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A money mule is a person who transfers or moves illegally acquired money on behalf of someone else.



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## Farmers' Interests Fully Protected: LG On Trade Deals

**Pushes AI Tools, Precision Irrigation At Kisan Mela**

**'Agriculture First' To Power Aatma-Nirbhar J&K**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday asserted that the Centre is fully committed to safeguarding farmers' interests amid concerns surrounding recent trade agreements, while pitching technology-driven reforms to transform agriculture in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of a three-day Agriculture Summit and Kisan Mela organised by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, the Lieutenant Governor said robust



safeguards are being implemented to ensure that farmers and their production remain unharmed under trade deals. Highlighting the government's

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## National Song Now Must Before Anthem: MHA

**Standing Mandatory, Six Stanzas to Be Sung At Ceremonial Functions**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry has directed that all six stanzas of the National Song Vande Mataram, written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, shall be sung first when the National Song and National Anthem Jan

Gana Man are to be played together.

In an order dated January 28, the home ministry gave the first set of protocols for singing the National Song, directing that six stanzas of it, having a duration of 3 minutes 10 seconds, shall be sung on **| More on P10**

## Apology Row Disrupts J&K Assembly For 2nd Consecutive Day

» Walkouts, Slogans & Apology Demand Mark Tense Session

» CM Offers Regret, Opposition Refuses to Relent, Question Hour Hit

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly witnessed repeated disruptions for the second consecutive day on Wednesday as a row over alleged unparliamentary remarks made by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah escalated into a full blown confrontation between the treasury and opposition benches.

BJP legislators staged protests inside the House, trooped into the well and later walked out,

demanding an unconditional apology from the chief minister. The uproar disrupted Question Hour and other legislative business.

Amid slogan shouting by BJP members, Omar entered the House and expressed regret over his remarks, stating that comments made in the heat of the moment may have hurt sentiments.

"As far as emotions are concerned, things do get said in the heat of the moment. **| More on P10**



**Bill to Amend State Civil Courts Act**

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday introduced a Bill in the Legislative Assembly seeking amendments to the Jammu and Kashmir State Civil Courts Act, 1977. The proposed legislation, titled L.A. Bill No. 03 of **| More on P10**

## Illegal Mining on Kashmir Karewas: NGT Orders Central Probe

Syed Sammar Mehdi

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal has ordered a central team to inspect alleged illegal clay and sand mining in Pulwama and Budgam districts of Kashmir after a petition said nearly 1,000 kanals of Karewa land had been damaged.

The case was filed by environmental activist Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat and was heard on February 6 by the tribunal's principal bench, led by Justice Prakash Srivastava, chairman of the NGT, and expert member Dr Senthil Vel.

The tribunal directed the formation of a joint committee comprising representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Central Pollution Control Board, the Deputy Commissioners of



Pulwama and Budgam, and officials from the regional office of the environment ministry in Chandigarh. The Deputy Commissioner of Pulwama has been named the coordinating agency.

The team has been asked to visit the affected sites with prior notice to the petitioner.

Advocate Saurabh Sharma, appearing for Dr Bhat, told the tribunal that illegal extraction of clay, sand and bajri in Zadoora and Rangeen Kultreh villages in Pulwama and parts of Chadoora in Budgam had damaged around 1,000 kanals of land. He submitted a list of affected **| More on P10**

## No Plan to Reclaim Power Projects: Govt

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday informed the Legislative Assembly that there is "no proposal" under consideration to seek the return of power projects from the Centre, saying the matter pertains to the Government of India.

In a written reply to a question by MLA Irfan Hafiz Lone during the ongoing Budget session, the Power Development Department (PDD) said no such proposal is pending with the Union Territory administration.

"No such proposal is lying with the UT of J&K. The matter pertains to the Government of India, and as of now, no such information is available with the Government of J&K," the reply said.

The response comes amid political demands in the region for the transfer of major hydropower projects to the UT to enhance fiscal autonomy.

The government also shared details of **| More on P10**

## AIIMS Awantipora Stalled at 70%, Parra Flags Delay

**Seeks Abeyance Of Reservation Orders**

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: PDP MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra on Wednesday raised concern in the Legislative Assembly over the delay in completion of AIIMS Awantipora and flagged multiple issues relating to healthcare infrastructure, private clinic registrations and the reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Participating in a discussion on grants for education, social welfare and health, Parra described these sectors as central to human development and said they require urgent attention amid growing demand and existing structural constraints.

He said the completion of AIIMS Awantipora, which caters to the Pulwama and adjoining areas of south Kashmir,

would significantly strengthen healthcare delivery in the region.

"Last year, the status of AIIMS Awantipora was 70 percent and it remains the same even today. There has been considerable cost escalation," Parra said, urging the government to personally monitor the project to ensure timely completion.

He noted that despite earlier assurances and meetings held by the petitions committee, progress on the project remained slow and required close oversight.

The PDP legislator also reiterated the demand for installation of MRI facilities at the District Hospital Pulwama, stating that the hospital witnesses heavy patient footfall and faces staff shortages.

Parra **| More on P10**

## Indo-US Trade Agreement

## J&K Fruit Growers Weigh Risks, Gains

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The proposed India-US trade deal has triggered a sharp debate within Kashmir's horticulture sector, with growers and dealers divided over its potential impact on prices, quality and long term sustainability of the local economy.

While many orchardists fear the reduction in import duties will damage the Valley's apple and dry fruit market, some believe competition from American produce could stabilise prices and push farmers to improve quality.

Javaid Ahmad Lone, a walnut grower and dealer from Shopian, said exposure to imported goods may compel local farmers to upgrade their stock. "Protectionism is not good for



farmers all the time. They become complacent because they have a captive market. The rates of local almonds and walnuts fluctuate like the share market. No one is sure what is happening," Lone said.

He argued that a steady inflow of walnuts and almonds from the United States could help stabilise local prices.

"The imported walnuts and almonds have better quality and were already **| More on P10**

## J&K To Roll Out Cancer Control Strategy

**Infra Expansion, Vaccination Drive and Workforce Boost Announced in Assembly**

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday announced a comprehensive cancer control strategy focusing on infrastructure development, capacity building and institutional partnerships, Health and Education Minister Sakina Itoo informed the Assembly.

Replying to a discussion on grants, Itoo said the cancer control plan will be rolled out in collaboration with NITI Aayog and the Indian Council of Medical Research, with strategic guidance from institutions such as the Tata Memorial Centre.

"The focus will be on managing the disease through structured planning and evidence based interventions," she said.

As part of preventive healthcare, the minister said a cervical cancer vaccination drive has been launched for girls aged 9 to 15 years.

Emphasising that health, education and social welfare are interconnected sectors, Itoo said the government remains committed to strengthening public services despite financial constraints.

"When health is weak, education suffers. When education fails, poverty grows. When **| More on P10**

## Right Of Representation Not 'Empty Formality': HC

**Court Quashes PSA Detention Over Mechanical Grounds, Identity Lapse**

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has quashed the detention order of a 32-year-old Srinagar man under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA), observing that the right to representation was not an "empty formality."

"Right of representation is not an empty formality from the point of view of a detenu (detainee) whereas it may be reckoned to be formality of botheration from the point of view of detention order making authority," said a bench of Justice Rahul Bharti while allowing a petition filed by

Basharat Ahmad Bazaz through his mother, adding, "The detention order making authority appears to be ridden with a preconceived mindset that a detenu cannot make out or be heard to make out any ground for revocation of his/her preventive detention by way of his/her representation, and therefore, there is hardly any need to have a look at the representation of a detenu except to put it in the dustbin disposal and not to even bother to make any averment in counter affidavit to be submitted before a Constitutional Court where legality and validity of the impugned **| More on P10**



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Now i have applied for correction / rectification of error in the Cluster University Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, afterthe expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.

**Name: SAYIMA JAN, Fathers Name: ALI MOHAMMAD RATHER, Date of Birth: 15-08-1998, Residence:- Kaitech Razgeer Khansahib Budgam cell: 9596061542.**

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Khushar Ahmad Bhat, S/o Mohd Shaban Bhat, R/o Goripora Dadipora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of my ward namely Tayib-un-Nisa born on : 06-07-2016 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Rayaz Ahmad Hajam, S/o Ghulam Ahmad Hajam, R/o Wadoora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Adil Rayaz Hajam born on: 22-08-2010 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Amina Begum, W/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, R/o Latishat for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of self born on 07-02-1971 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## Office Of The Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Sub.. Issuance a Registration order in respect of delayed Death.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The registrar Death BDO pattan has submitted a case file pertaining to Death of Ghulam Rasool Shah S/o Ghulam Mohammad Shah R/o Nehalpora with verified date of death 03/04/2016 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.

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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## 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 Kaunain Ali sofi D.o.B 01/03/2021 and Muzamil Hussain sofi D.o.B 22/06/2014 ss/o Muslim Ahmad sofi R/o Kripalpura Tehsil Singapore. 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.

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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## اشتہار ہر خاص وعام

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Firdous Ahmad Reshi, S/o Khazir Mohd Reshi, R/o Zaloora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of my ward namely Filzah Firdous born on : 14-05-2020 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Mohd Shafi Sheikh, S/o Abdul Kareem Sheikh, R/o Seeloo , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Death certificate in favour of Rahti Begum who died on : 20-05-2024 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant. In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### Public Notice

This office has received a written application from Mohd Rafeeq Bhat S/o. Gh Nabi Bhat R/o. Gund Brath , Tehsil Zaingeer for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of Son Mahi Rafeeq born on 30/08/2021 and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب اجرائی رتھو سرفنیٹ بحق توپر علی و رشان علی صونی پیران الطاف حسین صونی ساکتہ موضع ملہ پوچھن تحصیل پٹن

### اشتہار ہر خاص وعام

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## از نیابت بوئی زمنگیر

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب قاضی اقبال جاوید ولد قاضی جاوید احمد ساکتہ بہوری پورہ شگر گندہ ہر اجرائی لیگل ہیر بحق خود

### اشتہار ہر خاص وعام

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بعد اشتہار اخبار سارسات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے عذر یا اعتراض عدالت حد ا کوکفری اوقات کے دوران پیش

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that Mr. Firdous Ahmad Dar, S/o Abdul Rashid Dar, R/o Chailob, has applied before the concerned authority for issuance of an Income Certificate / Family Income Certificate. As per the declaration, the family particulars include the following members:

Abdul Rashid Dar – Self (Labour)  
Mahmooda Bano – Wife (House-wife)  
Manzoor Ahmad Dar – Son (Labour)  
Haseena Akther – Daughter (House-wife)  
Firdous Ahmad Dar – Son (Student)

The total monthly family income has been declared as 48,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Thousand only).

If any person has any objection regarding the above particulars, he/she may file the same, in writing, before the concerned authority within the prescribed period. After that, no objection shall be entertained.

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## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ZAINGEER BOMAI

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This office has received a written application from Khazir Mohammad Gojrey, S/o Mohammad Shaban Gojrey, R/o Zaloora for issuance of Birth & Death certificate in favour of my wards namely

Child: Muntaha Khazir, Date of Birth: 01-02-2015

Jamina Jaan – Date of Birth: 01-02-2014

Sadaf Jaan – Date of Birth: 29-07-2017

Mohammad Ibrahim Gojrey – Date of Birth: 29-12-2019

and as per document evidence produced by the applicant.

In this regard, if anyone has any objection, he/she may file the same before the undersigned within 07 days.

After that, no objection whatsoever will be entertained by this office.

Tehsildar

Executive Magistrate Bomial

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mehvish Bashir, have appeared/passed the SSE/HSE-II (Class 10th/11th/12th) examination under Roll No. 121006007, Session: Annual Regular, 2023, conducted by the J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE).

It is hereby notified that an error has occurred in my records with regard to my mother's name, which has been wrongly mentioned as Musooda Begum instead of the correct name Masooda Begum.

I have applied for the necessary correction before the J&K Board of School Education, Magam.

If any person has any objection in this regard, he/she may file the same before the office of the Assistant Secretary, JKBOSE, Magam, within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the said period, no objection shall be entertained.

This notice is issued for the information of the general public.

Correction particulars are as under:

Name: Mehvish Bashir

Father's Name: Bashir Ahmad Wani

Mother's Name (Correct): Masooda Begum

Date of Birth: 07-09-2008

Residence: Chichlora, Magam

Mobile No.: 9797836792

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## از نیابت بوئی زمنگیر

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب عبدال رشید تیلی ولد علی محمد تیلی ساکتہ نوپورہ ہرادر عطالگی OBC تحت 176 SRO بحق دختر رقت رشید

### اشتہار ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکتہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرفنیٹ بذمرہ تیلی پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کارروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے

جس سے عیام ہے کہ ساکتہ واقعی تیلی ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکتہ نوپورہ ہر

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## از نیابت بوئی زمنگیر

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب سبیل ولی نیار ولد ولی محمد نیار ساکتہ نگلی پورہ ہرادر عطالگی OBC تحت 176 SRO بحق خود زوجہ روی بیگم

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ولی محمد نیار ولد محمد نیار

مزدوری 65 سال

گھر بیلو کام 60 سال

زیر تعلیم 32 سال

گھر بیلو کام 28 سال

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## 70 Driving Licences Revoked to Combat Drug Trafficking: DC

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo (IAS), on Wednesday said the district administration, in coordination with Srinagar Police and allied departments, has revoked around 70 driving licences linked to narcotics cases as part of intensified measures to curb drug trafficking in the district.

"By coordinating with District Police Srinagar and all our allied departments, especially the Transport Department, a decision has been taken in the District Level Committee that whatever is found in any NDPS case, or will be found, its driv-

ing licences will be legally revoked and disqualified," the DC said while speaking with reporters on the sidelines of a function at Kashmir Haat.

The DC, as reported by KNO said that nearly 70 driving licences have already been revoked under this process, and more cases are under scrutiny. "This action will act as an additional deterrent. Please do not get involved in drug peddling," he said.

Labroo said the administration, in coordination with the police, health teams and all departments, is implementing "very strict measures" under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) framework to ensure zero tolerance against drugs.

## World Unani Day Celebrated at Government Dental College

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** World Unani Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and academic significance at Government Dental College, Srinagar, under the theme "Innovation and Evidence in Unani Practice." The event commemorated the birth anniversary of the eminent Unani physician, educationist, and freedom fighter Hakim Ajmal Khan, whose vision continues to guide the advancement of the Unani system of medicine in India.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Ahmad Shah, Principal, Government Unani Medical College Ganderbal; Prof. Dr. Sandeep Kour Bali Principal, Government Dental College Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Shabir Ahmad Shah, MS Govt Dental College Srinagar; Dr. Showkat Hussain Ittoo, Registrar, Board of Ayurveda and Unani System of Medicine; Dr. Sujad Hussain Shuja, Assistant Director, Directorate of AYUSH, J&K also Participated in the program.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor paid rich tributes to Hakim Ajmal Khan, describing him as a reformer who institutionalized Unani education and emphasized scientific temper in traditional medicine. He stated that the theme of this year, "Innovation and Evidence in Unani Practice" resonates deeply with

Hakim Ajmal Khan's vision of combining classical wisdom with modern research methodologies. He further informed the gathering that IUST has established a dedicated Unani Cell to promote advanced research in Unani medicine, and that the University has initiated Post-graduate and Ph.D. programmes in the Unani system, thereby creating a robust academic and research ecosystem for the discipline in Jammu & Kashmir.

Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Ahmad Shah, in her address, highlighted the monumental role of Hakim Ajmal Khan in strengthening medical education and public health institutions in India. He emphasized that innovation in Unani practice must be rooted in authentic classical knowledge while being supported by scientific validation and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Keynote Address on the theme was delivered by Dr. Sujad Hussain Shuja, Assistant Director, Directorate of AYUSH, J&K, who spoke extensively about translating the legacy of Hakim Ajmal Khan into contemporary action through clinical documentation, pharmacological research, drug standardization, and integration of innovation with evidence-based practice. He highlighted the recent achievements of the Directorate of AYUSH, J&K, in expanding AYUSH healthcare services, strengthening academic institutions, and promoting research initiatives across the Union Territory.

## Habba Kadal Fire Leaves Trail of Damage, Injures Fireman

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Panic and cries rocked the Babapora area of Habba Kadal late Tuesday evening after a fire broke out, leaving two civilians and a firefighter injured.

