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Kashmir Sees Sharp Drop In Water Levels

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The ongoing dry spell in Kashmir has led to a sharp decline in water discharge levels from key supply sources, triggering concerns about water availability in several areas of the valley.

Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir, Er. Rakesh Kumar Gupta said that the prolonged absence of rainfall has disrupted natural water recharge systems. "The persistent dry weather has affected most natural sources feeding the supply lines. Once rainfall occurs or weather patterns change, these sources will be recharged," he said.

He acknowledged that some localities are witnessing reduced water flow, but said the department has stepped up measures to ensure uninterrupted drinking water access. | [More on P6](#)

Cold Grips Kashmir, Fog Lowers Visibility

Observer News Service

Night temperatures in Kashmir once again dropped several degrees below the freezing point, while a thick layer of fog engulfed parts of the valley, officials said on Saturday. Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.1 degrees Celsius, | [More on P6](#)

JKPSC Exam File Returned Promptly: LG Office

Refutes 'Misleading' Posts, Says There Was No Response from Govt

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Amid a row over the delay in clearing a file related to age relaxation for the Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) scheduled for December 7, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said the file was returned the same day it was received on December 2 with a query, but there was no response from the government.

In an official statement, the LG's office said Lok Bhavan received the relevant file from the J&K Public Service Commission on December 2, 2025, just five days before the scheduled examination. The file, officials clarified,



dealt 'exclusively' with the issue of age relaxation for candidates.

According to the LG's office, the file was examined and returned the same day with a specific query:

whether it was 'logistically feasible' to conduct the exam on December 7, given that the proposed age-related modifications would require changes to eligibility criteria at a very

late stage.

However, 'no response was received for the next four days', a delay the LG's office said had contributed to confusion. "I fully sympathize with young aspirants," the statement noted, emphasising that the administration had acted promptly and sought only essential clarifications.

Reiterating the official exam schedule issued by JKPSC, the LG's office said the advertisement notice for the examination was published on August 22, 2025, and the exam date of December 7, 2025, was formally notified on November 6, 2025.

The clarification comes amid public | [More on P6](#)

CCE To Proceed As Scheduled

The Jammu Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) on Saturday confirmed that the JKAS Preliminary Examination will be conducted as scheduled on December 7, despite the tension between the Lok Bhavan and the Omar Abdullah government over demands for age relaxation and calls to postpone the exam.

JKPSC Chairman Arun Kumar Choudhary said that the exam will be conducted as per schedule

"The CCE remains on schedule as of now," JKPSC chairperson A K Choudhary said in a brief statement on Saturday evening.

However, he declined to comment further on the subject.

The age relaxation debate has sparked significant controversy, as the elected government, political parties, and aspirants | [More on P6](#)

Four Of Family Killed In Kishtwar Mishap

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At least four members of a family, including a six month old infant, were killed in a road accident in the Dada Sarthal area of Kishtwar district on Saturday, officials said.

Officials said that a Chevrolet vehicle (registration number DL5CE 5634), travelling towards Drabshalla, skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge. Three persons died on the spot, while another critically injured passenger was rushed to a nearby hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

The deceased have been identified as Ranjeet Singh, 35, son of Poran Chand; his wife Jyoti Devi, 30; their infant daughter Ashu, aged six months; and Simran Thakur, 21, daughter of Om Prakash. All were residents of the Marmat area of Doda district.

Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation to ascertain the cause of the accident.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed grief over the loss of lives. In a message on X, he said he had spoken to Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, and conveyed condolences to the bereaved families.

"Saddened to learn about the tragic road accident on Sarthal road in which four occupants of the vehicle, hailing from Marmat area, unfortunately | [More on P6](#)

India Must End 'Slave Mentality' Within 10 Yrs: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged people to completely rid the country of the slave mentality in the next 10 years, and hit out at "so-called intellectuals" for trying to malign an entire civilization by terming years of sluggish economic growth as Hindu rate of growth.

Addressing the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit here, Modi said India was brimming with confidence at a time when the world was full of uncertainties and was scripting the story of growth in the era of global slowdown.

He asserted that no country can move forward without self-confidence and every sector today was shedding the colonial mindset and aiming for new achievements with pride.

"This colonial mentality has become a major barrier in achieving the goals of a



developed Bharat. That is why today's Bharat is working to free itself from this mindset," Modi said.

He said such was the impact of this colonial mentality that even today, when many around the world describe India as a global growth engine, very few speak proudly about this achievement.

"Has anyone ever referred to it as the Hindu rate of growth," he asked, and reminded the audience that the term was used at a time when India struggled even to reach | [More on P6](#)

IndiGo Crisis Day 5 800 Flights Cancelled Nationwide

Govt Orders Airfare Cap, Mandatory Refunds By Sunday Evening



Press Trust Of India

Mumbai: Domestic carrier IndiGo cancelled over 800 flights on Saturday, the fifth day of the ongoing crisis, even as the government imposed a cap on airfares and directed the airline to process all refunds by Sunday evening.

The airline's on time

performance from six metro airports plunged to 3.7 per cent on Friday, as per the civil aviation ministry website.

The government said regulatory action will be initiated against the airline in case of any non-compliance.

With IndiGo flight disruptions impacting thousands of passengers, the civil aviation ministry | [More on P6](#)

IndiGo Crisis Grounds 21 Flights Across J&K

Flight disruptions continued for the second straight day at Srinagar and Jammu airports on Saturday as IndiGo's nationwide operational crisis again led to widespread cancellations and delays across Jammu and Kashmir. Officials said that Srinagar airport had 64 scheduled flight movements for the day, including 36 operated by IndiGo. Fourteen IndiGo flights (seven arrivals and seven departures) were cancelled while ten others faced delays. Four SpiceJet flights were also cancelled. In total, | [More on P6](#)

A Difficult First Year Due To Terror Attacks: CM

Blames UT Model For Creating 'Silo' In Security Decision Making

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said his first year in office has been "a difficult one" owing to major terror attacks, while sharply questioning the Union Territory governance framework for sidelining the elected government in security matters.

Speaking at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi, Omar said those claiming terrorism had ended in the region were ignoring ground realities. He insisted it had never fully vanished.



"Why do you use the word return? When did it ever go away? It was there," he said. "The changes made to the constitutional relationship between Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of India are not going to miraculously result in an end to terror."

The chief | [More on P6](#)

'Show Me The Money': Omar Responds To FM's Praise

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday appreciated Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his "focused" approach to restore the Union territory's economy, to which he responded by thanking | [More on P6](#)

Kashmir's Border Schools Set For Psychology-Based STEM Overhaul

Researchers say the model could reach more than 6,000 students across Kashmir's northern border belt.

Syed Sammar Mehdi

Srinagar: A fresh push for science education is taking shape in Kashmir's border belt after Government College for Women MA Road Srinagar received a 15 lakh grant from the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council.

The programme plans to pair



hands-on STEM training with behavioural insights to support students in Gurez, Kupwara and

Baramulla.

The programme falls under the council's Sponsored Research

& Extension Programme for 2025-26. It carries a title with a clear mission: "Psychology-Driven STEM Learning to Build Scientific Temper in the Border Villages of Kashmir."

The plan positions Srinagar as the pilot centre and expands outward to districts where access to specialised training often remains limited.

The effort is led by Dr. Eshrat Ara from the Psychology Department at GCW MA Road, along with Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran from Mechanical Engineering at NIT Srinagar.

Their team plans to train around 120 teachers and student mentors in hands-on modules | [More on P6](#)

Court Jails Father For Allowing Minor Son to Drive

Directs Awareness By Education Department, Special Drive By IGP Traffic J&K Against Such Juveniles

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here on Saturday sentenced a man to three years' imprisonment for allowing minor son to drive a vehicle, a violation that the court noted posed a serious threat to public safety.

"Keeping in view the statement of the accused person wherein he pleaded guilty, the accused person is accordingly convicted for the commission of offence under Section 199A of Motor Vehicles Act 1988," Special Mobile Magistrate Srinagar Shabir Ahmad Malik

said and sentenced the accused Mushtaq Ahmad to three years simple imprisonment and imposed Rs 25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand) as fine on him.

The court also ordered cancelling registration of the particular vehicle for a period of twelve months.

Since the offence does not involve moral turpitude, and the violator has no prior convictions, the court granted probation to him.

However, the Court directed the convict to execute a bond of Rs 2 lakh | [More on P6](#)

Pahalgam Attack, Nowgam Blast

SDRF Awards 4 Civilians For Life Saving Acts

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir State Disaster Response Force (JKSDRF) on Saturday felicitated four civilians for their exemplary bravery and swift rescue efforts during two recent incidents in the Valley, including the Pahalgam terror attack earlier this year and the accidental blast at Nowgam police station last month.

The felicitation took place in Srinagar as part of the 63rd Raising Day celebrations of Home Guards and Civil Defence.

Among those | [More on P6](#)



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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1: Inlaks Fellowship for Social Engagement 2026

Description: Inlaks Fellowship for Social Engagement 2026 is being offered by the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation to graduate students and early to mid-career professionals. Fellows shall receive a chance to explore alternatives and make independent life choices while contributing towards social change. It aims to boost youth participation in public life and encourage them to challenge the status quo. Eligibility: Application is open to Indian citizens currently residing in India, born on or after January 1, 1990. They must hold a Bachelor's degree secured from a recognised Indian institute. Alternatively, they must have at least 3 years of relevant work experience.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to 45,000 per month.
Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2025
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/IFSE8
QR Code: https://dl9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/inlaks-fellowship-for-social-engagement-20261764834784.png

Scholarship Name 2: Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation Scholarship 2025-26

Description: The Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation Scholarship 2025-26 is an initiative to provide financial support to 1st-year undergraduate students pursuing specified professional courses. It aims to support the education of meritorious students from Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu. Eligibility: Application is open to students enrolled in the MBBS, B.E./B.Tech, B.Sc. in Nursing, MBA, B.Sc. in Agriculture, or B.Sc. (Hons) in Co-operation & Banking. Students must have secured admission under merit in government/aided/recognised self-financing/autonomous colleges during the academic year of 2025-26. Annual family income must not exceed 3,00,000. Prizes & Rewards: 100% tuition fees reimbursement & other benefits. Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2025
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/FHMF2
QR Code: https://dl9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/federal-bank-hormis-memorial-foundation-scholarship-2025-261764834830.png

Scholarship Name 3: Suzlon Scholarship Program 2025-26

Description: An initiative by Suzlon Group to support the higher education of students from economically weaker sections, fostering an inclusive youth talent pipeline. Eligibility: Open to female students of Class 9 & students enrolled in the first year of B.E./B.Tech. or diploma in engineering. Annual family income must not exceed INR 6 lakh from all sources. Applicants must be domiciled and enrolled in recognised schools or institutions in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Daman, and Puducherry. Minimum 50% marks in Class 10 and Class 12 for B.E./B.Tech. or diploma students. Children of Buddy4Study employees are not eligible. Prizes & Rewards: For Class 9 female students: INR 6,000 per year (Fixed) Diploma in Engineering students: INR 60,000 per year B.E./B.Tech. students: INR 1,20,000 per year Last Date to Apply: 26-12-2025
Application mode: Online applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SZSP4

PUBLIC NOTICE

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in his/he adhaar card as Ghulam e Ahmad (DOB 20-06-20190 instead of correct name Ahmad Bin Mudaseer. 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..

