

## DELHI BLAST CASE

### NIA Raids 8 Locations In Kashmir



KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency on Monday raided eight locations across Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam districts in connection with a white collar terror module linked to the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort, officials said.

Searches were carried out at the residence of Moulvi Irfan Ahmad Wagay in Shopian, who has emerged as the key figure behind the radicalisation and recruitment of the module busted early last month. Wagay, arrested by police in October, was taken into NIA custody last month after the agency took over the probe into the blast that killed fifteen people and left several others injured.

Raids were also conducted at Koil, Chandgam, Malangpora and Samboora areas of Pulwama, with officials saying these locations were connected to individuals associated with the Delhi | [More on P6](#)

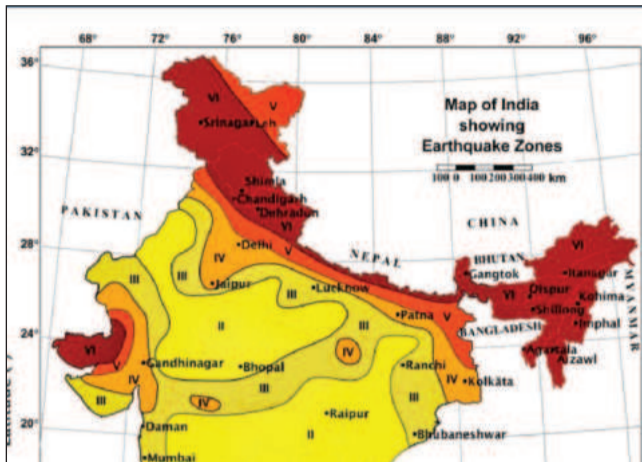
## J&K Placed In New Highest-Risk Seismic Zone VI

Dabirah Hassan

Srinagar: In a landmark shift with direct implications for Jammu & Kashmir, the Union Territory has been placed in India's newly created highest-risk seismic Zone VI, according to a radical overhaul of the country's earthquake hazard map released by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The reclassification, issued under the revised Earthquake Design Code, marks the strongest official acknowledgement yet of the extreme tectonic stresses underlying the Himalayan region.

With the updated map, the entire Himalayan stretch from J&K to Arunachal Pradesh has now been grouped under Zone VI—an unprecedented move that unifies the mountain arc under a single, severe-risk category. Scientists say the change corrects earlier inconsistencies that split the Himalayas across Zones IV and V despite all segments being threatened by the same active megathrust fault.

The new hazard zonation



also reveals that 61% of India's landmass falls under moderate to high seismic zones, with nearly 75% of the population living in areas vulnerable to strong ground shaking. For J&K—situated atop one of the most geologically active sections of the Himalayan collision zone—the upgrade signifies heightened urgency for seismic-resilient construction, retrofitting of critical facilities and stricter enforcement of

building norms.

Experts say the revised map moves India decisively toward probabilistic seismic hazard assessment (PSHA), a global standard that uses fault-specific data, maximum expected magnitudes, soil response, and ground-motion modelling.

"The updated map finally brings uniformity to the Himalayan belt," said Vineet Gahalaut, director of the Wadia Institute | [More on P6](#)

### J&K IN NEW SEISMIC ZONE VI

#### KEY WARNING

- Himalayan belt remains capable of Magnitude 8+ earthquakes

#### HIGHEST RISK CATEGORY

- Entire Jammu & Kashmir placed in Zone VI
- Indicates very high ground-shaking potential
- Applies across Pir Panjal, Kashmir Valley & Chenab region

#### WHAT CHANGES FOR J&K

- Mandatory seismic audits for schools, hospitals, bridges

- Strict norms for high-rise projects and slope construction
- Site-specific soil tests in all urban expansion zones
- Retrofitting of vulnerable structures urged

#### NEW BUILDING CODE HIGHLIGHTS

- Heavy fixtures must be braced
- Structures must remain functional after strong quakes
- Soil liquefaction & basin effects must be factored into all designs



## No LoC Infiltration This Year: BSF



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Border Security Force on Monday said there was no terrorist infiltration into Kashmir across the Line of Control during the current year, with security forces foiling all four attempts made by terror operatives. Eight infiltrators were killed and five others were pushed back, a senior BSF officer said.

Inspector General of the BSF Kashmir Frontier, Ashok Yadav, said the force, in close coordination with the Army, ensured complete domination of the LoC, preventing any successful intrusion. He was speaking to reporters on the 61st Raising Day of the BSF.

"The BSF along with the Army ensured effective and impactful domination of the LoC, which led to neutralisation of all the infiltration attempts this year from the Kashmir Valley. The force has also contributed immensely in maintaining a strong security grid in the hinterland, including during the | [More on P6](#)

## Parliament Winter Session

### LS Sees Adjournments, RS Walkout Over SIR

#### Govt Introduces 2 Bills To Repurpose Levies on 'Sin Goods'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The first day of the Winter session witnessed repeated adjournments of the Lok Sabha and an opposition walkout from the Rajya Sabha over demand for a debate on Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls as the government asserted that it is not averse to a discussion but a timeline cannot be set.

Interacting with reporters in Parliament House complex before the start of the session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit out at the Opposition, accusing it of turning Parliament into a "warm up arena" for elections or as an outlet to vent out frustration after defeat, and offered to give them tips to bring positivity in politics.

He said Parliament was not a

place for drama but delivery.

In the Lok Sabha, amid disruptions, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced two new bills that seek to repurpose levies on 'sin goods' such as tobacco, pan masala and related products.

The bills were introduced ahead of the scheduled phase-out of the GST compensation cess levied on them.

In the Rajya Sabha, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju asserted that the government is not averse to holding a discussion on SIR or electoral reforms and asked the Opposition not to insist on setting a timeline.

He was responding to opposition members who were demanding an immediate discussion on the SIR or electoral reforms in the House.

Not satisfied with the minister's response, members of several opposition parties staged a walkout from the Upper House.

Responding | [More on P6](#)

## One Flag, One Constitution, One Leader After Art 370 Move: LG

» Says Patel's Full Role Could Have Altered J&K History

» 'Stone Pelting, Pakistan Driven Strikes Over In J&K'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday joined the Sardar@150 Unity March in Vadodara, Gujarat, where he said that the abrogation of Article 370 has woven the entire country into a single thread of unity and realised the resolution of one flag, one constitution and one leader in one nation.

The national padyatra, which began at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's family home in Karamsad, will cover nearly 190 km in 11 days and will conclude at the Statue of Unity on December 6.

Addressing the event on the theme "Kashmir, Hyderabad and Sardar," the Lieutenant Governor said Sardar Patel would have ensured complete and irreversible integration of Jammu and Kashmir if he had handled its affairs in 1947.



He said the history of Jammu and Kashmir would have been different if Sardar Patel had been given full responsibility for its integration at the time of Independence. Despite not directly handling Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said Patel ensured that the region remained an integral part of India. From the very beginning, Patel had maintained that not even an inch of Jammu and Kashmir would be given to Pakistan.

The Lieutenant Governor

said Patel had opposed the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's policy towards Jammu and Kashmir and was against taking the issue to the United Nations. He noted that in one of his public rallies, Sardar Patel had clearly spoken about complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir and that his decisive action would have altered the course of history.

Sinha said Sardar Patel's vision of unity and his ideals of equality and social justice continue to shape the country's growth. Describing Patel as the architect of modern India, he said Patel symbolises self confidence, self respect and bravery. He added that Patel's values of integrity, decisiveness and selfless service continue to inspire the nation to build a strong and self-reliant India.

The Lieutenant Governor said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fulfilling | [More on P6](#)

## 3 NC MP's Take Oath In RS

Ramzan Says NC Govt Powerless



Observer News Service

New Delhi: Three newly elected Rajya Sabha members from Jammu and Kashmir were sworn in on Monday as Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office in the Upper House.

National Conference leader Sajad Ahmad Kichloo was the first among the new MPs to take oath. He chose Urdu for the ceremony. He was followed by Gurwinder Singh Oberoi, popularly known as Shammie Oberoi, who took oath in Punjabi. Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan took oath after Oberoi.

Another Rajya Sabha member

from Jammu and Kashmir, Sat Sharma, had already taken oath earlier before the Vice President.

With these oaths, Jammu and Kashmir marks its return to the Rajya Sabha after more than four years without representation. The previous MPs from the region Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mir Muhammad Fayaz, Shamsheer Singh Manhas and Nazir Ahmad Laway completed their terms in February 2021.

The swearing in of the new members formalises their entry into the Upper House and restores Jammu and Kashmir's presence in Parliament's deliberative process.

Newly elected National Conference | [More on P6](#)

## SC Orders CBI Probe Into Digital Arrest Scams

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the CBI to carry out a unified pan-India probe into digital arrest scam cases and asked the RBI as to why it was not using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to find out and freeze bank accounts used by cyber criminals.

Digital arrest is a growing form of cybercrime in which fraudsters pose as law enforcement, court officials or personnel from government agencies to intimidate victims through audio and video calls. They hold the victims hostage and put pressure on them to pay money.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice



Joymalya Bagchi asked the states, including opposition-ruled West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana, to accord consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) under the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act for probing digital arrest cases in their jurisdiction.

It issued notice to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and sought its response as to why AI or machine learning technology was not employed to identify mule accounts and freeze those which are used in cyber fraud cases.

The top court, which passed the directions in a suo motu case registered on the complaint of an | [More on P6](#)

## Property Disputes

### Civil Court Has Primacy Over Revenue Authorities: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday quashed a series of orders issued by a revenue authority, holding that such actions could not stand once a civil court was already seized of the matter.

Emphasizing the settled legal position that the jurisdiction of the civil court was "superior to, and overrides, that of the revenue authorities" in disputes involving title, possession, or civil rights over immovable property, a bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed that revenue authorities are obligated to refrain from passing any orders that may conflict with



or prejudice ongoing civil proceedings.

The bench passed the verdict while hearing a petition, challenging the orders dated March 3, 2016, May 23, 2016, and February 27, 2018, issued by a concerned revenue officer in Baramulla.

The petitioner, A R Khan, had also sought protection from alleged harassment and requested that he be allowed to use and | [More on P6](#)

## Rubaiyya Sayeed Kidnapping Case

### CBI Arrests 'Absconder' After 35 Years

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Central Bureau of Investigation on Monday arrested an absconder carrying a reward of ten lakh rupees in the 1989 kidnapping of Rubaiyya Sayeed, the daughter of the then Union Home Minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed. Officials identified him as Shafat Ahmed Shangloo, alleged to be a close confidant of JKLF chief Yasin Malik.

The agency said Shangloo had been wanted for decades for allegedly taking part in a conspiracy hatched by members of the banned Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front. He was arrested by a CBI team along with Jammu and Kashmir Police from his residence in Nishat, Srinagar, after following the due legal process.

According to the CBI



statement, Shangloo had conspired with Malik and others in the crime under various sections of the Ranbir Penal Code and the TADA Act in 1989. He carried a reward of ten lakh rupees and will be produced before the TADA court in Jammu.

