

## LG, Home Secy Review Security In J&K

### Meetings Examine Anti-terror Strategy, Border Challenges



Observer News Service

Jammu: LG Manoj Sinha and Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Thursday reviewed the overall security situation and ongoing anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir during a series of high-level meetings in Jammu, official sources said.

The Home Secretary, who was on a two-day visit to the Union Territory, held detailed deliberations with the Lieutenant Governor on security preparedness, counter-terror operations, and coordination among various security agencies. The

discussions covered the prevailing security scenario in both the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region, with particular focus on recent operations in sensitive and forested areas.

Sources said Govind Mohan called on the LG at the Lok Bhawan and held wide-ranging talks on the current security situation, operational readiness, and other related issues. The review also included an assessment of anti-terror operations underway in the Valley and in the mountainous and forested belts of the Jammu region.

The Home Secretary also chaired | [More on P6](#)

## Fog Major Security Challenge, Says DIG

Deputy Inspector General of Police Shiv Kumar Sharma on Thursday said fog poses a major security challenge as he reached out to security personnel deployed on the ground in the twin border districts of Samba and Kathua. Sharma said that information about | [More on P6](#)

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## No Cigarettes, No Hookah

### How A South Kashmir Village Chose Health Over Habit



Sameer Hussain

Srinagar: The familiar request for a cigarette is met with an unexpected answer. There are none to be found. No tobacco tucked behind shop counters, no casual smoking outside kiosks, no sign of a habit that once shaped everyday life in this South Kashmir village.

That absence is deliberate. In Sheikhgund Shangus of Anantnag

district, residents have collectively decided to give up cigarettes and all tobacco products, declaring their village a tobacco-free zone.

The decision did not emerge from a government order or a health department drive. It began with conversations among villagers who were increasingly worried about what smoking and tobacco use were doing to their children | [More on P6](#)

## From Stigma To Style: Thrift Culture Gains Momentum In Kashmir

Nazakat Aslam

Srinagar: Inside a small thrift store in Srinagar, bundled jackets and overcoats are stacked on woven mats and hung along the walls as customers sift through them. The air carries a mix of fabric dust and chatter, shopkeepers negotiating prices, youngsters comparing brands, and the occasional rustle of hangers sliding across metal rods. What was once a quiet, overlooked corner of the city's retail scene has now become a hub of



youthful energy.

Across Kashmir, thrift culture is steadily expanding, reshaping the region's fashion landscape as young consumers increasingly turn to second-hand branded

IRAN TENSIONS

## Parents Urge Centre To Evacuate Kashmiri Students

J&K Appoints Nodal Officer; First Batch Likely Friday

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The parents of Kashmiri students studying in Iran have appealed to the Centre for the immediate evacuation of their children amid escalating tensions in the country, even as the Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday appointed a nodal officer to coordinate with central and diplomatic authorities.

Scores of anxious parents gathered at the Press Enclave in Srinagar on Wednesday, urging urgent government intervention. "We appeal to the prime minister, the external affairs minister, the | [More on P6](#)

## Republic Day 2026: Multi Tier Security Grid Put In Place In J&K

Surveillance Stepped Up, Area Domination Exercises Launched

North Kashmir Borders Put on High Alert Following Infiltration Inputs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Security measures have been intensified across Jammu and Kashmir ahead of Republic Day celebrations, with multi tier arrangements, heightened surveillance, and area domination exercises underway across the Union Territory, officials said.

Officials said that security has been strengthened across all 20 districts, with particular focus on border belts and sensitive locations.

They said enhanced security measures including naka checking and frisking of vehicles and pedestrians have been put in place in both Kashmir and Jammu regions



ahead of the celebrations.

An extensive deployment of security forces has also been made along the International Border and the Line of Control to prevent any untoward incident, officials said.

In urban centres, especially Srinagar and Jammu, checking and frisking have been intensified at key locations to ensure the smooth conduct of Republic Day functions. Officials | [More on P6](#)

## LG To Take Salute At Jammu, CM Chief Guest

Cabinet Ministers To Preside Over Functions at District Headquarters

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will preside over and take the salute at the main Republic Day function at Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu. As per itinerary of Republic Day functions in J&K, LG Sinha will take the salute at the main Republic Day function to be held at MA Stadium on January 26. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will | [More on P6](#)

## Delhi Program Brings Kashmiri Students Into Legal Spotlight

Guided By Top Judges And Corporate Counsels, Students From Kashmir Join Peers From Across India For A Rare Legal Training Experience.

Arshid Mehraj

Srinagar: National capital buzzed with energy at the inaugural days of the Yukti Law Workshop, a first-of-its-kind program bringing together law students from across India for a hands-on dive into the country's legal system. Among the 130 students, four from Jammu and Kashmir quickly became the focus of attention.

Syed Arsalan Abid, a corporate lawyer from Kashmir now practising in Delhi, paused to speak with them. "Opportunities like this



open doors you cannot imagine," he said, watching the students exchange notes. The workshop, spearheaded

by the General Counsels' Association of India, is the brainchild of Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat and | [More on P6](#)

## Cyber Frauds Worth Rs 184.91 Cr Reported In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Cyber fraud cases amounting to Rs 184.91 crore were reported in Jammu and Kashmir, with authorities managing to recover Rs 32.64 crore due to prompt reporting by victims. Senior Superintendent of Police at the Cyber Investigation Centre for Excellence, Ramesh Gupta, said on Thursday.

Gupta stressed that public awareness and timely action remain the most effective tools in preventing and mitigating cybercrime. Speaking on cyber safety, Gupta said the "golden hour" immediately after a cyber fraud is crucial for tracing transactions and recovering defrauded money.

He said that across the country, more than 18,000 cyber fraud complaints were received during 2025, including a significant number from Jammu and Kashmir. In the Union Territory alone, frauds worth Rs 184.91 crore were reported, out of which Rs 32.64 crore was successfully recovered.

"Shortly after a cyber fraud occurs, people should immediately register a complaint. Any delay often makes recovery difficult," Gupta said, urging victims to report incidents without hesitation.

The SSP appealed to the public to dial the national cyber-crime helpline number 1930 or lodge complaints online as soon as they | [More on P6](#)

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**Fata Begum**  
**W/o Ghulam Nabi Malik**  
**R/o Sangrama Sopore District Baramulla**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in my adhaar card bearing no: 244206039174 as Aurangzeb , DOB 02-03-2010 while my correct particulars are Aurangzeb Manzoor, DOB 02-03-2009 . 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..

**Aurangzeb Manzoor**  
**S/O Manzoor Ahmad Keela**  
**R/O Saidpora Payeen Tehsil & Distt Shopian**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Name of my daughter has been wrongly written in municipal records as Masum Zehra D/o Tahir Hussain Baba while her correct name is Masuma Zehra D/o Tahir Hussain. 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 Municipality Magam within seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

**Tahir Hussain Baba**  
**F/o Masuma Zehra**  
**R/o Babapora Magam Budgam**

bmg

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in DL bearing no : JK-0520080004201 as Muzamil Altaf Qadri S/o Mohd Altaf Qadri while my correct name as per adhaar card is Muzamil Altaf S/o Peerzada Mohammad Altaf. . 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.

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**Mohammad Hussain Bhat**  
**F/o Hamad Hussain Bhat**  
**R/o Dashipora Shopian**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in his adhaar Card as Mohammad Bin Kaiser instead of his/her correct name is Dahal Mohammad Bin Kaiser . 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..

**Kaiser Ahmad Dahal**  
**F/o Dahal Mohammad Bin Kaiser**  
**R/o Batpora Shopian**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The name and Parentage of my ward has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Aaysan Ahmad S/o Papu while his correct name is Mohammad Ehsan S/o Papu Khatana . 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 Passport Office Srinagar within Seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained

**Razia Begum M/o Mohammad Ehsan**  
**R/o Shadab Karewa Shopian**

FKO

**NOTICE**

It is information to the general public that my name in my Aadhaar Card bearing No:- 4445-7174-7710 has been wrongly entered as Mudasir Ahmad Mir. while my correct and actual Name is Ibrahim Bashir. 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 Concerned Authority, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

**Ibrahim Bashir**  
**S/o Bashir Ahmad Mir**  
**R/o Bulgam Tehsil Khoie**  
**District Baramulla**

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**NOTICE**

It is information to the general public that my name in my Aadhaar Card bearing No:7129-4122-4496 has been wrongly entered as Asadullah Hajam. while my correct and actual Name is Mohammad Assadullah Hajam. 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 Concerned Authority, within a period of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

**Mohammad Assadullah Hajam**  
**S/o Ghulam Qadir Hajam**  
**R/o Kanterbugh Tehsil Singhpora**  
**District Baramulla**

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My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Mehroosa Imtiaz While my correct name is Mehroosa Imtiaz . 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..

**Mehroosa Imtiaz**  
**D/o Imtiaz Ahmad Haji**  
**R/o Bongam Distt & Tehsil Shopian**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card AS Inshah Yaseen while my correct name is Inshah 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..

**Inshah Akhter**  
**D/o Mohammad Yaseen Malla**  
**R/o Maldera Distt & Tehsil Shopian**

FKO

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Jabina Akhter While my correct name is Jabeena 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..

**Jabeena Akhter**  
**W/o Mohd Rafi Naikoo**  
**R/o Killoora Malik Gund**

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Nabiza Banoo while my correct name is Nabza Banoo . 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..

**Nabza Banoo**  
**W/o Mohammad Mansoor Malik**  
**R/o Kanipora Shopian**

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card as Fayaz Ah Khan Instead of my correct name Fayaz Ahmad Manhas . 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..

