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DIPK-8841/25 Dated: 8.12.2025

Foreign Guest Reporting Breach Hotels, Houseboats Under Scanner In Srinagar



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Police have launched legal action against several hotels, a homestay and multiple houseboats for violating mandatory Form C reporting norms under the Immigration and Foreigners Act.

Police said that during routine inspections in Rajbagh, Khanyar, Lal Bazar, Nishat and Ram Munshi Bagh areas, several accommodation units were found allowing foreign nationals to stay without submitting

Form C details to the Foreigners Registration Office.

In Rajbagh, Hotel Blossoms, Hotel Grand MS and Hotel Golden Forest were booked for violations, leading to the registration of FIR No. 65 of 2025 at Police Station Rajbagh. In Khanyar, Hotel Khyber at Khayam also faced action for failing to file Form C information despite repeated notices, with FIR No. 57 of 2025 registered at the police station concerned.

Police said | [More on P6](#)

Chinese National Detained

Probe agencies have sent the mobile phone of Chinese national Hu Congtai for forensic examination after he was detained in Srinagar over alleged visa violations, officials said. Hu, 29, had arrived in India on a tourist visa that permitted travel to select Buddhist pilgrimage sites but had toured Ladakh and parts of Kashmir, including locations of strategic interest, they said. His browsing data | [More on P6](#)

Lakhs Of Poor Have Benefitted In The Last 5 Yrs: LG

Lays Foundation For 350 Smart Houses for Disaster-Hit Families

Massive Projects Strengthened Jammu's Urban Infrastructure' LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday laid the foundation stone for the construction of new houses for families affected by recent natural calamities and unprovoked Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor in Jammu district.

A total of 350 three-bedroom pre-fabricated Smart Houses will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 35 crore. The project is being fully funded by the High-range



Rural Development Society (HRDS India), an NGO, without any expenditure from the government treasury.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to HRDS India for | [More on P6](#)

'Nation Forever Indebted To Sacrifices Of Soldiers'

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday paid tributes to martyrs and expressed gratitude to the armed forces, saying the nation will always remain indebted

to the sacrifices made by soldiers. The Lieutenant governor interacted with armed forces veterans at Lok Bhavan in Jammu. He lauded the bravery and dedication of | [More on P6](#)

Shakeel Bakhshi Arrested In 29-Yr-Old Case

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Police on Monday arrested Shakeel Bakhshi, former leader of the now-defunct Islamic Students League, in connection with a decades-old case registered in Srinagar, officials said. Bakhshi, a resident | [More on P6](#)



AMARNATH YATRA SECURITY BREACH

2 Held For Flying Drone In Restricted Area

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Police have arrested two youths from Srinagar for operating a drone in violation of no-fly zone restrictions during the Amarnath Yatra earlier this year, officials said on Monday.

The incident had triggered a security alert after a drone was spotted flying over a notified restricted zone along the pilgrimage route. Security forces brought down the drone using soft-kill methods to neutralise any potential threat to pilgrims, a police spokesman said.

As per Union Home Ministry guidelines, the entire Yatra route was declared a No Drone Zone to ensure foolproof | [More on P6](#)

1996 Kidnapping & Murder Case

Police Arrest Key Accused, Call It Major Breakthrough

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant development in a nearly three-decade-old criminal case, Srinagar Police on Monday arrested an accused involved in the 1996 kidnapping and killing of a contractor from Nishat area of Srinagar, officials said.

The accused has been identified as Muhammad Maqbool Sheikh, son of Lala Sheikh, a resident of Tral. He was arrested by a team of Police Station Nishat from Pampore in connection

with FIR No. 16 of 2007 registered at Police Station Nishat under sections 302, 364, 342, 201, and 120-B of the RPC.

Officials said Sheikh was involved in the kidnapping and killing of Ali Muhammad Mir, son of Muhammad Rajab Mir, a resident of Brein Nishat, in the year 1996. The crime was allegedly carried out in collaboration with Papa Kishitwari, a dreaded counter-insurgent active at the time in the area.

Despite sustained efforts over the years, | [More on P6](#)

INDIGO CRISIS

500 Flights Cancelled On Monday; Govt Signals Tough Penalties

DGCA Says Airline 'Profusely' Apologetic

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Crisis-hit domestic carrier IndiGo on Monday cancelled 500 flights while planning to operate 1,802 services, the civil

aviation ministry said, as authorities continued to track the recovery of operations after a week of severe disruptions.

The ministry said the airline has delivered 4,500 of the 9,000 checked-in bags left behind during cancellations and aims to deliver the remaining within 36 hours. | [More on P6](#)



IndiGo Crisis 'Serious Matter': SC

Woes of flyers hit by mass flight cancellations by IndiGo found a compassionate ear in the Delhi High Court, which agreed to hear one of | [More on P6](#)

Operations Partially Improve At Srinagar Airport

Flight operations at Srinagar Airport witnessed partial improvement on Monday after several days of severe disruptions, though IndiGo's | [More on P6](#)

J&K Lost 438 Sq Km To Forest Fires In 8 Months

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has identified Jammu and Kashmir as one of the major forest fire hotspots in the country, with more than 438 square kilometers of land affected by fires between November 2023 and June 2024.

According to data presented in the Lok Sabha, satellite-based monitoring by the Forest Survey of India has recorded significant fire damage across multiple states, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Dry conditions and rising temperatures continue to heighten wildfire vulnerability in the region. The Ministry stated that forest protection remains the responsibility of State and Union Territory administrations, while the Forest Survey of India provides pre-fire alerts, real-time alerts and large fire updates to support timely response by local authorities.

A nationwide satellite-based remote monitoring and alert system is | [More on P6](#)



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Children In Climate Vulnerable Districts Of India 25% More Likely To Be Underweight: Study

Press Trust of India

Children in India districts that are highly vulnerable to climate change could be 25 per cent more likely to be underweight, compared to those in less vulnerable districts, indicating how climate vulnerability can impact public health outcomes, a study has found. Districts highly vulnerable to climate change consistently underperform on achieving health targets, such as stunting and problems accessing healthcare, compared to less vulnerable districts, the study published in the journal PLOS one said. Researchers from Delhi's Institute of Economic Growth said that with 80 per cent of India's population living in areas highly vulnerable to extreme weather events such as cyclones, floods and heatwaves, risks due to climate change could undermine the country's progress on several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Member states of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015, a blue-

print for ensuring peace and prosperity for people and the planet by 2030. Seventeen SDGs have been described which include ending poverty, achieving gender equality and improving access to clean water and sanitation. Low and middle-income countries are projected to experience the worst effects of climate change owing to geographical location, such as tropical regions, and a limited capacity to adapt. The researchers analysed data from the National Family Health Survey-Round 5 and 'Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture' (CRIDA), which provides information on a district's climate vulnerability. The study also found a 38 per cent higher likelihood of a non-institutional delivery — birth occurring outside a healthcare facility — in districts highly vulnerable to climate change. "The chance of children being underweight and that of women having non-institutional deliveries, is (25 per cent and 38 per cent) higher, respectively, in districts that are highly vulnerable to cli-

mate change than districts that are less vulnerable," the authors wrote. "Districts that are highly vulnerable to climate change consistently underperform on the studied health targets as compared to districts which are less vulnerable to climate change," they said. Climate vulnerability was also related with problems accessing healthcare. The team also found a higher chance of six per cent and 14 per cent for wasting — a low weight for height — and stunting in highly vulnerable districts. "Districts which are highly vulnerable in terms of climate, underperform on health metrics, including stunting, wasting, being underweight, having non-institutional deliveries and facing problems in accessing health care," the authors said. They added that the findings establish the need to account for how climate change impacts health outcomes, apart from the socio-economic and access-related factors conventionally considered relevant, in low and middle-income countries such as India.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION

KAKAPORA (I & F C DEPARTMENT)

Notice inviting e-Tender

Short term e-NIT No:- 23 of 2025-26

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Double Cover System) on percentage (%) basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with the J & K Government for the following work to be opened by the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora;

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (. in.lakh)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In .)	M.H of Account	Time of Completion	Class of contract
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
01	Restoration of Sloughened embankment on Left side of River Jhelum near RD 32 kms by way of wooden piling, earth filling at Goripora.	18.88	37760/-	900/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	30 days	BEE/CEE
02	Restoration of sloughened spots on left side of River Jhelum at Malpora Tokina RD 22380 m.	11.47	22940/-	600/-	UT Capex Budget	25 days	BEE/CEE/DEE
03	Construction of F.P. work by way of laying of toe crates on right side of Aripal Nallah at village Beighund U/S Shamsanghat.	10.34	20680/-	500/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	20 days	BEE/CEE/DEE
04	Restoration of sloughened embankment on right side of River Jhelum at Khanqah bagh Pampore at spots RD 56 KM.	9.03	18060/-	500/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	20 days	CEE/DEE
05	Restoration of sloughed embankment by way of crate work with earth filling on left side of Roomshi Nallah near PHE Scheme Pohn. (Latitude 33.924359 , Longitude 74.924174).	8.14	16280/-	400/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	20 days	CEE/DEE
06	Construction of crate bund on right side of Sasara Nallah at village Talangam U/S Bridge RD 26900. (Latitude 33 53 '14.97 N , Longitude 74 56 '14.73 N).	6.78	13560/-	400/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	20 days	CEE/DEE
07	Construction of Flood Protection work from Kallar bridge to Land of Latif Ahmad Koolay and Wani	12.00	24000/-	600/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	25 days	BEE/CEE/DEE
08	Restoration of sloughed embankment by way of crate work with earth filling on R/S of Chaksl Nallah at Gundipora.	5.53	11060/-	300/-	UT Capex Budget (DMRRR Pulwama)	20 days	CEE/DEE

