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**RED FORT BLAST PROBE** 

### **SIA Conducts Raids In Srinagar, Ganderbal**



### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Investigation Agency on Friday carried out raids in Srinagar and Ganderbal districts as part of its ongoing investigation into a "white collar" terror module, officials said.

The early morning searches were conducted at multiple locations, including the residence of Tufail Bhat in the Diyarwani area of Batamaloo in Srinagar, they said. Bhat was arrested last month by the SIA in connection with the same case.

Officials said the raids were aimed at gathering further evidence related to the module, which involves radicalised professionals, including doctors, allegedly linked to the November 10 Delhi blast.

The investigation is focused on uncovering networks that facilitate such groups, the officials added.

# **NIA Custody** Of Accused **Extended**

Delhi court on Friday ex-tended the NIA custody of Soyab, a Faridabad resident accused of harbouring Red Fort bomber Umar-un Nabi, for 10 more days. The probe agency produced Soyab at the Patiala House Court amid tight security on Friday upon the expiry of his previous 10-day custody, which was granted on November 26. Media persons were barred from covering the proceedings. The accused was produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna who allowed the probe agency to interrogate Soyab for 10 more days. Court sources said that the federal agency sought 10 more days of custodial interrogation of the accused. | More on P6



# **Geopolitical Reset: India-Russia Finalise 2030 Roadmap**

**Observer News Service** 

New Delhi: In a summit closely watched by world capitals, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday reaffirmed the strength of their eight-decade-old partner-ship, projecting it as a stabilising force at a time when global geopolitics is undergoing rapid and often turbulent realignments.

Against the backdrop of escalating Western sanctions, new US tariff threats and continuing conflict in Ukraine, the India-Russia annual summit in New Delhi carried unmistakable geopolitical messaging: the relationship is not only intact but is poised for

deeper strategic expansion.
The two leaders finalised a 2030 Strategic Economic Programme, announced major decisions on labour mobility, energy security, nuclear cooperation and connectivity, and made clear that external



pressure would not dilute the partnership.

A Partnership Framed as a Pole of Stability

Modi described the India-Russia friendship as a "pole star" that has remained constant despite global upheavals. Putin echoed the sentiment, framing the relationship as central to building a multipolar world order-one that accommodates rising powers and provides alternatives to

Western-led economic and security architectures.

This emphasis on multipolarity is significant: both countries increasingly view each other as key partners in navigating a shifting global balance where old alliances are fraying and new coalitions are taking shape.

Peace Messaging on Ukraine Modi told Putin that the war in Ukraine must end through peaceful means, | More on P6

# **India Russia Trade To Hit USD 100 Bn Before 2020: PM**

Minister Narendra Modi on Friday expressed confidence that the USD 100 billion bilateral trade target between India and Russia will be achieved ahead of the 2030 deadline, as he invited Russian investment in the country.

Speaking alongside visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin at the India-Russia **Business**  Forum, Modi listed several areas of cooperation, including logistics and con-nectivity, marine products, auto, pharma and textiles.

In his remarks, President Putin emphasised that early signing of the preferential trade agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) will reduce barriers to facilitate the movement of goods, | More on P6

### Global Unity Against Terror

ndia and Russia on Friday called for an "uncompromising" global fight against terrorism without hidden agendas and double standards" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that the menace is a direct attack on the values of humanity. | More on P6

# **Chill Eases: No Forecast** for Snowfall

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Night temperatures recorded an improvement across Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, with most stations in the Valley and Jammu region showing a rise from previous freezing nights. However, sub zero conditions continued in several higher reaches of the Union Territory, officials told Kashmir News Observer.

In the Kashmir Valley, Srinagar settled at 0.4 degrees Celsius, marking a rise after many nights of harsher chill. Qazigund recorded minus 0.2 degrees, while Pahalgam stood at minus 1.8 degrees and Gulmarg at 0.0 degrees.

Kupwara registered 0.2 degrees and Kokernag 0.8 degrees, indicating a slight improvement in the cold conditions.

Several southern and central districts continued to remain below freezing. Pampore recorded minus 3.0 degrees, Pulwama minus 2.6 degrees, Shopian minus 2.5 degrees, Anantnag minus 1.3 degrees and Budgam minus 0.6 degrees. Srinagar Airport posted minus 1.0 degrees and Awantipora minus 1.2 degrees.

Baramulla settled at 1.8 degrees while | More on P6

# **IndiGo Chaos Continues, Over 1,000** Flights Cancelled In A Day

CEO Says Normalcy Likely By December 10 To 15

**KO Web Desk** 

Srinagar: India's largest airline IndiGo's operations crumbled as pilot-rostering issues continued to force large scale flight cancellations - over 1000 on Friday - and many passengers have been stranded for as long as three days at airports.

In a video message, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers apologised for the severe disruption and said the airline has undertaken a complete reset of its schedules to stabilise operations.

He said the carrier expec cancellations to drop below 1,000 on Saturday and

At J&K Airports,

**Travel Chaos** 

**50 Flights** 

**Cancelled** 



normalcy is anticipated between December 10 and 15. "Earlier measures have proven not to be enough. So we decided

haotic scenes unfolded at the two Jammu

IndiGo flights from Srinagar and 11 from

and Kashmir airports on Friday after 16

Jammu were cancelled, prompting protests by

hundreds of stranded passengers over the air-

IndiGo operations continued to witness

line's alleged failure to respond to distress calls.

today for a reboot of all our systems and schedules, resulting in the highest number of cancellations so far, but imperative for progressive improvements starting tomorrow," he said.

The crisis has been attributed to gaps in planning for the second phase of revised Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) norms, which led to widespread pilot rostering issues. As an interim relief, aviation regulator DGCA has kept the implementation of the new norms in abeyance.

IndiGo usually operates around 2,300 flights daily with a fleet of more than 400 aircraft. With the ongoing disruption, its On Time Pe has plunged to 19.7 percent from 35 percent | More on P6

disruptions nationwide due to pilot-rostering issues faced by the airline. On Friday, the airline was scheduled to oper-

ate 36 flights at the Srinagar airport -- 18 inbound and 18 outbound, officials said. However, owing to rostering issues, the IndiGo cancelled 16 arriving and | More on P6 Rail Link To Kashmir

# Over 5 Cr Man Days of **Jobs Created: Minister**

**KO Web Desk** 

Srinagar: Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said the Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project has generated more than 5 crore man days of employment, significantly boosting economic activity and connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the Rajya Sabha, Vaishnaw said the 272 km rail corridor, recently commissioned to connect the Kashmir Valley with the rest of India has opened new opportunities for trade and passenger movement in the region.

"The project has helped apple farmers in transporting apples to different parts of the country. Besides providing connectivity and easing passenger flow towards Kashmir, it has also helped in transporting commodities like cement to



the valley," he said, as quoted by Kashmir News Observer.

The minister said surveys for future expansion have completed, including the 46 km Baramulla Uri new line and the 118 km Banihal Baramulla doubling project. Detailed Project Reports for both proposals are ready, he added.

Recognised as one of the most challenging railway projects undertaken post independence due to the fragile Himalayan | More on P6

# **J&K Disposes Highest Number Of POCSO Cases In 5 Yrs**

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir registered 42 cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in 2025, out of which 23 were disposed of during the same year, marking the highest disposal count in the last five years, officials said on Friday.

According to data shared by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice in the Lok Sabha,

**Only 4.5%** 

**Conviction In** 

**POCSO Fast** 

**Track Courts** 



as quoted by Kashmir News Observer, the region has seen a notable rise in the disposal of POCSO cases compared to ear-

As per the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), only 7 cases

were disposed of in 2021, 10 in 2022, 4 in 2023 and 6 in 2024.

Officials said the improvement reflects efforts to enhance judicial responsiveness in cases involving crimes against children. The Ministry also provided an update on infrastructure supporting faster trials. Four Fast Track Special Courts are currently functional in Jammu and Kashmir, including two ex-

clusive POCSO courts. These courts, | More on P6

nion Ministry on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir recorded an average conviction rate of 4.5 percent under the Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) for rape and POCSO cases during the year 2024. The ministry of Women

and Child Development Savitri Thakur informed Lok Sabha that the Union Government accords a top priority to children's safety and has undertaken multiple initiatives to strengthen implementation of the POCSO Act. | More on P6

# **Transfer Of HC Judges Are Made In Public Interest: Govt**

**Observer News Service** 

New Delhi: All transfers of high court judges are made in "public interest" for promoting better administration of justice and there is no timeline for such transfers, the government said on Friday.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said that as per the memorandum of procedure (MoP) for appointment and transfer of high court judges, the proposal for transfer of high court judges is initiated by the Chief Justice of India in consultation with four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court.

The CJI is also expected to take into account the views

of the chief justice of the high court from which the judge is to be transferred, as also the chief justice of the high court to which the transfer is to be effected, besides taking into account the views of one or more Supreme Court judges who are in a position to offer views.

The personal factors relating to the judge concerned, including the chief justice, and his response to the proposal, including his preference of places, should invariably be taken into account by the Chief Justice of India.

"All transfers are to be made in public interest — for promoting better administration of justice throughout the country. No timeline has been prescribed in the MoP for transfer of | More on P6

# **No Deadline Extension For** Waqf Registration: Rijiju

Says Ministry Will Not Impose Penalties For 3 Months

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday ruled out extending the dead-line for registering Waqf prop-erties on the UMEED portal but said the his ministry, recognising the concerns of 'mutawallis' or caretakers, will not impose any penalty or take strict action for the next three months as a humanitarian and facilitative measure.

He also said that 1.51 lakh properties had been registered by Friday morning.

The minister stressed that



According to the provisions of the portal, details of all registered Waqf properties across the country must be uploaded within six months. The sixmonth deadline for registration ends at 11:59:59 pm on December 6, 2025.

The six-month deadline mandated under the Waqf Amendment Act cannot be extended due to | More on P6

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# **'Chronic Kidney Disease Accelerates Cognitive Decline Differently In Men And Women'**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Chronic kidney diseases may accelerate cognitive decline but its manifestation differs in men and women, according to a new

The decline is primarily due to damage to the "heart-brain link" triggered by chronic kidney illness, it said.

Studying a rural population in the US, researchers from Marshall University found that men with chronic kidney disease experienced a higher cognitive impairment and a more pronounced reduction in heart function, compared to women. The findings, published in the American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology, suggest a stronger relation between the heart-

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

This is to inform the general public and concerned

authorities that I, Suhail Khan, S/o Ghulam

Ahmed Khan, R/O State Bank Lane, Sonwar,

Srinagar have sold my Hyundai Santro vehicle

(White), bearing Registration Number JK01K1610,

to Majid Rasool Dar, S/O Ghulam Rasool Dar, R/O

Kursu Padshai Bagh Srinagar. The transaction

and physical handover of the vehicle took place

Importantly, the said vehicle has not yet been

formally transferred and registered in the name of the buyer, Majid Rasool Dar, with the Registering

Therefore, I hereby declare that from the date of

sale (June 16, 2022), I shall not be held responsible

or liable for any future incidents, accidents,

traffic violations, legal issues, or any untoward

activity involving the aforementioned vehicle

(JK01K1610). All liabilities, legal or financial,

related to the vehicle now rest solely with the

Authority despite several requests.

purchaser, Majid Rasool Dar.