Mudaseer Ahmad
F/o Ahmad Bin Mudaseer
R/O Tachloo District Shopian

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 9th pass discharge certificate. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the Principal Govt Boys High School Narbal within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Ghulam Hassan Rather
S/O Ali Mohammad Rather
R/O Gaagarpora Narbal

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub.. Application of Shameena Begum w/o Mohammad Ashraf war R/o Darveshbagh Nehalpora for issuance of dependent certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants husband dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants husband namely Mohammad Ashraf war s/o Noor Mohammad war R/o Darveshbagh Nehalpora Died on 29/04/2025 and dependents on deceased at the time of death are as under ..

Name	Age (in Years)	Relationship with the Deceased	Marital Status
SHAMEEMA BEGUM	52	WIFE	WIDOWED
ADFAR ASHRAF	16	DAUGHTER	UNMARRIED
TABASUM ASHRAF	13	DAUGHTER	UNMARRIED
BUSHRA ASHRAF	12	DAUGHTER	UNMARRIED
SOLIHA ASHRAF	09	DAUGHTER	UNMARRIED

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

Sd
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that I, Javid Ahmad Mir S/O Mohd Yousuf Mir R/O Chatergam district Budgam have applied for enlistment as Class D civil Contractor. If any person has any objection in this regard, they may submit their objections (if any) in writing to the office of Chief Engineer, CID wing JKSPDC Bemina Kashmir or Secretary Technical PWD (R&B), Civil Secretariat Jammu within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sara Begum, W/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani, resident of Chichilora, Tehsil Kwarhama, District Baramulla, hereby inform the general public that in my PAN records, the name of my father has been mistakenly entered as my husband's name, i.e., Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani, instead of my actual father's name, Abdul Rashid Mir. The correct particulars are as under:
• Father's Name: Ab. Rashid Mir
• Husband's Name: Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani
If anyone has any objection regarding this correction, he/she may file the same with the concerned authorities within seven (07) days of publication of this notice. After that, no objections shall be entertained.

Sara Begum
W/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani
R/o Chichilora, Tehsil Kwarhama
District Baramulla

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice Inviting Tender

Sr.DEE/TR/JAT acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date **29.12.2025 at 15:00 Hrs** only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (Rs)	Cost of Tender form (Rs)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest Money# (Rs)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
761-TRD -JAT- 2025-26	TRD works in c/w GMNR Inspection over Jammu Division.	92,09,734.28	NIL	Up to 29.12.2025 15:00 Hrs	1.84,200/-	Eight (08) Months	29.12.2025 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: # Tenderer (s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway. No.: 761-TRD-JAT-2025-26 Dated: 05-12-2025 3789/2025

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ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDERE-NIT NO. 43 of 2025-26 Dated 06.12.2025

For and on behalf of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course, e-tenders are invited on two cover system by Executive Engineer Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar by e-tendering mode on Percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State UTI, PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earned Money (in Rs)	Cost of T/Doc	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Procurement of Imported Greens Aerator at Gulmarg Golf Course	52.00 lacs	Rs.1,04,000/- in shape of CDR OR FDR in favour of Executive Engineer RSGC	Rs. 5000/- Non-Refundable in shape of Bank Challan SB-	60 DAYS	Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)- OR Country Authorized Dealers OR Authorized Dealers / Agencies Dealing in Heavy Golf Machinery	SASCI-I 2025-26

Position of AA: Accorded
Position of TS: Obtained

- No exemption shall be allowed; therefore, all bidders must upload proof of payment for the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason at any stage.
- Only those bidders who have previously executed works of a similar nature shall be eligible to participate in the tender, subject to Submission of a completion certificate along with the relevant allotment order from the Bidder.
- Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of documents of valid registration card with renewal of 2025-26 / PAN/GST registration with latest receipt for the month of October 2025 or 2nd Quarter (i.e July - Sep 2025). However successful bidders shall produce the original copies of same before issuance of contract.
- The typographical error in the BOQ like Unit of item Quantity of item etc, if any found during e- NIT or after end date of NIT shall be rectified in the allotment as per the estimate.
- The Time is the Essence of this Contract. Agencies are requested to supply the item within the stipulated period of time, which is much mandatory.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06.12.2025 3:00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06.12.2025 to 16.12.2025 (3.00 PM on wards)
3	Bid submission Start Date	06.12.2025 3:00 PM on wards
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.12.2025 upto 03:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	17.12.2025 at 10: 00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation is completed

General Conditions:

- The financial bid (BOQ) of only eligible, responsive bidders shall be opened on line on the date mentioned above in the office of Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar. In case of any avoidable circumstances the tenders shall be opened on the next working day or any subsequent date convenient to the Authority.
- The 1st lowest bidder (Successful) has to submit performance security @ 5% of the Contract Value or Below %age of un-balanced cost to be deposited on quoted bid by L1 in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar. Scheduled bank preferably J&K Bank which should reach to the office of Executive Engineer, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar within 05 days from the date of opening of on line bids. In case of failure the bid shall be treated as non-responsive.
- The bids for the works shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- The department shall not be responsible for any technical error or delay in submission of on line bids due to any reason.
- The department can modify the terms and conditions, specification of work if need arises before the dead line date of receipt of tenders.
- Every participating contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder.
- The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ down loaded should be used for filling the item rate/ Percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Un-balanced Bid: The bidders have to produce additional security in shape of CDR/FDR of recognize scheduled/ commercial Bank, pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar. The CDR/FDR shall be valid for maximum six months or more after the last date of receipt to bids along with the bid document as per following break up: Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR: (As Finance Department Circular No. FD-Code/441/2024-02-159 Dated 08-08-2023)
S.No Percentage of Unbalanced Bid viz: Advertised cost on account flow rates Additional Security Advertised value of work as percentage of
Advertised cost
1 Up to and including 10% below Nil
2 Greater than 10% up to 20% below 1%
3 Greater than 20% up to 30% below 3%
4 Greater than 30% up to 40% below 5%
5 Greater than 40% up to 50% below 7%
9. The additional performance guarantee percentage shall be rounded off to the next lower percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is below 0.5% or next higher percentage based on whether the decimal point of the percentage of bid price is 0.5% or more.
10. The Contractor is bound to work/ supply the material of best quality as per specifications. Any material found Substandard/ defective shall not be entertained and contractor is bound to replace it immediately at his own cost.
11. The date of start of work shall be reckoned within 3 days from the date of issue of LOI /allotment.
12. In case of delay in completion of the work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty up to 10% of the allotted cost shall be imposed.
13. No advance payment shall be paid to the Service/ contractor.
14. The contractor shall ensure execution of an agreement with the Department within 15 days from the date of issue of LOI/allotment.
15. All disputes and differences between the parties arising out of any relating to the NIT, Letter of intent, Allotment, work done bills and agreement to be signed between the Officer of RSGC and the contractor including interpretation of its terms and conditions shall be preferable to Secretary, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar whose decision shall be final and binding upon all the parties
16. The bidders are advised to quote their rates in Percentage which includes Income tax, GST, Labour cess etc
17. The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes a breach of the contract.
18. The tender is liable to rejection if it does not fulfil the requirements as laid down in the NIT/ Agreement
19. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD form-25 double /FC-31.
20. The DLP shall be reckoned from the date of successful completion of work shall be upto the period of not less than Six Months.
21. Rates should be quoted in INR inclusive of all taxes / Charges/ FOR.
22. No escalation of rates shall be allowed whatsoever during the period of rate contract.
23. In case of the unsuccessful tenderer the CDR/ FDR shall be released after completion of the rate contract with successful tenderer.
24. The EMD in shape of CDR/ FDR with validity of not less than 24 months from any nationalized/ scheduled bank preferably J&K Bank pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC and should be uploaded on the portal with tender.

No.: RSGC/EE/2025-26/599-602
DIPK-NB-2694/25 Dated: 06/12/2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Royal Springs Golf Course
Srinagar

HANFIA GOUSIA MODEL SCHOOL PAHALLAN

Managing Committee

S N	Name & Parentage	Qualifica-tion	Occupation	Designation	AGE / D.O.B	Photograh
01	Nasirullah Tantry S/o Gh Rasool Tantray R/o Pahallan at Present Hanjiwera Adhaar No: 255085943478 Phn No: 9906714843	Martic with B.A.C	Retired employee (BOD)	Chairman	01/04/1959	
02	Zahoor Ahmad Malla S/o Mohammad Sabir Malla R/o Pahallan Adhaar No: 238138224857 Phn No: 8825075826	B.Sc, B.Ed	Principal of the School	Principal / Member	16/04/1979	
03	Ghulam Mohammad Malla S/o Gh Mohamad Malla R/o Pahallan Mattan Adhaar No: 70803842592 Phn No: 6005529595	M.A Educa-tion	Private Teacher	Parent Member / Secretary	30/12/1966	
04	Mohammad Aslam Tantray S/o Gh Mohammad Tantray R/o Pahallan Adhaar No: 7516033219072 Phn No: 9906808889	Matric	Business	Vice Chair-man	14/09/1957	
05	Abdul Salam Bhat S/o Ab. Mohammad Bhat R/o Ganipora Pahallan Adhaar No: 6006491329870 Phn No: 7006526288	12th	Business	Accountant	05/05/1967	
06	Hamid Ullah Pattoo S/o Mohamad Pattoo R/o Ganipora Pahallan Adhaar No: 26218024007 Phn No: 7006526288	Martic Re-tired Gov. Employee	Parent	Member	16/08/1960	
07	Farooq Ahmad Dar S/o Gh Manvir Ud Din Dar R/o Dar Mohalla Pahallan Adhaar No: 238128753146 Phn No: 9545165746	12th	Private Teacher	Member	01/04/1957	
08	Mohammad Rafiq Malla S/o Ghulam Rasool Malla R/o Batapora Pahallan Adhaar No: 355579100091 Phn No: 8804903521	Matric	Business	Parent Member	01/01/1982	
09	Asif Ahmad Yatoo S/o Abdul Hamid Yatoo R/o Ganipora Pattan Adhaar No: 890859675751 Phn No: 9149723936	M.Sc, B.Ed	Private Teacher	Staff Rep-resentativ	05/06/1992	

Chairman HANFIA GOUSIA
MODEL SCHOOL PAHALLAN

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC DIVISION- IV Khanyar, SRINAGAR.

Email: aee0-pdd@jk.gov.in

E-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE
e-NIT No. 13 / EDIV, Dt: 03.12.2025

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), Executive Engineer, Electric Division-IV Srinagar invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid A-Class Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspector of J&KPDC/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways for following works

S. N o	Particulars	Funds	Estimated cost (Rs in Lacs)
1	Creation / Augmentation of feasible Sub-Station for ED-4 Srinagar under CAPEX 2025-26 (PDDSS2526100105) (100 KVA creation at Graveyard, Dadi Nowbugh & Wahwoor, Nowbugh along with HT/LT Networks	Available	9.67

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

SR No	Advertised Cost	9.67 Lacs
1	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	08.12.2025 : 10:00 Hrs
2	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clarifications	08.12.2025 11.00 HRS to 08.12.2025 16.00 HRS
3	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start)	08.12.2025 16:30 Hrs
4	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (End)	26.12.2025 16.00 HRS
5	Online Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	29.12.2025 15.00 Hrs
6	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
7	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Office of Executive Engineer, Electric Division IV,, Khanyar , Srinagar.
8	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500 (Rupees Five Hundred Only) (Non-refundable)
9	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.19350(Rupees Nineteen thousand Three hundred and Fifty Only)

The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in Technical Evaluation Process.

- Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Treasury Challan /CDR shall be accepted).
(Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)
- PAN Card along with latest ITR.
- Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.
- GST Registration along with return.
- SBD Signed.
- Earnest Money Deposit.
- Experience as per Conditions (as per SBD)
The bidder must have successfully completed similar / electrical works during the last seven (07) years (i.e., up-to ending previous Financial Year) any of the following manners:

Three similar Electric completed works costing not less than the Amount equal to 40% of estimated cost in aggregate.

OR
Two similar Electric completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of estimated cost in aggregate.

OR
One similar Electric completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.

- Affidavit as per SBD (Latest)
- Labour License along with Insurance.
- The bidder must have an Average Annual Financial Turn Over of not less than 30% of the estimated tender value during the last three (03) years. Documents certified by Chartered Accountant regarding the same, should be submitted

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Shocker! Newborn Found Dead in SKIMS Washroom

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a shocking incident the body of a newborn male infant was found inside a washroom at the maternity hospital under the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) here on Saturday.

An official told KNO that attendants found the body in one of the washrooms and immediately alerted the administration, which subsequently informed the police.

“Upon receiving the information, a police team reached the spot and took possession

of the body for medico-legal formalities,” the official said, adding that the incident has triggered shock and concern among the staff and patients at the hospital.

He said the body was later shifted for concerns to ascertain the exact cause and timing of death. “We are verifying all aspects of the case, including how the infant ended up in the washroom area and who was responsible,” the official added.

An investigation has been taken up to establish the circumstances surrounding the death and identify those involved, the official said.

Commissioner SMC Reviews Winter Preparedness

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb, on Saturday chaired a high-level review meeting at the SMC Central Office, Karan Nagar, to evaluate the Corporation's readiness for snow clearance and dewatering operations ahead of the winter season.

The meeting was attended by Joint Commissioners, Executive Engineers, Chief Sanitation Officer, Chief Transport Officer, Stores Officer, and other senior officials.

The Commissioner assessed a comprehensive deployment plan for workforce and machinery across all municipal wards to ensure timely and efficient snow clearance. He directed officers to prioritize key public routes, particularly those connecting hospitals, ration depots, shrines, and government institutions, to ensure uninterrupted accessibility during snowfall.

Highlighting SMC's enhanced capabilities, the Commissioner stated that the Corporation is equipped with state-of-the-art snow clearance machinery, advanced dewatering systems, and modern mobility support, enabling SMC to respond swiftly and effectively to winter-related challenges.

To ensure seamless coordination, the Commissioner instructed the Snow Monitoring Committee and the 24x7 Control Room to maintain full operational readiness. “The 24x7 Control Room must remain proactive and responsive to public concerns, ensuring immediate action on snow clearance and related issues,” he emphasized.

On dewatering preparedness, the Commissioner directed that all permanent dewatering stations be maintained in optimal working condition. He also stressed the rapid deployment of high-capacity mobile pumps in vulnerable and low-lying areas to mitigate waterlogging.



11 Day Chase Ends Black Bear On 'City Tour' Captured Near Nigeen Lake

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A black bear that had sparked panic across several neighbourhoods in Srinagar over the past few days was finally captured near the Nigeen locality late Saturday evening.

According to officials, a specialised team from the Wildlife Department, assisted by Srinagar Police, successfully trapped the animal after an extended search operation. The bear had been roaming through residential pockets, prompting fear among locals and repeated alerts from authorities.

Officials said the capture was executed safely, with no injuries reported. The animal has been secured and will be relocated in accordance with standard wildlife protocols.

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Authorities have urged residents to stay vigilant during wildlife sightings and immediately inform police or wildlife control teams to prevent any untoward incidents.

According to KNO, the animal had spent the past several days on an extraordinary trek through Srinagar—first spotted at NIT Hazratbal, then moving through the University of Kashmir campus, SKIMS Soura, and later the Nigeen Lake belt—setting off a large-scale, multi-agency hunt. Wildlife teams, assisted by police, used drones, tranquilliser squads and specialised rescue vehicles to track its movements and keep residents safe.

Authorities said that even after Saturday's successful capture, heightened surveillance would remain in place for the next 24 hours. A second bear, last seen near the University of Kashmir, is still on the loose, and teams are continuing an intensive search to locate and trap it.

Protest at Cluster University Over Academic Uncertainty

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Students of Cluster University Srinagar staged a protest within the university campus, raising serious concerns over recent academic issues related to the first and fifth semesters, which they said have disrupted their studies and created widespread uncertainty.

Protesting students

said sudden academic decisions, coupled with a lack of clear communication from the administration, have adversely affected their academic progress. They alleged that changes were introduced without adequate notice or explanation, leaving students confused about examinations, coursework and academic timelines.

According to KNT, the

students assembled at the campus and voiced their demands for fair and student-centric academic decision-making. They called for transparency and accountability in the functioning of the university administration and stressed that student concerns must be addressed through proper consultation rather than unilateral decisions.

NIT Hosts Seminar on Satellite Antenna Technology

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) on Saturday organised a specialised seminar on Satellite Antenna Technology, featuring Prof. Soumyabrata Chakrabarty, a senior scientist and leading expert in antenna engineering and space communication systems.

Prof. Chakrabarty, Professor of Practice at the Department of Space, Planetary & Astro-

nomical Sciences & Engineering (SPASE) and Scientist/Engineer-G at the Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO Ahmedabad, delivered the session, focusing on advanced antenna concepts, emerging trends in space technology, and practical challenges in satellite communication.

The seminar was attended by Head ECE Department, Dr. G.R. Beigh Head T&P Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Mir, faculty members, and other dignitaries. Students from ECE, CSE (AI/ML), and learners interested in antenna research also attended the session.

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Online tenders through GeM Portal in two bid system i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid are hereby invited from reputed Tour & Travel Operators, registered firms / Dealers for facilitating tour and travel (26th Rashtra Katha Shivir) being conducted by Shri Vedic Mission Trust from 27th December 2025 to 4th January, 2026 at Rajkot Gujarat for twenty five students (class 9th to 11th) of Kashmir Zone including three care takers of fifteen days tour to destination as given hereunder by way of rail facility, transportation, hotel accommodation at Jammu full day meals and for supply of uniform / clothing items as detailed hereunder:-

The details of approved items uniform, clothing and transportation are as under:-

S.No.	Category	No.of students / Caretakers
1.	Bus Fare from Srinagar to Jammu and back	25
2.	Breakfast lunch & dinner for two journey days from Srinagar to Jammu and back.	25
3.	Hotel accommodation at Jammu for two days (arrival from Kashmir to Jammu and from Rajkot Gujarat to Jammu)	25
4.	Train fare charges from Jammu to Ahmadabad and back	25
5.	Food diet in train	25
6.	Fare charges of bus (1) from Ahmadabad to Rajkot & back.	25
7.	Track suits.	25
8.	Shoes & Socks	25
9.	Trolley/Luggage Bag	25
10.	T-Shirts and Shorts	25
11.	Blanket with Pillow, Bed Sheet	25
12.	Blazer with Ties	25
13.	Cap	25
14.	Utensils, Stationery & Toiletries	25
15.	Expenses for Opening/Closing Ceremonies	25
16.	Shivir fee @ Rs. 150/ per student	25

The tenders should be accompanied with CDR pledged to Accounts Officer ZPHQ Kashmir worth Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only). The tender documents can be accessed / downloaded from the GeM Portal.

Intending bidders should enclose all the following requisite documents at the time of submission of online tenders:-

- GeM registration certificate issued by the competent authority.
- Self-attested copy of GST registration Certificate / PAN Card.
- Self-attested copy of registration of firm / supplier.
- In case of Partnership Firm or Limited Company, copy of Partnership Deed or copy of certificate of incorporation along with articles of association and memorandum.
- Copies of ownership documents in respect of firms / company.
- GST clearance certificates for last three years.
- Address proof of the authorized signatory (copy of passport, telephone, electricity bill / voter ID etc.).
- Copy of income tax returns for last 3 years.
- Affidavit duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate to the effect that the tenderer or any of the partners or representative were never black listed by any Government Department / PSUs / Corporation.
- Any experience of similar tour may be enclosed.

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

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5: 53
ZUHR	12:21
ASR	3: 45
Magrib	5:25
ISHA	6: 50

This Day In History

- 43 BC -Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman orator and politician is assassinated in Formiae by soldiers under the command of Marc Antony
- 185- Emperor Lo-Yang, China sees supernova (MSH15-52)
- 1354- Margaret II Countess of Hainaut and her son William, Duke of Bavaria, sign a peace treaty ending the Cod and Hook wars between them
- 1703 -Great storm of 1703 hits Southern England - thousands killed, Royal Navy losses 13 ships and around 1,500 seamen
- 1703- The first Eddystone Lighthouse is destroyed in the Great Storm of 1703
- 1727- Physician Sir Hans Soane becomes President of the Royal Society, succeeding Sir Isaac Newton [1]
- 1741- Elisabeth Petrovna becomes Tsarina of Russia
- 1804- Naturalist Alexander von Humboldt reports his discovery of the decrease in intensity of Earth's magnetic field from the poles to the equator in a memoir to the Paris Institute
- 1808- James Madison elected 4th US President and George Clinton Vice-President
- 1836- Martin Van Buren elected the 8th President of the United States
- 1877 - Thomas Edison demonstrates his phonograph (gramophone) to the editors of "Scientific American".
- 1902 - Britain and Germany issue an ultimatum to Venezuela demanding that President Cipriano Castro pay claims for damages caused during his takeover of the government in 1899.
- 1907 Eugene Corri becomes 1st referee in a boxing ring
- 1907 - The First Egyptian Nationalist Congress meets under the leadership of Mustafa Kamil Pasha.
- 1917 - US becomes 13th country to declare war on Austria during World War I.
- 1934 - Wiley Post discovers jet stream.
- 1941 - Imperial Japanese Navy with 353 planes attack US fleet at Pearl Harbour Naval Base, Hawaii, killing 2,403 people.
- 1953 - Israel's PM Ben-Gurion retires.
- 1954 - Japanese government of Yoshida resigns.
- 1960 - Ivory Coast claims independence from France.
- 1963 - Instant replay is used for the first time in a Army-Navy game.
- 1968 - Orbiting Astronomical Observatory 2 launched into Earth orbit.
- 1972 - Apollo 17 (US), final manned lunar landing mission, launched.