No of works:- No.08 No's
Position of AAA: Accorded by DDC Pulwama vide order Issued No.DCP/2025/2106-11 dated 02-12-2025 (Sr No 01-06) & No.DCP/2025/2126-31 dated 03-12-2025 (Sr No 07-08)
Technical Sanction: Sanctioned
Position of funds: Budgetary Provision 2025-26
1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded on e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	05/12/2025 from 1800 Hrs
2.	Date of start of downloading	05/12/2025 from 1800 Hrs.
3.	Bid submission start Date Technical/Financial	05/12/2025 from 1800 Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission end date	11/12/2025 up to 1800 Hrs.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders(Technical)	12/12/2025 at 1100 Hrs.
6.	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid	To be notified separately.

I. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0070 QAS-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt(mentioning therein NIT No, S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) & date on it must not be prior to date of issuance of this tender Notice, and Earnest Money Deposit (2% of the Advertised cost) in the shape of the CDR at the time of tendering, both to be pledged to Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora.

II. The Bidders/Tenderers should mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission (enclose certificate). No payments shall be released by the Government to any other Bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number. As per JK Finance Departments' Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 dated 08-07-2025.

III. The bidders/tenderers shall have to upload Self attested undertaking/affidavit to the effect that the registered card of the contractor has not been blacklisted/Debarred by any department nor the contractor has been declared insolvent by any court of Law.

2. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-
a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.
b. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 7 Days after fixation of contract.
Unbalanced Bid:-In case of bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced i.e below than advertised cost, the bidder shall have to produce additional Performance Guarantee in any shape i.e CDR/FDR for any schedule or Nationalized Bank as per following break-up:-

S. No.	%age of unbalance bid viz AT PAR cost on account of low rates	Additional performance Guarantee
1.	Upto and including 10% below	Nil
2.	Greater than 10% below	The successful bidder will have to deposit additional performance Guarantee as per Circular issued by Principal secretary to Government Finance department vide No.FD-code/441/2021-02-158 dt.08-08-2025

IV. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.
V. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract.

3. Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
3.01 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.

3.02 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per information Technology Act- 2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

3.03 The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

3.04 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at S. No. 1.
3.05 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary Documents.

No. FCDK/CS/ 6484-6497
DIPK-8805/25

Dated:- 08-12-2025

(Er. Riaz Ahmad)
Executive Engineer
Flood Control Division Kakapora

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER WORKS DIVISION SRINAGAR

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CORRIGENDUM

Reference: This Office e-NIT No. 32/WWVD/Sgr/CC of 2025-26 Dated: 18.11.2025 issued under No: WWVD/Sgr/CC/5094-5105 Dated: - 18.11.2025.

Following changes are deemed to be made in the e-NIT mentioned under reference.

- A) Please add the following paragraph to 'Definition of similar nature of work shall mean' (Refer Page No. 6):
For Type 02 i.e., Composite Civil and Electro Mechanical Works:
Hydraulic structures like Overhead tanks of minimum capacity of 0.20 lac gallons & staging height of minimum 10 M or Rapid Sand Filtration Plant of 0.10 MGD or above or Sewage treatment plants/ Industrial effluent treatment plants of minimum 0.10 MLD capacity or Service Reservoirs of minimum 0.50 lac gallons capacity or RCC / Steel bridges / Composite / grade separators / fly-overs. Nallahs / water bodies Span not less than 10 mts or multistory framed structures of minimum 300 sqm on plan or Pump Stations area not less than 100 Sqm (framed structure / RCC) along with intake sump and channel. Since the work is a composite Tender and includes execution of Civil and Electro Mechanical Components as well as such the prospective agency should have requisite and relevant experience of executing Electrical and Mechanical works as well along with the civil experience as described above. For evaluation of Electrical and Mechanical works the similar works should be read as SITC of pumping units or power transformer of at least 70% capacity of tendered equipment with allied electro-mechanical equipment's like Electric Switch gears, starters, control valves, rising mains etc. For arriving at the cost of similar work, the value of work executed shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 07% per annum, calculated from the date of completion to the date of bid opening. For a period less than a year but more than six months weightage/escalation for a full year shall be loaded. Similarly, for a period less than six month, no weightage shall be given.
- B) Instead of the Point No. 3 (Refer Page No. 6) please treat the following as valid:-
3. Scanned copy of Annual Turnover certificate for the last three financial years, issued by a registered Chartered Accountant under his seal and signature, with a minimum value of 30% of the advertised cost for average of the three years. (Form 7).
- C) Instead of the heading under bulleted list written as 'Electro Mechanical Components and allied works' (Refer Page No. 28), please read the same as, 'Construction of Intake and allied works'
- D) Page 48 of the NIT is treated as deleted
- E) Instead of the Payment schedule given (Refer to Page No. 48, please treat the following as valid:-
Payment Schedule:
The Payment schedule for the EPC/Turn Key based work will be regulated as under:-

S. No	Component	Percentage
CC Bill 1	Submission of conceptual vetted drawings and design	3%
CC Bill 2	Construction of RSFP	
	a) Foundation with Ground Floor	10%
	b) Completion of all Civil Works upto working level floor	5%
	c) Working level floor to Truss work	5%
	d) Electro-Mechanical works of RSFP	10%
CC Bill 3	A)	
	a) Construction of Clear Water Sump	5%
	b) Construction of Zero Discharge Sump	6%
CC Bill 4	c) Electro-Mechanical works at WTP	1%
	a) Construction of intake	6%
	b) Electromechanical works at intake	5%
	c) Rising main etc.	5%
CC Bill 5	d) Sluice chamber	1%
	a) Dismantling of structures	3%
	b) Construction of flash mixer	1%
	c) Construction of Tube Settlers	11%
CC Bill 6	a) Construction of Staff Quarter	10%
	b) Construction of walling etc.	3%
CC Bill 7	Testing and commissioning	10%

F) Instead of 'Time Line for Deliverables' given in the SBD (Refer to Page No. 49, please treat the following as valid:-
Time Line for Deliverables

S. No	Component	Days
1	Submission of Conceptual Drawing	10 Days from the date of Issuance of the Allotment Order
2	Submission of vetted design from DQC/ITT and mobilization of Men & Machinery including clearance of site.	25 Days from the date of Finalizing of Conceptual Drawing
3	Completion upto RSFP Raft Top Level and Temporary Walling	30 Days after receiving of good for construction drawing from DQC/ITT
4	Completion of Working Floor Level up to Back Wash Tank Level	30 Days after Completion of Raft Top Level
5	Electro Mechanical Works of RSFP and L/F of Inflow and outflow Pipe Lines and Truss Work	30 Days after Completion of Back Wash Tank Level
6	Completion of Clear Water Sump, Zero Discharge Sump, Chambers etc. and allied work.	45 Days after Completion of Electro Mechanical Works and L/F of Inflow and outflow Pipe Lines
7	Construction of intake, rising main, sluice chamber, electro mechanical work	90 Days after Completion of all Washout Mechanisms/ Chambers etc. and allied works
8	Dismantling of Existing structures, construction of tube settlers, flash mixer, staff quarter, Walling and landscaping and other miscellaneous works	105 Days after Completion of all Washout Mechanisms/ Chambers etc. and allied works
9	Successful Testing & Completion of DLP & Trial Run	For defined time frame
10	O&M	For defined time frame

G) Instead of Point No. 1 'Consignee/Paying Authority' given (Page No. 51) please treat the following as valid:-
The concerned Executive Engineer Civil shall be overall paying authority for all bills however, in case of electromechanical work bill, the same shall be verified by the concerned Executive Engineer (Mechanical) / Asstt. Executive Engineer (Mechanical), before processing for payment.

H) Please add the following Line to Point No. 3 'Abnormally Low Rates' given (Refer Page No. 51):-
The requirement of Additional Performance Security shall be governed as per the Finance Department Srinagar/Jammu's Circular issued under No. FD-code/441/2021-02-158 Dated 08.08.2025.