Contact: 9697020212

Suhail Khan S/o Ghulam Ahmed Khan

on June 16, 2022.



brain link and cognitive decline among men, the researchers

The study also sheds light on why men with chronic kidney diseases often face more severe cognitive effects, and points to potential sex-specific targets for early diagnosis and treatment, they added.

These results demonstrate that the biological pathways linking the kidney, heart, and brain are distinct in men and women," lead author Sneha S Pillai, research assistant professor of biomedical sciences at Marshall University's school of medicine, said.

The authors wrote, "CKD (Chronic kidney disease) patients have higher blood pressure vs controls (normal), and men with CKD exhibited a decline in cardiac function vs sex and age-matched

controls." The study looked at a community-dwelling rural population to understand sexspecific communication links of the kidney-heart-brain axis in patients of chronic kidney disease, they said.

"Our findings will broaden the current understanding and clinical consequences of the pathophysiological interactions between kidney and CV (cardiovascular) damage with brain function in a sex-dependent manner that could prompt innovative pharmacological interventions," the authors wrote. Lead researcher Komal Sodhi, associate professor of surgery at Marshall University's school of medicine, said, "This work underscores the urgency of tailored strategies to prevent progression to more serious neurological disorders."

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my daughter namely Aaliya Muzaffar who was born on 10-08-2013. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Muzaffar Ahmad Ganie

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

F/O Aaliya Muzaffar R/O Mundyari Omburan Block Singhpora

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The name of my ward has been wrongly written

in his/he adhaar card as Ziyan Javid Instead of

Mohammad Jaffer Javid . 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/Srinagai

within Seven days. After that no objection shall

be entertained.. Javid Ahmad Hajam

F/O Mohammad Jaffer Javid

R/o Barbugh Shopian

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

my name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Abbas Ahmad Mir Instead of Muhammad Abbas Mir. 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..

Muhammad Abbas Mir S/o Ghulam Nabi Mir R/o Sarmarg Satkuji Tehsil Handwara

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in his/he adhaar card as Huzaif Instead of Huzaif Hameed Dar. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned Adhaar Centre Jammu/Srinagar within Seven days. After that

Ab Hameed Dar F/O Huzaif Hameed Dar

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

no objection shall be entertained..

fko R/o Rakh Buran Tehsil Pattan

# BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL

**DISTRICT JUDGE AT GANDERBAL** Caveat Application No....../2025

IN THE MATTER OF: Imaad Parvez Rohella Aged about 25 years, S/o Talat Parvez Rohella R/o House No. 17, Sector-B, Umarabad, Peerbagh,

District Badgam, Jammu & Kashmir .... CAVEATORS **VERSUS** 

... NON-CAVEATOR **PUBLIC AT LARGE** 

**CAVEAT APPLICATION** IN THE MATTER OF: MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

- That, the Caveators have been declared eligible for license to run the Petrol Pump by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. at Village Sonmarg, Left Hand Side on National Highway (from Sonmarg towards Leh), Ganderbal, Jammu & Kashmir.
- That, the Caveators apprehend that the Non-Caveators may approach this Ld. Court and file a civil suit for injunction against the caveators or institute any other proceedings on false and frivolous grounds, and may succeed in getting an ex-parte interim order against the Caveator, therefore, the Caveator may be given an opportunity of being heard by being put to notice before any direction or order is passed in the event the Non-Caveators approach this Ld. Court.
- That the notice of this Caveat application has been published in a leading local daily newspaper and the cutting of the said newspaper is filed herewith and marked as Annexure-I.

# **PRAYER**

In the premises, it is therefore, prayed that in the event the Non-Caveators approach this Ld. Court by filing a Suit or any other proceedings against the caveators, the Caveators be given an opportunity of being heard before any ex-parte order/s is passed against the Caveator.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE APPLICANT AS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

**Caveator Through Counsel Aswad R Attar** (Advocate) Ph. 9055516542

**DATED: 03.12.2025 PLACE: Srinagar** 

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Muzaffar Ahmad Misgar, S/o Bashir Ahmad Misgar, R/o Firdous Colony, Eidgah, Srinagar, hereby inform the general public and the concerned authorities that the Birth Certificate of my son has been misplaced and could not be traced despite all efforts. The birth was originally registered with the Registrar Births & Deaths, Srinagar.

I have applied for the issuance of a Duplicate Birth Certificate, and the correct particulars of the child are as under:

Name: Mohammad Abaan Date of Birth: 04-12-2015 Father's Name: Muzaffar Ahmad Misgar Mother's Name: Nasreen Muzafar Place of Birth: L.D. Hospital, Srinagar Residence: Firdous Colony, Eidgah, Srinagar

Any person having objection(s), if any, regarding the above-mentioned particulars may file the same before the concerned issuing authority within seven (07) days from the publication of this notice. After the stipulated period, no objections shall be entertained.

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C	e-Bidsubmission(end)date&Time	22.12.2025up to2.00PM.
D	Date&timeofonlineopeningofbids	23.12.2025at4:00PM
E	Estimatedcost	Rs.47.74Lacs
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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Mumtaza Rasool, W/o Late Gh. Rasool Dar, intend to change the name on the following utility

Electricity Connection bearing Customer ID: 0203010020384 Presently registered in the name of Late Gh. Rasool Dar, proposed to be changed to Mumtaza

Rasool, R/o Hyderia Colony, Khomani Chowk, Bemina Sector-10. Water Connection bearing, Consumer ID: 0201020117418, Consumer No.:

1251070000127 If any person has any objection regarding the above changes, he/she may file the same with the

following departments: Executive Engineer, Division Water Supply, Sgr.

Executive Engineer, (Balgarden Nursing Garh Srinagar

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY OFFICER ANANTNAG Tel/Fax No. 01932-222542 Email: dshoa.sheep@gmail.com

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Subject: Establishment of Sheep/Goat Units under PM-DAJGUA for the year 2025-26

Application on prescribed formats are invited from interested persons for establishment of Sheep/Goat units as tabulated below under PM-DAJGUA

Date of Commencement of Issuance of Application form =08/12/2025. Last Date for submission of Application Forms = 20/12/2025How to Apply:-

The application forms can be obtained and then submitted on working days during office hours from the office of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Sheep Development Blocks of Vailoo, Larnoo, Verinag, YKPora, Dachnipora, Shangus, Pahalgam and Khoveripora and if found eligible shall be considered for selection by designated selection committee through proper procedure. The selected/approved candidates shall have to establish the unit as per the guidelines of the scheme Eligibility criteria:

- To be eligible under PM DAJGUA scheme the applicant must be:-1. Resident of village having Schedule Tribe population of 500 (Five hundred) or more or (as notified in 16 villages of 08 CD Blocks) at Annexure "A"
- 2. Resident of village having Schedule Tribe population of 50% or more
- 3. The applicant should have obtained patta as per Forest Right Act (FRA)
- 4. The applicant if approved shall be able to provide 10% of his/her share towards project cost

Scheme	Details of Activity	Target
PM- DAJGUA	Establishment of 10 ewes/Does + 1 Ram/Buck Unit – Subsidy shall be provided upto 90% of project with ceiling of One (01) lac. The subsidy shall be provided for procurement of animals, construction of night shelter, cost of feed for six (06) months, veterinary care and insurance coverage for one year	12(twelve)
DAJGUA	Establishment of 05 ewes/Does + 1 Ram/Buck Unit – Subsidy shall be provided up to 90% of project with ceiling of 0.5 lac. The subsidy shall be provided for procurement of animals, construction of night shelter, cost of feed for six (06) months, veterinary care and insurance coverage for one year	12(twelve

# **General Terms and Conditions:**

1. No application shall be entertained after cutoff date

2. Concerned VAS shall maintain proper records indicating date/time of application received with attestation by applican

No: DSHOA/Tech/2025-26/3375-97 Dated: 05-12-2025

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dated: 05-12-2025

District Sheep Husbandry Officer Anantnag

# SHEEP HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT ANANTNAG KASHMIR

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Availability of nearby grazing land: (Yes/No) ➤ Whether Pata obtained or not(Yes / No) Under which Pata obtained
 Availability of Shelter Shed: (Yes / No)

Dimensions of Shelter Shed in feet: Availability of existing livestock, if any: (Yes / No):
 Details of existing livestock if any: (No. of sheep/goat):

I, the undersigned hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing is wrong in it.

Population of 50%

Aadhaar Card 2. Ration Card mentioning family head and family members

# Annexure "A"

(List of existing tribal villages of District Apartman)

S. No.	Block Name	Village Name	Total Population	ST population	%age of ST Population	
1.	Verinag	Her Gawas	1535	772	50.29	
2,	Verinag	Hengipora	985	641	65.08	
3.	Larnoo	Gowran	1412	745	52.76	
4.	Larnoo	Gadvall	1910	1599	83.72	
5.	Larnoo	Bidhard	2540	2354	92.68	
6.	Breng	Nala Sonabrarie	5378	3977	73.95	
7.	Hiller Shahabad	Manzmoh	5016	3969	79.13	
8.	Pahalgam	Lidroo	1898	1050	55.32	
9.	Pahalgam	Hardu Kichloo	1496	1050	70.19	
10,	Pahalgam	Awoora	962	655		
11.	Pahalgam	Nala Awroora	774	773	68.09	
12.	Dachnipora	Lehandajan	2113		99.87	
13.	Chittergul	Rakhi Brah	2499	1612	76.29	
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15.		Chaklipora	4052	3347	82.60	
-	Chittergul	Chowgam	2206	1198	54.31	
16,	Khoveripora	Vail Nagbal	2313	2102	90.88	

dated: 05-12-5025

TLMDII Pampore.

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# **CM lays Foundation of Two Commemorative Gates**



**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday laid the foundation stone for two commemorative gates - Bab-ul-Salam and Bab-ul-Noor — at the revered Dargah Hazratbal, marking a significant step toward preserving the shrine's heritage while enhancing its infrastructure and the overall experience for devotees and visitors.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq, and other concerned officials



at 64.84 lakh.

The twin gateway structures, featuring artistic calligraphy and aesthetic enhancements, are being constructed at a total cost of 129.68 lakh, with each gate estimated at 64.84 lakh.

# **Trainee Products' Sale Begins at Kashmir Haat**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: A two-day Trainee Products' Sale, organised by the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, began at Kashmir Haat, popularly known as Numaish Gah, here.

Craft products made by trainees in 432 Training Centres across all 10 districts of Kashmir Division as well as hand-knotted woollen carpets made under Massive Carpet Scheme are on display and sale on extremely affordable prices, without adding the cost of labour.

In a press handout issued here today, a spokesman of the department stated that visitors in large numbers turned up at Kashmir Haat to buy handmade products, on a cost-to-cost raw material basis. "District stalls are expected to record good sales with many buyers making purchase of GI-tagged Pashmina Shawls and Stoles, Crewel curtains, Sozni-embroidered shawls, Zari & Aari embroidered suits, tweed cloth, Chain Stitch rugs and cushion covers, Tapestry, Gabb and Namda products as well as papier mache and willow wicker souvenir and decor items," he said, adding the sale will conclude tomorrow at 5.00 pm.