Officials said Shangloo was an office bearer of the banned outfit and handled its finances.

His arrest comes amid ongoing court proceedings where Yasin Malik has been attending hearings through video conferencing due to restrictions on his movement. Malik is currently lodged in Tihar Jail after being convicted in a terror financing case.

During the hearings, Rubaiyya Sayeed had identified Malik and four other accused as part of the group involved in her abduction. She was kidnapped near Lal Ded Hospital in Srinagar on December 8, 1989, and released five days later after the central government, led by V P Singh and supported by the BJP, freed five militants in exchange.

Now settled in Tamil Nadu, she is listed as a prosecution witness. The CBI took over the case in 1990. To expedite the trial, the agency appointed senior counsel Monika | [More on P6](#)

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## US Study Finds Physical Activity In Mid-Life Could Lower Dementia Risk By 45%

Press Trust Of India

Regular physical activity during mid-life years and later could lower one's risk of developing dementia by up to 45 per cent, compared to those who are less active during the period, found an analysis of over 4,300 adults in a US town. The findings, published in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), could help develop strategies that are timed to the most relevant stages of adult life, researchers said. Dementia is an ageing-related condition in which one's memory, thought processes and speech are steadily impacted over time, and can eventually interfere with daily activities. Alzheimer's disease is the most com-

mon form of dementia.

Researchers from Boston University School of Medicine looked at data from the 'Framingham Heart Study', which began in 1948 and recruited men and women from the town of Framingham in the US state of Massachusetts. The participants were followed up for a period of up to 37 years.

"Individuals with the highest levels of physical activity at mid-life and late-life had 41 per cent and 45 per cent lower risk of all-cause dementia, respectively, compared with those with the lowest levels of physical activity," authors wrote.

Among the participants -- 1,526 young adults, 1,943 in mid-life and 855 in late years -- 567 cases of de-

mentia were noted at the end of the follow-up period.

Moderate levels of physical activity was associated with 35-38 per cent lower risk of dementia, compared to the least physically active ones. The researchers also looked at how carrying the 'APOE e4' gene variant -- considered among the strongest factors for developing Alzheimer's disease -- impacted the link between physical activity and dementia risk.

For those not carrying the gene variant, highest levels of physical activity during mid-life were linked to a nearly 50-60 per cent lower risk of dementia, while highest levels during late-life resulted in a 46 per cent lower risk, compared to lowest levels of activity.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for fertilizer and seed license in the office of the chief agriculture officer district baramulla. In this regard if anybody have any objection he/she can contact in this office within the time period of seven day's from the date of Publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Showkat Ahmad bhat  
S/O Mohd Ramzan Bhat  
R/O Hamray Pattan

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Haji Mohammad Ramzan Hajam while my correct name is Mohammad Ramzan Hajam. 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..

Mohammad Ramzan Hajam  
S/O Abdu Ahad Hajam  
R/O Hanjiwera Bala

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Javid Ah Dar S/o Mohd Abdullah Dar R/o Tengpora Pattan, have misplaced the number plate of my Maruti 800 bearing Registration No. JK05B-9540 while travelling from Markipora to Tengpora Pattan.

I am applying for a duplicate number plate from the concerned authorities. Any person having objection may contact the concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Vehicle Owner : Javid Ah Dar  
Vehicle Number Plate: JK05B-9540

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my GNM registration and migration and wants to apply duplicate copy of it, if anyone have any objection, he/she can contact concerned department with the period of seven days from the issue of this Notice.

Name :NUZHAT MUSHTAQ  
Roll No. GNM\_III\_NC\_/111035  
Year:2022  
School: Govt. AMT school shrein bagh srinagar

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my marks card of 12th Class and wants to apply duplicate copy of it, if anyone have any objection, he/she can contact concerned department with the period of seven days from the issue of this Notice.

Name: SAMEER BASHIR LONE  
Roll No: 3114268  
Year: 2018  
School : GOVT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL PAHALLAN

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my son has been wrongly written in his DOB Certificate as Abdullah Bin Bashir while his correct name is Abdullah Bashmir. 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 office of then Muncpal Council Magam within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Bashir Ahmad Bhat  
F/o: Abdullah Bashmir (DOB: 23-05-2022  
R/o Mazehama Beerwah Budgam

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I have lost my marks card of 12th Class and wants to apply duplicate copy of it, if anyone have any objection, he/she can contact concerned department with the period of seven days from the issue of this Notice.

Name: SAMEER BASHIR LONE  
Roll No: 3114268  
Year: 2018  
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## The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No :2413226 .

Class : 12th

Year and Ses.sion : 2016

Registration No : N13441700014 .



Name : Muhammad Mohsin Dar  
Father's Name : Muhammad Akbar Dar.  
Mother's Name : Jana Begum .  
DoB : 11-09-1999.  
Residence : Miragund Baramulla.

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: -- be treated as "CANCELLED")

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Assistant Secretary  
Certificates, KD.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION-IIND, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE

e NIT No STD-II / 55 of 2025-26 Dated 29-11-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tender (In Two Cover System) is hereby invited from A-class electrical contractors/registered firms enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency for "Construction of Additional Bay for Receiving Station Wanganpora (Electrical part)." in District Srinagar.

SNO	Description of Work	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Last date of submission of e-bid
01	Construction of Additional Bay for Receiving Station Wanganpora (Electrical part).		15240.00	Rs 7.62 Lacs

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder.
- The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on line up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded overhttp://jktenders.gov.in from 01-12-2025; 4:30pm
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	01-12-2025; 4:30pm
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	22-12-2025; 4:30pm
D	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	01-12-2025; 4:30pm
E	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	22-12-2025; 4:30pm
F	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	23-12-2025; 2:30pm
G	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	The office of Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar
I	Cost of e-bid document	Rs 500.00(Rupees Two Hundred Only)
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 15240.00 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Only)

- The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated above through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II,Rajbagh, Srinagar to be credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No demand Draft shall be accepted.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR / FDR only, pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-II,Rajbagh, Srinagar. No interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.
- a. Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared LI after opening of financial bids.
- b. The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II,Rajbagh, Srinagar.
5. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced.
6. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e- Bids/ the e- Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
7. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.
8. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
9. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III(b) As per Information-TechnologyAct-2000, to participate in online bidding.
10. Hard Copy of requisite documents shall be required to be submitted only by the Lowest Tenderer along with original CDR and e-Challan/Treasury Receipt instantly after opening of e-NIT pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.
11. The Name of the Work/Job along with e-NIT reference should be superscripted in bold letters on the envelope and the Name/ Firm should be clearly written on the cover.

The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

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Executive Engineer,  
Sub Transmission Division-II,  
Rajbagh, Srinagar.

No: STD-II/8926-28/Ts

DIPK-NB-2623/25

Dated: 01-12-2025

### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the Registration No.JK-04H 6197

issued in favour of BILAL AHMAD BHAT Parentage ABDUL RASHID BHAT

Whereas an application has been recieved by one BILAL AHMAD BHAT Parentage ABDUL RASHID BHAT wherein he claimed that the Address has been wrongly recorded in the records of Registration Certificate as NASARPORA BUDGAM Which needs to be changed as SHALTENG PAMPORE SRI-NAGAR

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

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM

Subject:- Necessary Correction/change in address in data to the License No.JK-0420100011651 issued in favour of MOHD AYUB Parentage GH MOHD UD DIN BAHTRAKOO

Whereas an application has been recieved by one MOHD AYUB Parentage GH MOHD UD DIN BAHTRAKOO wherein he claimed that the Name has been wrongly recorded in the records of Driving Licenses as MOHAMMAD AYOUB BABA Parentage GH MOHI UD DIN Which needs to be changed as MOHD AYUB Parentage GH MOHD UD DIN BAHTRAKOO

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Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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### Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE NAIB-TEHSILDAR PALHALAN

Executive Magistrate 1st Class.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for information of the general public that the Block Development Officer (BDO) Pattan has forwarded the case file for issuance of a Date of Birth (DOB) Certificate in favour of Faisal Mushtaq s/o Mushtaq Ahmad Parrey, R/o Andergam, with Date of Birth 28/07/2012. Objections, if any, regarding the details furnished by the applicant may be submitted in writing in the office of the Naib Tehsildar, Palhalan within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the stipulated time, the case shall be processed for issuance of the DOB certificate as per rules in vogue.

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Naib-Tehsildar Palhalan

### Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan

Sub... Application of Ghulam Nabi Malla s/o Mohammad Sulthan Malla R/o Palhallan for issuance of legal heir certificate..

#### Public Notice

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's legal heir certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Mohammad Sulthan Malla s/o Abdul Aziz Malla R/o Palhallan died on 29/10/2025 and left following legal heirs..

1 Ghulam Nabi Malla son of deceased ( married).

2 Misra Bano daughter of deceased ( married).

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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Naib Tehsildar Palhallan

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### GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT. Ground Water Division Srinagar

Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.

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#### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

GIST of Fresh Detailed e– NIT No: - 65/JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2025-26.

For and on of Government of UT - J&K, e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Registered/Approved/ Mechanical / Electrical Works having good experience in the relevant field /Joint Ventures etc having good experience in the relevant field as per details given below. The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S.No	Name of work	Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs	Earnest money	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Major Head / Programme	Tender Call
1.	AMC for 35 KVA Generator and Honda 2800 Genset at PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar for the year 2025-26.	(As per M&R Ceiling 2025-26)	Rs.33,000 /-	Rs.500/-	05 days (from the date of issuance of work order)	Registered for Electrical/ Mechanical works	M & R	2nd

Note: The above-mentioned works (Refer Table – I) S. No. 01 were earlier advertised vide this office e-NIT No: 09 of 2025-26, Dated: 26-05- 2025 & cancellation notice issued vide this office endorsement No: JS-PHE/GWDS/25-26/Camp./10387-97, Dated: 26-10-2025. Position of Funds: - Available

Ref: Superintending Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Circle North Srinagar's Letter No: PHE/MCN/125/135-36, dated: 12-04-2025.

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.jktenders.gov.in> From 01.12.2025 (01:00 PM) UPTO 08.12.2025 (11:00 AM)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: <https://www.jktenders.gov.in> As per Critical Dates/Information scheduled given below

Table-II

1.	Publishing Date	01-12-2025 (01:00 p.m)
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	01-12-2025 (01:00 p.m) upto 08-12-2025 (11:00 a.m)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	01-12-2025 (01:00 p.m) upto 08-12-2025 (11:00 a.m)
4.	Date of opening of Tender.	09-12-2025 (11:00 a.m)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir-190011	
6.	Cost of Tender Document : Non-Refundable should be in form of DD /TR/e-challan deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar( at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)	

NOTE: In case the firm/agency/contractor submits/uploaded scanned copy of tender document fee in the shape of DD/e-challan, the hard copies shall have be submitted in the divisional office before opening of cover 2nd (Financial Cover) of e-NIT.

7. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days

8. The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and (The date of CDR/FDR etc must not be prior to 03 months from the date of issuance of this e-Nit and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under Account Head 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Ground Water Division Srinagar (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 180 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Ground Water Division Srinagar (H.Q. Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar) on 09.11.2025 at 11:00 am. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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dated: 01-12-2025

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Ground Water Division Srinagar.