I) Instead of "Before dispatch from the works of the OEM, the electro-mechanical equipment as well as other material like Pipes etc..." Certificates" under Point No. 8 Inspection and Testing" (Refer Page 52), please read "Before dispatch from the works of OEM, the electro-mechanical equipment (etc. Pumps, DG sets and Voltage stabilizers) as well as other material like Pipes etc..." Certificates"

J) The Map shown on Page 58 is treated as deleted.

K) In view of the recent Circular Instructions issued by the Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar vide No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated 08.07.2025 issued vide his endorsement No. FD-S1/75/2025-03 Dated 08.07.2025, the following Condition is incorporated in the aforementioned e-NIT:-
Every participating Bidder has to upload the Certificate issued by the Concerned Branch Manager certifying the below details mentioned at 'Annexure Z' with this Corrigendum

L) Besides to give sufficient time for the interest bidders to comprehend the Points mentioned in the Corrigendum, the Critical Dates are hereby extended and refixed as under:-

Bid Submission end date 15.12.2025 upto 4:00 PM
Date & time of opening Bids (Technical Cover) 16.12.2025 2:00 PM
All Other Terms and Conditions Shall remain same.

Executive Engineer,
Water Works Division Srinagar.

No:-WWD/Sgr/CC/5517-27

DIPK-8833/25 dated: 08-12-2025

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01	Nasirullah Tantray S/o: Ghulam Rasool Tantray R/o: Palhallan at Present Hanijiwera Pattan Adhaar No: 255085943478 Phn No: 9906714843	Martir with B.A.C	Retired employee (BOD)	Chairman	01/04/1959	
02	Zahoor Ahmad Malla S/o: Mohammad Shaban Malla R/o: Raipora Palhallan Adhaar No: 283282924857 Phn No: 8825075826	B.Sc, B.Ed	Principal of the School	Principal / Member	16/02/1979	
03	Ghulam Mohammad Malla S/o: Ghulam Ahmad Malla R/o: Raipora Palhallan Pattan Adhaar No: 780708324592 Phn No: 6005529955	M.A Education	Private Teacher	Parent Member / Secretary	30/12/1966	
04	Mohammad Aslam Tantray S/o: Ghulam Rasool Tantray R/o: Palhallan Pattan Adhaar No: 509211239702 Phn No: 9906808780	Matric	Business	Vice Chairman	14/03/1967	
05	Abdul Salam Bhat S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o: Bhaghat Mohalla Palhallan Adhaar No: 642146979870 Phn No: 6006194325	12th	Business	Accountant	05/05/1967	
06	Hamidullah Yattoo S/o: sonaullah Yattoo R/o: Palhallan Pattan Adhaar No: 328061200407 Phn No: 7006527683	Martir	Retired Gov. Employee	Parent / Member	16/08/1960	
07	Farooq Ahmad Dar S/o: Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Dar R/o: Dar Mohalla Palhallan Adhaar No: 283768331546 Phn No: 9541661746	12th	Private Teacher	Member	01/04/1967	
08	Mohammad Rafiq Malla S/o: Ghulam Rasool Malla R/o: Palhallan Pattan Adhaar No: 358579010901 Phn No: 8803409231	Matric	Business	Parent Member	01/01/1982	
09	Asif Ahad Yattoo S/o: Abdul Ahad Yattoo R/o: Goushbugh Pattan Adhaar No: 500867653751 Phn No: 9149723936	M.Sc, B.Ed	Private Teacher	Staff Representative	05/06/1992	

Chairman HANFIA GOUSIA
MODEL SCHOOL PALHALLAN

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V/s

(Caveator)

(PUBLIC AT LARGE) (Non Caveator)

In the matter of filing a Caveat Petition under Section 148-A of the Code of Civil Procedure, the Caveator respectfully submits that he has reason to believe and apprehends that the non-caveator may institute a suit or initiate any other proceeding before this Hon'ble Court. The Caveator further submits that such proceedings may be based on distorted facts, misrepresentations, and concocted narratives, and that the non-caveator may thereby succeed in obtaining ex parte orders to the irreparable loss, injury, and inconvenience of the Caveator. It is therefore just, proper, and in the interest of justice that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to afford the Caveator an opportunity of being heard before passing any order in any such anticipated suit or proceeding, in accordance with Section 148-A of the CPC.

Public notice

In my Driving License bearing DL NO. JK-0520080009695 name is mentioned as GH MOHAMMAD SHAH But my actual name is GHULAM MOHAMMAD SHAH , and my father's Name is mentioned as AB KHALIQ SHAH , But my actual name is ABDUL KHALIQ SHAH. Now I want to correct it if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact ARTO OFFICE SOPORE within the period of 7 days; after that, no objection will be accepted.

Name: GHULAM MOHAMMAD SHAH
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Nasreena Begum while my correct name is Mehfooza Begum . 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..
Mehfooza Begum
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I Mohammad Abbas .s/o ghulam hyder malik r/o sector no. 12 hamdaniya colony bemina srinagar that I have sold the vehicle renault Kwid xt registration no HR26DFO 0149 CHASIS NO 9306 ,ENGINE NO 7663,MODAL 2017 TO ONE NAMELY ABDUL QAYOOM SENOO S/O ABDUL GANI SENOO R/O BEMINA SIRSIVED ABAD SECTOR 2 srinagar on 27/05/2025 at 6 pm ,
Regrettably, despite the lapse of considerable time since the sale, Abdul QAYOOM (buyer) failed to transfer the ownership of vehicle, despite reminding him from time to time for same reason, this puts me in vulnerable position, it is imperative to emphasize that any unlawful activity Or misuse involving the said vehicle during this period , thereafter abdul QAYOOM will be personally responsible from the date he has taken the possession of the vehicle

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been Wrongly written in my driving licence bearing dl no: 0520060005939 as Naseer Ahmad Dar S/O Habibullah Dar R/O Palhallan Pattan while my correct name is Nasir Ahmad Dar S/O Habibullah Dar . Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the AR TO SOPORE within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Nasir Ahmad Dar S/O Habibullah Dar

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I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate as my name has not been entered in the registrar of birth and death so far. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Tanvir Sadiq Lays Foundation Stone of Bab-e-Zehra (S.A)

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Conference Chief Spokesperson and MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, on Monday laid the foundation stone of the Bab-e-Zehra (S.A) calligraphic gate at Gasiyar — leading to Astan Mir Shams-ud-Din Iraqi and Imambara Zadibal.

Speaking at the event, Sadiq said that while developmental works such as lanes, drains, roads and sewage up-grades remain crucial, he had also made a personal commitment to use his Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to enrich the aesthetic, cultural and spiritual character of revered religious sites in the

Zadibal constituency.

“I had promised myself to also use my CDF to enhance the aesthetic and spiritual character of our revered religious spaces in my Zadibal Constituency,” he said, adding that the Bab-e-Zehra gate is part of a broader vision to preserve heritage while ensuring modern, dignified access to important religious landmarks.

Sadiq extended appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, and his team, including the Chief Planning Officer, for what he described as transparent and efficient coordination that has helped streamline the execution of CDF works.

Fire Guts Timber Units, Shops in Munawarabad

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A fire broke out late Sunday night in Srinagar’s Munawarabad area that gutted several timber units and a double-storey commercial building.

The officials said that the blaze has caused loss of crores.

They said the blaze started inside a cluster of adjoining timber units where large quantities of wood were stored—making firefighting operations extremely difficult.

An official said that the flames quickly spread to nearby shops on the first floor of a commercial structure.

He said that the Fire and Emergency Services teams, assisted by police and locals

battled for hours to prevent the flames from spreading to nearby structures. “The heavy stock of timber made it tough to control. It took several hours of coordinated effort to douse it,” an official told KNO.

Moreover, Hazratbal Assembly constituency MLA Salman Sagar, also visited the site, expressed solidarity with the affected traders.

He lauded the efforts of the firefighters.

“Our fire personnel always show great courage while responding to such incidents. It is the duty of the government to provide the fire fighters with modern tools so they can perform their duties effectively and safely,” he told KNO.

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Srinagar Man Goes Missing in Delhi; Family Pleads for Help

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An atmosphere of anxiety has gripped a Srinagar family after a 69-year-old man from Khanyar went missing in New Delhi earlier this week. The family staged a protest in Srinagar seeking his whereabouts and urged both the public and government authorities to help trace him, describing the situation as “deeply distressing.”

According to his family, the missing man, Ghulam Qadir Burki, had been travelling to Delhi every winter for the last 55 years and owns a flat in Lajpat Nagar.

According to his relatives, he was last seen on December 2 at around 5 pm in Bogal Market near Kashmiri Park, where he had gone shopping with his wife and daughter.

“He was there along with his wife and daughter and told them to leave but did not return,” said Naveed Ashraf, Burki’s nephew.

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Ashraf added that before ‘disappearing’ Burki told his wife and daugh-

ter to “move ahead” and assured them that he would follow shortly.