The spokesman stated that the hand-knotted woollen carpets made by weavers under Massive Carpet Scheme also received an overwhelming response with many carpets sold.

The Department also organised an awareness camp for trainees where they were sensitized about various flagship and welfare schemes of the department like Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, Financial Support for Cooperatives & Karkhandar Schemes, the spokesman added.



SKIMS 43rd FOUNDATION DAY

# **Omar Announces ₹200-Crore Boost for SKIMS**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday announced that the government is ready to back a high-impact project worth 150-200 crore at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), asking the institute to identify a proposal that can be completed within the next three to four years.

The major funding assurance was delivered as he presided over the 43rd Foundation Day celebrations of SKIMS at the SKICC, where he also reaffirmed the government's commitment to expanding healthcare infrastructure and strengthening tertiary care in Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar said his government had always extended full financial support to SKIMS and would continue to do so "with greater vigour". He highlighted that, following his intervention, the newly introduced SASCI capital funding window—earlier restricted to states—had now been extended to Union Territories, enabling J&K to access long-term, zero-interest loans for major health projects. "This year, we finally gained access to SASCI. It is a unique chance, and I want SKIMS to take full advantage of it," he said, urging the administration to conceptualise a project deliverable within two to

The Chief Minister, however, coupled the financial commitment with sharp remarks on SKIMS's administrative functioning. He said files concerning the premier institute were not being routed to the elected government, questioning the purpose of inviting elected representatives to official programmes when key decisions by-

**SKIMS Not in Control** of Elected Govt.

hief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday voiced serious concern over the administrative functioning of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), saying files per

passed them. "Sadly, the elected government has no real control over the institution," he said.

Reflecting on the legacy of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Omar said the establishment of SKIMS was a visionary act that remained unmatched even today "If someone asks me whether the Government of J&K can build an-

taining to the premier health institution were not being routed to the elected government. Speaking at the 43rd Annual Day

other SKIMS or a complex like SKICC

today, I would say it is nearly impos-

fil its original mandate of providing

advanced medical care within J&K,

citing AIIMS Director Dr Srinivas's

praise for the institute's role in reduc-

ing the need for patients to seek treat-

ment outside the UT. At the same time,

He said SKIMS continues to ful-

sible," he remarked.

of SKIMS Soura at SKICC, the Chief Minister questioned why elected representatives were invited to official functions when major administrative decisions were being taken without their involvement.

he highlighted the overwhelming patient load at SKIMS and stressed the need to strengthen district and subdistrict hospitals so that routine cases do not add pressure to the tertiary-care centre. "We will work on both frontssupporting SKIMS with new infrastructure and upgrading peripheral

hospitals," he said.

# **Elderly Srinagar Native Goes Missing in Delhi**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: A 69-year-old man from Khanvar in Srinagar has gone missing in Delhi, prompting his family to issue a public appeal for assistance after multiple efforts to trace him failed. The missing man, identified as Gulam Qadir Burki, was last seen on December 2 at around 5:00 PM in Bogal Market near Kashmiri Park.

According to KNT, family members said they had gone out shopping when the

incident occurred. According to them. Burki asked the others to continue ahead assuring that he would return on his own. "Since then, we have been calling his number, but the phone remains switched off," the family said.

They added that they immediately began searching nearby areas once they realised he could not be contacted. The relatives said that despite informing the Delhi Police and checkvarious locations,

there has been no breakthrough in the last three days. "We have searched everywhere and informed the police, but we have not been able to trace him yet," they stated.

The family, deeply anxious about his safety, has vehemently appealed to Delhi police to pursue the case seriously and help them in tracing him.

The family expressed hope that public cooperation will help reunite Burki with his loved ones safely.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Prof. Abdul Ahad Rafiq DECEMBER 06, 2010



پروفیسر عبدالاہد رفیق ایک باوقار علی و ادبی شخصیت تھے، جنہوں نے اپنے علم، عمل اور خدمت کے ذریع بے شمار ذہنوں کو روشن کیا۔ ان کی زندگی کردار، وقار، محبت اور اصولوں کا حسین امتزاج تھی۔ بطور استاد و رہنما انہوں نے نہ صرف کتابوں کا علم دیا بلکہ زندگی کا شعور بھی عطا کیا۔ ان کے شاگرد، ان کے ساتھی اور ان کے چاہنے والے ہمیشہ ان کے علم، شفقت اور انسانیت

اپنے خاندان کے لیے وہ صرف ایک معزز بزرگ نہیں بلکہ خاندان کے سرپرست تھے، جن کی دعائیں، رہنمائی اور موجودگی ہمارے لیے ہمیشہ حوصلہ اور مضبوطی کا سبب رہی۔ آج بھی ہماری زندگیوں اور کامیابیوں میں ان کی تربیت کی روشنی شامل ہے، اور ہماری دعاؤں میں ہمیشہ ان کا نام رہتا ہے۔ ہمیں ان پر فخرتھا، فخرہے اور ہمیشہ رہے گا۔ اللہ تعالیٰ انہیں جنت الفردوس میں اعلیٰ ترین مقام عطا فرمائے اور ان کی قبر کو نور سے منور کرے۔

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Grant of Permission to alienation of Migrant immovable property of 1) Hira Lal Bhat S/O Sh Sat lal Bhat R/o: Ladhoo Pampore At present House No 493 Scetor-2 Vionayakk Nagar Muthi Jammu 2) Piary Lal Bhat S/O Sat Lal Bhat R/O Ladhoo Pampor at present Flate No. 16 Block No. 127 Lane No. 21 Mini Township Jagti Nagroota Jammu 3) Kanya Lal Bhat S/O Balbadar Bhat R/O Ladhoo Tehsil Pampore at present House No. 430-C Regent Shippra Sun City Indrapuiram Ghaziabad Utter Predesh 4) Rattan Lal Bhat S/O Prithivi Nath Bhat R/o ladhoo Pampore at present House No. 232 Sector 1 Vinayak Nagar near water tank Uper Muthi Jammu 5) Girdari Lal Bhat S/o Prithvi Nath Bhat R/o Ladhoo Pampore at present Quarter NO. 21 Lane No. 23 Block 144 Migrant Topwnship jagti Nagroota Jammu 6) Reekha Bhat D/o Makhan Lal Koul (w/o Mahraja Krishan Bhat R/o Ladhoo Pampore at present House No. 171 ward No. 67 Amit Nagar Muthi behind Shining Star School Muthi Jammu through Khushboo Mehraaj D/o Mehraj ud din Bhat R/o Zawoora Balhama Lasjan Tehsil Panthachowk Sgr. In favour of Nasreena Akhter D/o Mohd Shaban Khanday W/ Mehraj ud din R/o Ladhoo Pampore and Hafeeza Banoo D/o Abdul Razaq W/o Bashir Ahmad Kumar R/o ladhoo Pampore Under the provision of i&K migrant Immovable Property (Preservation protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act 1997

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# This Day In History

- 631 1st predicted transit of Venus (Kepler) is observed.
- 1534- Quito, Ecuador, founded by Spanish colonists on the ruins of an Inca city
- 1631- 1st predicted transit of Venus (Kepler) is observed
- 1723- Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI's Pragmatic Sanction with the Diet of Hungary recognizes the King's daughters as successors
- 1756- British troops under Robert Clive occupy Fulta, India
- 1873 1st international football game in US: Yale 2, Eton (England) 1
- 1877 First recording made of the human voice -Thomas Edison reciting "Mary had a little lamb".
- 1877 Washington Post publishes 1st edition. 1897 - London becomes the world's first city to host licenced taxicabs.
- 1912 China votes for universal human rights 1916 - German army under Gen Mackensen
- occupies Bucharest. 1916 - World War I: The Central Powers capture
- Bucharest.
- 1917 French munition ship "Mont Blanc" explodes in Halifax, kills 1,700.
- 1917 Taking advantage of the temporary relaxation of authority in Russia, Finland declares itself a republic, following the Ukraine on 20
- November. 1921 - Anglo-Irish Treaty signed; Ireland receives dominion status; partition creates Northern
- 1925 Italy, Britain & Egypt sign Jaghbub accord (Italy). 1938 - 117 Spanish knights under capt Piet Laros
- return to Netherlands. 1938 - French/German non-attack treaty drawn
- (Ribbentrop-Bonnet Pact). 1941 - Dutch & British pilots see Japanese invasion
- fleet at Singapore. 1956 - Nelson Mandela & 156 others arrested for
- political activities in S Africa. 1957 - 1st US attempt to launch a satellite fails-
- Vanguard rocket blows up. 1958 - US lunar probe Pioneer 3 reaches 107,269
- km, falls back. 1962 - US abandons Skybolt balistic missile
- program.
- 1965 Pakistan's Islamic Ideology Advisory Committee recommends that Islamic Studies be made a compulsory subject for Muslim students from primary to graduate level.
- 1977 South Africa grants Bophuthatswana independence.
  - 1980 NASA launches Intelsat V satellite, no. 502. 1988 - Arafat meets prominent American Jews in Stockholm, Sweden. 1990 - Saddam anounces release of all foriegn
- hostages. 1992 - 300,000 hindus destroy mosque of Babri
- India, 4 die.
- 1998 Hugo Chávez is elected President of Venezuela.
- 2006 NASA reveals photographs taken by Mars Global Surveyor suggesting the presence of liquid water on Mars.
- 2012 A 243 million year old Nyasasaurus fossil is discovered in Tanzania
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- 2012- Typhoon Bopha's death toll rise to 418 with
- 318 missing and 179,000 displaced 2013- Pope Francis gives his ascent to a proposal to create a permanent post on the Pontifical

Commission on cases of sin and sexual abuse of

- minors 2017- Andrej Babiš is sworn as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
- 2017- Starbucks opens its largest cafe in the world in Shanghai, 30,000 square-feet, 1/2 size of a football field
- 2017- US President Donald Trump officially recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital, announcing plans to move US embassy there

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🔪 KO VIEW

# **Eco-Winter** in Kashmir

orway and Switzerland show how winter towns can stay busy and still protect their mountains. Their ski resorts handle waste with care, follow strict building rules and keep their forests healthy. Visitors get a great experience, and the land stays strong. Kashmir can take inspiration from this.

The valley has beautiful slopes and communities that depend on winter income. It needs a plan that respects both.

Gulmarg shows why this matters. The moment snow falls. the town wakes up. Families walk through the market, skiers crowd the gondola, and hotels fill up. The season brings steady work to many homes. It also leaves behind problems.

Plastic gets pressed into the snow. Streams carry waste that should have been treated. Forests bear the brunt as new tracks open for ski-tourists. Gulmarg hosted more than a million visitors last year. Its systems were never designed for such num-

bers, and the strain is clear on the ground. Other winter spots feel this pressure too. People head to Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Doodhpathri as soon as the weather turns cold. These places were never planned for heavy tourist traffic. Hotels rise close to meadows. Roads widen at the cost of forest cover.

