year-old labourer, Bilal Ahmad Sango, who was among thirteen people killed in the recent terror blast near Delhi's Red Fort. Bilal's body, wrapped in a white shroud, arrived from Delhi to the village, nestled among pine-covered slopes and rugged hills.

As per KNO, hundreds of residents assembled, their faces etched with sorrow, trying to come to terms with the sudden loss of a man remembered for his humility and tireless dedication to his family. Meanwhile, hundreds attended his funeral in his native village, with family and relatives wailing and mourning the unexpected loss. "Bilal left home in 2005 to earn for his family. After returning in 2016, he went back to Delhi to continue supporting his loved ones. His whole life was spent trying to fulfil his family's dreams," said Atta Mohd, a neighbour. Ghulam Ali recalled his last conversation with Bilal over the phone. "Just last month, he said he would return in January. 'None of us imagined he would come back like this. The home feels emptier without him,'" he said. Villagers remembered Bilal as someone who quietly carried the dreams of his family on his shoulders while always offering help to people in need. "He was like a mountain stream, giving life and support wherever he flowed," said another resident. MLA Kangan Mian Mehar Ali visited the family and offered condolences, assuring them that the government would provide compensation and support. He noted that the Chief Minister had clarified that Kashmiris should not be treated as suspects in such incidents. "Bilal had spent his life chasing dreams far from home, and his return, in a coffin, left a trail of grief, memories, and the silent hope that his family would be cared for as he had cared for them," he said. (Observer News Service)

Police Seize Contraband Substances, Accused Arrested

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday said to have recovered substantial quantity of contraband substance from a residential house in Bonagund Verinag besides, arresting the accused person involved in the commission of crime.

"Police Post Verinag received credible information that one individual, Mukhtar Ahmad Haji son of Gh. Rasool Haji, resident of Bonagund Verinag, had concealed a cannabis-like substance in a tin shed near his residence. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 110/2025 under Sections 8/20 of the NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Dooru, and investigation was taken up," a police spokesman said.

During the course of investigation, a police team accompanied by the Executive Magistrate Dooru, Lambardar, and the concerned Chowkidar conducted a thorough search of the suspected tin shed.

This successful operation underscores the commitment of J&K Police to eradicate the menace of drugs and ensure a safer, drug-free society. The public is once again urged to extend cooperation by sharing any information related to narcotics or other unlawful activities, the spokesman said. (Observer News Service)

NOTICE

I, Parvaiz Ahmad Tantray, resident of Palhallan, Pattan, hereby inform the general public that the Registration Certificate (RC) of my vehicle bearing Registration No. JK05K-2331 has been lost while travelling from Palhallan to Pattan.

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DPAP Hit as Former Ministers Rejoin Congress

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Two former Jammu and Kashmir ministers – Jugal Kishore Sharma and Abdul Majid Wani – along with hundreds of their supporters on Thursday returned to the Congress here, in a setback for Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

According to PTI, former Member of Legislative Council (MLC) Subash Gupta and another prominent DPAP leader, Brij Mohan Sharma, also rejoined Congress at a function organised to mark the 108th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The leaders, who had quit the Congress in 2022 to join Azad's newly formed outfit, were welcomed into the party fold by national general secretary and Jammu and Kashmir in-charge Syed Naseer Hussain, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee president Tariq Hameed Karra and AICC general secretary G A Mir.

Both Sharma and Wani had unsuccessfully contested the last assembly elections from the Vaishno Devi and Doda segments, respectively. Azad did not aggressively campaign for the party candidates, citing ill health.

Sharma was a minister in the Mufti Mohammad Say-

DPAP Terms: Defectors, 'Deadwood'

Senior DPAP leader Salman Nizami termed the leaders who rejoined the Congress as "deadwood" and said some of them had already left the party, contested elections independently and lost by big margins.