Officials said six houses suffered damage before the flames were brought under control.

An official told KNO that the blaze erupted around 10:30 PM, prompting a response from the Fire and Emergency Services Department. "Given the congested nature of the locality, reinforcements from other stations were also pressed to contain the spread," he said.

During the intense firefighting operation, Fireman Fameed Ahmad sustained injuries and was shifted to the hospital, the official said, adding that two civilians, Amir Ahmad (12), son of Zakir Ahmad and Mohammad Shahad Mallah (60), son of Mukhtar Mallah, also suffered burn injuries and are said to be in stable condition at a hospital.

Eyewitnesses described scenes of chaos and courage as firefighters battled the blaze through narrow lanes. "We could hear explosions when gas cylinders burst inside the houses. The firefighters did not back down even for a moment," said a local resident.

Abdul Rashid, another local, said



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they woke up to screams and smoke everywhere. "The fire spread so fast that people barely managed to step out. It was the quick action that saved the entire lane from turning to ashes," he said.

Shazia Bano, a local, said, "The children were crying, and the el-

derly could not move quickly. Everyone came out to help, but the flames were too strong."

The official added that two to three gas cylinders exploded in the area, causing damage to six residential houses, mostly to their attic portions.

## Wrongly Parked Vehicles Hamper Fire Response

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The devastating fire that gutted multiple houses in Haba Kadal area of downtown Srinagar on Tuesday night escalated rapidly as fire tenders struggled to access the congested locality due to wrongly parked vehicles, officials and locals said.

According to inhabitants, fire and emergency service teams faced immense difficulty in pushing their heavy vehicles through the narrow lanes as cars were parked along the roadside, leaving minimal space for passage. They said it has become a norm in several parts of Srinagar to park

vehicles on roads even during night hours, severely obstructing emergency movement.

Locals of Haba Kadal described the issue as serious and long-standing, urging authorities to frame and strictly implement rules against roadside parking in congested areas. They said timely access by fire tenders could have prevented the blaze from spreading to adjoining structures.

According to KNT, Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Auqib Hasan acknowledged that wrongly parked vehicles create significant hurdles during emergency operations.

"Downtown areas have very

narrow roads. Whenever we receive a distress call from such localities, we immediately ask the caller to ensure that wrongly parked vehicles are removed to facilitate smooth movement of fire tenders," he said.

Calling it a serious and recurring problem, Dr Hasan appealed to citizens to act responsibly and avoid obstructing public roads, especially in densely populated areas, as delays in emergency response can result in greater loss of property.

The latest incident has once again brought into focus the urgent need for better traffic discipline and stricter enforcement to prevent escalation of such disasters.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBHERRA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

### HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (OPEN)
- Mughal Road - (OPEN)
- Srinagar-Leh- (CLOSED)

**HIJRI**  
**CALENDAR**  
23 Shaban  
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### PRAYERS

FAJR 5:55  
ZUHR 12:45  
ASR 4:32  
Magrib 6:14  
ISHA 7:36

**FATEHA KHAWANI**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, wife of Mirza Ali Muhammad Beigh of Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar, who passed away on Monday, 9th February 2026.

Her congregational Fateha Khawani will be held on Thursday, 12th February 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at their ancestral graveyard at Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar.

Thereafter, a daylong condolence meeting (Taziyat-e-Majlis) will be held at the Shrine of Shabih-e-Abul Fazal Abass (A.S.), Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar.

**Note:** Ladies are requested not to bring any kind of eatables with them.

**BEREAVED:**

Mirza Ali Muhammad Beigh (Husband)  
Mirza Mansoor Ali Beigh, Mirza Sajad Hussain Beigh (Sons)  
Syed Abid Hussain Rizvi, Altaf Hussain Joo (Sons-in-law)

## SMC Directs Employees to Resume Duties

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Srinagar Municipal Corporation has directed all its officials and employees to resume work immediately and warned of strict action against those found participating in demonstrations within its premises.

In an order issued by the competent authority, of-

ficials were instructed to report to their respective offices and duty stations without delay. The order stated that any person found loitering around or involved in unnecessary and unlawful demonstrations in the SMC premises shall face action as per law.

The administration termed the ongoing protest illegal, particularly in view

of the claim that matters relating to salary disbursement have been resolved. Unit Heads and Ward Officers have been directed to ensure attendance of staff under their jurisdiction and submit compliance reports. They have also been asked to furnish a list of officials who defy the instructions to the Commissioner, SMC.

According to KNT, the

order further stated that union leaders have been advised to call off the strike as salaries are expected to be released within a day or two.

Notably, employees of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation have been protesting for the past week over unpaid salaries, affecting routine functioning in several areas.

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**

**OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT HAJIN**

**Subject: Tentative Selection List of candidates for the Posts of Sanginis (AWWs).**

This office has advertised One post of Sangini (AWW) vide advertisement Notice No 03 of 2025 Dated 26-07-2025 under endorsement No: CDPO/Poshan/Hajin/Recruitment/2025/276-88 Dated: 26-07-2025 and same was published through department of information vide DIP No. #DIPK-4374/25 in Newspapers Kashmir Images, Tameel Irshad and Sharbeen on Dated 29-07-2025 and vide publicity was also given through PRIs and same was also uploaded on website of DC Bandipora and applications were received accordingly. After proper scrutiny of application forms by the District Level Selection Committee the final merit of candidates for each ward was made accordingly as per H.R policy for Sanginis (AWW) & Sahayikas (AWH) constituted by Government vide order No: 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30-11-2022 which is now being published for inviting of objections if any within 10 days from the date of publication, after expiry of cut date no objection shall be entertained. The merit list of all candidates is mentioned at Annexure "A" and Provisional/Tentative Selection List as per Annexure "B" is shown below for each ward from were applications for engagement of Sanginis (AWWs) were received.

**ANNEXURE "A"**

| S. No | Name of Candidate | Parentage / Husbands Name | DOB        | Name of location for which she has applied | Marks obtained as per 12 <sup>th</sup> Class Marks Sheet submitted by candidate | Percentage of Marks |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 01    | Shabroza Bano     | D/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar   | 20-08-2005 | Hanji Mohalla Madwan W. No. 6              | 316/500                                                                         | 63.20%              |

**ANNEXURE "B"**

| S. No | Name of Candidate | Parentage/ Husband's Name | DOB        | Location for which selected provisionally | Marks obtained as per 12 <sup>th</sup> Class Marks Sheet submitted by candidate | Percentage of Marks | Remarks |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 01    | Shabroza Bano     | D/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar   | 20-08-2005 | Hanji Mohalla Madwan W. No. 6             | 316/500                                                                         | 63.20%              |         |

No: CDPO/Hjn/Estt/2025-26/  
Dated:

DIPK-10788-25  
DT: 11/02/2026

Child Development Project Officer,  
Poshan Project Hajin Bandipora.

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Alamgari Bazar, Srinagar

## School Shooting Kills 10 in Canada

Associated Press

Vancouver: A shooting at a school in British Columbia left eight dead, including a woman whom police believe to be the shooter, while two more people were found dead at a nearby home, Canadian authorities said on Tuesday.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said more than 25 people are injured, including two who were airlifted to the hospital with life-threatening injuries, after the shooting at Tumbler Ridge

being transported to a hospital, and two more were found dead at a home the authorities believe was connected to the attack.

RCMP Superintendent Ken Floyd told reporters that investigators had identified a female suspect but would not release a name, and that the shooter's motive remained unclear. He added that police are still investigating how the victims are connected to the shooter.

Tumbler Ridge Mayor Darryl Krakowka said the whole community is grieving.



Secondary School.

School shootings are rare in Canada.

The town of Tumbler Ridge in the Canadian Rockies is more than 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) north of Vancouver, near the border with Alberta. The provincial government website lists Tumbler Ridge Secondary School as having 175 students from Grades 7 to 12.

British Columbia Premier David Eby told reporters that police officers reached the school within two minutes.

They found seven people dead, local police said in a statement, including a suspect who appeared to have died of a "self-inflicted injury." An eighth person died while

"I broke down," he said, saying it was "devastating" to learn how many had died in the community of 2,700, which he called a "big family."

"I have lived here for 18 years," Krakowka said, "I probably know every one of the victims."

Pastor George Rowe of the Tumbler Ridge Fellowship Baptist Church went to the recreation centre where the victims' families were awaiting more information.

"It was not a pretty sight. Families are still waiting to hear if it's their child that's deceased, and because of protocol and procedure, the investigating team is very careful in releasing names," Rowe said.



## Pezeshkian: Iran Won't Yield on Nuclear Pressure

Trans Asia News

Tehran – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian declared Wednesday that Tehran would "not yield to excessive demands" over its nuclear programme, even as the country resumed sensitive negotiations with the United States under mounting regional pressure.

"Our country, Iran, will not yield to their excessive demands," Pezeshkian said in a speech at Azadi Square in Tehran marking the 47th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. "Our Iran will not yield in the face of aggression, but we are continuing dialogue with all our strength with neighbouring countries in order to establish peace and tranquillity in the region."

Addressing tens of thousands gathered for the 22 Bahman celebrations, Pezeshkian warned of foreign attempts to undermine Iran, praised the nation's military heroes and stressed the need for unity. He reflected on the country's post-revolution trajectory, recalling early ethnic unrest, coup attempts and outside interference. "European nations and the United States sought to stall our revolution and waged an eight-year war against us to divide and subdue Iran," he said, referring

to the Iran-Iraq war. He added that from the first days of the Revolution, "the enemies tried to destroy our fledgling movement through actions such as creating division and staging coups."

Despite that pressure, Pezeshkian said Iranian youth "courageously defended the nation, its system, and the Revolution, giving their lives in the

all challenges," he said, reaffirming allegiance to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

State television showed crowds across the country waving portraits of Khamenei and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic, alongside Iranian and Palestinian flags. Some chanted "Death to America!" and "Death

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process." He criticised groups that once "looted the country's resources" yet now claim they can govern, contrasting them with martyrs who "had nothing but their lives, which they also sacrificed for the homeland and the nation's pride."

The president emphasised internal solidarity as essential in the face of threats and misinformation. "Now more than ever, we need the wise guidance of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution to set aside problems and divisions, bring different views together, and lead toward a clear goal. The presence of the leader is a strength that has allowed the system and the revolution to move forward with power despite

to Israel!" Pezeshkian said the world should witness Iranians taking to the streets "in millions to defend their proud homeland, renew their allegiance to Leader of the Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and honour the Revolution."

In a separate ceremony marking the anniversary, Pezeshkian apologised to "all those affected" by nationwide protests and the subsequent crackdown while denouncing unspecified "Western propaganda" surrounding the unrest. He acknowledged the "great sorrow" felt by many. "We are ashamed before the people, and we are obligated to assist all those who were harmed in these incidents," he said. "We are not seeking con-

## India-Pak Conflict Could Have Been Nuclear, 10 Jets Downed: Trump

Yoshita Singh

New York/Washington-(PTI) US President Donald Trump repeated the claim that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan last year, which he said could have turned nuclear, through tariffs.

"I settled eight wars. Of the eight wars, at least six were settled because of tariffs. In other words, I said, 'if you don't settle this war, I'm going to charge you tariffs, because I don't want to see people getting killed,'" Trump said in an interview to Fox Business Tuesday.

"And they said, 'Well, what does this have to do?' I said,



'you're going to be charged'. Like India and Pakistan. It would have been a nuclear war, in my opinion. They were really going at it, 10 planes were shot down. They were going at it," Trump said.

He added that the Prime Minister of Pakistan said, "President Trump saved at least 10 million lives when he got us to stop fight-

ing'. Because they were going to go nuclear, (in) my opinion. Without tariffs, that wouldn't happen," Trump said.

Trump has claimed credit for stopping the India-Pakistan conflict for more than 80 times since May 10 last year, when he announced on social media that the two neighbours had agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after talks mediated by Washington. India has consistently denied any third-party intervention.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians.

## CBSE to Adopt On-screen Marking from 2026

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will implement on-screen marking (OSM) for evaluation of Class 12 answer books from this year, according to officials.

However, evaluation of class 10 answer books will continue in physical mode as before, they said.

"In its continuous effort to enhance efficiency and transparency, the board has decided to introduce On-Screen Marking (OSM) for the evaluation of class 12 answer books beginning with the 2026 examinations. Evaluation of Class 10 answer books will continue in physical mode as before in 2026," said CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj.

The official explained the move will improve coordination and reduce manual intervention, besides eliminating totalling errors.

"The option for digital marking is not only environmentally sustainable but will ensure faster evaluation with wider teacher participa-

tion. Teachers can remain in their schools and continue regular duties.

"Post-result verification of marks will no longer be required, and there will be a reduced manpower requirement for verification. There will be an opportunity for all schools to contribute to the evaluation, ensuring involvement of teachers from all affiliated schools globally," he said.

Schools have been asked to ensure that computer labs with certain system specifications, a reliable internet connection, and an uninterrupted power supply are available for evaluation.

"Schools have been asked to update data on teachers teaching these classes on an online portal. Non-compliance with the board's directions will be treated as an attempt to vitiate the evaluation process, and the school's results will not be declared," Bhardwaj said.

CBSE conducts class 10 and class 12 board examinations annually in India and across 26 countries, catering to nearly 46 lakh students.

## Delhi Police Issues Notice to Penguin Random House

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi, : The Delhi Police's Special Cell has issued a notice to Penguin Random House India seeking clarifications over the circulation of the unpublished book of former Army chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane on social media, an official said on Wednesday.

The notice was served as competing claims over the status of the book and the alleged circulation of unauthorised versions intensified, drawing the publisher, the former Army chief and senior political figures into a widening public dispute.

According to police, the Special Cell has formally approached the publishing house

through the notice, posing multiple queries and seeking detailed responses.

"Delhi Police Special Cell has issued a notice to Penguin India. Through the notice, several questions have been asked, and responses have been sought," a senior police officer said.

The move comes in the wake of reports that the manuscript of Naravane's memoir, titled 'Four Stars of Destiny', may have been illegally circulated in digital and other formats prior to its publication.

Police said allegations regarding the unauthorised dissemination of the manuscript had led to the registration of an FIR and added that the matter was under investigation.

## Delhi's Air Quality Deteriorates to 'Very Poor'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: After staying in the 'poor' to 'moderate' category for almost a week, Delhi's air quality slipped back to 'very poor' category for the second time this month on Wednesday, with an AQI reading of 305, data showed.

The last time the Air Quality Index (AQI) was in the 'very poor' category was on February 4 at 339. On Tuesday, the AQI settled at 271 and on Monday it was recorded at 249.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board's classification, an AQI between 0 and 50 is 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The air quality is likely to be in the 'poor' category from Febru-

ary 12 to 14, according to the Air Quality Early Warning System.

Meanwhile, the day temperatures saw a slight drop.

Safdarjung, the city's base monitoring station, recorded a maximum temperature of 27.5 degrees Celsius, 4.1 notches above normal. It was 28.6 degrees Celsius on Tuesday.

Palam station reported a maximum of 25.4 degrees Celsius, while Lodhi Road saw 27.1 degrees, both registering departures of 1.8 degrees and 4.1 degrees, respectively.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), both Ridge and Ayanagar reported a maximum temperature of 27.6 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature recorded at Safdarjung was 13.2 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal.

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## Supre Court Slaps Rs 25 Lakh Compensation for Faulty Hair Cut

New Delhi, Feb 11 (PTI) The Supreme Court has slashed the compensation from Rs 2 crore to Rs 25 lakh, awarded to a woman for a "faulty haircut" at a luxury hotel salon.

A bench comprising Justices Rajesh Bindal and Manmohan, in a judgement delivered on February 6, held that while "deficiency in service" was established, compensation in consumer disputes must be based on "material evidence" and not the "mere asking" or "whims and fancies" of the complainant.

"The damages cannot be awarded merely on presumptions or whims and fancies of the complainant. To make out a case for award of damages, especially when the claim is to the tune of crores of rupees, some trustworthy and reliable evidence has to be led," Justice Bindal, who authored the 34-page judgment, said.

The verdict said it was not a case where the National Consumer Disputes Redressal



Commission was considering a small issue where compensation could be awarded by applying a thumb rule.

"Claim of compensation was for crores of rupees, for which some loss suffered by

the respondent because of deficiency in service was required to be established. This could not be established by merely producing photocopies of the documents. Even the discrepancies in the photocopies produced on record by the respondent, as pointed out by the appellant, have been noticed ... Thus, even after remand, respondent has not been able to make out a case for award of such huge compensation," it said.