He said a missing report was filed at Nizamuddin Police Station, though the Station House Officer initially told the family that such a report could only be accepted after 24 hours.

“We were asked to wait, later, a missing report was filed”.

The next morning, Burki’s son — a resident of Harwar — boarded a flight to Delhi, where the entire family began searching for him in nearby markets, hospitals, and localities. Despite their efforts, no information about his whereabouts has emerged so far.

Naveed further said that the Delhi Police has been helpful but the man remains untraced.

The distraught family has appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir government to take up the matter with the Delhi authorities to ensure a more focused search.

They also appealed to Kashmiris living in Delhi to help trace Ghulam Qadir.

“We urge anyone having information about his whereabouts to inform the nearest police station,” the family said.

Sakeena Conducts Extensive Inspection of SMHS Hospital

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo carried out an extensive inspection of SMHS Hospital Srinagar, during which the Minister took a comprehensive review of patient care services, infrastructure, availability of essential medicines and other facilities at the hospital.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with Principal, faculty members and medical staff to assess on-ground requirements and address concerns related to service delivery. She visited the emergency wing, OPD sections, diagnostic units, and in-pa-

tient wards, directing hospital authorities to ensure timely treatment, cleanliness, and streamlined patient flow.

The Minister also interacted with patients and their attendants and took feedback from them about the quality of medical care services being provided at the hospital.

While reviewing medicine stocks and pharmacy operations, the Minister emphasized the need for uninterrupted availability of essential drugs, diagnostics, and life-saving equipment. She instructed officials to strengthen supply chain monitoring and ensure that no patient faces any inconvenience.

The Minister further stressed on the importance of modernized facilities, proper equipment maintenance, and enhanced support services like sanitation and patient facilitation desks in view of winter months.

Reiterating the government’s commitment to improving public health services, the Minister said that periodic inspections would continue to ensure accountability and efficient functioning of hospitals. She appreciated the dedication of frontline medical staff and encouraged them to maintain high standards of care.

Principal GMC Srinagar, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; HoDs of various specialties, faculty members and other officers were also present during the visit of the Minister.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

E-Auction Notice No 136 of 2025-26 dated 06.12.2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (UT), it is hereby notified for the information of the General Public that e-Auction Notice/ sale of Auction of old Principal office quarter and old Chowkidar quarter Building at GDC Sopore, through e-Auction on the basis of "As it is where it is" is hereby made as given below:-

S.No	Name of Work	Minimum reserve Bid Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of Bid document (In Rupees)	E/ Money (in Rupees)	Time for completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid
1	Auction of old Principal office quarter and old Chowkidar quarter Building at GDC Sopore.	0.567	600.00	21200/-	90 days	23-12-2025

1.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of issue of Auction Notice	06.12.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06.12.2025 TO 22.12.2025 4:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	06.12.2025
4	Bid Submission End Date	22.12.2025 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	23.12.2025 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore.

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Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the Auction Notice Number in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore .

No: 8800-09

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Dated: 08.12.2025

Member Secretary

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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FAJR	5: 54
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ASR	3: 45
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ISHA	6: 50

This Day In History

- 1910 - French troops occupy Morrocan harbor city Agadir.
- 1917 - British forces under General Allenby capture Jerusalem.
- 1918 - French troops occupies Mainz.
- 1924 - Netherlands & Hungary trade treaty signed.
- 1931 - Japanese army attacks Chinese province of Jehol.
- 1931 - Spain becomes a republic.
- 1941 - 1st US WW II bombing mission in Far East, Luzon, Philippines.
- 1941- China declares war on Japan, Germany & Italy.
- 1948 - UN General Assembly unanimously approves Convention on Genocide.
- 1951 - West German voters approve merger of 3 states to form Baden-Wurttemberg.
- 1957 - 1st Japanese ambassador to Israel.
- 1961 - SS-Obersturmbannführer (lieutenant colonel) Adolf Eichmann found guilty of war crimes in Israel.
- 1961 - Tanganyika gains independence from Britain, takes name Tanzania.
- 1962 - Tanganyika becomes a republic within British Commonwealth.
- 1965 - Nikolai Podgorny replaces Anastas Mikoyan as president of Soviet Praesidium.
- 1968 - NLS (a system for which hypertext and the computer mouse were developed) is publicly demonstrated for the first time in San Francisco.
- 1970 - OPEC meeting in Caracas establishes 55 percent as minimum tax rate and demands that posted prices be changed to reflect changes in foreign exchange rates.
- 1973 - Arab oil ministers announce a further production cut of 5 percent for January for non-friendly countries.
- 1975 - Jelena Bonner receives Andrei Sacharov's Nobel Prize.
- 1975 - Iraq completes nationalization by taking over the BP, CFP, and Shell shares of the Basrah Petroleum Company.
- 1978 - Pioneer Venus 2 drops 5 probes into atmosphere of Venus
- 1983 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1984 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1984 - Iranian commandos end day hijack of Kuwaiti plane.
- 1987 - Palestine uprising begin in Israeli-occupied West Bank.

From KO Archives

American FBI Team Arrives In Srinagar

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: A two-member team of US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) today left for Srinagar in connection with the mysterious disappearance of the four foreigners kidnapped in 1995, official sources said.

The sources said this was a routine visit by the FBI officials as per the requirement of the United States laws where they have to submit a report every quarter.

Six foreigners — John Childs and Donald Fred Hutchings (both US nationals), Paul Wells and Keith Mangan (UK nationals), Dirk Hasert (German) and Hans Christian Ostro (Norwegian) — had been kidnapped in July 1995 from Pahalgam hills in South Kashmir.

The group responsible for kidnapping identified itself as Al- Faran, While Childs managed to give a slip to his abductors, the head of Norwegian abductee was found severed near Anantnag in August 1995.

The fate of other four hostages despite hectic search operation carried by the government and later by German and British police remains unknown.

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KO VIEW

Kashmir's Art of Healing

Kashmir is reaching a moment when art can offer more than income. In many parts of the world, people turn to creative work to feel steady and connected. Kashmir's own art can grow into that space and give the same sense of relief and meaning.

Many young Kashmiris speak about stress that builds up through years of disruption, insecurity and limited opportunities. A growing number of students and counsellors say art brings ease into their days.

Spaces that allow painting, music or craftmaking often become places where people share concerns they do not express anywhere else.

These small shifts show how creative practice can open a path to emotional stability in a region that needs it.

Kashmir already holds the talent to build such a movement. What it lacks is investment that respects artisans as cultural leaders and not as low-paid workers.

Local craft clusters remain underfunded, markets lack fair pricing, and training spaces do not match the scale of the demand.

This keeps many families in financial stress and pushes young people away from craft traditions that once shaped community life.

A stronger system can change this. Programs that link artisans with design institutes, mental-health networks and global craft platforms can help Kashmir claim its place in the wider conversation about art as a tool for wellness.

Many countries now use creative work in community healing, trauma recovery and youth development. Kashmir can do the same, while also building a respected economic sector around it.

The region's art carries stories of endurance and care. If promoted with integrity, it can reach global audiences that value handmade work and seek creative forms of therapy.

This will not only support artisans but also offer young people a sense of purpose at a time when many feel directionless. A stable craft economy can strengthen families, protect heritage and bring a measure of calm into daily life.

Kashmir deserves this shift. Its art has survived strife, economic loss and political upheaval. It now deserves a chance to grow into a source of pride and healing.

With fair support and smart policy, the region can lead the world in showing how art keeps communities steady in difficult times.

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Read This Before You Buy Anything

New Financial Pathways

A growing culture of financial learning is helping Kashmir imagine a more secure tomorrow.

Irshad Mushtaq

In the early mornings of Srinagar, when shops are still pulling up their shutters and the air carries the scent of bread from the kandur ovens, a small group of traders gathers around the tea stall near the Bund.

Conversations drift from saffron prices to share movements in Mumbai, from remittances arriving from the Gulf to a cousin's new mutual fund account.

The talk feels ordinary on the surface, though it reflects a deeper shift unfolding across Kashmir: a silent, steady turn toward financial planning.

A young trader named Sameer explains how he started setting aside a little each month after seeing his father struggle during the lockdown years. His first Systematic Investment Plan felt like a leap. He remembers the hesitation, the worry about losing money, the fear of markets moving faster than his understanding. Over time he learned that small, regular investments bring a sense of control in a place where uncertainty has shaped daily life for decades.

Families saving for a child's education weigh options from mutual funds to exchange-traded funds that mirror India's growing sectors. Retired employees explore Real Estate Investment Trusts for steady income. Saffron growers try their hand at commodity trading in mini lots after hearing success stories from neighbours. A few experienced hands study options strategies to create an extra monthly cushion.

These choices reflect a region working toward stability through practical tools. Data from local financial institutions shows rising participation in SIPs and equity markets, especially among first-time investors under 35. The pattern signals a hunger for security, independence and knowledge.