"Azad had told these leaders to go anywhere, as he did not want the burden of such leaders again. The Congress, weakened in many states including J-K, cannot expect revival by relying on these

deadwood leaders," he said.

Nizami claimed that the Congress lacks a strong face in J&K, with even its alliance partner, the National Conference, not taking it seriously.

"Since Azad's departure, the Congress has lost eight Assembly elections and one Lok Sabha election," he said, praising Azad as a national leader with significant contributions.

He said Azad will visit J&K soon to discuss the future strategy.

eed-led PDP-Congress government from 2000 to 2005 and in the Azad-led Congress-PDP government from 2005 to 2008. Wani was also inducted as a minister in the Azad-led government.

With their return to the Congress, most of the leaders who have left the party to support Azad have made a comeback over the past two years. The process has sped up after the dismal performance of the DPAP in both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections last year.

"Congress is the only party which believes in secularism and gives its leaders freedom to speak their mind. Congress does not do religion-based politics," Sharma said, addressing the well-attended gathering.

He said many people

came up with a lot of suggestions after the news started making rounds that they are rejoining Congress.

"The other party is seeking votes in the name of religion, which we do not favour. Religion is a personal thing, and one should have freedom to follow their own religion, which is there in Congress, as there are no restrictions on anyone," Sharma said.

He paid rich tributes to the "Iron Lady" on her birth anniversary and vowed to work for strengthening the party at the grass-roots level.

Hussain said the Congress will be strengthened by their return and asserted that every party has to be strong enough to contest elections on its own strength.

Book on Sardar Patel's Kashmir Engagement Released

Ansar Hussain

BUDGAM: A new book titled Sardar Patel and Kashmir by senior academic and former parliamentarian Prof. Saifuddin Soz was released on Wednesday at KSERT College in Humhama, in the presence of a large gathering of academics, scholars and civil society members.

The event was attended by Sofi Gulam Rasool, political scientist Noor Ahmad Baba, heritage expert Mohammad Saleem Beg, Prof Gul Mohammad Wani and veteran journalist Mohammad Sayeed Malik, who shared the praesidium and offered reflections on the themes of the book. Besides others, activists Dr Raja Muzaffar and Apny Party leader Syed Altaf Bukhari were also present on the occasion.

Speakers noted that while Jawaharlal Nehru's personal and political association with Kashmir has been widely discussed, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's involvement in the region has not received the same level of academic attention. Prof. Soz's latest work, they said, attempts to fill this gap by delving into archival material and presenting researched perspectives on



Patel's political engagement with Jammu & Kashmir.

The author explores Patel's interactions with prominent Kashmiri leaders of the time, particularly National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, highlighting how their relationship influenced key decisions during the tumultuous phase leading to Kashmir's accession in 1947. The book also examines Patel's correspondence with Maharaja Hari Singh and the contrasting views that shaped the political climate of that period.

According to the organisers, the work incorporates analytical contributions from prominent Kashmiri thinkers such as Dwarka Nath Kachru and Prem Nath Bazaz, offering a deeper contextual understanding of the era's debates and decision-making.

Prof. Soz said the objective of the book is to present Pa-

tel "in the right perspective", acknowledging the leader's forthright and candid views on Kashmir, which he believed deserve greater scholarly assessment.

Participants described the launch ceremony as a platform for open discussion on Kashmir's political history and the complex personalities who shaped it. They expressed hope that the book would spark further academic engagement and provide valuable insights to students, researchers and readers interested in the history of India's integration and Kashmir's political evolution.

J&K UTLBC to Organize Special Facilitation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As part of the nationwide initiative 'Your Money, Your Right', special facilitation camps are being organised on 21st November (Friday) in the districts of Anantnag, Reasi Rajouri, and the camp at district poonch will be held on 22nd November to help citizens trace and reclaim their long-pending financial assets. The initiative is a part of three-month awareness-cum-disbursement campaign launched by the Union Government's Department of Financial Services (DFS) in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and financial sector regulators.