The court held that while appraising the photocopies of the documents, the apex consumer panel committed an error in awarding a compensation of Rs 2 crore.

"The observation made by the Commission that because of the trauma suffered by the respondent, she may not have maintained the originals of the documents produced before the Commission, hence, reliance could be placed on mere photocopies, cannot be a justification for awarding such a huge compensation," the verdict read.

## SHO Suspended for Filing Robbery Case as Theft

Ballia (UP), Feb 11 (PTI) A station house officer was suspended on Wednesday for allegedly registering a robbery case under sections of theft, officials said.

Superintendent of Police Omveer Singh said Chitbadagaon police station in-charge Inspector Vipin Singh has been placed under suspension.

Vipin Singh was transferred to Chitbadagaon police station on Tuesday from Bairia police station, where he was serving as the SHO, the SP said.

According to police, a robbery took place on the night of February 8 at the residence of Motilal Gond in Bhikhachhapra Nai Basti (Muj ke Dera) village under the Bairia police station area.

However, the case was registered under sections about theft.

After the matter came to light, an initial inquiry was conducted by Additional

**A Robbery took place on the night of February 8 at the residence of Motilal Gond in Bhikhachhapra Nai Basti (Muj ke Dera) village under the Bairia police station area.**

Superintendent of Police (Southern) Kripa Shankar and following the submission of the preliminary report, Vipin Singh was suspended, the officer said.

He said Additional Superintendent of Police (Northern) Dinesh Kumar Shukla has been appointed as the inquiry officer and directed to submit a detailed report.

## Healthcare Overhaul in J&amp;K

## New Beds, Emergency Units, Cancer Facilities Planned

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir's Health and Medical Education Minister, Sakeena Itoo, on Wednesday said a massive expansion and modernisation of the Union Territory's healthcare infrastructure is coming up to improve patient care, increase hospital capacity and bring advanced medical services closer to the people.

Speaking during the grants discussion for the health sector in the Legislative Assembly, the minister, as reported by KNO said the government has launched a comprehensive plan to strengthen hospitals across J&K, with a particular focus on critical care, emergency services, cancer treatment and modern diagnostics.

Itoo informed the House that a new 160-bedded block at B&J Hospital, Srinagar, has already become operational, significantly boosting healthcare capacity. She said 243 new beds have been added at SMGS Hospital, Srinagar, easing the long-standing pressure on surgical services.



The minister announced that the government plans to add nearly 3,200 hospital beds across Jammu and Kashmir within the next two years, marking one of the largest capacity expansions in the region's healthcare history. To strengthen life-saving care, she said 900 additional critical care beds will be established in hospitals across all districts, ensuring improved emergency response and treatment for serious patients.

Highlighting ongoing construction projects, Itoo said major works are progressing at: SKIMS Bemina, aimed at enhancing tertiary healthcare services,

New Theatre Block at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, to expand surgical capacity, ENT Block at GMC Srinagar with 30 beds, improving specialised care, District Hospital Budgam, which is being upgraded to strengthen local healthcare delivery

"These projects are designed to modernise hospitals and reduce the need for patients to travel long distances for specialised treatment," she said.

In a major step to improve trauma and emergency care, the Health Minister announced that dedicated Emergency Medicine Departments will be established

in all new Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) across J&K. "This will ensure timely, specialised treatment for accident victims, cardiac emergencies and critical patients," she added.

Itoo further said that two Cath Labs have already been set up, including one at GMC Anantnag, enabling advanced cardiac procedures closer to home. The new Cath Labs will also be established at GMC Baramulla and GMC Rajouri, and another Cath Lab at GMC Doda is in the pipeline, she added.

To improve diagnostic services, the government is also rolling out CT scan facilities in several hospitals across J&K, new MRI machines for all newly established GMCs, SKIMS Soura and GMC Jammu. "These modern diagnostic tools will drastically reduce referral burdens and waiting times for patients," Itoo said.

Addressing cancer treatment facilities, the minister informed the House that PET Scan services are being made available at GMC Srinagar, a major leap in cancer diagnosis and monitoring. She added that in the coming phase, PET Scan

facilities will also be introduced at GMC Anantnag and GMC Kathua.

Itoo further announced an ambitious plan to strengthen cancer treatment infrastructure across J&K, saying that chemotherapy facilities will be established in 86 Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) within the next 15 months, expansion of hemodialysis units, along with new X-ray machines and the addition of 44 new ambulances to improve emergency response

She revealed that the government is formulating a dedicated Cancer Control Strategy for Jammu and Kashmir, with reputed national institutions, including Tata group healthcare institutions, being roped in for technical support and expertise.

As part of preventive healthcare, Itoo announced a free cervical cancer screening drive for girls aged 9 to 15 years, aimed at early detection and long-term cancer prevention. "This is a major step toward reducing cancer-related mortality and promoting preventive healthcare among young girls," she said.

## Green Mobility Drive: J&amp;K Advances Infra for Electric Bus Fleet



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting of the UT-Level Steering Committee to review the implementation of the PM eBus Sewa Scheme in Jammu & Kashmir, under which 200 electric buses are being procured to strengthen and modernize urban public transport across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD); Secretary, Transport; Director General, Codes; Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC); Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC); Chief Engineers of JPDCL and KPDCCL; and other senior officers concerned.

While reviewing the progress achieved so far, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for expeditious development of supporting infrastructure to ensure seamless operationalization of the e-buses. He directed the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSL) and Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) to prioritize the establishment of Behind-the-Meter (BTM) power infrastructure, civil depot infrastructure, and other requisite facilities essential for efficient functioning of the fleet.

Stressing adherence to timelines, the Chief Secre-

tary asked the concerned agencies to complete the tendering processes after carefully examining prevailing national trends and best practices. He further directed that all necessary arrangements be put in place so that the buses are pressed into service immediately upon their receipt, ensuring timely benefits to the public.

Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur, briefed the Committee about the scheme's implementation framework in the UT. She informed that 100 e-buses each will be procured by Srinagar Smart City Limited and Jammu Smart City Limited under the PM eBus Sewa Scheme.

Providing details of the fleet composition, she stated that JSL will procure 25 buses of 12-metre length and 75 buses of 7-metre length, while SSCL will procure 20 buses of 12-metre length and 80 buses of 9-metre length, catering to the operational requirements of both cities.

Commissioner, JMC, Devansh Yadav, further elaborated on the progress made under the scheme. He informed that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Civil Depot Infrastructure (CDI) and Behind-the-Meter (BTM) Power Infrastructure for both Jammu and Srinagar have been approved in accordance with the guidelines of the PM eBus Sewa Scheme. Tenders for these works have already been issued by JSL and SSCL respectively.

## Over 12 Lakh Smart Meters Installed Across J&amp;K: Govt tells Assembly

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Wednesday informed that over 12.36 lakh smart meters have been installed across the Union Territory under various power sector schemes.

Replying to a question by MLA Waheed-Ur-Rehman Para, the government, per KNO, said that a total of 12,36,507 smart meters have so far been installed by the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) and Kashmir

installed on 11 KV feeders across ten districts of Jammu division.

For implementation, RECPDCL has been nominated as the Project Implementation Agency by the Ministry of Power for smart metering works under the PMDP and RDSS schemes for both JPDCL and KPDCCL.

The installation contracts have been awarded to multiple firms. In Jammu division, the work has gone to Techno Electric Ltd, Anvil Cables, and Genus Power Solutions Ltd. In



Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCCL).

According to official data, JPDCL has installed 6,27,492 meters across the ten districts of Jammu division: Jammu (3,04,468), Samba (58,707), Udhampur (57,320), Doda (22,591), Kathua (39,237), Kishtwar (8,742), Poonch (24,902), Ramban (24,870), Reasi (25,674) and Rajouri (60,981).

Similarly, KPDCCL has installed 6,09,015 meters across Kashmir division, including Srinagar (2,39,147), Budgam (37,009), Ganderbal (15,427), Bandipora (33,728), Baramulla (87,732), Kupwara (24,839), Pulwama (50,322), Shopian (18,272), Anantnag (77,943) and Kulgam (24,596).

The government also said that 1,600 smart feeder meters have been

Kashmir division, Techno Electric and Engineering Company Ltd and Anvil Cables Pvt Ltd, among others, are executing the project.

The government also listed the manufacturers supplying the smart meters, including Landis & Gyr, Schneider Electric India Pvt Ltd, Genus, Kimble and Sinhal Udyog, with different models deployed under various phases.

Responding to another query, the government clarified that the smart meters being installed in J&K are not exclusive to the UT and adhere to standard technical specifications prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), which are uniformly followed nationwide.

## M. Jackson Cultural Institute Felicitates Rafiq Masoodi



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** The M. Jackson Cultural Institute and Society, in collaboration with the Jammu Civil Society for Art and Culture, organized a grand felicitation ceremony in Jammu to honour Rafiq Masoodi, a widely respected and renowned personality of the subcontinent.

The event witnessed the participation of prominent figures from the fields of art, culture, literature, and social service, who gathered to celebrate the remarkable journey and con-

tributions of Masoodi. The speakers, while addressing the gathering, highlighted his significant role in promoting cultural values, strengthening social harmony, and enriching intellectual discourse across the region and beyond.

Describing him as a visionary and a guiding force, the speakers lauded his life-long dedication to the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage. They said that his work continues to inspire the younger generation to contribute meaningfully to society.

## Special Vistadome Train Extended to Katra

**JAMMU:** In a significant boost to rail connectivity and tourism in the region, the Jammu Division of Northern Railway successfully operated a special train with a Vistadome coach on the Banihal-Katra rail section, enabling passengers to experience the breathtaking landscapes of Kashmir in an enhanced manner.

The special train (No. 04688/04687), which was earlier operating on the Budgam-Banihal route, has now been extended up to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, marking a major milestone for the Jammu Division of Northern Railway. The inaugural extended run witnessed an enthusiastic response, with over 600 passengers availing the service on the first day itself.

The addition of the Vistadome coach proved to be the highlight of the journey. Equipped with a glass roof and large transparent windows, the coach offered panoramic views of snow-clad mountains, gushing rivers and a series of tunnels along the picturesque route. Passengers also had the opportunity to witness two remarkable feats of engineering – the iconic Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River, and the Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge. (Observer News Service)

## Reservation Framework Will Wreak Havoc in Long Run: Sajad Lone

**JAMMU:** Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone on Wednesday said that the existing reservation framework would wreak havoc in the long run if not addressed in a balanced and region-wise manner.

Participating in a discussion in the Legislative Assembly, Lone said the government needs to examine the issue carefully to ensure fairness between regions.

"If our share of the population is around 60 percent, we should get at least 50 percent of the jobs. At present, we are hovering at a share of 25 to 30 percent in jobs," he said.

Lone suggested that the government should constitute an all-party committee or a panel of experts to comprehensively review the reservation structure and suggest corrective measures.

Referring to official data provided by the government in response to his question, he pointed to what he described as a significant disparity between the two regions in the issuance of quota certificates. (Observer News Service)



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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SHOPIAN

**Subject:** Engagement of Self Help Group as Community Mobilizers in Municipal Council Shopian.  
**Reference:-** List of Shortlisted candidates received from Mission Director SBM(U)-2.0 vide No. MD/ SBM-U/2025-26/2174-76 dated 06/02/2026

It is hereby informed for the information of all shortlisted candidates, received from the office of the Mission Director SBM (U) 2.0, for engagement of Self Help Groups (SHGs) as Community Mobilizers in Municipal Council Shopian, that the interview of the said candidates shall be held as per the roster mentioned below: -

| S. No. | Candidates from S. No. | Date of interview | Venue                                     | Time     |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| 01     | 3772 to 3822           | 14.02.2026        | Office Chamber of Chief Executive Officer | 11:00 AM |
| 02     | 3823 to 3872           | 16.02.2026        | Municipal Council Shopian, new building   | 11:00 AM |
| 03     | 3873 to 3922           | 17.02.2026        | 1st floor                                 | 11:00 AM |

Candidates are advised to bring the attached personal interview application form (Annexure-3) along with all the original documents related to their eligibility criteria i.e. educational degree / marks sheet, Aadhar Card, Endorsement Form, SHG Pass Book / SHG Member Card and SHG Registration Certificate (LoKOS Certificate) at the time of interview.

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  - The auction shall be conducted on "as is where is" basis and the successful bidder shall be responsible for lifting the auctioned items at his/her own cost.
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# Kashmir's Gut Health Emergency

Kashmir's deeply rooted habit of eating late is clashing with the body's biological clock, fuelling digestive disease and long-term health decline.

Amaar Mir

Dinner in Kashmir often begins when the body asks for rest.

Families gather late, especially in winter, and meals arrive rich with rice, meat, oil and spice. Chats run deep into the night. Soon after eating, many people head straight to bed.

This pattern feels customary and cultural. It also drives a growing wave of digestive illness that now touches almost every household.

The human digestive system runs on an internal clock. Scientists describe this as the circadian cycle. This clock directs enzyme secretion, gut movement, hormone levels and metabolic efficiency.

Digestion performs best during daylight and early evening. A heavy meal at 10 or 11 p.m. pushes the stomach and intestines into action during a phase meant for slowing down. The body works against its own timing.

That clash leads to bloating, acidity, gas and persistent discomfort.

These symptoms appear mild at first. Repetition turns them into chronic disease. Continuous late eating injures gut integrity and disturbs the microbiome.

The microbiome supports digestion, immunity and even mental clarity. When it weakens, the entire body feels the strain.

Doctors in Kashmir now report rising cases of chronic gastritis, irritable bowel disorders and long-term constipation. Many patients describe years of late dinners followed by immediate sleep.

The harm deepens once a person lies down after eating. Gravity helps move food through the digestive tract while we remain upright. Lying flat removes that support.

The lower esophageal sphincter, which acts as a valve between stomach and food pipe, may lose effectiveness under pressure. Stomach acid then travels upward. Heartburn, chest discomfort, throat irritation and headaches follow.

Gastroesophageal reflux disorders have become common in clinics. Teenagers, working adults and older patients share similar complaints.

What once seemed rare now appears routine. Late meals also disrupt the careful regulation of digestive enzymes. The body prepares enzymes according to expected meal timing. A delayed dinner triggers secretion at an hour when the system prepares for rest. Enzyme release becomes intense and disorganized.

The stomach, pancreas and intestines then function under strain. Instead of smooth digestion, the gut enters metabolic confusion.

Months and years of this stress create conditions that resist easy treatment.

Modern medicine offers direct guidance. Doctors advise a gap of at least two hours between dinner and sleep. They recommend light physical activity after meals, such as a light walk for fifteen to twenty minutes. This simple movement improves gut motility, reduces acid build-up and maintains stable blood sugar levels.

Despite this clear advice, many households continue late heavy dinners followed by prolonged inactivity. The result appears in growing numbers of digestive ailments, obesity, insomnia, chronic fatigue and metabolic imbalance.

Gut health influences far more than the stomach. The digestive system plays



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a central role in immunity, emotional stability and mental focus. A distressed gut weakens resistance to illness and increases dependence on medication. Daily productivity declines when the body functions under constant discomfort. Energy drops, concentration suffers and overall well-being deteriorates.

Islamic teachings provide guidance that aligns with modern science. The Prophet Muhammad [PBUH] emphasized discipline and balance in eating. He discouraged binge eating and harmful routines, and advised rest after lunch and a stroll after dinner.

These teachings reflect a deep understanding of human physiology.

Islam views the body as a trust. Preserving health stands as a moral responsibility. Late heavy meals followed by sleep conflict with that principle of responsible care.

Cultural traditions deserve respect, but health deserves equal commitment. Earlier generations lived physically demanding lives. Farming, walking long distances and manual labour balanced later meal times. Food composition also differed, with fewer processed ingredients and lower oil content.

Today's lifestyle revolves around screens, desk work and reduced movement. Diets include calorie-dense meals rich in refined carbohydrates and fats.

This shift alters how the body responds to late eating. A routine once manageable now fuels disease.

Climate and seasonal patterns may have influenced meal timing in the past. Cold winters encouraged families to gather late indoors, but modern realities have changed the equation.

Physical activity has declined while portion

sizes have grown. The digestive system now faces greater burden under altered conditions.

The solution rests on practical adjustment rather than radical overhaul.