## Nishat WTP Set for Capacity Boost

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana on Monday visited the Nishat Water Treatment Plant to review its functioning and evaluate the treatment processes.

The Minister was accompanied by legislators Showkat Ganai, Ali Mohammad Dar and Ghulam Mohiuddin.

The Minister accompanied by concerned officers conducted a comprehensive inspection of the plant's filtration, treatment and distribution mechanisms. They closely observed the operational efficiency of different units, ongoing maintenance works and the protocols in place to safeguard water quality standards.

During the review, the delegation assessed the technical functioning of the machinery, performance of treatment beds and upkeep of essential infrastructure.

The Minister emphasised evaluation the current maintenance practices and identifying areas requiring immediate attention to ensure seamless service delivery.

As part of the visit, the Minister also reviewed the ongoing works under Smart City Limited and AMRUT 2.0, which are aimed at upgrading Srinagar's water supply infrastructure. He inspected the 3 MGD Rapid Sand Filtration Plant being developed under Smart City Limited, which will enhance the existing Water Treatment Plant capacity from 19 MGD to 22 MGD.

This augmentation will significantly strengthen the water supply to tail-end areas including Khanyar, Rainawari, Lal Chowk and their adjoining localities, benefitting an additional 87,000 residents.

Rana further reviewed the 7 MGD Activated Carbon Chamber being constructed under AMRUT 2.0 to improve the quality of treated water supplied from WTP Nishat.

The project addresses the long-standing colour and odour issues arising from raw water, a concern repeatedly raised by MLAs of the Estimates Committee. Once operational, the upgraded system will ensure improved water quality for nearly 6 lakh residents of Srinagar.



## Srinagar's Critical Medical Zone to Get New Alternate Route

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Akshay Labroo on Monday said the administration has rolled out a coordinated and technology-supported plan to tackle the traffic congestion in a systematic way across the district.

Speaking during a field inspection of the Sonarkol Road project near the Super Speciality Hospital and Government Dental College, DC Labroo, as per KNO that a series of mobility-focused projects, ranging from new link roads to improved traffic enforcement are being executed to ease daily movement through the city's most congested zones.

He said the Sonarkol link road that is currently under construction will connect Nawa Bazar with Safa Kadal and provide an alternate route for ambulances and commuters.

He said the district administration, Srinagar Smart City, R&B, Traffic Police and other departments are working in close coordination under a multidisciplinary committee chaired by the Chief Secretary and Divisional Commissioner.

He said that the recent infrastructural upgrades such as the Sanat Nagar flyover and Noor Jahan Bridge have already provided partial relief. "The ongoing scientific mobility plan will be implemented in phases to ensure lasting impact."

The DC further added that "The administration is focused on creating a long-term system that offers infrastructure expansion, smart traffic solutions and disciplined driving behaviour so that Srinagar moves not just faster, but smarter."

Meanwhile, a statement issued by administration as accessed by KNO reads, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation Faz Lul Haseeb, SSP Traffic City Ajaz, Principal GMC Srinagar Dr Iffat conducted an on-site inspection

### Public Role Vital in Fighting Traffic Snarls: SSP

Srinagar: Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic City), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Monday said traffic gridlocks cannot be completely eradicated due to structural limitations but citizen discipline can prevent the congestion.

The SSP said that the Traffic Department is intensifying enforcement and regulation measures in Srinagar while the long-term decongestion depends on coordinated infrastructural interventions by the administration.

Speaking to media persons in Srinagar, the SSP said that the department's role is limited to regulation and enforcement. "The infrastructure upgrades such as road widening, alternate routes and parking facilities fall under the purview of the administration."

"We can regulate and act against violators, but creating infrastructure is the administration's responsibility. The district administration regularly takes our suggestions and if the suggestions are implemented effectively, these steps can significantly ease the congestion," he said, as per KNO.

The SSP said the city's key stretches, including areas around SMHS and Super Specialty Hospitals, face severe congestion due to the flow of vehicles of patients and other vehicular movement, street vendors and narrow road space.

raie-Darish Kadal Corridor aimed at streamlining vehicular movement by distributing traffic through the Suner Kul route.

During the visit, the DC and SMC Commissioner along with senior Officers and engineers, carried out an onsite assessment of the works initiated to develop this alternate road for improving mobility and decongesting the critical Medical Area around Super Speciality Hospital, SMHS and Dental College.

It said that the project will allow alternate vehicular movement through a specialised route. An on-site assessment of establishing a dedicated parking facility around the high-priority hospital zone encompassing SMHS Hospital, Dental Hospital and the Super Speciality Hospital to prevent roadside congestion and facilitate smooth access for patients, attendants and emergency vehicles was also deliberated upon.

"The Nawab Bazar-Kak Saraie-Darish Kadal corridor via the Suner Kul bund link, is aimed at ensuring smooth mobility and decongested vehicular movement," it reads.

The DC directed the concerned executing agencies to ensure that the pace of work on the approved decongestion project is maintained at a fast rate so as to ensure timely completion of the project, emphasizing the need to prioritize interventions that guarantee swift patient movement and timely ambulance access, while minimizing inconvenience to local residents, traders, and commuters.

He noted that the proposed corridor would help redistribute traffic load, reduce bottlenecks in densely populated market stretches and streamline the approach roads leading to the major hospitals of Srinagar City.

The DC further highlighted that all measures are being implemented in close coordination with SMC, Traffic Police, local stakeholders, and health authorities to ensure smooth execution with minimal disruption.

## World AIDS Day Commemorated at GMC



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A program on World AIDS Day was conducted on Monday at the auditorium of Government Medical College Srinagar which was organised by the Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College Srinagar in collaboration with JK AIDS Control Society.

Prof Dr.Iffat hassan shah Principal/Dean, GMC Srinagar while inaugurating the event emphasised wider awareness among all stakeholders and upholding this year's theme" Overcoming

disruption, transforming the AIDS response". She complimented the Department of Community Medicine for conducting the program.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant director, JK AIDS Control Society, Imtiyaz Khan, gave a scenario of HIV/AIDS in JK&K and efforts made by JKACS in this direction.

On the occasion, a health education skit and poster competition was conducted among medical students of GMC Srinagar.

Certificates and mementoes were distributed amongst the participants and winners of poster competition and skit performers.

## Blaze Guts Three-Storey House in Habba Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A fire incident damaged a three-storey residential house in Srinagar's Habba Kadal area on Monday. In the incident, two firefighters were injured, officials said.

An official told KNO that the department received a

distress call at around 11:46 am following which fire service teams immediately rushed to the spot.

He said that the blaze was controlled with prompt response, though the structure was already engulfed when the fire emergency teams reached the spot.

He added that during the

operation, two firefighters, Ajay and Manoj sustained injuries while dousing the flames. "They were immediately shifted to hospital for medical treatment." The official further said that the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained and an investigation has been initiated to determine the source of ignition.

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#### EXTENSION-III

e-NIT No: TLMD-VI/07 of 2025-26  
Dated: 13/10/2025

**Name of the work:** Installation of CVT on Circuit-I of 132kV MKTL for proper energy Accounting

**Corrigendum title:** Extension of bid submission dates for NIT in view of request of prospective bidders to participate in the said tender.

*Bids not accompanied with CDR/DD shall not be entertained for techno-commercial evaluation.*

#### CRITICAL DATES AFTER CORRIGENDUM:-

1.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission supporting documents in PDF formats).	08-12-2025 (1300hrs)
2.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	09-12-2025 (1300hrs)
3.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids.	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar
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All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per attached SBD, BOQ and other documents uploaded on site.

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#### HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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**CALENDAR**  
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1447

#### PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 50
ZUHR	12:17
ASR	3: 35
Magrib	5:26
ISHA	6: 49

## This Day In History

- 1409- The University of Leipzig opens
- 1697- St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren is consecrated for use (previous building destroyed in the Great Fire of London)
- 1763- Touro shul of Newport, Rhode Island dedicated (oldest existing US synagogue)
- 1777- British General Howe plots attack on Washington's army for Dec 4
- 1790 - Austrian army occupies Brussels.
- 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.
- 1805 - Napoleon defeats Russians &mp; Austrians at Austerlitz.
- 1840 - William Henry Harrison elected the 9th President of the United States of America.
- 1899 - US &mp; Germany agree to divide Samoa between them.
- 1914 - Austria army occupies Belgrade Serbia.
- 1927 - Paleontologist Davidson Black announces to the Geological Society of China that the ancient human fossils from Zhoukoudian, China are a new species which he has named 'Sinanthropus pekinensis' (now known as 'Homo erectus').
- 1942 - World's 1st self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction occurs in Chicago Pile-1 (world's 1st nuclear reactor) at the University of Chicago, overseen by Enrico Fermi.
- 1952 - First human birth televised to public (KOA-TV Denver, Colo).
- 1961 - Fidel Castro declares he's a Marxist &mp; will lead Cuba to Communism.
- 1968 - US President Richard Nixon names Henry Kissinger security advisor.
- 1969 - Boeing 747 jumbo jet 1st public preview (Seattle to NYC).
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 3 is first to soft land on Mars.
- 1971 - United Arab Emirates (Trucial States) declares independence from UK.
- 1971 - Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujaira, Sharjah &mp; Umm ak
- Qiwain form United Arab Emirates.
- 1971 - Zayid bin Sultan Al Nuhayyan of Abu Dhabi becomes President of UAE.
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 launched into Earth orbit for 6 days
- 1976 - Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado.
- 1981 - Spanish government requests membership of NATO.
- 1982 - 1st permanent artificial heart successfully implanted (U of Utah) in retired dentist Barney Clark; lived 112 days with Jarvic-7 heart.
- 1987- US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1988- ESPN airs its 10,000th edition of 'Sports Center', making it the most televised cable program in history
- 1988- STS-27 Atlantis launched (Secret military mission)
- 1988- UN votes 151-2 (Israel and US) to move PLO debate to Geneva, Great Britain abstains
- 1989-V. P. Singh sworn in as the 8th Prime Minister of India
- 1990- First parliamentary election in newly reunified Germany
- 1990- First time 12 people in space at the same time
- 1990- US 69th manned space mission STS 35 (Columbia 11) launches into orbit
- 1991- Australia routs India by 10 wickets in the 1st cricket Test in Brisbane; first Test to be officiated by a match referee; former England captain MJK Smith does the honours
- 1992- Kiwi opening batsman John Wright becomes first New Zealander to make 5,000 runs in Test cricket when he scores 14 in the 2nd innings of the drawn 1st Test against Sri Lanka in Moratuwa
- 1993- Space shuttle STS-61 (Endeavour 5), launches
- 1997- For only the second time in English Football League history, 5 players are sent from the field; 4 Bristol Rovers players and 1 from Wigan are dismissed in the Division 2 match at JJB Stadium; four of the red cards come in 45th minute
- 2008- Thai Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat resigns after the 2008 Thailand political crisis
- 2012- Borut Pahor is elected President of Slovenia
- 2012- Pier Luigi Bersani is elected Italian Prime Minister

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KO VIEW

Kashmir's  
Cement Trap

Talk to anyone in Kashmir today and the conversation drifts toward cement. Someone’s cousin has poured a new roof. An aunt is adding a second floor. A neighbour’s marble gate went up last week.