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Kashmir's
Next Chapter

A mindset open to growth and action can
transform challenges into opportunities
for people of Kashmir.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmir is a land of breathtaking beauty and layered challenges. Its landscape speak of strength, while its people face social and economic hurdles every day. In this environment, the mind stands out as the most powerful tool we have. It starts ideas, guides decisions, and drives the actions that shape our lives. How people think and act can make the difference between hope and stagnation. Every journey begins with thought. Thinking carefully allows people to see situations clearly and weigh their options before taking steps forward. Deciding how to educate a child, starting a business, or addressing community needs all begins with reflection. Thoughtful decisions have far-reaching effects in a place like Kashmir, where problems require careful solutions. Every choice here touches families, neighbourhoods, and the wider society. But thought alone cannot create change. Action brings ideas to life. And without execution, plans remain dreams. When people act on their ideas, they create results that improve lives and communities. Acting on ideas strengthens livelihoods, improves local services, and builds trust among neighbours. Small steps, like supporting a community project or starting a local business, accumulate over time and create real progress. Action gives



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thought a practical purpose and turns potential into reality. At the heart of thought and action lies mindset. Being open to learning, adapting, and growing allows individuals and communities to overcome challenges. A mindset that welcomes change can turn difficulties into opportunities in Kashmir. People who approach life with curiosity and flexibility find ways to improve themselves and their surroundings. Growth comes from embracing learning and applying it to everyday challenges. Education and lifelong learning play a key role. Young people gain skills that expand their horizons and open doors to opportunity. Older generations benefit from staying engaged and learning new ways to contribute. Knowledge is a tool for earning, problem-solving, and creating opportunity. Valuing learning can empower individuals, strengthen communities, and build a foundation for lasting progress in the valley. The connection between thought, action, and learning shapes the future. When people think carefully, act decisively, and keep learning, they turn dreams into results. Simple actions, like mentoring youth, improving a business, and supporting neighbours, can add up to significant change. This approach encourages people to meet challenges head-on and turn them into opportunities for growth. Communities benefit when individuals take responsibility for their ideas and make them real. Kashmir's story can move from struggle to strength. Thoughtful decisions, meaningful actions, and a commitment to learning create a cycle of progress. Residents who combine thinking with action enrich their own lives and contribute to the wider society. The vision is clear: a Kashmir where ideas are put into practice lead to big results. People can shape their future, turning opportunity into reality. By fostering clear thinking, decisive action, and a culture of growth, Kashmir can build a path toward prosperity.

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Pension Proof Struggle

Banks are turning a simple yearly form into an exhausting
task, leaving many elderly people anxious and confused.



Aaqyb Ashraf

“Kashmir's elderly have already faced decades of hardship. Their pension is their security, and proving they are alive should not be stressful. The solution is simple: keep online options for those who can use them and offline options for those who cannot.

Each year, when life certificates are due, Kashmir's elderly get ready for a familiar routine. They walk into their bank, greet the teller they know, hand over a form, and leave confident their pension is safe. It was a simple, personal process for decades, until the online system arrived, promising convenience but changing everything. Many welcomed it because it saved time and avoided long queues. Those comfortable with smartphones use the app easily and enjoy the convenience. The trouble starts when banks make this the only option, even for those who cannot use it. Many Kashmiri pensioners enter bank branches hoping to hand over their offline certificate. The response feels cold: “We don't accept offline certificates anymore. Do it online.” Those words hit harder than bank officials realise. People in their seventies and eighties feel lost. They look around for help, unsure where to go next. Something that used to be familiar now feels out of reach. A large number of senior citizens do not own smartphones. Many have never opened an app in their lives. Some live alone. Several rely on neighbours or relatives who are busy or live far away. Others struggle with poor health or limited mobility. The online process demands confi-

dence with technology, and they simply do not have it. When they try anyway, things go wrong. Fingerprints fail to scan. Facial recognition refuses to work. Internet signals drop in the middle of the submission. Screens show errors they cannot understand. Each attempt adds more anxiety. A pension that should bring comfort turns into a source of fear. These struggles feel even heavier in Kashmir's winters. Snow, delays, and long distances make every trip difficult. Imagine a retired teacher from Baramulla waiting for a shared taxi, or a widow from Pulwama depending on a neighbour's phone, or an elderly couple in Kupwara walking to a cybercafé only to return without success. None of this should happen for something as simple as a life certificate. This is why the Finance Department's decision to extend the deadline to 15 December 2025 matters to so many families. It brings relief and lowers the immediate pressure. It shows that someone in the system has noticed the difficulty senior citizens are facing. It gives them time to regroup instead of rushing into a process they do not understand. The extension helps, but the larger issue remains. Senior citizens want choice. They want the comfort of walking into their bank and completing the process the way they always did. Offline submission worked well for years. People trusted it because it involved human interaction instead of confusing screens. Technology feels helpful only when it offers more options. When it replaces old methods without considering people who cannot adapt, it creates exclusion. Senior citizens are not asking for special treatment. They are simply asking for a familiar door to stay open. With more time available now, banks can rethink their approach. They can welcome both offline and online certificates. They can train staff to assist older customers instead of turning them away. A small amount of patience and guidance can make a huge difference for someone who depends on their pension for daily survival. Kashmir's elderly have already faced decades of hardship. Their pension is their security, and proving they are alive should not be stressful. The solution is simple: keep online options for those who can use them and offline options for those who cannot. Senior citizens deserve a process that respects their age, effort, and dignity. They should feel supported, not lost in a digital maze.

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The Valley's
Lonely Shift

Online engagement fills time across the valley
without filling emotional gaps. Kashmir now
faces a crisis that grows inside living rooms.

Zahid Ahmad

through shared meals, festivals, extended family networks, and the habit of dropping in unannounced for tea. Digital routines weaken these ties. Older people, once unsure of smartphones, now forward messages, follow online debates, and spend hours on screens. This activity provides movement but rarely provides connection. Younger people struggle between the old value of closeness and the modern urge to retreat into private digital corners for escape or comfort. This creates a silent inner split that few describe openly. The contradiction of constant communication and rising loneliness fills the valley. A Kashmiri can be part of ten WhatsApp groups involving neighbours, relatives, friends, and colleagues, though none of these spaces offer the depth they seek. Group chats appear lively but rarely feel intimate. People maintain online friendships for years without meeting once in person. Virtual presence surrounds them while

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companionship stays out of reach. Screens bring plenty of messages, though they rarely bring real bonding or the comfort of human company. Addressing this widening gap demands intention. The first step involves recognising the value of real human presence. Limiting digital use during evenings or family time creates space for genuine rest. Rebuilding face-to-face connections with neighbours, friends, and relatives revives the warmth that shaped Kashmiri life for generations. Community gatherings, sports, cultural events, volunteer groups, academic circles, and mohalla meetings can help people rediscover the world around them. Schools, colleges, workplaces, and neighbourhood committees can create platforms that encourage conversation beyond screens. Loneliness in the age of hyper reality shapes Kashmir in deep ways. The region has survived years of political strain, uncertainty, and collective stress. A new internal challenge has now entered daily life. The valley's strength always came from its ability to care, relate, understand, and remain human in difficult conditions. Safeguarding this strength depends on rebuilding relationships that digital platforms cannot replace. Human presence still carries healing power. Sitting with someone, listening with full attention, and sharing unhurried time brings a sense of belonging that no notification can imitate. Real connection remains the heart of Kashmiri character, and reclaiming it offers a path toward easing this silent emotional crisis. The author is a Research Scholar and Columnist. He can be reached at Lonezahid112@gmail.com

The Wheelchair Word Builder of Kashmir

In South Kashmir, a young man uses books to move beyond physical limits and make a global mark.

Gowher Bhat

Dooru sits at the base of gentle hills in South Kashmir, a town shaped by orchards, winding lanes and the steady hum of daily life.

At the edge of this place stands a modest house with one room that wakes earlier than the rest.

Before most families begin their morning routines, a lamp is already on inside. The light falls on a young man seated in a wheelchair with a book resting across his lap.

This is Aamir Rasool Khan, a thirty-year-old proofreader and editor who has lived with a paralyzed left leg since he was twelve.

His hands move across books with ease. Reading is the first thing he does each day, and often the last. "People think I live far from everything," he says, "but books keep my world open."

From his window he can see children running after a football in the lane below. Their voices reach him, and he smiles.

He remembers the day his leg stopped responding. The diagnosis came quickly. Nerve damage, the doctors said. His mother cried into her shawl, and his father had no words. The house felt smaller and heavier.

Then a cousin handed him a worn-out copy of Gulliver's Travels. That book changed everything.



IN DOORU, PEOPLE NOD IN RESPECT WHEN HE PASSES.

Children run alongside his wheelchair. Parents point to him as someone to look up to. Teachers say he shows what learning can really do for a person.

Aamir keeps a diary filled with thoughts, editing notes and small reflections. He writes slowly and carefully. "Every piece I edit feels like a chance to give someone a little more confidence," he says. "I want people to feel that their words matter."

When parts of Anantnag flooded years ago, villagers remember Aamir gathering children under temporary shelters and encouraging them to keep studying.

Hassan, a neighbour, says, "He gave strength without lifting anything heavy. He lifted spirits instead."

In Dooru, people nod in respect when he passes. Children run alongside his wheelchair. Parents point to him as someone to look up to. Teachers say he shows what learning can really do for a person.

Aamir continues to turn pages every morning. His story rises from a small home, a bright window, and a wheelchair that has crossed broken paths.

If sanguine spirit has a shape, it may look like a young man who keeps moving forward through the power of his books.

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"It felt like a hand pulling me toward something bigger," he says. "I understood that movement can begin in the mind."

School felt far, with steep paths that often turned to slush in winter and dust in summer. Aamir still made the trip, pushing his wheelchair over stones and uneven ground.

"Studying became my way forward," he says. "I kept telling myself that learning was something no one

could take from me."

Teachers remember him as the boy who always arrived with a book under his arm. Some classmates stared at first, unsure of what to say. Over time their curiosity softened into respect.

"He inspired us," says Shabir, who shared a desk with him. "He made reading look like a doorway."

Aamir finished school and went on to complete a Master's degree in English Literature. Power cuts

slowed him down, long winters tested him, and the village's weak internet connection delayed many assignments.

But he kept going, teaching himself grammar, proofreading, editing and manuscript review.

His first editing request came from a friend who needed help with an academic paper. Aamir corrected it with patience and precision. The professor praised the work, and soon more students knocked on his door.

"We saw how carefully he shaped every sentence," says Tariq, a local teacher. "People trusted him because he respected their words."

He created an online profile with hesitation. Once the first few clients arrived, he realized the wider world valued his talent. Assignments began coming from across India and abroad.

"I was afraid people would judge me without knowing me," he says. "They judged my work instead."

His father, who once feared for Aamir's future, now speaks with pride. "We thought his life would stay limited," he says. "He surprised everyone."

Dooru is full of stories about Aamir. A teenage boy who wanted to quit school stayed after a talk with him. A girl struggling with her writing learned patience by watch-

ing him go over every sentence carefully. Shopkeepers stop to offer him tea and ask what book he's reading. During festivals, children crowd around him, eager to hear his latest story.

Aamir remembers being stranded once on the road after a landslide blocked the way. He sat there with a book in his hand while waiting for someone to help. "The world may close a path," he says, "but stories never leave you stranded."

He spends his mornings reading, his afternoons editing, and his evenings talking with neighbours in his courtyard.

During local celebrations, he moves through the bazaars with a book tucked under his arm, stopping to greet familiar faces. People call him "the teacher without a classroom."

Winter Heats Up Tourism and Traditions

Kashmir's winter season promises adventure, cultural immersion, and economic revival for locals.

Mohammad Hanief

The mornings in Kashmir now rise through soft veils of fog. Evenings fall earlier, and the crisp wind carries the sharp edge of winter.

Frost glints on rooftops and orchards, turning familiar streets and fields into a shining landscape.

This is the return of a season that has shaped the valley's economy, culture, and way of life for generations.

Winter has always been a time of anticipation here. The cold is hard, but it brings visitors eager to see the valley in its most dramatic form.

Tourism, after a challenging period, has bounced back. Between 2019 and 2024, more than nine million travellers arrived in Jammu and Kashmir, with nearly three million last year alone.