When spring comes, the damage stands out. The views that draw visitors start to fade. When the landscape weakens, winter tourism weakens with it.

Kashmir has its own set of winter traditions that hold important lessons. Older homes stayed warm because they were built carefully. Kangris heated rooms without heavy use of wood. Families stored dried vegetables through the season. These habits were simple and thoughtful. Tourism can learn from them.

Resorts with proper insulation and cleaner heating reduce load on forests and power. Hotels with clear waste systems protect water bodies. Guides who follow planned routes help wildlife survive the cold months.

Other cold regions in India are already acting. Sikkim limits construction near key lakes. Ladakh keeps winter camps away from sensitive zones. These choices protect the landscape and keep tourism alive. Kashmir can do the same in its own way.

The valley has everything it needs to start. Environmental laws exist. Officers understand the mountains. Scientists study snow and slopes every year. These strengths need one shared direction.

Winter zones need clear limits on how many visitors they can hold. Resorts must treat all the waste and water they produce. New buildings should save energy instead of wasting it. Local communities should guide these decisions because they know the land best.

Kashmir's winter economy rests on clean water, strong forests and safe slopes. Snow arrives each year with hope. It also arrives with responsibility.

A cleaner winter tourism model will protect the season that supports so many families and help the valley hold its beauty for years to come.

# Valley's Grey Divorces

Older couples in the valley are silently separating. Changing expectations, shifting gender roles, and weaker family support are reshaping marriage as we knew it.

Dr. Fiaz Magbool Fazili

ashmiris have long believed that marriages are made in heaven. But behind many doors, they are silently falling apart.

The official divorce rate in the valley is low, but it masks a deeper reality.

Couples often avoid legal separation because of stigma, complicated procedures, and social pressure. Beneath the surface, marriages are under strain. This is most visible in "grey divorce," when couples

over fifty choose to separate after decades together. Grey divorce was once unimaginable in a culture that treats marriage as sacred. Today, it is becoming

Some older couples take legal steps to separate. Others stay under the same roof while living very dif-

They sleep in separate rooms, speak only when necessary, and raise children in homes filled with silence, tension, and old resentments. The emotional toll of this cold war is heavy.

But why is this happening?

Part of it comes from global influence. In many countries, grey divorce has risen over the last thirty years, driven by longer life, changing gender roles, and a focus on personal happiness.

Ideas travel fast, and Kashmir has felt these winds

Education, migration, media, and diaspora connections are changing what people expect from marriage. People are asking themselves: what should a lifelong partnership give me, and what am I willing

Local changes play a big role too. Kashmir has shifted from joint families, where elders helped solve disputes and family life softened tensions, to smaller nuclear households that offer privacy but little emotional support.

In my grandparents' house in Zaina Kadal, nearly thirty family members lived together. Meals, celebrations, arguments, and reconciliations were shared. That communal life helped couples handle the rough

Today, smaller homes leave couples to deal with problems on their own. Courts, counseling centers, and religious arbitration bodies are seeing older couples seeking help in numbers unheard of two decades ago. Living with emotional distance has become increasingly difficult.

Divorce no longer carries the same weight of shame it once did. For years, ending a marriage, especially for women, was seen as disgraceful, and staying silent and enduring was expected

Now, with wider exposure to the world, urban life, and shifting values, that pressure has eased. Couples can choose dignity instead of simply enduring. The "empty nest" phase exposes more cracks.

Children often held marriages together. When they leave the valley for studies or work, buried differences surface. Couples realize they share history, rather than closeness.

Shifting gender roles are also changing marriages. Today, Kashmiri women are more educated, employed, and financially independent than ever. This gives them the freedom to set boundaries and refuse neglect or disrespect.

Divorce no longer feels like the end of the world, because people now prioritize their emotional happiness.

wield social influence. Their chances of upward

mobility are tethered to education and public

sector jobs. Narrowing those avenues sends a

message: in the calculus of governance, the poor

aim, why not review categories that already enjoy material advantage? Why ask the most vul-

nerable to shoulder the burden?

amplifies exclusion.

meaningful consultation

and legitimacy.

If redistributive measures were truly the

Jammu & Kashmir also faces a persistent

youth unemployment crisis. Public sector

jobs remain the most realistic route for many

young people to secure stability. Shrinking

EWS quotas reduces access to these jobs and

for economically disadvantaged youth should

expand, not contract, especially as the region

grapples with economic uncertainty and rising

employment should be participatory, devel-

oped with communities, academics, civil so-

ciety, and students. This decision appears to

have been made administratively, without

Top-down decisions of this kind erode trust

The Supreme Court has made it clear that

If inclusive growth is the goal, protections

Policy changes that touch education and

are expendable

Companionship, respect, and shared purpose



# **Grey divorce** shows how much has

changed in Kashmir: joint families have given way to nuclear homes, silence has turned to speaking up, and stigma has softened. The choice is clear: let marriages quietly fall apart or create a culture of openness, respect, and care.

matter. When these are missing, even at fifty or sixty, people choose self-respect over silent suffering.

Mental health struggles make relationships even harder. Economic pressures, rising costs, and social comparisons add weight, often unnoticed until rela-

Despite growing marital instability, the divorce numbers aren't alarming in the valley. Many couples live in silent estrangement. Still, the trend is clear: marriages in Kashmir are under strain, and silence is breaking.

So, what can help?

Marriage cannot survive through fear, stigma, or endurance alone. It needs communication, respect, emotional maturity, and shared purpose.

Talking about struggles must be normal. Counseling should be accessible and encouraged. Community and religious institutions can support emotional well-being. Premarital education, emotional literacy, and fi-nancial awareness should be part of social learning.

Ethical and spiritual teachings can guide couples today, offering patience, empathy, and forgiveness without enforcing old rigid rules. We must also accept that sometimes divorce is the healthiest choice. Separation, when necessary, should

marriage, but to preserve human integrity. Grey divorce shows how much has changed in Kashmir: joint families have given way to nuclear homes, silence has turned to speaking up, and stigma has softened.

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Marriage, when cared for, can remain one of life's strongest bonds. Its strength comes from balancing

compromise with self-respect. If Kashmir wants future generations to thrive emotionally, it must find this balance again.

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alk of reforms often sounds cold and technical, as if people don't exist behind the numbers. Charts are drawn, figures cited,

and decisions justified in abstract language. On the ground, however, reality has faces.

In Jammu & Kashmir, those faces are families waking each day unsure how they will pay school fees, children juggling studies with household chores or part-time work, and parents hoping that education and public jobs will offer a way out of hardship.

For these families, life is already a daily struggle, and the government's latest proposal makes it harder still.

The J&K Cabinet wants to cut the Economically Weaker Section or EWS quota by 7 percent and the Reserved Backward Area (RBA) quota by 3 percent, while increasing Open Merit seats

It may seem like a small change, but it closes doors for the poorest families and adds more uncertainty to lives that are already difficult.

Supporters of the change argue that increasing Open Merit seats creates fairness. That fairness exists only in theory.

Families in the EWS bracket often lack private tuition, coaching, stable incomes, and networks that generations of privilege provide. Many fight to pay school fees or support siblings, sacrificing study hours for daily survival. Removing quota protections ignores

these realities. The EWS system was designed precisely to offset such disadvantages. Cutting it now deepens inequality at the moment when low-income families can least absorb it.

A clear pattern is visible now. Each policy shift seems to begin by burdening the families

who already have the least. EWS households rarely own property or

# **Don't Punish the Poor**

Reducing quotas for economically weaker families undermines opportunity, fuels inequality, and deepens the struggle of those who rely on education and jobs to escape poverty.

Faizan Ashraf



economic deprivation is a valid ground for affirmative action. Weakening this protection without clear reasoning goes against the idea of equal opportunity that the Constitution

Quotas are not meant to reward poverty. They exist to level the field in a society where chances are uneven from the start.

Reforms, if necessary, should be data-driven and inclusive. Socio-economic impact assessments, stakeholder engagement, and targeted educational support can achieve equity without taking away already scarce opportunities.

Governments are measured by how they safeguard the vulnerable, rather than how they widen gaps in times of hardship.

The Lieutenant Governor has a clear choice: protect EWS quotas or deepen the gap between those who have opportunity and those fighting for it.



### The Supreme Court has made it clear that economic

deprivation is a valid ground for affirmative action. Weakening this protection without clear reasoning goes against the idea of equal opportunity that the Constitution stands for. Quotas are not meant to reward poverty. They exist to level the field in a society where chances are uneven from the start.

Keeping these quotas is fairness. It gives every child in Jammu & Kashmir a real chance to study, grow, and build a future.

Anything less breaks the promise of justice and weakens the idea of a state that stands with its people.

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# Kashmir's Syncretic Soul Lives Under This Lake

Manasbal reveals how memory survives through stone, water and the people who return to it.

Aamir Basharat Qureshi

return to Manasbal the way people return to a story that refuses to settle.

The lake has followed me through childhood and adulthood, appearing in moments when I least expect it.

I see it first through memory, then through the window of the car as Safapora approaches.

The road winds past small shops and willow groves, until the hills open and the lake comes into view. It lies there with a calm that feels almost deliberate, as if it knows how long people have been watching.

Manasbal is often called the deepest lake in Kashmir. The phrase sounds like a statistic, though once you stand beside it the depth feels emotional.

The lake's surface holds a stillness that feels as if it has been thinking for centuries. Elders traced its name to Manasarovar in the Himalayas, speaking of it with unwavering certainty. They believed that waters carry memory across lands.

I used to listen and wonder how water could remember anything at all. The lake answered that question years later, when I discovered the world that lies beneath its serene surface.

There is a temple resting under the clear water. Ancient stones from the Karkota or Utpala era lie arranged in the same precise style I have seen at Martand and Avantipora.

Divers who have explored it speak of balance, proportion and craftsmanship. They describe pillars holding their place as if time has no authority underwater.

I often imagine the builders working here, unaware that centuries later the lake would rise and fold their creation into its own



story.

The thought gives the water a sense of companionship, like it has chosen to guard the temple rather than erase it.

The lake holds another layer through the memory of Kashmiri Pandits.

Many families recall visiting on Jyeshtha Ashtami, carrying flowers, lighting lamps, and touching the springs that feed the water.

I once met a woman who said her father believed the lake reflected inner purity, like they say about Manasarovar. She smiled softly as she told me, as if she still carried a bit of that belief with her.

Memories like these make

Manasbal feel like a personal archive that doesn't fade, even after decades.

When I look up from the shore, Jaroka Bagh rises on the slope.

The Mughal garden, built in Nur Jahan's time, still stands in all its splendor. Its stone window frames the lake so perfectly that it feels like a painting set out just for a queen to admire. The terraces show the symmetry the Mughals loved, softened only by time.

I often stand there and feel the pull of two eras, the ancient temple lying beneath the water and the Mughal garden above it.

Two stories, watching each other across the same stretch of blue.

Older than both is the trace of Buddhist travellers.

Terracotta fragments found in the area reveal a route that linked Harwan, Parihaspora and Wular. Monks once walked this path, stopping at the lake before continuing their journey.