Building a home feels like a milestone. It tells you that your children will have a safe place and that the difficult years have not dimmed your dreams.

But step inside many of these fresh-painted homes and you sense worry in the air.

The walls stand firm, but the family is still trying to pay the mason. Bank loans are out of reach for many. Land papers are unclear, incomes change from day to day and property cases move slowly.

When the bank turns them away, people walk to lenders in back alleys who offer cash at 24 or even 36 percent interest with no questions asked.

So a staircase goes up and then stays unfinished.

A gate is installed, while the rooms behind it remain bare. Prices of bricks, timber and sand jump each spring. Winter stops work for months.

Every pause adds more debt. And social pressure only adds to the weight.

Parents feel judged if they delay repairs. Newly married couples want their own entrance. Relatives keep track of every upgrade.

A lovely front yard can end up hiding skipped meals, children moved out of private schools and postponed clinic visits.

Government schemes exist in small pockets. Grants and subsidised loans are there on paper, but the forms expect steady salaries and clean titles.

Many families fall outside those neat requirements.

Cooperative banks, community purchase plans and a simple one-hour money basics session at the village office could make a real difference.

Small steps like these can keep a home from weighing people down.

A house, at the end of the day, should feel like shelter, a space that brings calm instead of stress.

CASH COURSE

Read This Before You Buy Anything

Legacy of Trade

Once a hub of world-class trade, Kashmir can revive its entrepreneurial spirit by blending tradition, honesty, and modern tools.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmir once made its mark in the world of trade. From Pashmina to papier-mâché, Srinagar’s families ran export businesses that combined craftsmanship, trust, and smart reinvestment, a homegrown Marwari mindset.

Artisans knew their craft inside out. They understood what buyers in Europe or the Middle East wanted and built networks that kept trade flowing. Promises mattered, quality was non-negotiable, and profits were put back into workshops and stock. This created businesses that lasted generations.

Then times changed. Political unrest, and blocked roads made long-term planning almost impossible. Machine-made copies, rising costs, and poor marketing squeezed profits. Many young people saw their parents struggle and stepped away. Handicraft exports fell, incomes dropped, and trade networks broke.

Meanwhile, Marwari traders kept growing. When one business slowed, they moved into another. They treated business as a lifelong habit: tracking costs, reinvesting profits, training the next generation, and never letting location limit them.

Kashmiri youth can do the same, without copying anyone. They need to focus on a skill, stay honest, adapt to digital tools, and let family life teach real business. Social media, online shops, and logistics can turn local crafts into global brands.

The key is mindset. If today’s generation combines skill, honesty, patience, and smart reinvestment, Kashmir can once again produce trade houses the world respects, this time using technology and global markets, while keeping its proud legacy alive.

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Hidayat Bukhari

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If Kashmir fails to act, the consequences will be massive: rising childhood disorders, metabolic disease, sudden heart attacks, failing kidneys, and families trapped in lifelong medical struggle. These products are engineered threats. And those producing and selling them are silent executioners.

A serious health crisis is sweeping through Kashmir, disguised in everyday treats. It hides in jars labelled “pure honey,” tubs of “village butter,” colourful sweets, and bakery goods.

What looks like a harmless cottage industry is actually a deep and dangerous network of food adulteration.

It takes advantage of families who don’t suspect a thing, the trust of elderly patients, and the vulnerability of children.

The threat is a direct attack on people’s health. And if Kashmir doesn’t act quickly with science, and firm laws, it could be staring at a generational health disaster far bigger than anything it is ready for.

In the Barthana-Parimpora stretch of Srinagar, the crisis is already showing its real size.

Homes that should be sheltering families have turned into hidden processing units, run by people who have moved in from different districts and rented these rooms for the job.

What looks like normal residential life from the outside turns into something unsettling once the doors shut.

Industrial sugar syrups are boiled and coloured to pass as honey. Cheap hydrogenated fats are melted to look like butter. Fake combs are crafted to fool buyers.

And the most worrying part is the sweets and bakery items made from chemical dyes, rancid oils, synthetic emulsifiers, and stabilizers that can be harmful even in small amounts.

These fake products move through informal networks into rural Kashmir, where trust in visitors and the absence of testing make families easy targets.

Children in villages are often the first to suffer, drawn to the bright sweets and baked snacks that hide a slow poisoning beneath their colours.

To grasp how serious this really is, we need to set aside emotion and look at what science tells us about a body under attack.

Natural honey is a biologically rich food made by bees, packed with enzymes, antioxidants, and

minerals that help the body absorb it safely.

But the “honey” sold in many of these markets is nothing more than engineered sugar.

It is high-fructose corn syrup, rice syrup, or inverted sugar made to look real. When these syrups enter the body, they trigger a sudden and dangerous spike in glucose levels.

For someone with diabetes or pre-diabetes, even a single spoon of this fake honey can send blood sugar from a safe level to a life-threatening one in hours.

Readings can leap from 120 or 150 mg/dL straight into the 300s, 400s, or even 500 mg/dL.

Such spikes can trigger insulin shock, strain organs, damage pancreatic cells, and set the stage for long-term kidney and vascular problems.

In a place already struggling with diabetes and high blood pressure, this is deadly serious. The adulterated butter, sweets, and baked goods from these hidden units make the danger even worse.

These products are loaded with hydrogenated fats, trans fats, synthetic colours, and industrial chemicals that act like slow poisons. They push up LDL cholesterol, inflame arteries, thicken the blood, and raise the risk of hidden blockages that only show up when a heart attack hits.

For children, these chemicals are especially harmful. They damage the liver, slow growth, and disturb metabolism, setting the stage for diseases that may appear years later.

The risk is already greater in Kashmir, where hospitals are full of patients with unstable blood sugar, strained hearts, and failing organs.

In this vulnerable situation, fake and adulterated food only makes things worse.

A diabetic eating fake honey is simply being pushed toward a medical emergency. A child eating brightly coloured sweets is ingesting chemicals linked to long-term toxicity and cancer.

Those making and selling these products cannot be treated as petty criminals. They are knowingly putting lives at risk.

Their actions can cause organ failure, coma, heart attacks, and chronic disease.

Whether they see the results or not, the chain of harm is clear and scientifically undeniable.

Kashmir cannot treat this as a routine enforcement issue.

Homes turned into processing units must be raided, samples tested, and manufacturers and financiers prosecuted under the strictest laws.

Supply routes into villages must be mapped and stopped. Enforcement must hit the operation’s core, rather than just street-level sellers.

Without strong action, the slow poisoning of Kashmir will continue.

Families need to know that real honey, butter, and sweets cannot be sold at throwaway prices.

Artificial colours can harm children’s livers and behaviour. Fake honey can spike blood sugar in minutes. And cheap fats can silently clog arteries.

The belief that “natural-looking” equals safe must end. Social-media influencers promoting these products as medicinal or “diabetic-friendly” are spreading danger and must be regulated.

If Kashmir fails to act, the consequences will be massive: rising childhood disorders, metabolic disease, sudden heart attacks, failing kidneys, and families trapped in lifelong medical struggle.

These products are engineered threats. And those producing and selling them are silent executioners.

The choice is clear: act decisively now, or watch a generation suffer from diseases that were preventable and inflicted knowingly.

The poison is already in kitchens. The question is whether society has the will to remove it and hold its creators accountable.

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Letter to Editor

Why Kashmir’s Recent Acts of Kindness Matter

This past week in Jammu & Kashmir reminded us who we truly are.

Among the usual debates, news, and political noise, a series of simple, courageous gestures rekindled a sense of trust and shared humanity that often feels lost in our region.

It began when Kuldeep Sharma, a resident of Jammu, gifted five marlas of land to the family of journalist Arfaz Ahmad Daing, whose house had recently been demolished.

The act required nothing in return, carried no conditions, and yet

it spoke louder than any headline.

In a place often defined by lines of religion, region, or politics, it reminded us that compassion transcends labels.

The gesture inspired others. A businessman from Pampore anonymously gifted one kanal of land to Kuldeep, turning a single act of kindness into a ripple that spread across the valley and the plains of Jammu.

Soon, more citizens expressed willingness to help, support, or give in any way they could.

Beyond land, these actions were about reclaiming space in our hearts.

They were about reintroducing hope into daily conversations, about imagining a Kashmir where unity is lived, rather than remembered.

Centuries of suspicion and cycles of mistrust have shaped our news mill. But these gestures offered a moment to breathe. They reminded us of the wisdom of Nund Resh: “Mye chhui saariy navi taeth navi.” All human beings are one family, and all differences are illusions.

This week, the answer arrived clearly: yes.

These acts revived the cultural and ethical identity rooted in co-

existence, empathy, and collective care. They reminded us of days when neighbours lived like extended families, festivals and meals were shared, and grief was carried together.

Jammu & Kashmir has set an example that deserves to be witnessed beyond its borders. The land of Resh-is and saints still knows how to love.

Sincerely,

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# Global Learning Can Help Kashmir Break Old Patterns

Foreign study helps young minds step out of the narrow race for titles and into a broader world of ideas.



**IN MANY UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS, THE LACK OF QUALITY SCHOOLS, TRAINED TEACHERS,** or critical-thinking curricula leaves people unprepared to face ethical complexity or uphold civic responsibility. Corruption becomes normal, and trust in institutions collapses. People rely on informal networks, family ties, or shortcuts because the formal system lacks moral credibility. In such environments, even honest behaviour is hard to sustain, as survival often outweighs ethical ideals.



Dr Muzamil Sultan

Too often, people in Kashmir follow the crowd, moving along familiar paths without questioning them.

Superficial concerns, ego, envy, and an obsession with status shape much of everyday life.

Gossip spreads easily, personal gain often comes before the common good, and narrow, tribal thinking blocks fresh ideas.

When careers, institutions, and ambitions are driven more by competition and self-interest than by purpose or ethics, it's hard for any society to truly move forward.

The problem goes even deeper.

Social pressures and hidden cultural shifts shape the way we think, often without us realizing it.

Over time, this erodes our sense of right and wrong, creating patterns that weaken communities instead of helping them grow.

Even many white-collar professionals are guided more by comparison than by true purpose.

If a cousin or neighbour becomes a doctor, others feel pressure to follow the same path, simply to keep up or prove themselves.

In the process, even careers meant to serve others can lose their meaning. They shift from contribution into competition and from service into status.

A similar pattern shows up in the growing interest among young Kashmiris in civil services, which is an admirable ambition on the surface. But when asked about their goals, many focus more on the appeal of authority, privileges, and social recognition than on improving education, making policies effective, or serving the community.

This reveals a mindset that puts personal gain above civic duty.

When status, comparison, and ego drive choices, every part of society reflects it. Politics, bureaucracy, healthcare, and education all start to mirror the same motivations.