Hotels, guides, taxi drivers, artisans, and countless small businesses rely on this influx to keep their livelihoods alive.

This year, the early chill has brought optimism. Hotels in Srinagar, Tangmarg, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam report steady bookings for December and January.

Gulmarg, with over 1.3 million visitors last year, remains the valley's winter crown jewel. Skiers and snow sports enthusiasts from Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East are drawn to its slopes, chasing early snowfall and the promise of a Himalayan winter.

Srinagar offers a different kind of winter experience.

Dal Lake mirrors muted colours under a thin sheet of ice. Houseboats, warmed by bukharis and decorated with Kashmiri tapestries, invite visitors into a traditional winter stay. In narrow lanes



TOURISTS ARE RETURNING TO WELL-KNOWN DESTINATIONS AND DISCOVERING NEW CORNERS OF THE REGION. From skiing and adventure sports to cultural immersion and rural winter life, Kashmir offers experiences for every traveller.

around Hazratbal, Rainawari, Khanyar, and Zaina Kadal, the smell of harissa cooking in dawn kitchens fills the air. Pherans and kangris are seen on every corner, blending local life with a sense of seasonal magic.

Beyond the city, destinations once known only in summer are drawing winter visitors.

Pahalgam's snow-covered meadows offer nature-wellness walks, horse rides, and family retreats. Sonamarg slowly opens

before heavy snowfall cuts off access. Yusmarg, Doodhpathri, Bangus Valley, and Gurez are seeing growing interest, thanks to better roads, rural homestays, and social media sharing.

Frozen streams, snowy mead-

ows, and rustic village life are being discovered by travellers seeking something off the beaten path.

The economic impact of winter tourism is felt everywhere. From ski instructors to pony-

wallahs, artisans to small shopkeepers, thousands depend on these months.

Handicrafts, including pashmina shawls, wooden carvings, carpets, and papier-mâché, see their highest demand. Local homestays and boutique lodges are spreading opportunities beyond traditional hubs, giving rural communities a stake in the season.

Authorities are preparing for the season with renewed focus. Roads vulnerable to snowfall have clearance machinery, Gulmarg's slopes have upgraded first-aid centres, and Srinagar airport has improved winter visibility equipment. Ski patrols and controlled snow zones are helping adventure tourism grow safely.

Besides breathtaking experiences, winter also brings challenges. Heavy snow can delay flights, block roads, and disrupt power supply. The Srinagar-Jammu highway often closes due to landslides and snowfall, affecting both locals and visitors. Tourism operators are calling for better contingency planning, alternative routes, and improved communication systems.

Environmental concerns are growing as well. Increasing tourist numbers put pressure on fragile high-altitude areas. Waste management after snowfalls is difficult. Construction of hotels and resorts in scenic areas sparks debates about sustainable practices. Experts urge energy-efficient heating, eco-friendly architecture, and responsible adventure tourism to protect Kashmir's delicate landscapes.

Still, as the valley settles into winter, optimism is tangible.

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region. From skiing and adventure sports to cultural immersion and rural winter life, Kashmir offers experiences for every traveller.

For locals, winter brings hardship and hope. For visitors, it offers landscapes softened by snow, lakes reflecting muted colours, and a culture that finds warmth in tradition.

If snowfall arrives on time and infrastructure keeps pace,



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Doon Chetin, Sheermal Feature In President's State Banquet For Putin

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday hosted a state banquet at Rashtrapati Bhavan for Russian President Vladimir Putin, showcasing India's regional culinary diversity through an exclusively vegetarian menu.

The dinner, Putin's final engagement before departing for Moscow, featured Kashmiri

delicacies including Gucchi Doon Chetin (stuffed morels) and sheermal, along with specialties from other parts of the country.

The menu opened with Murungelai Chaaru — a delicately spiced broth of moringa leaves and moong beans — followed by a trio of appetisers: Kaale Chane ke Shikampuri served with mint sauce and sheermal bread, vegetable jhol momo inspired by

the Russian pelmeni, and Gucchi Doon Chetin.

The main course included Zafrani Paneer Roll in saffron sauce, Palak Methi Mattar Saag, Tandoori Bharwan Aloo, Achari Baingan and Yellow Dal Tadka, paired with dry fruit saffron pulao and an assortment of breads such as lachha paratha, missi roti and magaz naan.

The dessert spread comprised Badam Ka Halwa, Kesar Pista



Kulfi and fresh fruits. On-table offerings included Bengali Gur Sandesh, south Indian Murukku, salads and condiments like gongura pickle and mango chutney. A range of fresh fruit coolers was also served.

Adding to the cultural ambience, the Naval Band and a classical ensemble performed a blend of Indian and Russian compositions. Music ranged from Bollywood numbers

— including a song from "Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani" — to traditional folk tunes such as Kalinka, and classical renditions of ragas Amritavarshini and Nalinakanthi. The ensemble also paid tribute to Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky with a performance from The Nutcracker Suite.

The banquet highlighted India's hospitality and the cultural warmth marking the relationship between the two nations.

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JKPSC Exam File

concern and widespread speculation on social media over administrative delays and possible exam disruptions. The LG's office said the statement was issued to "set the record straight" and ensure transparency for thousands of candidates preparing for the recruitment process.

Omar Seeks Exam Postponement

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah urged the JKPS to consider postponing the CCE in view of "uncertainty" resulting from Lok Bhavan's "delay" in approving age relaxation for the aspirants.

"The chief minister expressed deep concern over the travel chaos caused by the ongoing airline issues, compounded by the uncertainty resulting from Lok Bhavan's delay in approving age relaxation, a provision granted multiple times in the past," the chief minister's office said in a post on X.

Omar urged the JKPS to consider the "unprecedented stress" on aspirants and postpone the exam to ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all.

The chief minister's advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani, said the examination should be deferred till the issue of age relaxation, which is pending consideration of Lieutenant Governor, is addressed.

"The elected government is in favour of relaxing the upper age limit for recruitment and we have sent the file to the Lok Bhavan in this regard. Till the process is completed, the JKPS should defer the examination," Wani, told PTI.

He said the Abdullah government earlier this week sent the file of age relaxation to Lieutenant Governor for approval.

"The file has been returned to General Administration Department with some queries. The GAD has forwarded it to the Public Service Commission for its opinion on the matter," Wani said.

Leaders Urge

are caught in a tussle between the LG and the CM," she said in a post on X. "In this freezing cold, they are out on the streets asking for nothing more than basic fairness—age relaxation and a reasonable exam schedule. I urge @OfficeOfLGJandK and @OmarAbdullah to step in and resolve this issue without any further delay."

Senior CPI(M) leader and Kulgam MLA M. Y. Tarigami also raised strong objections to conducting the exam while the proposal for enhancing the upper age limit remains pending before Lok Bhavan.

"The proposal to enhance the upper age limit for JKAS aspirants has been forwarded to Raj Bhavan for approval, even as the examination is scheduled to commence tomorrow," he wrote on X. "Conducting the test while such a crucial decision is still pending places aspirants at a clear disadvantage."

Tarigami further highlighted the ongoing flight disruptions that have left several candidates arriving from outside the Union Territory stranded due to mass cancellations.

"The examination must be deferred until the approval process is duly concluded," he said.

The reactions reflect mounting political pressure on the administration to offer clarity and relief to thousands of candidates who say they are caught between administrative delays and unpredictable travel conditions.

CCE To Proceed

are advocating for the exam to be postponed, while Lok Bhavan insists it is not delaying the decision.

Earlier, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor issued a clarification on X, calling social media claims "misleading." It stated that the age-relaxation file was received and returned on December 2 with a query on whether changes could be implemented so close to the exam adding that no response was received for four days.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had urged postponement, citing massive travel chaos and stress caused by the delayed age-relaxation decision. He said the situation had placed "unprecedented mental and logistical pressure" on candidates and appealed for a short deferment in the interest of fairness.

Four Of Family

lost their life. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families," he wrote.

Kashmir Sees

"The drinking water supply has got affected a bit, but we are coping with the demand through tanker services," Gupta said.

He added that the department is maintaining close coordination with district administrations and tanks are being deployed wherever required. "There is no major shortage or crisis situation as of now," he assured.

Independent weather forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng, said that water levels in the Jhelum, its tributaries and several natural springs have dropped noticeably in the absence of any strong Western Disturbance for almost 40 days.

"Whatever weather systems arrived were very weak and failed to bring the rainfall or snowfall needed to sustain river flows. Without a proper system, natural recharge has slowed significantly and that is why we are seeing such low flows everywhere," he said.

Farmers and environmental observers fear that continued dry conditions could worsen the situation if precipitation does not improve in the coming weeks.

Cold Grips Kashmir,

marking a sharp plunge from the previous night. Shopian remained the coldest location in Jammu and Kashmir as the mercury settled at minus 6.4 degrees Celsius. The drop in temperature comes just a day after most parts of the valley experienced relief with readings rising above the freezing point.

However, a renewed cold wave gripped Kashmir on Friday night, bringing back harsh winter conditions. Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, registered a minimum of minus 4.2 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded minus 3.5

degrees Celsius and Kokernag in the south witnessed minus 0.2 degrees Celsius.

Tourist destinations also experienced freezing conditions. Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius. Gulmarg, the popular ski resort, touched minus 2.6 degrees Celsius. Konibal town in Pulwama district noted a minimum of minus 5.2 degrees Celsius.

According to the meteorological department, the weather is expected to remain generally cloudy but mostly dry on December 6 and 7. A brief spell of light snowfall is likely in higher reaches of north and central Kashmir on December 8.

Residents, who had welcomed a short reprieve from the cold, are now bracing for another intense winter spell as temperatures continue to fall.

A Difficult First

minister referred to the April 22 attack in Baisaran, Pahalgam and the November 10 blast in Delhi, saying those who believed everything was normal after 2019 were taken by surprise.

Omar warned that the recent terror incidents have pushed the country to a point where any future strike "will be considered an act of war", making preventive action even more critical.

He criticised the existing governance model under Union Territory status, saying elected representatives are excluded from key security discussions. "You cannot operate governments in silos. Elected representatives play no part whatsoever in decisions affecting security," he said.

Omar drew a contrast with his earlier tenure as chief minister, when he received immediate updates from senior police and security officials. "I read about the Delhi blast in a newspaper. I did not know who carried out the attack or how the investigation was proceeding," he remarked. "The Union Territory model does not work."

He also cautioned against policies outside J&K that demand Kashmiri Muslims register with police alongside foreign nationals, saying such measures fuel mistrust and prevent youth from feeling secure in other parts of India.

Omar emphasised that the overwhelming majority of Kashmiris oppose violence. "A minuscule minority supports terror. The majority are the ones you saw on the streets after the Baisaran attack, the ones studying and working honestly across the country," he said.

The chief minister urged the need for trust-based engagement, arguing that alienating an entire community would only harm national cohesion and long-term security interests.

'Show Me The

her and quipping, "Please show me the money, ma'am."

The finance minister's commendation, delivered at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit, came while reflecting on the national economy's journey and highlighting the specific efforts in Jammu and Kashmir.

She recalled how the UT's economy had been picking up under the Central rule, citing the successful "restoration of the J&K Bank" and the Centre's efforts to go into the "granular details" to boost the local economy.

However, she noted that the revival took a "major hit" when the crucial tourism sector "came to a standstill" following external factors, in a veiled reference to border troubles and attacks, including the April 22 incident in Pahalgam.