Their footsteps have faded, though the clay remembers them. This thought always surprises

me. A lake that carries Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim histories in one frame manages to feel neither crowded nor confused. Everything rests here with an ease that comes from centuries of acceptance.

The present flows with the same ease. Fishermen push their boats

into the water before dawn. Women move through the lotus fields, lifting nadru with practiced hands. Children splash into the lake in summer, their laughter drifting across the surface.

A basketmaker once told me that lotus stalks are like people, some years stubborn, some years kind. He said the lake responds to seasons and moods, and somehow, his words felt truer than any scientific explanation.

I often sit by the shore and watch light travel across the water. It touches the submerged stones and rises again in thin silver lines. The shimmer feels like a message from the past, that history survives in



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# **Sparrow's Sorrow Song**

The cry of a sparrow reflects the struggles of Kashmir's wildlife and the cost of modernization.

Mushtaq Hurra

The sun was relentless, pouring down over the valley in waves that felt almost alive. Sweat ran down my face, soaking my shirt, slipping into my hair, and I felt as though I had waded into a pond.

My luggage weighed nothing, but my mind felt burdened, as if it carried the weight of the mountains themselves. Each step forward under the blazing heat slowed me, my energy melting away like ice on the river. The road stretched on ahead, shimmering and distant, and my body begged for pause.

I spotted a chinar tree at the roadside, its wide leaves offering shade like a silent invitation. I sank to the earth beneath it, lifted my water bottle to my lips, and let the canopy shelter me.

The branches were alive with the trills and chirrups of birds, a delicate symphony that drew me toward calm. I closed my eyes and allowed the sounds to wash over me, the heat dulling in the presence of this living shade.

Then I saw it.

A sparrow, small and fragile, was trembling on a branch, but carrying a weight far larger than its body. Its eyes were deep and wet, a sorrow that seemed older than the mountains around us. It lifted its tiny chest and began a lament, a voice that belonged to a witness of a world in ruin.

I felt stunned, as though the

valley itself had fallen silent to hear it.

"O Allah, Sustainer of all," the sparrow seemed to speak. "I am nothing compared to Your greatness. A speck of dust beneath the stars You set in motion. Yet I serve Your crown of creation. I adorn the world with my song, I labour quietly to bring beauty and life. And the man, whom You crowned above all creatures, whom You entrusted with kindness and wisdom, has turned away. He has abandoned the gifts You gave him. He has forgotten mercy, compassion, and justice."





THE SPARROW'S SORROW WAS A MIRROR HELD UP TO HUMANITY, TO THE MISTAKES OF THOSE WHO WERE MEANT TO PROTECT AND LIVE WITH COMPASSION. Its voice carried the pain of every creature, polluted river, poisoned tree, and extinguished song. Its lament was a warning, a plea, and a hymn, all at once.

grief and anger. "He has become cunning and selfish. His wisdom is locked inside walls of desire. His mind, meant to discern truth and protect life, now only serves his whims. Greed and pride have blinded him. He has enslaved his own faculties. He has become a tyrant over the world, cruel to creatures that have no voice. We exist to serve him, and yet he brings suffering upon us. He poisons our food, pollutes our water, burns our homes, and destroys our skies. He has turned the world into a prison."

The sparrow's voice rose, full of

I remembered the villages of my childhood. Sparrows would hop along the thatched roofs of Bandipora homes. They would feed from grains left behind by farmers, chirp in the morning sun, and sing until the moon rose.

sun, and sing until the moon rose.
Our ancestors respected them. Life moved slowly, but it was full, simple, and shared. Now the sparrow said, the modern world had changed everything.

Cement and steel roofs replaced thatch, leaving them homeless. Pesticides and insecticides killed their young before they could learn to fly. Machines, engines, and loudspeakers drowned their songs. Cell towers and radiation made them sick, disoriented, and endangered.

"Our air is poisoned," the

sparrow continued. "The water burns our throats. We inhale fumes and chemicals that twist our bodies and shorten our lives. The crops that once fed us are gone, replaced by machines that leave no scraps behind. We cannot drink safely, we cannot breathe freely. Our wings are clipped before we even learn to rise. Our songs of dawn fade into silence. The man has forgotten how to coexist, live gently, and nurture life alongside his own."

The sparrow's lament reached deeper. "The world he has built is harsh. High decibel machines deafen us. Roads, factories, and vehicles trap us in noise. His obsession with material gain leaves no room for care. His food is adulterated, his drugs kill, his weapons

scorch the sky. Even the young forget how to sing, how to live in harmony with the world. Our species cannot survive if this continues. We are forced to consider leaving. We seek a place with no greed, no arms, no war, no hunger, no cruelty. A place where life can breathe, and has song again."

I stayed there beneath the

I stayed there beneath the chinar, listening, my heart tightening.

The sparrow's sorrow was a mirror held up to humanity, to the mistakes of those who were meant to protect and live with compassion. Its voice carried the pain of every creature, polluted river, poisoned tree, and extinguished song. Its lament was a warning, a plea, and a hymn, all at once.

I rose eventually, my steps lighter in the shade, but heavier with the burden of truth.

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# **Left Behind in the Mountains**

Reducing reservation for Residentially Backward Areas in Jammu and Kashmir leaves the most isolated communities behind, deepening inequality instead of creating fairness.

Bakhshi Mehmooda Ahmad

The decision to cut reservation quota for Residentially Backward Areas (RBA) in Jammu and Kashmir affects those who have lived on the margins for decades.

Officials call it "rationalization," a word that sounds fair, but for people from remote regions, the impact is anything but.

RBA reservation is about ge-

ography. It is about communities left without basic facilities for generations. It is about villages that remain cut off from electricity, roads, hospitals, and schools.

The new quota structure

The new quota structure leaves SC and ST communities untouched, but the RBA, representing some of the most neglected populations, has been asked to pay the price.

Rationalization begins with those who already have the least.

To understand what backwardness means in an RBA, it helps to see it on the ground. In places like Marwah and

Warwan, electricity is unreliable, internet access almost nonexistent, and snowfall cuts off entire regions for months.

Roads close, schools stop functioning, hospitals remain

Roads close, schools stop functioning, hospitals remain unreachable, and communication shuts down. Students cannot download study material, patients cannot reach medical care, and families are trapped behind walls of snow and neglect.

This is why RBA reservation xists.

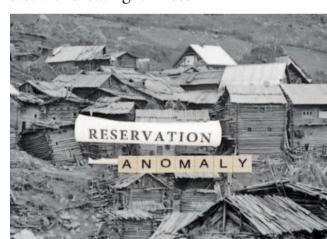
Reducing it is not fairness. It is injustice.

Open merit deserves space, but taking away support from RBA students deepens inequality. Consider a student in a city

with electricity, internet, and generations of academic guidance, and a student in a snowbound RBA village. The village student walks

miles to school, studies under a lantern, and loses months every winter because nature blocks the way.

If equity is the goal, support must go to those who face the



greatest obstacles.

For years, governments have claimed that development reaches every corner of J&K. Unless policymakers have lived without internet for months or crossed snow-covered mountains in emergencies, these claims remain hollow.

RBA quotas are compensation for decades of neglect. Removing them punishes



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the people who have already struggled the most.

If rationalization is the goal, it must be grounded in reality. Reliable electricity, functional schools and hospitals, internet connectivity, mobile

towers, and all-weather roads

must be in place before reducing benefits.

A "Severely Isolated Regions" sub-category can protect the most cut-off areas until development reaches them. Special scholarships and coaching programs can give RBA students the tools to compete fairly. Communities must be consulted before decisions are made.

I write this as someone who has lived these challenges. I have seen students cry because a form would not download without internet. I have watched neighbours carried on makeshift stretchers over snow-covered trails. I have seen families travel long distances just to submit applications. I have seen the rest of the world move forward while my village remained behind mountains, literally and figuratively.

RBA reservation is the only recognition of the struggles these communities face. Cutting it doesn't create fairness. It pushes the neglected further behind, leaving the connected and the heard even farther ahead.

Justice is simple: Communities that face the greatest struggle must not be weakened.

The J&K administration must not reduce RBA reservation until isolation itself is addressed.

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# **J&K UTLBC Holds Mega Facilitation Camps Across Ramban, Kishtwar, Ganderbal & Shopian** Hundreds sensitized and assisted in tracing and claiming their unclaimed financial assets

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: J&K UTLBC today organised Mega Facilitation Camps in the districts of Ramban, Kishtwar, Ganderbal and Shopian as part of the threemonth nationwide awarenesscum-disbursement campaign "Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar - Your Money, Your Right", to help citizens trace and claim their unclaimed financial assets - -including dormant bank deposits, matured insurance proceeds, mutual fund units, dividends, unclaimed shares and other inactive financial instruments - that may have accumulated over the years. The campaign was launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other

financial-sector regulators
Senior officials from RBI,
insurance companies, banks,
district administrations, SEBI,
PFRDA, IEPFA and other financial
institutions participated from
across districts, ensuring coordinated service delivery and wide
outreach to the public.

Ramban Camp The Lead District Office (Ramban) organized a



district-level Mega Facilitation
Camp at the Community Hall
near Raghunath Temple, which
was presided over by Deputy
Commissioner (Ramban)
Mohammad Alyas Khan, in
the presence of Lead District
Manager Davinder Singh, DDC
Member Renuka Katoch, LDO
(RBI) Anil Kumar, and Director
RSETI Harvinder Singh. The
camp drew encouraging public
participation along with officers from various banks, district
administration, PRI representa-

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of banking institutions in driving financial awareness and urged them to further intensify outreach initiatives. He encouraged people

tives, and local residents.

to keep their bank records updated, complete KYC formalities, and maintain regular account activity.

Participants were briefed about the RBI's UDGAM portal, which enables citizens to trace unclaimed deposits across banks. It was highlighted that an amount of Rs 6.15 crore lies as unclaimed deposits in 30899 accounts in Ramban district. Awareness was also created about key social security schemes including PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY.

A major highlight of the programme was the distribution of cheques amounting to Rs 15.43 lakh to 13 beneficiaries, handed over by the Deputy Commissioner after successful claim settlements.

Kishtwar Camp

A district-level Mega Facilitation Camp was today organised by the Lead Bank Office (Kishtwar) at the Conference Hall of the New DC Office Complex. The camp witnessed a good public participation.

Commissioner Pankaj Kumar (Kishtwar) Sharma - who was also the chief guest – presided over the event in the presence of RBI LDO Amandeep Singh, LIC Officer Sandeep Sen, J&K Bank Cluster Head Khurshid Akhoon, SBI Chief Manager (Kishtwar Main Branch) Sanjeev Bagati, PNB Branch Manager Harsimrandeep J&K Grameen Bank Branch Manager Nikhil, and officials from SBI Life and PNB MetLife. Branch Heads of J&K Bank branches at Kishtwar, Hidyal, TP Branch, Nagseni and Dulhasti also attended.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of close coordination between banks and the district administration to enhance public awareness and expedite the settlement of unclaimed financial assets.

Addressing the participants, RBI LDO Amandeep Singh elaborated on the objectives of the campaign and explained the process for claiming unclaimed amounts related to bank deposits, shares, dividends and mutual funds.