**Fayaz Ahmad Manhas S/o Mohd Zaman**  
**R/o Shadab Karewa Distt & Tehsil Shopian**

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that I, Mukhtar Ahmad Mahalder, S/o Ghulam Mohammad Mahalder, R/o Bemina Gousia Colony near Masjid Abu Bakar, am the registered owner of a vehicle bearing Registration No. JK01X-7199. The front number plate of the said vehicle has been lost/misplaced while traveling from Bemina Gousia Colony to JVC Hospital on 08-01-2026. Despite best efforts, the number plate could not be traced. Therefore, if the same is not recovered, I shall apply for a duplicate number plate from the concerned authorities. If anyone has any objection regarding this matter, he/she may contact the RTO Office, Srinagar, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

fko

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar Death BDO Sherabad Khore has submitted a case file pertaining to Death of Khazri Begum w/o Nazir Ahmad Dar R/o Reshipora Hanjiwera With verified date of Death 07/08/2011 occurred at home 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Shahid Bashir Malla s/o Bashir Ahmad Malla R/o Nehalpora with verified date of birth 05/03/2009 occurred at home in this connection if anybody having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

**fko** **SD**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Mohammad Aasim Rather s/o Ashiq Ahmad Rather R/o Reserypora With verified of birth 10/04/2024 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth Ayesha Aijaz D/o Aijaz Ahmad teli R/o Hanjiwera payeen with verified date of birth 24/06/2021 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Mohammad Ibrahim Dar s/o Nisar Ahmad Dar R/o Ghat Palhallan with verified date of birth 24/05/2022 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby informed to the general public that on my Driving Licence bearing DL No. JK-0920130075540, my name has been wrongly mentioned as AJAZ AHMAD GOJREE, whereas my correct name is AJAZ AHMAD GOJREE. Further, my father's name has been incorrectly recorded as GH MOHD GOJREE, while his correct name is GH MOHMAD GOJREE. I am applying for correction of the same in the concerned department. If anybody has any objection in this regard, he/she may contact the ARTO Office Sopore within seven (7) days from the publication of this notice. After the stipulated period, no objection shall be entertained.  
 Name: AJAZ AHMAD GOJREE  
 S/o: GH MOHMAD GOJREE  
 R/o: Cheepora Lolab, Kupwara, J&K  
 Pincode: 193223

ab

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In my Driving License bearing DL NO. JK-0520090011551 \* name is mentioned as RIYAZ MOHIUDDIN GASHROO , but my actual name is RIYAZ MOHI UD DIN GASHROO . and my father's Name is mentioned as GH. MOHI-UD-DIN GASHROO , but my actual name is GHULAM MOHI UD DIN GASHROO . Now I want to correct it; if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact the ARTO OFFICE SOPORE within the period of 7 days; after that, no objection will be accepted.  
 Name: RIYAZ MOHI UD DIN GASHROO  
 S/O: GHULAM MOHI UD DIN GASHROO  
 R/O ACHABAL DOOBGAHDOOBGAH  
 SOPORE, BARAMULLA JK  
 Pincode: 193201

ab

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The name of my ward has been wrongly written in her adhaar card Bearing no: 265289243294 as Uzra Mir while her correct name is Uzra Zehra . 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..

**Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir F/o Uzra Zehra**  
**R/o Magam**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 Name..GH MOHAMMAD SHAH S/O GH MOHI DIN SHAH R/O ...CHANDKUT

fko

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub . Issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth.  
**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

The registrar birth BDO Singapora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Zainab Begum D/o Raziq Wani R/o Trikbal Hanjiwera with verified date of birth 03/09/1940 occurred at home in this connection if anybody having objection for issuance of said certificate he may contact to this office within 04 days after that no objection shall be entertained.

**fko** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Mouzin Javid Tantary s/o Javid Ahmad Tantary R/o Ganepora Burn with verified date of birth 03/07/2020 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice..**

The registrar birth BDO Lalpora has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Kulsuma Bano D/o Autawullah Mir R/o Mamoosa with verified date of birth 15/11/1970 occurred at home 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Shayan Fatima D/o Ali Hussain Dar R/o Sonium with verified date of birth 25/08/2023 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN.**

Sub.. issuance of registration order in respect of delayed birth..  
**Public Notice**

The registrar birth EO MC pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to birth of Momin Mehraj Lone s/o Mehraj Ahmad Lone R/o Kavhwa Muqam with verified date of birth 22/08/2020 occurred at SDH pattan 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** **Sd**  
**Naib Tehsildar Pattan**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in adhaar card Bearing no: 203530444658 as Gh Mohd Parry S/o Khazir Mohd Parry while my correct name is Ghulam Mohammad Parry R/o Khazir Mohammad Parry . 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..  
 Ghulam Mohammad Parry S/o Khazir Mohammad Parry R/o Hardu Aboora Tehsil Kwarhama

fko

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In my Driving License bearing DL NO. JK-0520170058903 name is mentioned as DANISH AHMAD KHAN, but my actual name is DANISH AHMED KHAN, and my father's Name is mentioned as NASEER AHMAD KHAN , but my actual name is NASEER AHMED KHAN. Now I want to correct it; if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact the ARTO OFFICE SOPORE within the period of 7 days; after that, no objection will be accepted.  
 Name: DANISH AHMED KHAN  
 S/O: NASEER AHMED KHAN  
 R/O 573 BIMYAR BIMYAR, BARAMULLA JK  
 Pincode: 193122

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**From Office of the Advocate**  
**Ishfaq Rasool & Associates**

In the case of  
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 2. muneera yousuf  
 3. Sameena yousuf  
 4. Safeena yousuf  
 5. Bisma yousuf  
 6. daughters of Late mohd Yousuf Yatoo all residents of Goushbugh Pattan

V/s

1. Zoona Begum  
 W/o Ghulam qadir Dar  
 2. Ghulam Hassan Dar  
 3. Mudasir ahmad Dar  
 4. Rafeeqa Begum  
 5. Mumtaza Begum  
 6. Areena Begum  
 7. Kulsooma Begum  
 Sons and daughters of Ghulam Qadir Dar all residents of Renji Sopore...

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peel, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/ order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

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Sd/advocate

**Airtel, Radio Mirchi Celebrate 21 Years of Connectivity in Kashmir**

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Bharti Airtel has successfully concluded its special campaign "Airtel Mubarak" in collaboration with Radio Mirchi across the Kashmir Valley, marking 21 years of the telecom major's presence in the region. Rooted in the Kashmiri tradition of greeting joyful moments with "Mubarak,"

segments and listener-led storytelling, the initiative highlighted how reliable connectivity has supported education, entrepreneurship and passion-driven pursuits in the Valley. Listeners shared stories of preparing for competitive exams online, learning sports skills through digital platforms using Airtel Superfast Wi-Fi, and benefiting from Airtel Safe Network



the campaign celebrated not only Airtel's connectivity milestones but also real-life stories of people whose aspirations have grown alongside the network. Through on-air contests, interactive

during critical moments. Radio Mirchi RJs further amplified the campaign by sharing their own "Mubarak" memories, blending nostalgia for early calls and SMS with today's data-led lifestyles.

**Ingenious School Celebrates Stellar Class 10 Board Results**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Ingenious School on Thursday celebrated the exceptional performance of its Class 10 students in the recently declared Board examinations, with the campus reverberating with joy, pride and a sense of historic achievement.

gramme was organised on the campus to felicitate the achievers and acknowledge the collective effort behind the remarkable success.

Topping the list was Farkhanda Kaiser, who secured the first position by scoring a perfect 500 out of 500 marks, an achievement that drew loud applause from teachers, parents and fellow students alike. Adding to the school's glory, Bareera Mustafa and Aroona Jan both secured the third position, each scoring an impressive 498 out of 500 marks.

The results, described by the school as unprecedented, surpassed all expectations, with students securing top positions, multiple distinctions and the first position across the Valley. A special pro-



**Upper Nishat Blaze Continues Amid Access Challenges**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A forest fire has been raging for the last six days in the Manzgam forest area of Upper Brein Nishat, in Srinagar outskirts and engulfing large stretches of surrounding forest cover, officials said on Thursday.

Officials said teams from the Forest Department, Forest Protection Force, Wildlife Department, and Soil Conservation field staff have been continuously engaged on the ground to bring the fire under control. However,

the difficult terrain and lack of motorable road access have severely hampered firefighting efforts.

According to officials, employees have been forced to reach the affected areas on foot and are using sticks and manual methods to douse the flames. Bushes and dry grass across the forested slopes have caught fire, with thick smoke continuously emanating from multiple locations.

The fire has spread over hilly stretches of the Zabarwan range, making containment operations chal-

lenging. Despite the adverse conditions, firefighting teams have been working tirelessly to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby forest compartments. Locals in adjoining areas reported continuous smoke and the smell of burning vegetation over the past several days.

According to KNT, forest officials said efforts are ongoing to contain the fire and minimize damage to forest resources. The extent of damage will be assessed after the flames are fully extinguished.

**QRV Firefighters Reach Forest Belt on Foot**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Special fire fighting teams of the Quick Response Vehicle unit from Gaw Kadal Fire Station were on Thursday seen trekking on foot to the Zabarwan Hills to battle a forest fire raging in the upper Nishat forest belt on the outskirts of Srinagar.

The fire has been burning for the past six days in the Manzgam forest area of Upper Brein Nishat, spreading across

the Zabarwan Hills and engulfing large stretches of forest cover. Due to the steep and rocky terrain, access by vehicles has not been possible, forcing firefighting personnel to reach the affected areas on foot while carrying equipment.

Officials said teams from the Fire and Emergency Services, Forest Department, Forest Protection Force, Wildlife Department, and Soil Conservation have been working continuously under challenging conditions to control the blaze. With dry bushes and grass acting as fuel,

flames have continued to spread across forested slopes, while thick smoke has been emanating from the area.

Firefighters were seen using manual tools and improvised methods to douse the flames, as the non motorable terrain has made conventional firefighting operations extremely difficult. Despite exhaustion and adverse conditions, the teams have persisted in efforts to prevent the fire from spreading further into adjoining forest compartments.

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**HIGHWAY STATUS**

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

**PRAYERS**

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
26 Rajab 1447

FAJR	6: 08
ZUHR	12:38
ASR	4: 07
Magrib	5:48
ISHA	7: 12

**This Day in History**

- 1929 - WHP-AM in Harrisburg PA begins radio transmissions
- 1935 - Adolf Hitler orders German rearmament in violation of The Treaty of Versailles
- 1939 - Germany occupies Czechoslovakia
- 1939 - Hungary annexes republic of Karpato-Ukraine
- 1940 - German air raid on British fleet base Scapa Flow
- 1941 - Blizzard hits North Dakota & Minnesota killing 60
- 1945 - Allies secure Iwo Jima
- 1945 - Würzburg, Germany is 90% destroyed, with 5,000 dead, in only 20 minutes by British bombers.
- 1959 - Iraq & USSR sign economic/technical treaty
- 1962 - 1st launching of Titan 2-rocket
- 1962 - US Super-Constellation disappears above Pacific Ocean, kills 167
- 1966 - Gemini 8 launched with Armstrong & Scott, aborted after 6.5 orbits
- 1968 - General Motors produces its 100 millionth automobile, the Oldsmobile Toronado.
- 1969 - Viasa DC-9 crashes at Maracaibo's Grano de Oro airport, killing 155
- 1970 - New English Bible published
- 1971 - Northern Ireland Prime Minister Chichester-Clark meets with British PM Heath to discuss the security situation in Northern Ireland

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**NOTICE**

It is for the information of all sanctioned beneficiaries under Indra Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indra Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) & Indra Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) Sub-Components of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to report to the concerned Tehsil Social Welfare Office, North Miskeen Bagh Srinagar and Tehsil Social Welfare Office, South Bemina Srinagar for necessary updation of Digital Life Certificate within seven days positively without any fail.