"I must appreciate the chief minister of J&K, who met me twice and focused on restoring the economy after the tourism sector came to a standstill," Sitharaman said.

Speaking at the same summit, Omar thanked the finance minister for her "kind" words and quipped, "Now, the next part -- ma'am, please show me the money because that's in extremely short supply."

The chief minister admitted that he might get into trouble with some of his constituents after making a statement that the Centre has been very helpful to his government and said he is very happy to own the decisions he takes.

"Good, bad, ugly... I have never shied away from taking responsibility for what I have done. And, therefore, if I have pivoted my government or my politics to ensure a good working relationship with the government of India, I own that. And I will own its consequences," Omar said.

It is important to understand that a good working relationship with the Centre does not mean that his party has any alliance with the BJP, he said.

"I do not see eye to eye with the BJP. I will continue to oppose the politics of the BJP. But at the same time, I will seek to work with the government of India as best possible," Omar said.

On his relation with J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Omar said it is a work in progress and "we will leave it at that." (PTI)

800 Flights Cancelled

on Saturday directed the airline to complete the ticket refund process for the cancelled flights by Sunday evening, and ensure baggage separated from the travellers are delivered in the next two days.

The airline had cancelled over 1,000 flights on Friday.

The airline said its teams are focused on stabilising schedules, reducing delays, and supporting customers through this period.

IndiGo, in a statement, also said it is addressing all customer refund issues on "priority".

The refund process for all cancelled or disrupted flights must be completed by 8 pm on Sunday, the civil aviation ministry said in a statement. "Airlines have also been instructed not to levy any rescheduling charges for passengers whose travel plans were affected by cancellations," it said.

IndiGo has also been instructed to set up a dedicated passenger support and refund facilitation cells. "These cells have been tasked to proactively

contact affected passengers and ensure that refunds and alternative travel arrangements are processed without the need for multiple follow-ups.

"The system of automatic refunds will remain active until operations stabilise completely," the statement said.

Further, the ministry said the airline should ensure that baggage separated from passengers due to flight cancellations or delays should be traced and delivered to them within the next 48 hours.

"The number of cancellations on Saturday dropped below 850 flights, much lower compared to Friday. We are continuing to work towards reducing this number progressively over the next few days," IndiGo said.

The airline's teams are focused on stabilising schedules, reducing delays, and supporting customers through this period, it said, adding, "We are also working closely with all airports and partners to ensure timely updates are provided to customers at terminals, on our website, and via direct notifications."

In the two-page order on capping the airfares, the ministry said disruptions in flight operations of one of the scheduled airlines has resulted in flight cancellations, leading to capacity constraints and unreasonable surge in the fares on a number of sectors.

The fare limits, excluding applicable charges, are not applicable for business class and UDAN flights, the civil aviation ministry said in an order.

However, the order did not provide clarity on whether the caps are applicable for economy class tickets or both economy and premium economy class tickets.

Under the limits, for a flight flying up to 500 kilometres, the fares are capped at Rs 7,500 and for 500-1,000 kilometres, the ticket price cap is Rs 12,000. For flights operating 1,000-1,500 kilometres, the fares are limited at Rs 15,000 and for above, 1,500 kilometres, the cap is Rs 18,000.

The cap means that for a Delhi-Mumbai flight, which is covered in a distance of over 1,300 kilometres, the fare for at least the economy class is capped at Rs 18,000.

The limits will be in place till the situation stabilises, the ministry said in a statement.

It excludes User Development Fee (UDF), Passenger Service Fee (PSF), and taxes on air tickets.

The ministry, in the statement, said it will continue to closely monitor fare levels through real-time data and active coordination with airlines and online travel platforms, adding that any deviation from the prescribed norms will attract immediate corrective action in the larger public interest, it added.

"These fare limits shall be applicable for all forms of bookings, regardless of whether the purchase is made directly through the airline's official website or through various online travel agents' platforms," it said.

The ministry has also asked airlines to avoid steep or unusual upward fare revisions on sectors affected by the cancellations.

An analysis of fares on airlines' websites on Friday showed that a one-way one-stop economy-class SpiceJet Kolkata-Mumbai flight ticket for December 6 costing up to Rs 90,000, and a similar ticket of Air India for Mumbai-Bhubaneswar going up to Rs 84,485.

Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) President Ravi Gosain said unpredictable spikes damage consumer confidence and create chaos for tour operators.

A temporary fare cap may provide immediate relief, but the durable solution is better contingency planning, rapid capacity deployment, and transparent fare monitoring, he noted.

Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) Board Member Anil Kalsi said the fare cap is essential to protect flyer rights in India and there is a need for a permanent policy in this regard.

On Friday, when IndiGo cancelled over 1,000 flights from across airports, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers, after maintaining a stoic silence over the grave crisis for three days, apologised in a video message for the major inconvenience caused to passengers due to the disruptions.

In the one-way video communication, Elbers also said that the airline was expecting fewer than 1,000 flights on Saturday.

The regulator DGCA provided temporary relief to IndiGo -- partially owned by Rahul Bhatia -- by rolling back the night duty definition to 12 am-5 am from 12 am-6 am earlier, and allowing its pilots to do six night-landings from two earlier, besides other relaxations.

Meanwhile, the pilots' body, Airlines' Pilots Association (ALPA) India, has taken a "strong" objection to the DGCA's "selective and unsafe" relief to IndiGo, saying that the relaxations have not just "destroyed regulatory parity but also placed millions of passengers at 'heightened risk'".

"ALPA India expresses its deep concern that this step directly contradicts the Court's directions, which mandate the enforcement of fatigue-mitigation standards rooted in aviation science," the association said in a statement late Friday.

"We urge the (Civil Aviation) Ministry and the regulator to uphold the Court's order in both letter and spirit and to prioritise the safety of the pilots and travelling public above all commercial considerations," ALPA India said.

It is worth noting that IndiGo was the first carrier to oppose the new flight duty time limitations (FDTL) norms for pilots when they were introduced in January 2024, with a March implementation timeline.

It had been argued that the airlines require more time to put in place due to additional crew requirements. The latest FDTL norms, which entail increased weekly rest periods to 48 hours, extended night hours, and limiting the number of night landings to only two, as against six earlier, were also initially opposed by other domestic airlines, including Tata

Group-owned Air India.

IndiGo Crisis

18 flights did not operate from Srinagar on Saturday.

At Jammu airport, three IndiGo flights were cancelled, taking the combined cancellations across the Union Territory to 21 for the day. Two flights connecting Jammu with Mumbai and Hyderabad remained suspended.

Passengers continued to face uncertainty and distress. "They were not informing us about the correct status of the flight. We kept waiting for nine hours a day at the airport," said Rajni Goyal, a relieved passenger whose flight finally operated. Many travellers also complained of skyrocketing airfares as alternatives became limited.

Airport authorities advised passengers to confirm their flight status before travel and arrive well in advance to avoid inconvenience.

The disruptions follow 41 cancellations reported across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, primarily affecting IndiGo services. The issues have been linked to crew shortages and internal rostering adjustments triggered by recent DGCA safety directives, forcing airlines to recalibrate operations nationwide.

Officials said flight operations are being constantly reviewed and further updates will depend on improvements in airline scheduling and manpower availability. (KNO)

India Must End

a growth rate of two to three per cent.

Modi said the country's economic performance was linked to the faith of its people and an entire society was reduced to a synonym for poverty.

"The message being pushed was that India's slow growth was somehow the consequence of Hindu civilisation itself. And those who now communalise every issue had no objection to this term then. This term became part of books and research papers," the prime minister said.

"The policy of Macaulay, which sowed the seeds of mental slavery in India, will complete 200 years in 2035. This means there are 10 years left. Therefore, in these very 10 years, we all must come together to free our country from the slave mentality," he said.

Asserting that India is a model of high growth and low inflation, he said the country's 8.2 per cent growth in the second quarter of this fiscal shows that it is becoming the growth driver of the global economy.

Modi said that at a time when the world is full of uncertainties, India is seen in a different league.

The changes happening in India are not just about possibilities but are a saga of changing thinking and direction, he said.

"We are standing at a juncture where one fourth of the 21st century has passed. The world has seen many ups and downs: financial crisis, global pandemic, technological disruptions, world falling apart, we are seeing wars, these situations in one way or the other are challenging the world," Modi said.

The world is full of uncertainties but India is being seen in a different league altogether, he said.

"India is full of self confidence. When there is talk of slowdown, India writes the story of growth. When there is trust deficit in the world, India is becoming a pillar of trust, when the world is moving towards fragmentation, India is becoming a bridge builder," Modi said.

Pointing out Q2 GDP figures being more than 8 per cent, he said it is the symbol of our pace.

"This is not just a number but is a strong macroeconomic signal. It is a message that India is becoming the growth driver of the global economy," Modi said.

Global growth is around 3 per cent while G7 economies are growing at an average of about 1.5 per cent, he pointed out.

"At such a time, India is a model of high growth and low inflation," Modi said.

There was a time when people, especially economists in our country, used to express concern over high inflation but the same people now talk of inflation being low, he said in his address.

India's achievements are not ordinary, it is not about numbers but about fundamental change brought about in the last decade, Modi asserted.

Court Jails Father

for maintaining peace and good behaviour for a period of two years. It further ordered that if the convicted person violates any condition of the bond during this period, he shall undergo the sentence proposed and the bond amount of Rs 2 lakh shall stand forfeited to the government.

"Before parting, I would like to place on record that in last five years (2020 to 2024) the total number of deaths due to road accidents in India is approximately 810,913. (2020: 1,38,383, 2021: 1,53,972, 2022: 1,68,491, 2023: 1,72,890, 2024: 1,77,177)," the court said, adding, "Precious lives are lost due to negligent driving/ bypassing traffic rules in last 5 years."

The court noted the numbers are alarming and it was high time that people take traffic laws very seriously.

"We as a society must realize that these lives can be saved if traffic rules are followed," the court observed, stressing that simple measures -- such as wearing a seat belt, a helmet or proper headgear, and keeping mobile phones aside while driving -- are not mere formalities but essential habits that protect and save lives.

"This sense of responsibility should come from within us, not only when a police officer is around to remind us."

The Court also underscored that underage driving is a major contributor to traffic accidents and congestion, posing serious risks to other motorists and pedestrians

"It is important to realize that Parents/guardians or owners of vehicles are responsible for providing vehicles to their minor children. It is observed many times these minors are driving vehicle, riding bikes in

and around, schools or crowded places resulting accidents/loss of lives," the court said, adding, "It is the first and foremost duty of parents not to provide their minor children any vehicle unless they attain majority and have license to drive the vehicle."

The court said that it was also the duty of Principals, Teachers not to allow the minor students to drive the vehicles and impart education regarding these issues. "By allowing minor to drive we are only producing violators and victims and not responsible citizens," the court underlined.

The court directed that copy of the judgment be sent to the Commissioner Secretary School Education J&K with a request to circulate it in all the schools (government or private) and direct them to educate the students as well as their parents or guardians regarding these issues.

"I would also request the Commissioner Secretary School Education to issue directives to all the schools and frame some policy like "No Vehicle policy for Minors" in education institutes. So as to contribute to this noble cause that may save many lives."

Further, the court directed IGP Traffic J&K to conduct a special drives against these minors (Violators).

SDRF Awards 4

honoured was Nazakat Shah, a resident of Anantnag district, who bravely rushed to save a tourist family in the aftermath of the April 22 terror attack in the Baisaran meadows of Pahalgam.