Every conversation at the tea stall carries the same hope: a future shaped by informed decisions rather than circumstance. Financial literacy is becoming a form of self-reliance.

The author is a Srinagar-based reputed financial advisor.



Winter Fires Rising

A sharp rise in winter fires is reshaping daily life across Kashmir, exposing how unsafe heating habits and aging wiring place families at risk.

Ikkz Ikbal

Fire trucks have been racing through Kashmir almost every night this season. Sirens cut through the shivering cold, echoing off empty streets as crews rush toward homes already glowing with orange light.

Winter has only begun, and the valley is witnessing a troubling surge in fire incidents that shows no sign of slowing down.

The danger grows sharper with every degree the temperature drops.

This rise feels alarming because these fires rarely stay contained. Houses in older neighbourhoods stand close together, many built with timber frames that catch in seconds.

A spark inside one kitchen or bedroom can spread across an entire lane before families understand what has happened. People step out into the freezing night wearing pherans, watching flames swallow years of work, saving only what they can grab during those frantic moments.

The broader numbers show how deeply the crisis has taken hold.

In 2024, the Fire and Emergency Services Department responded to 6,752 calls across Jammu and Kashmir. Nearly 3,000 buildings were damaged. Twenty-three firefighters were injured while trying to pull people out.

Over the six-year period from 2018 to 2023, the region witnessed 26,354 fire incidents that claimed 486 lives and left more than 500 people injured.

Each statistic carries a human story, often unreported and sometimes too painful for families to retell.

Much of the problem begins inside homes.

The shivering cold pushes families to depend heavily on heaters, electric blankets and extension cords that work through the night. Markets are filled with inexpensive heating devices, especially electric blankets that lack auto shut-off systems, sturdy wiring or proper insulation.

These blankets promise comfort at a low price. Their hidden faults reveal themselves only when a circuit overheats or a loose wire sparks beneath a pile of bedding.

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Kashmir has always learned to live with hardship. Floods, storms and long winters have shaped the region's sense of resilience. Communities come together quickly when someone loses a home. That same instinct can guide the response to the growing fire crisis. Being careful means keeping families safe. Small steps like turning off heaters, choosing safer blankets, and upgrading extension boards can make a big difference. The comfort people seek during the cold months should never place them at risk.

When paired with worn-out household wiring, old fuse boxes and overloaded extension boards, the risk grows quickly.

These fires often feel sudden, though the triggers have been present for years.

A mother may save her children in time but lose the wooden trunk where she kept their childhood photographs. A shopkeeper may close his store with pride after a long day, only to return at dawn to find the shutters warped and the space inside reduced to blackened metal. A family of five may climb onto their rooftop, waiting for firefighters to reach them as smoke fills their rooms.

These are moments that stay with people long after the flames die down.

The crisis reaches beyond homes as well.

Forests across Jammu and Kashmir have been burning at higher rates. In 2024-25, the region recorded 1,243 forest fires that destroyed more than 3,500 hectares of land. The previous year saw 607 such cases.

During one ten-day stretch last spring, 94 forest fires were reported. Hillsides that once turned lush each summer now show dark streaks where flames left their mark. Rising temperatures, dry spells and human negligence all play a part.

Authorities have been urging the public to treat winter with more caution. Households are encouraged to unplug heaters and electric blankets before sleeping, avoid low-quality devices, check wiring, replace old fuses and keep sand buckets or extinguishers within reach.

These are small steps that blend easily into daily routines. They take minutes, though they carry the power to protect homes built through years of hard work.

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Being careful means keeping families safe. Small steps like turning off heaters, choosing safer blankets, and upgrading extension boards can make a big difference.

The comfort people seek during the cold months should never place them at risk.

As more fires sweep through the valley, it is clear that winter warmth needs attention, and each household has a part to play in preventing the next alarm.

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Letter to Editor

The Digital Tide and the Loss of Play in Kashmir

Childhood once had texture in the valley. Children ran barefoot over frosty courtyards, their fingers sticky with sweets or mud, and imaginations alive with discovery.

Today, glowing screens occupy those hands. A cry is silenced with a device, play is replaced by scrolling, and curiosity bends to the will of algorithms.

I watched this unfold recently in a clinic. A young boy, the son of a physician, pounded at a phone game while striking his own head. His parents offered the device to calm him. The moment was painful, an illustration of a larger pattern: screens are shaping children's minds, and adults rarely notice what they are losing in the process.

Research indicates that children

under twelve are especially vulnerable to constant screen exposure. Attention spans shrink, social instincts weaken, and imagination gives way to digital consumption.

Crying, mischief, and tactile play are lessons in patience, empathy, and creativity. They are sadly replaced with instantaneous digital gratification.

Teachers observe a generation marked by behaviours learned online. Students mimic characters from games and videos, reacting in ways that seem alien to real-world interactions. Family meals, social gatherings, and even places of worship are punctuated by notifications and ringtones, shaping both children and adults into inward, distracted versions of themselves.

Screens promise connection while

promoting subtle isolation.

Neurologists warn that overstimulation from digital devices may influence developing brains, affecting emotional regulation, moral judgment, and decision-making. Exposure to unfiltered online content can warp empathy and social understanding before adolescence. Entertainment becomes a teacher, and the lessons it delivers often undermine growth, social skills, and emotional resilience.

This pattern extends beyond homes and schools. Even in workplaces, clinics, and moments of mourning, people are drawn to screens. Meaningful time, authentic interaction, and human presence diminish under the glow of notifications. When adults surrender to distraction, children inherit that habit. Childhood,

already brief, becomes compressed, mediated, and diminished.

The response must begin with adults. Parents, teachers, and community leaders cannot guide children toward healthy engagement without examining their own relationships with devices. Boundaries, conversation, and real-world experiences are as vital as any lesson a screen might provide.

The stakes are high: children who grow up with attention and imagination captured by devices risk a life connected to everything, yet anchored to nothing.

Sincerely,

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Healing Track Targets Kashmir's Addiction

A diaspora-led project uses Kashmiri Sufi thought to challenge the region's rising drug crisis and reach those who feel alone.

Fiza Masoodi

From urban clinics to rural centers, doctors say more young people are coming in with addiction issues, especially involving heroin and new synthetic drugs.

Hospital records show the same trend. Families whisper about it at home. Teachers say they notice subtle signs in their classrooms.

The worry has grown silently, turning addiction into one of Kashmir's most pressing public concerns.

Now, a new song from the Kashmiri American diaspora is trying to break through that silence.

"Needle to Noor" begins with a soft, prayer-like tune that opens into a gentle plea for honesty.

The collective behind it, SufiPulse, uses the shift from needle to noor, or light, to describe the long, difficult walk from despair back to life.

Listeners in the valley are calling it "saada-e-najaat," a voice urging people to seek help before more lives slip away.

The project took shape from the messages SufiPulse received over the years. Each one carried the story of a son, cousin or friend in trouble. Families wrote about shame, fear and hesitation. The team saw how stigma was shaping the crisis. Silence was becoming a wall inside homes where help was needed early.

They held on to a simple belief: a reputation can recover, a life cannot.

The heart behind the track is Dr. Zarf-e-Noori, a Kashmiri American scientist and writer who has spent years studying Sufi thought. He shaped the story, guided the production and sang on the track for the first time.

There is a softness in his voice that comes from an old loss. Someone close to him died because of drugs, and that grief became the emotional center of the piece. The tremor in his singing feels like a memory that never settles.

Two young vocalists add to the movement from sorrow toward hope. Maazin Khalid stretches into the high notes with bright intensity. Rauf Azeem follows with a calm



HEALTH OFFICIALS ACROSS KASHMIR CALL THE DRUG CRISIS ONE OF THE REGION'S MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGES. Hospitals report a stream of cases that stretch their staff. A generation is turning to substances that are easy to find and hard to leave behind. Many families say they feel lost in their own homes.

warmth that holds the track steady.

Their contrast mirrors the crisis itself, the pull toward danger and the effort to guide someone home.

The song was produced at the Dr. Kumar Foundation SufiPulse Studio in the United States, a space known for blending global influences with spiritual work.

Michael Hartman shaped the engineering. Ryan Cole guided the mix. Lucas Ray refined the layers.

Elijah James handled effects and mastering. Arman Sayeed managed the sessions. At every step, Dr. Zarf-e-Noori kept the message close.

Support from Artstay, Craftlore, De Koshur Crafts B2B USA, Hama-dan Craft Revival Foundation and Prime Logic Solutions USA helped shape a sound that feels polished and deeply personal.

The release also connects to the work of the Dr. Kumar Foundation

USA and the Sufi Science Center. Both groups study how Kashmiri Sufi philosophy can guide responses to modern social challenges. Their view sees addiction as a wound shaped by trauma and isolation.

Punishment alone, they say, only deepens the wound.