He also highlighted the role of the UDGAM portal in enabling citizens to easily trace and claim their unclaimed deposits. Informing the gathering that 30236 accounts worth Rs 8.51 crore of unclaimed funds from Kishtwar currently lie in the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF), he urged all stakeholders to work collectively to bring down the pendency.

An open interaction with participants allowed claimants to share the difficulties they had faced in reclaiming their funds, many of which were resolved on the spot by officials from participating banks and financial institutions.

A key highlight of the event was the distribution of settlement cheques by the Deputy Commissioner to beneficiaries from J&K Bank, SBI and PNB. During the camp, J&K Bank successfully settled 28 cases amounting to Rs 14.34 lakh, while SBI settled 5 accounts worth Rs 5.20 lakh, and PNB concluded 18 settlements totalling Rs 35000.

Beneficiaries expressed

gratitude for the Government of India's initiative led by the Department of Financial Services (DFS).

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Facilitation Camp was organised by the Lead Bank Office (Ganderbal) in collaboration with financial institutions and the district administration. The event saw active participation from senior officials of the Reserve Bank of India, district administration, various banks, insurance companies such as PNB MetLife, SBI Life and LIC, civic bodies, students, and members of the general public.

The Lead District Manager (Ganderbal) Gazanfar Hussain informed the participants that Ganderbal district has 52477 unclaimed accounts worth Rs 9.52 crore and called on banks to intensify outreach to depositors and legal heirs.

Speakers from RBI and participating banks sensitised attendees about the claim process, documentation requirements, eligibility norms, and settlement procedures. A live demonstration of the RBI's UDGAM portal enabled citizens to search unclaimed deposits transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund, and

understand the bank-wise claim workflow.

Meanwhile, cheques amounting to Rs 6.19 lakh were handed over to beneficiaries and legal heirs upon completion of verification formalities. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Shopian Camp

The Lead Bank Office (Shopian) successfully conducted a Mega Facilitation Camp at CFC Zainpora that witnessed encouraging participation from residents seeking assistance in tracing and claiming their unclaimed financial assets.

The camp saw the active presence of J&K Bank's Cluster Head (Shopian) Ab. Majid Wani, Lead District Officer (RBI) Anoop Sharma, and DDM NABARD Junaid Hakeem along with senior officials from various banks and representatives of insurance companies including LIC, PNB MetLife, and Bajaj etc. Their coordinated efforts significantly enhanced the outreach and impact of the programme.

Representatives from RBI provided on-the-spot handholding support for processing claims related to unclaimed deposits, insurance proceeds, mutual funds, dividends, shares, and other inactive financial instruments.

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### **Geopolitical Reset**

signalling India's growing willingness to articulate its position more clearly. While rejecting the "neutrality" label, he reiterated that India stands "on the side of peace."

The remark allowed New Delhi to balance its strategic autonomy—maintaining ties with Moscow without alienating Western partners. Putin, for his part, welcomed India's stance without pressing for explicit political support. Five-Year Economic Roadmap

In a direct counter to Washington's sanctions and tariff regime, India and Russia unveiled an ambitious plan to scale bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030—up from USD 64 billion.

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# India Russia Trade

services and capital.

Modi recalled that last year, Putin and he set a target of reaching USD 100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030.

"However, after further discussions with President Putin and considering the tremendous potential in our partnership, I am confident that we will achieve this target well ahead of schedule. We are making rapid progress towards this goal," Modi said.

He noted that simplified and predictable mechanisms are being created for businesses, and discussions have begun on the FTA between India and the Eurasian Economic Union.

Whether it is business or diplomacy, the foundation of any partnership is mutual trust, Modi said.

"The greatest strength of India-Russia relations is this trust. It is this trust that gives direction to our joint efforts and also provides momentum," the Prime Minister said, adding that this is the launchpad that gives inspiration to take flight towards new dreams and aspirations.

He noted that India is a global leader in affordable, efficient electric vehicles, two-wheelers, and CNG mobility solutions, while Russia is a major producer of advanced materials.

By partnering in EV manufacturing, automotive components, and shared mobility technologies, the two countries can not only meet their domestic demands but also contribute to the development of the Global South, Modi said.

"Come Make In India, partner with India, and together let's make for the world," he said.

The Prime Minister informed the gathering that India is in the process of opening the civil-nuclear sector, which will create new opportunities, saying "this is not an administrative reform, but mindset reform".

Also, India and Russia can cooperate in the development of vaccines and cancer therapy, he added.

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# **Global Unity**

At their summit talks, Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin condemned the terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and Moscow's Crocus City Hall and strongly pitched for a "zero tolerance" policy on terrorism.

The two leaders voiced their strong commitment to prevent and counter terrorism in all its forms including cross-border movement of terrorists and terror financing.

"India and Russia have long cooperated shoulder-to-shoulder in the fight against terrorism. Be it the terrorist attack in Pahalgam or the cowardly attack on Crocus City Hall -- the root of all these incidents is the same," he said.

"India firmly believes that terrorism is a direct attack on the values of humanity and that global unity against it is our greatest strength," he said.

The Russian president landed in New Delhi last evening to a red-carpet welcome with Modi personally receiving him at the airport and later hosting a private dinner for him that largely set the tone for the 23rd India-Russia annual summit.

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# Chill Eases:

Ganderbal recorded minus 0.2 degrees. Among

the coldest locations, Sonamarg stood at minus 1.2 degrees and Zojila at minus 18.0 degrees. Zethan Rafiabad registered minus 1.4 degrees.

In the Jammu region, temperatures remained relatively higher. Jammu recorded 8.8 degrees, while Katra stood at 8.5 degrees. Banihal recorded 1.2 degrees, Batote 5.5 degrees, Bhaderwah 1.9 degrees and Kathua 6.8 degrees. Jammu Airport registered 9.5 degrees, the highest in the region. Udhampur settled at 3.6 degrees, Ramban 4.8 degrees, Samba 3.0 degrees, Rajouri 2.6 degrees, Kishtwar 6.0 degrees and Reasi 7.0 degrees.

In Ladakh, the cold wave continued to grip high altitude stations. Leh settled at minus 7.2 degrees and Kargil at minus 6.2 degrees. Drass recorded minus 5.7 degrees, Nubra Valley minus 5.4 degrees and Padum minus 9.1 degrees. Nyoma registered minus 15.2 degrees, Tangste minus 10.3 degrees and Upshi minus 10.1 degrees.

According to the Meteorological Department, December 5 is expected to remain generally cloudy with chances of very light snowfall over isolated higher reaches of north and central Kashmir. December 6 and 7 are likely to remain generally dry.

On December 8, skies may turn partly to generally cloudy with a brief spell of light snowfall over isolated high altitude pockets. From December 9 to 13, weather is expected to stay mostly to partly cloudy across the region with no major activity

The Met department said shallow to moderate fog will continue at many places in the Kashmir division and at isolated spots in Jammu, affecting

visibility during morning and evening hours.

Independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif said the weather is likely to remain dry for the next 10 days. He said a couple of weak Western Disturbances may pass during this period, but rain or snow is unlikely. He also warned that pollution levels may increase while water levels could continue to drop in the coming days.

# Over 5 Cr Man

terrain, the USBRL spans Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam, Srinagar and Baramulla districts.

It includes the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge in Reasi, which stands 359 metres above the riverbed with an arch span of 467 metres. It also features Indian Railways' first cable stayed bridge over the Anji Khad, with its deck located 331 metres above the riverbed.

Vaishnaw highlighted that the project delivered major socio economic gains, including the construction of more than 215 km of approach roads, a tunnel and over 320 small bridges improving rural connectivity.

Following the commissioning of the valley section, four Vande Bharat services now operate between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Srinagar, along with DEMU and MEMU services connecting Qazigund, Srinagar and Baramulla.

The Railways Ministry said future progress on additional connectivity proposals will depend on stakeholder consultations and clearances from agencies including NITI Aayog and the Finance Ministry.

# No Deadline

the provisions of the act, and clear directions of the Supreme Court, the minister said.

However, recognising the concerns of 'mutawallis', the minister assured that the ministry will not impose any penalties or take strict action for the next three months as a "humanitarian and facilitative measure".

The ministry also issued a clarification and said Rijiju has never stated that the deadline for Waqf property upload on the UMEED Portal has been extended.

"Mutawallis who are unable to complete registration process by 11:59:59 pm on 6th December, 2025 can approach the Waqf Tribunal, which has the legal authority to grant an extension. The minister has repeatedly emphasised that any change in the legally mandated timeline is not possible, as it is bound by the law passed by Parliament and upheld by the Supreme Court. The minister's statement is therefore fully consistent with the

law," the ministry said. Earlier, Rijiju said, "After making the Waqf law, we had launched the UMEED portal and a six-month duration was given to the concerned parties to register all the Waqf properties on the portal."

"Many MPs and social leaders came to me requesting that problems are being faced in registering more than 9 lakh Waqf properties and it is the last day today, so the deadline should be extended. Till now, more than 1.51 lakh Waqf properties have been registered on the UMEED portal," he said.

Some states have done well like Karnataka and Punjab and also Jammu and Kashmir but some others have lagged behind.

Rijiju said in some places, the UMEED portal was slow while some people did not have the papers

"I assure all 'mutawallis' who tried but could not complete the registration process... for the next three months, we will not impose any penalties or take any strict action." he said.

Those who have not been able to come on the portal must approach their respective tribunals.

The Supreme Court was clear on its instruc-

tions that the date cannot be extended, he said.

The government, through the Ministry of Minority Affairs, has said it is committed to modernizing Waqf administration and unlocking the full developmental potential of Waqf properties for the benefit of minority communities.

# **IndiGo Chaos**

a day earlier.

Airport terminals in major cities witnessed chaotic scenes. Passengers complained of delays stretching beyond 12 hours, sudden cancellations after boarding, and difficulties in retrieving baggage. Many reported spending nights on terminal floors while waiting for updates.

A PTI staffer, who paid Rs 25,000 for a Delhi–Mumbai ticket, spent an entire night at Delhi airport as her repeatedly delayed flight was finally cancelled early Friday. She also struggled to locate her checked-in bag amid piles of misplaced luggage. Another staffer's flight to Delhi, scheduled for 5.30 pm Thursday, departed only around 2 am after protests by frustrated travellers.

Some flyers said airfares on busy routes soared sharply during the crisis, with tickets on the Mumbai–Delhi route touching around Rs 60,000 on Thursday.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu conveyed displeasure over the airline's handling of the situation, noting that IndiGo had sufficient time to prepare for the revised duty norms.

With the disruption entering its fourth day and more cancellations expected till at least December 8, passengers continue to face uncertainty over their travel plans. IndiGo has promised round-the-clock efforts to restore services and improve customer assistance.

DGCA Eases Flight Duty Norms For Pilots Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday eased the flight duty norms by allowing substitution of leaves with a weekly rest period amid massive operational disruptions at IndiGo, according to sources.

As per the revised Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) norms, "no leave shall be substituted for weekly rest", which means that weekly rest period and leaves are to be treated separately. The clause was part of efforts to address fatigue issues among the pilots.