Sd/  
District Social Welfare Officer,  
Srinagar

No:- DSWOS/Sch/2026/1776-80      DDPK-10061/25      Dated:- 15 . 01 . 2026

**NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025 80-2025-26-DRM-JAT, 81-2025-26-DRM-JAT, (to be opened on 03.02.2026) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E- Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) with closing date 03.02.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
12.01.2026	20.01.2026	03.02.2026

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender
1	80-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Provision of new Model running Room and Crew Lobby at Bajnath Paprola (BJPL) in the section of SSE/W/PLMX
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
	27443562.85	60 Days
		Period of Completion
		06 Months
2	81-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Repair of protection work of guide bund & around piers scouring protection and development of UP stream JAT end side at Br no 17 (important bridge) in BHRL-JAT section in the section of SSE/W/KTHU under ADEN/JAT
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
	71213681.47	60 Days
		Period of Completion
		06 Months

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Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Tender Closing Date/Time
14.01.2026	29.01.2026	12.02.2026 & 15:00 Hrs.

S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	220-2025-26-ADEN-1-FZR	Heavy repair and replacement of doors and windows and Repair to corroded water supply pipeline & Cleaning of Jungle/Grass/Bushes wood/Sapling etc. from sides of approach roads and nearest staff quarter in colony no.1 to 4 at FZR and Repair and maintenance of Community hall at FZR in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/FZR under ADEN-1/FZR.
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
	1,79,75,338.95	2,39,900.00
		Validity of Offer
		60 Days
		Period of Completion
		06 Months

Similar nature of work: "Any civil work other than track work".

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In continuation to the earlier Admission Notification No: CUKmr/DOA/Admission.PG/2026/118 Dated: 15.12.2025, with regard to admission in various post-graduate programmes through Common University Entrance Test CUET (PG) - 2026 to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), the candidates and concerned stakeholders are informed that registration of Common University Entrance Test CUET (PG) - 2026 has been extended up to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The schedule is as follows:

Events	Extended Date
Online Submission of application form	20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Up to 11:50 P.M)
Last Date for submission of examination fee	20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Up to 11:50 P.M)
Correction in the particulars in online application forms	23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2026 to 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Up to 11:50 P.M)

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Date: 14.01.2026

S/d  
Director (I/C) Directorate of Admissions

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### KO VIEW

## Kashmir Changes Mindset

Kashmir is slowly waking up to a new way of thinking about success, and the change is visible in classrooms, homes, and online discussions.

Marks in class 10 and 12 exams have long decided who earned praise and who struggled under the heavy weight of expectations.

Toppers received applause and admiration, while students with lower scores often carried fear, disappointment, and self-doubt. Society measured ability by numbers, leaving curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills largely unnoticed.

Conversations about exams are beginning to shift, and more people are seeing them in a new light.

Students, teachers, and parents are realizing that scores show only part of a person's potential, and chasing numbers alone creates unnecessary stress.

Social media and public discussions are filled with voices pointing out that exams are a part of life but do not define a person. People are questioning a culture that rewards only top marks and overlooks curiosity, effort, and real growth, opening space for a more balanced view of education.

This shift comes at a crucial moment because the world beyond school is transforming rapidly.

Technology, artificial intelligence, and global competition are creating opportunities that marks cannot measure. Skills such as critical thinking, creativity, communication, and adaptability are now as important as foundational knowledge, and students who focus only on memorization risk missing what will prepare them for the future.

Parents are noticing that stress, sleepless nights, and anxiety often come from pressure to chase marks rather than the desire to learn, and many are beginning to support children in ways that value effort, exploration, and curiosity over scores.

Schools are also adjusting to this reality. Teachers are encouraging students to ask questions, explore ideas, and develop skills that will matter beyond exams.

The old system of celebrating only top scorers is giving way to an approach that treats learning as a journey. Families are slowly recognizing that education should prepare students to face challenges with confidence, courage, and creativity.

This change is a hopeful sign that society is learning to value growth over grades, effort over numbers, and potential over rankings.

Students can dream without fear, parents can guide without pressure, and teachers can nurture talent in meaningful ways.

Marks remain important, but they no longer define self-worth, and Kashmir is gradually embracing a more thoughtful and practical vision of education, where learning, skill, and opportunity matter far more than numbers on a page.

### CASH COURSE

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## Assets Over Liabilities

How Kashmir can turn everyday spending into lasting financial strength.

Irshad Mushtaq

Kashmir is a land where every rupee tells a story. It might come from an orchard in Shopian, a shawl shop in Lal Chowk, a government salary, or a son working in the Gulf. By month's end, families often wonder where it went. The answer is simple: many rupees flow into liabilities instead of assets.

An asset puts money into your pocket now or in the future. A rented room, a small shop, a delivery vehicle, savings, mutual funds, or land can grow wealth over time. A liability does the opposite. Car EMIs, credit card bills for clothes or gadgets, personal loans for lavish weddings, or expensive rents drain income month after month.

Social pressures in Kashmir encourage spending on visible status. Families stretch beyond limits, often sacrificing coaching classes, medical check-ups, or long-term savings. Financial stress becomes normal, but it comes from choices rather than fate.

Financial literacy changes the game. Understanding money, including earning, spending, saving, borrowing, and investing, helps families make decisions that build strength instead of debt. Households with seasonal income from tourism, agriculture, or small trade need this knowledge most. Assets act as pillars, liabilities threaten stability.

Every purchase has potential. A car can earn as a taxi or delivery vehicle, making it an asset. The same car used only for show is a liability. The purpose determines the impact. A phone, loan, or course works the same way.

Families can start small. List EMIs and monthly payments, reduce liabilities, and make a wish-list of income-generating options. Teach children the difference between assets and liabilities.

Before spending a single rupee, ask: will this bring money in, or pull it out?

The author is a Srinagar-based reputed financial advisor.

# Beyond the Protests Iran's Crisis, Sanctions, & Regional Power Play

Reducing the current crisis to a simple story of people versus state overlooks the geopolitical realities at play.



Hamid Ansari

“As tensions continue, the path forward remains uncertain. What is clear, however, is that any serious assessment of the unrest must account for both domestic grievances and the long shadow of foreign intervention. Ignoring either risks misunderstanding not only Iran's crisis, but the broader dynamics shaping the region.”

Beginning on December 28, 2025, protests spread across several Iranian cities amid mounting economic pressure and public frustration. Rising inflation, soaring food prices, and the sharp fall of the national currency formed the initial spark. What began as economic dissent soon took on political dimensions, drawing global attention and intense media scrutiny.

The demonstrations, which reportedly reached all 31 provinces by early January, were described by observers as the largest wave of unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Shopkeepers in Tehran's Grand Bazaar, university students, and workers formed the early core of the movement before it extended to smaller towns. While many participants voiced genuine economic grievances, the rapid escalation of violence raised serious questions about the forces shaping the unrest.

Iranian authorities maintain that the protests were exploited and later driven by foreign-backed elements. The government accused the United States and Israel of fueling instability, a claim that aligns with Iran's long-standing experience of external pressure, sanctions, and covert operations. From Tehran's perspective, the pattern is familiar: economic warfare followed by internal disruption, all aimed at weakening the state from within.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi described the situation as a "terrorist war," arguing that armed groups targeted police stations, mosques, government buildings, and commercial properties in a coordinated manner.

According to official figures, 53 mosques were set ablaze, and images of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei were burned. These acts, Iranian officials argue, go far beyond peaceful protest and reflect an organised campaign of chaos.

Araghchi further alleged that individuals were offered large sums of money to carry out acts of violence, including firing on security personnel, civilians, and even children, as well as torching public property. He claimed Iranian authorities possess audio recordings indicating instructions to open fire on civilians and security forces to provoke wider unrest. While protest groups and rights organisations have rejected these claims, Tehran insists the evidence points to foreign involvement.

The response of Iran's security forces has drawn international criticism, particularly reports of gunfire and mass arrests. Hospitals in Tehran and Shiraz were reportedly overwhelmed by injured protesters, some with gunshot wounds. The Iranian foreign ministry confirmed that security forces had fired during clashes while

“Tehran says its security readiness is defensive, focused on protecting sovereignty, showing restraint and commitment to dialogue, even as increased foreign military presence in the region fuels uncertainty.”

insisting the state was responding to armed violence rather than peaceful dissent.

At the same time, Iranian officials have sought to counter narratives portraying the country as on the brink of collapse. On January 12, millions of pro-government supporters rallied across Iran, particularly in Tehran's Enghelab Square. Chanting slogans against the United States and Israel, demonstrators expressed loyalty to the Islamic Republic and rejection of foreign interference. State television broadcast images of large crowds, underscoring that the unrest does not reflect a unified national position.

Iran's leadership has also signalled restraint in its response. Araghchi stated in an interview with Fox News that there was no plan to carry out executions in retaliation for the protests, stressing that "hanging is out of the question." This message appeared aimed at easing international concerns and projecting an image of measured authority rather than unchecked repression.

Beyond Iran's borders, the unrest has intensified regional tensions. Araghchi accused Israel of consistently attempting to draw the United States into wars that serve Israeli interests. He cautioned US President Donald Trump against repeating what he described as past mistakes of military confrontation while emphasising that Iran remains prepared for diplomacy. Simultaneously, the Islamic Revolu-

tionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced it was at the peak of defensive readiness, reflecting the seriousness with which Tehran views external threats.

From Iran's perspective, the broader context cannot be ignored. Years of crippling sanctions have severely damaged the economy, limiting access to international markets and essential goods. Iranian officials argue that the economic suffering cited by protesters is itself a consequence of US-led pressure, making Washington's expressions of concern ring hollow. In this view, sanctions and destabilisation are two sides of the same strategy.

Critics of Iran's government rightly point to issues of governance, transparency, and economic management. Yet reducing the current crisis to a simple story of people versus state overlooks the geopolitical realities at play. The Middle East has repeatedly witnessed the consequences of externally driven regime change, from Iraq to Libya, leaving societies fractured and unstable.

Iran's leadership frames its stance as one of sovereignty and resistance. While acknowledging internal challenges, it rejects what it sees as a deliberate attempt by the United States and Israel to push the country into chaos and desperation. The events of recent weeks, according to Tehran, are not just protests but part of a wider struggle over Iran's independence and regional role.

Alarm has spread across US military installations in the Gulf following reports that some American personnel were advised to leave Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar as tensions with Iran rise. While Washington issues warnings and increases military activity, Tehran has maintained a firm yet measured stance.

Iran has repeatedly stressed that it does not seek conflict and remains committed to regional stability, diplomacy, and self-defence. Iranian officials have underlined that any security preparedness is purely defensive, aimed at protecting sovereignty rather than provoking confrontation. The developments once again reflect Iran's strategic restraint and its emphasis on dialogue, even as foreign military presence in the region escalates uncertainty.