Families can move dinner to earlier hours. Night meals can become lighter in quantity and lower in oil and spice. Heavy dishes can shift to lunch when digestion performs better. A short evening walk can become part of family routine. Maintaining a proper gap before bed supports the natural digestive cycle.

These measures align with both medical advice and Islamic ethics.

Education through schools, mosques, community groups and healthcare providers can highlight the link between meal timing and disease. Discussions within families can encourage gradual change.

Collective responsibility strengthens when communities recognize the scale of impact.

Kashmir stands at a point where tradition and health intersect. Preserving heritage does not require habits that injure the body. Thoughtful adaptation honours both culture and well-being.

Late-night eating now functions as a public health concern rather than a private preference. The evidence appears in rising gut disorders, metabolic disease and reduced quality of life.

A healthier future begins with a simple shift in the dinner hour.

Small daily choices can restore digestive balance, strengthen immunity and improve energy for generations to come.

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## Homegrown Fashion Labels

Over the past year, something noticeable has been unfolding in Kashmir's fashion scene.

Pop up exhibitions in Srinagar sell out within hours. Instagram pages run by young local designers attract thousands of followers. Wedding season collections now share space with everyday edits meant for office, college and travel.

A silent shift has turned into a visible trend.

The pheran sits at the center of this change. Designers are reshaping it with sharper tailoring, softer fabrics and thoughtful detailing. They adjust lengths, define the waist and experiment with sleeves. Young people now wear it beyond winter gatherings and formal events. It appears at university campuses, creative studios and week-end meet ups across the city.

This evolution shows a broader confidence among Kashmiri youth. Many of these designers grew up watching parents and grandparents value craft.

At the same time, they absorbed global fashion through social media. They blend these two worlds with ease. Their labels often begin in small home studios, then expand through online sales and local showcases.

The new approach focuses on wearability.

Heavy embroidery gives way to lighter, more practical patterns. Summer versions of the pheran use breathable fabrics and softer palottes. Waistcoats, shawls and traditional silhouettes receive clean cuts that fit modern wardrobes. Heritage becomes part of daily dressing rather than reserved for special days.

Artisans benefit directly from this momentum. Designers collaborate with embroiderers and tailors from different districts, ensuring steady work across seasons. Craft gains relevance through continuous demand instead of depending only on wedding orders. Younger artisans see opportunity in skills that once seemed uncertain.

Digital visibility has amplified the movement. A single campaign shot by Dal Lake or in the lanes of downtown Srinagar can travel far beyond the valley. Orders arrive from other Indian cities and from overseas buyers who want authentic pieces with a modern feel.

Kashmiri fashion now reaches global audiences while staying rooted in local stories.

At the same time, rapid popularity tests discipline. Viral trends can push brands toward quick scaling. Designers who prioritize quality invest in skilled handwork and fair pricing. Responsible growth protects both reputation and tradition.

This moment shows a generation claiming control over its cultural expression.

Young Kashmiris define how their heritage looks in the present. They treat tradition as something alive and adaptable.

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## Critical Community Funds

Rising critical illnesses in Kashmir are pushing families into debt and demand a strong community-backed safety net.

Irshad Mushtaq

When illness enters a home in Kashmir, it often brings a financial storm with it. A cancer diagnosis or kidney failure changes life overnight. Treatment begins quickly, and so do the bills.

A single PET scan can cost more than what many families earn in months. Dialysis runs week after week, medicines pile up, and savings disappear.

Government health schemes offer support, and many families benefit from them. Still, coverage remains limited. Large expenses fall on households. Insurance coverage remains low, especially in rural areas. Families sell land, jewelry, and livestock. Loans replace savings. Income no longer matches medical costs, and recovery turns into a long financial struggle.

This pattern is turning into a new normal. Rising cases of cancer and chronic disease in Kashmir place middle and lower income households at risk. Economic health stands at the center of family stability. When that breaks, education, nutrition, and future plans suffer.

Kashmir has a strong culture of community support. People come together during weddings, funerals, and natural disasters. The same spirit can build local health safety nets. Mohalla committees, mosque groups, trade bodies, and civil society groups can create monthly contribution funds. Small, regular deposits from many households can build a shared emergency pool. Transparent management and clear rules can build trust.

Such funds can support diagnostic tests, travel costs, and long-term treatment. They can prevent asset sales and high-interest loans. They can give families breathing space during treatment.

Financial planning stands as important as medical care. Community mobilization can protect families from falling into debt when illness strikes.

Kashmir can lead with a model where collective action supports health security and strengthens society at its core.

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### Letter to Editor

## The Smartphone Surge in Kashmir Media

Information in Jammu and Kashmir has always moved under watchful eyes. Political tensions and security concerns have influenced what gets reported and how it reaches the public. A visible shift now defines the media landscape.

Young people with smartphones record events, upload videos and circulate updates within minutes. They hold no press cards, but they command attention and audience.

Internet penetration has expanded consistently over the past decade. Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and X function as publishing houses in every hand. Youth film local protests, document sudden weather changes, report road blockades and capture daily life in far-flung districts.

Footage from villages in Kupwara or Kishtwar reaches viewers in Srinagar, Jammu and beyond within seconds. Narratives once filtered through established media organizations now emerge directly from neighbourhoods and college campuses.

This transformation holds special

meaning in a place where curbs, curtailments and confinements have defined public discourse. Information gaps appear during tense periods. In those moments, local residents step forward.

Tech-savvy youth share updates through messaging apps and social feeds. Many people rely on these posts as immediate sources of ground information. Speed grants these young reporters visibility and influence that traditional structures once monopolized.

Citizen journalism operates within a layered ecosystem. It broadens participation in storytelling and allows diverse voices to enter public debate. Questions of verification and accountability also demand attention. Professional journalists train in ethics, media law and fact-checking standards. Citizen reporters often learn through experience rather than structured education.

A viral clip can travel widely before verification occurs. In a strife-sensitive setting, such circulation can intensify public reactions and deepen tensions.

Viewing youth media participation only through risk would miss its civic

dimension. Many young Kashmiris approach citizen journalism as community engagement. They highlight damaged infrastructure, expose environmental degradation, question administrative lapses and spotlight social concerns. Stories from peripheral districts gain visibility through these digital channels. Community-driven reporting ensures that local issues enter regional conversations instead of remaining confined to village boundaries.

Hyperlocal digital platforms strengthen this shift. Young entrepreneurs operate online portals and curated social media pages that blend citizen contributions with editorial oversight. Some maintain small teams, modest verification practices and consistent editorial voices. These initiatives reflect an evolving media culture where distinctions between professional and citizen journalism grow increasingly fluid.

Structural challenges still define this space. Digital laws demand sharp judgment at every step. Young reporters weigh public duty with personal security before each post.

Many cover protests, violence and disasters without newsroom backing or legal support. Graphic scenes and hostile online reactions add emotional pressure. They rely on peers and instinct while continuing to report their communities.

Media literacy therefore becomes central for both creators and audiences. Educational institutions have introduced discussions on digital ethics and reporting, though structured training opportunities remain limited.

Citizen journalism in Jammu and Kashmir stands as a generational assertion of voice. It does not replace professional media. It complements and challenges it.

Young people refuse passive consumption of information. They document, interpret and distribute their lived realities.

As digital tools grow more sophisticated, their influence will expand. A constructive future depends on cultivating accuracy, accountability and responsible expression within this evolving media space.

Sincerely,

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# Kashmiri Elders Deserve Fair Systems

Elders built Kashmir brick by brick and tree by tree, but society often celebrates them in headlines while offering little actual support.

Mohammad Ilyas Bhat

People judge a society by how it treats its elders. This simple test never goes out of date.

When we were young, the entry of an elder changed the room. Children slowed their steps, lowered their voices, and set aside their mischief out of regard for a life fully lived.

That change happened without instruction, because elders stood as living records of experience and sacrifice within every mohalla and household.

Today, senior citizens enter public debates mainly through headlines, and those headlines promise celebration while delivering complication.

Pick up any newspaper in the valley and a bold line announces, "Railways give big relief to senior citizens," and an elderly reader feels a warm surge of hope that someone in authority has finally remembered their daily struggles.

That moment of joy soon meets a long paragraph of conditions, where the concession stands at two percent, applies only to online bookings, works only in selected classes, fits certain dates, and requires identity proofs verified through digital systems.

The simple task of purchasing a ticket begins to resemble a treasure hunt, where every click demands another document, code, and confirmation that the passenger exists in the correct format within a government portal.

The headline projects generosity, while the details create a maze that tests eyesight, internet speed, and digital familiarity.

Editors present these announcements with great confidence, as though senior citizens fail to grasp percentages or procedures. These same citizens have lived through decades of inflation without budgeting apps, ration systems without QR codes, and political promises that arrived season after season with cheerful taglines about better days ahead.

The veterans understand numbers and patterns, and recognize exaggeration when it appears in bold print.

The story repeats itself with the 8th Pay Commission, which has turned into a daily soap opera for pensioners who depend on fixed incomes.

One morning a headline declares that huge benefits approach pensioners, and the next morning another headline predicts zero gains, followed by breaking news about a massive



hike, then an update suggesting a modest increase.

Readers follow this sequence like episodes of a drama, while the core fact remains simple and unchanged, since the commission holds its own timeline for submitting a report and any figure printed before that submission rests on speculation.

Speculation fills pages and drives circulation, while certainty waits silently in official files.

Even when benefits reach pensioners, they come buried in layers of procedure, requiring online applications, document uploads, OTP codes, biometric verifications, and portals that open and close unpredictably.

A benefit exists in theory, and its practical form depends on server performance, pension ceilings fixed by distant authorities, and the ability of aging fingers to respond swiftly to touchscreens.

Senior citizens receive advertisements of benefits more often than benefits themselves, and this pattern deepens the sense that announcements matter more than access.

As newspapers spin their stories, a new breed of digital personalities rises on YouTube, presenting themselves as experts on food, gold testing, lifestyle, and then health, all within the

same channel.

These creators speak with theatrical confidence that rivals celebrated authors and decorated scientists, even though their backgrounds often remain unclear to viewers who seek guidance.

Each day brings a fresh directive delivered with dramatic flair: avoid mangoes, avoid bananas, avoid chapati, treat rice as poison, treat milk as harmful, treat tea as slow death, and treat sugar as certain disaster.

One self-declared expert urges viewers to drink five liters of water daily for perfect health, and another warns that excess water destroys kidneys, leaving an elderly viewer trapped between opposing claims delivered with equal certainty.

An older person who values health listens carefully, because experience teaches that the body deserves attention and care, while younger audiences often scroll past with the confidence of youth.

This environment turns health into content farming, where views and subscribers grow while clarity shrinks.

WhatsApp completes this circle of confusion by operating as a hospital without doctors, where forwarded messages promise cures for



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diabetes, blood pressure, arthritis, depression, cancer, and even strained marriages.

Every morning introduces a new miracle tip, such as boiling garlic in water to erase sugar levels, followed the next day by a warning that garlic harms sugar patients, then a claim that garlic extends life to 120 years, and soon after a dramatic alert that garlic triggers heart attacks.

Within this ecosystem, every uncle becomes a physician, every aunt becomes a surgeon, and every forwarded message resembles a medical journal, while verified recovery remains absent from the narrative.

The irony stands in plain view, because the senior citizens who face this storm of headlines and digital noise built the infrastructure and institutions that support daily life in Kashmir.

They constructed roads and irrigation canals, established schools and hospitals, staffed government offices, cultivated fields to secure food supplies, maintained public discipline, protected forests, planted gardens, and passed on moral values that many in the present generation label old fashioned.

They preserved the social and physical environment brick by brick and tree by tree, and today society often treats them like outdated

furniture placed against the wall.

Modern culture equates silence with ignorance, even though silence often reflects experience and discernment gained through decades of observation. Many elders choose restraint in argument because long life teaches that wrestling with foolishness produces little light, and that wisdom sometimes expresses itself through measured words.

Public discourse now rewards volume and spectacle, where the loudest voice receives applause and a speaker who talks without depth earns the label of bold, while a person who reflects before speaking gains the label of outdated.

Those who built institutions sit at the edge of discussions, while those who master algorithms command screens and shape opinions.

A society that sidelines its elders weakens its own foundation, because senior citizens anchor memory, continuity, and shared understanding within communities.

When that foundation absorbs constant dismissal and mockery, cracks appear in trust and values that hold families and neighbourhoods together.

Time introduces its own perspective, as the energetic youth who dominate screens today will one day open newspapers with similar hopes for recognition and relief. They will encounter digital portals, shifting announcements, and health advice delivered with grand certainty, and they will seek clarity and fairness in systems designed for them.

Respect grows when it begins early in life, and it returns in later years as lived reality.

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Elders ask for clear information, workable procedures, and honest communication that values their experience.

The valley stands at a point where reflection can lead to reform, and where social commentary can evolve into social change.

The question before us feels deeply personal and distinctly Kashmiri, as every family includes parents and grandparents who deserve systems that serve them with fairness.

— The author works in agricultural seed production and is currently writing his first short story collection in Kashmir.

# Mathematics Beyond Numbers

Mathematics can open doors when teaching focuses on understanding, emotional support, and real-life connections, rather than just exams.

Malik Mushtaq

I began as a Resource Person of Mathematics in 2015, expecting to focus on content and training. I quickly discovered that teaching maths means understanding students, classrooms, and learning beyond exams and syllabi.

Over seven years, I visited schools, training centres, and district offices, meeting teachers, officers, and thousands of students. I learned that gaps in learning grow from the way mathematics is taught rather than from students' ability.

Visiting different zones showed how the same curriculum plays out in very different contexts.

Some schools had limited facilities but teachers who cared deeply, while others had better infrastructure and students who struggled with basic concepts.

Language influenced learning in remote areas, while syllabus pressure and exams limited understanding in urban schools.

In every setting, one pattern emerged: students advanced without mastering the basics.

Eighth graders struggled with division, seventh graders could not handle fractions, and sixth graders froze at word problems.

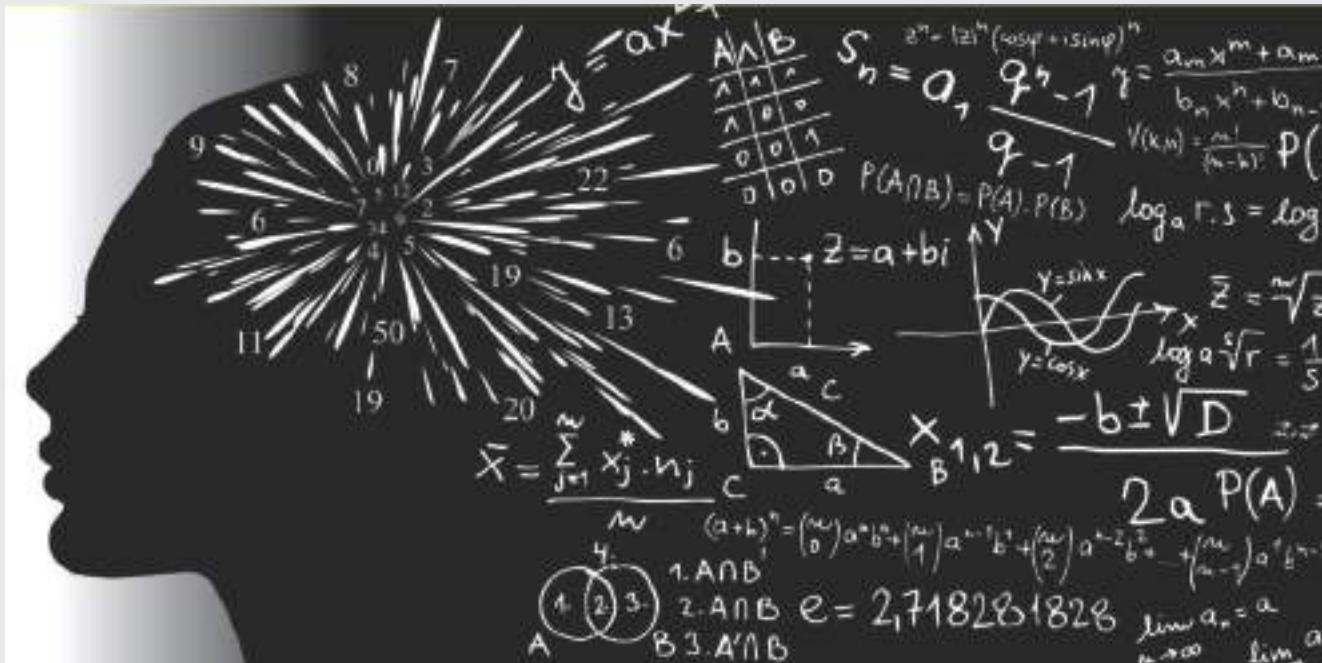
These gaps built up over the years, reflecting what national studies, including the Annual Status of Education Report, have shown.

