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# At 6.1%, J&K **Unemployment Above National Average**



#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's unemployment rate stood at 6.1 per cent during the July-September quarter of 2025, higher than the national average of 5.2 per cent, Parliament was informed on Monday.

In a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question by MP P Santhosh Kumar, Minister State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge) Rao Inderjit Singh said the data was based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Quarterly Bulletin.

According to the figures, urban areas of the Union Territory recorded a significantly higher unemployment rate of 10.6 per cent, compared with 5.1 per cent in rural areas.

The data also revealed a sharp gender disparity, with female unemployment in urban areas touching 20.8 per cent. Male unemployment across rural and urban regions was reported at 4.6 per cent.

Despite higher joblessness, the overall labour force participation rate | More on P6

### **'Literacy Rate In J&K At 82%'**

he literacy rate in Jammu and Kashmir has been recorded at 82 per cent, according to official data tabled in the Lok Sabha. The information was shared by the Union Ministry of Education in response to an unstarred question, Minister of State for Education Ja-Chaudhary said the figures are based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2023-24 conducted by the National Sample | More on P6

OMR Tampering, Fabricated Answer Sheets, Merit Lists Manipulated

## LG Sacks 103 Firemen After **ACB Probe Recruitment Scam**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday ordered the termination of services of 103 employees of the Fire and Emergency Services Department after an inquiry and an Anti-Corruption Bureau investigation found that their appointments were secured through a manipulated recruitment process in 2020.

The action followed the findings of a governmentappointed inquiry committee and a subsequent probe by the ACB into alleged irregularities in the recruitment of firemen and drivers carried out five years ago.



According to an order issued by the Home Department, headed by the Lieutenant Governor, Principal Secretary Chandraker Bharti said the government had constituted an inquiry committee on

ine allegations of irregularities in the recruitment process in the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

The committee, after a detailed examination, recommended a criminal investigation by the ACB into allegations of question paper leakage, manipulation of results and other serious lapses. Acting on the recommendation, the ACB registered an FIR on January 2. 2025 and subsequently submitted a preliminary verification report on January 9, followed by further communications on November 21 and November 28.

The ACB investigation revealed large-scale tampering of OMR sheets, fabrication of scanned images of answer sheets and illegal manipulation of merit lists. The probe conclusively established that results were manipulated in favour of 106 candidates, who were awarded marks far ex-

ceeding what they had actual-

ly secured, pointing to a crimi-

nal conspiracy, the order said. The Home Department stated that it has been established beyond doubt that the appointments of these candidates were obtained fraudulently through criminal means and result manipulation, rendering their appointments void ab initio.

Citing judgments of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as well as the Supreme | More on Pe

#### **Encounter During Cordon In Udhampur**

SOG Cop, Terrorist Killed **Observer News Service** 

Jammu:A personnel of the Special Operations Group (SOG) was killed after sustaining critical injuries, while an unidentified terrorist was reportedly neutralised in an ongoing encounter between terrorists and security forces in the Majalta area of Udhampur district on

Monday evening, officials said. Official sources said that the gunfight broke out after joint teams of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and paramilitary forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Soan-Martha area of Majalta tehsil following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists.

"As the search operation was intensified, the hiding terrorists opened fire, which was retaliated to by the security forces, triggering the encounter," an official said, adding that preliminary reports indicate | More on P6

## PM Modi In Jordan,

**Press Trust Of India** 

on Monday met Jordan's King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein at the Husseiniya Palace here and discussed issues of bilateral and regional interests.

Modi, who arrived here on the first leg of his three-nation trip aimed at further strengthening ties with | More on P6

## **Meets King Abdullah II**

Amman ~ Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Modi arrived here on a two-day visit to

Jordan at the invitation of King Abdullah II. The prime minister was warmly received by King Abdullah II.

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#### Post Reorganisation Liabilities

### **Ladakh To Transfer** Rs 2,504 Cr To J&K

**Agencies** 

Srinagar: The Lok Sabha on Monday approved the supplementary demands for grants for the financial year 2025-26, seeking an additional Rs 41455 crore, of which Rs 2504 crore has been earmarked for the Union Territory of Ladakh to be transferred to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on account of the apportionment of liabilities between the two Union Territories.

As per the supplementary demands for grants, Rs 2504.46 crore has been allocated to Ladakh to meet additional expenditure for transfer to the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on account of apportionment of liabilities between the two UTs.

According to the apportionment of liabilities worked out between J&K and Ladakh UTs, two percent of the total liabilities of the erstwhile state of J&K- | More on P6

## Fog, Bad Weather Disrupt Flights At Srinagar Airport



**KO Web Desk** 

Srinagar: Fog and adverse weather conditions disrupted flight operations at Srinagar International Airport on Monday, leading to the cancellation of four flights and delays to several others, officials said. An official of the Airports

Authority of India said four IndiGo flights were cancelled due to operational reasons, while another four flights of the private carrier had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

The official said nine inbound and nine outbound IndiGo flights were delayed because of inclement | More on P6

# **Power Project Must Remain Free**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday said that hydropower projects under execution in Jammu and Kashmir are projects of national importance and warned that any interference in their construction would be viewed seriously, calling for action by law enforcing agencies against those obstructing the

Speaking to reporters



Of Political Interference: CM

on the sidelines of a function here, Omar was responding to reports that the company executing the 850 MW Hydroelectric Power | More on P6

#### **NC MP Seeks Return Of Projects To J&K**

ember of Parliament Mohammad Ramzan on Monday asked the Central Government to clarify when it intends to return major hydroelectric power projects to Jammu and Kashmir after what he said were decades of revenue | More on P6

### Pahalgam Attack Case

#### **NIA Chargesheets** 6, Names LeT, TRF

**KO Web Desk** 

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a detailed chargesheet against six individuals, including three dead terrorists and a Pakistan based handler, in connection with the Pahalgam terror attack.

chargesheet also Pakistan based names Lashkar e Taiba (LeT) and its proxy outfit The Resistance Front (TRF) for their role in the attack that claimed the lives of 25 tourists and a local pony operator.

The 1,597 | More on P6

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Sh. Ishfaq Majeed Wani S/o Ab Majeed Wani

TOLUNA, PULWAMA 192301.

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

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, Pulwaina 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 Dataed: 02.12.2025

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Name & DOB in my Aadhar Card has been wrongly entered as Hadi Showkat & DOB is 11-06-2002 while my correct Name & DOB as per School record is Hadi Ahmad Din & DOB is 01-06-2005. Now I want the same to be corrected if anybody has any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the Office of the Concerned Authority, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Hadi Ahmad Din

S/O Showkat Ahmad Din

R/O Chinar Chowk Mir Danter Anantnag

JNA7780878931

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Ward's Name & DOB in Aadhar Card has been wrongly entered as Mohammad Mehidi Jandoo & DOB is 28-08-2012 while my Ward's correct Name & DOB as per Birth Certificate is Mohammad Haider Jandoo & DOB is 28-05-2015. Now I want the same to be corrected if anybody has any objection in this regard He/ She may file his /her objection in the Office of the Concerned Authority, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Gowhara Jan

M/O Mohammad Haider Jandoo R/O Sheerpora Bala Anantnag

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**I want to correct my name in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 757109205507 from Towfeeq Farooq to Taufeeq Ahmad Sheikh as my school records and domicile certificate. Any body having any objection may contact the concerned authority within a period of seven days, after that no objection will be entertained. Taufeeg Ahmad Sheikh

S/o: Farooq Ahmad Sheikh R/o: Mallapora Ganderbal

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby notified for the infonnation of the general public that the name of the mother of my son HAAZIM ABASS BANDAY, who is a bona-fide student of Burn Hall Higher Secondary School, Sonwar, Srinagar, studying in Class 6th-C, Roll No. 12, has been incorrectly mentioned as wBARKHEZA""in the school records. The correct name of the mother is "BAKHEZA MAJID."

This notice is published to invite objections, if any, from the public at large. If no objection is received within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, the concerned authority/school shall be at liberty to correct the mother's name in the school records accordingly.

Sd/-MOHAMAD ABASS BANDAY

F/o HAAZIM ABASS BANDAY R/o Kursoo Rajbagh, Srinagar

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I hereby declare that I have changed my spouse's name from KULSUMA BANO to KULSUMA BASHIR. Henceforth, she shall be known as KULSUMA BASHIR for all official, legal, and passport-related purposes.

It is certified that I have complied with all the required legal formalities in this regard.

Any body having any objection may contact the concerned authority within a period of seven days, after that no objection will be entertained.

Name: Imtiyaz Ahmad Shah

Address: Arampora Ganderbal inf

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been inadvertently recorded in my Aadhaar Card as Zubaida Begum Bearing Aadhar No 2462 3243 3811 while my correct name is Zamrooda which needs to be corrected.

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..

Zamrooda W/o Hafeezulla mir fko R/o Nillah pattan

#### Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub., Application of Ishfaq Ahmad teli s/o Faroog Ahmad teli for issuance of dependent certificate..

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

IT is inform to general public that applicants father's dependent certificate is under process in this office in this matter report was sought from Patwari concerned which reveals that applicants father namely Faroog Ahmad teli s/o Abdul Gani teli R/o Pattan died on 28/10/2025 and dependents on deceased at the time of death are as under.

Name	Age (in	Relation-	Marital
	Years)	ship with the	Status
		Deceased	
Haleema begum	54	Wife	WIDOWED
Ishfaq ahmad tali	34	Son	UNMARRIED
Sabreena farooq	25	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.

fko Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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03	Syed Ahmad Shah	Syed Hassan	Goom Ah-	9544114720	Business	Member
		Shah	madpora			
04	Firdous Ahmad	Ab Rehman Bhat	Kancherbagh	9144975694	Pvt Employee	Parent

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عنوان: درخواست منجانب شبة حميدز وجه محمرتنو يرالسلام ساكندلي شاك بمراد عطائگی OBC تحت SRO 176 بحق خود

#### اشتهار هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجة عنوان الصدريين سائله نے ايك درخواست بغرض OBC سرنفيكيك بذمره

ر ہائش پذیر ہے اور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں گی ہے۔ سائلہ کا کنبہ بذیل افرادیر مشتمل ہے بشيراحمرحجام ولدجمال حجام گھریلو کام نسيمه بيكم زوجه بشيراحمه محمرتنو يرالسلام محمدفو زانعظيم 26 سال محمر منيب الحق محمر صبغت الله شبته حميد بهو سائلہ ندکورہ OBC سرٹفکییٹ حاصل کرنے کاخوال ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارآ مدنی

62967رویے تک ہے ۔سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عزریاا متراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خبارسات دن کے اندراندرآ پنے عذر یاعتراض عدالت ھذاکو دفتری اوقات كے دوران پیش كريں بعد گزر ہے ميعادكويي عذريا عتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔

#### ازنیابت بومنی

عنوان: ۔ درخواست منجانب مجمرتنو پرالسلام ولد محمد بشیراحمد حجام ساکنه کٹی شاٹ بمراد عطائگی OBC تحت SRO 176 بحق خود