Over time, individual ambitions shape institutions, and those institutions, in turn, reinforce the same ambitions. A self-perpetuating cycle forms, where personal gain overshadows collective purpose, and this mindset becomes woven into the social fabric.

The same mindset shows up when we look at how society values different professions.

Take a waiter, for example. Many see his work as "lesser," but he earns his living honestly, without exploiting anyone, bending rules, or

pretending to be someone he is not.

In many ways, he shows more integrity than people in prestigious jobs who fail to live up to the ethics those roles demand.

The problem grows when white-collar professionals, armed with degrees but lacking humility, assume they are inherently superior.

This reveals a deeper misunderstanding of what education truly means.

Beyond collecting degrees or qualifications, education is essentially about shaping wise character. A truly educated person sees dignity in all honest work, whether someone is serving a meal or performing a complex surgery.

This difference is clearer in societies where respect, not hierarchy, shapes social life.

In many European countries, strong ethical standards are the result of centuries of cultural traditions, accountable institutions, and shared moral expectations.

Morality is part of everyday life in West. Politicians and civil servants go about their routines with ease and simplicity. It's normal to see a minister standing in line at a supermarket, carrying their own groceries, cycling to work, or taking the metro without security.

These actions aren't celebrated because they're expected. Public office doesn't put anyone above ordinary life.

In these societies, power is stripped of spectacle. Leaders who demand special treatment or show entitlement are seen as unfit.

Authority is not a personal advantage, and public trust depends on humility and restraint.

European politicians aren't from another world. Their behavior reflects the values of the society that shaped them.

In contrast, in much of South Asia, politicians and bureaucrats often seem out of touch. They rise from systems where ethical standards are weak, and this shapes the kind of governance people actually experience.

This same moral framework helps explain why resignations over seemingly small ethical breaches are treated as normal rather than shocking events.

In Germany, Health Minister Ulla Schmidt faced a national controversy simply for using her official limousine during a private vacation in Spain, a breach of public trust that damaged her credibility.

State Secretary Thomas Mirow resigned after accepting discounted

airline tickets linked to corporate interests.

In Ireland, ministers such as Beverly Flynn, Ivor Callely, and Michael Lowry stepped down over improper phone expenses, undeclared payments, or small preferential deals, issues that in other countries might have been dismissed as trivial.

In the United Kingdom, more than twenty MPs and Lords lost their positions for claiming public money for household cleaning, gardening, furniture, or even maintaining a decorative moat.

The amounts were often modest, but the expectation of integrity was so high that even minor breaches ended careers.

Taken together, these examples reveal a deeper truth about Europe: ethical conduct is a social obligation enforced by the public conscience.

In these societies, the moral compass of the community values humility, transparency, and self-restraint.

Dignity is measured by one's commitment to fairness, honesty, and civic responsibility. Ethical behaviour is an internal guide shaped by values passed down through generations.

European social ethics grow from a culture where hierarchy is intentionally softened so equality can thrive.

A teacher, a nurse, a bus driver, or a minister are all seen through the lens of what they contribute. Respect comes from recognizing human worth, rather than job titles. Even professions like medicine, civil service, or engineering are valued for service than status.

The absence of a superiority complex keeps society from falling into competition-driven vanity.

This mindset also makes arrogance easy to spot as a moral failure. Ego is seen as a barrier to reason, and domination is seen as a threat to the collective good.

A leader who acts overly powerful only exposes insecurity. A civil servant who rules like a king instantly loses legitimacy.

Ethical consciousness in these societies is both personal and institutional.

Schools teach civic responsibility, families nurture emotional discipline, and governance systems reward humility while punishing excess.

The result is a society where ethical behaviour is routine.

People are not perfect, but they live in systems that encourage good choices and discourage showing off,

dominating others, or using status for personal gain.

The difference between societies that thrive and those that stagnate lies in the social conditions that shape how people understand dignity, authority, and responsibility.

This is what sets apart societies that grow through moral maturity from those weighed down by ego, comparison, and status obsession.

When ethics are internalized, in-



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stitutions flourish. And when ethics are replaced by performance alone, institutions decay.

In ethically mature societies, human dignity is recognized as inherent. Real progress begins when we can look at anyone performing their work with sincerity and say, "Your work matters."

That is the moment a commu-

nity moves beyond status-driven thinking and begins building a culture rooted in respect, fairness, and shared responsibility.

Social scientists often offer familiar solutions: teaching critical thinking, reforming education, or reshaping ideology.

But the mindset that governs Kashmiri society today is shaped by ego, social comparison, and inherited patterns of narrow thinking.

Real progress only comes when collective consciousness shifts from self-preservation and tribal loyalty toward shared purpose, fairness, and constructive participation.

One of the most powerful ways to spark this transformation is exposure to foreign education.

Studying abroad immerses a person in a truly multicultural world.

You're learning how to think critically, creatively, and across cultures. This kind of global exposure opens up possibilities far beyond any national boundary.

A foreign degree reshapes how you understand society, ethics, and yourself. It gives you the freedom to work anywhere and, more importantly, to return home with a broader perspective and a stronger moral and intellectual framework.

Stepping into a classroom abroad is like entering a living laboratory of ideas. In a single discussion, you might debate health policy with a German student, explore community-centered care with a Nigerian peer, or compare emergency systems with someone from Japan.

These experiences subtly reshape the way you think. They loosen the grip of old taboos, challenge inherited assumptions, and reintroduce intellectual honesty.

A medical trainee in the UK, for example, learns to value patient autonomy in ways that are very different from practices in South Asia or the Middle East.

The contrast itself becomes a lesson in reasoning and perspective.

This type of exposure creates mobility that is not just geographical, but mental. It trains the mind to adapt and shift frameworks depending on the situation.

When these students return home, they bring hybrid intelligence, freed from narrow expectations and corrosive social patterns. Their reasoning becomes flexible, identity more grounded, and worldview capable of embracing global interdependence.

The change is a transformation in the very way they think.

A society can be highly literate

and still remain deeply uneducated. True education requires cultivating reasoning, logic, curiosity, open-mindedness, and the ability to think through uncertainty.

For young people in developing regions, studying abroad can act like a modern Allegory of the Cave, a step out of the shadows of rigid systems into the clarity of broader intellectual horizons.

Those who return home can become catalysts for justice, progress, and institutional renewal, showing others possibilities they may never have imagined.

When approached with sincerity, foreign education empowers youth to engage in global discourse as equals, and challenge the restrictive mindsets that hold societies back.

It becomes a tool for collective transformation, capable of dismantling inherited ideologies and building new visions for what a community can be.

This is especially crucial in regions where poverty has weakened institutions.

In many underdeveloped areas, the lack of quality schools, trained teachers, or critical-thinking curricula leaves people unprepared to face ethical complexity or uphold civic responsibility.

Corruption becomes normal, and trust in institutions collapses. People rely on informal networks, family ties, or shortcuts because the formal system lacks moral credibility.

In such environments, even honest behaviour is hard to sustain, as survival often outweighs ethical ideals.

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## Par panel asks govt to enhance domestic output of P&K fertilisers, cut imports

### Agencies

New Delhi, Dec 1: A parliamentary panel has asked the government to boost domestic production of phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers and reduce import dependence.

A Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers on Monday presented a report on self-sufficiency in the production of fertilizers with a view to curbing the import of fertilisers and reviewing constraints.

"The Committee note that the country is heavily dependent on imported raw materials for production of P&K fertilizers," it said.

The country imports nearly 95 per cent of its phosphate requirements and is 100 per cent dependent on imports of potash.

The Committee observed that any increase in global prices of these raw materials, exchange rate fluctuations and global supply chain disruptions impact the domestic cost of fertilizer production.

The report pointed out that the domestic production capacity of P&K fertilizers (which include DAP & NPK) in the country is 160 lakh tonnes per annum against the total requirement of 240 lakh tonnes per annum.

The Committee said the consumption of P&K fertilizers would increase to 305 lakh tonnes during 2035-36.

The report said that work for the commissioning of some new units and capacity enhancement initiatives is planned or is in progress in the P&K sector.

The Committee, therefore, asked the Department of Fertilizers to take steps for the timely completion of the projects already started and capacity expansion of the other existing plants.

This will enhance domestic production of P&K fertilizers and reduce dependence on imports.

In a separate report on the Department of Pharmaceutical, the Committee stressed the need to reduce the price of stent.

The panel asked the NPPA (National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority) as well as the department to look into the matter to bring down the prices of stents.

"The Committee have also recommended that the NPPA should strictly monitor and ensure that the stents are not made available to the patients over and above the prices fixed by it and cases of overcharging, if any, may be dealt with strictly," the report said.

## 'No Delete Option'

# India Tells Smartphone Firms To Preload State Security App

### Agencies

Srinagar: India's telecoms ministry has privately asked smartphone makers to preload all new devices with a state-owned cyber security app that cannot be deleted, a government order, accessed by Reuters, showed, a move likely to antagonise Apple and privacy advocates.

In tackling a recent surge of cyber crime and hacking, India is joining authorities worldwide, most recently in Russia, to frame rules blocking the use of stolen phones for fraud or promoting state-backed government service apps.

Apple, which has previously locked horns with the telecom regulator over development of a government anti-spam mobile app, is among the companies, such as Samsung, opens new tab, Vivo, Oppo and Xiaomi, opens new tab bound by the new order.

The November 28 order, seen by Reuters, gives major smartphone companies 90 days to ensure that the government's Sanchar Saathi app is pre-installed on new mobile phones, with a provision that users cannot disable it.

For devices already in the supply chain, manufacturers should push the app to phones via software updates, the ministry said in its order, which was not made public and was sent privately to select companies.

The government said the app was essential to combat "serious endangerment" of telecom cyber security from duplicate or spoofed IMEI numbers, which enable scams and network misuse.

Apple's iOS powered an estimated 4.5 per cent of 735 million smartphones in India by mid-2025, with the rest using Android, Counterpoint Research says.

### TELECOM CYBER SECURITY

While Apple pre-installs its own proprietary apps on phones, its internal policies prohibit installation of any government or third-party app before sale of a smartphone, a source with direct knowledge of the matter said.

"Apple has historically refused such requests from governments," said Tarun Pathak, a research director at Counterpoint.

"It's likely to seek a middle ground: instead of a mandatory pre-install, they might negotiate and ask for an option to nudge users towards installing the app."

Apple, Google, Samsung and Xiaomi did not respond to requests for comment. India's telecoms ministry also did not respond.

A 14- to 17-digit number unique to each handset, the IMEI, or International Mobile Equipment Identity, is most commonly used to cut off network access for phones reported to have been stolen.

The government app allows users to report suspicious calls, verify IMEIs and block stolen devices through a central registry.

With more than 5 million downloads since its launch, the app has helped block more than 3.7 million stolen or lost mobile phones, while more than 30 million fraudulent connections have also been terminated.

The government says it helps prevent cyber threats and assists tracking and blocking of lost or stolen phones, helping police to trace devices, while keeping counterfeits out of the black market. (Reuters)

## Hindu rights outfit demands reservation, shifting of Muslims from medical college in Jammu

Jammu, Dec 1: The Yuva Rajput Sabha on Monday protested and demanded that Muslim students be shifted from the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) and Hindus get reservation.