As tensions continue, the path forward remains uncertain. What is clear, however, is that any serious assessment of the unrest must account for both domestic grievances and the long shadow of foreign intervention. Ignoring either risks misunderstanding not only Iran's crisis but also the broader dynamics shaping the region.

The author is a senior editor at a Gulf-based newspaper.

### Letter to Editor

## Kashmir's Perfect Marks Mask a Bigger Problem

When nineteen sixteen-year-olds score perfectly at the same time, the first reaction is applause. The second is curiosity.

Excellence inspires, but mass perfection in theory subjects has always been rare in serious education systems.

Are we witnessing true mastery, or is the evaluation system losing its purpose?

Let me be clear: these students deserve recognition. Their effort, discipline, late nights, and family support matter. No one should take that away. But education is measured by credibility as much as by applause.

Credibility begins where honesty survives scrutiny.

The issue starts with how we evaluate. Even within a marks-based system, theory subjects have always left room for interpretation. Language, social sciences, and grammar-based subjects rely on judgment, expression, structure, and vocabulary. Even brilliant answers can be

improved. That is the essence of learning.

So when we see repeated 100s in Urdu, English, Hindi, and Social Science, we have to ask questions.

Evaluation is meant to differentiate, and it must separate excellent from exceptional, near-perfect from perfect.

When that distinction vanishes, marks lose meaning. A 95 and a 100 start to feel the same. Toppers and strong performers merge into one headline-friendly number.

Another truth is clear: these extreme scores mostly appear in private institutions. This is not a condemnation, just an observation.

Private schools and coaching centers operate in a competitive marketplace. Results are advertisements. "Our student scored 500/500" sells more than "Our student learned well."

Teaching shifts from building understanding to shaping answers. Students are trained to reproduce what examiners expect. Notes, phrasing, and structures are drilled uniformly.

When answers start to look the same, evaluation becomes mechanical. Leniency goes unnoticed. Examiners, aware of the social and institutional pressures to produce "good results," may unconsciously reward uniformity.

The danger grows when we all believe the story.

Students may assume they have mastered everything. Parents may believe their child is invincible. Schools may believe their methods are flawless. Society may believe the education system is perfect.

Reality eventually intervenes. Students face challenges in higher classes and competitive exams where answers are not predictable. Independent thinking becomes harder because they were trained to reproduce than reason.

Our society fuels this by asking, "How much did you score?" instead of "What did you learn?"

Marks become social currency, rewarding institutions that produce numbers rather than depth.

The JKBOSE and other boards need honest introspection. Standardization is not generosity, and moderation is not compromise. Credibility means acknowledging that perfection is rare and should remain rare.

A system that produces occasional toppers is healthy. One that produces mass perfection is concerning.

Education should prepare students for complexity, uncertainty, and life-long learning.

The question is not whether today's students are bright, they are, but whether we are honest with them. The cruelest mistake is to tell them they are perfect while they are still learning.

When 500/500 becomes routine, education stops being a journey and turns into an illusion.

Sincerely

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# Stereotypes in My Own Backyard

Coming home to Kashmir taught me how easily district pride turns into contempt, and how faith, ethics, and history offer a way back to each other.

Muskan Shafi Malik

I arrived in Srinagar with the feeling of coming home, where lanes, liveliness, and language offered a familiarity that settled around me with ease.

Living here for several months brought me into close contact with Kashmiris from many districts, from the north, the south, and the centre, each carrying distinct stories and accents shaped by place and experience.

It was during these everyday encounters that I began to notice something unfamiliar to me from my years outside the valley, a pattern revealed slowly through lived moments rather than theory or textbooks, a phenomenon I eventually recognised as regionalism.

My early years shaped a different understanding of belonging.

At university, meeting another Kashmiri meant asking a single question: Are you Kashmiri?

Conversations followed in our mother tongue, help came easily, and an unspoken bond formed without reference to district or background.

A decade later, returning home placed me inside a social atmosphere where labels moved fast and cut deep. Stereotypes travelled freely. Casual insults passed as hu-



ity, including those working within institutions meant to safeguard public discourse, forced me into months of reflection.

The conclusion arrived with clarity.

hammad.

This stands as theology, scripture, and principle. The Qur'an speaks clearly when it says that this community stands as one, bound by worship and accountability to one Lord.

Districts hold no spiritual rank. But when geography claims superiority over faith, the moral order turns upside down.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ addressed this danger centuries ago in his final sermon, declaring that superiority flows only through righteousness, never through race, tribe, or origin.

Islam dismantled tribal arrogance long before modern borders appeared.

Witnessing its revival through regional pride in Kashmir feels tragic, especially within a society that speaks often of faith and unity.

Kashmir exists as a shared civilizational space rather than a collection of fragments. We speak one language with gentle variations. We carry one cultural memory shaped by Rishi Sufi traditions, adab, and hospitality. We remember one history marked by conflict, loss, and

endurance. We pray within one religious ethos.

Despite this, regional mockery thrives.

I have heard south Kashmir described as aggressive, its people ridiculed for speech, accent, and village life. Mountain communities face portrayals as uncivilised. North Kashmiris endure slurs that question belonging and ancestry.

These claims hold no sociological truth, but they do function as caricatures, erasing individuality and replacing understanding with laughter.

Such thinking reflects intellectual emptiness rather than cultural insight.

Social science offers language to understand this pattern. Regionalism grows where identity insecurity meets moral emptiness. Individuals lacking ethical grounding often cling to collective labels to feel superior.

Constant exposure to stereotyping causes real emotional harm, especially for young people who often choose silence instead of confrontation. Over time, that silence turns

into mistrust. Trust between people thins, and social cohesion begins to weaken from within. Divisions take root early, long before politics step in to harden them.

Islam recognises this danger with precision.

The Prophet ﷺ warned against asabiyyah, a form of tribal loyalty that breeds division and conflict.

Regionalism today wears the same impulse in modern dress, carrying forward an old sickness that fractures communities from within.

I faced such hostility myself and often responded with a smile and silence.

That silence came from restraint rather than agreement, inspired by the Qur'anic guidance that calls believers to answer harshness with words of peace.

Restraint, however, does not equal surrender. Prejudice that settles into systems demands naming, questioning, and intellectual dismantling.

Conversations with scholars and thinkers led me to a shared conclusion. This behaviour reveals a lack of upbringing, civic sense, and ethical grounding rather than regional identity.

A person anchored in values shows respect without weighing someone's origin. A society shaped by adab treats its own people with care and restraint.

Civic sense extends beyond laws or public cleanliness into the ethics of speech, everyday empathy, and the ability to disagree without turning difference into humiliation.

Kashmir's spiritual heritage speaks powerfully here.

Sheikh Noor ud Din and Lal Ded taught humility, inner purification, and humaneness. District pride would have felt alien to their worldview. They spoke of insaanīyat, a value far larger than geography.

Regional hatred weakens society in practical ways as well. Fragmented communities remain easier to control. History teaches that internal division drains collective strength.

While Kashmiris argue among themselves, larger injustices escape scrutiny. Regionalism harms both soul and strategy.

Henri Tajfel's Social Identity The-



**HEALING DEMANDS CORRECTION OF PRIORITIES RATHER THAN DENIAL OF DIVERSITY.**

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ory explains how people seek belonging through group identity, often elevating their own group while distancing others.

This theory explains how districts have begun to act as competing identities, pushing aside a shared Islamic and Kashmiri sense of belonging, and it shows up every day in conversations, jokes, and quick judgements.

Healing demands correction of priorities rather than denial of diversity. Humanity must rise above habit, and ethics must stand above ego.

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We follow Muhammad ﷺ first. We belong to Kashmir next. Districts hold minor relevance within this order.

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**KASHMIR REQUIRES MORAL REFLECTION.**  
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mour. Prejudices appeared inherited, rehearsed, and delivered with ease.

What troubled me most was not disagreement. What disturbed me was contempt becoming ordinary.

North versus south turned into a language of judgement, used to question intelligence, character, faith, and even lineage.

Hearing this from people expected to uphold ethical responsibil-

This pattern points to a moral collapse rather than harmless rivalry. It stands in direct contradiction to everything Kashmir claims to cherish, including Islamic brotherhood, shared culture, and a long history of collective suffering.

Before Baramulla or Anantnag, Kupwara or Pulwama, there exists a deeper identity that precedes geography.

We belong to the Ummah of Mu-

# An Energy Orb Swinging on a Chinar Branch

A coming-of-age essay where memory, trauma, and belief circle each other like a swing on a chinar branch.

Khushboo Javed

My cherished Eid Gah has been renamed Janazah Gah, brandishing a name-board with a new name. Like my life, it seems to have been bestowed with a melancholic change.

Eid Gah was our favourite place on every Eid in our childhood, swinging for Rs 10 or 20 on the swings hanging from a branch of the mighty chinar right in the middle of the ground.

Memories float.

I used to have a classic short boys haircut until age 11 or 12. Dressed in a grey suit embroidered in black one Eid, I remember feeling mortified when two boys walked past me and laughed, "She is wearing a boy suit!"

When I am told of my childhood, it comes across as one where because of some paranormal intervention I have found more love than any other child.

From being told how my neighbours would walk me to school to how my teachers requested that they wanted to give me a new name, which became my official name, to impressing my father's friends with my quick wit to being told often how I am my father's favourite child.

He almost turned me into a matriarch.

With all the faith everyone had in my intelligence, Abu had high hopes in me. I looked like someone within whom pooled all the maternal and paternal ingenuity (I say without either shame or pride).

What they were not going to see until very late and until it would have already done a lot of harm was that I was also carrying a huge energy orb of a cursed generational trauma and my intellect was not going to get invested into studying my favourite mathematical formulae but into a struggle for mere survival.

In my room lies my first grade Urdu book. It is placed in between my fic-

tion and non-fiction books like a souvenir and a prize, reminiscent of the fact that I used to be a student.

While indeed gifted with strong mirror neurons which made me pick up many talents, I also pick up many energies in my ecosystem that basically do not have much to do with me. It is almost inevitable. I am an involuntary noble disciple of an infinite number of subjects and forces surrounding me.

One day back in my 12th standard, I spent quite some amount of energy in solving a tough calculus problem which our math teacher told the class not to attempt because he had not taught us the method. I have always been a stubborn child and I spent almost 24 hours bringing the problem to the desired answer without knowing the so-called method. I remember sleeping in between and finding myself doing calculus in my sleep as well.

Having the knack for creativity and coming up with new ideas, my brain has invested most of this potential into making my mental health issues creative.

The sharpness in my senses also means that I have sensitive and hyperstimulated senses which in turn mean that they pick an overwhelming amount of information and stress from the surroundings, consuming much of my stamina and consequently I suffer from fatigue. Ah, the way I have become my own case study.