The purpose of these camps is to facilitate the settlement of unclaimed bank deposits, dormant insurance amounts, inactive mutual funds and dividend proceeds, unclaimed shares, and other unclaimed or inactive financial assets held across various institutions. The initiative seeks to ensure that every rupee saved by citizens can be rightfully claimed by them or by their legal heirs and nominees.

The camps will be held on 21st November (Friday) at Townhall in Anantnag on 11 am, at Suraj Palace in Reasi on 11 am, at J&K Bank's Zonal Office in Rajouri on 11.30 am, whileas, the camp at Poonch district will be held at Dak Bungalow on 22nd November (Saturday) at 2 pm.

Public representatives, MPs and MLAs, have been invited to participate in the event. The District Administration, along with officials and representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), all banks, insurance companies, SEBI, PFRDA, NABARD, and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), will also be present to guide the public and facilitate on-the-spot claim processing and disbursement.

People have been encouraged through recent BLBC meetings, FLC outreach programmes, and awareness drives conducted by banks and district authorities to attend these camps with valid identity proof and relevant supporting documents for on-the-spot settlement of claims.

Police Seize Four Tippers During Anti-Mining Drive

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Police on Wednesday intensified their ongoing crackdown on illegal mining by seizing five vehicles involved in unlawful extraction and transportation of minerals in Puchal area of Pulwama. The action was taken during a special drive aimed at curbing illegal operations that continue to damage natural resources across the district.

Police said a team from Police Station Pulwama intercepted an LNT machine and four tipplers that were being used for unauthorised mineral extraction. The vehicles were taken into custody on the spot after officers found the operators violating mining and transportation regulations.

According to KNT, following the seizure, an FIR under number 273 of 2025 was registered at Police Station Pulwama under relevant legal provisions. Officials said the investigation has been initiated to identify the individuals and networks involved in the activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abdul Kabir Malik S/O Ghulam Rasool Malik R/O Changoo Doru Anantnag wish to inform the general public that I was living on rental basis in the residential house of Mohammad Abass Malkk S/O Ghulam Hassan Malik R/O House No.15 Lane G ,Alamdard Colony Rawalpura Srinagar registered with electric Installation No.0202050018806 built on land under Khusra No.1291 min. khawat 126, khata 706. Now, since, the said residential premises have been vacated by me and I have no involvement or rights whatsoever on the said residential property henceforth. The residential house is handed over to the original owner, Mohammad Abass Malik.

Subject: Grant of Registration of Paying Guest House/ Home Stay under the name and style "Suju Home Stay" Situated at Gulab Bagh Mir Mohalla, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Where: I Mr. Sajad Ahmad Ganai Son of Ghulam Mohammad Ganai R/o Gulab Bagh Mir Mohalla, Srinagar Kashmir, intends to apply in the office of Prescribed Authority of Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House /Home Stay under the name and style "Suju Home Stay" Situated at Gulab Bagh Mir Mohalla, Srinagar Kashmir under the Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, I will submit Landownership Certificate from Concerned Tehsil with, a listed photographs of the unit through Dy-Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/Partnership Deed/ issued by concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable) NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home stay, Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self-declaration, Public Notice inviting objections, if any in print media, list of family members Name, Age, and Photograph self attested by owner, Photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bedrooms and bathrooms), Inspection report by the Committee (The recommendation of the inspection Committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view, the type of accommodation and amenity, and other card.

Now before my case is processed for registration by the Prescribed Authority, The matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/organisations for objections if any and the same should reach to the office of Prescribed Authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the Valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit.