Mathematics builds step by step. Weak number sense affects operations. Unclear fractions make percentages and ratios harder. Without early algebraic understanding, higher mathematics feels intimidating.

Many students memorised procedures without grasping why they worked. They solved problems only when examples matched exactly. Teaching often emphasised speed and shortcuts instead of reasoning, leaving students uncertain and anxious.

Teacher trainings offered insight into both challenges and possibilities.

Many teachers spoke about managing mixed-ability classrooms, completing the



syllabus under tight schedules, and helping students with significant gaps. Their dedication stood out, alongside the limits they faced.

I focused on listening, understanding classroom constraints, demonstrating simple strategies, and encouraging reflection.

Over time, trainings became spaces for collaboration where teachers shared successes, failures, and ideas. Continuous support, tailored to context, made a tangible difference in teaching practice.

Classroom visits offered the clearest insight into learning. Some classes were structured around copying from the board, and students hesitated to speak up. Mathematics often became performance rather than exploration.

When I asked questions, used real-life examples, or encouraged group discussion, students surprised me. Many understood ideas intuitively but lacked the confidence

or language to explain them. Fear and teaching methods derived their experience more than ability.

Students' beliefs about mathematics built how they engaged with it. Some described it as difficult, meant only for toppers, or a subject to avoid. These perceptions limited participation.

I repeatedly told students that they were not weak in mathematics, only that they had not been taught at their level. Small successes changed their confidence and engagement.

Research shows that emotional safety and self-belief are essential for learning, and classroom experience confirmed this.

Interventions focused on practical, easy-to-apply strategies. Students revisited foundational concepts, connected learning to everyday life through money, distance, and sharing, explained their thinking rather than rushing, and celebrated effort along with

correctness.

Teachers received demonstration lessons, diagnostic assessment techniques, guidance on remedial planning, and opportunities to collaborate with peers. Schools benefited from feedback, remedial time, and monitoring learning rather than just completing syllabus.

Where these practices were applied consistently, students gained confidence, participated more, and approached mathematics with curiosity.

Support from teachers, school heads, officers, and the department was essential. Trust and collaboration allowed ideas to take root, showing how encouragement and dialogue improve results more effectively than inspection alone.

I tell students to focus on mastering the basics, asking questions without hesitation, practicing thoughtfully, connecting mathematics to real life, and believing in their



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ability to grow.

Teachers and officers benefit when teaching matches learning levels, instruction is guided by diagnostic assessments, continuous subject-specific support is provided, classrooms maintain emotional safety, and classroom feedback informs policy.

Listening to classrooms brings systemic improvement.

Over seven years, I entered schools as a Resource Person and left as a learner. Listening proved as vital as expertise, and small, consistent actions created real change.

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Classrooms can become spaces where maths builds confidence, reasoning, and opportunity, rather than fear.

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# Doctor-Led AI Platform Boosts Out-Of-Hospital Care, Enables 24x7 Supervision

Press Trust of India

In a first-of-its-kind approach towards patient care, a doctor-led AI healthcare ecosystem is providing real-time medical supervision beyond hospitals to people with chronic conditions, preventing their escalation into serious illness, officials said.

At the core of the ecosystem – iLive Connect – is a small wireless bio-sensor patch paired with a wearable wristband, which continuously captures vital physiological parameters.

These include two-lead ECG, heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, body temperature, blood pressure trends, physical activity, and heart rate variability.

The data is transmitted wirelessly to a secure Cloud-based platform and further relayed to a dedicated medical command centre, Dr Rahul Chandola, cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon and founder of iLive Connect, said.

The command centre is manned round-the-clock by specialised doctors who proactively monitor patients in real time, Chandola said.

Unlike conventional monitoring systems that respond only after symptoms appear, iLive Connect incorporates AI-driven predictive analytics, enabling detection of subtle physiological changes that may indicate the onset of disease much



before clinical symptoms develop.

This early identification allows doctors to intervene at a preventive stage, significantly reducing complications, avoiding medical emergencies, and decreasing the need for repeat hospitalisation, Chandola said.

According to Chandola, the system was developed to address one of the biggest gaps in healthcare – the absence of continuous medical supervision once a patient leaves the hospital.

"Most serious medical events do not occur inside hospitals but

when patients are at home without medical observation. By combining continuous biosensor monitoring with predictive analytics and proactive doctor supervision, iLive Connect enables detection of physiological deterioration well before symptoms appear, allowing timely medical guidance and preventing escalation into serious illness," Chandola said.

A study of data from more than 410 patients during a 10-week observational programme found a 76 per cent reduction in repeat hospitalisation with early identi-

fication of risks related to cardiac conditions, blood pressure instability, metabolic disorders, and post-discharge complications, the company said in a statement.

The technology has shown particular benefits for senior citizens living alone, patients with chronic illnesses, and individuals recently discharged from hospitals, where the transition from hospital care to home remains a vulnerable period, Dr Viveka Kumar, co-founder at iLive Connect and senior interventional cardiologist, said.

Kumar highlighted that the integration of AI with continuous clinical oversight has enabled rapid response times and timely medical intervention in several potentially critical situations.

"Unlike conventional wearable devices that only display health data to users, iLive Connect functions as a doctor-led continuous care ecosystem, where technology supports clinical decision-making rather than replacing it," Kumar said.

The platform enables access to specialist supervision irrespective of geography, allowing patients in remote regions of the country to receive advanced medical monitoring without frequent hospital visits, the statement said.

# A Quick Afternoon Nap Can Be As Refreshing As Night-Time Sleep: Study

Press Trust Of India

A quick afternoon nap can help the brain recover and put it back into a state where it is ready to learn – effects were so far only known to occur after a full night's sleep, according to a new study.

Researchers at the universities of Freiburg in Germany and Geneva in Switzerland show that even a nap is enough to reorganise connections between nerve cells so that new information can be stored more effectively.

They explained that the brain is constantly active during the day – new impressions, thoughts, and information are processed, strengthening connections between nerve cells (synapses).

While the strengthened synaptic connections are important for learning processes, they may also lead to saturation, lowering the brain's ability to learn further. Sleep helps regulate this excessive activity again – without losing important information, the team said.

"The study shows that this 'synaptic reset' can happen with just an afternoon nap, clearing space for new memories to form," said study leader Dr. Christoph Nissen, who performed the study as medical director of the sleep centre at the

department of psychiatry and psychotherapy at the Medical Center-University of Freiburg.

"Our results suggest that even short periods of sleep enhance the brain's capacity to encode new information," Nissen said.

Twenty healthy young adults were looked at – they either took a nap (for 45 minutes on average) or stayed awake on two afternoons.

The team used non-invasive methods such as transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and EEG measurements to draw conclusions about the strength and flexibility of the synapses.

Results showed that following a nap, the overall strength of synaptic connections in the brain was reduced, which the researchers said was a sign of the restorative effect of sleep.

At the same time, the brain's ability to form new connections was significantly improved, indicating that the brain was better prepared for learning new content than after an equally long period of wakefulness, the team said.

"The study reinforces the restorative effect of sleep for homeostatic and associative synaptic plasticity in the human cortex and demonstrates that even a short nap can promote this process," the authors wrote in the study published in the journal NeuroImage.

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राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र (एनआईसी) वेतन स्तर-10 (₹56,100 - ₹1,77,500) में वैज्ञानिक-बी' (समूह 'ए', राजपत्रित) के पद पर सीपी भर्ती के लिए इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है।  
The National Informatics Centre (NIC) invites online applications from interested candidates for direct recruitment to the post of Scientist-'B' (Group 'A', Gazetted) in Pay Level-10 (₹56,100 – ₹1,77,500).

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4. वे उम्मीदवार जिनके पास आवश्यक शैक्षणिक योग्यता और वर्ष 2024/2025/2026 के लिए वैध GATE स्कोर हैं, वे निम्नलिखित विषयों में आवेदन करने के पात्र हैं:  
Candidates possessing the essential educational qualification and valid GATE Scores for the year 2024 / 2025 / 2026 in the following disciplines are eligible to apply:

- (i) कंप्यूटर विज्ञान एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (सीएस) / Computer Science and Information Technology (CS);  
(ii) इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं संचार अभियांत्रिकी (ईसी) / Electronics & Communication Engineering (EC); और / and  
(iii) डेटा साइंस और आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (डीए) / Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (DA).

5. विस्तृत विज्ञापन एनआईसी की वेबसाइट <https://recruitment.nic.in> पर मई-2026 के परिणाम की घोषणा की तारीख से लगभग 10 दिनों के भीतर उपलब्ध होगा।  
The detailed advertisement will be available on NIC website <https://recruitment.nic.in> tentatively within 10 days from the date of announcement of result of GATE-2026.

6. एनआईसी बिना कोई कारण बताए भर्ती प्रक्रिया में संशोधन/रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रखता है।  
NIC reserves the right to modify / cancel the recruitment process without assigning any reason.

7. कोई भी अतिरिक्त जानकारी/संशोधन/परिवर्तन केवल एनआईसी भर्ती वेबसाइट पर ही अपलोड किया जाएगा।  
Any further information / corrigendum / addendum would be uploaded only on the NIC recruitment website.

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Form No 3  
[See Regulation -13(1)(a)  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL  
CHANDIGARH (DRT I)**  
**2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35**  
**Sector-17 A, Chandigarh**  
Case No. OA/1104/2025

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

Exh. No: 32275  
**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED  
VS  
M/S KASHMIR AUTO DEALERS**

To.  
(1) Nisar Hussain Dar  
S/o: Mohammad Abdullah  
R/o: Rishpora Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir-191111

### SUMMONS

Whereas , OA/1104/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 04.12.2025

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 7279967.56 (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you. the defendants are directed as under:-

- (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 25.03.2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence  
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 09.12.2025

**Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons**  
Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

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**Sector-17 A, Chandigarh**  
Case No. OA/818/2025

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

Exh. No:  
**JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED  
VS  
M/S HILAL AHMAD POSH**

To.  
(1) Aijaz Ahmad Khan (Aka Aijaz Ahmed Khan) S/o Abdul Majid Khan R/o: H. No 134 Jawahar Nagar Opposite DAV School, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir-190008.  
(2) Farooq Ahmad Haroon (Aka Farooq Ahmed Haroon) S/o: Khazir Mohammad Haroon R/o: Malapora Rainawari Through his legal hiers. Srinagar , Jammu and Kashmir-19003

### Legal Heirs-2

Mumtaz Ahmad Haroon  
S/o: Khazir Mohammad Haroon , R/o: Devi Angan Hawal Srinagar -190001

### Legal Heirs-3

Farid Ahmad Haroon  
S/o: Khazir Mohammad Haroon R/o : Near Gurduwara Mehjoor Nagar Srinagar.

### SUMMONS

Whereas , OA/1104/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 04.12.2025

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs 7279967.56 (application along with copies of documents etc, annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you. the defendants are directed as under:-

- (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 27.03.2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence  
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date : 08.12.2025

**Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons**  
Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

## Direct Tax Kitty Up 9.4 Pc To Rs 19.44 Lakh Cr Till Feb 10 This Fiscal



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** Net direct tax collection grew 9.4 per cent to about Rs 19.44 lakh crore in the current fiscal till February 10 on slower refunds and higher corporate tax mop-up.

Data released by the Income Tax Department on Wednesday showed that net corporate tax collection grew 14.51 per cent to Rs 8.90 lakh crore, while taxes from non-corporates, in-

cluding individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), rose 5.91 per cent to about Rs 10.03 lakh crore.

Securities Transaction Tax collection stood at Rs 50,279 crore between April 1 and February 10, almost flat as compared to the same period last year.

Tax refund issuance nose-dived 18.82 per cent to Rs 3.34 lakh crore during the period.

Gross direct tax collection increased 4.09 per cent to Rs 22.78 lakh crore till February 10 of this fiscal. This includes gross corporate tax and non-corporate tax mop-up of Rs 10.88 lakh crore and Rs 11.39 lakh crore, respectively.

In the Revised Estimates (RE) for current fiscal (2025-26), the government has projected its direct tax collection at Rs 24.84 lakh crore.

## Bajaj General Insurance Launches 'NRInsure'

Offers 35% Premium Discount for NRIs

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Amarnath Saxena, CTO – Commercial, Bajaj General Insurance Limited Pune, 11 February 2026: Bajaj General Insurance Limited (formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited), one of India's leading private general insurers, today announced the launch of NRInsure, a new add-on offering to its flagship retail health insurance product, My Health Care Plan (MHCP). Designed for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), the add-on offers a 35% discount on the base policy premium across MHCP plans.

NRInsure is aimed at addressing a long-standing need among NRIs who continue to maintain health insurance coverage in India for themselves, despite residing overseas. The add-on can be opted for at the time of purchasing a new policy, enabling eligible customers to avail the discount upon declaration of their NRI/OCI status and submission of prescribed documents.

Available to customers buying a new policy of My Health Care Plan, NRInsure allows NRIs and OCIs to retain continuity of their health cover in India while benefiting from lower premiums. All features, benefits and waiting periods under the base policy continue to apply, ensuring consistency in coverage.

Speaking about the launch, Mr. Amarnath Saxena, Chief Technical Officer – Commercial, Bajaj General Insurance, said, "For many NRIs, India remains home, not just emotionally, but also when it comes to long-term healthcare planning and preparing for a return to India. However, accessing and managing health insurance back home while living overseas can often be complex. With NRInsure, we are responding to this need by offering a premium discount to NRIs and OCIs, while ensuring continuity and familiarity of coverage under a trusted health plan. This add-on reflects our effort to support



those who continue to keep their roots firmly anchored in India."

With the introduction of NRInsure, Bajaj General Insurance continues to evolve its health insurance portfolio to reflect changing customer needs, global mobility, and the growing aspiration among Indians abroad to stay connected with India's healthcare ecosystem.

About Bajaj General Insurance Bajaj General Insurance Limited (formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited) is one of India's leading, most trusted and dynamic private general insurance companies. It is a subsidiary of Bajaj Finserv Limited, India's leading and most diversified financial services group.

Bajaj General offers a broad portfolio of innovative and customer-focused insurance solutions, spanning motor, health, and home insurance, along with specialised products such as pet insurance, wedding insurance, event protection, cyber insurance, and rural insurance. From safeguarding your health and home to protecting your travels and life's most important moments, Bajaj General aims to be a constant partner in your journey. Bajaj General equally offers a comprehensive and a well-diversified range of products, including fire, marine, engineering, liability and surety insurance to corporates and SMEs. The company also participates in various government schemes with a focus on financial inclusion. The company is also known for its robust risk selection capabilities, digital adoption and product innovation.

## Budget Envisages Total Expenditure Of Rs 53.47 Lakh Crore For 2026-27: FM



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said that the government has envisaged a total expenditure of Rs 53.47 lakh crore for the next financial year, up 7.7 per cent from the current fiscal ending March 31.

According to the revised estimate, the size of the Budget for the current fiscal is Rs 49.64 lakh crore, lower from Rs 50.65 lakh crore estimated in February 2025. The Budget for fiscal 2024-25 was at Rs 46.52 lakh crore.

Total expenditure is pegged at Rs 53.47 lakh crore in the next fiscal, much more than tax receipts, she said in reply to a discussion on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha.

The government aims for tax receipts of Rs 44.04 lakh crore, 8 per cent higher than the previous year.

Talking about capex, she said, the government has made the highest-ever allocation of Rs 12.2 lakh crore, which is 4.4 per cent of the GDP.

Besides, she said, the government is following the fiscal discipline and has projected the fiscal deficit at 4.3 per cent of the GDP or Rs 16.95 lakh crore for FY27.

To finance the fiscal deficit, the net market borrowings from dated securities are estimated at Rs 11.7 lakh crore.

The balance financing is expected to come from small savings and other sources. The gross market borrowings are estimated at Rs 17.2 lakh crore. She further said that the focus on the reduction of the debt-to-GDP ratio is part of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM).