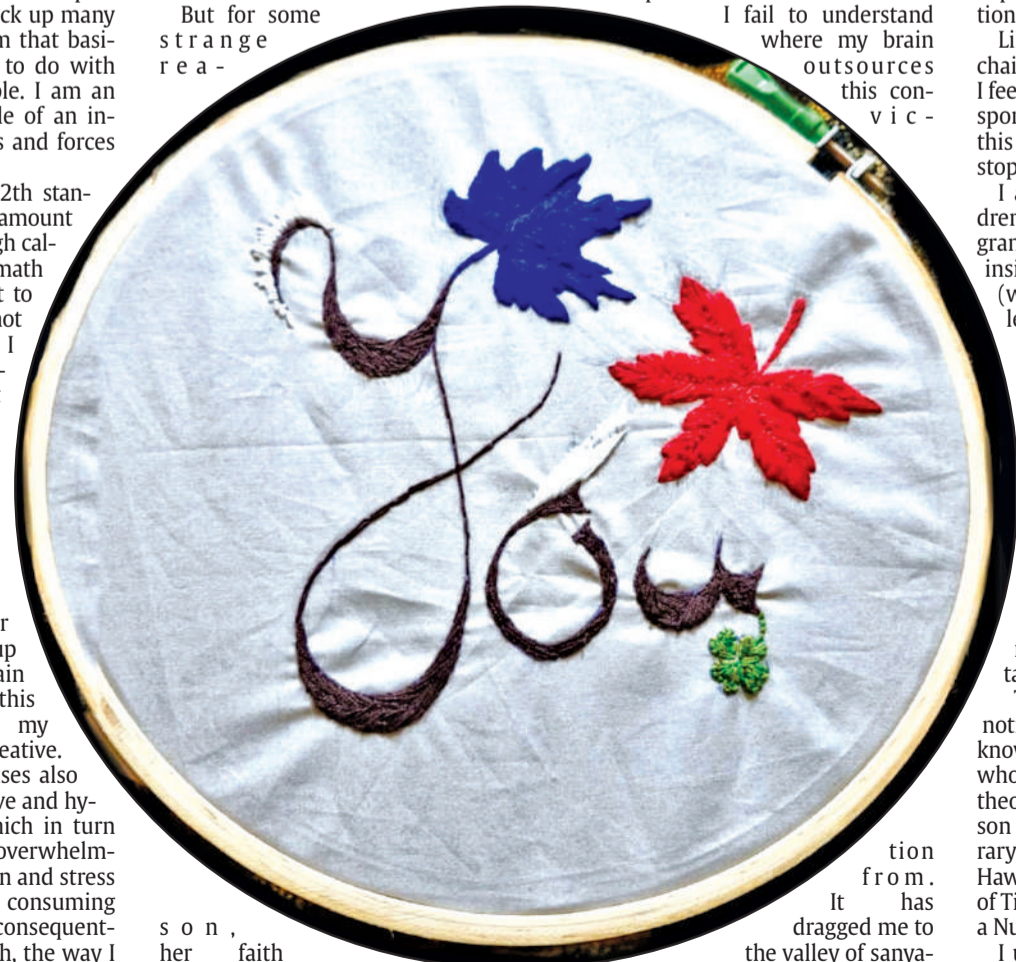
"Along the line a child is born whose job becomes to feel it all," I heard someone say about generational trauma. This child was going to be born in Gen Z, a heavily anxious generation, and she was going to be a big sensitive feeler. This was going

to be when awareness was less. She would have to bring herself to a radical acceptance that no one was going to understand the pain she was infused with.

But for some strange reason -

Like a child that gravitates to its mother even after being punished, this faith keeps hugging me even if I fight it and ask it to leave me and let me perish once and for all.

I fail to understand where my brain sources this conviction -



son, her faith would not let up.

It sleeps by her side when she has nightmares about snakes with fangs whose hides have been skinned, about deadly snakes dancing around her torso, about a road that does not lead home, about an invisible creature choking her.

It has dragged me to the valley of sanyasa and made me meditate on maranasati, contemplating death.

This is not about spiritualism yet. It is pure dread as of now as I feel I have not served an ultimate purpose. However, I have realised that life is too short to not say things that need to be said.



**THE IRONY IN MY LIFE HAS MADE ME NOTICE MANY IRONIES.** I didn't have to know Isaac Newton only as the man who developed calculus, but also as a theologian. I learned that while Edison died a millionaire, his contemporary Tesla died broke. And I didn't see Hawking just through A Brief History of Time and its sequel The Universe in a Nutshell, but also in Epstein Files.

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# European Troops Arrive in Greenland Amid Dispute With US

## Agencies

Nuuk (Greenland): Troops from several European countries, including France, Germany, Norway and Sweden, are arriving in Greenland to help boost the Arctic island's security after talks between representatives of Denmark, Greenland and the US on Wednesday highlighted "fundamental disagreement" between the Trump administration and European allies.

"The first French military elements are already en route" and "others will follow," French President Emmanuel Macron announced Wednesday, as French authorities said about 15 French soldiers from the mountain infantry unit were already in Nuuk for a military exercise. Germany will deploy a reconnaissance team of 13 personnel to Greenland on Thursday, its Defense Ministry said.

Denmark announced it would increase its military presence in Greenland, with NATO allies joining them, just as the Danish and Greenlandic foreign ministers met with White House representatives on Wednesday in Washington to discuss US President Donald Trump's intentions to take over the island

in order to tap its mineral resources and protect the security of the Arctic region amid rising Russian and Chinese interest.

Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, flanked by his Greenlandic counterpart Vivian Motzfeldt, said Wednesday that a "fundamental disagreement" over Greenland remains with Trump after they held highly anticipated talks at the White House with Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Rasmussen added that it remains "clear that the president has this wish of conquering over Greenland."

"We really need it," Trump told media in the Oval Office after the meeting. "If we don't go in, Russia is going to go in and China is going to go in. And there's not a thing Denmark can do about it, but we can do everything about it."

Trump said he had not yet been briefed about the contents of the White House meeting when he made his remarks.

In Greenland's capital, Nuuk, local residents told The Associated Press they were glad the first meeting between Greenlandic, Danish and American officials had taken



place but suggested it left more questions than answers.

Several people said they viewed Denmark's decision to send more troops, and promises of support from other NATO

allies, as protection against possible US military action. But European military officials have not suggested the goal is to deter a US move against the island.

Maya Martinsen, 21, agreed

and said it was "comforting to know that the Nordic countries are sending reinforcements" because Greenland is a part of Denmark and NATO.

The dispute, she said, is not

about "national security" but rather about "the oils and minerals that we have that are untouched."

More troops, more talks In Copenhagen, Danish Defense Minister Troels Lund Poulsen announced a stepped-up military presence in the Arctic "in close cooperation with our allies," calling it a necessity in a security environment in which "no one can predict what will happen tomorrow."

"This means that from today and in the coming time there will be an increased military presence in and around Greenland of aircraft, ships and soldiers, including from other NATO allies," Poulsen said.

Asked whether the European troop movements were coordinated with NATO or what role the US-led military alliance might play in the exercises, NATO referred all questions to the Danish authorities.

However, NATO is looking at how members can collectively bolster the alliance's presence in the Arctic, according to a NATO official who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rasmussen, the Danish

foreign minister, announced the creation of a working group with the Americans to discuss ways to work through differences.

"The group, in our view, should focus on how to address the American security concerns, while at the same time respecting the red lines of the Kingdom of Denmark," he said.

Speaking to FOX News Channel's Special Report on Wednesday after the White House talks, Rasmussen rejected both a military takeover and the potential purchase of the island by the US. Asked whether he thinks the US will invade, he replied: "No, at least I do not hope so, because, I mean, that would be the end of NATO."

Rasmussen said Greenlanders were unlikely to vote for the US rule even if financial incentives were offered "because I think there's no way that US will pay for a Scandinavian welfare system in Greenland, honestly speaking."

"You haven't introduced a Scandinavian welfare system in your own country," he added.

Trump, in his Oval Office meeting with reporters, said: "We'll see how it all works out. I think something will work out." (AP)

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### LG, Home Secy

back-to-back joint security review meetings at the Convention Centre in Jammu. These meetings were attended by senior officials from the Intelligence Bureau, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Army, and other civil and intelligence agencies.

According to sources, the meetings focused on heightened operational security in the forested and mountainous areas of Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua and Udhampur, where security forces have been carrying out sustained anti-terror operations over the past few weeks.

There has also been a spurt in drone activity along the International Border and the Line of Control, with intelligence reports suggesting the presence of terrorists waiting to infiltrate under the cover of dense fog.

The visit comes days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level security meeting in New Delhi and directed security agencies to continue anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir in a mission mode.

### Fog Major Security

the sighting of suspicious persons were received on Wednesday, following which a response operation was immediately launched. "Multiple teams have been deployed and are currently searching the area. The operation is still ongoing," he said.

The DIG said the inputs came from local sources and the ground intelligence network is actively working.

Highlighting anti-terror operations in the region, the DIG said a large-scale search operation has been launched following credible inputs. "The information provided was very reliable and we are acting upon it, so we cannot share many details at this stage," he said, referring to the Kathua operation.

"All our police personnel and ground teams are on duty. We appeal to the public to immediately contact the police if they notice anything suspicious. Our teams are committed to the safety and security of the people and remain deployed across the area," he said.

He said that Special Operations Group (SOG) teams, ground intelligence units and personnel from all police posts have been deployed, and sustained, area-wise search operations are being carried out ahead of Republic Day.

"This is the fog season, and fog poses a major challenge for us. Conducting search operations in fog creates several difficulties, whether about drones or ground forces," Sharma told reporters.

The DIG said that search operations are continuing and any development will be shared in due course. "We have patriotic citizens who promptly inform the police whenever they notice suspicious activity," he added.

He said regular meetings are being held with the public to create awareness. "People are repeatedly advised to inform the police immediately if they notice footprints, suspicious activity, suspicious persons or any unusual movement," Sharma said.

He reiterated that SOG teams, ground intelligence units and personnel from all police posts and outposts remain deployed, with sustained, area-wise search operations underway. (PTI)

### Republic Day 2026

said advanced surveillance systems including drones and high resolution CCTV cameras have been installed to monitor the situation at vital points.

They added that area sanitisation and domination exercises are being carried out in vulnerable pockets across the Union Territory.

Meanwhile, Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force, G P Singh, chaired a high level security review meeting in Jammu to assess counter terror operations across the region. During the meeting, he reviewed the prevailing security situation, evaluated operational preparedness, and stressed the need for close coordination among various security agencies to deal with emerging challenges.