The protest followed the selection of 42 Muslims, mostly from Kashmir, one Sikh and seven Hindu candidates through the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) against the sanctioned 50 MBBS seats for the 2025-26 academic session.

The medical college, built on 34 acres of land owned by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, was granted permission by the National Medical Commission on September 8 to commence admissions for the session.

Activists, led by Yuva Rajput Sabha leader Mandeep Singh, staged a demonstration at the Tawi bridge, alleging that the admission was part of a "conspiracy" against Jammu and the minority Hindu community there through, what they termed, flawed legislative bylaws.

Protesters raised slogans against the government, the Lieutenant Governor's administration, accusing them of denying Hindus reservation on the pattern of

Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Islamic University, and Mahant Bijender Singh institutions, which they claimed provide community-based reservations.

"This protest is a matter of faith as Mata Vaishno Devi University and its colleges are important institutions for the community in Jammu and Kashmir. The Act and bylaws have been deliberately framed in a manner that harms the Hindu community," Mandeep Singh told reporters.

He warned that the outfit would intensify its protest if the government failed to address its demands within 15 days.

The Yuva Rajput Sabha expressed full support to the Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Sangharsh Samiti (SMVSS), a conglomeration of several organisations spearheading the movement.

The group urged the LG administration, the J-K government and the Centre to honour assurances regarding admissions and sought declaration of Mata Vaishno Devi University as a minority institution.

They also appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to amend the Act and bylaws of the university in the interest of what they termed the welfare of Sanatan Dharma and Hindu students.

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### J&K Placed In

of Himalayan Geology. "Earlier zonation underestimated the hazard posed by long-locked fault sections that have accumulated strain for nearly two centuries."

Environmental and seismic-risk analyst Rajesh Solomon Paul called the reclassification a "historic shift". In an interview with television channel ETV Bharat, Paul noted that the new Zone VI tag for J&K and other Himalayan states reflects the very high likelihood of major earthquakes capable of producing severe ground motion. He emphasised that foothill towns and urban clusters must now treat seismic preparedness as non-negotiable.

The revised Earthquake Design Code introduces sweeping mandates:

- Critical infrastructure in J&K—hospitals, schools, bridges, emergency centres—must remain functional even after strong quakes.
- Heavy non-structural elements, such as water tanks, parapets and façade panels, must be anchored to prevent internal collapse.
- Site-specific spectra, local soil effects, liquefaction potential and near-fault ground-motion pulses must be incorporated into all engineering designs.

For the first time, BIS has also introduced an exposure layer that blends hazard with population density, construction concentration and economic vulnerability. This places added pressure on rapidly expanding urban pockets of J&K—including Srinagar and towns along the Jhelum basin—where unregulated construction increases potential losses.

While southern India saw minor updates due to stable tectonics, the Himalayan states—including J&K—face a complete reorientation of building bylaws, mandatory seismic audits, retrofitting drives and stricter geotechnical scrutiny for new projects.

With scientists warning that parts of the central Himalaya are overdue for a large rupture, the new map stands as a stark reminder: for J&K, preparedness is no longer optional but urgent.

### No LoC Infiltration

Shri Amarnath Yatra 2025," Yadav said.

He said eight terrorists were neutralised while five others were forced to retreat. The BSF is keeping a watch on all sixty nine active launching pads along the LoC, where an estimated one hundred to one hundred twenty terrorists are waiting to infiltrate, he added. Training camps across the border also remain under close intelligence scrutiny.

Yadav said the BSF Kashmir Frontier has been effectively manning the three hundred forty three kilometre LoC in coordination with the Army. In addition to LoC duties, BSF units continue to secure vital installations and assist police and other agencies in safeguarding civilians.

The IG highlighted Operation Sindoor as the force's most notable achievement this year. He said BSF units, along with the Army, executed precise fire assaults on Pakistan posts and terrorist launch pads along the LoC, causing heavy casualties to Pakistani troops, damaging forward posts and destroying some launch pads.

He said the country's leadership appreciated the BSF's strong and professional response during the operation.

Yadav also said the BSF has deployed Mahila Troops in forward areas along the LoC and at round the clock checkpoints on roads approaching the frontier. These units help intercept female couriers and sympathisers of terror groups and smuggling networks. He said Mahila Troops have earned the trust of women in border villages and are playing a key role in countering anti-national activities in coordination with local women.

### NIA Raids 8

car blast case. The agency further searched the residence

of Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather, who was arrested from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh in the first week of November.

### LS Sees Adjournments

to the opposition parties' demand to start an immediate discussion on the ongoing SIR exercise in nine states and three Union territories, Rijju sought more time to respond to the matter.

Rajya Sabha Chairperson C P Radhakrishnan had earlier disallowed notices given by nine opposition members on several issues, including a discussion on SIR, leading to protests by the Opposition.

Separately, Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury triggered a row when she arrived in Parliament with a rescued stray in her car.

As some ruling party MPs accused her of indulging in drama, the former Union minister hit back saying "those sitting inside bite, dogs don't".

Chowdhury said she had picked up the stray earlier in the day and was taking it to a veterinarian. She also claimed that the government does not like animals and questioned the objections raised by the ruling party MPs, saying there was no law against rescuing a stray dog.

In the Lok Sabha, a relentless Opposition repeatedly trooped into the Well and raised slogans demanding debate on SIR, prompting Speaker Om Birla to caution them against lowering the dignity of the House.

The House saw two adjournments before being adjourned for the day around 2.20 pm as disruptions continued.

The Lower House also passed the Manipur GST Bill to replace an ordinance promulgated to implement the GST 2.0 reforms in the northeastern state. The Bill was introduced on Monday itself and cleared after a brief debate.

It was the first day of Radhakrishnan as the presiding officer after being elected as the vice president in September following the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Addressing the House, Radhakrishnan urged members to uphold the Constitution and follow parliamentary norms while adhering to the 'Lakshman Rekha' as envisaged under the rules of the Upper House.

He also called upon members to respect institutions and understand their responsibilities towards the nation.

Welcoming the new Chair, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the rise of Radhakrishnan from an ordinary background to the office of Vice President reflects the true strength of democracy, and hoped his experience and guidance will aid in the smooth running of the Rajya Sabha.

At the start of the Winter session of Parliament, Modi congratulated him and wished that the House, under this guidance, would have meaningful discussions and take crucial decisions.

"I congratulate you, and I am confident that every member of this House will honour its traditions and uphold your dignity as well," the prime minister said.

The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, while welcoming Chairperson Radhakrishnan made a mention of the "unexpected and sudden exit" of his predecessor Dhankhar that triggered sharp reactions from the treasury benches.

In his brief speech, Kharge urged the Rajya Sabha Chair to maintain a balance between both sides and allow the opposition members also to raise their issues in the House.

### One Flag, One

the dreams and vision of Sardar Patel. He said that with the abrogation of Article 370, the Prime Minister has united the entire country in one thread and realised the idea of one flag, one constitution and one leader in one country.

Siinha said that the period of stone pelting, Pakistan sponsored strikes and unchecked

terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has come to an end, asserting that any fresh attempt to disturb peace will be crushed with full force.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir has seen major development in recent years along with clear improvements in the security situation. "Today, no stone pelting takes place in J and K. No strike is called at the behest of Pakistan. Terrorist commanders of all terror outfits have been eliminated," he said.

He added that anyone attempting to revive militancy or destabilize the region would face a strong response. "Those trying to raise their heads again will be crushed," he said.

Sinha highlighted that several initiatives of the Prime Minister including One Nation One Tax, One Nation One Ration Card, One Nation One Health Card, One Nation One Grid, the National Education Policy, PM Gati Shakti and cultural programmes like Kashi Tamil Sangamam have strengthened national unity.

Calling upon the youth to strengthen the pillars of unity, the Lieutenant Governor said three important pillars bind the country together. He said shared values, shared identity and a common purpose act as a unifying force for sustained progress and development.

### 3 NC MP's Take

Rajya Sabha member Chowdhary Mohammed Ramzan on Monday raised concerns over what he described as the limited powers of Jammu and Kashmir's elected government, asserting that real authority continues to rest with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Delivering his maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha, Ramzan said the people had given the National Conference a two thirds majority, paving the way for a popular government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. But despite this mandate, he said, the elected administration had little executive control over governance in the Union Territory.

Speaking amid interruptions from some members, Ramzan said, "I would like to say here with great sorrow that all the power is in the hands of the LG. Orders flow from there." He added that the elected government held almost no authority over day to day affairs.

Ramzan was formally addressing the House on behalf of his party to felicitate Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on assuming charge as Rajya Sabha Chairman. Acknowledging that he did not know the Chairperson personally, he praised his background as a social worker and said such positions come only after long years of public service and sacrifice.

However, he quickly shifted to the issue of governance in Jammu and Kashmir, arguing that although free and fair elections were held in 2024, the elected dispensation remained powerless. At this point, the Rajya Sabha Chairman intervened, asking Ramzan to stick to the designated welcome address and assuring him that he would get another opportunity to raise his concerns.

Despite the intervention, Ramzan continued, stressing the strategic importance and turbulent history of Jammu and Kashmir. "You know what has happened in Jammu and Kashmir in the last decades. We have to strengthen it," he said, adding that the overwhelming mandate given to the elected government meant little if it lacked authority.

Ramzan's remarks drew appreciation from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who watched the proceedings from the visitors gallery along with his advisor Nasir Wani. "First day, first show. Well done... Ch Mohd Ramzan for using the first available opportunity to remind the union government of its promise about restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir," Omar said on X.

### SC Orders CBI

elderly couple from Haryana, noted that mostly senior citizens were targeted and their

hard-earned money was extorted by the cyber criminals.

"The gravity and enormity of crimes can very well be judged by the fact that senior citizens were mostly targeted by the fraudsters by adopting different devices to dupe them," the bench said.

It directed information technology (IT) intermediaries to provide details and cooperation to the CBI in probes related to digital arrest cases.

The bench also directed the CBI to seek assistance from Interpol to reach cyber criminals operating from offshore tax haven countries.

It asked the Department of Telecom to ensure that telecom service providers do not provide multiple SIM cards to one user or entity, which may be used in cyber crimes.

"The Department of Telecom to submit a proposal for the consideration of this court which can be enforced by the telecom service providers to deter multiple SIM cards in one name or entity," the bench said.

To ensure better coordination with the CBI, the bench asked all states and Union Territories (UTs) to set up a regional and state cybercrime coordination centre to deal with such online offences.

It asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to ensure that the views of various Union ministries, including Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Telecom, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, are put before it to deal with cybercrimes cases.

The top court said all states and UTs and their police agencies along with the CBI are free to freeze bank accounts used in defrauding citizens.

At the outset, the bench directed the CBI to probe bank officials who are hand-in-glove and who help in operating mule accounts with the fraudsters in duping citizens, and register cases against them under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

A mule account is a bank account also known by some other names used by cybercriminals to receive and transfer illicit funds, making it harder to trace the source of the money for the probe agencies.