Citing IndiGo flight disruptions, sources said that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to withdraw the provision 'no leave shall be substituted for weekly rest' from the FDTL norms.

"In view of the ongoing operational disruptions and representations received from various airlines regarding the need to ensure continuity and stability of operations, it has been considered necessary to review the said provision," DGCA said in a communication dated December 5

The gaps in planning ahead of the implementation of the revised FDTL, the second phase of which came into force from November 1, have resulted in crew shortage at IndiGo and is one of the key reasons for the current disruptions.

**Travel Chaos** 

as many departing flights, they said.

"One SpiceJet flight was also cancelled at the airport and only 30 movements (15 flights) out of the scheduled 64 movements (32 flights) operated today," an official said.

The cancellations led to protests against the airline by passengers who had turned up at the airport, resulting in chaos. "However, the situation was brought under control immediately," he added.

A passenger, scheduled to travel to Delhi, said the situation has left people frustrated.

"In their frustration, the passengers were shouting and demanding an explanation for the flight delays and cancellations," the passenger, who wished not to be named, said.

Speaking to PTI Videos outside the airport, a traveller, Rishabh Kumar from Kolkata, said passengers were facing harassments at the hands of the airline.

"I had to reach Delhi yesterday from Kolkata via Srinagar. This was a connecting flight. They (airline officials) told us in Kolkata yesterday that when we reach Srinagar, our flight to Delhi will be ready. But when we came here, they did not help us at all, neither the IndiGo, nor airport authorities," Kumar said.

The Kolkata resident said his group had to face "trouble" at the airport for about four hours.

"First our flight for today was rescheduled to 1:15 pm. But then they cancelled that flight too, and no help was provided," he said.

Accusing the IndiGo of perfecting the passen-

gers, Kumar said he contacted several senior officials of the airline, "but it is the same, they are not willing to help".

When asked if the airline had given any reason for the cancellation, Kumar said neither an explanation, nor any help has been provided.

"I posted videos of what happened at the Kolkata airport yesterday on X. I tagged everyone, IndiGo, airport authorities and relevant departments, and even our aviation minister. We have faced so much of harassment," he said.

A couple from Kerala visiting the Valley were

among those left stranded in Srinagar due to the cancellations. "I checked the flight status in the morning; then, they said the flight was on time. When I came here (airport), they said the flight was cancelled," the husband, Hidayatullah, said. He said they had a family function to attend in

He said they had a family function to attend in Kerala, but won't be able to reach on time. "What will I do? I told them it is necessary to go today. But, they said they could do nothing as there are no flights today or tomorrow. Maybe the day after tomorrow..." Hidayatullah sighed.

He said while they plan to go back to the hotel, "it will be difficult, it will cost more money".

Similar scenes of uncertainty prevailed at Jammu airport after IndiGo cancelled 11 departing flights on Friday amid operational disruptions, triggering protests from passengers who were left with little recourse.

Long queues were witnessed at the inquiry counter, with passengers seeking clarification about the status of their IndiGo flights.

"We have been waiting here for two hours for information about the status of our flight, but no satisfactory reply has come from the airline officials. Where would I go? They said it has been cancelled," Swati, who was scheduled to return to her home in Lucknow after a pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi, said.

"We have been stranded here for the past three hours. We do not know what to do," she said.

Arti Razdan, scheduled to travel to Bengaluru, said, "I had come to Jammu to attend a marriage function. I was originally booked for December 2 but was later cancelled, on both December 2 and 3," she grumbled. "It is Friday, and my ticket got cancelled again."

Stranded at Jammu airport with her two children, she said, "I had two days of leave. Due to these cancellations, it has been a week for me in Jammu. My child had an exam, but couldn't take it. We have been here since 8 am but they are not giving any solution. They say there is some operational issue. There is no backup plan."

Officials are facing angry queries from passengers but are unable to satisfy them.
"We are facing the anger of passengers.
Whatever information we have, we are sharing

to augment one 3rd AC coach of 72 seats in the Jammu-New Delhi Rajdhani for the next seven

with them," an official said.

beginning Friday, officials said.

days beginning tonight (December 5)," he said.

Meanwhile, all IndiGo flights leaving from
Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport on Friday were
cancelled.

Meanwhile, in view of the IndiGo flight disrup-

tions, Northern Railways has announced the ad-

dition of an additional coach in the Jammu-New

Delhi Rajdhani Express for the next seven days,

Singhal said the decision comes to facilitate

stranded passengers and provide them comfort.

Indian Railways has taken an important decision

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit

"In the wake of ongoing flight disruptions,

Airport Director B C H Negi told PTI that 13 flights of the airline were cancelled, affecting approximately 200 passengers.

He said a local team of the Airports Authority of India was providing all possible assistance to the affected passengers.

IndiGo is seeing operational disruptions as pilot-rostering issues have led to large-scale flight cancellations, leaving passengers stranded at airports nationwide, for as long as three days in

# some instances. (PTI) **NIA Custody**

An official spokesperson for the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had said the agency arrested Soyab, a resident of Dhauj in Haryana's Faridabad, for allegedly providing logistical support to "terrorist Umar-Un Nabi" before the Delhi terror bomb blast.

Soyab is the seventh accused arrested by the NIA in the case, which is linked to a "white-collar" terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the NIA previously said in a statement (PTI)

# **Transfer Of HC**

judges from one high court to another,"

# Meghwal said. **J&K Disposes**

established under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, have so far disposed of 338 cases since inception, while 494 cases remain pending as of September 30, 2025.

The Ministry informed the House that the FTSC scheme has been extended till March 2026, with increased focus on strengthening exclusive POCSO courts to ensure time bound disposal of cases involving child victims.

# **Only 4.5% Conviction**

The figures revealed in the house reveal that 773 FTSCs including 400 exclusive POCSO courts were functional in 29 States and UTs as of 30 September 2025. "These courts have collectively disposed of 3.50 lakh cases, including over 2.25 lakh cases by exclusive POCSO courts since their inception."

"J&K is among the Union Territories where FTSCs are operational to ensure speedy trial of POCSO cases. However, the UT's conviction rate of 4.5 percent remains among the lower figures reported across States and UTs," it government said =.

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The government further informed that amendments to the POCSO Act made in the year 2019 introduced stringent punishments including death penalty. It also highlighted initiatives such as the POCSO e-Box for reporting abuse, awareness campaigns, training of officials, and monitoring by NCPCR.

Pertinently, the Fast Track Special Courts Scheme was launched in 2019 and extended till March 2026. It is funded under the Nirbhaya Fund and aims to expedite trials in rape and POCSO cases nationwide, including in Jammu & Kashmir. (KNO)

# **Unscheduled Power Cuts Hit Oxygen-Dependent Patients**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Repeated and prolonged power outages across several areas of Kashmir have pushed residents to the edge, with families of oxygen-dependent patients saying the situation has become "unbearable" as temperatures continue to dip.

Locals from different areas of Kashmir told KNO that despite paying monthly tariffs on time, electricity is being snapped unpredictably—sometimes for hours during peak evening and

Residents said that the lack of a proper power supply schedule has made daily life extremely difficult, and in many homes, patients who rely on oxygen concentrators or other medical devices are experiencing serious distress.

"My father needs oxygen support round the clock. Every time the power goes off, his breathing gets laboured. We are living in constant fear," said Aashiq Ahmad, a resident of Pulwama.

He added that running the device on an inverter or generator is not always possible due to rising fuel and battery costs.

In Shopian, residents complained that despite assurances, the electricity supply is erratic and far from meeting winter re-

"We are not asking for 24×7 power. All we want is a fixed schedule so we can plan our day and manage the needs of elderly and sick family members," said Suhail Lone, a local shopkeeper.



**MY FATHER NEEDS OXYGEN SUPPORT ROUND THE CLOCK.** Every time the power goes off, his breathing

gets laboured. We are

living in constant fear,"

derly people said the outages during early mornings and late evenings—when temperatures drop sharply—are the hardest to deal with. Many households have shifted to firewood and gas heaters, adding to expenses and safety worries.

Several areas reported that the voltage drops sharply even when power is restored.

"Most of our appliances have either burnt or developed faults. Low voltage is as big a problem as the outage itself," said residents of Kulgam's Yaripora

People urged the Power Development Department (PDD) to issue a clear and realistic loadshedding schedule and ensure it is followed on the ground.

"We aren't against curtailment, but the cuts should be announced and managed properly. The current situation is chaotic," said Shabnum Jan from Anantnag.

Local residents have appealed to the administration to intervene, especially to safeguard households with medical emergencies.

"If the government can't ensure uninterrupted power, at least they should provide scheduled supply so that oxygen-de-pendent patients won't suffer," said another resident.

Meanwhile, officials from the Power Department said they are aware of the issues but attributed the curtailments to an increased winter load and said that they are trying their level best to provide scheduled supply.

# NC Pays Tributes To Sheikh Abdullah On His 120th Birth Anniversary

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The National Conference on Friday paid rich tributes to its founder and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his 120th birth anniversary, recalling his role as a towering political figure who shaped the region's social and political identity.

Top party leaders and workers assembled at Naseem Bagh in Hazratbal, where floral tributes and prayers were offered at the Qaid Mazar. Emotional recollections marked the occasion as leaders pledged to carry forward Sheikh Abdullah's mission of dignity, justice and people's welfare.

NC vice president and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, party president Dr Farooq Abdullah, Advisor to CM Nasir Aslam Wani, senior leader Abdul Rahim Rather



the event. A large gathering of supporters and functionaries also participated.

Speaking to reporters, NC leader and MLA Tanvir Sadiq said the former leader's service to Kashmir remains unforgettable. "He remains in people's hearts, and on his birth anniversary, we offer Fatiha and inaugurate the Bab ul Salam and Bab ul Noor gates at Dargah," he said.

He urged the administration to take a decision on the pending reservation file, saying the NC government had already completed all necessary

that continue to serve the Legislative

Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather said Sher e Kashmir sacrificed his life for the welfare and empowerment of the people of J&K and his role will always be remembered.

build strong public health

and education institutions

In a post on X, MP Aga Syed Ruhullah wrote that Sheikh Abdullah symbolised political courage, resilience and the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "It is our responsibility to uphold these values and carry forward the mission he and his colleagues dedicated their lives to," he said.

The party leadership said the day served as a reminder of Sheikh Abdullah's lifelong struggle for justice and unity in the region. Senior leaders reiterated that his vision will continue to guide their political journey.

# **Public Deserves Answers on Rotten Meat Scandal: Mirwaiz**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Mirwaiz Umar Faroog in his Friday sermon addressed at Jama Masiid Srinagar asked the authorities about the status of the investigation into the very disturbing rotten meat issue in which the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) had seized tonnes of rotten, unlabelled and possibly unlawful meat being sold openly across the valley.

This shocking revelation deeply shook the trust of people that such large-scale malpractice was allowed to go on and unchecked for so long and in response to it, authorities promised a thorough inquiry into the incident to expose and bring the culprits to book. The issue also highlighted the serious issues with food safety and regulation in the UT.

Mirwaiz said that it has been more than four months but so far we have not heard anything about the investigation. He asked the administration to come clean on the matter. Mirwaiz said it is the right of people to know what the test results of the seized meat revealed and if the culprits have been identified and booked and their businesses shut down. Is such meat no longer in the market? he asked.