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To strive towards accepted standards of fiscal management, in Budget 2025-26, she had indicated that the central government would target reaching a debt-to-GDP ratio of 50±1 per cent by 2030-31.

In line with this, the debt-to-GDP ratio is estimated to be 55.6 per cent of GDP in BE 2026-27, compared to 56.1 per cent of GDP in RE 2025-26.

A declining debt-to-GDP ratio will gradually free up resources for priority sector

expenditure by reducing the outgo on interest payments.

Debunking claims of a shortage of fertilisers in the country, she said, there is enough for farmers, and the government has made a budgetary allocation of Rs 1.71 lakh crore for its import to support farmers.

Sitharaman also gave a point by point rebuttal to Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's claims that India has buckled under US pressure while signing the interim trade agreement with Washington.

Echoing sentiments of Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, the Finance Minister said, "Koi mai ka laal paida nahi hua jo humare desh ko bech de ya kharid le (no one has the audacity to sell or buy out India)."

She said that in fact it was the Congress-led UPA government which surrendered before the World Trade Organisation and sold the poor and the farmers. In her response, she also targeted the TMC government in West Bengal, saying it's bombs that prevail, not the law in the state.

Ruing the poor law and order situation in the state, she said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, instead of improving it, is asking women to stay indoors at night.

West Bengal goes to elections in the next two months.

## Rs 172 Cr Fake Input Tax Credit Racket Busted

Press Trust Of India

**THANE-** The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) authorities in Maharashtra's Thane has busted a racket allegedly involved in fraudulently availing input tax credit (ITC) of Rs 172 crore and arrested a chemical company's owner for the scam, officials said on Wednesday.

The action was taken by the anti-evasion wing of the CGST and Central Excise of the Thane Commissionerate.

In its probe, the commissionerate found that Bhaumik Girishbhai Gandhi, director of Florida Solvent Private Ltd, was the mastermind who fraudulently availed and passed ineligible ITC without the actual



receipt and supply of goods to the tune of Rs 952 crore.

"Based on documents on record and detailed investigation, it was found that the accused orchestrated the availment and passing of fake ITC through non-existent and cancelled firms," it said in a release.

Multiple searches were conducted at the premises of sup-

pliers of the company, which brought to light that several of the supplier firms were either non-existent or had cancelled registrations, indicating that the transactions were bogus, it said.

Further searches at Gandhi's residential premises led to the recovery of incriminating documents and evidence pointing to the fraud without the actual supply of goods.

Gandhi, in his voluntary statement, admitted to masterminding the fraud, earning commissions and directly benefiting from the illegal proceeds, the release said.

He was arrested on February 10 and produced before a local court, which remanded him in 14 days of judicial custody.

## Trade Unions To Observe Nationwide Strike Today

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** A joint forum of central trade unions has given a nationwide strike call on Thursday to protest against the 'anti-worker' policies of the government, which may partially affect services like banking, insurance and transport.

According to trade unions, 30 crore workers from various sectors are likely to participate in the agitation.

A group of trade unions, on January 9, announced the nationwide strike to show their "resistance to anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-national pro-corporate policies of the central government".

"Services in electricity, banking, insurance, transport, health, education, gas and water supply will be affected due to the nationwide strike call on February 12," All India Trade Union Congress General Secretary Amarjeet Kaur told PTI.

She informed that all bank unions will not participate in the strike as their united front has already observed a strike on January 27. However, bank workers' unions such as AIBEA, AIBOA and BEFI will participate in the protest.

Besides, Kaur said, the mining and gas pipeline sectors are also expected to see the impact of the agitation.

Insurance sector workers will protest against the government's decision to allow up to 100 per cent FDI (foreign direct investment) in the sector and

the implementation of new labour codes.

Besides, a large number of workers of private and state transport utilities will participate in the protest, she said.

She exuded confidence that this time, "not less than 30 crore workers" will participate in the strike, and around 600 districts are expected to face the impact.

In a similar strike on July 9 last year, about 25 crore workers took part in the agitation, which impacted more than about 550 districts.

According to Kaur, labour commissioners in different districts have called for meetings with union leaders to discuss their issues, but Thursday's agitation will go on as planned by the forum.

Chairman of the All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF), Shailendra Dubey, said that around 2.7 million power employees and engineers across the country will observe a one-day strike on February 12.

The strike has been called to oppose privatisation, the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025, the proposed National Electricity Policy 2026, and for the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme for power sector employees.

Dubey said that for the first time, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha and ten central trade Unions are joining the strike in solidarity with power employees.

## Silver Surges to ₹2.68 Lakh/Kg, Gold Rises to ₹1.61 Lakh/10g

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** Silver prices climbed Rs 4,000 to Rs 2.68 lakh per kilogram in the national capital on Wednesday, while gold edged up to Rs 1.61 lakh per 10 grams tracking strong global trends.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the white metal jumped by Rs 4,000, or 1.5 per cent, to Rs 2,68,500 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) from Tuesday's closing level of Rs 2,64,500 per kg.

Gold of 99.9 per cent purity also witnessed buying by traders, with prices rising Rs 600, or 0.4 per cent, to Rs 1,61,300 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes). It had settled at Rs 1,60,700 per 10 grams in the previous session.

"Gold and silver advanced on Wednesday supported by growing expectations of a more aggressive rate cut by the Federal Reserve," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst, Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

He added that the move followed softer US economic data, as December retail sales fell short of forecasts, signalling a slowdown in consumer spending and reinforcing concerns about moderating growth.

"Post-data markets have now raised the probability of three Fed rate cuts this year, up from two just a week ago, a lower interest rate scenario favours non-yielding metals like gold," Gandhi said.

In the global markets, spot



silver gained USD 4.71, or nearly 6 per cent, to USD 85.51 per ounce, while gold was trading 1.06 per cent higher at USD 5,078.72 per ounce.

Spot gold was trading higher on a weaker US dollar on Wednesday as investors await the crucial US nonfarm payroll data (January) due to release later in the day, Praveen Singh, Head of Commodities, Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said.

The outcome of data numbers is likely to trigger heightened volatility in precious metals in the overseas market.

On the geopolitical front, Gandhi said renewed tensions also underpinned safe-haven demand for precious metals.

In the latest developments, Washington is reportedly considering intercepting tankers carrying Iranian crude and may deploy additional naval assets if negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme break down.

## Entrepreneurship-Led Growth Central to Govt's Livelihood Plan: Dy CM

Observer News Service

**JAMMU-** Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary Wednesday said that addressing unemployment remains a top priority of Jammu and Kashmir government and focus is on creating sustainable livelihoods through entrepreneurship, skilling and institutional reforms so that youth become job-creators rather than job-seekers.

The Deputy Chief Minister was replying to a question raised by Legislator Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that over 1.71 lakh youth have registered on the Mission YUVA platform, leading to around 70K formal enterprise applications that clearly reflects growing confidence in the programme.

He added that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for nearly 52,875 candidates have been professionally prepared through Small Business Development Units (SBDUs), ensuring technical and financial viability.

The Deputy CM added that as on date, 16,141 applications have been successfully completed, resulting in bank

sanctions of nearly ₹1,000 crore, with over ₹700 crore already disbursed. He further said that these figures translate into thousands of enterprises being established on the ground, supported by structured capacity-building, where 7,339 entrepreneurs have completed training and another 5,000 are currently undergoing training.

The Deputy CM said that as per the extensive survey conducted during the month of January 2025, 4.73 lakh individuals in the age group of 18-60 out of total 64.8 lakh individuals surveyed, have reported 'not working but willing to work'. This included 1.79 lakh in Jammu division and 2.94 lakh individuals in Kashmir division.

The Deputy Chief Minister further stated that from the remaining 37,000 applications currently with the banks, about 15,000 cases are at an advanced stage, pending completion of procedural documentation and will be sanctioned by 31st March 2026. Besides, around 22,000 applications are assessed to be credit-worthy and are expected to be sanctioned progressively over the next 3-4 months, which clearly indicates a strong and moving pipeline, rather than stagnation.

## Sensex, Nifty Close Almost Unchanged In Choppy Trade

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI-** Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed on a flat note in a choppy session on Wednesday as gains in PSU banks and auto shares were offset by losses in IT stocks.

In a range-bound trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex slipped 40.28 points, or 0.05 per cent, to close at 84,233.64. During the day, it hit a high of 84,487.34 and a low of 84,081.25.

The NSE Nifty inched up 18.70 points, or 0.07 per cent, to settle at 25,953.85.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, HCL Technologies, Eternal, ITC, Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Ultra-Tech Cement, Titan, Adani Ports, Bajaj Finserv and Tata Steel were among the laggards.

On the other hand, State Bank of India, Maruti Suzuki India, IndiGo, Trent, Reliance Industries, NTPC, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Hindustan Unilever, and Bharat Electronics Ltd were among the gainers.

"Domestic equities may enter a brief consolidation phase following this week's strong rally driven by the US-India trade deal. Market attention has shifted back to mixed Q3 results, upcoming monthly inflation data, and finer details of the trade agreement, which is reportedly nearing finalisation," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd, said.

He added that strength in the auto and healthcare sectors reflects better-than-expected earnings, while IT underperformed amid a global selloff linked to AI-related volatility. Broader markets lagged, with Midcap and Smallcap indices posting modest declines.

"Globally, sentiment stayed cautious due to weak US retail sales and persistent AI-related disruptions, keeping investors risk-averse ahead of key US employment data.

"Meanwhile, domestic markets have begun to benefit from improving FII flows, which have turned positive and are expected continue due to upside in GDP forecast and moderation in India's valuations," Nair said.

## Rupee Falls 22 Paise To Close At 90.78 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI-** The rupee depreciated 22 paise to close at 90.78 against the US dollar on Wednesday, amid increased dollar demand from importers and geopolitical tensions.

Forex traders said the rupee is trading with a slight negative bias amid geopolitical tensions and elevated crude oil prices. Dollar demand from importers may also pressurise the rupee. However, FPI inflows may support the local unit at lower levels.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 90.56 against the US dollar, and moved between a low of 90.75 and a high of 90.46 against the greenback in intraday trade.

The rupee eventually settled at 90.78, registering a fall of 22 paise over its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee pared initial losses and settled on a positive note, higher by 10 paise at 90.56 against the US dollar.

"Indian rupee declined today on dollar demand from importers and

geopolitical tensions. A surge in crude oil prices, too, weighed on the rupee. However, a weak US dollar and foreign inflows cushioned the downside. Dollar weakened on disappointing ADP non-farm employment and retail sales data from the US," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Analysts said while markets initially welcomed the India-US trade deal, fresh concerns have emerged after the White House released its fact sheet.

The fact sheet highlights key terms of the agreement, including that India will eliminate or reduce tariffs on all US industrial goods and a wide range of US food and agricultural products.

This includes dried distillers' grains, red sorghum, tree nuts, and fresh and processed fruit, certain pulses, soybean oil, wine and spirits, and additional products, and India has committed to buying more American products and purchase over USD 500 billion of US energy, information and communication technology, agricultural, coal, and other products.

# Assembly Passes Grants For Education, Health, Social Welfare Departments

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday passed grants amounting to Rs 28,25,036.66 lakh for the health and medical education, social welfare and higher education departments through a voice vote.

Minister for Education, Health and Medical Education, and Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, tabled the Budget of Rs 12,98,872.13 lakh for the school education department, Rs 8,65,476.57 lakh for the health and medical education department, Rs 4,45,671.59 lakh for the social welfare department and Rs 2,15,016.37 lakh for the higher education department in the House, which was passed by a voice vote after a day-long discussion.

Winding up the discussion on the demands for grants, Itoo assured the legislators that the concerned departments will examine the suggestions put forth by them, and maximise

the efforts to address the genuine issues raised during the discussion.

"Education, health and social welfare are the most important sectors upon which the foundation of a nation rests. Under the visionary leadership of late Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, these sectors were given prime importance," Itoo said.

Expressing her gratitude to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Itoo said despite limitations as the finance minister, he kept extraordinary budget provisions for education, health and social welfare.

"This budgetary support will help improve the quality of education as well as health services and welfare of deserving persons. No budget is ever perfect, but it is honest in intent, grounded in reality and guided by compassion," she said.

"The Budget (presented on February 6) reflects a strong commitment towards human development, improved service delivery and inclusive growth,"



she said.

Speaking on school education,

the minister claimed that before this government took over, the

education policy in J-K suffered from frequent experimentation without consultation, teachers were overburdened and students paid the price.

She also said that the council of ministers, at its maiden meeting, took a significant decision to restore the academic session from March to November.

"The outcome of these reforms is reflected in the recent results of 10th, 11th and 12th classes of the winter zones, particularly in the government schools, which stand at an all-time high (85 per cent in 10th, 84 per cent in 12th and 83 per cent in 11th class)," she said.

Reflecting on the achievements in the school education sector, Itoo said that as many as 2,894 contingent-paid workers (1,050 in Jammu and 1,844 in Kashmir) have been regularised in a landmark decision.

She added that to cope with the shortage of subject-oriented staff, the department hired cluster resource coordinators (CRCs) under the Samagra Shiksha

initiative on a monthly remuneration of Rs 25,000.

On human resource management in middle, high and higher secondary schools, the minister said 594 vacancies of lecturers of different subjects have been referred to the Public Service Commission and their selection lists are in the final stages.

She also said that 53 girls' hostels and 28 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are being completed and upgraded in the Union territory.

On infrastructure development, the minister said that during the current financial year, 2,356 projects of various nature have been approved under Capex, including 288 additional classrooms.

She added that under Samagra Shiksha, 762 additional classrooms, 619 boys' toilets, 710 girls' toilets and 604 boundary walls will be constructed.

For the next fiscal, the minister said that 329 additional classrooms have been proposed under Capex in high and higher

secondary schools along with 400 additional classrooms under Samagra Shiksha.

"The government has recently launched a dedicated educational DTH channel, 'JK e-Patshala', which is available free of cost to all students from Class 1 to 12.

"The department will increase the number of DTH channels from one to 12 with an 'one class-one channel' initiative," she said.

Under the Beti Anmol scheme, 19,870 girls have been covered, in which an amount of Rs 3.68 crore has been utilised during 2025-26 and Rs 8.69 crore is being proposed for the next fiscal (2026-27).

On the health sector, the minister claimed that before the government took over in October 2024, hospitals had become symbols of neglect rather than healing.

"Healthcare will no longer be a privilege of geography or income; it will be a right delivered at the doorsteps," she said.

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### Farmers' Interests

'Agriculture First' policy, he said it will play a decisive role in realising the vision of Atma-Nirbhar Jammu and Kashmir and a Developed India. Calling agriculture and allied sectors the "ultimate insurance policy" for any developing society, he said the sector provides stability amid challenges ranging from climate change to global economic uncertainty.

In his keynote address on AI-powered advanced agriculture, Sinha stressed that technology and agricultural development must progress together. He called for affordable and accessible tools capable of predicting crop output using weather, soil and crop data so that small and marginal farmers can make informed decisions.

The Lieutenant Governor directed officials, scientists and experts to deploy IoT sensors and satellite imagery to create digital farm twins aimed at enabling precision irrigation and reducing water consumption by 50 to 60 percent. He also called for the development of farmer-centric AI tools designed to boost yields by 15 to 30 percent, cut input costs by up to 50 percent, and deliver real-time data on soil health, crop condition and nutrient requirements.

"Strong agriculture means a strong nation," he said, underlining that the sector forms the foundation of national resilience, economic advancement and human welfare.

Sinha further instructed officials to establish village-level seed banks stocked with climate-resilient local varieties and promote circular farming models in which crop residue is converted into high-protein animal feed and manure is reused as organic fertiliser to enhance soil health and reduce dependence on external inputs.

Emphasising value addition and market access, he said processing facilities should be developed in all 20 districts and Farmer Producer Organisations must be directly linked to consumers to help farmers retain margins often lost to intermediaries.

The Lieutenant Governor also referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of expanding India's global agricultural footprint and said the farm sector would emerge as a major contributor to a Viksit Bharat.

He noted that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had reiterated the Government of India's commitment to strengthening the dairy sector in J&K, including prioritising milk processing capacity of two lakh litres per day through the National Dairy Development Board.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor launched the Crop Cultivation Scheme of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and inaugurated the Bayer Learning Centre for Advanced Agricultural Learning and Innovation, a Branding Centre and a Pesticide Quality Control Laboratory. Startup award winners under SKUAST-Jammu AgriThon 2.0 were also felicitated during the event.