#### اشتهار هرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ حجام پیش کی ہے جو کہزیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس ہے عیاں ہے کہ سائلہ واقعی حجام ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل کٹی شاٹ میں ر ہائش پذیر ہےاور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر شتمل ہے پينشن ہولڈر بشيراحمه حجام ولدجمال حجام نسيمه بيكم زوجه بشيراحمه محمرتنو يرالسلام محدفوز العظيم محمر منيب الحق 26سال محمصبغت الله پسر سائل مذکورہ OBC سرٹفنکیٹ حاصل کرنے کاخواں ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوار آمدنی 62967رویے تک ہے بسر ٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی محض کو کوئی عزریا ا

عتراض ہوتو وہ بعدمشتہراخبارسات دن کے اندرا ندرآ پنے عذر یاعتراض عدالت ھذاکو دفتری اوقات

کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعاد کو بی عذر یاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

#### ازنیابت بومک

... عنوان: درخواست منجانب کلشمه بیگم بیوه فیاض احمد تجام بمرادعطائگی OBC تحت SRO 176 بحق وختر فرقان فیاض اشتهار هرخاص وعام

بذمرہ تجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ ذیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جو کہ ذیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے بائش پذیر ہاور ہھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں گی ہے سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر شتمل ہے كلثمه بيكم بيوه فياض احدحجام 20سال 18 سال سائل /سائلہ مذکورہ OBC سرٹفکییٹ حاصل کرنے کاخوال ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارآ مدنی عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد شتہراخبارسات دن کے اندراندرآ پنے عذر یا عتراض عدالت هذا کو دفتری اوقات

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## ازنیابت بومنی

عنوان: درخواست منجانب محمرفوز العظيم ولد بشيرا حمر حجام ساكند ي شاك بمراد عطائگی OBC تحت SRO 176 بحق خود

## اشتہار ہرخاص وعام

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Sami Sajad While my correct name is Sami Qadri

. 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..

Sami Qadri W/o Sajad Ahmad Qadeeer fko R/o Poshwani Pattan

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in his/ her Aisha Binte Sayeem D/o Sayeem Rafiq Wani while her correct name is Aisha Binte Sayeem . 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..

Sayeem Rafiq Wani F/O Aisha Binte Sayeem R/o Hergam Shopian

#### از نیابت بومنی

Chairman

fko

عنوان: \_ درخواست منجانب محمد صبغت الله ولد بشيراحمه حجام ساكنه لٹی شاٹ بمراه عطائگی OBC تحت SRO 176 بحق خود

#### اشتهار هرخاص وعام سعامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائلہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ

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My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card as Roxyana Akhter while my correct name is Rukhsana Akhter

. 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...

Rukhsana Akhter

W/ Shabir Ahmad Bairan R/o Heepora Dist & Tehsil Shopian fko

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have applied for the renewal of my fertilizer licence bearng no CAOB FL 201112 685. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the office of the chief Agriculture officer Baramulla within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir S/O Abdul Ahad Mir R/O Palhallan Pattan

fko

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in my IGNOU certificate as Sabreena Altaf Mir While my correct name is Sabrena Altaf Mir. Now I have applied for the correction of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned office within seven days. After that no objection shall be

entertained. Sabrena Altaf Mir

Adress: Alamdar Colony Chichlora Karahama

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Mohd Altaf Bhat want to change my Daughter's name in her Aadhar card bearing no 9389 5485 7367 from Parzaha Qandlel (old name) to Inara (new name) .If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file them in the concerned centre

days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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#### **OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

**Public Notice** 

This office has received a written application from Tawseef Qadir S/O Gh Qadir Lone R/o Logripora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Tawseef Qadir

who was Born on 15-04-1990 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this

Naib Tehsildar **Executive Magistrate** Bomai

#### **OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI**

Subject: Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed Birth & Death

**Public Notice** 

This office has received a written application from Ghulam Nabi Bhat S/o Abdul Jabar Bhat R/o Lathishot for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Abdul Ahad Bhat

who was Born on 01-11-1978 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the

same before the undersigned within 07 days. After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this Naib Tehsildar

fko **Executive Magistrate** Bomai

## زنیابت بومنی

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## **Tanvir Urges Road Expansion, Flags Drainage Deficit at DD Meet**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: At the District Development Meeting chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq pressed for urgent road widening across key corridors of Zadibal constituency while also raising serious concerns over drainage inadequacy, unsafe drinking water and stalled civic projects, calling for mission-mode interventions to improve urban mobility, public health and quality of life.

Highlighting traffic congestion and shrinking carriageways in densely populated areas, Sadiq urged the government to prioritise widening of major road stretches, including Nowshera-Soura Hospital Road, Habibullah Nowshera-KPZ Road, Syedakadal-Ashaibagh, Devi Angan (Hawal), Alamgiri Bazar Chowk and the Hawal-Mirza Kamil Chowk axis. He said improving these corridors would significantly enhance mobility and increase effective road width in Srinagar's older localities.

Thanking the Chief Minister for approving 475 lakh as Constituency Development Fund (CDF) per legislator, Sadiq also acknowledged the sanctioning of key projects, including works related to Kalie, the riverfront and allied development initiatives.

Sadiq urged the government to revive limited medical assistance under CDF, propos-

ing a 20-30 lakh cap for nonterminal emergency cases to support vulnerable families.

Highlighting major infrastructure gaps, He said Srinagar cannot be termed a smart city without a robust drainage and sewage system.

"The city currently has around 680 kilometres of drainage against an estimated requirement of nearly 2,300 kilometres, requiring an investment of about Rs 3,000 crore," he said.

He said the existing proposal of Rs 40 crore was inadequate and called for the issue to be taken up in mission mode.

On tourism and lake conservation, Sadiq pitched the development of tourist villages, including Mir Behri Dal, Gilsar and Khushalsar, under the SASCI plan. He also called for urgent dredging of Dal Lake and flagged unresolved issues related to the 2014 floods, including pending allotments, demolitions without compensation and lack of clarity on central assistance.

Raising concerns over drinking water supplied from Dal and Nigeen lakes, Sadiq said the water had been declared unfit for human consumption. He referred to findings by the Central Pollution Control Board, Lake Conservation and Management Authority and NEERI, which have reportedly found repeated violations of BIS drinking water standards, and sought advanced treatment upgrades.

## **Water Shortage Hits Bishamber Nagar Locality**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Bishamber Nagar area of Srinagar is grappling with an acute water shortage, with locals alleging severe mismanagement and unchecked use of motors by nearby hotels, leaving residential households struggling for basic water needs.

Inhabitants of the area said potable water is supplied barely three times a week and that too for just about an hour, which they described as grossly insufficient for daily requirements. The situation, they said, has persisted for months without any effective intervention from the authorities.

According to KNT, locals alleged that the presence of dozens of hotels in and around Bishamber Nagar has aggravated the crisis. According to them, many of these hotels

are using electric motors to directly draw water from supply lines, drastically reducing pressure and depriving house holds of their share.

"By the time water reaches our taps, the pressure is already gone. Hotels keep their motors running and common people are left helpless," natives said.

They Said families are being forced to store water in advance or rely on private tankers, adding to their financial burden. Elderly people, women. and children are said to be the worst affected, especially during mornings and evenings.

The affected locals have appealed to the concerned departments to regulate water usage by commercial establishments, take action against illegal motor usage, and ensure fair and regular water supply to residential areas.



## **Traffic, Waste, Stray Dogs Need Long Term Solutions: CM Omar**

Reviews Progress of Development Works in Srinagar

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that long term solutions are needed to address traffic congestion, waste management and the growing stray dog problem in Srinagar, stressing the need for scientific and coordinated approaches to improve civic conditions in the city.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre to assess the developmental scenario of Srinagar district, Omar directed departments to work towards a permanent solution to the environmen tal and public health issues arising from the Achan dumping site, with emphasis on scientific waste management practices.

Reviewing the traffic situation, he called for integrated planning to ease congestion and directed officials to remove bottlenecks at major roads and junctions, improve road alignment under widening projects and ensure better coordination among executing agencies.

Expressing concern over the stray dog menace, CM Omar stressed the adoption of a humane, scientific and legally compliant approach, with enhanced coordination between municipal authorities and other stakeholders.

Omar also underscored the impor-

the houseboat under the name and style of Ramzana (B), situated at Nigin Lake. Srinagar, is duly registered in my name under Registration No. 130/1/CS/2167-2266/CT/97/C-1/B1/42, dated 09.10.1982, Moose No. 064.That by

tance of involving elected representatives in planning and execution of development works to ensure effective

delivery of public welfare programmes. MLAs including Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mubarak Gul, Shameem Firdous, Salman Sagar, Tanvir Sadiq, Ahsan Ahmad Pardesi and Mushtaq Ahmad Guru raised issues related to development and civic amenities in their respective constituencies.

Among senior officials present were Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anssessed departmental performance in implementing flagship schemes and executing key development projects under District CAPEX and CDF allocations. He emphasised the need to accelerate project execution and ensure timely utilisation of funds, while maintaining close coordination with MLAs to ensure visible outcomes on the ground.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo briefed the Chief Minister through a detailed presentation on the district's developmental scenario, ongoing initiatives

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hul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation Faz Lul Haseeb. Director FCS&CA Dr Owais Ahmad, along with Heads of Departments and senior sectoral and district officers.

The Chief Minister assured that concerns raised by the elected representatives would be addressed on priority to ensure responsive and people-centric governance.

During the review, Omar also as-

and implementation of public-centric government schemes. The Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, also presented an overview of kev civic initiatives.

The Chief Minister was further apprised of winter preparedness measures put in place by the district administration and Srinagar Municipal Corporation to ensure uninterrupted essential services and public convenience during snowfall and other weather-related challenges.

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#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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### This Day In History

1631 - Mount Vesuvious, Italy erupts, destroys 6 villages & kills 4,000.

1761 - Seven Years' War: After four-month siege, Russian army under Pyotr Rumyantsev takes Prussian fortress of Kolobrzeg (German: Kolberg). 1864 - Battle of Nashville ends after 4400

casualities. 1903 - The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower hotel opens its doors to guests for the first time.

1907 - As a gesture of the US's new presence as a world power, President Theodore Roosevelt sends the US Battle Fleet on a round-the-world cruise, visiting ports internationally.

1912 - Austria-Hungary engage in conflict with Serbia.

1912 - First Balkan War: The Ottoman Navy is defeated by the Royal Hellenic Navy at the Battle 1914 - World War I: German battleships under

Franz Von Hipper bombard the English ports of Hartlepool and Scarborough. 1918 - German troops evacuate Finland, give over

Kiev in the Ukraine to revolutionary forces and pull back from Estonia as Bolshevik forces move in.

1920 - 8.5 earthquake rocks the Gansu province in China, killing an estimated 200,000.

1921 - The Anglo-Irish Treaty, agreed to by the British Parliament and Sinn Fein, is ratified.

1938 - Adolf Hitler institutes the state decoration and civil order of merit, Cross of Honour of the German Mother.