Mirwaiz said the administration should make all this public so that people are reassured and their faith restored. Accountability demands public transparency, so the authorities should inform the public about the findings of the investigation and the corrective measures with regard to food safety and regulation that they have taken after this serious inci-

# **J&K Has One Operational AllMS, Another in Progress: Centre**

ammu and Kashmir has two All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) approved under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), with one fully functional and the other still under construction, union ministry informed Lok Sabha on Friday.

As per officials, AIIMS Vijaypur in Samba district of Jammu is functional while the AIIMS in south Kashmir's Awantipora remains under con-

According to KNO, the Union Health Ministry informed that out of 22 approved AIIMS across India, 18 are functional, four institutes including Awantipora region are yet to be completed.

"Completion timelines, the Ministry stated, depend on factors such as availability of encumbrance-free land, regulatory clearances, and sitespecific issues," the ministry said.

It also said that the government is monitoring the progress of under-construction institutes to ensure timely completion. (Observer News Service)

# **LoP Sharma Lays Paddar-Nagseni Road Project Foundation**

eader of the Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma Friday laid the foundation stone for KP Galhar-Chingnana road via Lower and Upper

LoP Sharma said that it is a landmark step to-ward fulfilling a long-pending demand of the people of Paddar and Nagseni. In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, Sharma on this occasion, said that the improved road connectivity is the backbone of regional development.

"This Rs 17 crore prestigious project will significantly ease travel, enhance accessibility, and boost socio-economic growth across the entire belt."

He further added that the project reflects the collective will of the people who have consistently raised this demand and finally seeing it taking shape. "The KP Galhar-Chingnana road will transform mobility for thousands, connect remote habitations, and ensure faster access to essential services. This is a strong example of how people's genuine needs must guide development priorities," LoP Sharma said.

Sharma reaffirmed his commitment in ensuring the development for every village, especially those that have long remained neglected.

He expressed hope that the work on the road will be completed in a time-bound and transparent manner-bringing long-term benefits to the region.(Observer News Service)

# and several MLAs attended

Toxic Air, Higher Risks:

# **What Your Health Policy Covers** for Respiratory Diseases



Bhaskar Nerurkar

**SRINAGAR:** Air pollution across India is rising at an alarming pace, with several cities experiencing persistently hazardous air quality. This escalating environmental crisis has emerged as a major public health threat, fuelling a significant increase in respiratory ailments such as asthma, bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and recurrent lung infections. What were once seasonal concerns have now become yearround health challenges for millions.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the global death toll linked to ambient air pollution rose sharply from 1.3 million in 2008 to 3.7 million in 2012. Deaths caused by household air pollution nearly doubled during the same period, reaching 4.3 million. The State of Global Air 2024 further estimates that air pollution contributes to more than 2 million deaths every year in India alone. Experts warn that toxic air affects almost every system of the human body, including the respiratory, nervous, digestive, and urinary systems. Northern cities, particularly the Delhi-NCR region, frequently record AQI levels in the hazardous category. Prolonged exposure to such air not only triggers chronic respiratory diseases but also worsens existing conditions, resulting in frequent hospital visits, long-term medication, and, in severe cases, intensive care. In this context, understanding

surance coverage has become more important than ever. Most standard health in-

surance policies cover the cost

of hospitalisation, helping individuals manage expenses arising from both planned and emergency treatments. Increasingly, insurers are offering comprehensive plans that include OPD (Outpatient Department) benefits—crucial for people managing chronic respiratory conditions. These benefits generally cover diagnostic tests like chest X-rays and CT scans, doctor consultations and follow-ups, annual preventive health check-ups, tele-consultations, and ongoing medication. Many policies also include coverage for daycare procedures such as nebulization therapy, enabling patients to receive essential care for acute respiratory symptoms without the need for overnight admission.

The insurance market has evolved to offer more personalised and flexible coverage. Many plans now come with enhanced OPD benefits—sometimes up to twice the premium value—along with high sum insured options that go up to ₹5 crore, unlimited reinstatement of the sum insured, and built-in home nursing support. Importantly, insurers have begun designing plans that make it easier for customers with chronic respiratory illnesses, such as asthma or bronchitis, to access coverage with reduced waiting periods. These features help patients manage long-term conditions more effectively while easing financial stress.

# **Opioid-Induced Constipation** on the Rise in J&K, Say Doctors

Observer News Service

procedures. "Whatever we

were supposed to do as the

government or as a political

party, we did that. Now, we

expect the LG to decide on

the file that has been sub-

Sadiq also called for com-

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ity consumption in Jammu

and Kashmir. "We want full

metering so that the gov-

ernment can provide 200

units of electricity free to

Health and Education

Minister Sakeena Itoo de-

scribed Sheikh Abdullah's

contribution as "immea-

surable," saying he helped

the people," he said.

mitted," he added.

SRINAGAR: With an increasing number of patients across Jammu and Kashmir using opioidpainkillers for chronic pain, post-surgery recovery and cancer treatment, doctors say opioidinduced constipation (OIC) is becoming one of the most common yet least discussed side effects.

Health experts told KNO that OIC affects a large proportion of patients on long-term opioid therapy and often leads to abdominal discomfort, bloating, reduced appetite and, in severe cases, dependency on laxatives.

They explain that OIC occurs when opioids — medicines prescribed to manage moderate to severe pain – slow down the movement of the intestines. These drugs act on the same receptors in the gut as in the brain, causing the bowel muscles to contract less effectively and reducing fluid secretion into the intestines.

"This results in stools becoming hard, dry and difficult to pass. Many patients feel embarrassed to talk about it, so the problem worsens," said a senior gastroenterologist at GMC Doctors explain that

several mechanisms contribute to opioid-induced constipation (OIC). One of these is slowed gut motility, as opioids reduce the natural wave-like movements of the intestines, hindering the passage of stool. They said the colon absorbs more water, which makes the stool harder and more difficult to pass.

Opioids also cause tightening of the anal sphincter muscles, resulting in pain

and difficulty during bowel

movements. They dull the

reflexes responsible for

triggering the urge to def-

ecate, further contributing to constipation, according to doctors.

While cons sound minor, doctors warn that untreated OIC can lead to several complications, such as severe abdominal pain and distension, haemorrhoids or fissures due to straining, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite, impaction of stool requiring medical intervention and poor adherence to pain treatment because patients fear constipation more

than the pain itself "OIC significantly affects quality of life. Some patients even start avoiding their pain medicines, which is risky and leads to uncontrolled pain," said Dr Sameer Ahmad, a physi-

cian at Shopian. He said the condition is manageable through timely measures. These include increasing fibre intake by consuming fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and psyllium husk, which help regulate bowel movements.

Staying adequately hydrated by drinking sufficient water also softens the stool, Dr Sameer said, adding that maintaining physical activity through walking and light exercise can improve gut mobility.

"When necessary, laxatives such as stool softeners, osmotic laxatives, or stimulant laxatives may be prescribed by doctors to provide relief," he said.

It is important to avoid self-medication and the use of special medications for OIC without medical guidance, as in severe cases, physicians may prescribe targeted drugs like PAMORAs (Peripherally Acting Mu-Opioid Receptor Antagonists), Dr Ahmad said, adding that these medications specifically block the effects of opioids in the gut without compromising pain relief.

# **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

Muthi Akhnoor Road, Jammu / Zam Zam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar (www.jkssb.nic.in)

**Subject:** 

Provisional Selection List for the post of Rent Collector of Tourism Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27-07-2022, under Item No. 123.

# **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, vide Indent No. TSM-Estb/124/2021 Dated 06-04-2022, received 01 Post of Rent Collector of Tourism Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.7.2022, under Item No. 123 as per the following category-wise break up:

Cadre of the post	ОМ	SC	ST	osc	ALC/IB	RBA	PSP	EWS	TOTAL
Division Jammu	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01

Whereas, the requisite qualification for selection against the post, as per the Indent, is given as under:

# "Matriculate or its equivalent qualification from a recognized Institute".

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board, accordingly, conducted an (OMR) based written examination for the post of Rent Collector on 06.02.2025. Based on the performance of the candidates in it, the Board, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COEOEXAM(UT)/6/2025-06 (7644391) dated 16.04.2025, published the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates.

Whereas, after the publication of Result/Score-sheet, the candidates, falling under the consideration zone, were called for Document Verification vide Notification No. JKSSB-C0E0EXAM(UT)/7/2025-03 (7646318) dated 30.04.2025, at both Jammu & Srinagar on 07.05.2025, followed by supplementary DV on 18.06.2025.

Whereas, vide Office Order No 221-SSB of 2025, dated 14.07.2025, a Selection Committee was constituted for preparing the Selection List for (01) one post of Rent Collector, of Tourism Department.

Whereas, the said Selection Committee, upon careful scrutiny of the Indents/advertisements, prepared the Provisional Selection List for the O1 Post in accordance with the Merit/Eligibility and preference (if any) of the candidates as per the extant rules and same was placed in the board in its 326th meeting, held on 18.11.2025, which after due deliberations and consideration of the matter, approved its notification.

Now, therefore, the Provisional Selection List of the candidate for 01 post of Rent Collector, Tourism department advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27-07-2022, is hereby notified as per Annexure-A to this Notification. It is further notified that: This Provisional Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending in the competent

This shall also be subject to the outcome of any pending inquiry, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Provisional

This is a Provisional List and shall be subject to the change(s) as per the objections as may be received against it and mere figuring in it shall not confer any right to selection, which shall be finalized after examination of the objections

In case any candidate(s) is aggrieved with this Provisional Selection List, or intends to furnish any document/clarification regarding his withheld candidature (if any), he/she may represent through the e-mail address rentcollector2025@ gmail.com within (10) ten days from the date of this Notification, beyond which no representations whatsoever shall be entertained. The representations in this regard shall necessarily include complete details of the candidate including Name, Address, Roll Number and Contact Number.

By Order.

No. JKSSB-Scry/17/2025-06 (E-7731495) Dated 04-12-2025

Atul Kumar, JKAS Secretary **J&K Services Selection Board** 

	Annexure-A of Notification No: JKSSB-Scry/17/2025-06(E-7731495) Dated: 04.12.2025												
	Provisional Selection List for the post of Rent Collector, Division Cadre, Jammu, Tourism Department, Advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2022 dated 27.07.2022, Item No 123												
	Selection List under OM Category												
Sr. No DV. No Roll No Candidates Name Fathers Name DoB Category Total Selection Category Address Qualification Passing Institute REMARKS/E							REMARKS/DEFICIENCY						
1	01-JMU	1220120	VISHU RAJA PARTAP SINGH	SARAV SINGH	20/06/2002	RBA	107.00	OM/RBA	Sunth, Tridwan, Kathua- 184152	10th	2017	CBSE	
	Waiting List under OM Category												
1	02-JMU	1200375	MUNISH SINGH	SUDAGAR SINGH	30/07/1995	ОМ	104.00	ОМ	Chak Goriyan, Arnia Jammu- 181131	10th	2012	CBSE	

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