Senior ministers, officials, agricultural scientists, progressive farmers and stakeholders attended the inaugural ceremony.

### Apology Row Disrupts

If what I said hurt them, I regret that," he said.

However, the chief minister maintained that his remarks were directed at BJP legislators and did not involve their family members. He also alleged that the Leader of Opposition had dragged his parents and late grandfather into the debate but said he was willing to let the matter rest.

Addressing Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, Omar said any unparliamentary words used by him could be expunged from the record.

"I leave it to you. If in my speech I used any unparliamentary word, you may remove it. I have no objection," he said.

The Speaker appealed for calm and urged members to allow the House to function, stating he could not make a statement on behalf of the chief minister and that the matter could be addressed when the Leader of the House was present.

Following the chief minister's expression of regret and his offer to allow expunction of any unparliamentary remarks, proceedings briefly stabilised, though BJP members continued to press for an unconditional apology.

Earlier, BJP MLA Sham Lal Sharma demanded that Omar withdraw his remarks or that the Chair make an appropriate ruling in his absence. He termed the language used as unprecedented and inappropriate for a chief minister.

Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma described the previous day as a "black day" in the democratic history of the Union Territory and accused the chief minister of undermining the sanctity of the Assembly.

"The language disgraced the Assembly and the dignity of the proceedings. Such words are neither expected from a chief minister nor have they been spoken in any Assembly in this country," Sharma said.

He warned that BJP legislators would not allow the House to function unless the chief minister offered an unconditional apology on the floor of the House.

Senior BJP leader Ashok Koul echoed the stand outside the Assembly, stating that party MLAs would continue to disrupt proceedings until the chief minister "owns up to his mistake".

On the treasury benches, Health Minister Sakeena Itoo accused BJP members of also using unparliamentary expressions during the exchanges. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary suggested that all objectionable remarks from both sides be examined and expunged to restore order.

The confrontation began during Omar's reply to the discussion on the Union Territory's Budget presented on February 6, when BJP members objected to certain remarks targeting their party and demanded an apology.

Though the chief minister ruled out issuing a formal apology, he reiterated that he was willing to withdraw his words and allow the Speaker to take a decision on expunction.

### Omar: Accuracy First

"We are not in a race to complete the entire process within six months. What we need is accuracy," the chief minister told the House.

He said if achieving accuracy requires additional time, the government is prepared to extend the timeline.

"I assure you that we will not allow any wrong record to be digitised. We will sit down with the revenue department and consider the suggestions made by members," he added.

Reiterating the government's seriousness on the issue, Abdullah said the revenue department is fully aware of the concerns and corrective measures are being taken to address discrepancies.

Earlier, replying on behalf of the chief minister to a question raised by National Conference MLA Peerzada Feroz Ahmad, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology and Environment and Tribal Affairs Javed Ahmed Rana informed the House that 15,516 non quasi judicial errors had been identified and rectified on the spot by field agencies in Devsar, Frisal and Qaimoh tehsils of south Kashmir.

He said 185 quasi judicial errors were detected in digitised Jamabandis during public verification and have been referred to the competent authorities for further action.

"The process of error rectification is underway, after which the Jamabandis will be read out in public," the minister said, adding that all 185 quasi judicial errors identified in Qaimoh tehsil have been formally referred for adjudication.

Rana further informed the House that no proprietary land was washed away during last year's floods in Kulgam district.

In Qaimoh tehsil, he said, one landless beneficiary has been allotted five marlas of land under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin scheme.

The chief minister's assurance comes amid growing public concern over inaccuracies in digitised land records, with legislators across parties seeking safeguards to prevent wrongful entries from becoming permanent.

### Bill to Amend

2026, aims to amend provisions of the existing Act governing the structure, jurisdiction and functioning of civil courts in the Union Territory. The Bill has already been published in an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette.

### No Plan to Reclaim

existing power projects in J&K, categorising them into UT, central and private sectors.

Under the UT sector, projects include 450 MW Baglihar-II, 105 MW Lower Jhelum and 105 MW Upper Sindh-II. The 22.6 MW Chenani-I project is under forced shutdown till August 2025 due to flood damage, it said.

In the central sector, projects operated by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) include Salal (690 MW), Dulhasti (390 MW), Kishenganga (330 MW) and Uri-II (240

MW). The Dulhasti project is also under forced shutdown till August 2025 due to flood damage, the reply said.

The private sector includes smaller projects such as the 85 MW Mawar-Wayil project in Baramulla.

According to the data shared in the House, NHPC-controlled projects account for a total installed capacity of 2,250 MW, while projects owned by the UT and private entities together have a capacity of around 1,197.4 MW.

The reply was tabled by the minister in charge of the Power Development Department.

### AIIMS Awantipora

further sought establishment of a Community Health Centre in the Khan Medical Block under centrally sponsored schemes and urged the government to take up the matter with the Union government.

Highlighting regulatory concerns, he said permanent registration of over 3,000 private clinics across Jammu and Kashmir has been pending for the past two years.

"Earlier, private clinics used to receive annual registrations, but permanent registration is necessary as these facilities are already supplementing the public healthcare system where government infrastructure is inadequate," he said.

Parra also raised objections to the existing reservation policy, claiming it had created imbalance in access to opportunities.

"Sixty percent of the population is getting 40 percent of the opportunities, while 40 percent of the population is getting 60 percent of the opportunities. This imbalance affects education, employment and future prospects," he claimed.

He urged the government to keep SRO 305 and SRO 176, which operationalise the new reservation framework, in abeyance until the Cabinet committee report is finalised and issues relating to caste census and related parameters are addressed.

Temporarily suspending the orders in the social welfare domain would help ease public anxiety and restore balance in opportunities, Parra added.

### Illegal Mining on

farmers and said apple, plum and almond orchards had suffered heavy losses.

"My counsel produced geotagged photographs from Zadoora and Kultrah villages and also placed on record an official reply from the Mining Department under the RTI Act stating that no environmental clearance was required for the mining work," Dr Bhat said. "The chairman took serious note of this. I have been urging authorities to stop this mining for years, but no action was taken, so I had to move the NGT."

In its order, the tribunal issued notice to the respondents and directed the joint committee to assess the extent of illegal mining, determine the quantity of clay and bajri extracted, identify those responsible and report what action, if any, has been taken.

The panel has also been asked to examine the status of environmental clearances and recommend remedial and punitive steps.

The committee must complete its inquiry within 10 weeks and submit a status report to the tribunal.

The matter is scheduled for the next hearing on May 18, 2026.

Karewas (or wudur), ancient tablelands of the Kashmir Valley formed around four million years ago, cover a great part of the Kashmir Valley, especially on the left bank of the River Jhelum.

Its soft, fertile soils underpin key crops such as saffron, apples and almonds, while their fossil-rich layers provide important insights into past environments. However, these ecologically and historically valuable landscapes are increasingly under threat from rapid urbanisation and illegal extraction, with karewa soil being quarried for infrastructure projects and large tracts converted into commercial and residential developments.

### National Song

official functions such as the arrival of the President, unfurling of the tricolour, and speeches of governors.

"When the National Song and the National Anthem are sung or played, National Song will be sung or played first," the order read.

The assembly where the National Song is sung shall stand in attention, it said.

"Whenever the official version of the National Song is sung or played, the audience shall stand

to attention. However, when in the course of a newsreel or documentary the National Song is played as a part of the film, it is not expected of the audience to stand as standing is bound to interrupt the exhibition of the film and would create disorder and confusion rather than add to the dignity of the National Song," it said.

The work in school shall begin with the playing of the National Song.

The Centre is observing the 150th year of Vande Mataram.

According to the order, the official version of the National Song shall be played accompanied by mass singing on these occasions – on the unfurling of the National Flag, on cultural occasions or ceremonial functions other than parades, and on the arrival of the President at any government or public function, among others.

"There should be an adequate public audition system so that the gathering in various enclosures can sing in unison with the choir; printed lyrics of the official version of the National Song may be circulated amongst the participants, wherever required," it read.

The order said that on all occasions when the National Song is sung, the official version shall be recited accompanied by mass singing.

"The National Song may be sung on occasions which, although not strictly ceremonial, are nevertheless invested with significance because of the presence of Ministers etc. The singing of the National Song on such occasions (with or without the accompaniment of instruments) accompanied by mass singing is desirable," it said.

The order, all the same, said it is not possible to give an exhaustive list of occasions on which the singing (as distinct from playing) of the official version of the National Song can be permitted.

"But there is no objection to the singing of the National Song accompanied by mass singing so long as it is done with due respect as a salutation to the motherland and proper decorum is maintained," it said.

The order said that in all schools, the day's work may begin with community singing of the National Song.

"School authorities should make adequate provision in their programmes for popularising the singing of the National Song, National Anthem and promoting respect for the National Flag among students," it said.

In a resolution adopted by the Constituent Assembly on January 24, 1950, it was decided that the composition consisting of the words and music known as Jana Gana Mana is the National Anthem of India, subject to such alterations in the words as the government may authorise as occasion arises.

The song Vande Mataram, which has played a historic part in the struggle for Indian freedom, it was decided, shall be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana and shall have equal status with it.

### Right Of Representation

detention is being examined, as is the present case."

The court also noted that the grounds of detention were a verbatim replica of the police dossier, reflecting a "run-of-the-mill" and mechanical exercise by the detaining authority, who acted on "dotted lines" drawn by the police without independent application of mind.

"The grounds of detention this time supporting impugned detention order are being asserted as replica of the dossier, thereby reflecting upon a mechanical and run-of-the-mill application of mind on the part of the respondent No. 2 (detaining authority) in acting on 'dotted lines' as served by the District Police Srinagar without any independent aware application of mind on his part."

The court also noted glaring errors in the identity of the detainee. The detention order dated September 5, 2024, mentioned Bazaz as the son of late Ghulam Rasool Bazaz, which was later sought to be corrected as Ghulam Hassan Bazaz through a corrigendum. However, the court held that this was not a mere typographical error but exposed malice in law and complete non-application of mind, especially when the same authority had earlier detained Basharat in 2018 with correct parentage.

Holding the detention to be factually and constitutionally illegal, the court set aside the detention order dated 5 September 2024 and directed the immediate release of Basharat from Central Jail, Srinagar.

### J&K To Roll

social welfare collapses, dignity is lost," she

remarked, adding that the budget presented by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reflects sustained investment in these sectors.

On healthcare infrastructure, the minister detailed several ongoing projects, including a 300 bed facility at Government Medical College Jammu, a 250 bed facility at Government Medical College Bemina, a 110 bed additional block at LD Hospital Srinagar, a 100 bed theatre block at SMHS Hospital Srinagar and a 30 bed emergency and trauma block at GMC Srinagar.

To strengthen emergency response services, 44 Advanced Life Support ambulances have been added, taking the total fleet under the 102 and 108 services to 533. Specialised ambulances will also be deployed in border areas, she said.

Itoo informed the House that the government aims to improve grassroots healthcare by upgrading clinics, expanding workforce and prioritising preventive care, maternal health and mental health services.

Highlighting achievements under the National TB Elimination Programme, she said 2,006 panchayats have been declared TB free across the Union Territory.

In the education sector, the minister said the restoration of the academic session from March to November has led to improved results in winter zone examinations, with government schools recording pass percentages of 80 percent in Class 10, 84 percent in Class 12 and 83 percent in Class 11.

On recruitment, 954 lecturer vacancies have been referred to the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission, with selections in the final stage. Additionally, 727 non teaching posts and 43 multi tasking staff posts are slated for recruitment.

The minister added that 58 principals were promoted as in charge Chief Education Officers and DIET principals last year, while 258 senior lecturers were placed as in charge principals between January 2025 and 2026.

The announcements mark what the government described as a coordinated push to strengthen healthcare delivery and educational outcomes across Jammu and Kashmir.

### J&K Fruit Growers

competitive even with tariffs. Local farmers will have to improve their quality. That is the benefit of competition," he added.

However, the larger fruit growers' fraternity sees the agreement as a serious threat to an economy heavily dependent on horticulture.

Bashir Ahmad Bashir, president of the fruit growers and dealers union, has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi warning that reduced tariffs on imported apples could put produce from Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh at a severe disadvantage.

"Marginal farmers have already been badly affected by imports from Iran, the US and New Zealand. Rising input costs, erratic weather and pest outbreaks have put the sector under financial stress. The reduction in duties will be the proverbial final nail in the coffin," he said.

He demanded a 100 percent import duty on foreign apples, cautioning that unrestricted imports could push the horticulture economy into crisis.

According to officials in the horticulture department, nearly 20 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir depend directly or indirectly on horticulture for their livelihood.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has also expressed concern over the interim trade arrangement. He said duty free imports of tree nuts such as walnuts and almonds could adversely impact local farmers.

"Tree nuts, walnuts and almonds originate from Jammu and Kashmir. Allowing them duty free imports raises questions about the sympathy for our farmers," Omar said, adding that apples too should have been protected.

The opposition People's Democratic Party echoed similar apprehensions. Party spokesman Mohammad Iqbal Trumboo said the agreement could spell economic distress if agricultural and horticultural goods from the US enter the Indian market at zero tariff.

"They have not thought about the impact on Jammu and Kashmir's horticulture sector. If there is zero tariff on agricultural imports from the US, what happens to apples and walnuts produced here?" he asked.

With livelihoods at stake and market uncertainty looming, the trade deal has placed Kashmir's fruit economy at the centre of a widening policy debate.

Indo-Pak Colombo Clash

We Are Excited & Ready: Tilak

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Now that the suspense is over, India batter Tilak Varma on Wednesday said the team is excited for the high-pressure game against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup on February 15.

Pakistan took a U-turn on boycotting the marquee clash against India in Colombo after pressure from the International Cricket Council and other member nations.

"To be honest, we are very excited to play. We got to know that the match is going to take place day before. We are ready to play. We are watching all the teams. We are watching the bowlers and the batsmen.

"All the players and team members are ready to play. Now, we are in the match zone. The planning will start," said Tilak on the eve of the Namibia game here on Thursday.

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate had spoken about the advantage Pakistan have as they have been based in Sri Lanka for a while and would be playing all their games in that country.



Talking more about the match, Tilak added: "We are going one by one in every match, so we will see, we have video analysis, we have the technology, so we will see how we are playing, how the wicket is behaving, we have already prepared, so everyone has different shots in their team, so the shots that we have to play in the wicket, the bowlers we have to target."

India's T20 World Cup match against Pakistan will go ahead as

planned, following the Government of Pakistan's U-turn on its decision to boycott the clash in Colombo on February 15.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi elaborated on their earlier stance, stating that their only motive was to secure some "respect" for Bangladesh. The controversy began after Bangladesh refused to travel to India for their group-stage games, citing security concerns.

It's Just Devastating for Guys, Says Afghan Coach

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott termed the loss to South Africa as "devastating" for his side and believed the Proteas' fielding made the difference in their see-sawing T20 World Cup game here on Wednesday.

In one of the greatest games since the tournament's inception in 2007, South Africa pipped a plucky Afghanistan after two Super Overs, the result leaving the Proteas relieved and the Asian side distraught.

"Just shows what we have as a side. So we've got some amazing players and it's just really devastating for the guys after a tough loss a few days ago against New Zealand and now against South Africa in a tough group as well," Trott said at the post-match press conference.

Trott, the South African-born former England Test cricketer, said defeats such as this sting for a long time. "These guys are never shy of rising up against the challenges that they face throughout their lives on and off the field.

"So today they should be very proud and obviously



these types of losses sometimes they can hurt and sting for a while but I think it's important we look at those areas that we did really well in, but also areas that we could improve and things we could have done better.

"I think South Africa fielded pretty well actually as well. The run out, a few catches on the boundary, on the ring, those sorts of things. I think they fielded really well. Maybe that was the difference today a little bit," the Afghanistan head coach said.

Under Trott, Afghanistan have been performing exceeding well in recent years, reaching the semi-finals in the last edition of the tournament and making the quarterfinals in the 2023 ODI World Cup.

He will leaving the job after this assignment but when asked about, he refused to reflect on his time with the side and instead wanted to stay focussed on the remaining games in the tournament.

"I think that was a great snapshot of it. No, I think I'd prefer to talk about it when it's done than talk about it now. We've still got two important games. I think respect the side, the job, but also the two games we've got coming up which are important as well.