The Border Security Force has also strengthened anti infiltration measures in north Kashmir's Bandipora sector following intelligence inputs indicating increased attempts of infiltration from across the border.

Speaking to reporters in Bandipora, DIG BSF Sector Headquarters Bandipora, N K Babu said the force has enhanced surveillance and ground deployment to counter any such attempts. He said drone surveillance has been increased and foot patrols intensified in vulnerable areas.

"The BSF, in coordination with the Army, has deployed multi layered anti infiltration grids in successive lines to monitor movement along the border. Vehicle and foot patrols have also been increased along the main road connecting Bandipora to Razdan Pass and Gurez to maintain surveillance and prevent the movement of suspicious elements," he said.

He added that BSF units remain deployed at high altitude locations ranging between 12,000 and 16,000 feet and are continuing operations despite difficult terrain and harsh weather conditions.

"The force is fully prepared to ensure security in the sector and maintain normalcy during the Republic Day celebrations," he said.

### LG To Take Salute

be the chief guest on the occasion. As per a communique written by the General Administration Department to divisional commissioners, five cabinet ministers will preside over and take the salute at district headquarters.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary will preside over the function at Srinagar; Minister for Health and Medical Education Sakina Ittoo at Anantnag; Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmad Rana at Poonch; Minister for Rural Development Javed Ahmad Dar at Baramulla; and Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Satish Sharma at Kathua.

As per the letter, the District Development Council chairpersons will preside over functions at district headquarters in other 14 districts.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrates will preside over the main functions at their respective sub-divisional headquarters, whereas the Tehsildar or senior civil officer will preside at the respective Tehsil, Block, or Municipal headquarters, as decided by the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

### MeT Forecast Light

division for the next two days. Travellers have been advised to plan their movement carefully and follow traffic and administrative advisories in view of the expected weather conditions.

Meanwhile, minimum temperatures across the Kashmir Valley and the Jammu region recorded a marginal rise on Thursday, offering brief relief from the prevailing cold wave conditions. In Ladakh, however, night temperatures continued to remain significantly below freezing at several locations.

The weather department said it would continue to monitor the situation and issue further updates as required.

### Cyber Frauds

suspect fraud. He cautioned citizens against downloading applications, opening links, or responding to calls and messages from unknown or suspicious sources, noting that such actions often lead to financial loss and data theft.

Gupta also advised people to safeguard their personal documents and credentials to prevent misuse and the creation of mule accounts, which are increasingly being used in cyber-crime networks.

Reiterating the commitment of the cyber police, he said authorities remain available to assist victims and urged people not to feel embarrassed or hesitant about reporting cyber fraud cases.

"Increased awareness, vigilance and timely reporting can significantly reduce cybercrime and help protect people from financial and personal loss," he added.

### Delhi Program

Dr. Akhil Prasad. It blends classroom learning with direct exposure to courts, corporate offices, and legislative institutions. Students attend sessions led by judges, senior advocates, and top General Counsels from leading corporations. They visit the Supreme Court, regional

courts, Parliament, and corporates, experiencing the workings of India's legal ecosystem firsthand.

Union Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, Harsh Malhotra, inaugurated the event, urging the students to see law as a pillar of corporate governance and institutional trust. "Young lawyers will shape India's growth," he said, emphasizing transparency and accountability.

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal, also joined the students during the workshop. He reminded them of their responsibility to uphold constitutional values and ensure public faith in legal institutions.

Both ministers lauded the vision of GCAI founders, describing the platform as transformative for the next generation of legal professionals.

For the four Kashmiri students, the experience is nothing short of eye-opening.

"Meeting senior advocates and seeing how courts operate has made me rethink what legal practice can be," said one participant. Another added, "Interacting with peers from all over India shows me how much talent exists outside our usual circles."

Their days are packed with lectures, corporate exposure visits, and courtroom observations. Each session reinforces practical skills and professional clarity.

The students have absorbed lessons in litigation, corporate compliance, and legislative processes while forging connections with mentors and peers.

Dr. Gemawat highlighted the inclusive design of the workshop. "We aim to provide equal opportunity to students from all regions. The presence of Kashmiri students strengthens the national integration we hope this programme fosters," he said.

As the workshop moves toward its conclusion on January 30, the four students bring a renewed sense of purpose, professional insight, and confidence to represent Kashmir on a national platform.

"This workshop proves that talent knows no boundaries," Abid observed. "These students are the future of Indian law."

### How A South

and youth.

Locals recall how men would gather around kiosks, chatting over cigarettes or tobacco, often in spaces where children played nearby. "We realised this was normalising a habit that was slowly harming the next generation," said Mir Jaffar, one resident who helped initiate the move.

Concern over rising cancer cases in Kashmir added urgency to the discussions.

The tipping point came when shopkeepers agreed to dismantle tobacco counters and stop selling cigarettes altogether, even though many depended on these items for daily earnings.

"It was not an easy decision," Tariq Mir, a shopkeeper told Kashmir Observer.

"Selling cigarettes brought in a few hundred rupees every day. But when we thought about the future of our children, the loss felt small."

The initiative soon moved beyond individual choices and took on a collective character. Sermons and discussions at the local mosque became spaces for reflection and commitment.

Visitors to the village are now informed that Sheikhgund Shangus is a no-smoking zone, and anyone asking for cigarettes is politely but firmly turned away.

"People would come here and ask for tobacco or a hookah," said Mohammad Hussain Malik. "Then I started thinking about the children around us and the habits they might pick up. That is when I decided to dismantle the entire top part of my hookah" he added.

Residents say the change has already begun to show. Elderly men who had smoked for decades have quit. Young boys who once smoked secretly are no longer seen doing so.

With fewer idle gatherings around shops, villagers say there is a visible shift in how young people are spending their time. "Many have also begun to question the cost of smoking, particularly unemployed youth who were spending thousands of rupees each month on cigarettes," Tariq said.

What makes the initiative distinctive is the

absence of coercion. There are no fines or formal punishments. Instead, violations are treated as a matter of collective responsibility and social accountability. "This is not about shaming anyone," a community member said. "It is about reminding each other why we started this."

The move by Sheikhgund Shangus has begun to attract attention from neighbouring villages, with residents visiting to understand how consensus was built. Locals here believe their experience offers a simple lesson. Public health, they say, does not always begin in hospitals or policy files. Sometimes, it begins in small villages, with people willing to give up familiar habits for the sake of those who come after them.

For Sheikhgund Shangus, the pledge is ongoing. Villagers know the challenge now lies in sustaining the resolve. Yet, for a community that has chosen health over habit, the journey itself has already reshaped daily life.

### Parents Urge

chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, and the lieutenant governor to evacuate the students from Iran," a parent told reporters.

The parents recalled previous evacuation efforts from conflict zones and expressed confidence in the government's capacity to act swiftly. "The Centre has helped students during earlier crises. We hope it will not allow the situation to worsen before bringing our children back," another parent said.

Parents alleged that the Indian embassy in Tehran had advised students to leave Iran on their own. They said communication with their children had become extremely difficult due to connectivity disruptions. "Even if we book tickets, we cannot send details because of the internet shutdown. It has become nearly impossible," the mother of a student said.

In a fresh advisory, the Indian embassy in Tehran has urged all Indian nationals, including students, pilgrims, businesspersons and tourists, to leave the country by available means, including commercial flights. Estimates suggest that over 10,000 Indians are currently residing in Iran.

Amid growing concern, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday designated Additional Resident Commissioner Anil Sharma as the nodal officer to coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian embassy and other relevant agencies for the safety and possible evacuation of residents and students from the Union Territory stranded in Iran.

The order issued by the General Administration Department said the officer will facilitate coordination, information sharing and necessary interventions related to student safety, welfare and travel arrangements.

### CM Speaks To EAM

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said he spoke to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who assured him that all necessary steps were being taken to safeguard students from Jammu and Kashmir.

In a related development, the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (Jammu and Kashmir Students Association) said the first batch of students is likely to return to India on Friday after Iran reopened its airspace to civilian flights following a temporary closure.

"All students have been registered, their passports collected, and the first batch has been asked to remain ready by 8 am," the association said, adding that students from Golestan University, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Tehran University of Medical Sciences are expected to be part of the initial evacuation.

### From Stigma To

rising brand awareness, and shifting consumer preferences, particularly among Generation Z.

For decades, thrift clothing in the Valley was closely tied to economic compulsion. One of the earliest voices to witness this transition is Nadeem Nazir Sheikh of Thrift Kashmir, who has been in the business for years. He recalls a time when customers approached thrift shops discreetly, wary of being recognised.

"Earlier, people would come quietly and avoid being seen. Today, customers openly ask

for specific brands," Sheikh said.

According to him, buyers in the 25-35 age group now dominate the market, reflecting greater familiarity with international fashion houses and a clearer understanding of brand value. What once catered largely to those with limited purchasing power now attracts brand-aware customers actively seeking premium labels.

However, the market's rapid expansion has also brought challenges. Sheikh pointed to the growing influx of lower-quality imports, particularly Chinese stock, which has made it difficult for customers to distinguish between premium and inferior bundles.

"Korean imports continue to be regarded as superior in quality but are frequently misrepresented in the supply chain," he noted.

For many young shoppers, this evolving thrift culture is closely tied to identity and self-expression. Faizan, a regular thrift customer, vividly recalls his first purchase.

"The first thrifted item I bought was a branded jacket. What really drew me to it wasn't just the price, but the fact that it felt different and unique compared to what everyone else was wearing," he said.

At the time, thrifting was not widely discussed, making the experience feel more like a personal experiment than a fashion statement. Over time, however, his perception changed. "I see thrifted clothes as a way to express personal style, stay connected with global fashion trends, and still be practical," he added.

Yet, despite its growing popularity, thrifting has not shed its stigma entirely. Adeeba, a Srinagar resident, says the concept does not appeal to her. "I also don't like the idea of wearing someone else's clothes," she said.

"Clothes that have already been worn don't attract me, so I've never given thrifting a chance."

As attitudes shift among younger consumers, the changing perception of thrift clothing has also reshaped the business itself. Zamin Zahoor of Thrift Valley Srinagar observed that thrift clothing, once casually labelled and demeaned, has now gained significant popularity among youngsters.

He also warned of risks associated with the business. "Many scammers pass off Chinese bundles as Korean ones, so anyone planning to enter the thrifting business should choose suppliers carefully," he said.

Echoing this view, Danish Imtiaz of Apna Brand identified digital access as a defining factor behind the sector's growth. Affordability, he said, remains at the core of thrift culture's appeal.

"With branded clothing from companies like Nike and Adidas often priced at 10,000 or more, thrifting offers a practical alternative," Imtiaz said.