1942 - Hitler orders combat against partisans in Russia & Balkan.

1946 - Thailand joins the United Nations.

1950 - US President Harry Truman proclaims state of emergency against "Communist imperialism".

1962 - Nepal gets constitution/becomes Constitutional Hindu Monarchy

1965 - Gemini 6 returns to Earth

1965 - Pioneer 6 launched into solar orbit

# 130/1/CS/2167-2266/CT/97/C-1/B1/42, dated 09.10.1982, Moose No. 064.That by virtue of an affidavit executed on 02.06.2022, I have no objection if the said houseboat is transferred in the name of Farooq Ahmad Wangnoo, S/o Late Ab. Rehman Wangnoo, R/o Nigeen Lake West, Baghwanpora, Lal Bazar, Srinagar, holder of Aadhaar No. 683951805334 and PAN No. AFIPW3801N, as he has been using the said houseboat for a long time.That I have executed all powers with respect to the said houseboat in favour of Farooq Ahmad Wangnoo, and he is fully authorized to use the said houseboat in any lawful manner and to get the same transferred in his name in the concerned department. Any person having any claim, objection, or concern regarding the said property may contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that period, no claim shall be entertained. **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR

NEAR J&K BANK, (Zaldagar)

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Gist of Short-Term e-NIT No. 32 OF 2025-26, Dated: -15-12-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar,

invites e- tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for: -							
S No	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost	EMD Amount	50 % Exemption Allowed for SSI/MSE	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type (Qualification criteria)
1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7
1	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV surveillance camera system at stage- III of LIS Lethpora.	100.00	Rs.37969.00	759.00	Yes	07 days	Registered firms/SSI Unit Holders/ other firms having relevant experience

The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' consisting of Tender Document fee, EMD in the form of CDR/FDR, Pre-qualification. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

	The critical dates are as tabulated below: -	•
i	Publish Date	15-12-2025 at 1630 hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	15-12-2025 from 1630 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	15-12-2025 from 1630 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	22-12-2025 upto 1400 hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	23-12-2025 at 1230 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Budgetary Provisions
Position of AAA	Accorded under order No. 10-MCO OF 2025-26 Dated: -08-05-2025
Position of Technical sanction	Sanctioned vide No. 90 of 2025-26 Dated: 26-11-2025

No. MIDS/Ts/4407-12

DIPK-9012/25 dated: 15-12-2025

Sd/-Executive Engineer. Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar

#### (Al-Baqarah 2:156)

With profound sorrow and grief that Haji Abdul Aziz Tantray S/o Ashoor Tantray R/o Sharepora Wanabal, Rawalpora Srinagar, the guiding light of our family and the pillar of our strength, left for his heavenly abode on Sunday 14th December 2025, 22, Jumada al-Thani, 1447 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). May Allah (SWT) grant him Jannat-ul-Firdous (Aameen).

Fateh Khawani will be held InshaAllah on Wednesday, 17th of December **2025**, **10:30 AM** at our ancestral

gravevard near Masjid Shareef Sharepora Wanabal, Rawalpora, Srinagar.

> ■ Bereaved = TANTARY FAMILY +91 788 933 3971

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information for the general public that in my 8th pass discharge Certificate bearing admission Number 3030 the address is entered as WADIPORA BUDGAM while my actual address is WADI-PORA OMPORA BUDGAM. Now i want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OM-PORA BUDGAM with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that. MOHD YOUSUF DAR

S/o GHULAM AHMAD DAR R/o WADIPORA OMPORA BUDGAM CELL. 6005301947

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information for the general public that i have lost my Army canteen card bearing Number GA02031905147500S00 FROM Gariend Khurd to Budgam dated 23-11-2025 and not found. Now i want its duplicate, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact concern department with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.

S/o BASHIR AHMAD MIR R/o GARIEND KHURD BUDGAM CELL. 8899700368

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information for the general public that in School records the name of my son is entered as AIYAAN MOHAMMAD while his actual name is AIYAAN MOHAMMAD BHAT. Now i want its correction, in this regard if anybody having any objection may contact Delhi Public School Budgam with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that. BILAL AHMAD BHAT

F/o AIYAAN MOHAMMAD BHAT R/o BUDGAM

CELL. 7006901700

mcb

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is information for the general public that in my passport bearing Number M9047351 the name is wrongly entered as GHULAM MOHI UD DIN JOO while My actual name is GH MOHIUDDIN JOO. Now i want to its correction. In this regard If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

GH MOHIUDDIN JOO S/O MOHD SHABAN JOO R/O BAGANDER HUMHAMA BUDGAM.

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#### KO VIEW

## **Kashmir's Green Generation**

he Kashmir timeline is filling up with images of young volunteers cleaning ponds, clogged streams, fountains, and even tourist spots. This wave of activity comes at a time when the valley is facing a serious climate crisis, and it shows that youth-led environmental action is gaining momentum.

Many of these volunteers live in areas where green spaces are disappearing and plastic is creeping into every corner of daily life. Srinagar, the capital, reportedly has fewer green spaces than Delhi, even though it is a hub for tourism and often called the "Venice of the East."

Air quality is dropping, lakes and streams are choked with waste, and unchecked pollution has left its mark across the city and surrounding villages. These are worrying signs, and the youth understand what is at stake.

Many of these volunteers work in the tourism and travel industry. They know that if the valley cannot be kept clean and sustainable, one of its main sources of livelihood could be at risk. Their efforts are about protecting jobs, preserving natural beauty, and preparing their home for the challenges of a changing climate. Each clean-up reflects a commitment to sustainability and a readiness to take responsibility for the future.

These initiatives go beyond picking up trash. Volunteers are mapping illegal dumping sites, reviving traditional water management practices, and involving communities in conversations about long-term ecological care. Children watch and learn, neighbours join in, and local authorities are being nudged to respond.

The actions of these young people are shaping a culture of accountability, showing that caring for the environment is a shared responsibility.

As yet another arctic winter arrives and snowfall is delayed, the valley faces fresh pressures. Many families have already migrated because of harsh weather, but the youth continue to step forward. Their work demonstrates awareness, determination, and readiness to take on responsibilities that could shape the valley's future.

By cleaning streams, restoring green spaces, and protecting tourist spots, they are building a sustainable path for their home and for generations to come.

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## **Plots to Portfolios**

What decades of land gains taught Kashmir, and what comes next.

Irshad Mushtaq

ashmir's economy runs on labour and small trade. Around 95 per cent of people earn as employees or self-employed workers, while controlling only a sliver of the region's wealth. The remaining share sits with a small group of business owners and investors.

This divide shapes everyday choices, from how families save to how children imagine their futures.

For decades, land offered an escape from this trap. In many towns, a modest plot bought for 2 lakh in the 1990s now sells for 2.5 crore.

A 17 per cent annual rise over 30 years turned patience into prosperity. Many households built security this way, watching orchards become housing colonies. Those gains were driven by population growth, limited supply, and years when land stood as the safest store of value. That chapter is closing. Prices remain high, transaction volumes

have slowed, and incomes have not kept pace.

Expecting another 125-fold return risks confusing memory with strategy. The question facing Kashmir now is how wealth can grow

when land no longer carries the story alone.

The answer lies in shifting identity from saver to investor. Building a business demands time, capital and resilience. Investing offers a wider door. Indian equities and diversified funds have delivered doubledigit returns over long periods, even through shocks. Mutual funds and exchange-traded funds allow participation without daily trading. Gold continues to anchor households during uncertainty. Fixed deposits protect capital, though inflation eats into real value.

Regular investing matters more than perfect timing. Monthly contributions smooth market swings and allow compounding to work silently

over years. This discipline turns small surpluses into long-term assets. Kashmir's strength has always been patience. Applying that patience to diversified investing can reshape financial futures.

The author is a Srinagar-based reputed financial advisor.

# **Trust on Eggshells**

The nitrofuran controversy highlights the tension between legal compliance and consumer trust in Kashmir's food system.

Aamir Manan Deva



Eggs will pass, the discomfort they reveal must not. True safety extends beyond numbers, into credibility, transparency, and ethical responsibility, qualities that determine whether trust in food can endure.

n a busy winter morning in Srinagar, a street vendor cracks open eggs for a street-side omelets. Families pause, savoring the aroma, unaware of the debate simmering beyond their kitchens.

The controversy is not about eggs themselves but about the risks a society chooses to accept every day.

Recent tests in India revealed nitrofuran residues, a banned antibiotic linked internationally to cancer, at 0.73 parts per million. Within the FSSAI's legal limit, the findings provoke neither penalties nor recalls.

Legally, everything is permissible. Ethically, the answer feels far less clear.

Nitrofurans are no arcane threat. The European Union and several other countries enforce zero tolerance because safer production methods exist. India allows a small residue.

The reasoning lies in capacity: regulators balance what is enforceable against what is ideal.

Standards are defined less by toxicology than by manageability, market size, and fear of disruption.

A rule meant for administrative convenience silently shifts substances deemed unsafe elsewhere into tolerated norms here

Over time, producers and consumers alike absorb this normalization.

This compromise has consequences in Kashmir, where families



are increasingly buying packaged or "premium" foods alongside fresh local produce.

Eggs labeled "antibiotic-free" sit alongside legally compliant ones containing trace residues

Consumers paying extra for promises of purity are asking a fair question: should legality replace credibility? Public trust frays when regula-

tions are treated as absolution rather than a commitment to safety The food safety system in

India, and in Kashmir specifically, faces a reckoning. Aspirational claims must be enforceable, thresholds should evolve

with science, and risk communication must be honest.

As the valley's appetite grows for packaged poultry, milk, and traditional foods like wazwan, regulatory complacency will not suffice.

Eggs will pass, the discomfort they reveal must not.

True safety extends beyond numbers, into credibility, transparency, and ethical responsibility, qualities that determine whether trust in food

> The author is an advisor at the Center for Health and Nutrition, AIGGPA, Bhopal.

#### n a cold morning in Kashmir, farmers walk through their orchards and shake their heads at the damage left behind by a black bear. Fences torn down, soil dug up, and livestock scattered.

Stories like this are becoming common in Kashmir. Leopards wandering into streets, wild boars raiding fields, and monkeys getting into kitchens are just some of the ways people are running into wildlife more often these days.

Humans and animals are now sharing the same shrinking spaces.

Orchards, pastures, and garbage dumps attract bears, leopards, and boars. Fruit trees draw bears during harvest, leopards follow dogs and waste into neighborhoods, and wild boars move through fields in winter or breeding season. Even monkeys are pushed out of forests and into villages.

The results are serious: injured people, lost livestock, ruined crops, and sometimes retaliatory attacks on wild life that hurt conservation efforts.

Several things drive these conflicts: changing land use, shrinking habitats, seasonal pressures, and poor waste management.

Solutions cannot rely on fences or culling alone. We need approaches that protect both people and wildlife.