The bench said amicus curiae advocate N S Nappinai has, after preliminary analysis, flagged broadly three types of cybercrimes -- digital arrests, investment scams and part-time job scams -- which are most prevalent in the country.

While explaining the nature of these three cyber crimes, the bench said that there can be no second opinion that every such crime needs to be investigated but digital arrest cases require immediate attention. The other two categories -- of investment and part-time job scams -- can be taken in the second and third phases, it added.

The top court directed the CBI to induct any officer from states and technical experts and associate them as members of the probe team on digital arrest cases.

On November 3, the top court said it needs to deal with digital arrest cases with an iron hand, while expressing shock over the scale of such cybercrime cases in the country, with over Rs 3,000 crore allegedly extorted from victims, including senior citizens.

It went through two sealed cover reports submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the CBI.

On October 27, the top court said it is inclined to entrust the CBI with the probe into digital arrest cases after taking into consideration the magnitude and pan-India spread of such crimes.

It sought details of FIRs registered in different states and UTs. The top court said it would monitor the progress of the CBI investigation and issue whatever directions were necessary to deal with these crimes.

On October 17, taking note of the rising incidents of online fraud in the country, especially

digital arrests to dupe citizens by fabricating judicial orders, the top court sought responses from the Centre and the CBI, saying such offences strike at the "very foundation" of public trust in the system.

The apex court flagged the rising number of digital arrest cases across the country and said forging apex court, high court orders and signatures of judges to digitally arrest innocent people, including senior citizens, strikes at the bottom of trust and faith of people in judicial institutions.

It said forgery of documents and criminal misuse of the name, seal and judicial orders of this court or high court is a matter of grave concern, and such criminal acts cannot be treated as an ordinary or solitary offence of cheating or cyber crime.

### Civil Court Has

enjoy his property without obstruction. The High Court observed that the claim of B A Ganie of Pattan regarding the existence of a pathway through the Khan's land was unsupported by any revenue record.

"The revenue record, which constitutes the primary and authoritative source for determining the nature and character of land, does not reflect any such pathway," the court said.

The Bench referred to the order of the Sub-Judge, Pattan, dated March 24, 2016, where the trial court after examining pleadings and the Patwari's report had already held that no pathway existed on Khan's land.

The trial court had further clarified that mere use of private land as a passage in the past did not create an easement of necessity, and that the balance of convenience favoured the land-owner whose property was properly fenced.

According to Khan, he is the lawful owner of two kanals of land on which he constructed his house after purchase. Ganie owns land in the adjoining patch and already has access through two approach roads, the petitioner said and supported the same by revenue extracts.

However, after the petitioner fenced his land and raised construction, Ganie approached the Tehsildar concerned, alleging encroachment on an "alleged common pathway."

The Tehsildar was informed that a civil suit on the issue was already pending. Consequently, the Tehsildar had initially directed that proceedings before him would remain on hold until the civil court's decision. Subsequently, Tehsildar Pattan directed Khan to remove the alleged obstruction from the pathway within five days.

The High Court noted that in that civil suit, the trial court had vacated an interim status quo order that was earlier granted in favour of Ganie, finding no prima facie right in his favour.

Setting aside the revenue orders, the High Court reiterated that once a civil dispute is seized by a competent court, parallel proceedings by subordinate authorities cannot be permitted to create prejudice or influence the outcome of the judicial process.

"The Tehsildar, despite being fully aware of the pendency of the civil suit, proceeded to decide the matter unilaterally," the court said, adding, "Such conduct is squarely barred by the doctrine of res sub judice, also by the settled principle that subordinate authorities cannot pass orders which may prejudice or interfere with the adjudication pending before the civil court," the court added.

### CBI Arrests 'Absconder'

Kohli as chief prosecutor after charges were framed against Malik in the kidnapping case and in the case related to the killing of four IAF personnel in Srinagar in 1989.

A special TADA court has already framed charges against Malik and nine others in the abduction case as the long pending matter moves ahead more than three decades later.

# Injecting Drug Use, Stigma Fueling HIV Spread, Say Doctors

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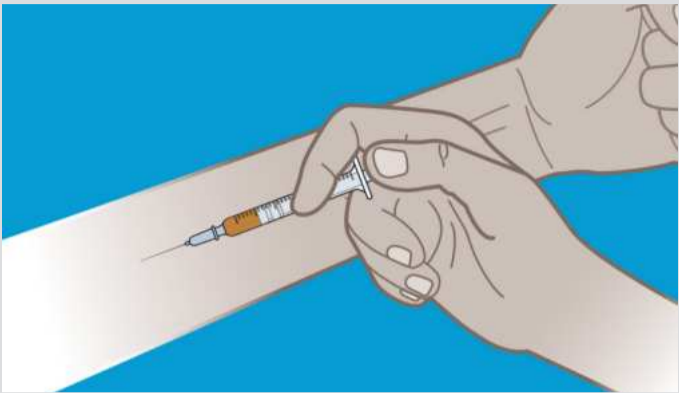
**SRINAGAR:** Once considered a low-prevalence region, Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a slow but steady rise in HIV cases, with health professionals calling for urgent awareness, wider testing, and a decisive push to end stigma.

As per details obtained by KNO, 2,071 new HIV cases and 66 AIDS-related deaths have been recorded in the Union Territory since 2019.

Although the overall adult prevalence in J&K remains among the lowest in the country, hovering between 0.03% and 0.06% in recent years, the numbers reflect that infections continue to occur, especially among high-risk groups such as people who inject drugs.

Doctors said the new figures underline a pattern they have been observing quietly for years. "J&K is not a high-burden state, but the upward trend is undeniable. Each new infection is preventable, and each delay in testing has consequences," said a senior physician, requesting anonymity.

Another infectious-disease expert at a government medi-



cal college in Srinagar said that late diagnosis remains common. Many patients, he said, walk in only when their immunity is severely compromised. The reason is stigma and misinformation, he said. "If people felt safe coming forward, we would catch infections early and prevent most AIDS-related deaths."

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) weakens the body's immune system. Without treatment, it can progress to AIDS, a stage where the immune system becomes unable to fight common infections.

It mainly occurs due to unprotected sexual contact, sharing

needles or syringes, mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy, childbirth, or breastfeeding, and rarely, contaminated blood transfusion where proper screening is absent.

According to doctors, modern antiretroviral therapy (ART) allows people with HIV to live long, healthy lives, and those who take ART regularly and achieve viral suppression cannot transmit the virus sexually.

Health workers said the most vulnerable group in J&K is people who inject drugs (PWID). "Sharing needles is one of the most efficient ways for HIV to spread. Even one shared syringe

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can transmit the virus," said a senior community-medicine specialist.

Experts outline five pillars of HIV prevention, all of which need strengthening in J&K: early testing and linkage to ART, safe sexual practices, harm reduction for PWID (such as needle-syringe programmes and opioid substitution therapy, which are proven to reduce transmission but remain limited in reach), testing pregnant women and providing timely ART to protect newborns, and community out-

reach and awareness.

"People still fear being judged more than they fear the disease itself," said a psychiatrist involved in HIV counselling. "Stigma pushes the virus underground. It stops people from getting tested, hides cases within families, and delays treatment."

He added, "Many people wrongly believe HIV spreads through casual contact - sharing food, shaking hands, or sitting together. These myths isolate patients and damage public health."

Health experts said that HIV is now a treatable medical condition, not a moral issue, and must be approached with empathy. "If we want to reverse the trend, we must normalise HIV testing," said one ART consultant. "Make it as routine as checking blood pressure, and we will catch cases before complications begin."

Despite the rise in numbers, doctors said that J&K can prevent a larger outbreak if it acts now. "We have the medical tools - ART, testing, and prevention programmes. What we lack is openness," said a senior physician. "The message must be simple: HIV is not something to hide from. It is something to treat."

## Night Temps Rise Slightly After Snowfall in Higher Reaches



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**SRINAGAR:** Following the fresh snowfall in higher reaches, Kashmir valley witnessed a slight reprieve from the bitter cold on Monday as the region witnessed a rise in minimum temperatures, officials said.

According to meteorological sources, "A light snowfall was reported in Minimarg region near Zojila Pass along the Srinagar-Kargil route The overnight cloud cover across the valley contributed to an increase in temperatures compared to the previous night, they added."

As per KNO, Srinagar recorded a minimum of minus 1.9 degrees Celsius on Sunday night-up from minus 4.4 degrees Celsius, officials said.

North Kashmir's Baramulla recorded the lowest temperature in the valley at minus 4.7 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund registered a minimum of minus 1.0 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded minus 3.2 degrees Celsius, officials said.

South Kashmir's Kokernag area reported a low of 0.2 degrees Celsius, and the

Pahalgam recorded minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, showing an increase of over five degrees compared to the previous night.

Gulmarg recorded 0.3 degrees Celsius, a rise of two degrees from the previous day.

Officials said the weather pattern indicates that temperatures may remain stable over the next few days due to the continued presence of cloud cover and light precipitation in some areas.

They added that the snowfall at higher reaches may affect road conditions along Srinagar-Kargil and other connecting routes—advising travelers to take precautions.

The officials also said that residents of low-lying areas experienced slight relief from cold wave conditions due to the increase in night temperatures.

The meteorological department said similar weather conditions are expected to continue in coming days with intermittent cloud cover and occasional light snowfall at higher altitudes.

Officials urged people to remain cautious while traveling to hilly and mountainous areas.

## FDA Boosts Food Safety Surveillance in 2025

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Concerned by adulteration and ensuring the availability of safe and hygienic food across Jammu and Kashmir, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has conducted 13,944 routine inspections in 2025, leading to case registrations, prosecutions, and imposition of penalties against violators.

During the inspections, the FDA collected 10,620 surveillance against the annual target of 7,080 samples, FDA Commissioner Smetha Sethi said.

The department had achieved more than 150 per cent of the target as compared to last year, reflecting its strong commitment to consumer safety. She said food safety officers also carried out 1,423 risk-based inspections across the Union Territory in addition to routine checks.

"To ensure infrastructure and hygiene compliance, 943 Improvement Notices were issued to Food Business Operators (FBOs) under Section 32 of the FSS Act, surpassing the target of 625 notices," Sethi said.

The Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006, establishes the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for laying down science-based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Under the civil adjudication process (Section 30), a total of 718 prosecutions were launched, of which 671 cases have already been decided, resulting in penalties amounting to Rs 84.33 lakh, she added.

Besides, 21 criminal cases involving unsafe food were filed, with convictions secured in 10 cases, including fines and imprisonment.

Giving details of special enforcement drives conducted in November, Sethi said a focused drive on ghee resulted in the seizure of 80.78 kg of stock. "Of the 41 samples tested, 12 failed quality standards, following which prohibition orders were issued against the manufacturers".

According to PTI, the information has been shared with the FSSAI and the concerned states, including Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat, for action at the source, she said.

Sethi further said that during the Poly Pack Milk drive, 95 samples were tested, of which only two failed, indicating a high level of compliance, while the test results for the 32 samples of the packaged drinking water are awaited.