Three residents of the Nowgam locality in Srinagar -- Wahid Jeelani Dar, Shabir Ahmad Wani, and Shabir Ahmad Bhat -- were also recognised for being the first responders after the November 14 accidental blast at the Nowgam police station. Their quick action helped rescue police personnel in danger, officials said.

Commendation certificates and cash rewards of Rs 10,000 each were presented to the four civilians by Commandant General Home Guards, Civil Defence and JKSDRF, DIG (Civil Defence and SDRF Kashmir) Imtiyaz Hussain Mir.

"These civilians put their own lives at risk to save others. Their courage and humanity deserve the highest appreciation," Mir said.

In addition to these awards, several Civil Defence wardens and volunteers were also honoured with commendation certificates and cash rewards of Rs 5,000 for exceptional performance in training, awareness, and rescue activities.

Officials said the recognition aims to encourage community participation in emergency response and promote a culture of timely assistance during crises.

MHA Honours SSP Masroor Mir

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has awarded the prestigious Director General's Gold Disc and Commendation Certificate to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Masroor Ahmed Mir, Commandant of the 1st Battalion, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Srinagar, in recognition of his exemplary service and leadership in disaster management and civil protection.

The honour was announced during the 63rd Annual Day of Civil Defence and Home Guards observed in New Delhi, where personnel from across the country were felicitated for distinguished service in fire safety, civil defence and home guard operations.

Officials said the award acknowledges SSP Mir's crucial role in enhancing SDRF's operational readiness, and in strengthening rapid response and rescue capabilities across Jammu and Kashmir.

They added that his contributions have significantly improved the state's disaster response mechanisms, including better coordination, training and emergency preparedness.

The recognition reflects the strong emphasis being laid on improving ground level disaster management infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, they noted.

Kashmir's Border

covering drone basics, microcontrollers, low-cost sensors and 3D printing. The idea is to bring advanced tools into classrooms where many students rarely see such technology.

Dr. Ara explained that the programme focuses on shaping thought processes as much as technical skills.

Pop-up innovation camps across border-area schools are expected to directly involve nearly 600 students and influence more than 6,000 others.

She said the team wants learners to ask questions, explore new ideas and approach science with curiosity. A strong scientific temper, according to her, grows when students feel encouraged to think independently.

Dr. Rajendran described the initiative as a path toward stronger confidence among children in remote districts.

He said experimentation helps students discover their abilities and pushes them toward creative solutions.

He pointed to a wider vision: a culture of hands-on learning that prepares young people to design, build and innovate.

The principal of GCW MA Road, Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Farooq, praised the grant and the team behind it.

She said the college has long worked to widen educational access as it marks its 75th year.

She believes psychology-informed teaching makes learning more inclusive and supports young women entering science and technology fields.

The project, she said, strengthens that commitment and expands it to some of Kashmir's most underserved regions.

The college plans to begin rolling out the programme soon, with the hope that students in distant mountain villages will gain skills that match national standards and open new academic paths.

The project team sees the effort as an investment in the future of border-area youth, where interest in science can turn into opportunity with the right guidance and tools.

Worsening Winter Air Quality in Kashmir Raises Health Concerns

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As winter sets in and temperatures continue to dip, Kashmir is witnessing a steady deterioration in air quality, raising serious public health concerns.

Environmental experts and doctors said that prolonged dry weather, increased traffic emissions, biomass burning, and industrial pollutants have pushed pollution levels up, particularly in urban pockets.

Residents have reported a visible layer of haze over many parts of the Valley, while air quality monitors have repeatedly recorded PM2.5 and PM10 levels above safe limits in recent days.

The pollution levels remained high with PM10 ranging between 136 and 243 micrograms per cubic metre and PM2.5 between 86 and 167 micrograms per cubic metre, both far above the World Health Organization's safe limits.

Speaking to KNO, Dr Javid Ahmad Bhat, said that the worsening air quality is directly impacting public health. "Outpatient departments in hospitals have begun to see a surge in patients



Farzana Nisar/KO

complaining of cough, breathlessness, chest tightness, burning eyes, and throat irritation," he said.

"The number of patients with respiratory issues, especially chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma, has notably increased over the past few weeks," he added.

The doctor said that poor air quality aggravates existing conditions and triggers fresh episodes of respiratory distress. Children, elderly, and people with pre-existing lung or heart conditions are especially vulner-

able, he added.

Doctors warned that the impact is not limited to respiratory ailments.

A cardiologist working at GMC Srinagar said that prolonged exposure to polluted air increases the risk of heart attacks, high blood pressure, cardiac arrhythmias, and stroke. "Fine particulate matter enters the bloodstream and can cause inflammation, which puts additional strain on the heart," he said.

Studies have also linked poor air quality to fatigue, headaches, decreased immunity, anxiety,

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and disrupted sleep cycles.

Environmental officials attribute the worsening air quality to a combination of factors that include the lack of rainfall, which helps settle dust and pollutants, increased vehicular emissions due to traffic congestion, burning of waste, including plastic and biomass, use of coal bukharis and wood for heating and dust generated from construction sites.

An official said the Valley needs stricter monitoring and long-term planning. "Without sustainable urban management and reduced emissions, we will

continue to face worsening air quality each winter," he said.

Doctors have urged the public to take preventive measures to reduce exposure and avoid health complications by limiting outdoor exposure, avoiding morning and evening outdoor activities when pollution levels peak.

They advised keeping windows closed on hazy days, wearing N95 or KN95 masks while outdoors to filter harmful particles, drinking plenty of water to help flush toxins from the body, using air purifiers indoors, especially important for patients with asthma, heart disease, or chronic lung issues.

"Avoid burning trash or biomass, as this is one of the major contributors to harmful pollutants; ventilate rooms during afternoon hours when pollution levels are relatively lower," the doctors said. They called for taking extra care of vulnerable groups.

Environmental activists and health experts have asked the administration to intensify pollution monitoring, regulate construction dust, promote cleaner heating solutions and increase green cover.

Tourism Dept Takes Over Scenic Spots in Pulwama

A team of officials from the Tourism Department Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC), and Jammu & Kashmir Cable Car Corporation on Saturday formally took over the charge of tourist facilities at Shikargah Tral and Naristan Arpal, to "strengthen" tourism infrastructure in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

The process was carried out under the supervision of Deputy Director Tourism Kashmir, Sheikh Enayat (JKAS), who oversaw the official handing-over of assets and facilities to the Tourism Department.

Officials told KNO that the move is part of the government's renewed push to expand tourism activities in unexplored and scenic destinations of Kashmir, particularly in offbeat areas like Shikargah and Naristan, which have recently gained attention for their natural beauty and adventure potential.

"We aim to strengthen facilities in these serene pockets of Pulwama so that they emerge as promising tourist hubs," a tourism official said, adding that streamlining administrative control will help ensure better maintenance, promotion, and service delivery.

Local residents and stakeholders expressed hope that the takeover will finally pave the way for systematic development, increased footfall, and new livelihood opportunities.

"Shikargah and Naristan have always had huge potential, but the lack of facilities kept tourists away. Now that the Tourism Department has taken over, we expect better infrastructure, more visitors, and employment avenues for youth," said a resident of Tral. (Observer News Service)

Baramulla Gets Tough on Traffic Violators

Authorities in Baramulla have begun suspending driving licenses and blacklisting vehicles of repeat traffic violators, following the orders of J&K Transport Commissioner.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Mudasar Wani told KNO, "Around 8-10 driving licenses of repeat offenders have been suspend, besides we have issued 35-37 e-challans and collected fines of more than Rs 80,000 during the drive."

He said the operations targeted undisciplined road behaviour despite widespread awareness via radio, TV, banners and posters, with Deputy Commissioner backing strict measures against rising violations.

ARTO Wani further said that the vehicles operating without No Objection Certificates (NOCs) or permits are being seized while driving licence of habitual violators are being suspended and blacklisted. The MVD official also asked the purchase and resale dealers to register the requisite details as per the recent circular with detailed guidelines and a 21-day timeline, 'or face establishment seizures post-deadline.' (Observer News Service)

J&K Police Conduct Court-Mandated Search

Jammu & Kashmir Police carried out a court-supervised search at a shop in Litter Pulwama, leading to the recovery of banned literature and incriminating material, officials said.

In a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, Police Spokesperson said that acting on a search warrant issued by the NIA Court Pulwama in case FIR No. 24/2024 U/S 10, 13 of the UAP Act, J&K Police carried out a search at the shop belonging to Mohamed Amir Rather, resident of Litter Pulwama.

The search operation was conducted in the presence of a Magistrate and independent witnesses to ensure complete transparency and due process. During the search, police recovered incriminating material including JKDFP posters and banned literature books from the premises of the accused. (Observer News Service)

INDIA Bloc on 'Life Support': CM Omar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said the INDIA alliance is "on life support", warning that decisions taken without consensus have weakened the bloc ahead of upcoming elections.

Speaking at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit 2025 in New Delhi, Abdullah, as per KNO said the Bihar election outcome exposed organisational and coordination gaps within the alliance. "Either we are a bloc, or we are not," he said, stressing that decisions must be taken collectively if the INDIA alliance wants to offer a national alternative to the BJP.

Abdullah said pushing constituents out of the seat-sharing framework in Bihar disrupted unity among alliance partners. "Look at Bihar. We consciously pushed one constituent out of the India bloc. If tomorrow that leader leaves, who is responsible?" he asked.

Referring to the handling of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, he added, "The entire thing with Hemant Soren and JMM was a disaster."

Omar said the bloc must decide whether it functions as a national platform or merely as state-specific alliances. "If we call ourselves



a bloc, we must act like one. Otherwise, we are just stitching different alliances state by state," he said.

Contrasting the INDIA bloc's internal gaps with the BJP's electoral strategy, the J&K CM said the ruling party has constructed an unmatched election machinery. "They fight every election as if their lives depend on it, from a club election to the election of the President," he said.

According to him, the BJP immediately shifts its focus to the next state once polling ends, while opposition parties "begin preparations two months before voting".

Abdullah said the opposition should draw lessons from the BJP's discipline rather than dismissing its success as purely resource-driven. "They also have an incredible work ethic. It is possible to replicate some of what they do," he said.

He rejected suggestions that his working relationship

with the Centre indicates any alliance with the BJP. "We maintain a working relationship because we have a responsibility toward the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It doesn't mean we are joining hands with the BJP," he said.

Omar said the National Conference will continue to pursue the demand for restoration of statehood and a voice in security-related decisions.

The Chief Minister further said recent election patterns show that Muslim voters are no longer guaranteed support bases for any party. "The Muslim voter has clearly said that you cannot take us for granted," he said. "They want someone who will espouse their cause for five years, not five months before elections."

"If leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi are gaining ground, it is because voters have found someone who speaks for them 365 days a year," Omar said.

J&K Plans Scientific Strategy to Scale Up Medicinal Plant Sector

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government is pushing major reforms in the medicinal and aromatic plants sector, with Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday calling for a scientifically-driven and commercially-viable strategy to unlock its vast economic and livelihood potential.

The administration is also planning suitable amendments to the J-K Minor Forest Produce Policy-2022 to boost farmer participation, strengthen the research and development (R-D) infrastructure, and improve market linkages, an official said.

Dulloo chaired a joint meeting of the forest and agriculture production departments and the CSIR-Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu to finalise a roadmap for commercial cultivation, conservation and large-scale promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs).