For years, Kashmir's response leaned on arrests and seizures. Families tried to protect their name. Places of faith struggled to offer

safe spaces. Rehab centers counted cases while fear kept many from walking in.

"Needle to Noor" asks people to look at what has been lost in these years. It points to the rising number of young people trapped in substances and the heavy cost of staying silent.

The song frames addiction as a public emergency that deserves openness and steady support.

Early reactions in the valley show the message is landing. Parents say the track gives them words they didn't have. Teachers are using it to start conversations. Young Kashmiris say it reflects their fear of being judged.

One line has stayed with many listeners: addiction is a wound. Abandonment makes it worse.



THE CREATORS OF "NEEDLE TO NOOR" BELIEVE ART CAN HELP AT THE MOMENT WHEN SOMEONE IS SEARCHING FOR A SIGN. They see the track as a small nudge against denial and a reminder that healing can begin with one honest admission of fear or pain.

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The creators of "Needle to Noor" believe art can help at the moment when someone is searching for a sign. They see the track as a small nudge against denial and a reminder that healing can begin with one honest admission of fear or pain.

If even one person decides to seek help after listening, they say the song has done what it was meant to do.

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Of Rational and Irrational

Between reason and emotion, extremes and equilibrium, Kashmir's landscapes mirror the delicate tension within our own lives.

Faizaan Bashir

Time pushes us all the way up to the summit, leaving us with no choice but to stare deep into the abyss.

Our senses are hijacked so that we remain fixed on the gnawing darkness rising from the bottomless pit like fire.

Our bodies and minds feel frozen, control slips away, and rationality disappears. But the sleeping emotional monster within us stirs.

Between the terrified descent and paralyzed self, something sacred cries out in voices that cannot be understood.

A deep habit of leaning toward imbalance has shaped these final moments into a dead end.

Possibilities are unexplored, and no safer path is attempted. Not an inch forward, not an inch back. Either falling completely or stuck up here, the choice feels wrong either way.

In life, we swim over the tide of extremes. We delight in embracing stiffness. We love to be called die-hards. Being staunch in our approaches adds flavors to our character. It seems to give 'something promising' to us, and to those around us. Loyalty has become a godly virtue, a persistent human magic. There's no space for meandering, mediocrity, and mistakes.

Balance is often called hypocrisy or being undecided. Yet the sky meets the earth, iron pulls the magnet, and people naturally seek each other. Balance is everywhere.

When we struggle against the divine, chaos takes over. Our inner self feels torn apart. Imbalance shakes us, making us suffer like trapped rats. Even if we hold on to a spark of awareness, the world's silent force of balance soon pushes us, and we lose our footing and sense of honor.

Our contemporary rational, practical disposition centres on the absurd. Rationality demands stiffness, but we are soft. Malleable. Our emotional plane shapes our lives as much as rea-



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son does. Rationality without subjectivity is a formidable skeleton, a half-empty closet.

When the irrational side is ignored, we start moving like robots. Love fades, the need for connection disappears, and the urge to help vanishes.

We lose the sudden flashes of imagination, the sense of hurt, pain, disappointment, guilt, and loneliness.

But when those repressed emotions rise, they can overwhelm reason completely, and suicides, complaints, and mental struggles take over, steering the course of our lives.

It's also a mistake to live entirely in our emotions. Feelings alone can't steer the course of civilization. Thoughtful reasoning is essential for progress. But that shouldn't come at the expense of what's naturally within us: our capacity for the irrational.

The courage to let the subjective, at times, challenge the objective.

Repression gnaws away at our agency. Just as the man on the summit stands emotionless and reason-deprived. Gazing blankly into the abyss: into truth. Esoteric, but real.

Extremes are only ephemeral highs. Everything carries its opposite. And balance remains a virtue a few of us ever master. A metric distinguishing organic wholeness from behavioural, one-sided tilting.

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Love in a First Aid Box

Amid accusations and courtroom battles, one man found truth in the tiny, persistent gestures of love for his children.

Syed Majid Gilani

That evening, Hashmat climbed the narrow stairs to the attic, the wood creaking beneath his weight, carrying a small lantern. He was searching for old photographs, hoping to stumble upon fragments of memory tucked away in dusty corners.

His fingers brushed against something solid, a first aid box, slightly worn, its edges dulled with years. It seemed almost alive, waiting to be opened, waiting to speak.

The lid lifted with a faint squeak, and the smell of antiseptic rose, sharp and familiar. Inside, every item carried a story, a small piece of a life lived in devotion.

A polythene bag held his children's vaccination cards: polio, measles, meningitis, and boosters. Each mark was a testament to sleepless nights and careful planning.

Next to them were prescriptions for ordinary childhood illnesses: coughs, colds, and stomach cramps. None were grave, but each had stolen hours from his sleep, leaving him by their side until relief arrived.

Every folded paper, scribbled note, was a memory of attention given when no one else was watching.

Rolled bandages and half-used ointments recalled scraped knees tended at dusk, cuts cleaned and sealed, tiny fingers gripping his hand with trust.

A jar of Betadine and a pair of scissors evoked evenings when medicine ran low but care never wavered. This was the work of a father who measured love in the constancy of presence, the invisible labour of keeping his children safe.

Months later, in a courtroom, those memories seemed almost unreal. Salma's voice rose, accusations flying, painting him as negligent, a father who had failed to provide and protect. Her words sought to erase the evidence of years spent at the



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bedside, the vigilance that had defined his life.

Hashmat remained still. The heart aches in a father are deep and un-

spoken. He remembered the nights spent leaning over fevered children, the prayers whispered while wiping away sweat and tears, and the soft sighs of relief when coughs eased and breathing steadied.

All these moments had been acts of love, invisible to most, but tangible in every beat of his heart.

He trusted the law and Allah, the All-Seeing, the Most Merciful. Lies fade, but truth lasts.

The medicine he gave, the gentle touches, and the sleepless nights by a sick child left marks no court could erase and no voice could deny.

In that attic, Hashmat imagined little feet running, tiny hands holding his, and eyes searching for reassurance. Love needed no witnesses. It only needed sincerity. His children showed it, living proof of his care.

He breathed deeply, letting the memories steady him. Others could speak, argue, or lie. He could not stop them.

He held fast to what he had done and given. Faith gave him strength. Memory brought comfort. Invisible, enduring love brought joy, the love that defined his heart as a father.

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HC Sets Aside Order Asking EOW To Probe 'Custodial Death'

Says Erstwhile CB Not Competent To Investigate Such Offences, Remands Case Back To Magistrate

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has set aside a Judicial Magistrate's order directing the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), formerly Crime Branch, to register an FIR and investigate the alleged custodial death of a 25-year-old youth in Srinagar in July 2022.

Allowing a petition filed by the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), EOW Kashmir, a bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar remanded the matter back to the Magistrate for passing fresh orders on the complaint filed by the deceased youth's mother, strictly in accordance with law.

In his plea, the SSP

contended that the EOW had no jurisdiction to probe the allegation that the woman's son (Muslim Muneer of Natipora Srinagar) was tortured to death at Police Station Nowgam, contending that such offences fall outside the scope of Notification S.O. 232 dated 09.05.2022, which limits the agency's mandate to specified economic offences.

The bench observed that Notification S.O. 232 designates the EOW Srinagar office as a Police Station and vests the Superintendent of Police posted there with the powers of a Station House Officer. However, the Court observed that the

annexure to the Notification lists only those offences that the EOW was authorised to register and investigate.

"So far as the offence relating to custodial torture and killing is concerned, the same does not figure in the list of offences which are eligible to be registered and investigated by Police Station, Economic Offences Wing, Srinagar," the Court noted.

In this case, the Court said, the complaint filed by the deceased's mother specifically alleges torture and custodial killing by police officials. "Such type of offence does not find mention in the list of offences in Annexure to S.O. 232 dated

09.05.2022," it observed, holding that the trial Magistrate was not competent to direct the EOW to register an FIR or investigate the matter, as it lay outside the agency's jurisdiction.

Finding the Magistrate's order legally unsustainable, the bench set it aside and remanded the case back to the Court of the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class (City Judge), Srinagar, with directions to issue fresh orders on the complaint in accordance with law.

"(The) case is remanded to the said Court with a direction to pass fresh orders on the complaint of respondent No.1 (deceased's mother) in accordance with law."

RED FORT BLAST

Court Extends NIA Custody of 3 Doctors, Preacher

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday extended the NIA custody of three doctors and a preacher, who were arrested in connection with the November 10 Red Fort blast case, by four days.

All four accused -- Dr Muzammil Ganai, Dr Adeel Rather, Dr Shaheena Saeed and Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay -- were produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandra on the expiry of their 10-day NIA custody granted on November 29.

Mediapersons were barred from covering the court proceedings, which were held under tight security in and around the Patiala House district court premises.