Simple measures can make a big difference. Animal-proof garbage bins and composting centers reduce the food that draws animals to villages. Noise devices, lights, temporary barriers, and sacrificial buffer crops protect orchards. Livestock stay safer in predator-proof pens, with supervised grazing and guardian dogs. Veterinary care, vaccinations, and proper disposal of carcasses prevent disease and reduce

## **Valley's Wild Encounters**

Encounters with bears, leopards, and wild boars are rising in Kashmir. Communities and authorities are finding ways to share the landscape safely.

Dr. Mohsin Ali Gazi



scavenger activity. Maintaining habitat patches, wildlife corridors, and buffer zones can guide animals away from human areas

Trained response teams are crucial. They handle injured or trapped animals safely, following clear protocols for capture, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Centralized reporting helps track conflict hotspots and trends. Communities are part of the solution too, through village committees, volunteer patrols, and monitoring of wildlife movements.

Awareness programs in schools and villages help people understand animal behavior and live alongside wildlife safely. Electric fences, solar

lights, and non-lethal deterrents further reduce risks. Human-wildlife conflict in Kash-

mir is more than a conservation issue. It's about coexistence.

With careful planning, strong response systems, and community involvement, people and wildlife can share the landscape safely.

Orchards can thrive, families can feel secure, and wild animals can continue to roam the valley as they have



#### **Human-wildlife** conflict in Kashmir is more than a conservation issue. It's about coexistence. With careful planning, strong response systems, and community involvement, people

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the landscape safely.

The author is a wildlife veterinary officer in the Kashmir region, specializing in human-wildlife conflict management and conservation strategies.

#### Letter to Editor

## When Teachers in Kashmir Are Forced to Quit

n winter mornings in Kashmir, teachers reach private classes before the sun rises over the mountains. Frost clings to the ground. Their bags hold lessons planned late into the night. Many believe they are walking into a place that values learning and care. For a growing number, that belief does not last

The truth is, private schools are forcing teachers to resign. The pressure rarely appears in writing. It shows up through constant office calls, sharp warnings, and salaries held back without explanation. Schools that speak about discipline and values often strip teachers of dignity behind closed doors.

The pattern is clear. A teacher asks about unpaid wages or questions an unfair workload. Soon after, the school labels her a problem. The principal questions her performance. Someone mentions parent complaints that never appear on record. Her name drops from staff messages. Colleagues pull away. The goal is simple: wear

The principal calls her in during class hours. The accountant reminds her who controls her salary. The coordinator spreads doubts about her work.

Each conversation chips away at her confidence. Over time, the pressure becomes impossible to ignore.

The final message arrives without delay. Resign on your own, or face consequences.

Schools threaten to stop salaries, deny experience certificates, and damage future job prospects. Teachers know these documents decide whether another school will hire them. Many feel trapped. They sign resignation letters they never planned to write. The school then records the exit as voluntary.

Managements defend these actions as routine decisions. The real reasons remain obvious. Forced resignations help schools avoid paying winter and summer salaries. They allow management to replace experienced teachers with cheaper hires. They remove staff who question unfair practices. Fear becomes a tool to keep control.

Teachers carry the stress home. Sleep becomes dif ficult. Confidence fades. Some leave teaching altogether. Others stay silent, afraid their names will circulate among school owners as troublemakers. Years of work disappear without respect or closure.

Kashmir already carries enough uncertainty.

Schools should offer stability. Many private institutions do the opposite. Laws ban harassment, salary denial, and forced resignations. But oversight stays weak. Complaints often lead

to punishment instead of protection. Silence feels safer

than speaking.

Students notice when teachers vanish. Classrooms feel the absence. Children learn lessons beyond textbooks when authority crushes fairness. Education loses its moral ground when fear runs the workplace.

Education departments must verify resignations. Schools should provide written reasons for teacher exits. Independent inspections must speak to staff without management present. Principals and committees that force resignations should face penalties. Teachers need a clear place to seek help.

Parents also play a role. Asking why a teacher left creates pressure schools cannot ignore. Ethical schools answer openly. Others rely on silence.

Teachers are not disposable workers. They build futures. When schools treat them as replaceable, education itself suffers.

Kashmir's classrooms deserve honesty and care. The people who teach there deserve security, respect, and fairness

Sincerely

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# Jesus's Kashmir Mystery Returns

Branded more complex than The Da Vinci Code, The Rozabal Line turns Kashmir into a stage for centuries of hidden histories.

Malik Daniyal

picked up The Rozabal Line on a recommendation, with no interest in religious fiction or historical controversy. I was expecting a straightforward thriller. Instead, I found a novel that stayed with me long after I finished reading it.

What Ashwin Sanghi offers is neither comfort nor easy answers, but something far more unsettling.

He invites the reader to question how history, faith, and authority are shaped, and why some questions continue to make us uncomfort-

At its centre, The Rozabal Line rests on a provocative claim: Jesus Christ did not die on the cross. He survived the crucifixion, travelled east, and eventually lived, died, and was buried in Kashmir.

Sanghi does not present this idea as a sudden revelation. He builds toward it patiently, layering historical references, religious traditions, travel accounts, and textual gaps.

The result feels less like a bold claim and more like a slow, unsettling accumulation of doubt.

The novel moves across timelines. One strand follows the ancient journey of a man history knows as Jesus, exploring interpretations of his life beyond the accepted boundar-

ies of Christian theology.

The other strand unfolds in the present day, drawing in intelligence agencies, secret groups, and political tensions that arise when accepted religious narratives are put at risk.

These timelines do not exist independently rather they blend into each other. This reinforces the book's central idea that history is never truly past, and belief is never merely personal.

What makes The Rozabal Line engaging is its insistence. Sanghi is in no rush. He often pauses to explain

sources, traditions, and connections. At times, this makes the novel dense and demanding. But it also makes clear what kind of book this is. It does not want to be skimmed. It wants to be argued with.

A key strength of the novel is the way it handles religion. Sanghi neither mocks faith nor writes like a debunker. Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism are taken seriously, though not treated with unquestioned reverence.

The book repeatedly suggests that these traditions may not be as separate from one another as institutional histories would have us

In Sanghi's telling, Jesus is not reduced to a symbol. He is reimagined as a figure whose life and teachings may have crossed multiple religious and cultural worlds.
This approach may unsettle read-

ers who prefer clear theological boundaries. But the novel does not force a conclusion or demand belief in its thesis. What it insists on is the right to question.

Sanghi's Jesus is not offered as a substitute for the Christ of faith, but as a challenge to the idea that any one tradition holds exclusive access to truth.

Much of the novel's tension grows out of this challenge.

The present-day story is driven by the fear that if alternative versions of Jesus's life gain acceptance, the authority of religious institutions could be shaken.

The involvement of intelligence agencies, political interests, and religious power is not there to indulge in conspiracy for its own sake. It reflects the novel's understanding that belief has consequences far beyond the spiritual.

Faith shapes nations, identities, and power. To disturb faith, the book suggests, is to disturb order itself.

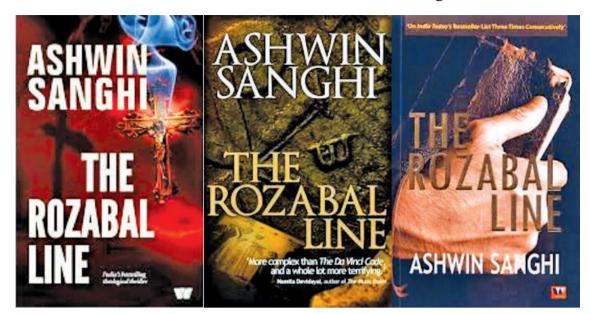
For a reader from Kashmir, the novel gains an extra layer of meaning. The Rozabal shrine in Srinagar is not just a passing reference or an exotic detail. It is central to the story.

Sanghi presents it as a place where hidden history may have survived, even as dominant narratives elsewhere solidified into doctrine.

In this context, Kashmir emerges as a place of convergence, a region where religious traditions, trade routes, and ideas have long intersected.

At the same time, the novel's use of Kashmir has its limitations.

Rozabal functions more as a symbol than as a lived space. The shrine is studied and theorized, but the voices of the people who live



THE ROZABAL LINE WILL NOT APPEAL TO EVERYONE. Some readers may find its arguments uncomfortable,

its pacing slow, and its questions unsettling. But for those willing to read carefully, it offers a unique

experience that stays with you not because it convinces, but because it cannot be ignored. That is why the book is worth reading. It does not tell you what to believe. It asks you to consider why belief matters and who benefits when certain stories are left unquestioned.

around it are largely absent. This creates a tension within the book.

Kashmir is central to the story, but it is mostly seen from the outside. For some readers, this may feel like a missed opportunity. For others, it reflects the book's larger concern: how places are often reduced to what they represent rather than what they truly are.

Stylistically, The Rozabal Line is unapologetically dense. Sanghi often pauses the narrative to explain historical context or religious details. This can slow the pace, and readers used to fast-moving thrillers may find parts of the book demanding.

The novel is attempting something ambitious. It makes the reader feel the weight of centuries of belief, interpretation, and suppression. The abundance of explanation reflects the book's concern that important details have been overlooked or erased in the past.

Comparisons with The Da Vinci Code are inevitable, but only go so far. Dan Brown simplifies history to keep the story fast and accessible. Sanghi does the opposite. He complicates history, sometimes at the expense of narrative flow.

Where Brown offers puzzles with

clear solutions, Sanghi presents arguments without closure. The reward is not resolution, but a lingering sense of unease.

What I found most compelling as a reader was how the novel refuses to let you stay distant. You cannot read The Rozabal Line as a neutral observer. The book constantly asks why certain ideas feel threatening and whether that threat comes from evidence or from habit.

Even if you disagree with Sanghi's interpretations, the questions he raises are hard to dismiss.

The novel is careful not to claim final truth. Sanghi makes it clear,

both directly and indirectly, that much of what he explores comes from contested spaces: apocryphal texts, oral traditions, and disputed

This does not weaken the book. It strengthens it.

The Rozabal Line understands that doubt is often more honest than certainty

There are moments when the novel could have used more restraint. Some explanations are repeated in slightly different ways, and some connections are presented with more confidence than the evidence fully supports.

But these moments do not spoil the reading experience. They reveal the author's urgency. Sanghi writes as someone deeply invested in his material, perhaps too invested at times, but never indifferent.

I finished The Rozabal Line with more questions than answers, which feels fitting. The book is not meant to settle debates. It is meant to reopen them. It challenges the reader to ask whether history is shaped only by evidence or also by authority, and whether faith endures because it is true or because it is protected.

For readers willing to engage patiently, this is a rewarding book. It demands attention, scepticism, and intellectual honesty. It is not a book to be consumed casually, nor one that offers reassurance. Instead, it offers something rarer: a sustained, thoughtful exploration of ideas that continue to shape how we understand religion, history, and power.

The Rozabal Line isn't for everyone. Some might find its ideas unsettling, pace slow, and questions

But if you take the time to read it. it's a book that sticks with you, simply because it makes you think.

That's why it's worth reading. It doesn't tell you what to believe. It asks why belief matters and who gains when certain stories go unquestioned.

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## **OPD Cover Reshaping Health Insurance**

OPD coverage in insurance policies helps Indians manage routine medical costs and promotes preventive care.