The growing demand has also encouraged new businesses to emerge across the Valley. Murtaza Nisar of Vintage Visions said the inclination of Generation Z towards thrift fashion played a decisive role in his decision to enter the trade. "Gen Z is more inclined towards this culture, and that's why I entered this business," he said.

For older generations, however, thrift clothing continues to carry a very different meaning. Mymoona, an elderly resident, recalls a time when such garments were sold by the roadside and meant strictly for those who could not afford new clothes.

"Back then, thrifting was tied to economic hardship, not fashion," she said.

"I feel this practice should remain for those who genuinely need it. If someone can afford new clothes, they should buy them instead of used ones after all, these are worn clothes, no matter how branded they are," she added.

As thrift culture continues to evolve in Kashmir, it is increasingly shaped by more than cost alone. Brand consciousness, digital exposure, and practicality now influence how second-hand clothing is consumed and perceived, particularly among younger shoppers. Yet acceptance remains uneven. While thrift stores gain visibility and profitability, a section of society continues to associate used clothing with deprivation rather than choice, underscoring an unresolved tension between necessity, aspiration, and identity in the Valley's changing fashion economy

# CM Omar Pushes J&K as Attractive Filmmaking Spot

Observer News Service

**MUMBAI:** The Jammu and Kashmir Government is striving hard to make the scenic Union Territory an attractive destination for filmmaking, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Thursday. To make J-K an attractive destination for filmmaking, there is a need to establish adequate infrastructure for which a relationship with an institution like Mumbai-based Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) is very important, he said. "We are trying to make films in Jammu and Kashmir again. We are trying to restore the film industry in J-K. And if we want

Jammu and Kashmir to become an attractive destination for filmmaking, then human talent and post-production capability must be created locally, and that is where a relationship with an institution like IICT becomes important for us," Abdullah said. The CM was talking to reporters during a visit to IICT Accrediting to PTL. Abdullah visited the IICT campus at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Mumbai, to explore avenues for institutional collaboration and student exchange between the institute and the J-K government. "IICT and NFDC are establish-



ing a formal relationship so that our students come here and learn new ways of post-production, editing, sound, light, among others," he stated.

The CM hoped that in the future, the hub-and-spoke model that IICT had adopted, with the main campus in Mumbai and satellite centres in other places, would also be established in J-K too. Notably, the hub-and-spoke model is an organisation structure with a central hub and interconnected centres. "It will be possible that one day IICT's satellite campus will be established in Jammu and Kashmir. Today, what we have seen that IICT has established a magnificent infrastructure here in a very short time. We would like to see human talent being made available there (in UT) that will help bring down the cost and

also create jobs in J-K," Abdullah maintained. As per IICT's website, the institute is India's lighthouse for AVGC-XR (Animation, VFX, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality). It has been established with the support of the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry, the Maharashtra Government and top industry bodies FICCI and CII. As the national nodal organisation for AVGC-XR, IICT brings together academia, industry, technology and policy to nurture talent, drive innovation, and strengthen India's global competitiveness in creative technologies, said the institute.

# SKUAST-K to hold 11th AgriTech Mela 'Gongul'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir will organise the 11th edition of its flagship AgriTech Mela, titled "Gongul - Onset of Sowing", at its Shalimar campus from February 14 to 16, 2026. According to details issued by the Directorate of Extension, the three-day event will be held under the theme "NextGen Agriculture: My Produce - My Price", with the objective of promoting innovation, technology adoption, and market-oriented farming among growers. The AgriTech Mela will feature a wide range of exhibitions and thematic shows, including Startup and Technology Show, In-



dustry Exhibition, Organic and Natural Farming Show, Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Seed Shows, Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Show, Mushroom Show, and Planting Material Show. Special segments such as KVK Excellence Show, Animal and Plant Care Protection Show, Agri Art and Craft Show, Pet and Animal Show, Food Carnival, Smart Infrastructure Show, and Nutrition and Health Extension Show will also be part of the event.

# 7 Specially-abled Students of Abhinandan Home Excel in Class 12 Exams

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In an inspiring demonstration of resilience and determination, seven specially-abled students of Abhinandan Home, Rambagh, here, have cleared the Class 12 examinations with distinction, marking yet another proud moment for the institution dedicated to the education of children with disabilities. All seven students, who are hearing and speech impaired or visually challenged, secured excellent marks, proving that physical limitations are no barrier to academic excellence when the right support system is in place. The achievement has been widely hailed by educators, parents and social activists as a testament to inclusive and specialised education.

Speaking to KNO, the Principal of Abhinandan Home, Mudasir Ahmad, said that the school appeared in the Class 12 examinations with seven students this year and every one of them passed with flying colours. "This is only the second time in the institution's history that such an outstanding result has been recorded at the senior secondary level. For these children, Abhinandan Home was not just a school but their only hope," he said.

Ahmad added that over the years, hundreds of specially-abled students from the institution have successfully completed their Class 12 education. "Many of our students have gone on to live independent and dignified lives despite immense challenges," he

added. The successful candidates include Tanzeela, who scored 454 marks; Abid with 453; Seerat with 450; Mohammad Umaq with 438; Burhan with 418; Muskan with 419; and Towheeda with 415 marks. Sharing their journey, the students said that most of them had initially enrolled in regular schools but were forced to leave due to communication barriers, lack of understanding from peers and teachers, and the absence of appropriate learning tools. "We struggled a lot in normal schools. It was only after joining Abhinandan Home that we truly felt understood and supported," they said.

The availability of Braille textbooks, large-print study material, sign-language-based teaching, and specially trained teachers played a crucial role in their academic success, the students said. "A specially-abled student has to work twice as hard as others. Our success belongs as much to our parents and teachers as to us," they said.

Family members of Abid, who is hearing and speech impaired said that if this institution did not exist, our son might never have been able to continue his studies and this school changed his life. Tanzeela, who is visually impaired, echoed similar sentiments, saying that crossing the Class 12 milestone would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of her teachers and the unwavering support of her parents. "Our teachers believed in us even when society

doubted our abilities," she said. The students said their message to others living with disabilities is clear and firm. "We believe in making disability our strength, not our weakness. We want to show so-called 'normal' people that we can compete with them on equal footing," they said, urging students who had dropped out due to disability to rejoin education through special schools.

However, amid the celebrations, a serious concern continues to trouble these achievers. The students pointed out that their academic journey now faces uncertainty due to the absence of separate or adequately inclusive college-level institutions for specially-abled students in Jammu and Kashmir. "Once again, we are at a crossroads. There is no dedicated college for students like us, and we will be forced to join regular colleges that may not have the infrastructure or trained staff to support our needs," one of the students said. "We fear that the lack of facilities at the higher education level may hinder our progress," they added.

Students collectively appealed to the government to take immediate steps to establish separate colleges for specially-abled students or, at the very least, create fully inclusive and well-equipped sections within existing colleges. "Education should not stop at school. We request the authorities to intervene at the earliest so that students with disabilities are not pushed back into dependency after coming this far," they said.

# Police Nab Drug Peddler in Pulwama

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its drive against the drug menace, Jammu and Kashmir Police in Pulwama arrested a drug peddler during naka checking at Circular Road near Tahab Chowk.

According to a statement issued to Kashmir Observer, during naka checking, the naka party intercepted one person identified as Bilal Ahmad Ganaie, son of Bashir Ahmad Ganaie, resident of Chatapora. Upon thorough search, contraband substances including cannabis (charas choora-like substance) weighing 413.50 grams, charas (01 stick) weighing 36.5 grams, charas powder weighing 70 grams was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 08/2026 under section 8/20 NDPS Act has been registered at the concerned Police Station and investigation has been taken up.

J&K Police remain committed to its mission of eradicating the menace of drugs from society and urge the general public to cooperate and share information to help in building a drug-free Pulwama, the statement reads.

# CS Favors Faster Development of Housing Colonies



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** In a significant push towards addressing the growing housing requirements of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, the Chief Secretary chaired a meeting on Thursday to assess the progress and future roadmap of housing colonies being developed by the Jammu & Kashmir Housing Board (JKHB), Jammu Development Authority (JDA), and Srinagar Development Authority (SDA).

The review focused on ongoing, proposed, and planned housing projects, with particular emphasis on sustainable development, affordability, and timely execution through innovative models such as Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Self-Financing Schemes (SFS) in both Kashmir and Jammu division.

The meeting besides Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD was attended by Vice-Chairmen, JDA/SDA; MD, J&K Housing Board; CEO, CITAG and other concerned officers. The Chief Secretary observed that the rapid shrinkage of available urban land coupled with steadily rising

land prices has made housing increasingly unaffordable for large sections of the population. He emphasized that the government must proactively intervene through planned housing colonies to ensure that home ownership remains within reach of the common citizen, particularly middle- and lower-income groups. Highlighting the strategic importance of public housing projects, he noted that structured, high-density housing developed by government agencies not only optimizes land use but also significantly reduces per-unit costs, thereby making housing more accessible to a wider cross-section of society.

The Chief Secretary stressed that affordable housing cannot be achieved through isolated efforts and requires a coordinated, multi-agency approach supported by innovative development models. He underlined that leveraging PPP frameworks, self-financing schemes, and vertical development is essential to counter land scarcity while ensuring quality construction, adequate amenities, and long-term sustainability.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railways, Jammu for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed Single Packet Application for prescribed for the undermentioned STBA (Station Ticket Booking Agent) work:						
S. No.	Station Name	Station Code	Category of station	EMD required (in ₹)	Application form cost (in ₹)	Period of contract
1.	Banihal	BAHL	NSG-5	5000/-	1180	Three Years
2.	Anantnag	ANT	NSG-5	5000/-	1180	Three Years
3.	Harsar Dehri	HRDR	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
4.	Palampur Himachal	PLMX	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
5.	Panjam	PJGM	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
6.	Guler	GULR	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
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8.	Qazigund	QG	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
9.	Dina Nagar	DNN	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
10.	Dharawal	DHW	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
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16.	Bijbehara	BJBA	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
17.	Mazhoma	MZMA	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
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29.	Nagrotta	NGRT	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
30.	Kopar Lahar	KPLR	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
31.	Bharoli	BHRL	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
32.	Jakhohlahri	JK	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
33.	Bhogpur Sriwal	BPRS	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
34.	China	CHN	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years
35.	Talara	TLRA	NSG-6	2000/-	1180	Three Years

Applications will be received only in Sealed Packet in Commercial Branch, DRM Office, Jammu between 10:00 to 15:00 hrs. on 06.02.2026. For further details please visit on Railway's website www.irps.gov.in

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**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,  
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES KASHMIR,  
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BIJBEHARA.**

**Subject: Auction of Parking Fee Collection for the year 2026-2027 at MC Bijbehara.**

**AUCTION NOTICE.**

**Dated: 15/01/2025**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested individuals/firms for Auction of parking Fee Collection at Municipal Committee Bijbehara, for the year 2026-2027, w.e.f. 1/2/2026 to 31/1/2027. The Minimum reserved bid is fixed Rs. 120000/- Lakh (Rupees one lakh twenty thousand only) on the following terms and conditions.