"I don't think it's time to start talking about what, I'm still in the position, I'd like to make sure I get that right and that we get it right against the UAE in Delhi."

Trott said he has nothing but only respect for South

Africa, having learned the basics of the game in his country of birth.

"I was speaking to Shukri (Conrad), coached me at the academy in 2001. I've got nothing, obviously respect for the upbringing that I had as a child and the schooling and the education as a cricketer. I'll never forget that, but obviously whenever South Africa plays or I play against South Africa I want to win.

"But if South Africa is playing somebody else other than England or the team that I'm coaching like this - Yeah, I want them to do well. So yeah, I said to Shukri, I think I learned from that and they'll hopefully iron out the things that they want to get right." This is the second time that Afghanistan has faced two super overs and on both occasions, Trott was at the helm of affairs.

Are there any lessons to be drawn from such games?

"I think as a coach you've got to be very clear on what you do. What happens is, certainly when the game ends, there's a lot of emotions like there was, and then there's a lot of information. You've got to be very clear, I think, and we were clear.

Australia Hammer Ireland in T20 Opener

Press Trust of India

COLOMBO: Pacer Nathan Ellis set the tone with a three-wicket burst in his opening spell as an under-strength Australia demolished Ireland by 67 runs in their opening group B fixture of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

If Ellis (4/12 in 3.5 overs) blew away the top-order, leg-spinner Adam Zampa (4/23 in 4 overs) polished off the middle and lower-order with Ireland innings ending at 115 for 9 in 16.5 overs in pursuit of a challenging score of 183.

Veteran Paul Stirling was retired hurt and didn't come out to bat.

With Mitchell Marsh all but out of T20 World Cup with a groin injury and none among Mitchell Starc (retired), Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood (injuries) in the current squad, Ellis manfully shouldered the responsibility as the lead pacer.

While Ross Adair got one that was fast and low and rocketed into the stumps, Ben Calitz found pace and bounce generated by Ellis too hot to handle drawing one onto the stumps.

His first spell figures were 3/9 in 3 overs and after that Zampa ran through the middle order with George Dockrell (41 off 29 balls) ensuring that Ireland total goes past 100-run mark.



Towards the end, Ellis came back for his final over to end the proceedings as Australia started their campaign in the best way possible.

Earlier, Matthew Renshaw and Marcus Stoinis stitched together a crucial 61-run partnership as Australia posted a competitive 182 for 6 in 20 overs.

While Josh Inglis (37) and Cameron Green (21) provided early momentum, Renshaw (37) and Stoinis (45) added vital runs through the middle overs after Australia opted to bat on a sluggish surface.

Ireland spinners produced a disciplined bowling performance but were let down by a few dropped catches.

After dropping Travis Head in the first over, Ireland struck in the second, running out stand-in Australian skipper Paul Stirling in the second over.

But Inglis and Green immediately launched a counter attack. Inglis began with a boundary through cover, followed it with another, and then edged one away for a third four in the third over.

Green joined the charge, using his long reach to muscle Barry McCarthy down the ground for a boundary before launching him for a towering six with the Colombo breeze aiding

the stroke

The big all-rounder continued the onslaught with another massive six before mistiming the ball to midwicket for a regulation catch.

Green continued the onslaught with another massive six but eventually mistimed a shot to midwicket, where he was safely caught.

Ireland skipper Paul Stirling then stalled Australia's momentum with a sensational catch to dismiss Inglis. The batter sliced the ball and Stirling dived at full stretch to complete a superb take.

Harry Tector then removed the dangerous Glenn Maxwell, bringing Stoinis to the crease alongside Renshaw.

The pair steadied the innings while keeping the scoreboard moving by rotating the strike effectively as Ireland maintained control through the middle overs.

Just as Australia looked to accelerate, Matthew Humphreys produced a ripper to shatter Renshaw's stumps. Stoinis departed in the following over after smashing a six over deep mid-wicket.

Ireland gave away 53 runs in the last five overs.

West Ham End Manchester United's Winning Streak, Tottenham Hotspur Sink To 16th

AFP

Benjamin Sesko salvaged a 1-1 draw for Manchester United at West Ham as Michael Carrick's perfect start came to an end on Tuesday, while Tottenham's 2-1 defeat to Newcastle pushed Thomas Frank closer to the exit door. The Hammers kept one United fan who has vowed not to cut his hair until the Red Devils win five consecutive games waiting as they boosted their chances of survival despite the setback of Sesko's stoppage time strike.

The manner of United's impressive four consecutive wins since Carrick took charge had seen calls for



the former midfielder, who has been appointed until the end of the season, to be handed the job on a more permanent basis.

But Nuno Espirito Santo's men disrupted the attacking flow that Carrick's side had shown in putting Ar-

senal, Manchester City and Tottenham to the sword in recent weeks.

Tomas Soucek converted Jarrod Bowen's cross early in the second half to give the home side the lead.

Casemiro had an equaliser ruled out after a VAR

review for offside.

But West Ham were denied a priceless win at the death when Sesko brilliantly flicked in Bryan Mbeumo's cross.

United remain in fourth after fifth-placed Chelsea blew a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 at home to Leeds.

Frank met with fan fury

West Ham moved to within two points of safety with Spurs now just five points above the relegation zone in 16th.

Frank was met with chants of "you're getting sacked in the morning" by the disgruntled Spurs support after failing to win for the 11th time in 13 home league games this season.

IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL JUDGE DESIGNATED UNDER UAPA, BARAMULLA AT SOPORE

CNR No:

DATE OF INSTITUTION: 05/02/2026

DATE OF ORDER: 05/02/2026

In the case of:

UT of J&K through Sopore

FIR No: 107/2021

Offences: 121 IPC, 20, 38 UA (P) Act

VERSUS

Adil Rehman Dentoo

S/o Abdul Rehman Dentoo

R/o Gulabad Arampora Sopore

In the matter of:

Application for issuance of proclamation against the above mentioned accused.

CORAM: FEROU AHMAD KHAN

U.I.D CODE: JK00166

ORDER

- Perusal of the application moved by the Ld. APP on behalf of the SHO, Police Station Sopore, reveals that the accused namely Adil Rehman Dentoo S/o Ab. Rehman Dentoo R/o Gulabad Arampora Sopore is involved in the investigation of the above-titled case
- It is reported that despite strenuous and repeated efforts made by the investigating agency to secure the presence of the accused, he could not be apprehended. The accused is stated to be intentionally evading arrest and has gone into hiding
- Record further reflects that warrant of arrest was issued against the accused by this Court on 06.12.2025, however, the same remained unexecuted as the accused could not be traced.
- From the material placed on record and the report of the Investigating Officer, this Court is satisfied that the accused has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid execution of warrant.

PROCLAMATION

- Accordingly, proclamation under Section 82 Cr.PC is hereby issued against the accused Adil Rehman Dentoo directing him to appear before this Court on 09/03/2026 to answer the allegations leveled against him.
- The accused is warned that in the event of his failure to appear within the stipulated period (not less than 30 days from the date of publication), he shall be liable for further legal consequences as warranted under law.
- Let the proclamation be executed and published as under:
  - By affixation at the residential house of the accused.
  - By affixation at a conspicuous place of the locality.
  - By affixation on the notice board of this Court.
  - Through any other lawful mode for wide publication.
- Compliance report be submitted on or before the next date of hearing that is 09/03/2026

Announced:  
05/02/2026

DIPK-10783-25  
DT: 11/02/2026

Mr. Feroz Ahmad Khan  
Special Judge Designated under UAPA  
Baramulla at Sopore

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K.

Subject:- Selection list of Class-IV posts of Union Territory /Divisional/District Cadre of J&K-Appointment of Mr. Mohd Abdullah Najar as MTS( Class-IV) District Cadre Anantnag thereof.  
Reference:- i. SSB/Secy/Sel/Class-IV/2021/7103-11 dated 18.10.2021 from JKSSB  
ii. CID/VB/2024/Final/3385-3409/Ang dated 27.07.2024 from Criminal Investigation Department.  
iii. U.O No GAD-CORD/135/2024-09-GAD(7570943) dated 15.01.2026 from General Administration Department.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. 72-JK(HME) OF 2026  
DATED: 29- 01.2026

In relaxation of Rule 14(5) of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralization & Recruitment) Rules, 2010 and as recommended by the J&K Services Selection Board duly forwarded by the General Administration Department vide O.M dated 19.10.2021 and in continuation to Government Order No 764-JK(HME) of 2022 dated 28.10.2022 on the subject, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of Mr. Mohd Abdullah Najar S/o Ali Mohammad Najar R/o Nanil Aung Anantnag, as Multitasking Staff (MTS) in the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir, District Cadre Anantnag under Social Caste Category in the pay level SL-1 (14800-47100) with immediate effect.

The appointee shall report to the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of this order, failing which he shall forfeit his right to appointment and the same shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

The appointee shall be allowed to join only on the production of the following certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

- Academic Qualification Certificates.
- Matriculate/Date of Birth Certificates.
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
- Relevant Category Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Authority
- Any other certificate/ documents as required under rules norms

The appointment of the appointee shall further be subject to the following conditions:-

- That he shall give an undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit to the effect that if on verification, his Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificates, if any, from the concerned issuing authority are found to be fake/forged, the claim of the appointee for appointment as Class- IV/ Multitasking Staff (MTS) shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab- initio and legal action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him.
- That if the candidate has taken loan for self-employment from District Industries Centre (DIC) / Employment Department, to be ascertained from the DIC and District Employment & Counselling Centre of the domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self-employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. The DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes, if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to him unless a satisfactory report in respect of genuineness of Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificate, if any, is received from the concerned authorities.
- The inter-se-seniority of the appointee shall be drawn in accordance with the merit secured by the appointee in the selection list prepared by the J&K Services Selection Board.
- The appointee shall be on probation for a period of two years.
- The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as notified vide SR0400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009.
- The appointment of the appointee shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before competent Court of Law.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

No: HD-Cord/142/2021-0202 (CC No. 73884)  
Dated:-29 .01.2026

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## 100 Students Hospitalised In UP After Taking Deworming Tablets

Press Trust of India

Farrukhabad: Around 100 students were hospitalised on Tuesday after they fell ill following a deworming drive at a local school here, officials said.

The children complained of headache and vomiting shortly after consuming Albendazole tablets.

The incident occurred at Jawahar Lal Prema Devi School in Rathora Mohaddipur village of Kamalganj block. Out of around 150 students who were given the medication, about 100 complained of discomfort, triggering panic among parents and school authorities.

Of them, 33 students were taken to the Community Health Centre in Kamalganj, while 67 others were shifted to the Lohia Hospital at the district headquarters.

District Magistrate Ashutosh Kumar Dwivedi visited Lohia Hospital to monitor the situation and directed doctors to ensure proper treatment.



Chief Medical Officer Dr Avandira Kumar said the deworming campaign was conducted in schools across the district.

"Students of this particular school complained of headache and vomiting. All are stable and their condition is now normal," Dr Kumar said.

The district magistrate said the tablets were given district-wide, reports of discomfort were limited to this specific school.

"All the admitted children are stable. There could be some other reason behind the sudden illness," he added.

## Family Of 2016 Accident Victim Gets Rs 83-Lakh Compensation

Press Trust of India

A motor accident claims tribunal here has awarded a compensation of Rs 82.86 lakh to the family of a 34-year-old Delhi Fire Services (DFS) staff who died in a road accident in 2016.

Presiding Officer Richa Manchanda was hearing a claim petition filed by the family of Vineet Sehrawat who was killed after his motorcycle was hit by a Haryana Roadways bus near Gagadwaas Village in Bhiwani district on February 27, 2016.

In an order dated February 7, the tribunal held that the petitioners had adequately proved that the deceased had sustained fatal injuries in the accident, caused by rash and negligent driving on the part of the bus driver.

The tribunal relied on the tes-



timony of an eyewitness and the criminal case record to conclude that the bus driver was at fault.

"Considering the fact that the deceased was aged about 34 years at the time of accident and was a government employee, future prospects that are 50 per cent have to be awarded in favour of the petitioners," the

court said, awarding Rs 82.86 lakh compensation to the family of the deceased under various heads.

The court noted that the bus was insured at the time of accident, and directed the insurance company to pay the compensation amount to the family of the deceased.

## SC Sends Talaq-e-Hasan Plea to Mediation

Press Trust of India

New Delhi, Feb 11: The Supreme Court on Wednesday referred to mediation a plea of a Muslim woman challenging the validity of Talaq-e-Hasan given by her husband.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joy-malya Bagchi appointed former apex court judge Justice Kurian Joseph as the mediator on the plea filed by journalist Benazeer Heena.

Talaq-e-Hasan is a form of divorce among Muslims where man can dissolve a marriage by pronouncing the word 'talaq' once every month over a three-month period.

The apex court had earlier raised concerns over the practice of husbands' lawyers sending talaq notices to wives, as this has later led to conflicts around the validity of the divorce and accusations of polyandry when the wives remarry.

During the hearing on Wednesday, advocate Syed Rizwan Ahmed, appearing for Heena, submitted that immunity of personal law cannot go unchecked and thus such practices cannot be found in the Holy Quran.

Senior advocate M R Shamshad, appearing for Heena's husband, stated the three talaqs were delivered on the verified address as mentioned in the wife's affidavit.

"If the wife is evading Talaq, you can approach us for deemed service on her. Even a newspaper ad can be put for it. That would also be notice," said the CJI.

"Question is of a person, not religion. Mutual respect is to be maintained by both sides when they seek to part amicably," said the court.

Ahmed said Heena wanted to reconcile and is willing to initiate mediation in the matter.

The court noted there is "an urgent and dire necessity" to refer both parties to mediation to

find an amicable solution to the matrimonial dispute for its valid dissolution or for the parties to find any other alternative.

The court referred both parties to the mediation centre and appointed Justice Joseph as the sole mediator, owing to his vast experience in resolving complex matrimonial disputes.

The counsels for both parties were directed to contact Justice Joseph by Thursday and fix a date for mediation. The court ordered Justice Joseph to make an endeavour to resolve the dispute within four weeks.

"We further direct that in view of mediation having been initiated, the earlier talaqs alleged to have been given by the respondent shall remain in abeyance," the court said.

In a similar matter, the bench stayed the operation of a Talaq-e-Hasan divorce given by a Muslim husband to his illiterate wife.

"We direct that parties shall be deemed to be a validly married couple unless husband comes forward and shows that valid talaq has been given. Concerned SHO to find out whereabouts of husband and ensure his presence before this court," the bench said.

The apex court noted that there were allegations of the husband obtaining his wife's signatures on a blank paper and he did not appear to defend them.

The top court had earlier sought the views of National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights on the issues.

Under Talaq-e-Hasan, a divorce gets formalised after the third utterance of the word talaq in the third month if cohabitation has not resumed during this period.

However, if cohabitation resumes after the first or second utterance of talaq, the parties are assumed to have reconciled.

## Court Cuts Rape Convict's Jail Term Citing Essay on Gandhi

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Mumbai: The Bombay High Court has reduced the life sentence of a man, convicted for raping a minor girl, to 12 years, taking note of his young age, long incarceration and reformatory efforts in prison, including participation in an essay programme on Mahatma Gandhi.

A bench of Justices Sarang Kotwal and Sandesh Patil, in its February 2 order, a copy of which was made available on Tuesday, upheld the conviction of the man in the 2016 offence, but noted the life sentence imposed on him deserves to be reduced.



The bench passed the order on an appeal filed by the convict, challenging the life sentence imposed on him by a spe-

cial Pocco court.

The convict was 20 years old at the time of the offence, had no prior criminal record, had

been in custody since December 2016, and was not released even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the court noted.

The bench also considered certificates showing his participation in prison educational activities, including an essay competition and a programme studying the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi.

Taking into account these reformatory factors against the seriousness of the crime, the bench held, "In our opinion, the sentence of 12 years would meet the ends of justice."

The period which the convict has already spent in jail will be set off against the reduced sentence, it

added.

The prosecution's case was that on December 9, 2016, the victim, then aged five, went to a neighbour's house to fetch water, where the accused sexually assaulted her.

The frightened child immediately informed the family about the incident, who confronted the accused before the family approached the police with a complaint. The victim later testified in the trial court at the age of eight.

The HC found the minor girl's testimony reliable and consistent, noting she had narrated the incident clearly and without tutoring.

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