Bhaskar Nerurkar

In India's rapidly evolving health insurance landscape, one significant ■development is the rising demand for coverage of Outpatient Department Treatments (OPD) costs. Traditionally, health insurance in India has focused primarily on in-patient hospitalisation (IPD), with policies offering coverage for expenses incurred only during inpatient treatment. However, as healthcare expenses grow and more people seek regular medical attention without hospitalisation, OPD coverage demand is ever growing. Offering financial support for everyday medical needs, an OPD cover ensures that routine healthcare visits do not strain the pocket. In today's fast-paced world, where health risks abound, such coverage is desirable and necessary.

What is OPD Cover? OPD coverage refers to health insurance coverage for medical expenses incurred without the need for hospitalisation. These expenses include doctor consultations, prescribed diagnostic tests, preventive health check-ups, pharmacy bills, etc. Under an OPD plan, the insured can, depending on the policy terms, claim reimbursement for the costs of these services or directly avail of cashless benefits at network healthcare pro-

viders or diagnostic centres. While most standard health insurance policies focus on hospitalisation, OPD coverage is an additional benefit offered in a few select plans. This extra coverage caters to the routine medical expenses that families regularly face but are often overlooked when purchasing health insurance.

#### The Importance of OPD Cover in the Indian Context

India's healthcare landscape is marked by increasing out-of-pocket expenses, particularly for outpatient care. Routine doctor visits, diagnostic tests, and even over-the-counter medicines contribute significantly to a family's healthcare expenditure. According to various reports, over 60% of healthcare costs in India are borne directly by individuals, with a substantial portion of these being OPD-related medical expenses. It safeguards against frequent and often unpredictable medical expenses that do not require hospitalisation but still add up significantly over time. Whether it's a routine visit to the doctor for a seasonal ailment, regular check-ups for chronic conditions, or the need for specialised diagnostic tests, having OPD cover ensures that individuals are financially protected for everyday healthcare needs.

#### **Benefits of OPD Cover in Health** Insurance

- 1. Coverage for Regular Medical Consultations: Many Indians frequently consult doctors for minor ailments such as colds, coughs, infections, and other common health issues. Such expenses can build up without an OPD cover, especially for families with children or senior citizens who need regular consultations. OPD cover helps manage these routine costs, allowing families to seek medical help without worrying about financial strain.
- 2. Diagnostic Tests: Doctors often prescribe diagnostic tests, such as complete blood tests with lipid profiles, X-rays, and scans, even for routine health assessments. These tests are expensive, particularly in private healthcare facilities. An OPD cover ensures that such tests are included in the insurance plan, reducing policyholders' out-of-pocket expenses.
- **Cost of Medicines:** Pharmacy bills contribute significantly to healthcare expenses in India. Medicines for minor health issues, chronic conditions, or posttreatment care can be quite costly, and these costs can pile up quickly. Some of the OPD cover extends to pharmacy expenses, making it easier for policyholders to purchase the medicines they need without financial hardship.
- **Preventive Healthcare:** Preventive health check-ups and con-

sultations are becoming more critical as people prioritise early detection and management of health risks. An OPD cover often includes preventive care services, such as annual health check-ups, ensuring policyholders can monitor their health regularly without additional financial burdens.

**Treatment for Minor Surgeries:** Certain minor surgeries, such as removing warts, cysts, or other small procedures, can often be performed without hospitalisation under daycare. With OPD cover, the costs associated with these minor treatments are covered, allowing individuals to receive necessary medical care without incurring large out-of-pocket expenses.

#### Why OPD Cover is Becoming Popular in India

The growing awareness of healthcare needs and rising medical costs have made OPD cover an attractive option for many individuals and families. Several factors are driving the popularity of OPD cover in India:

- Rising Healthcare Costs: Healthcare costs have been steadily increasing in India. Consultations with specialists, diagnostic tests, and routine medicines have become expensive, particularly in urban areas. OPD cover provides relief by covering these expenses, which are not typically included in standard health insurance policies.
- Changing Lifestyle and Health **Risks:** With changing lifestyles and increased stress levels, people are more prone to lifestyle diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and cardiac issues, requiring regular medical attention. OPD cover addresses the need for continuous monitoring and medical care for such conditions.
- Modernisation of medicines: Medical science has made substantial progress, and many ailments which required hospital care earlier can be treated on an OPD basis now. Further, the busy lifestyle has also ensured individ-

uals prefer OPD treatment rather than getting admitted for minor infections/ailments.

**Increased Awareness:** More Indians are becoming aware of the importance of holistic health coverage, not just for critical illnesses or hospitalisations but also for everyday health needs. This shift in mindset has contributed to the growing demand for OPD cover.

#### **OPD Cover and Health Insurance in India: The Way Forward**

As the healthcare landscape in India continues to evolve, insurers recognise the importance of providing comprehensive health insurance policies that cater to a wide range of medical needs. Offering OPD cover as part of health insurance policies helps insurers tap into a growing market of individuals seeking better healthcare solutions for their families. While OPD cover policies may have slightly higher premiums than standard health insurance, the benefits they offer in day-to-day healthcare expense management make them an attractive option for many. These policies enable individuals to seek timely medical advice and treatment without the fear of financial strain, encouraging a more proactive approach to healthcare.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, OPD cover in health insurance is rapidly becoming a necessity in India. With the rising cost of healthcare and the increasing frequency of outpatient treatments, having OPD cover ensures that individuals and families are financially prepared for routine medical expenses. As more people in India become aware of the benefits of OPD coverage, it will likely become an essential component of health insurance plans. The future of health insurance in India lies in providing comprehensive coverage that includes hospitalisation and outpatient care, ensuring a healthier and financially secure population.

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## **Learning from Daughters**

A routine hospital visit in Srinagar becomes a reflection on daughters, care, and growing older in Kashmir.

Muntashir Kifayat Hussain

have four daughters. Saying that still fills my chest in a way nothing else

Life in Kashmir rarely moves gently. News, worry, and work crowd the days. Inside all that, my daughters bring a kind

When they walk into a room, the air changes. Voices soften, tea tastes better, and the house feels held together.

I teach at a boys' high school. My days are spent with young men learning how to take space in the world. My evenings belong to my daughters.

We talk about books and poems. They ask questions, they correct me, and they remind me of things I forget.

Over time, I have come to see them as many people at once: mothers who worry, teachers who explain, and guides who push me forward.

One early morning, I left home with my eldest daughter for Karan Nagar in Srinagar. I had an appointment with a car-The city was still waking up. Shop shut-

ters stayed half-closed. The roads felt open and unsure. My daughter kept talking, moving from poets to philosophers, my favorite ground. We talk like this at home. That day, I

sensed she was also protecting me, keeping my mind busv. Hospitals in Kashmir carry more than patients. Years of tension leave marks on the

body. Doctors say heart problems are rising here, helped along by stress, smoking, and long uncertainty. These facts sound distant until your

own heart becomes part of them. I asked my daughter what the heart

does in the body. She went silent. Her eyes filled before she could stop them. After a pause, she said it pumps blood. Class ten biology, spoken with care. She

picked up her phone and typed fast. Soon her sister called, upset that she had been left behind. I recited a line of poetry about heartache. It landed harder than I meant.

She began to cry.
Raising daughters here sharpens your understanding of the world. Kashmir teaches children early about danger. Society adds another burden for girls. Many families still spend more on sons, calling



daughters temporary.

I have heard this from friends without shame. Numbers support what daily life shows. Girls leave school earlier. Dreams are adjusted. Expectations are narrowed.

My daughters know all this. They also know how to love fully. Poets have always understood this better than policy reports. Munawwar Rana writes that homes light up when daughters learn to walk and grow empty when they leave. Ghalib reminds us how loud the heart feels until you look inside and find only a drop of blood. Poetry stays close to truth.

The clinic was on the fifth floor of a tall building. Lifts trouble me. Closed spaces tighten my breath. My daughter held my hand and guided me inside. The doors closed, the numbers rose, and fear loosened. She stood calm beside me, as if this was ordinary.

The waiting room felt gentle. Many men sat with daughters. Medicine lists rested in their hands. Voices stayed low. When my turn came, the doctor adjusted my medicines and warned me again about smoking.

Outside, my daughter repeated every instruction and saved reminders on my phone. Back in the car, I reached for a cigarette. She caught it and tossed it out

the window. I smiled.

My mother once did the same to me. At some point, children begin to care for their parents. Daughters seem to reach

On days when I feel small or worn down, they hold me steady. They argue with my despair. They bring me back.

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# CM Omar Abdullah Unveils Logo of Jammu Marathon

**Observer News Service** 

The launch ceremony was attended by international fitness icon, model and actor Milind Soman, Sports Minister Satish Sharma, former minister Ajatshatru Singh, MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi, Additional Chief Secretary Tourism Ashish Chandra Verma, Director Tourism Jammu Vikas Gupta, and other senior officials and stakeholders.

The chief minister also unveiled the marathon medal and merchandise, launched the official website, opened registrations and released the teaser video of the event.

Addressing the gathering, Omar said the Jammu Marathon would carve a distinct identity among major running events in the country due to its unique route highlighting the city's cultural and heritage landmarks. He said the route will pass through iconic locations such as the Raghunath Temple, historic precincts and Mubarak Mandi, offering runners a blend of fitness, heritage and scenic experience.

Sharing his personal journey into long-distance running,



Abdullah said he took up running almost accidentally and gradually developed a passion for marathons, moving from short runs of five to eight kilometres to participating in major races across the country.

The chief minister said he plans to participate in the Jammu Half Marathon and urged citizens to begin preparations well in advance. He also announced changes in the prize structure based on feedback from local runners to encourage wider participation and better recognition of athletes from Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides the half marathon,

10K and 5K categories have been introduced to make the event accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels. Emphasising the importance of fitness, Omar encouraged people to adopt running as a way of life and take part in the event.

Milind Soman described the Jammu Marathon as a significant initiative and said Jammu and Kashmir would be an active part of the national fitness movement. Praising Omar's commitment to fitness, Soman, who is the promotional ambassador of the marathon, said leadership by example was the strongest motivation. He urged people across

age groups to participate and said he would run alongside participants on March 29.

The Jammu Marathon is being positioned as a major sporting and tourism event aimed at promoting fitness, showcasing Jammu's heritage and placing the city prominently on the national marathon map.

Jammu: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday unveiled the official logo of the maiden Jammu Marathon, scheduled to be held on March 29, expressing confidence that the event will emerge as one of the iconic races on the national running calendar.

## SC Adjourns Hearing on Sonam Wangchuk Detention Plea to Jan 7

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday adjourned to January 7, 2026, the hearing on a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, wife of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, against his detention under the National Security Act on September 26.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria deferred the matter due to paucity of time.

The plea claims that the detention is illegal and an arbitrary exercise violating his fundamental rights

On November 24, the top court had deferred the matter after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the UT of Ladakh, sought time to respond to the rejoinder filed by Angmo.