On infrastructure expansion, the commissioner said proposals have been submitted for setting up two additional state-of-the-art food testing laboratories and procuring 10 more "Food Safety on Wheels" mobile vans to improve outreach and surveillance, especially in remote and rural areas.

## 262 Army Cadets from Kashmir Pass Out from JKLIR Centre



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Over 250 Army recruits from Jammu and Kashmir were formally inducted into the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JKLI) Regiment on Monday.

The 262 young cadets from Kashmir districts such as Kupwara, Baramulla, Budgam and Srinagar, took oath as soldiers and pledged to defend the nation.

According to PTI, Lieutenant General P K Mishra, General Officer Commanding (GOC) White Knight Corps, reviewed the passing-out parade held at the JAKLI Regimental Training Centre in Dhasal.

Families of the soldiers were honoured with the 'Gaurav Padak' in recognition of their support, as they witnessed their sons transform from recruits into dedicated guardians of the nation.

Addressing the gathering, Lt Gen Mishra said

the recruits would serve not only the uniform but the very essence of India. He congratulated them, describing the event as a powerful reaffirmation of their resolve to safeguard India's sovereignty.

As the final salute was rendered and the Tricolour rose high, the new soldiers marked the beginning of their journey in uniform, rifles firm and spirits strong.

"Amid the wintry air and beneath the solemn heights of the Trikuta hills, 262 valiant sons of Jammu and Kashmir inscribed their legacy into the annals of valour at the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre, Dhasal," a defence spokesperson said.

"With martial music echoing through the parade ground, the recruits marched with discipline and pride, reflecting their training and commitment to the nation," the spokesperson said.

## CS Reviews Traffic Plan to Boost Mobility in Twin Capitals

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday presided over a meeting of the Multi-Disciplinary Committee (MDC) on Traffic Management Systems for Jammu and Srinagar, to take a comprehensive look at the measures already undertaken and those proposed for easing congestion, strengthening road safety, and improving overall urban mobility in both cities.

The meeting witnessed participation of senior administrative and police officials, including ACS, PWD, Principal Secretary, Home; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; IGP, Traffic; Secretary, Transport; DIG, Traffic, Jammu/Kashmir; SSPs Traffic, Srinagar/Jammu; Commissioner, Mu-

nicipal Corporation, Jammu/Srinagar; VC, LCMA; Vice-Chairman, JDA/SDA, besides officers from other concerned departments.

During the deliberations, the Chief Secretary underscored that Jammu and Srinagar, being the face of the UT and receiving a continuous flow of tourists and visitors, requires swift and focused interventions to enhance commuter experience.

He stressed the need for timely execution of traffic management plans and called for the early operationalisation of Intelligent Traffic Management Systems (ITMS) and Integrated Traffic Light Systems (ITLS). He directed the Divisional Commissioners to monitor the implementation rigorously. He also stressed on resolving other bottlenecks after incorporating

feedback from citizens and stakeholders.

Briefing the meeting on the current status of traffic improvement initiatives, the Divisional Commissioners outlined the steps taken in both cities, such as introducing diversions where required, setting up new roundabouts, installing traffic signals at strategic points, augmenting parking facilities, identifying no-parking stretches, earmarking dedicated bus stops, enforcing one-way traffic on congested routes and adjusting school and college timings. They further informed that dedicated corridors for eastern and western minibuses have been planned, honking zones are being regulated, and additional charging points for Smart City electric buses are also going to be established here.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER ANANTNAG

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Interested parties are requested to submit their quotations in sealed cover in the office of the undersigned by or before (07) days after publication of this Quotation. The quotations will be opened on the next day at 2:00 PM in presence of the intending bidders who wish to be present.

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## Div Com Kashmir Reviews Progress of SMDA Projects

**D**ivisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg on Monday conducted a comprehensive review of the physical and financial progress of various development projects being executed under the Srinagar Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA).

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar, Budgam, and Ganderbal; Commissioner SMC; Vice Chairman SDA; CEO Wullar Manasbal Development Authority; Town Planning Officer; CPO Bandipora and other concerned officials.

During the review, the Divisional Commissioner assessed the status of works on key projects including the development of Transport Nagar Parimpora, construction of community facility centres across multiple city locations, development of Bairam Hills in Budgam, construction of marriage halls, ongoing works at Mansbal Lake, and establishment of public parks in Sumbal.

Addressing the officers, the Div Com stressed the importance of completing all ongoing works within the stipulated timelines. He further directed them to submit revised expenditure details for extended works and ensure timely submission of bills for clearance of liabilities. (Observer News Service)

## Two-Storey Building Sealed in Sonawari Drive

**T**he Sub-District Administration Sonawari in North Kashmir district on Monday sealed a two-storey shopping complex at Shadipora in Bandipora district, citing alleged encroachment on state-owned Shamlat land, officials said.

According to KNT, the revenue officials said the structure was found to have been raised illegally on government land and the sealing action was taken to prevent further unauthorised construction. The move comes days after a similar complex in Bandipora town was sealed as part of a wider anti-encroachment drive launched by the district administration.

The owner of the complex, contested the action and claimed that a portion of the land belongs to him legally.

Speaking to reporters, the owner said he approached both the district administration and the divisional administration after receiving a notice. He claimed that out of the total land, 3.5 marlas are his proprietary property and urged authorities to demarcate his portion.

He said he has no objection if any section of the building is found to be on state land but insisted that his legally owned land should be clearly identified and excluded from sealing. Khan also questioned why no objection was raised by officials when the building was being constructed. He alleged that the sudden sealing pointed to administrative failure during earlier stages of construction and called for a transparent inquiry.

When contacted, officials did not provide an on-record response. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sumbal directed queries to the Tehsildar Sumbal, while the Tehsildar advised contacting the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora. Deputy Commissioner Indu Kanwal Chib, however, declined to comment over the phone. (Observer News Service)

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This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1) in TA/105/2023 an amount of Rs 3111295.70 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eleven Thousands Two Hundred Ninety Five And Paise Seventy Only) along with pendentillite and future interest @ 14.25% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 20/08/2014 till realization and costs of Rs 42600 (Rupees Forty Two Thousands Six Hundred Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

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3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 12/12/2025 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

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(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : 16.09.2025

Recovery Officer

Debts Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh (DRT 1)

# India seal AFC U17 Asian Cup Berth

## Rally to Stun Favourites Iran 2-1

Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** An indomitable Indian football team staged a remarkable comeback to stun overwhelming favourites Iran 2-1 in their last Group D qualifying game and seal a place in the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup here on Sunday.

The Blue Colts had achieved what looked, for long stretches of the match, almost impossible thanks to goals from Dallalmuon Gangte (45+1' penalty) and Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam (52') at the EKA Arena.

This was after Amirreza Valipoor put the visitors ahead with his 19th-minute strike.

The next U17 Asian Cup is to be held in Saudi Arabia, and it will be India's 10th appearance in the tournament.

Iran, with seven points, entered the match as favourites, unbeaten and needing only a draw to progress. India, on four points, needed nothing less than a win.

And when Valipoor struck first, calmly finishing after a defensive misjudgement, the task appeared to loom even larger. But this young Indian side refused to accept their fate.



First, they equalised through Gangte when the forward converted a penalty before Wangkheirakpam netted the winner.

The victory meant that India climbed to seven points, level with Iran but ahead on head-to-head and enough to secure qualification against a powerhouse of Asian youth football.

**The early narrative belonged to Iran.**

They pressed sharply, moved the ball fluidly, and forced India goalkeeper Rajrup Sarkar into two crucial saves, first tipping away a long-range effort from captain Mahan Beheshti in

the 10th minute, then punching out a fierce volley from the same player moments later after Jafar Asadi carved through on the left.

Iran looked ruthless, composed, and in command.

Yet India hung in, never allowing panic to creep in despite Iran's territorial superiority. They tested the waters with speculative shots from distance and tried to break Iran's structure by shifting the ball quickly into the wide channels. Nothing seemed to pierce Iran's disciplined defensive line.

Then came the moment that changed everything.

# J&K Youth Join Multi-District Trekking Expeditions

## Initiatives aim to build leadership & resilience

Azhar Hajini

**SRINAGAR:** The Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department has launched a series of trekking expeditions across multiple districts of Jammu and Kashmir, drawing strong participation from school-children and highlighting the administration's emphasis on adventure-based learning.

In Kishtwar, boys participating in the Inter-Zonal District Level Residential Trekking Expedition completed the seventh day of



their journey, travelling from the base camp through the Tilmuchi-Hargardh route. Officials said the trek aimed to strengthen endurance, discipline, and environmental consciousness among the participants. The programme is being held under the supervision of the

Director General, YSS, with district and zonal teams monitoring logistics and safety.

In Ganderbal, the second batch of a district-level trekking camp for boys and girls set out for Pahalgam. After reaching the base on November 30, the group

completed its first trek to Betaab Valley. Officials said the ongoing programme, which runs until December 4, blends physical activity with outdoor education and aims to boost confidence and teamwork.

The Kupwara district administration flagged off its second trekking batch from Handwara, sending the participants to their base camp in Nowgam. Senior officials described the initiative as part of efforts to promote responsible adventure sports and leadership skills among local youth.

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History Created! With a huge chunk of votes, a reflection of confidence which denotes trust and respect that membership has reposed on us, the elections of Jammu & Kashmir Bank Officers Association (Kashmir) finally concluded on 8th November 2025 and a new office bearers' body took over its reins. Thanks to Election convener and his team for taking the election process to its logical conclusion successfully. I express my gratitude to all those who were connected with the electoral process by one way or the other, men and women on duty at different polling stations for culminating the process in time and maintenance of ethics of democracy, observers around the polling booths, Principal S.P.College for providing the manpower and Spacious Infrastructure . My thanks to all those who expressed their good wishes via phone, messages and print/Social media.

With highest regards and respect, I express my sincere thanks to our two senior Leaders and Comrades Mr. Mehraj-u-Din Shah and Mr. Altaf Ahmad Ringshawl who preferred to handover the baton to a new team thus ensured implementation of a well-thought long term succession planning, leading to smooth transition of trade union leadership to new generation which speaks volumes about their dedication and sincerity. My salute to them!

The office bearers' team is of the firm opinion and there is of course no doubt about it that our bank is bestowed with unmatched human capital in the industry and our Banks journey towards further growth, profitability and prosperity shall always remain our focal point. Being a service oriented organization, our path to progress no doubt will revolve around satisfactory customer service but satisfaction of workforce will play a pivotal role equally. Let us serve our customer more delightfully.

Last but not the least, my gratitude to all members of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Officers Association, Kashmir, irrespective of which candidate they supported, for sidelining their engagements on that day despite being a holiday, recognizing the importance of their vote thus showcasing their commitment which played a remarkable role in building a strong and robust organization. My special thanks to our women colleagues who remained shoulder to shoulder to their male counterparts and contributed equally to strengthen the voice of workforce.

I on behalf my team and myself assure you all that we will not leave any stone unturned to meet your expectations and strictly follow the Mission "Bank First, Employee Next."

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