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Whereas Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Magray, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Issued Demand Notice dated 15.07.2025, thereby calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor of M/s Ashraf Automobiles (Proprietorship concern of Mr Mohammad Ashraf Dagga (Resident of Nund Reshi Colony Near Masjid Bemina, Srinagar) to repay an amount of 17,20,992.04 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Zero Four Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.06.2025 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken symbolic possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 18th day of November of the year 2025.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 17,57,345.04 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five & Paise Zero Four Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.09.2025 and other charges incurred or to be incurred. T he borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Properties

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Date: 18.11.2025
Place: Srinagar

Mohammad Ashraf Magray
Authorized Officer



Rohit's Brief Reign Ends, Drops Down To 2nd Among ODI Batters

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Indian star Rohit Sharma dropped down to second place after a brief reign at the top with New Zealander Daryl Mitchell dislodging him in the ICC ODI batters' rankings issued on Wednesday.

Mitchell became the second New Zealander to hold the No.1 spot for ODI batters on the back of an excellent century against the West Indies.

He scored his seventh ODI century during the opening game in the series against the Caribbean side, and that proved enough for the in-form right-hander to overtake Rohit at the top and

claim the premier position for the first time in his career. Mitchell currently has 782 rating points, one more than Rohit, whose reign at the top spot lasted around three weeks.

It means Mitchell is now just the second player from New Zealand to hold the top ranking for ODI batters, joining Kiwi great Glenn Turner who previously held the spot back in 1979.

Fellow New Zealanders Martin Crowe, Andrew Jones, Roger Twose, Nathan Astle, Kane Williamson, Martin Guptill, and Ross Taylor all spent time inside the top five of the ODI batter rankings during their illustrious careers, but only Turner and

now Mitchell have ever held the No.1 spot.

Ibrahim Zadran of Afghanistan also dropped down one place to third while Shubman Gill (4th), Virat Kohli (5th) and Shreyas Iyer (8th) are in top-10.

There were also big gains for a host of Pakistan players following their ODI series against Sri Lanka, with Mohammad Rizwan (up five places to equal 22nd) and Fakhar Zaman (up five rungs to equal 26th) making eye-catching improvements on the list for ODI batters.

Pakistan registered an impressive 3-0 series sweep during the three-match rubber against their Asian rival, with spinner Abrar Ahmed

(up 11 places to ninth) and pacer Haris Rauf (up five spots to 23rd) being the big winners on the latest rankings for ODI bowlers that are still led by Afghanistan tweaker Rashid Khan.

Meanwhile, the completion of the opening Test between India and South Africa in Kolkata saw a host of players from both the sides climb the latest Test rankings for batters, with Proteas skipper Temba Bavuma moving to the top five for the first time in his career. India counterpart Shubman Gill rose two spots to 11th.

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah held on to his spot as the No.1 Test bowler after six wickets during the first Test at Eden Gardens.

Srinagar Premier League: J&K Police Defeats Arco FC 2-1



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In Wednesday's game of the Khyber Cement Srinagar Premier Football League 2025-26, J&K Police XI defeated ARCO FC at TRC Stadium in Srinagar.

The league, currently in its Super Eight stage, is being organised by District Football Association Srinagar under the J&K Sports Council's banner of "My Youth My Pride" initiative.

In an exciting and high-intensity encounter at the TRC Turf, J&K Police XI registered a remarkable 2-1 win over ARCO FC.

ARCO FC showcased exceptional football and their

relentless efforts were rewarded when they scored the opening goal, putting JK Police XI under pressure.

However, the final moments of the game saw a dramatic turnaround. With time running out, the JK Police XI coaching staff made crucial tactical changes.

Faisal Rashid netted the equaliser, bringing JK Police back into the contest. Moments later, Salman Hassan delivered the winning goal, sealing a thrilling turnaround for JK Police XI in the dying minutes of the match.

Faisal was named Player of the Match for his performance

J&K Hammer Hyderabad In Ranji Trophy For 3rd Group Stage Win

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: Abid Mushtaq spun J&K to an incredible win as Hyderabad were bowled out for 190 while chasing 472. It was J&K's third win in the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy campaign group stage.

The wrecker-in-chief was the left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq, who finished with figures of 7 for 68. It was his ninth five-wicket haul in first-class cricket.