Till now, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has



made seven arrests in the case, which is linked to a 'white-collar' terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces to identify and track the others involved in the gruesome attack," the agency

said in a statement earlier. Dr Umar-un-Nabi was driving the explosives-laden i20 car that detonated outside the Red Fort on November 10, killing 15 people and injuring several others.

PTI had earlier reported that the sophisticated terror module spearheaded by a group of doctors had been actively scouting for a suicide bomber since last year, with Umar being the alleged key planner.

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Hotels, Houseboats

IMY Home Stay in Lal Bazar concealed the stay of a foreign national from Israel and did not submit mandatory Form C details. FIR No. 60 of 2025 was filed at Police Station Lal Bazar.

In Nishat, a house owner from Vakeel Colony in Brein was booked through FIR No. 101 of 2025 for similar non-compliance.

In Ram Munshi Bagh, houseboats Floating Castle, Best View, Crystal Palace and Lake Palace accommodated guests from Taiwan, Russia, Romania and Spain without adhering to reporting requirements. FIR No. 94 of 2025 was registered under relevant sections of the Immigration and Foreigners Act.

Police said investigations are in progress to identify any possible linkages in the cases. Srinagar Police cautioned all hotels, houseboats, guest houses and homestays that Form C compliance is mandatory for hosting foreign nationals and that any violation will be treated as a serious offence under law.

Chinese National

indicated searches related to security deployments and Article 370, prompting investigators to examine the device to ensure no data was erased prior to detention, according to officials.

Hu arrived in Delhi on November 19 and travelled to Leh the next day without registering at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office counter at the airport. He later arrived in Srinagar and stayed at an unregistered guest house, officials said.

Lakhs Of Poor

supporting the affected families. He said the new homes are designed to be efficient, resilient, modern, and technologically advanced, and will include essential facilities such as cowsheds. The construction is targeted for completion within six months.

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shelling during Operation Sindoor in Jammu district.

A total of 350 three-bedroom pre-fabricated Smart Houses will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 35 crore. The project is being fully funded by the High-range Rural Development Society (HRDS India), an NGO, without any expenditure from the government treasury.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to HRDS India for supporting the affected families. He said the new homes are designed to be efficient, resilient, modern, and technologically advanced, and will include essential facilities such as cowsheds. The construction is targeted for completion within six months.

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Govt Committed

Sports Education and Health Organization for conducting the league and promoting sports engagement among the community.

He asked the organisation to expand its outreach by partnering with schools and government departments in other states and Union Territories to connect with more young people. He further stressed developing a long term empowerment plan for Kashmiri Pandit youth by integrating skill training and career guidance, taking forward initiatives like the LG Special Camp.

The event was attended by officials and representatives associated with the league including Ashish Kachroo, Vice President of the Lalitaditya Organization, General Secretary Vinay Koul, Coordinator Ankur Bagati, P N Tickoo, Deepak Raina and Raman Raina. Senior civil and police officers including DIG Jammu Samba Kathua Range Shiv Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Rakesh Minhas, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants Dr Arvind Karwani and Secretary J and K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul were also present.

'Nation Forever

the soldiers and reiterated the nation's deep respect for their service.

On this occasion, LG Sinha made a generous contribution to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

He said the Armed Forces Flag Day, observed on December 7, reminds citizens that the well-being of armed forces personnel is a collective responsibility, and urged everyone to contribute to support those who safeguard the integrity of the nation.

Appealing to the public to donate to the fund, the LG said the contributions would be used for the welfare of serving personnel, servicemen and their families.

J&K Lost 438 Sq

currently operational for all States and UTs, including Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, enabling continuous updates for fire mitigation and post-fire assessment.

The Ministry also informed Parliament that financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Forest Fire Prevention and Management has ranged between Rs 28 crore and Rs 39 crore annually over the past five years.

While Ladakh did not record any burnt forest area during the assessment period, officials said the region remains under strict observation due to its fragile ecosystem and changing climate conditions.

Shakeel Bakshi

of Ziyarat Batmaloo who currently lives in Gousia Colony, Bemina, was taken into custody from the Lower Court area in Bemina. The arrest pertains to FIR No. 192 of 1996, filed at Police Station Shergari on July 17 that year.

The case involves charges under Sections 307, 341, 148, 336 and 332 of the Ranbir Penal Code, along with Sections 7 and 25 of the Arms Act and Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Police officials said the action forms part of a continuing effort to trace and apprehend individuals wanted in long-pending cases. They added that all legal formalities are being completed and the investigation is underway to determine Bakshi's alleged role in the incident.

2 Held For Flying

security during the annual pilgrimage.

Following the incident, a case was registered at the Gund Police Station and investigation was initiated. A technical team conducted a forensic examination of the seized drone to extract operational data and trace its operators.

Based on the findings, police identified the accused as Owais Muneer Khan and Farooz Ahmad Nengroo, both residents of Srinagar. They have been arrested, produced before the court, and charge-sheeted in the case, the spokesman said.

Police Arrest Key

the body of the victim has not been recovered till date, officials said, adding that the case has remained one of the long-pending and sensitive criminal matters in the Nishat belt.

Police sources said the arrest marks a crucial breakthrough in the case, which was registered after investigations established criminal conspiracy, illegal confinement, abduction, murder, and disappearance of evidence.

The involvement of deceased Papa Kishtwari had earlier added to the gravity of the case due to his criminal background and role in multiple violent activities during that period.

Following the arrest, the accused has been taken into custody for further interrogation. Police said they are examining additional aspects of the case, including attempts to recover further evidence and corroborate witness statements recorded over the years.

The arrest has revived hope for accountability in a case that has haunted the victim's family for decades, officials said, while reiterating that investigations are being carried out strictly in accordance with law. (KNT)

500 Flights Cancelled

According to official data, 5,86,705 PNRs were cancelled and refunded between December 1 and 7 amounting to Rs 569.65 crore. Between November 21 and December 7, a total of 9,55,591 PNRs were cancelled and refunds of Rs 827 crore were issued.

IndiGo has faced intense criticism after repeated cancellations since December 2 left lakhs of passengers stranded at airports across the country. The disruptions followed

implementation of the updated Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) Phase II norms for pilots on November 1, which the airline struggled to adapt to. Crisis-hit domestic carrier IndiGo on Monday cancelled 500 flights while planning to operate 1,802 services, the civil aviation ministry said, as authorities continued to track the recovery of operations after a week of severe disruptions.

The ministry said the airline has delivered 4,500 of the 9,000 checked-in bags left behind during cancellations and aims to deliver the remaining within 36 hours.

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The government on Monday said it plans to take strict action against IndiGo to set an example for airlines that violate regulations, as operations at the country's largest carrier continue to recover after a week of widespread flight cancellations that stranded thousands of passengers.

Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu told the Rajya Sabha that the situation was being taken very seriously and that accountability would be fixed. He said the government would take very strict action to set an example for all airlines.

IndiGo's flight cancellations began after issues emerged in the airline's preparedness for the second phase of updated Flight Duty Time Limitation norms for pilots, which came into effect on November 1. At the peak of the crisis on December 5, more than two thirds of its roughly 2,300 daily flights were grounded. On Monday, IndiGo operated around 1,800 flights but still cancelled more than 500 services.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued show cause notices to IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers and Accountable Manager Isidre Porqueras seeking explanation for the disruptions. The regulator has appointed a four member panel to examine manpower planning, crew rostering and compliance with the new safety rules. The two senior executives have been directed to appear before the panel on December 10.

The DGCA confirmed it has received IndiGo's reply and is examining it for enforcement action. The regulator said the airline is profusely apologetic and has expressed deep regret over the inconvenience to passengers.

IndiGo has attributed the disruption to a combination of factors including technical glitches, weather related delays, winter schedule adjustments, congestion in the aviation network and the impact of the new pilot duty norms. It told the DGCA that pinpointing a single cause at this stage is not realistic due to the complexity of operations and has sought more time for a detailed root cause analysis.

Government data showed that 5,86,705 IndiGo tickets were cancelled between December 1 and 7 with refunds of Rs 569.65 crore issued to affected passengers. Between November 21 and December 7, cancellations touched 9,55,591 tickets and refunds stood at Rs 827 crore.

Amid ongoing disruptions, IndiGo said it has notified passengers in advance where cancellations were unavoidable and improved its on time performance to 91 per cent. It has delivered more than 4,500 pieces of checked in baggage left behind during the chaos and expects to return the remaining luggage within 36 hours.

On Monday, IndiGo shares fell over eight per cent, wiping out a significant part of its market value over seven consecutive sessions. Moody's Ratings warned that the operational collapse is credit negative and could lead to financial damage due to revenue loss, refunds and possible penalties.

The government has said a temporary exemption from the strict new pilot duty rules is in force until February 10, 2026 to allow airlines time to readjust crew strength and scheduling.

IndiGo Crisis

the pleas on December 10, while the Supreme Court termed the consequent chaos a "serious matter", but stopped short of intervening.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said lakhs of people are stranded at the airports, even though the apex court refused to accord an urgent hearing to a plea seeking judicial intervention into the matter, saying the Centre had taken steps to address it.