He said J&K currently earns only Rs 12 crore annually from the MAP sector, far below its national and global potential, and stressed the need for coordinated efforts among key departments and research institutions.

According to PTI, he di-

rected the forest department to focus on propagation of planting material, farmer training and development of viable cultivation models, while the agriculture production department was asked to identify commercially-viable species from the region's 1,100 MAP varieties, undertake agro-climatic zonation and strengthen extension and value-addition efforts.

The CSIR-IIIM and the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) were tasked with providing technical expertise, technology transfer and developing germplasm banks and centres of excellence, the official said.

CSIR-IIIM Director Zabeer Ahmad highlighted the phytopharmaceutical and nutraceutical value of J-K's MAP species, and said the institute aims to position the UT as a leading hub for a MAP-driven bio-economy. He noted that the global MAP market is projected to surpass USD 650 billion by 2030, offering vast opportunities for J-K.

The proposed strategy includes land zonation using degraded forest patches and marginal land, and creation of aroma and phytopharma clusters across Jammu, Kashmir and the Chenab Valley, he said.

J&K Sees Over 230 Enforcement Drives Against Tainted Fertilizer Supply: GoI

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a crackdown on malpractices in fertilizer supply, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have taken more than 230 enforcement actions against black marketing, hoarding, and the supply of substandard products during the current Kharif season, Union Ministry informed in the Lok Sabha.

As per the data submitted by J&K to the Centre, the Union Territory conducted 3,694 inspections between April 1 and November 28, 2025, to check irregularities in the supply of urea, DAP and other fertilizers.

As per KNO, during this period, authorities issued 142 show-cause notices, cancelled 44 licences, and registered two FIRs for black marketing-related violations in the UT.

Under hoarding-related enforcement, the UT served 31 notices, cancelled two licences, and reported no FIRs. "J&K issued 55 show-cause notices for substandard quality cases, while eight notices were served in diversion-related checks, though no FIRs were lodged under these categories."

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER

NARBAL, BUDGAM

NOTICE INVITING BIDS / AUCTION NOTICE

No: ZE0/N/25/
Dated: 06/12/2025

In pursuance of Chief Education Officer Budgam's communication No. CEOB/Plg/Auction/2025/23932 dated 24-10-2025, sealed bids are hereby invited from interested persons/firms for the auction of salvage material of the unsafe structure of GMS Razwan, declared unsafe by the R&B Department vide letter No. SE/BUD/3819-21 dated 24-09-2025.

4. Particulars of Property

- Name of Property: Salvage material of the unsafe building of GMS Razwan.
- Location: Razwan, District Budgam.
- Assessed Salvage Value: ₹5,77,412/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve only)

5. Terms & Conditions

- The structure will be auctioned on an "as-is-where-is" basis.
- Interested bidders may inspect the site on any working day during office hours up to 03/01/2026.
- Security Deposit: ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) in the form of CDR pledged to Zonal Education Officer Narbal or can be deposited in cash on the spot, in order to participate in the auction, refundable to unsuccessful bidders.
- The highest bid shall be subject to approval by the Chief Education Officer, Budgam.
- The successful bidder shall deposit the full bid amount within 7 days from the date of approval.
- The successful bidder shall remove the entire salvage material from the site within 20 days at his/her own risk and cost, after full payment.
- The auction committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
- Any damages caused during dismantling or removal shall be borne by the successful bidder.
- All disputes, if any, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of District Budgam.
- Date, Time & Place of Auction
- a. Date: 05/01/2026 Time: 12:00 Noon
- b. Venue: Office of the Zonal Education Officer, Narbal

All interested parties are invited to participate in the auction under the terms and conditions mentioned above.

DIPK-8795-25
DT: 06/12/2025

Zonal Education Officer
Narbal (Accts.)

Div Com Kashmir Takes Review of Handicrafts Department

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg took a comprehensive review of the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom (H&H) in a meeting here.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner SMC, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Director Tourism Kashmir, DD Planning, officers of Floriculture and H&H.

At the outset, Director H&H gave overview of the envisioned projects and strategies, to promote H&H sector, including Operationalization of Kashmir Haat on the Pattern of Dilli Haat, Fencing of DHHK Land Near Secretariat and PCR, Craft Gallery under Srinagar Smart City Project at Batmaloo, PM Unity (Ekta) Mall Proposal at Kashmir Haat, KnowYour Artisan Series under Soulful Kashmir Brand, Craft Tourism Villages Scheme and Dovetailing Handicrafts with Tulip and Chrysanthemum Festivals.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R&B DIVISION, URI. EXTENSION NOTICE

Subject: Repair and Renovation of Residential Quarters at Uri.
Ref: e-NIT No. 80 of 2025-26 issued under endrst No. 2025-26/ 6793-6801 dated: 25-11-2025.

In view of poor response, the bid submission for above mentioned NIT is hereby extended upto 09-12-2025 upto 12:00 Noon and opening of Bid online shall be 09-12-2025 at 01:00 PM. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

NO./2025/7133-38
Dated:-06-12-2025
Sd/= Executive Engineer,
R&B Division, Uri
DIPK-8797-25
DT: 06/12/2025

GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER PULWAMA Sh. Ishfaq Majeed Wani S/o Ab Majeed Wani R/o Mughal Pora Cherath, Pulwama. Subject: Notice for surrender of Registration Certificate in respect of vehicle No. JK13H-8135.

NOTICE

Whereas, you have purchased the vehicle from PEAKS AUTO PVT. LTD. (PUL) on 02-Sep-2023. Whereas, the same vehicle stands registered in the name of Ishfaq Majeed Wani S/o Ab Majeed Wani R/o Mughal Pora Cherath, Pulwama.

Whereas, the registration No. JK13H-8135 has been allotted to your vehicle.

Whereas, the same vehicle has been financed by the JK BANK GULZARPORA TOLUNA, PULWAMA 192301.

Whereas, the JK Bank Zonal Office, Pulwama has auctioned the aforesaid vehicle to Irshad Ahmad Beigh S/o Ghulam Mohammad Beigh Ris Methan, Baghi Mehtab, Srinagar and citing you as defaulter and the same has been communicated by the J&K Bank to this office via email and vide communication No. JKB/IAPMD/ZOPUL/2025-67 Dated: 09-09-2025

Whereas, the J&K Bank Zonal Office, Pulwama requested to noel the certificate of registration and issue afresh RC in the name of Irshail Ahmad Beigh S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Beigh R/o Methan, Baghi Mehtab, Srinagar

You are directed to surrender the RC of the vehicle with Reg. No. JK1311-8135 (Alto K10) which has been retained by you in spite of you having lost the possession and thereby the ownership of the motor vehicle under section 2(30) of MV Act and to send your representation in this regard, if any. 10 this office within 15 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which a fresh RC will be issued in the name of purchaser/financer, in accordance with section 51(5)

Assistant Regional Transport Officer
Pulwama

No. ARTO/Pul/Notice/2025-947-49 Dated: 02.12.2025

India Win ODI by 9 Wickets, Clinch Series Against South Africa



Press Trust of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: Yashasvi Jaiswal reeled off an unbeaten maiden ODI hundred, carrying India to a nine-wicket victory in the third and final one-dayer and a 2-1 series win against South Africa here on Saturday.

It was always a case of the margin of victory once Jaiswal (116 not out, 121 balls) and his senior opening partner Rohit Sharma (75, 73 balls) stitched 155 runs in 25.5 overs, and it turned precisely so as India finished with 271 for one in 39.5 overs, chasing 271.

Virat Kohli contributed a classy 65 not out off 45 deliveries.

Quintonne de Kock made a refined 106 off 89 balls, his 23rd tonne in ODIs, but it remained a shiny footnote as Indian batters dictated the course with authority.

Jaiswal was not comfortable initially in his innings, but the assured presence of Rohit at the other end was a massive blessing for him.

Rohit guided the understudy, who was playing only his fourth ODI, through some early turbulent phases and also did the bulk of the scoring.

The 38-year-old reached his fifty in 54 balls, tranquil by his standards, but those patented, magical swivel

pull shots, three of which sailed for sixes, lent the innings a touch of aggression.

It enabled Jaiswal to collect runs unhurriedly and walk to fifty in 75 balls. But once he reached fifty, the left-hander grew in confidence and opened up a lot more, unbuckling some of those drives and cuts that he carefully avoided in the early phase of his innings.

Rohit, who became the fourth Indian batter to reach 20000 international runs during his knock after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Kohli, looked set for another hundred.

But an ill-timed sweep off left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj cut short his stay. But that didn't deter Jaiswal, who, accompanied by Kohli, kept India's innings moving.

The 23-year-old reached the coveted three-figure mark in 111 balls with a single off pacer from Corbin Bosch and immediately tore his helmet away to slip into an energetic celebration — a combination of sprint, jump, roar and punch in the air.

Jaiswal and a typically assertive Kohli added 156 runs for the second wicket as India calmly went past the target to whip up some frenzy among a nearly 27000-strong crowd.

Earlier, a largely disciplined bowling effort also

played its part in keeping South Africa to a manageable total, an effort led by pacer Prasidh Krishna (4/66) and Kuldeep Yadav (4/41).

After Arshdeep Singh sent back Ryan Rickelton early, De Kock (106, 89 balls, 8x4, 6x4) struck his seventh century against India and put on 113 runs off 124 balls with skipper Temba Bavuma (48, 67 balls) as the visitors moved to a healthy position.

De Kock was severe on Prasidh (4/66), who erred on length continuously in his first spell (2-0-27-0). The left-hander biffed the pacer for 6, 6, 4 in his second over to milk 18 runs.

The 32-year-old quickly pounced on anything that was short, and pacers Prasidh and Harshit Rana offered him plenty of feed on his pet areas.

De Kock moved to fifty in 42 balls and never let the tempo down, reaching his hundred in 79 balls.

India found temporary relief when Ravindra Jadeja induced a false slash from Bavuma (48, 67 balls) to get caught by Kohli at point.

But the tourists got another move on through a 54-run partnership between De Kock and Matthew Breetzke for the third wicket, and at 168 for two in 28 overs they were in a good position to press on.

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JKBOA (K) Office Bearers Call on MD & CEO

The newly elected office bearers of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Officers' Association (JKBOA-K) paid a courtesy call to the Managing Director & CEO, Shri Amitava Chaterjee, on 27th November 2025 at the MD Secretariat Zonal Office Jammu.

During the meeting, the Association expressed its gratitude for the warm reception and conveyed its commitment to maintaining constructive engagement with the management. The MD & CEO extended his congratulations to the newly elected team and appreciated the Association's resolve to work collaboratively for the welfare of officers and the overall growth of the institution. Key issues related to workload, work-life balance, review of dropees, discontinuing the menace of issuing charge sheets at the time of superannuation, providing hassle-free staff loans, need to discourage unnecessary holiday duties and strengthening institutional efficiency were discussed in a positive and cordial atmosphere. Extension of few fringe benefits was agreed on spot. The Association assured the MD & CEO of its support in all initiatives aimed at improving Bank's performance, operational excellence, and organizational stability and remains committed to its slogan of "Bank First-Employee Next", besides kick starting the flagship program of "Meet the Members" at PAN India level.

The meeting concluded with both sides reaffirming their commitment to fostering a culture of transparency, respecting bilaterism, constructive dialogue, and mutual respect within the Bank.

Comradely Yours,
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