On October 29, the top court sought responses from the Centre and the Ladakh administration on an amended plea of Angmo. Wangchuk was detained

Wangchuk Was detained under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) on September 26, two days after violent protests demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh left four people dead and 90 injured in



the Union territory. The government had accused him of inciting the violence.

According to the amended plea, the detention order is founded upon "stale FIRs, vague imputations, and speculative assertions, lacks any live or proximate connection to the purported grounds of detention and is thus devoid of any legal or factual justification".

"Such arbitrary exercise of preventive powers amounts to a gross abuse of authority, striking at the core of constitutional liberties and due process, rendering the detention order liable to be vitiated by this court," it alleged.

The plea said it is wholly preposterous that after more than three decades of being recognised at the state, national, and international levels for his contributions to grassroots education, innovation, and environmental conservation in Ladakh and across India, Wangchuk would suddenly be targeted.

Angmo said the unfortunate events of violence in Leh on September 24 cannot be attributed to the actions or statements of Wangchuk in any manner.

Wangchuk himself condemned the violence through his social media handles and categorically stated that violence would lead to the failure of Ladakh's "tapasya" and peaceful pursuit of five years, Angmo said, adding that it was the saddest day of his life

life.
The NSA empowers the Centre and states to detain individuals to prevent them from acting in a manner "prejudicial to the defence of India". The maximum detention period is 12 months, though it can be revoked earlier.

#### CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

#### At 6.1%, J&K

in Jammu and Kashmir was reported at 61 per cent, exceeding the national average of 55.1 per cent. The Worker Population Ratio in the Union Territory stood at 57.3 per cent.

The minister also informed the House that the National Career Service portal, operated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, had registered over six crore job seekers and about 54 lakh employers as of November 2025, with the aim of improving employment matching across sectors.

#### **'Literacy Rate**

Survey Office. The Minister informed that the Government of India is implementing the New India Literacy Programme (NILP), also known as ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, from 2022 to 2027 to promote literacy among non-literate persons aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.

The programme is aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and is being implemented across all States and Union Territories, including Jammu and Kashmir.

Under the ULLAS framework, literacy is defined not only as the ability to read and write but also to compute with comprehension, along with acquiring essential life skills such as digital and financial literacy. The government has set a benchmark of 95 per cent literacy for declaring a State or Union Territory as fully literate.

The reply further noted that while several States and Union Territories have achieved the fully literate status, Jammu and Kashmir continues its efforts under the ULLAS programme to improve literacy outcomes.(KNO)

#### **LG Sacks 103**

Court, the order clarified that the protection available to civil servants under Article 311(2) of the Constitution does not apply in cases where the appointment itself is illegal and founded on fraud.

Out of the 106 candidates identified as illegally appointed, the appointments of three had already been cancelled earlier by the Director of Fire and Emergency Services for failure to fulfil mandatory formalities required for government service.

"In view of the facts and circumstances, it is hereby ordered that the appointments of the remaining 103 candidates as Firemen in the Fire and Emergency Services Department, whose names and particulars are annexed, are declared illegal, void ab initio, and are hereby terminated with immediate effect," the order

It added that the continuation of their services would amount to a perpetuation of illegality and would undermine public trust and the sanctity of recruitment processes. The terminated employees will cease to be borne on the rolls of the department with immediate

#### **Encounter During**

one terrorist has been killed. The official confirmed that an SOG policeman, who was critically injured in the exchange of fire, later succumbed to his injuries.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti said contact with the terrorists was established after police received precise inputs about their movement in a remote village. "A joint team of the Special Operations Group, Army and CRPF is on the job," he said.

In a post on X, the IGP said that a small SOG team initially engaged the terrorists, but combing operations were hampered due to darkness and the treacherous terrain of the forested area.

Officials said the exchange of fire began around 6 pm. Reinforcements have been rushed to the spot, and all possible escape routes have been sealed to prevent the remaining terrorists from fleeing. Further details are awaited.

#### PM Modi In Jordan,

them, earlier said his visit to Jordan will boost

bilateral linkages between the two nations.

This full-fledged bilateral visit to Jordan is taking place after a span of 37 years, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries

Jordan is the first leg of Modi's four-day, three-nation tour, which will also take him to Ethiopia and Oman.

#### Fog, Bad Weather

weather conditions.

In addition, 20 flights of other airlines, including 10 arrivals and 10 departures, were also delayed due to poor visibility and unfavourable weather, the official said.

The minimum temperatures across several parts of Jammu and Kashmir recorded a marginal rise on Monday compared to the previous day, though cold conditions continued in many areas, particularly in the Kashmir and Ladakh region, officials said.

Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 1.9 degrees Celsius, slightly lower than Sunday's 2.0 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund saw a notable rise, with temperature settling at 2.2 degrees Celsius compared to 0.8 degrees Celsius a day earlier, while Pahalgam recorded 2.2 degrees Celsius against 2.4 degrees Celsius on Sunday.

Kupwara also witnessed a slight increase, with the mercury at 1.6 degrees Celsius compared to 1.2 degrees Celsius previously.

Kokernag recorded a minimum of 2.4 degrees, Celsius up from 0.8 degrees Celsius while Gulmarg registered 1.0 degree Celsius, marginally lower than Sunday's 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Pampore cooled slightly to 0.5 degrees Celsius from 1.0 degrees Celsius. Srinagar Airport recorded a minimum of 1.4 degrees Celsius, up from 0.6 degrees Celsius on Sunday. Awantipora remained below freezing at mi-

Awantipora remained below freezing at minus 0.8 degrees Celsius, compared to minus 0.2 degrees Celsius a day earlier. Shopian also dipped below freezing at minus 0.1 degrees Celsius.

Bandipora recorded a sharp rise to 2.7 degrees Celsius from 1.3 degrees Celsius, and Ganderbal settled at 2.3 degrees Celsius compared to 1.0 degree on Sunday.

In the Jammu region, temperatures largely

remained stable. Jammu city recorded an unchanged minimum of 11.4 degrees Celsius, while Jammu Airport registered a slight rise to 11.6 degrees Celsius from 11.3 degrees Celsius. Banihal recorded 3.1 degrees Celsius, where-

as Batote recorded a marginal increase to 8.3 degrees Celsius from 7.9 degrees Celsius. Katra saw a slight dip to 10.7 degrees Celsius from 11.2 degrees.

In Ladakh, temperatures rose significantly compared to Sunday. Leh recorded a minimum of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius, up from minus 5.0 degrees, while Kargil improved to minus 1.2 degrees Celsius from minus 4.6 degrees.

Nubra Valley recorded minus 0.1 degrees Celsius compared to minus 1.8 degrees Celsius a day earlier

The Meteorological Department said there is nothing significant expected till December 20. Light rain or snowfall is possible at scattered places in the Kashmir region and isolated areas of Jammu division on December 21.

From December 22 to 25, weather is likely to remain partly cloudy, turning generally cloudy on December 26. Shallow to moderate fog is expected to continue at many places, officials added.

#### Ladakh To Transfer

Rs 2504.46 crore-were transferred to the

Union Territory of Ladakh.

Post the abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir, a threemember committee headed by former Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra and comprising retired IAS officer Arun Goyal and retired Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer Giriraj Prasad Gupta, was constituted by the Government of India to work out the distribution of assets and

liabilities between the two UTs.

The committee apportioned the assets and liabilities as per Section 84 and Section 85 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act,

The Union Finance Ministry also allocated Rs 148.64 crore to enhance budget allocation for two Hill Councils in the UT and Rs 20.14 crore as additional expenditure also for it transfer to the UT of Jammu and Kashmir towards the con-

struction of the High Court complex at Jammu. The Ministry has further kept a budgetary provision of Rs 12.04 crore for Ladakh UT to meet additional expenditure for disaster management and Rs 3 crore for power purchase and procurement of diesel for power genera-

tion in far-flung areas.

For Jammu and Kashmir, the Ministry has allocated additional Rs 340.15 crore for meeting additional expenditure towards equity contribution for the 624 MW Kiru project and the Ihelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP).

Of this, Rs 154.81 crore is earmarked as equity contribution for the Kiru project and Rs 185.34 crore for JTFRP-an externally aided project.(KNO)

#### **Power Project Must**

Project in Kishtwar district had threatened to withdraw from the project, alleging interference by a local BJP MLA.

"These are projects of national importance. There should be no political interference and it should be viewed very seriously," Omar said. Referring to the allegation against a BJP leg-

Referring to the allegation against a BJP legislator, Omar said had such accusations been levelled against one of his ministers, the Anti Corruption Bureau would have already carried out raids. "So far, the name of only one MLA is being mentioned, but two opposition MLAs are interfering in all projects in Kishtwar district," he alleged.

The chief minister also flagged issues related to administrative control, stating that several departments were yet to be transferred to the

elected government. "I am the power minister but the Power Development Corporation is not with the elected government," Omar said.

A senior official associated with the Ratle project has accused BJP MLA Shagun Parihar of interfering in the execution of works and warned that continued disruptions could force the company to pull out of the project. Attempts to contact Parihar for her response through phone calls and messages remained unsuccessful.

Joint Chief Operating Officer of Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL), Harpal Singh, said the firm had invested heavily in machinery, materials and manpower and would suffer substantial losses if it was compelled to withdraw, including penalties linked to bank guarantees submitted to NHPC.

Singh said the company maintained a neutral and secular stance and did not support or oppose any political party. "There is no place for such disruptions in a democratic country. The project should be kept free of politics and the company should be allowed to work without interference," he said.

He warned that disruptions and illegitimate demands during the construction of the 133 metre high dam and underground powerhouse could compromise the safety and quality of the project.

NHPC Limited has formed Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited, a joint venture with the Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited, for the implementation of the run of the river project on the Chenab river at Drabshalla village in Kishtwar. The joint venture was incorporated on June 1, 2021, with NHPC holding 51 per cent equity and JKSPDC 49 per cent. Construction work is being executed by MEIL.

Singh said the company had taken up the issue of interference with the district administration. He alleged that on December 4, certain politicians and their supporters attempted to pressure project officers to meet illegitimate demands, including the award of contracts and recruitment, despite there being no vacancies.

He further claimed that the company's human resource head was attacked near Drabshalla while returning to his quarters after duty on the same day. "We raised the matter with the deputy commissioner, who ensured prompt action, including the registration of a police case against the identified accused," Singly said

A video statement of the officer and a letter addressed to the deputy commissioner detailing the incident have since gone viral on social media.

Providing employment figures, Singh said MEIL had engaged 1,434 people for the project, including 960 residents of Kishtwar district, 220 from Doda, 24 from Ramban and 215 from outside lammu and Kashmir.

He said the regional labour commissioner had permitted the retrenchment of 300 surplus workers in September, but the company retrenched only 200, with an assurance to give them preference in future engagements. Some of them have since been re engaged on a need basis, he added.

Singh said any attempt to intimidate officers or workers was undemocratic and unacceptable, warning that continued interference could force the company to withdraw from the project, leading to heavy financial losses. A BJP leader said the matter was discussed

at a party meeting on Monday and a statement was likely to be issued on Tuesday.