When a plea concerning the cancellation of flights by IndiGo was mentioned in the top court, a bench headed by the CJI said, "It is a serious matter. Lakhs of people are stranded at the airports. We know that the government of India has taken timely action and cognisance of the issue."

The CJI, who was heading a bench comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, added, "We know people may have health issues and other important issues, etc."

Over the day, a separate petition seeking directions to the Centre to provide support and refunds to affected passengers was mentioned in the Delhi High Court.

A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela listed the matter for hearing on December 10.

Before the apex court, a lawyer mentioned the issue and said there have been a lot of flight cancellations by IndiGo over the last few days, and the passengers were suffering.

"The cancellations are not informed to the flyers," he said, adding that around 2,500 flights were delayed and flyers were hit at 95 airports across the country.

In the high court, the counsel for the petitioner said they had filed a PIL on the crisis with the airline.

"Several people are stuck. The ground situation at airports is inhumane. We are expecting the court to pass orders to IndiGo and ground support staff for people stranded at the airports. There is no proper system for refunds," he said.

When the high court pointed out that the government had already passed some directions in the matter, the counsel responded in the affirmative.

The bench said the PIL will be listed for hearing on December 10.

Operations Partially

ongoing network issues continued to affect schedules, leading to multiple cancellations and delays.

Officials said that of 64 scheduled flights, including 32 arrivals and 32 departures, IndiGo operated 36 flights, of which 16 flights: eight arrivals and eight departures were cancelled, while two others faced delays.

"No other airline reported cancellations today and overall flight operations remained comparatively smoother," an airport official said.

The cancellations stem from crew shortages and revised DGCA safety duty-time directives, which have led to nationwide rescheduling by airlines, particularly IndiGo.

"Passengers are advised to confirm their flight status before travel to avoid inconvenience," the airport official said.

The day's relatively stable operations come as a relief after widespread disruptions late last week, when more than 60 flight were affected across Jammu and Kashmir, mostly involving IndiGo services.(KNO)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I Mohammad Abbas ,s/o ghulam hyder malik r/o sector no 12 hamdaniya colony bemina srinagar that I have sold the vehicle renault Kwid rxt registration no HR26DFO 0149 CHASIS NO 9306 ,ENGINE NO 7663,MODAL 2017 TO ONE NAMELY ABDUL QAYOOM SENOQ S/O ABDUL GANI SENOQ R/O BEMINA SIRSIED ABAD SECTOR 2 srinagar on 27/05/2025 at 6 pm , Regrettably , despite the lapse of considerable time since the sale ,Abdul QAYOOM (buyer)failed to transfer the ownership of vehicle, despite reminding him from time to time for same reason, this puts me in vulnerable position,it is imperative to emphasize that any unlawful activity Or misuse involving the said vehicle during this period , thereafter abdul QAYOOM will be personally responsible from the date he has taken the possession of the vehicle

Gill, Hardik Return as India Begin T20I WC Build-up vs SA

Press Trust of India

CUTTACK: The return of Shubman Gill and Hardik Pandya will lend fresh sheen and much-needed completeness to reigning world champions India when they begin their official march towards the home T20 World Cup with the opening match of a five-game series against South Africa, here on Tuesday.

This series marks the start of India's formal build-up to the February showpiece, where they will play 10 T20Is -- five against South Africa followed by another five against New Zealand -- before opening their title defence against the USA at the Wankhede on February 7.



The defending champions will look to enter this phase with clarity of intent as they refine roles, streamline combinations and settle the XI that will carry the weight of expectations in front of home crowds.

India have been a formidable T20I unit post their World Cup triumph in the format last year, where they won eight matches in a row to lift the title.

Since then, they have extended their tally to 26 wins with only four losses,

including a seven-match streak during their Asia Cup victory in Dubai.

They have not lost a T20I series in this period, and with only minor tweaks needed, they will be hoping to sharpen the edges against the side they defeated in the T20 World Cup final.

Gill's return comes after he missed almost a month of cricket owing to a neck spasm suffered while attempting a slog sweep during the opening Test against the Proteas.

Having played non-stop cricket since the last IPL and with India facing a packed season ahead, his workload management will be closely monitored.

But for Gill, who has 837

runs from 33 T20Is at an average of 29.89, this series also doubles up as vital preparation heading into the ICC event.

His reunion with Abhishek Sharma brings back a high-impact opening pair that marries brute force with clean, classical strokeplay.

Abhishek, fresh from a standout tour of Australia where he topped India's scoring charts with 163 runs in the 2-1 victory, has been in monstrous domestic touch.

In the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s, the Punjab left-hander hammered 304 runs at an average of 50.66 and a staggering strike rate of 249-plus, including a breathtaking 52-ball 148 against Bengal as Punjab posted 310/5.

India Fined for Slow Over-rate in 2nd ODI Against SA

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: India were on Monday fined 10 per cent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate against South Africa in the second ODI in Raipur.

India lost that match as South Africa squared the three-match series at 1-1. India won the Visakhapatnam ODI to clinch the series.

Richie Richardson of the Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after KL Rahul's side was ruled to be two overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into



consideration.

In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined five per cent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time.

Rahul pleaded guilty to the offence and accepted the proposed sanction, so there was no need for a formal hearing.

On-field umpires Rod Tucker and Rohan Pandit, third umpire Sam Nogajski and fourth umpire Jayarman Madanagopal levelled the charge.

No Major Changes in T20 Squad Before World Cup: Pak Skipper



Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Pakistan's T20 skipper Salman Ali Agha has ruled out any major changes in his squad for the Men's T20 World Cup next year, saying the side has shown a marked improvement after the players were given specific roles in recent months.

Pakistan, who had made big changes to its side following the Asia Cup final defeat to India earlier this year, bringing in Abdul Samad, Babar Azam, Usman Khan and Naseem Shah, defeated South Africa at home in a three-match T20I series and then won the Tri-series, also involving Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, last month.

"In my personal opinion, I don't see any

major changes in the national T20 squad before the World Cup," Salman said on a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) podcast.

"I think the current combination we have will be the one we will have in the World Cup. Every player had been given a specific role in recent months and with that the team had moved forward," he added.

Pakistan are scheduled to play six T20 games before the World Cup, scheduled to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka from February 7 till March 8 next year, and Salman said the limited number of matches will make it difficult to make major changes.

"We have six T20 matches to play before the World Cup and I don't think we can make any big changes now in these remaining matches. We have to show consistency and move forward with the current combination," he said.

Experienced allrounder Shadab Khan, who was the vice-captain of the side before he got injured in May and underwent a shoulder surgery in London, is now rehabilitated and is set to make a comeback in the Big Bash in Australia.

Kabaddi Fraternity Pays Tribute to Anil Gupta



Observer News Network

SRINAGAR- The Kabaddi fraternity on Monday paid a solemn tribute to Late Anil Gupta (Annu Ji), President of the Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, at M.A. Stadium, Jammu. Gupta, a widely respected figure in J&K sports, passed away recently.

Officials, coaches, players and supporters gathered in large numbers to honour his contributions to Kabaddi and his service to society. Among those present were Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, General Secretary of the Association; sports promoter Ranjit Kalara; Technical Director S.S. Gill; former General Secretary Surinder Mohan; Chief Kabaddi Coach Ajay Gupta; Jammu District Secretary Sanjit Kumar; along with senior players, former athletes and members of allied sports bodies.

Speakers remembered Gupta as a visionary leader who worked tirelessly to promote Kabaddi across J&K, uplift underprivileged athletes and expand sports infrastructure. A moment of silence was observed as the community pledged to carry forward his legacy.



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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Officers' Association (Kashmir) is deeply saddened by the demise of our dear colleague, brother and a valued member, Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat (Emp ID 11611), a resident of Gole Market Karan Nagar, Srinagar. The deceased was serving as Senior Manager and was lastly posted at Zonal Office Srinagar. He left for his heavenly abode after a brief illness on December 6, 2025.

Mr. Manzoor Ahmad was known to all as sober, sincere and a dignified professional. His calm nature and gentle conduct earned him respect across the organization and as a professional banker he was known for his integrity, efficiency, and dedication par excellence. His demise is an irreparable loss, not just to his family but to all of us who had the privilege of being associated with him. His dedication, kindness, and camaraderie will forever remain in our hearts.

Members of J&K Bank family stand together in these difficult times with his entire family. In this moment of immense grief, we pray to the Almighty Allah to grant eternal peace to the noble soul and give his family the strength, courage, patience, and resilience to bear this irreplaceable and tragic loss. Let us honor his memory by standing united and keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers.

JKBOA-Kashmir on behalf of JK Bank Family, in its meeting held in Srinagar paid glorious tributes to the departed soul and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and We pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Sd/- (Manzoor Ahmad Masoodi)
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