This match also ended in quick time on the fourth

morning with Hyderabad losing their remaining three second innings wickets in 5.2 overs while adding just 21 runs. They had resumed the day at 169 for 7.

Mushtaq picked all the three wickets to add to his earlier four in the Hyderabad second innings.

J&K collected six points from the win while Hyderabad got none.

J&K 170 & 422 all out in 100.5 overs beat Hyderabad 121 and 190 all out in 57.5 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 47; Abid Mushtaq 7/68).



Shubman Gill Will Travel To Guwahati For 2nd Test: BCCI



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India skipper Shubman Gill will travel to Guwahati for the second Test against South Africa despite his participation being in doubt due to a neck injury, the BCCI announced on Wednesday.

The 26-year-old Gill suffered the injury on the second day of the first Test that India lost by 30 runs in Kolkata. He could not bat after retiring hurt in the first innings and was even hospitalised.

The second Test starts on November 22.

"Shubman has been re-

sponding well to the medical treatment provided and will travel to Guwahati with the team on 19th November, 2025," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said in a statement.

"He will continue to be monitored by the BCCI medical team and a decision on his participation in the 2nd Test will be taken accordingly," he added, continuing the suspense over Gill's availability.

With Gill's participation highly unlikely, all-rounder Nitish Reddy has been taken out of the ongoing India A series against South Africa A in Rajkot.

Workload: Hardik, Bumrah Likely To Skip South Africa ODIs

With next year's T20 World Cup taking precedence, all-rounder Hardik Pandya, currently recuperating from a quadriceps injury, is unlikely to feature in the upcoming ODI series against South Africa starting November 30, and is expected to focus solely on the shortest format for now.

In keeping with workload management for frontline pacers, spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is also likely to be rested from the three-match ODI series, which carries little significance in the build-up to the T20 showpiece. Hardik sustained quadriceps injury during the Asia Cup T20 in Dubai last September and incidentally missed the final against Pakistan.

"Hardik is recovering well from his quadriceps injury at the moment. He is at the Centre of Excellence doing his RTP (Return To Play) routines. As of now, returning from quadriceps injury, he needs to build up his workload and straightaway playing 50 overs will be risky. Till the T20 World Cup, the BCCI medical team and Hardik would focus on T20Is," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. (PTI)

Pakistan's Cybercrime Agency Launches Probe Against Latif

Pakistan's cybercrime agency has launched a probe against former captain Rashid Latif for comments on the Pakistan Cricket Board and its chief Mohsin Naqvi over the matter of changing national team's captains frequently.

"Former wicket keeper Rashid Latif has recorded his statement in two inquiries against him in Islamabad and Lahore," National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) said Wednesday. He said probe against Latif has been launched on the complaint of PCB senior legal manager Syed Ali Naqvi.

"Shaheen Shah Afridi named ODI captain. Divide and rule policy is a political strategy to gain and maintain power by creating and exploiting divisions within a population, such as religious, ethnic, cricket teams or class differences," Latif had written on X.

Latif had also said Pakistan is the only country that cannot even produce a decent captain. (PTI)

Ronaldo Joins Saudi Crown Prince During A White House Visit

Superstar Cristiano Ronaldo was at the White House as President Donald Trump hosted a glitzy dinner to honour Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The football star was seated near the front of the East Room, not far from where the president and crown prince gave remarks to officials from both nations, along with major business leaders such as Apple CEO Tim Cook and Tesla founder Elon Musk on Tuesday. Trump, in his speech, made a point of recognizing Ronaldo, whom he said he introduced to his teenage son. Trump thanked the athlete for attending. He said that his youngest son, Barron, is a "big fan" of Ronaldo and the 19-year-old was impressed that he got to meet the player.

"Barron got to meet him. And I think he respects his father a little bit more, now, just the fact that I introduced you," Trump said. (AP)

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