1. The Tax Schedule of the vehicles is given as under and the successful highest bidder is bound to recover Entry Fee as per the schedule:-

S. No	Description of Vehicle	Parking fee per day
01	Govt. Vehicles / Security Forces Vehicles	Exempted
02	All Private Light Vehicles	Rs.20/- Per Day
03	Passenger Vehicles/Tavera/Sumo	Rs.30/- Per Day
04	Heavy Vehicles/Buses/Matadors	Rs.50/- Per Day

2. Important Dates:

S.No	Event	Date & Time
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15/01/2026
2	downloading of bidding documents	From 16/01/2026 to 27/01/2026
3	Bid submission Starting Date	16/01/2026 from 10:00 AM
4	Bid submission End Date	27/01/2026 upto 4.00 PM
5	opening of Bids/ Submission of Hard copies	28/01/2026 at 12.00 Noon in the office of the Executive Officer Municipal Committee Bijbehara

3. Bid Requirements.  
CDR: Rs.120000/- (10% of the minimum reserve bid), pledged to the Executive Officer, MC Bijbehara.  
Tender Fee: Rs.1,000/- via Bank Challan (A/C No. 0091040500019918, J&K Bank, Bijbehara).  
Bid Security Declaration: As per Annexure-II, on stamp paper, attested by Notary.

4. Payment Terms for Successful Bidder.  
10% of the bid amount: To be deposited on the spot.  
65%: Before taking possession of Parking's.  
25% on the completion of 3 months from the date of taking of possession of pool posts.

5. Terms & Conditions.  
The contract is valid from 1/2/2026 to 1/2/2027, extendable by one year with a 10% enhancement based on performance.  
Agreement must be executed and registered before allotment.  
Subletting is strictly prohibited; violation leads to Rs. 100,000/- penalties, contract cancellation, and blacklisting.  
The contractor must collect fees strictly as per the approved schedule.  
Arrange manpower, furniture, sanitation, and parking's infrastructure at their own cost.  
Display rate schedules visibly at Parking's.  
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Taxes (Income Tax, GST, etc.) are to borne by the contractor.

Parking sites.  
1. Opposite DaraShikoh Garden with Coffee Shop.

6. E-Tendering Instructions  
Bidders must possess a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).  
Bids must be submitted online only at www.jktenders.gov.in.  
Upload scanned copies (100 dpi, B&W) of:  
Bank Challan  
CDR  
Bid Security Declaration  
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Tender Document  
Hard copies of uploaded documents must be submitted before allotment.

7. General Conditions  
Bids remain valid for 30 days from the date of opening.  
The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning reasons.  
Disputes, if any, shall be referred to the Director, Urban Local Bodies Kashmir, whose decision shall be final.

NO: MC/Bij/Tax/2026/157-61  
Dated: 15/01/2026

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DT: 15/01/2026

Executive Officer,  
Municipal Committee Bijbehara.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION PATTAN.  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

**NIT No: 77 / R&B of 2025-26 3998-4003 Dated: 14.01.2026**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor	Projecting Authority
1	Construction of Boundary Wall at Boys Middle School Dandoora .	7.60 lacs	300/-	15200/-	45 days	PAB	D/C	Education Department
2	Construction of Head Master Room at Middle School New Colony Matipora . .	9.38 lacs	600/-	18760/-	90 days	PAB	D/C	Education Department

Position Of AAA: Accorded Position of T.S: Accorded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14.01.2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14.01.2026
3	Bid submission Start Date	14.01.2026
4	Bid Submission End Date	28.01.2026 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29.01.2026 11:00 AM Office of The Executive Engineer RnB Division Pattan

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (Dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) with NIT No. , Serial No. and name of work to be deposited in M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender inviting authority) Falling under the Competence of under sign.

3. All the bidders must upload Earnest money /Bid security equal to 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority) (The Date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the Bid Submission start date and Bid submission End date, as per PWD norms).

4. The Successful bidder will have to provide performance security @ 5% of contract value in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority). The earnest money/ Bid security @2% shall be released to the successful bidder only on receipt of Performance Security @ 5% of Contract value which shall be released after successful completion of DLP /maintenance period for different nature of works i.e. for M&R works six months (6 months) Bituminous works Three Years (03 Years) and Building works Eighteen Months (18 months) etc as per Physical nature of work.

5. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pattan (tender receiving authority).

6. The earnest money/ Bid security in favor of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of original Treasury Challan.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

8. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-  
i. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
ii. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
iii. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

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## U-19 World Cup

# Henil Grabs 5/16 as India Beat USA by 6 Wickets

Press Trust of India

**BULAWAYO (ZIMBABWE):** Henil Patel led a ruthless bowling display with an excellent five-wicket haul, setting up India's six-wicket victory over USA in their rain-hit ICC Under-19 World Cup opener here on Thursday.

The right-arm seamer finished with figures of 5/16 from seven overs with one maiden, ripping through the USA middle-order after India opted to bowl under overcast conditions. The USA were bundled out for a meagre 107 in 35.2 overs.

India's target was revised to 96 in 37 overs after rain interrupted proceedings with the total reading 21 for one in four overs.

Abhigyan Kundu (42 not out off 41 balls) then saw the team home with 118 balls to spare under the DLS method.

India's chase was delayed by rain but when play resumed, 14-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi (2) fell cheaply as he was bowled by Ritvik Appidi (2/24 in 5 overs) in the third over.

Appidi cramped Suryavanshi for room with a length delivery before the batter came down the wicket only to get an inside edge onto the stumps. Skipper Ayush Mhatre had by then collected two boundaries and looked confident until rain forced another interruption.

At that stage of the game, India required just 87 runs in 46 overs, but the equation was changed as per the DLS method when play resumed after a long interruption.

Upon resumption, India lost the wickets of Mhatre (19) and Vedant



Trivedi (2) in quick succession, and then, vice-captain Vihaan Malhotra was dismissed for 18.

Earlier, Henil struck in his very first over, inducing an edge from Amrinder Gill (1) to Malhotra in the slips, before the tall tearaway pacer Deepesh Devendran joined in by having Sahil Garg (16) caught by Henil at third man to reduce USA to 29/2 in nine overs.

Henil then took control of the innings with a devastating double blow, removing captain Utkarsh Srivastava for a five-ball duck before dismissing wicketkeeper Arjun Mahesh (16) in the same over as the USA slipped to 35/4.

He returned again soon, drawing a loose drive from Mahesh that flew to third man for his third wicket, and USA never recovered from the collapse.

Leg-spinner Khilan Patel struck immediately on his introduction, trapping Amogh Arepally (3) as the USA slid to 39/5 in the 16th over.

Nitish Sudini offered some resistance with a counter-attacking 36 off 52 balls, striking four boundaries and adding 30 runs with Adnit Jhamb (18) for the sixth wicket to take USA past 50.

However, Henil returned to mop up the tail, dismissing Sabirish Prasad (7) and Rishabh Shimpi (0) to complete his five-for as the USA were bundled out in 35.2 overs.

India are in Group B alongside Bangladesh and New Zealand.

**Brief Scores:**

USA 107 in 35.2 overs (Nitish Sudini 36; Henil Patel 5/16) vs India.

India: 99/4 in 17.2 overs (Abhigyan Kundu 42 not out; Ritvik Appidi 2/24).

## Bangladesh Crisis

# Players' Revolt Puts BPL in Limbo

Press Trust of India

**DHAKA:** The crisis-ridden Bangladesh Cricket Board stared at the prospect of its flagship T20 league coming to a halt after senior national players revolted against it for not sacking director Najmul Islam for his disparaging comments against them even though the BCB removed him as head of its finance committee.

Despite the removal of Najmul from the key BCB post, two matches of the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) scheduled on the day were postponed and the tournament itself looked in disarray due to the players' firm stance.

The cricketers taking part in their demand for immediate removal of Najmul as BCB director.

BCB removed Najmul as chairman of the board's finance committee but he remains a Board director, a position that can be taken from him on disciplinary grounds.

"...Following a review of recent developments and in the best interest of the organisation, the BCB President has decided to release Mr. Najmul Islam from his responsibilities as Chairman of the Finance Committee with immediate effect," said the BCB in a statement.

"Until further notice, the BCB President will assume the role of Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee. The BCB reiterates that the



interests of the cricketers remain its highest priority."

It then pleaded with the players to not halt the BPL.

"BCB hopes that all cricketers will continue to display the highest standards of professionalism and dedication to the betterment of Bangladesh cricket during what is a challenging period for the game...and will do their utmost to ensure continued participation in the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL)."

The furore started after Najmul, while reiterating Bangladesh's refusal to travel to India for next month's T20 World Cup on account of "security worries", rejected concerns surrounding players' remuneration should the country withdraw.

He stated that the players would not be compensated as they have not justified the support so far, having failed to win a single ICC event.

The statement caused an outrage with Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangla-

desh (CWAB) calling for his immediate ouster from BCB.

The under-pressure showcaused Najmul.

"...the Board has already initiated formal disciplinary proceedings against the Board member concerned. A show-cause letter has been issued, and the individual has been instructed to submit a written response within 48 hours," it stated earlier in the day.

Bangladesh are refusing to tour India, citing security concerns after pacer Mustafizur Rahman was dropped from the IPL on BCCI's instructions for unspecified "developments all around".

The BCB is still in talks with the ICC to figure a way out after the world body showed reluctance to shift Bangladesh's four games in India to Sri Lanka.

Najmul had earlier described former captain Tamim Iqbal as an "agent of India" after he called for a restrained handling of the standoff with the neighbouring nation, warning

that decisions taken today would have impact 10 years down the line.

The CWAB had condemned that statement from Najmul.

Bangladesh Test captain Najmul Hossain Shanto has also urged for a pragmatic approach and also revealed that the players are under immense stress due to the current circumstances.

"We have been discussing with the BCB for many issues but didn't get any solution. We are now hopeless. Cricketers are playing the game for pride. We told him to say sorry but he became more desperate. He can't make such comment," CWAB president Mohammad Mithun said in a press conference here that also had Mustafizur in attendance even though he did not speak.

"They are taking long time to solve women's team matters. Without evidence, nine players were omitted from BPL for alleged corruption in BPL.

Senior all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz echoed the sentiment.

"We always say that cricket board is our guardian. But something like this coming from one of them is really disappointing. Cricket board is run by ICC and sponsor incomes. We give the highest tax 25-30 percent."

Shanto and current T20 captain Litton Das too expressed their views on the controversial matter.

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