#### **NC MP Seeks**

collection and full cost recovery by NHPC. Raising the matter in the Rajya Sabha, he sought a clear timeline and commitment from the Centre on restoring ownership and control of the Union Territory's key power assets.

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Ramzan referred to NHPC's operation of multiple hydropower projects in Jammu and Kashmir and pressed the government to state whether there was any ongoing process to transfer these projects back to the local administration. He argued that J&K has long waited for the restoration of its power resources, which he said were vital for the region's economic stability and energy needs.

The MP also highlighted the long-pending Nichanhama Rajwar lignite thermal power project in Handwara, which was initiated in 1989 but was abandoned due to the onset of militancy. Ramzan asked the government whether it has any plan to revive this project and, if so, by when. He underscored the importance of the Rajwar initiative for addressing energy shortages and unlocking local industrial potential.

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The queries were placed before the Ministry of Power through an unstarred question seeking clarity on the present status of joint-venture hydropower projects, the financial position of NHPC in J&K, and the fate of the Rajwar lignite project. [KNT]

#### **NIA Chargesheets**

page charge sheet was filed before a special NIA court in Jammu and details a deep rooted conspiracy traced back to Pakistan, which the agency said has been unabatedly sponsoring terrorism against India.

According to the chargesheet, the attack was planned, facilitated and executed by LeT chief Hafeez Saeed, who is designated as a global terrorist by India and the United States, and TRF chief Habibullah Malik alias Sajid Jatt. Sajid Jatt, described as a Pakistani handler, has also been named as an accused in the case.

The NIA said three Pakistani terrorists carried out the April 22 attack at the Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, where victims were allegedly targeted on religious lines. The three terrorists were later killed by the Army during Operation Mahadev in the Dachigam area on the outskirts of Srinagar on July 29, nearly 100

days after the attack.

The slain terrorists were identified as Faisal Jatt alias Suleman Shah, Habeeb Tahir alias

Jibran, and Hamza Afghani.

The chargesheet invokes provisions related to waging war against the Government of

India, among other offences.

The agency said the chargesheet was the outcome of an eight month long "meticulous countific probe" into the attack.

scientific probe" into the attack.

Two other accused, Parvaiz Ahmad and Bashir Ahmad Jothar, who were arrested on June 22 for allegedly harbouring the terrorists, have also been chargesheeted. During interrogation, the two men disclosed the identities of the three attackers and confirmed that they were Pakistani nationals affiliated with the banned LeT outfit.

# FDA Warns Against Dumping Seized Food In Water Bodies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a detailed advisory directing strict compliance with scientific and environmentally safe procedures for the disposal of seized, rejected and expired food items, warning against their dumping into rivers, lakes or open land.

In the advisory, issued by Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration Smita Sethi, the department said improper disposal of unsafe food items poses serious public health risks, allows misuse within the supply chain and causes environmental damage. The directive follows recent reports of seized and expired food items being dumped



into natural water bodies. Reiterating provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and guidelines issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the FDA said disposal of seized or rejected food items must strictly adhere to approved procedures under Sections 38(4) and 47(4) of the Act, and subsequent advisories issued by FSSAI, including

the one dated November 3, 2025. The advisory makes it mandatory for all Designated Officers, Food Safety Officers and enforcement teams to ensure that seized, rejected or expired food items, along with their packaging, are not disposed of in rivers, lakes, natural water bodies or open areas under any circumstances.

Approved disposal methods include incineration through authorised facilities compliant with Central Pollution Control Board norms, disposal in designated sanitary landfills with proper leachate control, and composting or anaerobic digestion of biodegradable waste through certified facilities, in coordination with local municipal bodies or panchayats.

The FDA has also laid down strict procedural safeguards. Disposal must be supervised by a Food Safety Officer or an authorised official, carried out under video documentation and in the presence of two independent witnesses. A certificate of disposal must be submitted to the Designated Officer, with copies forwarded to the Commissioner of Food Safety and the concerned Food Business Operator.

Designated Officers have been directed to identify suitable facilities for incineration, composting or other approved disposal methods and share the details with the Commissioner. For high volume disposals, coordination with the State Pollution Control Board has been made mandatory.

To ensure oversight, the advisory requires Designated Officers to submit monthly compliance reports on disposal activities to the Commissioner of Food Safety by the third day of every month, clearly flagging any deviations from the prescribed norms.

The FDA said the measures are aimed at preventing environmental harm, ensuring food safety and maintaining strict regulatory compliance across Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **'CPCB Monitors Quality of** 134 Water Bodies'

**SRINAGAR:** The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring the water quality of 134 water bodies including rivers and lakes in Jammu and Kashmir under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP), the Centre informed the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Replying to an unstarred question, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh said that CPCB in coordination with State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution

Control Committees, monitors water quality at 4,922 locations across the country including Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the data shared in the house, Jammu and Kashmir as per KNO said that it has 63 river monitoring locations and 36 lake monitoring locations, besides groundwater and wetland sites, where periodic assessment of water quality is carried out to check pollution levels caused by sewage discharge, solid waste dumping and other factors.

Form No 3

#### [See Regulation -13(1)(a) **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

**CHANDIGARH (DRT I)** 2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35

Sector-17 A, Chandigarh

Case No. OLA/1966/2024

Summons under Sub Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Exh. No: 30989

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED** 

**ABDUL RASHID CHALOO (AKA AB RASHID CHALOO)** 

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Jammu and Kashmir 190015 Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir-190015

**SUMMONS** 

Whereas , 1966/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 25.09.2025

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 2028893.16 (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial

number 3 A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 23.01.2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date:

**Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue** 

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

### **Delayed Snowfall Casts** Shadow on Kashmir's **Winter Tourism**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** With the Kashmir Valley yet to witness its first major snowfall, Kashmir's winter tourism is off to a slow start as hotel bookings across popular destinations remain below expectations.

Stakeholders, however, remain hopeful that the moment snow blankets the mountains and plains, the sector will see an immediate revival.

Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Hoteliers Club, Mushtaq Chaya said that hotel occupancy across major resorts is cur-

"Whether it's Gulmarg, Pahalgam or Sonmarg, the bookings are minimal. Once it snows, we are sure the numbers will rise sharply," he said, adding that winter tourism in Kashmir is directly linked to snowfall.

Chaya said they are hopeful of a good winter season, but only for snowfall. "Snow is the biggest attraction in Kashmir's winter calendar. One good spell of snowfall changes

everything," he added.

Echoing similar views, Rouf Tramboo, President of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK), told KNO that while travel agents are getting queries, most tourists are holding back on confirmations. "Every second call we receive is about snowfall. Tourists are keen but waiting for snow before they finalise their plans," he said.

Tramboo said the number will be known after snowfall, adding that this winter's expectations are good. Sajad, a hotelier from

Gulmarg, said that inquiries for Christmas and New Year are increasing, but confirmed bookings are still moderate. "Visitors are hopeful about snowfall, and so are we. Once snow arrives, Gulmarg will witness a rush," he said.

Tourism players sa coming days will be decisive for the season's outlook.

Weather experts have predicted the possibility of light to moderate snowfall in the higher reaches in the coming week, raising hopes among the tourism

## CM Omar E-Inaugurates, Lays Foundation Stones of Key Projects

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday e-inaugurated and in virtual mode laid the foundation stone of several key developmental projects worth ₹37.92 crore in Srinagar district, aimed at strengthening urban infrastructure, improving civic amenities and enhancing the quality of life of the people.

The e-inauguration and e-foundation ceremony was held at the Sher-iKashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC).

Omar e-inaugurated the remodelling and repair work of the Wool Mandi at Nowshera in Srinagar, completed at a cost of ₹1 crore.

He laid the e-foundation stone for the construction of a new building for the upgradation of the Surgery, Medicine and Radiology Departments at Government Medical College Srinagar, at an estimated cost of ₹18.70 crore.

He also laid foundation

stones for the upgradation of Abhedananda Home at Solina at a cost of ₹9.90 crore, and for the construction of a Fleece Testing Laboratory at Zakura costing

Similarly, Omar laid the e-foundation stone for construction of a 1×15-metre span plate girder RCC decked bridge over Maloori Nallah on the Gandtal-Ganimohar road at a cost of ₹1.53 crore. He also laid the foundation stone for a₹4.66 crore project involving construction of a 1×20-metre span plate girder RCC decked bridge over Maloori Nallah at Sarabagh, along with the road stretch from Sarabagh to Dara Health Centre.

During the event, the Chief Minister handed over sanction letters to beneficiaries under Mission YUVA and the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) from Srinagar district, reaffirming the government's commitment to employment generation and livelihood enhancement.

#### THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK **Panel Inspects Pattan JJM** (UNIT KASHMIR) **Schemes After Complaints**



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: A House Committee of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Sunday inspected Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes across the Pattan constituency following a complaint alleging serious irregularities and denial of drinking water access.

The inspection was led by committee chairman Hasnain Masoodi, along with MLA Pattan Rivaz Baidar, the JJM managing director and senior officials. The visit followed a July 22, 2025, complaint by the J&K RTI Foundation regarding alleged guideline violations, misreporting of beneficiaries, non-disclosure of Village Action Plans and poor water quality in village Mallabuchan, Baram-

Committee members interacted with residents and addressed some grievances on the spot, while assuring further scrutiny. The panel agreed with public concerns that the Ahmadpora water supply scheme was unfit for drinking and asked the JJM department to take immediate correc-

#### OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AIJKBOF (AFFILIATED TO AIBOA)

2ND FLOOR, J&K BANK BRANCH TRC, SRINAGAR JAMMU & KASHMIR

Email:- www.jkboakashmir@gmail.com Website:- www.jkboakashmir.com Date: 15th of December, 2025 (Monday)

### **CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

deeply saddened by the demise of our dear colleague, sister and a valued member, Ms. Reefat Hafiz (Emp ID 10816), a resident of Danpora Brein Nishat, Srinagar. The deceased was serving as Senior Manager and was lastly posted at B/o SKUAST, Srinagar. She left for her heavenly abode on 13th December, 2025 after courageously fighting a dreaded disease since past many years. Her demise is an irreparable loss, not just to her family but to all of us who had the privilege of being associated with her. Her dedication, kindness, an always smiling gesture and camaraderie will forever remain in our hearts. Nembers of J&K Bank family star

times with her entire family. JKBOA-Kashmir on behalf of JK Bank Family pays glorious tributes to the departed soul and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. The **Congregational Fateh Khawani** will be held on Wednesday

17th of December, 2025 at 11:00 AM at their ancestral graveyard situated at Kralsangri near Igbal Islamia Mission School, Srinagar

Sd/- (Zubair Rasool Mir) President

## **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

Landline No: 01951-2567 Tax: 01951-256722 Email Address: ceobudgaam@gmail.com

Revised tentative seniority list of qualified Contigent paid workers(CPW,s)/Local fund worker(LFW.s) Subject:-District Budgam as it stands as on 10/12/2025

#### **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, this office had earlier notified the tentative seniority list of qualified CPWs/local Fund Paid employees of District Budgam as it stood on 01-09-2025, vide Notification No. CEOB/NT/2025/20737-38 dated 13-09-2025, for the purpose of regularization/absorption as MTS, with instructions to submit objections, grievances, or requisite documents within 07 days from the date of issuance of the said notification.

Whereas, several representations were received from DDOs, CPWs, and LFWs seeking correction or Updation of particulars, and additional representations were received requesting inclusion, consideration, or incorporation of names

Whereas, all such representations were duly examined, and the necessary corrections and modifications have been incorporated into the tentative seniority list of CPWs/LFWs.

Now, therefore, in view of the above, a revised tentative seniority list of 450 qualified CPWs/LFWs, as it stood on 10-12-2025, forming the annexure (A) to this notification, is hereby published for circulation among all concerned DDOs as well as CPWs/LFWs through the CEO Budgam official website (ceobudgam.in) and the CEO Budgam Official WhatsApp Group, for inviting objections, if any, within 07 days from the date of issuance of this notification.

Further, all Drawing and Disbursing Officers shall verify the service bio-data of the notified CPWs/LFWs with reference to the original service records and other relevant testimonials of their respective offices/ institutions and are advised to furnish a categorical certificate confirming the following:

- That the particulars of each qualified CPW/LFW have been duly verified, are accurate, updated, and that no eligible or qualified CPW/LFW has been dropped/omitted from the list. That no individual has been included in the list who is not actually working in the institution/office.
- That each qualified CPW/LFW is performing his/her assigned duties regularly and that no individual is absent from
- Any objections, duly supported by documentary evidence, must reach this office through the concerned DDO within the stipulated time.

It is pertinent to mention here that the above notified list of qualified CPW/LFW has been already verified by the committee members established by this office during the year 2021 except those who have been incorporated in the list due to enhancement of the qualification (8th).

NO/CEO/CPW/25/28347-496 Chief Education Office, DIPK-9002-25 Date: 12/12/2025 DT: 15/12/2025

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **WULLAR MANASBAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



Mail Id. wmdaauthority-gbl@jk.gov.in E-BID Document (Auction ID: 28509)

Outsourcing of Shop No 1, 2 & 3 converted into Food Court with facilities of Main Hall, Kitchen and washroom, in shopping complex near Ancient Temple at Manasbal.

No: CEO/WMDA/ 1127-31 Dated:- 15-12-2025.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-bids are invited online through GeM Portal for Outsourcing of Shop No 1, 2 & 3 converted into Food Court with facilities of Main Hall, Kitchen and washroom, in shopping complex near Ancient Temple at Manasbal for a period of 03-years on license Basis through GeM Portal

@ Rs. 0.71 Lacs (Rupees Seventy One thousand only) per year with the corresponding increase of 10% on the yearly basis year after year.

S No	Name of Asset	Date	Remarks	
01	PQ (Pre-Qualification)	15.122025 = 10:00 AM	Nil	
	Submission Start Date	15.122025 = 10:00 AW	INII	
02	PQ (Pre-Qualification)	25.12.2025= 04:00 PM	Nii	
	Submission End Date	25.12.2025= 04:00 PM	Nil	
03	PQ (Pre-Qualification)	27.12.2025 = 02:30 PM	Nil	
03	Assessment End Date and Time	21.12.2025 - 02.30 PW	INII	
04	EMD Start Date	29.12.2025=10.00 AM	Nil	
05	EMD End Date	31.12.2025= 04:00 PM	Nil	
06	EMD (Bid Security) Amount in Shape of CDR/	Rs.7100/- (Rupees. Seven	To be pledged in favor of	
	FDR/DD	thousand One hundred only)	Account's Officer WMDA	
07	BID Submission/Auction Start Date & Time	01-01-2026 =12.00 PM	Nil	
08	BID Submission/Auction End Date & Time	03-01-2026 = 1:30 PM	Nil	
09	Reserve Bid Amount	Rs. 0.71 Lacs (Rupees Seventy One	10% escalation for each	
09	veseine dia Allianii	thousand only) per year	successive year.	

cThe e-Auction shall be finalized by the Outsourcing committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir. Reliable/ Resourceful and experienced agencies/Persons, who fulfill the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (Pre-Qualification) detailed as under shall only be eligible

to participate in the e-bidding process Pre-Qualification (PQ) CRITERIA (To be uploaded on GeM Portal)

1. The bidder shall have to upload Certificate of Registration for Hotel or Restaurant duly issued by the Tourism Department under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act or Relevant Qualification (Degree/Diploma/Certificate Course) in the Hospitality sector or having experience in the Hospitality Sector with documentary proof to be uploaded.

2. The bidder shall have to upload a character Certificate from the concerned Additional Dy. Commissioner (ADC) or Police Station or alternatively 3. The Bidder shall have to upload self -attested PAN Card, Aadhar Card, Contact Details.

NOTE:- Preference will be given, first come first, to Departments/Institutions and individuals involved in Handicrafts, Handloom, and NRLM, intending to participate in the shops.

DIPK-NB-2763-25

DT: 15/12/2025

Chief Executive Officer Wullar Manasbal Dev. Authority

## IPL Auction Shock: Green Sold for ₹30 Crore in Mock Bidding

**KO Sports Desk** 

SRINAGAR: Ahead of the IPL 2026 auction in Abu Dhabi, a mock auction conducted by official broadcaster Star Sports offered a glimpse into potential bidding trends, with Australian all-rounder Cameron Green emerging as the biggest draw after being sold to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for a staggering ₹30.50 crore.

The mock auction, held to gauge player demand and franchise strategies ahead of the real auction scheduled in Abu Dhabi on December 16, saw all 10 IPL teams represented by former cricketers and experts. Franchises enter the mini-auction with a combined purse of around ₹237 crore and up to 77 slots to fill.

KKR, represented by Robin Uthappa and armed with the biggest purse of ₹64.30 crore, were the most aggressive bidders. Apart from Green, they also picked up Sri Lankan pacer Matheesha Pathirana for ₹13 crore and England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow for ₹2.5 crore. Jamie Smith was snapped up by Gujarat Titans for ₹2 crore.

Green's price breached the previous auction high of ₹27 crore paid for Rishabh Pant, underlining the premium placed on pace-bowling all-rounders. The bidding war for the Australian involved both KKR and Chennai Super Kings (CSK), with KKR eventually winning

England all-rounder Liam Livingstone was the secondhighest buy, going to Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for ₹19 crore, with Irfan Pathan representing the franchise. Rajasthan Royals, represented by Aakash Chopra, secured Indian leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi for ₹11.50 crore.

CSK, represented by Suresh Raina, made several notable purchases, signing leg-spinner Rahul Chahar for ₹10 crore, South African fast bowler Anrich Nortje for ₹7.5 crore and



Top five buys in the IPL 2026 mock auction:

- Cameron Green ₹30.50 crore (KKR)
- Liam Livingstone ₹19 crore (LSG)
- Matheesha Pathirana ₹13 crore (KKR)
- Ravi Bishnoi ₹11.50 crore (RR)
- Rahul Chahar ₹10 crore (CSK)

Indian batter Sarfaraz Khan for ₹7 crore. Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) picked up Ven-katesh Iyer for ₹6 crore, a sharp drop from the ₹23.75 crore KKR had paid for him in the previous

Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) bought South African pacer Gerald Coetzee for ₹8 crore, while Delhi Capitals (DC) secured Prithvi Shaw for ₹2.75 crore after he went unsold in last season's mega auction. Lungi Ngidi and Chetan Sakariya were picked up by DC and RCB respectively for ₹6.5 crore each.

The mock auction also saw disappointments, with former CSK opener Devon Conway going unsold. Despite being a simulation, the exercise generated significant interest, reflecting how franchises may approach the real auction with targeted strategies and aggressive bidding for marquee players.

While mock auctions do not always mirror actual outcomes, the results have set the tone for a high-stakes IPL 2026 miniauction, with big names, large purses and intense competition expected on auction day.

**School National Hockey Tournament** 

## **Kupwara Boy Selected** for School Nationals

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR-** A young hockey player from Kupwara has been selected to represent Jammu and Kashmir at the upcoming School National Hockey Tournament, highlighting growing grassroots talent in the region.

Hanan Nazir, an Under-14 player from the Khelo India Hockey Centre (KIHC), Kulangam, will participate in the national-level tournament scheduled to be held at Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh from December 22 to 27, 2025.

Officials said Nazir's selection reflects consistent training and performance at the Khelo



India centre. The player credited his coach, Reebu Hassan, for her guidance and support, which he said played a key role in his development and discipline.

## Fans in Frenzy as Messi Wraps Up **India Tour in Delhi**

**Press Trust of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** The Lionel Messi G.O.A.T. India Tour that began in shambolic fashion ended in a blaze of glory as devotional fans joyously gathered to catch a glimpse of a man that does things on the field that are often beyond human comprehension.

Most importantly, the muchpublicised and anticipated event had the ending it wanted, after a chaotic beginning in Kolkata on the tour's first stop on Saturday.

The thousands of heads totting the stands at Kotla, as well as the few Indian celebrities and dignitaries inside the ground, basked in the euphoria of hosting one of the world's most rec-

ognisable and bankable athletes at an extravagant event.

They were perhaps swept away by the otherworldly talent, the humility, and the impact that this man has had on the game he has played with all his might over the last two decades.

Speaking briefly in Spanish, a language not spoken by most in the city, Messi said, "Gracias, Delhi! Hasta pronto", creating a sense of yearning among the crowds rarely seen before.

Upon arrival, Messi took a lap of the ground smiling and watched the 7x7 celebrity match coming to an end, even as the spectators, many of whom were dressed in the famous blue and white Argentine jersey bearing No. 10, chanted his name continuously.

He was then standing there waving to the stands smiling, something he tried to do in Kolkata too but could not as, unlike the Arun Jaitley Stadium, he was crowded by too many people, including politi-cians and their aides, at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday.

He was seen kicking the ball at the stands along with his Inter Miami teammates Luis Suarez and Rodrigo De Paul while taking a round of the venue that registered an attendance of around 25000. Messi also felicitated the Minerva Academy football team. The script was specifically written for Messi, and, as is his wont, he played the role to perfection.



The refresher-cum-orientation training course for REKs concluded successfully at HSS Chadoora on Monday.



## **ALL INDIA JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK OFFICER'S FEDERATION (AIJKBOF)**

(AFFILIATED TO AIBOA)

J&K BANK STAFF TRAINING COLLEGE, GOLE GUJRAL TALAB TILLO JAMMU, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Email: aijkbof@gmail.com

**Ref: AIJKBOF/2025-08** 

## **PRESS RELEASE**

In the pursuant to the notification dated 21.11.2025, the Election of All India Jammu & Kashmir Bank Officers' Federation was conducted on 13.12.2025 at Jammu.

Following are the newly elected office bearers of AIJKBOF:



Mehrajudin Shah **President Employee ID: 9407** 



Mr. Nikhil Grover **General Secretary** Employee ID: 32286



Mr. Har Dutt





























Dated: 15.12.2025





With Warm Regards Sd/- (Kapil Nanda)

